

THE HERALD.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1889.

FROM BURNS LAST EDITION.

LATEST date of newspapers received at this office up to Wednesday, 7 o'clock, p.m., was Oct. 8!

The latest up to noon to-day is Oct. 12.

Dangerous prairie fires in Minnesota.

Seattle decided last week to build an opera house.

Democrats made large gains in Montana and North Dakota.

A priest in Oneida, N. Y. was poisoned while mass on 13th inst.

Democrats elected one State senator in the Washington election.

China and Korea are finally notwithstanding reports to contrary.

No paper of later date than Oct. 8 reached this office until Wednesday night.

President Harrison received visiting Knights of Pythias in Washington, Oct. 9th.

Reward of \$500 offered for capture of wife poisoner, Baciljolo of Jackson, Cal.

Rattlesnakes are invading the houses in Sonora, Cal., driven in town in search of water.

The paramount chief of Demara Land, Africa, has ordered all Germans to leave the country.

The Chicago Postal Commissioner reports that city's postal facilities inadequate to the demand.

There is wholesale loss of life from electricity by use of overhead wires for electric illumination.

Whaling bark, "Cora" arrived in San Francisco Oct. 9th, with 13,000 lbs of bone, and 1,100 casks of oil.

Prospectors in Lower California were lost on the desert for days without water, and had a narrow escape from an awful death.

Mlle. Heloise Rousse, of San Francisco, was sent to the insane asylum 9th inst.; to become a blonde, she dyed her hair and lost her reason.

Lists of killed, wounded and banished Christians by Governor Crete, together with atrocities committed by Turkish troops are frightful to read.

Laborer in Red Bank, N. Y. found \$20,000 in bank notes Oct. 8th, while digging in a park. Money claimed by owners of Lincoln park.

The 10th annual California State convention of the W. C. T. U. held in Napa, Oct. 9th. A. Y. M. C. U. convention was in progress in Santa Cruz same date.

On 9th inst., Crook county had another shooting affair, with intent to kill: Jules Edmunds, fired three shots at Henry C. Newman, one taking effect in side of the neck. Caused by some domestic trouble of Edmunds. Latter arrested and in Prineville.

The Portland World: Hon. Binger Hermann is now in Eastern Oregon looking after the needs of that portion of the State. He has completed his tour of the Willamette valley.

JUDGE SAWYER rendered decision in U. S. circuit court in favor of the Dalles Military Wagon Road Company that makes all the newspapers not paid to keep still, get up and howl "First blood for the Road Companies!" Substance of the decision is: "Having constructed the road, the Company was not obliged to maintain it."

STAVEL & WALKER, the great machinery and vehicle firm of Portland, offer to send any of THE HERALD'S subscribers, free of charge, simply by writing for it, one of their tickets to their Great Prize Drawing, which takes place Oct. 26th. The lucky ticket-holders are entitled to whips, blankets, wagons, churns, seeders, drills, rakes, plows, mowers, cultivators, harness, road-carts, etc.

THE Great Trade Center, the Supply Depot of the Harney country, is Burns—not anything "temporary" about that. "Tis this fact enables her to say to her sister-town, "Thus far shalt thou" in the matter of county-seat, and next June Harney will gracefully submit to the inevitable, and tourists will visit the pretty relics of what was the "Post," what was "Lower and Upper Town" what was the "Temporary County-Seat."

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 claim the right to accept or reject any part of the whole, but not to change the writer's own signature, but non-compliance is inadmissible. We do not hold our selves responsible for the opinions advanced by writers under the above caption.

Dr. Embree's Suggestions, and My Ideas.

EDS HERALD: In last issue of THE HERALD, I noticed an article written by Dr. Embree, giving his ideas about utilizing the land which Malheur lake now occupies.

I approve of the doctor's plan, where settlers desire to use any of their rights in that way, on the barren tract of land lying east of the lake, and, in the same spirit that the doctor writes, for the good of all men, I, also offer my ideas on the subject:

Let a number of settlers, as many as can get homes on the land after it is drained, or as many more as wish to participate in the enterprise, get together and form a corporation, go and cut the channel through to the point desired.

Another point: If the settlers that take up claims along the plain east of the lake, and undertake to use the water taken from the lake through this ditch or channel, will, soon as they commence to dam the ditch to raise the water to a level with their desert claims, drive the water back on the lake settlers and compel them to do what the doctor said others would do if there came another great inundation of the lake country—flee to the "mountains to make shingles, cut posts and to make butter and cheese."

Again: I differ with the doctor in one respect, viz: As to the nature of the lakes centuries ago—Evidently this valley has been a lake. The point that I argue from is the rimrocks around the edge of the valley, which as will be observed, bear evidence of having been washed by a great body of water at one day, for, up within 8 or 10 feet of the top, the rocks are porous and crumble off in little particles when struck. Above this the rocks are smooth, hard, and bear the weather stains of years. Ragged and pointed jets project out above this line, or water mark, while below they are nicely and neatly rounded off.

No doubt when some great upheaval of the earth occurred, the waters were cut off from any outlet until some friendly earthquake jarred the earth and the water found a subterranean opening through which it could pass to the sea.

Now suppose that some day this opening should close, then I think there would be a good many retire to the hills. So prospective industrial settlers may dig their channel and be sure (?) of their homes.

DEW-U-SEA.

To say that your correspondent was pleased, does not half explain matters.

Financially the town is very prosperous, wholesale houses say that times never were better. Street cars is now a matter of the fact thing, even to the smallest child; the city will by Jan. 1, 1890, have a complete system of a Cable Car Company, and to one that never saw any thing like this before, it will be a puzzle for them to know just how the cars can run.

The railroad bridge at this place is a grand success. Train after train come and go over the river daily, much to the satisfaction of the traveling public.

All kinds of fruit and vegetables are still in the market, and are very bounteous.

Grass here is wet, as it is doing here what it did two years ago, when I left here, still raining.

This city is daily on the improve, and it is difficult to say in which way (north or south) the town is growing. Improvements are going on daily; new houses are going up; streets are being put in first class order. The City Council deserve great praise for their pains-taking efforts in making Portland a first class city.

My news for the present is about exhausted, so by merely closing this lengthy letter to you, I will subscribe myself,

"Much Ado"

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 exclamation 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.

Detroit Free Press Prize Story Competition.

Something About It, and How it Turned out.

In the early part of the year The Free Press offered three prizes, the first of \$1,600, the second of \$900 and the third of \$500, making \$3,000 in all, for the three best serial stories sent into it before May 1.

The first premium was the largest prize that had ever been offered for a serial story. The conditions were that the stories should not contain less than 60,000 words, that they might be on any subject the writer may choose to select, that the MS. must be type written, that each installment should end at a point of such interest that the reader would be anxious to see the next, and that the story should have the greatest amount of movement with the least amount of tiresome description. Two of these conditions The Free Press was obliged to modify.

It was seen even before the first MS. was received that the time given was too short in which to complete a good serial story, and so the time was extended to July 1, thus giving authors two months longer. This extension of time was made before the first MS. was received, and so was fair to all. The next condition, as to type-writing, was modified so that any story in clear script would be received.

Referring to this competition the Chicago Tribune says:

"About a year ago The Detroit Free Press offered premiums for the three best serial stories that should be sent to it before July 1, 1889. As nothing has yet been heard of the result, it is supposed that the mass of manuscript offered has smothered the judges, if not the entire Free Press establishment."

The Chicago Tribune is nearer right than it imagined, probably, when that item was penned. The \$3,000 offer of The Free Press called forth manuscripts, not only from every part of the country, but from every part of the world. Over seventy-five manuscripts came from England alone. Several stories were received from Australia, and one or two from New Zealand.

South America sent in some, but the great bulk of manuscripts came from the United States. The Judges, as the Tribune surmises, were almost smothered underneath the immense accumulation of manuscripts. It was proposed, when the large number received were counted over, that the best thing The Free Press could do was to have the judges read only the first three chapters of each story. But, on considering the matter, it was thought perhaps a story which did not appear to amount to much in the first three installments, might develop great strength as the story went on, and so every manuscript received was read through with the greatest of care from beginning to end.

The work of reading the manuscripts and judging them occupied about two months and a half. Many very good stories had to be thrown away out of the competition, because they did not comply with the rules set down.

The result of the competition has been that Maj 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 Meaneast Man in Spring County," "The McVeys," and other famous stories.

The second prize, \$900, 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 Ellridge S. Brooks, of Boston, Mass. The title of his story is "The Son of Issachar."

The great object that The Free Press had in view was to encourage writers who had hitherto been unknown, and the result of the contest has been to place in the hands of The Free Press many manuscripts of exceptional merit. The competition has more than fulfilled expectations, and there will be published during the next year, or so, not only the three prize stories, but many others, from known and unknown authors, which will more than compensate The Free Press for the large expenditure of time and money.

The Press has to congratulate itself on the successful issue of its great enterprise. It extends its congratulations to the successful authors who have won the prize, and last but not least, it congratulates its hundreds of thousands of readers in all parts of the world on the fact that they will have the pleasure of being the first to peruse the works of fiction that will doubtless be notable among the books of the century.

The first of these stories to be published will be:

"THE JUDGE,"

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 specially attractive, and the love element, though subordinate, add 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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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:

Table listing names and acreage of ranches, including J. C. Woolley (1261 bu.), Peter Clemens (1120 bu.), Jas. Copshall (800 bu.), W. F. Stenger (620 bu.), Geo. Adams (500 bu.), Geo. McGowan (175 bu.), Total (3522 bu.).

Jas. Copshall's 18 acres averaged 46 2/3 bushels to the acre. We were unable to obtain numbers of acres sowed on other places.

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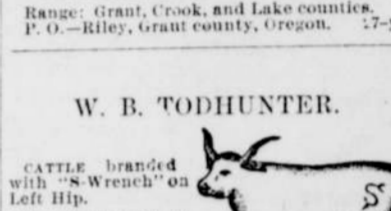
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