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LAND OFFICE SHOULD BE RETAINED

Elsewhere in this issue is a clipping from the Journal's Washington Bureau referring to the action of the secretary of the Interior in connection with dispensing with some of the land offices of this state. It is a matter of concern to this big section where there are least 700 land entries now pending before the local land office and three and a half million acres of vacant land yet subject to entry. With no records within a reasonable distance to this land it would certainly work a hardship on land seekers, especially as it is admitted the most of the valuable agricultural land has passed to private ownership and what is left is so much harder to bring into a state of any real value to one who would take it up. If the government really wants to be a service to the people who are trying to develop a big country and get a home for themselves it cannot dispense with the convenience of a land office and proper records where information of an authentic character may be had.

Why isn't this a place where the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club might do some more good?

BACK UP OFFICERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Times-Herald is going to change its policy in publishing articles in connection with law offenders in this county. It has been the policy of late to omit from these columns the news of the recorder's court and also of the justice of the peace on the ground that such news is detrimental to the community when it is read by many who are getting this paper at distant places for the purpose of keeping in touch with the conditions of the country with a view of coming to Burns to make their home when development has advanced to a point where they can engage in some line of business or secure work at a chosen profession or trade profitably. The moonshiner and bootlegger as well as other violator has thus been shielded from publicity until they now consider they're immune and that the community is not backing up the law enforcement officers.

Hereafter these offenders are going to be given some consideration. We have some newly sworn officers who are showing a disposition to enforce the law more stringently and they should have the encouragement of every law abiding citizen in Harney county.

There are bootleggers in this vicinity that are going to be caught and prosecuted—and they should. Moonshiners are also known to operate in this county and they are finally going to be caught. These law breakers should not be allowed to debauch the youth of this county any longer and by proper cooperation with the officers they're going to pay the penalty of their wrongdoing.

Let's get at the source and then try to do our part toward protecting our young people—see that they have proper supervision at their pleasure parties; see that they come home after such entertainment without straying off into bad company; make the fellow who is guilty of taking a bottle of moonshine to a dance hall and leaving where the young people may get it know that he is no longer to be tolerated—give him the limit when caught—then we may begin to see a different community and the young people realize that such law breakers are not upheld.

MIGHT BE STARTLING IF TRUE

Harney county has come in for considerable publicity because of a contributed article in a recent issue of The Times-Herald dealing with the predatory animal situation. This article made it appear that Harney county didn't want the coyotes killed and that the business interests of Burns was in sympathy with the idea of eliminating the government hunter or thus giving the homesteader a better chance to secure the pelts and make money.

The writer of that article was an interested party, though not an attorney, as is credited in the Wool Grower—the writer is a fur buyer and may have stressed his side of the story too much. The fact is there is no disposition to have a "closed" season on predatory animals in Harney county. As to the actual number of business men of Burns in sympathy with the idea of excluding the government hunter and trapper from working in Harney county, the writer is not in a position to say, but one thing is certain—if the wool growers of Harney county want the cooperation of the government trapper and hunter they know how they can get it and the county court would have to do its part.

Statements in dispatches from New York that there will be a marked cattle shortage next fall, made by Texas and middle-western stockmen, apply also to Oregon and Idaho, P. I. Suerer, of Parma, Idaho, declares. He was registered yesterday at the Oregon hotel. "There will be 50 per cent less cattle next fall than last," Mr. Suerer said. "That covers Idaho and all of eastern Oregon. Hay has been so high that stockmen have been running half-fat stock to market. The drought also kept the cattle down. Because they lacked enough money to hold them and feed them, many stockmen have had to put most of their cattle on the market and by next season the numbers will be so greatly diminished that a meat shortage is bound to result. When that happens prices will go up, so, perhaps, the cattle raisers will be able to make up some of their losses—that is, if they have held on to part of their stock. Another thing which will mean a great deal to the stockmen is that there is little probability of a water shortage this summer. If the cattle can get plenty of range they will put on much more fat than last year and consequently bring much higher prices in proportion."—Oregonian.

AGRICULTURE IN EXPERIENCED HANDS

The only opposition heard in relation to the appointment of Dr. William M. Jardine of Kansas as Secretary of Agriculture, was in the statement that "he is a Hoover man." This will be taken by the people, if not by the politicians, as being rather in his favor.

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Dr. Jardine, as head of the Kansas State Agricultural College has a background of splendid accomplishment. He is a young man with a wealth of agricultural experience. The eyes of the country will be fixed on his work because of his deep interest in the subject of co-operative marketing which has engaged the serious attention of the President. While the country recognizes prosperity of the farmer as the rock on which rests the nation's progress and business stability, more and more is it becoming evident that the ills of the farmer are not to be assuaged by political curealls or legislation spelling government subsidy.

In brief, the problem of the farmer is one of intricate economics, and it is to the solution of this problem it is hoped Dr. Jardine will address himself. Cooperative marketing may prove to be the answer. Only time can tell. However the whole nation will wish for the new secretary of agriculture an undisturbed and successful administration.

SHEEP LOSS STOPPED

R. M. Chandler returned last week from Diamond, Harney county, near which place the Chandler sheep are being fed this winter. He reports that loss of sheep was stopped by a ration of bran following an attack of scours. The loss of sheep was not heavy. Dr. Green of the State veterinarian's office visited the place where sheep were being fed, and examined the carcasses, the hay and water facilities, but was unable to submit a report as to the cause prior to leaving. His report will be submitted later.—Lakeview Examiner.

VALLEY VIEW HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Rankin Crow, who was convalescing from an operation, has recovered sufficiently as to be able to leave the hospital and is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cawfield.

Mrs. J. C. Temple had her tonsils removed Thursday and has returned to her home.

Mrs. Willard Laythe, who has been a patient in the hospital for the past week or more, is convalescent and is returning to her home.

J. E. Sizemore was again operated on last Monday and is now recovering satisfactorily at the hospital.

SCHOOL REPORT SHOWS DAILY ATTENDANCE GOOD

During the cold and disagreeable, changeable weather in winter it is unusual to have such a good average attendance of pupils at the public school, especially with the prevailing sickness attendant upon such weather condition. However, the report of the schools of Burns for the last four weeks indicates that the average attendance is better than 97 per cent of the enrollment.

The school had a program on last Monday morning with George Washington as the subject around which to base the character of the program. Rev. Gault also was invited to address the school when all the pupils were present in the assembly, after which they were excused for the day.

DEBATING TEAMS MEET

The Harney county high school debating teams met at the public school assembly last Monday evening to try out on the subject they are to use in a contest with outside teams later. Those taking part were Sidney Hotchkiss and Roy Brown for

the affirmative and Eleanor Welcome and Marian McCullough for the negative. The decision of the judges were for the negative although on a very close margin.

Preceding the debate Rev. Frank Gault, Presbyterian missionary who has recently returned from Africa, gave an interesting address.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKET TOSSERS BUSY

Last Friday evening the second basketball team of the Harney county high defeated the second team of the Union high of Crane in a game at the public school gym. The score was 19 to 5 in favor of the home team. The Crane aggregation had trimmed the local boys at a game played at Crane before.

Another game is to be played at Crane by the high schools teams on this (Friday) evening but the result will not be available for our publication until next issue as we close our forms before it is played.

GRAZING FOR MORE STOCK

Due to the fact that many of the regular users of the cattle ranges in the Burns District of the Malheur National Forest have materially reduced their herds, or entirely quit the business, the number of cattle for which grazing permits have been applied for the season of 1925 is considerably less than the number authorized to be grazed on the range. This leaves a surplus of range which may become available, under certain conditions, for qualified new applicants or the excess numbers owned by the regular users.

Stockmen who are not regular users of the forest range and who would like to avail themselves of grazing privileges, and the regular users who might desire to amend applications already made in order to include surplus stock which they may own should take the matter up at once with the local Forest Ranger.

It is the policy of the Forest Service to handle the grazing business so that those best qualified and most dependent may benefit from the grazing resources of the National Forests, therefore the needs of local stockmen should have consideration ahead of those living at a distance. Prompt action is necessary, however.

If sufficient interest is shown a stockmen's meeting will be held in Burns in a short time to discuss the

utilization of the surplus range.
G. C. BLAKE,
Forest Ranger.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 A. M.

Babson says, "Every business depression has been caused by monkeying with the Ten Commandments or the multiplication table."

A small girl of the Primary Class repeated the Ten Commandments last Sunday. An excellent beginning. The practice of the Decalogue would make a vast difference in present social conditions.

The Sunday School Hymn Books have arrived. They are a fine collection of hymns of which we will not tire.

Divine Worship at 11 A. M.

Sermon Theme—"Calaphas and Christ."

Every person has a right to his own opinion only on condition that his opinion is right. Calaphas had an opinion but he was only an ecclesiastic, nothing more. Christ in the heart and not mere opinions and professions is the need of today. It is our only salvation and hope.

SAMUEL HARRIS, Minister.

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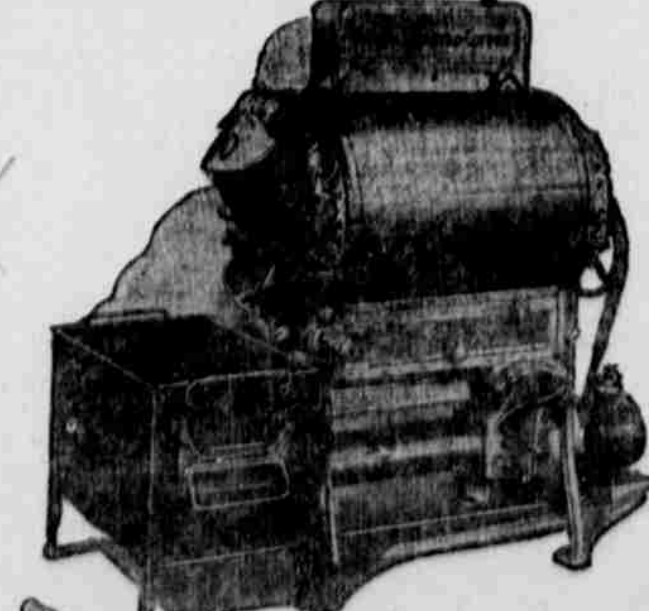
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