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The two large editions of THE HERALD containing the Harney Valley advertisement being exhausted, to meet the demand we republish in our regular edition, and hope each reader will mark the article and mail his copy to a friend in the East.

Harney Valley in Grant county, Oregon, embraces an area of 2,400 square miles, or 1,536,000 square acres of land, bounded on every side by mountain ranges, and lofty elevations, and is an almost entirely level plain, plentifully watered by the

SILVIES AND BLITZEN RIVERS and their tributaries. The former has its source in the spurs of the Blue mountains, south of the John Day river, flows a general southerly course, passing down the center of Harney valley, and empties into Lakes Harney and Malheur. It is a rapidly flowing stream, about 80 miles long, and contains every kind of fish, including the salmon trout, and other varieties of game fish.

The Dunder-and-Blitzen river, or "Blitzen," as it is shortened by common usage, is about 50 miles in length, flows in a northerly direction and also empties into the lakes. These rivers and their numerous tributaries have their water sheds within the county, and the lakes having no outlet, serve to furnish subterranean irrigation to the whole valley.

LAKES HARNEY AND MALHEUR cover an area of more than 150 square miles, and are connected by a channel about 20 yards wide and 200 yards long. They receive the waters of both Silvies and Blitzen rivers, but have no outlet and never overflow. Being situated on a level plain, and having low shores, these lakes have not such picturesque scenery as Crater Lake, to recommend them to tourists, but their value to farmers is incalculable.

Right here, however, permit us to mention a natural attraction possessed by lands adjacent to these lakes that will draw hundreds of excursionists from the East in the near future: Standing in the doorway of a farm house about sunrise, distant objects, towns, farms, mountain peaks, and bands of cattle and horses grazing on the ranges, are pictured on the atmosphere and rise up from the ground like magic; and these white representations are so truly drawn that a member of a family living several miles away from home, can distinguish the persons of the family as they walk about the yard; as brother from father, or mother from sister.

THE SOIL AND CLIMATE of Harney valley are an exact counterpart of that of Umatilla county, Oregon, the best wheat-growing county in the state. Very little has been done towards wheat-raising here, as yet, but those have been successful that tried it. Wheat finds a ready home market at 5 cents a pound—\$3 per bushel. Oats and barley grow equally well, and bring 3 to 4 cents per pound. Alfalfa and red clover grow luxuriantly; timothy and red-top thrive finely. Pasturage is excellent; natural grass abundant, and is cut for hay that sells at \$12 and \$18 per ton in the winter. All cereal crops thrive

WITHOUT IRRIGATION. In winter the weather is cold but pleasant, the usual effects of altitude being checked by the gentle chinook, or west wind. The snow-fall is sufficient to preserve wheat and supply moisture that is not furnished by rains. In summer there is a pleasant breeze constantly blowing, which tends to keep agreeable weather, no matter how hot the sun's rays, and the nights cool enough to make covering desirable—in fact, one can sleep under cover comfortably all the year round.

TIMBER—SAW-MILLS. There is no timber in the valley, except along the water courses, where there is a light growth of birch and an unusually large, heavy growth of willows. But the adjacent mountains are heavily timbered with fir, pine, juniper, mountain-rubogony, etc. Saw-mills are located in the pines, and the lum-

ber, which is of the best quality, sells much cheaper than in the East.

GARDEN VEGETABLES produced in the Harney country are large, finely flavored, abundant and easily raised. We will on application give the addresses of several gardeners here, who will answer in detail all inquiries on that subject; the white, or Irish potato is grown with little cultivation, and is superior to that grown in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, or Kansas, we personally know as regards size, "mealiness," and flavor.

SMALL FRUITS, such as strawberries, currants, blackberries, gooseberries, grapes, etc., will, from what evidence we have been able to gather the past year, be a success, as the native plants are hardy and good bearers.

FRUIT TREES and ornamental shrubs were planted freely by farmers in the spring; the settings last fall survived the severest winter (1888), that Harney valley, in fact, that East Oregon has ever known. As an

AGRICULTURAL region it will be readily seen that the Valley offers inducements rarely excelled. And as a

STOCK-RAISING country it cannot be surpassed, since its water, grass, and salubrious climate takes horses, cattle, sheep and hogs throughout the year (from January 1 to December 31), without grain or any other than wild grass feeding, and when the winter is milder than common, stock looks better in early spring than in Eastern localities where they are grain-fed during the winter; and the texture and flavor of the meats compare favorably with the best in the market. The

INCREASE IN POPULATION during the past two years has been rapid, and is of that most desirable class in an agricultural region, viz: the small farmer whose industry produces the best of grain, stock, and living. The houses and barns are generally frame; corrals and other enclosures, are rail and wire fencing; abundant water supplies from wells of living water, which is reached at a uniform depth of six to fifteen feet.

MAIL AND RAILROAD FACILITIES. Harney valley has a tri-weekly mail-service from the four points of the compass; there being a general distributing office at Burns. Shipping is done at present at Baker City, Huntington, and Ontario. All the family supplies, necessities, and luxuries, common to Eastern towns, are abundantly furnished by the general merchandise stores at reasonable rates.

BURNS AND HARNEY are the two principal towns of Harney valley, where, as will be seen by our advertising columns, about all lines of business are near equal to the present demand—teachers, lawyers, doctors, printers, druggists, merchants, carpenters, surveyors, blacksmiths, butchers, saddlers, grocers, builders, jewelers, etc.

Each of these two towns is the center of the section of the valley contiguous, and each has its local value, that will serve in the future to render a healthy degree of competition between them. The expectations of the ambitious advocates of the natural advantages offered the people by Harney valley will be realized in less than twelve months by the establishment of a

NEW LAND OFFICE in Harney valley, where there are lands of the public domain as fine as those already taken up by the first-comers, sufficient to furnish thousands of families with homes. Also, a county-seat for

HARNEY COUNTY which will bring the administration of affairs pertaining to this great valley within easy access of every citizen of this section; and the OREGON PACIFIC RAILROAD now in course of construction will pass directly through Harney valley, and after that what more is desirable?

Under these conditions it is not necessary to say that the first to procure homes will be the first to reap the harvest of the forehand, for the fact is self-evident. The invitation to come among us and settle is particularly extended to the industrious of all classes of farmers and stock-raisers.

The attention of the citizens of the Harney country is called to the above article, and if any one thinks he has cause to believe any of the statements therein exaggerations, or that we are in error on any point made, he will confer a favor on editor and readers by correcting. Our columns are open to all alike, rich and poor, old and young.

## HARNEY VALLEY FAIR

As no fair is held in this valley for the public exhibition of the growth and excellence of its productions, THE HERALD proposes to open a column to all producers, farmers and stockmen, in which to give a written description of all that is worthy of mention. Very fine looking colts and calves of this year's production have passed and repassed through town, but none have reported for publication. Bring in your this year's stock, give the age, weight, height and breed, to put as facts in this column. Bring in specimens of hay, clover, roots, vegetables, fruits, with names, time of planting, manner of cultivation, etc., and let us make this a lively column. Monstrosities we will class as such. Truthful statements will be given each time, and the truth alone well told will advertise this valley to the better class of immigrants, such as Harney wants than all the most plausibly told exaggerations afloat. We start off fairly, with the following names, in the order brought in, and all our statements can be verified by the samples filed and labeled for reference, except in perishable articles, notes of which are filed.

MRS. IONE WHITING.—Near Burns; June 20: Barley, six acres, sown on ground under cultivation the past 13 years; stalks (exclusive of roots) 42 inches in length, heads well filled, grain fine and large; planted in April.

Barley planted late, in April, on new ground, 12 inches high.

MRS. ALMEDA STENGER.—Burns; June 22: Barley, sowed last year, on cultivated ground; 36 inches high; stalk bulky, grain well filled.

Alfalfa, cut above the ground; fine, strong, in blossom, 27 inches high.

A. J. BROWN.—Near Harney, June 23: Alfalfa, in blossom, average stand 38 inches high.

DR. T. V. B. EMBREE.—Near Harney; June 23: Lettuce, Oak Leaf variety; root 4 inches around; leaves green and brown variegated; stalks white, crisp and tender; measured 20 inches straight across the face of the head from tip to tip of outside leaves (exclusive of ground leaves.)

Second head, same variety, 10 inches across.

THOS. HASKELL.—One mile of Burns; June 26: Alfalfa, in blossom, 42 inches high.

MRS. THOS. HASKELL.—June 26; Gooseberries on a single branch; the large English variety; branch 8 inches long; 5 bearing twigs to the branch, containing 151 very large berries; weight of whole, one-half pound.

Flowers: A bouquet of cut flowers, from Sweet Williams grown from last year's seedlings; 4 colors, maroon, 2 shades, magenta, and pink and white variegated.

A box of growing plants; June 22: 2 sets of carnation, ready to bloom; 2 thrifty ice plants; 6 petunias, 1 in bloom; a very handsomely made-up box, grown from the seed.

Aug. 11, garden beans, 7 inches in length; crisp and tender.

MRS. GRACE.—Cage bird; from a mixed canary and linnetsinger and pure canary hen; hatched April 22d; is a fine, thrifty, very ugly marked with green, brown, yellow and white, but as a singer, do not believe it can be surpassed.

Mrs. T. A. McKINNON.—Near Burns, June 27: Bouquet of Carnations, raised from last year's seedlings. Very large and very fine.

T. A. McKINNON.—Burns; June 29; Barley 52 inches high.

July 30, wheat 43 inches; and timothy with heads measuring from 8 to 10 inches in length.

MRS. L. HARKEY: near Burns; July 14; Basket of Garden Vegetables Potatoes, large, smooth, fine; Lettuce, and Mustard, young and crisp; Radishes, good size, tender; Beets, fair size, smooth, fine. Sample from a home garden, and as such speaks well for what farmers can do for the table in Harney valley.

THOS. STEPHENS: near Burns; July 16; Grass, red-top, 31 in. high; 150 spears to single root, or from one seed; 30 acres in.

F. W. RITTERBUSCH: near Saddle Buttes; July 20; Barley 41 inches high; a small piece put in to test agricultural value of bottom of the slough on swamped land.

JOHN ADAMS. Near Burns; July 24; Oats, 78 in. high, Wheat, 60 in., and Barley, 40 in. in height.

30 acres altogether in this grain; no irrigation.

SIMON LEWIS, Silver creek, July 30, wheat 40 inches, with full heads of fine large grains.

Barley 58 inches high.

Mrs. SIMON LEWIS, July 30, 13 large yellow beets, the largest one being 9 inches in length and 14 inches in circumference, the flavor excellent.

Mrs. T. J. SHIELDS, Silver creek, July 30, cucumbers of good size, crisp and tender.

MAUPIN BROS., one mile north of Burns, Aug. 2d, barley 44 inches, with fine head of grain; 18 acres in.

S. J. MOTHERHEAD.—Aug. 4 timothy 43 inches long, and apparently not nearly grown.

CHAS. ZIEGLER.—Poison creek, Aug. 8, White Sheaf Australian wheat, 53 inches high, with heads averaging 5 inches in length, fall of large grains; 6 acres in; he is raising it for seed.

A. HILLS, of Poison Creek, Aug. 11th, Chili Club wheat, 48 inches long, with large full heads; 14 acres in; not irrigated.

Red clover, 42 inches high; very fine.

LATEST LAND NEWS. Commuted Homestead and Pre-emption Profits—What Must be Shown—The Elements of Value—Good Faith, Bad Faith and Speculation.

A good deal of uncertainty seems to exist in the minds of the people as to what is absolutely required by the homestead and pre-emption laws, and the frequency with which proofs are presented on the face of which it appears that the claimants have endeavored to calculate it to a nicety the smallest amount of improvements actually necessary to secure title, has caused the authorities to look with suspicion upon all commuted homestead and pre-emption entries.

There is neither a maximum nor a minimum of valuation, though it is shown by practice that the commissioner of the general land office has made up his mind that a settler who has improvements valued at less than \$125 has not made very strenuous efforts to make a permanent home for himself and family, and will not pass such entries to patent except under most peculiar circumstances, showing beyond a doubt that the claimant has acted in good faith, and that where an indication of bad faith appears he will have no mercy on the claimant.

In final proof it is frequently said by claimants and witnesses that "absences have been no greater than the law allows;" or "he was on the land as often as the law requires."

These statements are evasive in character and outgrowths of ignorance respecting legal requirements. There is no provision of the pre-emption or homestead law permitting the absence of settlers from their claim, nor is there a provision specifying how frequently they must be on the land. The laws require continuous—that is, unbroken—residence upon the land from date of settlement to date of final proof. TEMPORARY personal absence from the land between such dates—no matter for how long—is not inconsistent with continuous residence; while a removal from the land with the intention of remaining away is fatal to continuous residence though the party may change his intention and return after an absence of only a few hours.

INTENTION is everything in operating under these laws. The man who makes a pre-emption or homestead entry with the intention to make his home upon the land is acting in good faith, and would actually be guilty of no wrong if he should change his mind suddenly and sell the land after having received patent or duplicate certificate or receipt therefor.

An entry made for the purpose of speculation with the INTENTION to sell the land at the earliest favorable opportunity, is an entry in bad faith, and though the entryman may subsequently change his mind and make his future home upon the land, he could not stand before his own conscience as an honest man.

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