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## NEED WATER ONLY

### Harney and Malheur Counties Cry for Irrigation.

Judge William Miller, District Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District of Oregon, is here from Ontario, and is registered at the Imperial, says the Oregonian of the 17th inst. He has been a resident for the past 21 years of Eastern Oregon, and expresses an unlimited amount of confidence in the resources of the southeastern portion of the State.

In an interview yesterday he stated that the prospects are good for the Government's early aid in solving the irrigation problem in Harney and Malheur counties. For the past two weeks a corps of engineers in charge of Engineer Newell have been operating at the head of the Malheur River to determine the practicability of establishing a vast storage reservoir system to hold the high waters of spring in check for use in the dry season.

"According to preliminary surveys that have been made by competent engineers," said Mr. Miller, "it is evident that the head waters of the north fork of the Malheur River can be drained into Silvies Valley in Harney County. This valley is about 18 miles long and will average about five miles in width. It is so level that a moderate sized dam at its lower end will make a lake of its entire area.

"In the dry season the early spring water which could be stored in it would be serviceable in irrigating the large amount of lands bordering the lower part of Silvies River, and passing later from these lands it would be collected in Malheur Lake and pass from that into the south fork of the Malheur River for use in the fertile valleys through which it passes.

"Mr. Whistler, one of the engineers who made the preliminary survey, says that the project is entirely practical. If the men who are representing the Government there now arrive at the same conclusion it is probable that the thing will materialize at no distant time, and if it does it will benefit that portion of the State more than any one unfamiliar with the conditions there can realize."

The Judge said further that it would be practical to form a series of reservoirs through the Malheur Canyon, but as the expense would be great they could only be made by national aid. An excellent site for one these is at the Harper ranch, which embodies a valley seven miles long and two or three miles wide. When the snow melts in the early spring an enormous amount of water flows away from the higher mountains, and if but a part of this could be retained till summer a vast amount of land now overgrown with sagebrush could be utilized.

Bordering the lower Malheur are thousands of acres of rich soil that is uncultivated, but which could be made to produce from six to ten tons of alfalfa annually if it could be irrigated twice or three times during the season. This soil is formed largely from decomposed lava enriched by vegetable matter, and combines all the chemical elements necessary to plant life.

Mr. Miller estimates that 40 acres of that land well watered can be made to produce a good living for any family. There is an abundance of this land yet unclaimed. On the uplands and tablelands of the Malheur River, Bully Creek, Willow Creek, Owyhee River, and Snake River are miles and miles of it awaiting the life-giving element

of water and the hand of man to convert it into landscapes of beautiful homes.

The desert appearance of this land often misleads the stranger into the conviction that it is of but little value. But the localities where irrigation is carried on give an undeniable evidence of what it may produce. Fruits and vegetables raised on the Malheur River have on several occasions won the first prizes at State fairs, though the profits on hay are generally so much greater than on other products that but little exportation of the latter has yet been made.

Malheur and Harney Counties are almost identical in their interests. Each has exceptionally good agricultural and stock-raising resources, though the development of the former industry in each is yet in its infancy. In earlier times the large cattle companies, such as the Lux & Miller Company, had unlimited access to the range, but of late years settlers have been crowding them to the wall. There is a gradual change taking place and advanced civilization is succeeding frontier life.

With the decline of the cowboy period the rest of the State is beginning to realize that Southeastern Oregon has other resources distinct and separate from that of cattle-raising. And even now there are but few who really know what a promising country it is.

"Ah," said Mr. Miller, nodding his head emphatically, "that country is an empire of hidden wealth. What it needs is advertising to bring in the men of industry. It needs, too, as I have said, to have the irrigation capacity enlarged, and it needs a railroad to bring it and its products in direct contact with the outside world. It will take time to accomplish all this, but the wealth is there awaiting to be captured by the people who are willing to seek it.

"Its one great disadvantage has been its lack of transportation facilities. There has yet been no use of producing anything beyond that which is needed for local consumption, with the exception of livestock, for it could not be disposed of. Not until the road now partly constructed up the Malheur River is completed and in operation, will that part of Oregon be fully appreciated by the rest of the State.

### Stomach Trouble.

"I have been troubled with my stomach for the past four years," says D. L. Beach, of Clover Nook Farm, Greenfield, Mass. "A few days ago I was induced to buy a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I have taken part of them and feel a great deal better." If you have any trouble with your stomach try a box of these Tablets. You are certain to be pleased with the result. Price 25 cents. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

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## OREGON NEWS

### Items of Interest Gathered From Different Parts of the State.

About 650,000 pounds of wool was sold at Shaniko last week at prices varying from 12 to 14 cents.

Robert E. Pointer, a well-to-do rancher, residing three miles north of Baker City, has been missing since May 29, and it is feared that he has been murdered.

C. B. Corder, manager of the American Sheep-Shearing Company's plant, 11 miles east of Baker City, was caught in the flywheel of the gasoline engine last Saturday morning instantly killed.

The annual state encampment of the G. A. R. will be held in Portland from June 24 to 26 inclusive. Following on June 27 will be held the second annual reunion of the survivors of the First Oregon Cavalry and the First Oregon Infantry, U. S. Volunteers.

Oregon for the first time in the history of the state has a woman on the Board of Pharmacy. The woman to receive this honor is Miss Kittie Harbord, of Salem, who was appointed on the board last week by the governor. She is a native of this state and is about 27 years old.

Oregon spends for the education of its children, \$12 a year per capita; Colorado, \$11; Illinois, \$11; California, \$10; while Kentucky expends only \$3.32; South Carolina, \$1.39; Mississippi, \$2.06. The northern states, on the average, expend nearly five times as much for education, without counting the universities, as the southern states.

An Ontario dispatch to the Oregonian of the 12th says: The hay harvest in this section is just beginning. In some instances the first crop has improved and the rancher will reap nearly three-fourths of a crop, while in other cases the first crop will fall below half. Some of the ranchers have already sold their entire crop for \$6.50 per ton.

The jury in the United States court at Portland Wednesday last week awarded Miss Birdie N. McCarthy, a school teacher of Wayne, Mich., \$22,500 in her breach of promise suit against James Herford, a wealthy stockman of Lake County. Judge Bellinger stated that he considered the verdict excessive and that he would set it aside. Miss McCarthy sued for \$70,000.

The grand lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Oregon, elected the following officers at the session held in Portland last Wednesday: S. M. Yoran, Eugene, grand master; Thos. Gray, Portland, deputy grand master; W. H. Flanagan, Grant's Pass, grand senior warden; W. T. Williamson, Salem, grand junior warden; Henry Rose, Portland, grand treasurer; Jas. Robinson, Eugene, grand secretary.

The trial of A. C. Palmer, charged with impersonating a Government officer, ended in the United States Circuit Court in Portland last Thursday afternoon, when the jury announced it was unable to agree, and was discharged. Palmer was formerly United States Commissioner at Prineville, having been appointed on October 3, 1898, for a period of four years. He continued to act in that capacity for several months after the expiration of his term on October 3, 1902, and executed a large number of home-stead and timber filings and proof.

### A Long Horse-Back Ride.

Duncan MacRea, one of our most substantial stockmen from the Riverside country, passed through town Monday returning from Ontario where he had been delivering horses. Mr. MacRea received \$60 per head for a car load of broke horses, and also delivered a band of unbroke horses for some of his neighbors for which \$25 per head was received. From Mr. MacRea's ranch to the railroad is more than one hundred miles, yet his thirteen year old daughter, Bessie MacRea, and a neighbor girl of about the same age, Miss Bessie Miller, rode horse-back the entire trip and assisted in driving the herd. These bright young ladies made the Gazette office a call Monday morning and in conversation about the trip stated that they enjoyed their long ride very much and were not tired in the least. A drive of about forty miles was made each day, and from the ranch to the railroad the public roads were not traveled to exceed three miles, the entire distance being made across the hills and range country.—Vale Gazette.

### Program for Celebration.

Burns will have a three days' celebration Fourth of July week as follows:

July 2.—Two one-quarter mile vaquero races, purse \$50 each, and a special one-quarter mile race free for all Harney county horses, purse \$100.

July 3.—Track meet and basket ball game (girls). Band boys grand ball in the evening.

July 4.—At ten o'clock parade followed by literary program at Floral Hall.

Selection, Burns Band.

Reading of Declaration, Mrs. A. J. Irwin.

Song, Columbia Quartet.

Bits of Humor, Mr. Meade.

Song, Columbia Quartet.

Oration, Hon. A. C. Finn.

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### Lodge Directory.

BURNS LODGE NO. 70, K. of P. Meets every Thursday night. F. M. Jordan, C. C. S. Mothershead, K. of R. S.

BURNS CHAPTER, NO. 49, O. E. S. Meets second and fourth Monday of each month in Masonic hall, Voegtly building. Mrs. Maggie Levens, W. M. Mrs. Eanice Thompson, Sec.

BURNS LODGE, NO. 97, A. F. & A. M. Meets Saturday on or before full moon. Qualified brothers fraternally invited. O. E. Kenyon, W. M. F. S. Rieder, Secy.

BURNS LODGE, NO. 93, A. O. U. W. Meets at Brown hall every Friday evening. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. Thos. Sagors, W. M. Chas. N. Cochrane, Recorder.

HARNEY LODGE, NO. 77, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday evening, Brown's hall. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. Frank O. Jackson, N. G. C. G. Smith, Secretary.

TULE CIRCLE, NO. 165, WOMEN OF Woodcraft. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Brown's hall. Mrs. Tillie Jordan, Mrs. Ione Whiting, Guardian. Clerk.

### Church Announcements.

Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

Services at Christian Science Hall, corner east of the Bank, every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Service Wednesday evenings at 8. Everybody is invited to attend these services.

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BIGGS & BIGGS, J. W. Biggs, Dalton Biggs, Attorneys-at-Law, BURNS, OREGON. Office in Bank building.

WILLIAMS & FITZGERALD, Thornton Williams, M. Fitzgerald, Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public. Law, Notarial, and Real Estate Practice. Burns, Oregon. Office in Masonic building.

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