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IS IT GOOD BUSINESS?

The stock men of this section are in rather a hard "row of stumps" and it is advisable to stop and think of the future. They have experienced a hard winter and are now getting through another dry summer that has put the range on the "bum" and leave their stock in bad shape to enter the winter. In addition to that condition is another year of twenty dollar hay and the traffic won't stand it. The cattle man who has to feed his stock twenty dollar hay is up against a losing game and with the packing trust to deal with on the other hand he certainly is "between the devil and the deep sea." What's he going to do about it?

If the local stock man is forced to sell his stock at this time where is the hay man going to get off at in the future? One cannot rebuild a livestock industry in a year. We have seen such things happen in this country in past years when practically all the cattle were disposed of and hay was a drug. Is it good business to force the stock man out of business?

Another feature that confronts the stock man now that did not exist at the time he was forced out years ago: The free range is gone. The forest reserve will permit only a limited number of stock on the reserve. Class A men are given preference. The local man who has a farm adjoining the reserve and a few head of stock is given the first right to lease range on the reserve. New leasers are limited to 100 head each; if the present stockmen who have the privilege of grazing a larger number in the forests goes out of business he will never get an opportunity of getting back with more than 100 head. What is he going to do?

We are essentially a stock country. Even with the completion of the most adequate irrigation system possible, we are still a stock country. Are we going to cripple this industry under present conditions and thus put the country back? This article is not in the nature of criticism but merely to call attention to conditions as they exist at this time.

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YES, WE NEED IT.

We need good roads, we need better electric light and power facilities; a sewer and water system for this town would be a blessing—we can have them all when we get the flood water harnessed and held back for beneficial use at a time when it is needed.

Five years ago any man who owns wild meadow land along Silvies River would have given the fellow out in the dry part of the Valley the "horse laugh" if he had even suggested the possibility of trading his place for one of them, but what wild meadow ranch has produced what Charley McPheeters' farm has produced this year? Do we want to continue the wild hay and take chances on the water or do we want to really develop the country and raise alfalfa in such quanities as will permit our raising our own pork, feed all the cattle the country will produce in proportion to the range conditions and supply the home market with dairy products? Shall we compel all the stock men to dispose of their herds and flocks until there are less than half what are now being produced, or shall we really get right down to brass tacks—get together and see that the irrigation project goes through with the least possible delay and then progress and prosper? One way to do it is to organize and—stick.

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HOPE IN LAND BILL

In another column of this issue will be found a story to the effect that Congressman Sinnott has introduced the bill known as the National Soldiers' Settlement Act. Congressman Sinnott is chairman of the public lands committee of the house of representatives, and he is strongly in favor of the measure. This is the bill suggested by Secy. of Interior Lane and one that would bring much to the western states where development is needed. There is every reason to advocate the passage of this bill and there is a possibility of getting government aid in developing Harney Valley if the people will but get together and ask it. There isn't a better prospect for development in the entire west than the irrigation project in this country.

One of our prominent business men remarked yesterday that so long as we delayed irrigation just that long we were delaying prosperity. Under present conditions we import our flour, bacon, hams, lard, butter, chicken feed, etc. With nothing to ship out but live stock and having to bring in our food stuffs, how can we make things go? Irrigation will solve the question.

BURNS NEEDS AIRPLANE LANDING FIELD

Eight airplanes dropped in on Medford unexpectedly the other day. Burns is somewhat out of the "beaten track" (?) for such an occurence, but it is not hard to surmise that with the constant development of the aircraft we may some day be visited in the same way.

Thinking men, in fact, see in the airplane the salvation of isolated interior communities from their lack of rail lines. With planes that can carry even a small amount of freight, one can easily conceive a mail service between Burns and an outside center, where railroad lines converge.

All of which causes the thought that now is the time to prepare for the modern ways of the future, and establish a landing field near town where visiting planes may alight. Having the field, and giving publicity to that fact, will make easier the possibility of visits from airmen who might otherwise select a different routing for their cross country trips. We are handicapped by the great distance to another possible landing place to the west, but if it became known that Burns could accommodate fliers, we would have a better chance to expect such callers, as well as airplane-mail-service in the future.

COUNTY COURT MEETS

The August term of county court was held this week with Judge Levens and Commissioner McKinnon present, Commissioner Hass having left for a trip to California before the session begun. Very little business was before the court at this session. The business transacted consisted of:

Contract awarded to the Farmers Exchange to furnish the court house and high school with 50 cords of 4 foot pine wood at $9.57 per cord.

Lawrence Shepard was given a contract to keep the Trout Creek and Canyon road in repair for one year.

The resignation of J. G. Nicholson as county surveyor was accepted.

GRADE SCHOOL PUPILS MAY GET CREDIT FOR VACATION WORK

Pupils who have studied a part or all of the time during the long vacation of last year will be given an opportunity to make their grade by passing a satisfactory examination in the subjects of the grades, August 27, 1919, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M.

Such pupils will be required to present a written statement from their parents setting forth the fact that the pupil in question has studied the required subjects for a good portion of the vacation period stating the time so spent.

This will apply to grades 5—6—7. Eighth grade pupils who wish me to certify that they are ready for the state test in September will be required to report at the same date and in the same manner and for the same purpose.

WM. SUTTON,
Principal.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Page desire to express their thanks to the many friends who gave them aid and sympathy in their sad bereavement. The kind acts will ever be remembered.

DAIRYMAN IMPORTS YOUNG GUERNSEL BULL FOR HERD

C. M. Salisbury, the local dairy man, received a fine young Guernsey bull the first of this week that had been shipped in from the outside. This is the first pure bred Guernsey bull to be brought to this neighborhood and Sol says he is the beginning of a herd that is to form the dairy herd on his farm in the immediate future.

The bull is not a year old until next November and was bargained for before he was born. Mr. Salisbury states that Guernseys are hard to get, especially the pure bred ones, so he feels quite lucky in securing this individual as he is a fine specimen.

Winsome Marguerite Clark is now appearing in one of the most talked-of stories of the year—"Bab's Burglar" which originally appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and which was written by Mary Roberts Rinehart.

Director J. Searle Dawley, who has directed many of Miss Clark's biggest productions, was also responsible for "Bab's Burglar," which will be shown at the Liberty Theatre on Sunday, Aug. 17.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON COUNTY OF HARNEY.

Zethra T. Blaisdell, Plaintiff,
vs.
William F. Blaisdell, Defendant.

To William F. Blaisdell, Defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF Oregon—You are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled suit on or before the 9th day of August, 1919; and if you fail to so Appear and Answer, for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in said Complaint, namely, a Decree of Divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between Plaintiff and Defendant, and restoring to Plaintiff her former name of Zethra T. Alexander, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem equitable.

THIS Publication is made pursuant to an Order of Hon. H. C. Levens, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Harney, made and entered in the above-entitled suit on the 28th day of June, 1919, directing that said publication be made at least once a week for six (6) consecutive weeks, commencing June 28, 1919.

J. W. Biggs
Attorney for Plaintiff

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Sidney McNeil is in town today.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. C. A. Harlan was a visitor from Crane during the week.

Edward Egli underwent an operation at the hands of Drs. Saurman and Brunet during the week.

Frank Dunn, who has fully recovered his health, has returned to his ranch near Voltage. He was a Burns visitor during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKee, of Plush, Oregon, have arrived in the county and are located on their ranch at Diamond. Mr. McKee is an extensive operator in sheep.

The big special film production, "Sporting Life," at the Liberty tomorrow night, is a picture that should be seen by everybody. There are seven reels of it. Usual prices.

Heymon Weinstein, son of the merchant at Lawen, has been in town the past few days to consult his physician. He underwent a minor operation at the hands of Drs. Saurman and Brunet during the week.

The date of the examination offered to pupils of the public school to make their grade is Aug. 27 instead of Aug. 29 as heretofore published. A letter from Principal Sutton makes this correction and it further states that he will be at home about Aug. 23.

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Change of food and water sometimes causes indigestion that leads to sick headaches, biliousness, bloating, sour stomach, gas, bad breath and coated tongue. Foley's Cathartic Tablets should be in every traveler's grip. They act without pain, griping or nausea. They are a fine and wholesome physic.

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Mrs. Anna Haines and daughter, Miss Hazel, are in the city from the ranch at Diamond.

Drs. Saurman and Brunet performed a minor operation on Leslie Denstedt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Denstedt, last Sunday, in which the young man's tonsils and adenoids were removed.

Tice Schull is in town.

Drs. Saurman and Brunet recently performed an operation on Mrs. Isaac Storey, correcting an unusual development of the wrist. The operation will restore the use of the lady's hand of which she had been deprived for several months due to a joint rheumatism.

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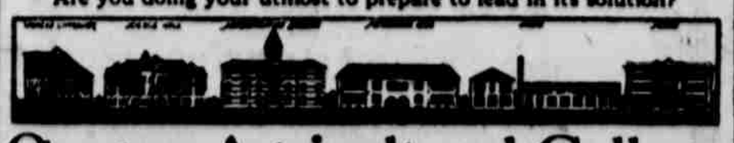

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