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WHAT does Mpwapwa spell any way? It is the place in Africa toward which Lieut. Wissman is marching after destroying two Arab camps, according to latest news from Zanzibar.

THE San Francisco Examiner of the 3d; and the S. F. Call of the 3d; East Oregonian of the 1st; Portland Oregonian of the 4th, are the latest received by mail before going to press.

Four white men, Aug. 26th, in Moberly, Mo., were put up at public auction. Two were sold for four months' service to farmers at \$2 per head, one was bid in at 75c, and the fourth remanded to jail for want of a purchaser. Well what remedy can be offered to cure this form of evil?

"My how many handsome gentlemen—so distingue, so intelligent looking are at the fair today!" exclaimed a Portland beauty to her father this afternoon at the exposition building. "Don't you know the reason?" inquired the sagacious sire, "this is Newspaper Day, and these handsome fellows are all journalists."—Sunday Wellcome.

Now indeed is THE HERALD man troubled because he was not there on the 28th.

ACTING COMMISSIONER STONE of the General Land Office reversed the decision of Commissioner Stockholder regarding Oregon indemnity claim for school lands. Mr. Stone holds that the fact that the school lands in the Grande Ronde and Siletz Indian reservations were laid out before the State was awarded school lands does not interfere with the validity of her claim, and rules accordingly.

Will not such ruling form a basis upon which Oregon road land claimants can obtain color of title to the Indian reservations that were in existence at the time of their grants and have since been restored to the public domain? It so appears to us in the first flush of reading the ruling mentioned.

ELECTION NEWS.

Portland World, Oct. 3, says of the election in the new States, Oct. 2d, that the constitutions of each State were adopted by large majorities.

Montana is democratic, although Republicans carried it last election. Governor and majority of State oficers will be democratic; Congressmen doubtful.

Washington, North and South Dakota, went republican, as expected.

The Oregonian of Oct. 4th, says that Montana Legislature will be democratic; Governor claimed by both parties; congressman republican, as also, the majority of the minor State officers.

Washington republican by 8,000 majority. North Dakota republican throughout.

South Dakota republican, but not so satisfactorily as her twin sister State.

Pierre is S. Dakota's capital, and prohibition carried by 5,000; governorship in doubt.

BURNS NEWSPAPER AHEAD.

As will be seen by to-day's issue, THE HERALD enables Burns to give the citizens of the whole Harney country a live, newsy, interesting newspaper. So long as the business men of the town get in and advertise, and pay for it, that long can THE HERALD afford the expense of a neat all-at-home print, so as to give the county readers the very latest news to be obtained here, each week, from the Coast, the East, and the World in general, as well as local matter, instead of stale news items, (most of them too ancient for dates to be given), common to the "patent side" which be printed in another State, comes in time to tell the people of any county on the 3d day of

THIS month that Portland Exposition will open on the 26th day of LAST month; that the moon will be full, AFTER it has "fulled" and nearly completed its next phase; or as gravely as the last almanac, inform the anxious seeker after late news that Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492, etc.

The date of the very latest that we can by any possibility obtain at Burns, the postal center of the county, is six days old, for instance; to-day is the 10th, and the latest news date in the county is the 4th, but such as it is, it takes enterprise and "cash down" to publish it in the local weekly paper, and that requires live business men in the town that issues the newspaper to the county, men who are awake to the necessity of the leading town keeping in the lead in all things.

There is nothing truer, however, (no one realizes it more fully than THE HERALD), than the enterprise of the publisher must equal that of the advertisers, otherwise the efforts of the latter in that direction in town building, falls a dead letter, to the ground, and for obvious reasons: If the publisher selfishly pockets, wastes, or sinks in payments on past indebtedness, the increase the advertisers find themselves able to pay him to give the county a better newspaper, and he continues from year to year to hand out the Same Old Six-and-Seven, with its old patent-side news and staler cyclopedic miscellany, its discordant one-string editorial rehash, which at best, are forcible reminders of the DeMoss Family's "original" compositions, the advertisers as far as they and their town building is concerned may as well have kept the price of their increase advertising for sidewalk expenses.

When the Burns Business Men and THE HERALD Newspaper unite to push Harney county to the front as this issue shows them, the People of the entire County ought to get in and do their part in building up the county by subscribing for THE HERALD, and now is the time to do it, as between now and December it and the Detroit Free Press will cost only \$2.50 for the year.

Harney Valley Grain.

Such a drouth as this of the present season has never before in the history of the Harney country been known, and may never again.

Notwithstanding its severity, however the record was made for the valley on the ranches of the following named gentleman:

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| J. C. Woolley | 1261 bu. |
| Levee Bros.   | 1113 "   |
| Peter Clemens | 1100 "   |
| Jas. Copshall | 850 "    |
| J. F. Stenger | 650 "    |
| J. H. Adams   | 150 "    |
| Geo. McGowan  | 175 "    |
| Total         | 5522     |

Jas. Copshall's 18 acres averaged 463 bushels to the acre. We were unable to obtain numbers of acres sowed on other places.

The T. A. McKinnon & Alberts' threshing machine records the following work done during this threshing season:

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|---------------------|---------|
| J. F. Stenger       | 420 bu. |
| Levee Bros.         | 1084 "  |
| Smith & Young       | 104 "   |
| Vogelbein & Reineck | 84 "    |
| A. J. Wilson        | 134 "   |
| J. S. Boyer         | 360 "   |
| Peter Clemens       | 115 "   |
| Williams            | 250 "   |
| Henry Binger        | 64 "    |
| K. K. K.            | 4 "     |
| W. D. Chapman       | 25 "    |
| Roper & Gilbert     | 210 "   |
| Thos. Peters        | 250 "   |
| J. L. Smith         | 100 "   |
| Campbell & Dugan    | 250 "   |
| A. J. Brown         | 75 "    |
| Marshall            | 75 "    |
| Jas. Feltie         | 60 "    |
| O. V. Mader         | 120 "   |
| J. W. Jones         | 50 "    |
| Jason Hixon         | 50 "    |
| Chas. Ziegler       | 50 "    |
| Jason Bennett       | 10 "    |
| Dunington           | 10 "    |
| Lucy Faid           | 10 "    |

THE Free Press to encourage American writers offered a prize of \$3000 for the three best productions. An Illinois writer, Maj. Joseph Kirkland, received the 1st prize, \$1,600 for "The Captain of Company K," Nebraska, Mrs. Eliza W. Peattie, the 2d prize, \$900 for "The Judge," Boston, the 3d prize, \$500 for "The Son of Issachar."

The second prize story commenced Sept. 26th, and the first installment may be seen in our Reading Room. HERALD subscribers who come in and pay up before January 1, 1890, can get the Free Press one year for only 10 cents by applying at this office.

Latest Election News.

Waitsburg Times, Oct. 4: Washington constitution adopted by 30,000 majority; Democrats elected 30 members of Legislature; woman suffrage and prohibition defeated 3 to 1. Olympia the capital.

Dallas Mountaineer: Democrats elect Governor by less than 100 majority, in Montana.

State Rights Democrat: Democrats claim Seattle.

Prohibition in south Dakota carried by 10,000.

At Princeton, Brose was held without bail for murder of Shields Looney.

COMMUNICATIONS BY OUR READERS.

A cordial invitation is extended each and every Reader of THE HERALD to contribute to this department of the paper, on any subject of general interest. We reserve the right to accept or reject any part or the whole, but not to change the style presented. We prefer articles over the author's own signature, but non-signatures are admissible. We do not hold our writers responsible for the opinions advanced by writers under the above caption.

Dr. Embree's Suggestion.

EDS HERALD: In one of your late issues, my attention was invited to the fact of the overflooded state that will likely exist again with Malheur lake and its immediate border lands, and what would be my suggestion for relief in such an emergency.

Being no engineer I may not be good authority, and any suggestion I make may be open to criticism, which I am willing to submit to, if made in the spirit of trying to arrive at facts.

All observing travelers who have passed around Malheur lake, along its east margin have noticed a broad sage brush flat extending in an easterly direction, which finds an ending at the south fork of the Malheur river.

Now in case of another great and continued overflow let a number of settlers take desert claims along this plain, and dig a canal from the lake to the river and thus kill two birds at one throw—reclaim the desert, also, the swamp lands.

Evidently Malheur lake has at one time been an old river bed and has been choked off by the constant drifting and rolling sands from the hill sides, also, by the sediment formed by the annual overflows, which are drained from the great water shed that environs Harney valley.

Now another word relative to this lake land. Parties have questioned me critically about this country overflowing again. People may just as well understand at first, and once for all coming time that they must take land that will be subject to annual overflows, or else they must take land that is never overflowed. Which do you want? If you want the first, the lake country is as good, if not better, than any. If you want the last, go to the sage-brush regions. When a settlement made along the vacant and unsurveyed lands of the Malheur lake is drowned out, you will see all the Red-S, Saddle Butte, Frye field and the upper Island people fleeing to the mountains to make shingles, cut posts, and to make butter and cheese.

The waters of Silvies river must first visit these settlements, pay them its compliments, and the residue will find its way to the Malheur basin. There are no schools, churches, orchards, fences, nor saloons, on any of this country, which makes it objectionable to many. It is simply soil with a luxuriant vegetation grow on it. With industry and enterprise it will be the best land in Harney valley.

T. V. B. EMBREE.

Make Up Your Reading List for 1890.

Some time ago The Detroit Free Press offered \$3,000 in prizes for the three best serial stories sent in before July 1st. The result of this competition has been that Major Joseph Kirkland, of Chicago, Ill., has taken the first prize of \$1,600. His story is entitled, "The Captain of Company K." Mr. Kirkland is the author of "Zury, the Meanest Man in Spring County," "The McVeys," and other stories. The second prize goes to Omaha, Neb., and is taken by Mrs. Eliza W. Peattie. Her story is entitled, "The Judge." The third prize of \$500 was awarded to Elbridge S. Brooks, of Boston, Mass. The title of his story is, "The Son of Issachar."

Written by Mrs. Eliza W. Peattie, of Omaha, Neb. It may be interesting to quote, relative to this story, part of the report of the literary judges who read the manuscript of "The Judge." "This story is one of the best that could be offered to a newspaper for serial publication. It is a most powerful and most brainy work. In finish it stands head and shoulders above the ordinary successful novel. Its humor is of the refined kind and there is plenty of it. The women characters are especially attractive, and the love element, though subordinate, adds to the strength of the plot materially. The interest is held to the end, and the end is fitting and satisfactory. We can hardly call to mind a kind of a newspaper reader who would not follow the developments of the plot. There is the murder to arrest and hold the masses. There is the judge himself, who claims the attention of

the legal fraternity; the doctors, the 'right reverends' and wrong reverends of every order, and all who are interested in a psychological problem; there is the newspaper man to call out the praise of the most critical class, his co-workers; there are two or three characters whose humor will fill all the demands for that always attractive element of a story; there is the literary finish to satisfy the lover of high-class novels, and lastly there is Margaret, with her love and her lover, and her delightful womanly qualities to fascinate—well, all of us."

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The Timber-Culture Trouble.

So great has the rush for Oregon timber land become that the register of the Oregon City land office has made a ruling that not more than thirty applications a week will be accepted at that office.—Ex.

The officials in the General Land Office say they are not aware that, as stated in a Portland, Or., dispatch, the Government is withholding from settlers in Oregon patents for timber land, to any great extent, on the grounds that the land was agricultural.

The great trouble that the land officials have to deal with, they say, is to prevent violations of the law in regard to the entry of timber land, not only in Oregon, but in the Northwest generally.

By law one person can make only one entry of 160 acres of timber land. Syndicates have been formed, and great bodies of timber land, sometimes as much as 50,000 or 100,000 acres, have been purchased by individuals with the understanding that when they received the patent it would be turned over to the syndicate, which not only furnished the money to the individual to purchase the land but paid him also for the use of his name. In many cases these men are brought from Eastern cities, as men living in the country have, as a general thing, exhausted their right to either purchase or enter Government property.—S. F. Examiner.

ORIGIN OF NAMES.

"Diamond" valley was named from the diamond-brand of McCoy & Ruby's stock.

"Silvies" river in honor of a Canadian trapper, killed in an early day.

"Blitzen" or Donner-und-Blitzen, from the explanation of a Dutch soldier in Gen. Crook's command while standing guard over the pack-miles during a vivid thunder storm.

"Steen" Mountain after Major Steen who escorted emigrants under Fremont, in an early day.

"Catlow" valley after John Catlow, the first cattle man that brought stock into that section.

Some of our readers will oblige by adding to the above.

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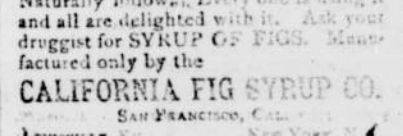
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