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### HARNEY VALLEY ITEMS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1902.

#### RECALLS EARLY HISTORY.

An Interesting Sketch of a Former Prominent Citizen of Harney County.

The following article which we take from the Weiser World was printed in the Salem Capital Journal of August 30. The article recalls an exciting time in the early history of Harney County as well as showing the characteristics of a former prominent citizen of this place and will be interesting to our readers, many of whom have never heard of the contest between the settlers and the large stock companies 14 years ago, though there are numbers here today that can too well remember the unhappy times. The article referred to is follows:

"Capt. A. W. Waters, who, with his estimable wife, of Weiser, Idaho, are visiting in the city, guests at the home of Mrs. E. E. Waters, corner of Summer and Marion streets, was once prominent in Oregon public life. It has been 18 years since Captain Waters lived in this city, and his experiences during the intervening period have been both varied and interesting.

"Capt. Waters is a brother of W. H. Waters, deceased, and the uncle of the Waters brothers of this city. He was appointed United States Marshal for Oregon under President Grant, and held the office for five years, and during a part of that time he was owner of the Salem Statesmen. His public life began, however, prior to this time, when he served two terms in the State Senate from Multnomah county. The most eventful part of the captain's life followed his leaving this city. He left here in 1884 going to the Harney Valley country. It was there that he gained some prominence in contesting the claims of the settlers against the encroaching land-grabbing cattlemen.

"When questioned about his experience in this relation, Captain Waters gave an interesting account of his dealings with the selfish cattlemen, who had acquired practically a monopoly on all of the rich and productive land in the best part of Harney valley. The stockmen had for years held control of these lands and, by misrepresentation to intending settlers, had defeated the settlement and cultivation of the country. They laid claim to the land on the strength of the assertion that it was all swamp land and non-cultivable, and insisted that they had a right to range their cattle where they pleased. In this way they appropriated the richest producing lands. Upon being made acquainted with the conditions, Captain Waters, who always did feel kindly toward the under fellow, interested himself in behalf of the settlers, and being a practical lawyer, carried their case

to the department of the interior, where after eight years of litigation, he secured for the settlers the title to some of the best lands of the value of \$200,000. The part Captain Waters took in contending for the best interests of the settlers naturally incurred the bitter hatred of the cattlemen whose interests had been harmed. It was not surprising then that the captain soon thereafter received from a mysterious organization, that styled themselves the "101," a peremptory notice to leave the country, and remain away. Captain Waters did not become at all alarmed, although the notice he received only gave him ten days to make his departure. The recipient of the note was of the opinion that a "bluffer" could be "bluffed," and he made the "bluff" in the following communication, which he had printed in the Burns Items:

"Editor Items: It seems that a number of the best citizens of Harney Valley have been notified to leave the country. I have received the following, and others I have seen are similar:

"A. W. Waters—Sir: you are hereby notified to leave this country forever within ten days, never to return. By order of 101."

"At the top of this notice is a skull and crossbones. Now Mr. Editor, through the columns of your paper, I desire to notify the "101" that I am not going to leave this country.

"Come on you 101; come on you filthy mob; come on you hire-of-monopoly; come on you fiends of hell and attempt to put in execution the orders of your superiors, but I advise you to bring along your ascension robes, for by the eternal, the unerring leaden messenger from the never failing Winchester will kiss your eyelids down, and you will quietly slumber until you awake in hell, where you belong.

"For more than three years you dirty hirelings have been on my track, but too cowardly to come to my face. The first scheme to get rid of me was to whisper me out of the country, as you call it. You sent your hirelings all over the country telling the settlers that I had sold out to the land-grabbers, hoping by this means to injure my business, and hence leave the country. Next cowardly plan was to give me a racket through the columns of an irresponsible newspaper. All of these have failed. I am now in possession of a peremptory notice to leave the country. This plan will also fail.

"When I came to this valley and began unearthing the gigantic land frauds, I knew it was at my peril but I propose to continue my work until I am foully murdered by that gang of cowards. Come before me you dirty currs, and I will spit in your face, and you will be too cowardly to resent it. I can be found at all times, and I now notify you that you need not wait the ten days, but come at once. I will give you a warm reception."

"Captain Waters says the bluff worked and he was not further disturbed by the "101." He remained in Burns and practiced law until a few months ago, when he moved to Weiser where he will locate. With Mrs. Waters he is now enjoying several months' vacation. He drove overland across the mountains to Brownsville where he left his team and came to Salem by train.

"Captain Waters says that all is now peaceful between the settlers and the stockmen in Harney county, but he says the opposition that is being offered by cattlemen to the irrigation of the Harney valley country, to which a protest is now under consideration by the state board, is being done by the stockmen for the single purpose that their extensive range may not be reduced. Captain Waters is now 64 years of age, hale and hearty, and a pleasant and agreeable gentleman to meet, and a most entertaining talker."

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### Local and General.

The Citizens Business College opens Monday.

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W. J. King, of Lawen, was up on business a couple of days this week.

Carpenters have begun the erection of C. E. Kenyon's new residence.

Our old friend M. V. Smith, of Lawen, was a pleasant caller one day this week.

Daniel Willetts is in Burns today as witness on Mart Bensen's final proof undertaking.

For Sale—Hay at \$5 per ton with good pasture and plenty of water. Enquire of Ira Stubblefield.

Cashier Carpenter of the First National Bank returned Sunday from a business trip to Ontario.

Sam Mothershead returned Monday from Portland where he went as a delegate to the Grand Lodge, K. of P.

S. S. Williams, the Ontario-Burns stage contractor, was looking after business in Burns during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mason, of Portland, are visiting in Burns the guests of Mrs. Mason's mother Mrs. Tupper.

Jorgensen is still to the front with low prices. Call and see his line of watches, clocks, jewelry, stationary, etc.

Fred Racine and Rush McCard are now proprietors of the Red Front Livery barn, having purchased the interests of Biggs & McClain.

James Reel, after a year's absence which he has spent near Prairie City arrived in Burns Tuesday and will probably winter in this section.

The striking coal miners unanimously accepted the President's arbitration board for a settlement of their differences. Work in the mines commenced Thursday.

Mrs. Sturtevant has sold her restaurant building to M. L. Lewis. We understand that Mr. Lewis contemplates putting the building in shape and opening a first-class cafe.

"Si" Ankeny writes John Robinson that he is located at Drewsey where he has opened a barber shop. He says he will stay there until Christmas, when he will return to Burns.

James Moffett and family, of Drewsey, are visiting in the city, the guests of their old time friends, G. A. Wright and wife. Mr. Moffett and family are enroute to Boise to attend the fair.—Ontario Argus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Culp are in receipt of a letter from their son, Austin, in which he states that he will winter at Culver, Crook County, and that he may continue his trip into Washington in the Spring.

H. E. Thompson and family, Mrs. C. W. McClain and Miss Lena Robertson returned Sunday from Prairie City, where they went to attend the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daly, of Drewsey.

Yesterday a freshet caused by the recent rain in the mountains, broke the dam at the flouring mill north of town, thus deriving the mill and electric light plant of power of operation for a few days. A gang of workmen with teams are engaged in fixing up the break.

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WOOD.—Good Juniper wood for sale in any quantity. Prices going up. Call on W. E. Huston in the Drkheimer building.

J. L. Sitz, of Lawen, was in Burns Monday enroute to Mayville, Gilliam county, with a bunch of 213 head of cattle which he and C. T. Miller had sold to D. W. Ralston. They will be feed in Gilliam county and placed on the early spring market.

The city council has passed an ordinance making it a \$100 fine for selling or giving whiskey to Indians, half of the fine to be paid to the prosecuting witness. This is a very commendable action on the part of our city fathers and the good results are already noticeable.

Mart Bensen returned the first of the week from Prairie City, where he went so on weeks ago after fruit. He had the misfortune while at Prairie to have his right leg broken at the knee caused by a wild horse which he was trying to catch in a corral. He is able to be out on the street.

G. W. Emboden returned from Grant and Harney counties last week, where he went on a hunt for the famous Blue Bucket mines. He reports having found what he believes to be the identical spot, but says a slide in the mountain had covered the ground to a depth of several hundred feet.—Ukiah Sentinel

Mrs. Zuercher and son, G. Zuercher, took their departure Wednesday morning for their home near Portland. Mrs. Zuercher took her little grandson with her, and will be followed by her daughter-in-law Mrs. Lulu Zuercher as soon as she is able to travel. The latter is still confined at the home of her father, W. J. Coleman, where she is slowly recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. J. E. Ragon, an old time resident of this city, arrived here Friday evening from Smith River, where he had been spending a month with his daughter, Mrs. Robt. Ashworth and family. Mr. Ragon has spent the past 13 years in Harney county, yet is meeting many old friends here. He will remain here for an indefinite time with his daughter Mrs. J. B. Cawfield.—Roseburg Review.

A. R. Green, the special agent of the Secretary of the Interior, returned yesterday from the Anderson valley neighborhood where he has been several days examining the government land recently taken in that section under the Carey act. He has also been looking over the tracts in this part. The Department seems determined to look after the remaining domain especially where it is trying to be gobbled in large tracts as the land steal being attempted not far from Burns.

#### Canyon City Eagle.

Mrs. Mary Scarff and Mrs. S. L. Bowen came over from Burns Saturday enroute to Baker City.

Fred Haines, the merchant and postmaster at Harney, Harney county, who had come over to this section after fruit, started home Monday. Mr. Haines was accompanied by a number of his neighbors who was over on the same mission.

An agreement has been filed with the county clerk of Grant county wherein J. C. Wooley, of Granite, leases to Sol. Camp, with the privilege of buying at \$8000 before September 1, 1903, the Fourth of July and Fourth of July No. 2 and Yellow Girl quartz claims in the Greenhorn district.

H. E. Thompson, of Burns, accompanied by his wife and two children, Miss Lena Robertson and Mrs. C. W. McClain arrived in town last Friday evening from Burns on their way to Prairie City to attend the funeral of the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daly, of Drewsey. When coming down the grade to Canyon creek the team Mr. Thompson was driving ran away, throwing the occupants out of the rig. None of the party receiving injuries but Mrs. McClain, who was severely bruised.

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