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COUNTY ROAD GRAVEL FROM BAKER POINT

Allen Making Good Roads Near Town; Highway Work Held Up.

Following the decision of the state highway people to abandon the Baker point gravel and take the valley gravel for the highway, Mr. Allen, the sub-contractor who is placing the gravel covering on the grade, took contract from the county to gravel four miles of road from the intersection of the lane starting east from Burns for a distance of four miles. This work has been going forward for a short time and much of it is completed from Alex Hanley's farm east to the end of the distance contracted for. When this piece of road is completed to connect with the grade leading north from this city it will be an additional permanent road and of the same character as that on the street in Burns and the road leading out to the north. It will be first class road. Mr. Allen has completed a contract of graveling the road leading into the Bell A ranch from the county road to the ranch house. This is from the same gravel pit.

36 Below Zero at Experiment Station

The thermometers have been working over time in this section of the country during the past week. Out at the Experiment Station it has registered as low as 27 below. Here in town it has registered as low as 11 below at the government station at the court house. The cold snap has covered the entire country and people in the larger cities of the coast and western portion of the northwest have suffered as they are not in the habit of experiencing such weather. Here we don't mind it provided the woodpile isn't too low. Last night the experiment station thermometer registered 36 below and the government thermometer in the city was down to 23. This is the lowest reported in a long time.

Doctors of Firm Seek New Fields

The many personal friends of Drs. J. Shelley Saurman and Dr. Brunet regret the departure of these two excellent professional men from this community. Dr. Saurman goes to South America where he assumes a responsible position in a hospital while Dr. Brunet returns to New York to resume his practice there. Dr. Saurman gave up his practice here with Dr. Griffith at the beginning of the war and took his place as a reserve in the navy where he did his part until the armistice was signed when he asked his discharge that he might return home and resume his private practice. Upon returning to the field he found the work too hard for him and he induced Dr. Brunet, with whom he was associated in the navy, to join him here during the last summer. The attractiveness of the position in South America induced Dr. Saurman to consider it and as Dr. Brunet had practiced in a larger field formerly and the further fact that his family prefer returning to the city, he is arranging to close his practice here and leave. Dr. Saurman has been in this section for a considerable time and during that period made many warm personal friends. He is a capable young man professionally and his friends know he will make good in his larger field of labor. Although Dr. Brunet has been here but a short time he has gained the high esteem of those with whom he came in contact and proven his ability as a physician and surgeon. Many of his friends are urging him to stay.

James Raycraft Buys Faulkner Residence

Charles M. Faulkner disposed of his residence property the fore part of this week to James Raycraft, the Telephone Line man. Mr. Faulkner recently purchased the Sault residence and moved his family into that and therefore had his former home for sale. Capt. Robt. Duncan and family occupy the house and Mr. Raycraft has consented to allow him to remain there until spring as Jim has his present home fixed for the winter with his wood and supplies, therefore is willing to let Capt. Duncan remain as houses are scarce.

Cal Geer, the venerable old pioneer citizen, has been confined to his home for some time, suffering from rheumatism. His friends are pleased to note he is better at this time.

ECONOMY IN BEEF PRODUCTION COMES FROM BETTER BLOOD

Good Herd Bull Is First Step Toward Growing Better Calves.

The use of more and better purebred sires is a dependable method of decreasing the costs of rib roasts and beefsteak, because cattle of better blood make more economical and rapid gains than do their scrub-ancestored rivals. Buying a good herd bull is the first step in growing better calves at much less cost per pound. In common or native cow herds, calves sired by purebred bulls weigh on an average about 125 pounds a head more when one year old than youngsters of the same age sired by the average run of scrub bulls, and they will sell for about 2 cents a pound more as stockers and feeders. Two-year-old steers sired by good purebred bulls weigh on an average about 290 pounds a head more than steers parented by scrub bulls, and sell for about 4 cents a pound more as stockers and feeders. This difference in price of the two classes of calves and steers applies not simply to the difference in weight but to the total weight. For instance, in the case of yearlings scrubs weigh about 300 pounds and sell for about 9 cents a pound, while grades at the same age weigh about 425 pounds and sell for 11 cents a pound. Two-year-old scrubs weigh about 525 pounds a head and, valued at 8 cents a pound, will bring \$42 a piece, while grades of equal age weigh about 725 pounds and, at 12 cents a pound as stockers and feeders, bring \$87.

Good Care For Bull

The bull should be the best cared for individual in the herd. Not only should he have the proper feed, but he should also be kept in a separate paddock or lot and should not have the freedom of the herd except during limited seasons of the year. Unless a special lot can be provided, some means of giving the bull exercise should be devised.

Next to the bull the cows merit careful attention. Breeding cows of large, roomy, vigorous type, possessing strong constitution as indicated by a wide, deep conformation, with a good chest or heart capacity, strong clean-cut muzzle, bright eye, and alert but gentle disposition should be chosen as foundation stock. Cows of good quality, that prosper on limited feed rations, as indicated by their uniform fleshing, loose, pliable skin, glossy coat of hair, and, in general, animals which are not coarse or rough in any respect, should be selected for breeding purposes. Such cows usually produce sufficient milk to nourish their calves properly. It should be the aim of every beef owner to select cows for the breeding herd which will gradually and consistently improve the average of the progeny. At least these are the recommendations of the United States Department of Agriculture as set forth in Farmers' Bulletin 1073, "Growing Beef on the Farm," which has just been issued.

There are three general systems of handling beef-breeding herds, in respect to whether beef, baby beef, or dual-purpose operations are the ends sought. The straight beef system is primarily adapted to regions where pasture is plentiful and cheap, this system being more widely followed in the United States than either of the other two. The baby-beef system is a highly specialized line and is peculiarly adapted to regions where a plentiful supply of fattening feeds is grown together with sufficient pasture for the summer maintenance of the breeding herd and nursing calves. At the present time the Corn Belt is the region best adapted to this system, although it is practiced in a limited way in other sections. The dual-purpose system is followed extensively in many semi-dairy districts. According to this plan all the cows are milked and the calves are raised on skim milk and supplemental feeds. Often the dual-purpose idea resolves itself into trying to make dairy animals out of a strictly beef breed. Dual-purpose calves, as a rule, do not possess the beef-type characteristics of strictly beef-bred calves, but when they are grown out and fattened properly they make very satisfactory beef.

Cut Feeds Costs to Limit

When feeds are high in price the use of cheap rations is especially desirable for the maintenance of the breeding herd. Cows raised for the production of calves only can be fed very cheaply on silage and dry roughages, combined with a small quantity of protein-rich concentrates, although by the substitution of leguminous hays, the costly concentrate may be omitted. Dual-purpose cows kept for dairy products as well as calves should receive feeds nearly identical with those provided for dairy cows. As far as possible home-grown feeds should be utilized, although it is almost essential that considerable

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P. Pitts on Injunctions

With profuse apologies to W. Shakespeare, R. Kipling, Dean Collins, and others whose jealousy will no doubt be aroused by these lulling lines.

Poskyus Pitts has a homestead location in Harney Valley, Range 32 E., Elevation 'Bout 4200. The Experiment Station is close, and Old Pitts' visitation Always results in some bright dissertation.

"I see by The Times—the Herald as well— Them laws and injunctions 'gainst the H C of L Ain't brung no results and us common folks pay A bit more for livin' day after day. Tho' they injunctin the miners from goin' on strike, An' they go back to work which they don't seem to like.

"That didn't help, 'cause we're payin' a price For coal by the ton which I'm sartin is twice As much as we gave before they injuncted. It seems to me somehow we're gettin' bunked. And now here in Harney, instead of a mall Six days a week, they try-weakly and fail.

"This injunctin' fashion musta started with booze, And only last week we injuncted a cruise Of timber in Harney, so's we won't havin' give 'Bout eight thousand bucks for the cruise, As I live When it comes to injunctin' no one's nothin' on us— Ask Cusack, the cruiser, and hear the cuss cuss."

Dropping his heels from their high elevation On the side of the stove as he ceased his oration, He brushed off a tear of commiseration For the poor county cruiser whose wood navigation Had grounded on shoals of court regulation. —Anon.

ACCIDENT CAUSES LOSS OF VALUABLE ANIMAL FEARED TRUCK DRIVER FROZEN ON FUEL TRIP

Last Sunday as Clarence Young was approaching town on the grade just over the hill with a load of wood, some boys came by with a horse hitched to several hand sleds on which boys were riding. This frightened the team Clarence was driving and they swerved off the grade, upsetting the load of wood which fell in such a way as to pin his younger brother Joe under the seat. The boy was extricated without injury but the team ran away with the front wheels of the wagon and one of the mules was thrown down and had its leg broken. The animal had to be killed.

Some of the trucks made trips to the mountains north of town Tuesday to aid in bringing in fuel. One driver was missing on that night upon taking inventory at town and it was feared he had met with bad luck and might be in danger of losing his life in the cold. The next morning some of the boys went out to look for him but he had come in during the night, so late that he didn't report.

Joe Wilkerson had the misfortune to have his leg broken yesterday. He was returning from the hills with a load of wood and was walking beside his wagon when the team started to leave the road. In attempting to reach the lines he slipped and fell under the wheel with the result that both bones in one leg were broken. Mr. Mathews happened along just after and at once unhitched his own team from his wagon arranged the injured man on a bobbed which he was trailing behind and brought him to a doctor without delay.

Christmas Eve at the Presbyterian

The Presbyterian church will celebrate Christmas in the old fashioned way. Old Santa Claus will appear with his pack on his back, through the old-fashioned fireplace. A fine program is being prepared. Special music will be rendered. A good time is promised all the girls and boys. Spend the evening at the Presbyterian church. At seven o'clock Christmas Eve.

C. H. Leonard left for Portland this morning, going out by way of Bend with Frank Dibble. Mr. Leonard goes down on some legal business and will be absent for a week or more.

Burt C. Jones, secretary of the Burns Commercial club, left this morning for Portland where he will visit with his family.

EXAMINATIONS GIVE EASTERN OREGON BOYS ARMY OR NAVY CHANCE

Sinnott Can Send Annapolis Three and West Point Two.

There has never been a better chance for an eastern Oregon boy to win an appointment to West Point or Annapolis than there will be this month, at the competitive examination being held for Congressman N. J. Sinnott by the U. S. Civil Service Commission on December fifteenth in the following eight cities: Baker, Bend, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Lakeview, Ontario, Pendleton and The Dalles. Congressman Sinnott writes us that he will have an opportunity to designate from the successful candidates at this examination—two cadetships and four alternateships for 1920 vacancies in the Military Academy and for the Naval Academy he will have the designation of three principals and nine alternates. These designations will be made on the basis of the grades made in the competitive examinations held at the postoffice in the eight cities named beginning at 9 o'clock A. M. December 15th. Those who compete for the Military Academy will be examined in the following subjects: Algebra: Covering ground of first year high school Algebra. Geometry: Covered by first five books of Wentworth of Hills Plane and Solid Geometry. Grammar and Composition: Covered by eighth grade grammar school work, also composition of one hundred words on one of the two given subjects. United States History: Covered by eighth grade school histories, such as Barnes, Montgomery or similar works. General History: Covered by any high school history, such as Myers, Swinton, Barnes, or similar works, including Ancient, Medieval and Modern History, and English History from 1055 to 1800. Candidates for the Naval Academy will be questioned on Algebra, Geometry, Grammar and Composition and United States History, as above, and in addition on the two following subjects: Geography: Covered by any eighth grade school geography. Arithmetic: Covered by any eighth grade school arithmetic. Problems in fractions, decimals, mensuration, percentage, interest and proportion. Time allowed for Military Academy examination 5 1/2 hours, for Naval Academy 6 1/2 hours, or for combined examinations 7 1/2 hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clerf are guests at the Hotel Levens at present. They have turned the Alvord ranch over to the P. L. S. Co and say they are now looking for a home. The P. L. S. Co. has leased the ranch for a period of five years and the Clerfs will make their home elsewhere. For the present they will visit.

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Postmaster Gould Has Resigned

The Times-Herald learns that Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gould sent in their resignation and the postmastership for Burns is open for a new postmaster. Mr. Gould informed this paper that they had asked to be relieved as soon as possible.

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SNOW STORM GENERAL OVER NORTHWEST

Portland Reported to Have 18 Inches of Snow; Ties Up Traffic.

According to telegraphic information last Wednesday the recent snow storm was general all over the northwest. Portland was reported with 18 inches of snow and street car traffic paralyzed. What few trains the late fuel restrictions will permit to run have been stalled and late-mail service—supposed to be three times a week for our fortunate people living in Harney county—has been just when we could get it. No attempt has been made to conform to any schedule so far as one can see, but just go "catch as catch can" whenever snow drifts can be dug out and a truck moved. Such is life in this country, interesting but not very agreeable. However, we have plenty of hay for the stock and no one objects to the snow as it means more moisture next season. The fuel question is a serious one, though, as some are very "shy" of the necessary wherewith to keep fires going.

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Entertain Friend on Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. J. Shelley Saurman entertained Miss Helen Purington and some of her friends at a 500 party Tuesday night. The occasion was one of the young lady's anniversaries. First prize winners were Miss Helen Anderson and Don M. Taylor. Other guests were Mrs. E. E. Purington, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Holland, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Brunet, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Welcome, Misses Edith Kalno, Margaret Wheelton, Hazel Frensch, Libbie Krichesky, Leona Thompson, Lida Egil, Evelyn Byrd, and Messrs. C. E. Dillman, C. L. Robb, Earl Turner, Earl Lewis, Leonard Locher and F. A. Fowler. After cards a delicious luncheon was served.

Fred Isenhausen Died at Ontario Hospital

Fred Isenhausen died at the hospital out at Ontario the latter part of last month. This information was brought to The Times-Herald this week by Van Embree. Mr. Isenhausen and his wife came here last summer from Dallas, having traded for a farm in the Sunset section. They established their home there and stayed during the summer but the first of November they accepted a position with the P. L. S. Co. to take charge of the Lamb ranch. They had been there but a short time before Fred's health failed and they started for Portland after arranging for the care of their things. They stopped at Ontario where he underwent an operation and died later. His wife has gone to Salem where her parents reside.

Dr. Geary Returns from Portland Trip

Dr. J. W. Geary arrived home Tuesday from Portland where he had been for a short visit with his family. He said things were tightening up not only on curtailment of train service but also on food. Certain restrictions were practiced in Portland as to the amount of certain articles of food one could purchase at one time. Dr. Geary was pleased to note the attitude of the citizens of this section toward the irrigation project upon his return home and hopes to see it go through to a successful solution. It will.

Lloyd Johnson came up from the ranch at Lawen yesterday to bring some beef and other supplies up for the family. He goes back down today to feed his stock. Lloyd says the irrigation district is going to go this time and he and his neighbors will profit by it.

