

HARNEY VALLEY.

Some of its Natural Advantages—Water, Soil, Climate, and Productions—Thousands of Acres Open for Settlement.

CHEAP HOMES.

Thousands of Families can Secure Valuable Homes in this Great Valley at a Mere Nominal Cost. Real Estate will increase tenfold in 5 years.

A Railroad, County-Seat, and Land-Office.

Visit the Herald Office to See Samples of Produce.

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 spur 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 inestimable.

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 doorways of farm houses 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. Pasture 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 the year around.

TIMBER.—SAW-MILLS. There is no timber in the valley along the water course, but a light growth of usually large, heavy

growth of willows. But the adjacent mountains are heavily timbered with fir, pine, juniper, mountain-mahogany, etc. Saw-mills are located in the pineries, and the lumber, 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, necessaries, 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 an 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 forehanded, 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.

GREAT NATURAL CURIOSITY.

Malheur Cave is located on a sagebrush plain about 1 mile from the head of the south fork of the Malheur river.

There is a small basin at its mouth.

The cave is 20 feet wide and 6 feet high at its entrance, and has an incline downward for the first 200 feet, and then turns to the north east and runs very nearly straight to the water, a distance of 1/2 mile from its mouth. It will average 50 feet wide and 20 feet high and is very uniform in its structure, the walls running up about 6 feet on either side, and then commence to arch over, and certainly form the finest arch in the whole family of caves that were ever discovered.

It is grand almost beyond description, and rivals the great Mammoth cave in its smoothness of character and uniformity. The first 250 yards the bottom is as smooth as a floor, then are found piles of rubbish or debris that have accumulated by falling from the ceiling above, 100 yards or so apart, the last one being something over 100 yards from water.

There is no difficulty in reaching the water, it runs back on either side in a trough from the main pool the distance of 100 feet, settling down on either side, leaving the floor crowning.

The water is remarkably clear; one can see the sand in the bottom at the depth of 4 feet, and it appears to have no outlet, as it is perfectly still and quiet; it is good drinking water.

This wonderful curiosity has to be seen to be fully appreciated. It is truly of basalt formation and is quarternary, the walls are honey-combed in many places; the wall on the south side sets on a horizontal basement of eruptive rocks.

This magnificent cave has evidently been used in time by the Indians as a fortification; the entrance has been walled up with stone, and there are, also, two walls or breastworks on the inside, running from each corner of the entrance diagonally near the center some 50 feet long; this was for a second defense in case they were driven back from the mouth.

Around and above the mouth of the cave there are considerable fine chippings where the aborigines have sharpened their stone implements which were made out of obsidian, or volcanic glass.

I think that the water is in the end of the cave, but can not tell without further exploring.

I was informed by two parties that fish have been caught in the cave that were of blue color and cycless.

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 will tell you 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. LONE 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 linnet singer and pure canary hen; hatched April 22; 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. HARNEY: 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. height, 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.

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 arge yellows 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.

MAITIN 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, full 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

A CHALLENGE.

THE HERALD challenges any of its exchanges to fairly beat the following:

Bent. Embree of Harney valley brought into our office this week: 20 potatoes, the "Peerless," weight, 36 lbs, smooth and uniform in sizes 2 turnips, 17 lbs; 4 beets, 28 1/2 lbs; 4 carrots, 4 1/2 lbs. Except the last named, tops excluded. All are true garden vegetables (no rutabaga, nor mangel wurzel), raised on Silvies river sagebrush land, without irrigation, and in a drouthy season.

"CHEAPEST AND BEST" is a combination as difficult as it is desirable; but "Peterson's Magazine" has certainly accomplished it. The November number is a gem in every respect. In addition to a lovely steel engraving, there are three full-page wood illustrations. One of these is an admirable portrait of Bismarck, who forms the subject of the opening article, which is capitally illustrated and gives various interesting incidents of his life, new to American readers. The stories are by popular authors, and are up to the usual high standard of excellence. In the Fashion Department, besides the handsome double fashion-plate, there are scores of designs for the work table, etc., many of them suggestive of very pretty Christmas presents. It is time to think of a magazine for next year, and we cannot too heartily recommend "Peterson." It stands high among the first-class literary monthlies; and, as a fashion-periodical, none can equal it. Every lady should take "Peterson." The terms are only Two Dollars per year, with greatly reduced rates when taken in clubs, and with unusually fine premiums to those getting up clubs, viz: Three copies for \$4.50, with the beautifully illustrated book of poems, "Buds and Blossoms," or a large engraving, "The Morning Greeting," for premium; four copies for \$6.40, or six copies for \$9.00, with an extra copy free for one year; or five copies for \$8.00, or seven copies for \$10.50, with both an extra copy of the magazine and either "Buds and Blossoms" or the engraving as premiums. For larger clubs still greater inducements. Any lady can, with a little effort, secure one or more of these premiums. Specimen sent free to those who desire to get up clubs. Address PETERSON'S MAGAZINE, 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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THE HERALD will make out your Order Free of Charge for anything suited to this soil and climate—Why Free of Charge, since every Man should be Worthy his Hire? Because we would be glad to donate \$1,000 in that way just to see Harney Valley blossom and glow like a Rose in the Wilderness with Beautiful Comfortable Ho-

BURN ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HERALD OFFICE AS IT IS. BUSINESS MEN ABOUND BY 1 newspaper; 1 hotel; 1 brewery; 1 surveyor; 1 land agent; 1 druggist; 1 chandise store; 1 hardware store; 1 grocery store. Also, 1 Odd Fellows lodg. Mail a copy of THE HERALD.

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Am now better able than ever to meet the demands of the country in my line, and am truly thankful for the liberal patronage I have received in the past, and I well know that the only proper way to merit the continued patronage and good will of the entire public is by fair and impartial dealings with all classes.

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