

THE WASCO NEWS.

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The North Bank Bulletin, the first number of which appeared last Thursday, is published at Cliffs, Washington, by the well known journalist, T. J. Boyd. The issue is a live, newsy sheet, with a neat typographical appearance.

The name of O. S. Shepherd now appears at the head of the Dufur Dispatch. In our opinion this assures continued and greater success to the Dispatch. Mr. Shepherd is a good printer and an interesting writer. For a number of years he has successfully published the Tygh Valley Bee.

Hereafter the News is going to have more to say about Wasco and the things that are being done, and should, in the future, be done here. It has always been the policy of this sheet to mind local business and say very little about the big questions of local politics. We wish to give our attention rather to civic improvement, upbuilding homes and the development of our local community, leaving the larger questions for bigger men. Nothing furnishes a more pitiable example of conceit than for a small country newspaper to be harping upon questions of little local importance and about men who never see or read the publication.

A few merchants—we are thankful to say very few—in Sherman county, are suffering from hard times contracted by the absent treatment system. If a merchant will crawl back into his shell and cease to make any effort to secure business simply because he reads in the paper that we are having a panic he is getting only his just deserts when his trade falls away and his customers leave him to make their purchases with some more energetic business man. There is no excuse for slack business here. Visit the stores that are advertising their goods and see the rush and bustle that is continually in progress. That a man advertises is proof that: first, he has the goods, and second, that he values the public patronage and wants to sell to you.

Questions of politics are questions of great, maybe first importance. But it should be remembered that there are other questions also which demand our attention and care. Men who have hopes to build or maintain do not wish to be robbed and cheated by extravagant, foolish or unjust legislation, but, as Poor Richard expressed it more than one hundred years ago, the truth is it would be thought a hard government that would tax its people one tenth part of their time to be employed in their service, yet idleness taxes many of us much more. How much more than is necessary do we spend in sleep, forgetting that the sleeping fox catches no poultry and that there will be sleeping enough in the grave.

No more pleasing sight can be imagined than a neat, home-like farmhouse surrounded by a grove of well kept shade trees. Then plant trees on your place, plant more trees if you already have a few. They will add to the value of your place, by adding to its appearance and saleability; but more important than that, they will add to your own comfort and satisfaction. As they grow older you will look with satisfaction and pride upon this righteous labor of your hands, and at last when old age has claimed you from active work an indelible sense of satisfaction and contentment will give you rest in your last days because of the labor put forth to make yourself a comfortable home. Build for yourself and family a home. It beats life insurance or money in the bank ten to one.

The Oregonian having released its leadership of the Republican party in Oregon and become an independent organ it is reasonable to suppose that the new leader will be an Eastern Oregon sheet. Tall Timothy has the republican daily on this side of the mountains; but there is Addison Bennett who publishes two papers, either one of which, he is sure, skins any daily published, and there is Frank Davey, out in Harney, who always has something to say on politics.

Covering the whole broad field of agriculture, we find the products the field, the orchard, the garden, the dairy and the ranch, and we recognize that in this category we have embraced the greater part of all that makes the world prosperous, comfortable and contented. Business in its broadest sense comprehends production and commercialism. Production is indispensable in commercialism, which is an incident and convenience to production. Without production the whole world stands still, hesitates and recedes. Commercialism languishes and hesitates as the production is small or great. Laws are passed to encourage the manufacturer and financier. Volumes are published daily about the vastness of our financial and manufacturing transactions but the sum total of agricultural productions, brought forth with less display and less sounding of trumpets, overwhelms all other industries and is the indispensable basis for the sustenance of financial and manufacturing prosperity.—Optimist.

Portland Correspondence.

The Oregon apple has captured the Orient and Russia. Yadrjoglou Bros. of Vladivostok, after making a display in one of the principal show windows of the city, removed the display and after it was crowned and surrounded with American and Russian flags it was photographed, and it is to be reproduced in colors for international advertising. Thus the glory of the Oregon apple goes around the world. The display was unusual because most of the boxes were shown ready for ocean shipment, each incased in burlap. Varieties of apples included the Winter Banana, Ortley, Hyde's King, and Arkansas Black.

October and November statistics for wheat and flour shipments from Portland-Puget Sound ports are particularly interesting as showing the immense resources being converted into actual cash in Oregon and Washington. 7,434,691 bushels of wheat and 640,012 barrels of flour are the exact figures, yet it must be remembered that the crop is only just getting under way in earnest.

"Profitable Advertising," published at Boston and one of the leading journals of its character in the United States, reproduces the letterhead of the Oregon Development League in its December number, and prints an exhaustive letter from the secretary telling of the league's methods and accomplishments. Oregon is nationally known for her development work.

President E. T. Judd, of the Oregon State Dairy association, becomes more enthusiastic as the convention approaches, and says that the 12th of December will see a splendid lot of dairy products entered for award. The committee in charge of arrangements is already in receipt of several cheeses from Tillamook and the next boat will bring a very complete line for display. Delegates are being named by the various commercial bodies in every mail.

The meeting of Oregon business men at the Portland Commercial club on the 1st, followed by the announcement of Gov. Chamberlain that the present holidays would be discontinued after the 14th, have been the most discussed events of the week. That the representatives from forty communities should unanimously unite in resolutions forcefully expressing confidence in the outlook and financial strength of the entire state is in itself indicative of constantly bettering conditions.

TO BUILD PLANT

And Supply Sherman County With Electric Power

Such a Report Has Spread and If It Is Correct Will Mean Untold Wealth for All Territory Adjacent to Site of Proposed Plant.

Is the report true that Wasco is soon to have electric lights? According to a news item printed in the Dalles Chronicle last week it is. This item says in brief that a number of Portland capitalists, with George Jacobs at their head, have purchased a water power site on the Deschutes at a place known as Rohr Villa and will furnish Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley with electric light and power.

Mr. G. L. Rohr was interviewed by a correspondent of The News as to the truth of the statement. Mr. Rohr verified the report by saying that he had made the sale as stated and received part of his payment in cash and taken a mortgage on the deeded property to cover the balance. It would seem from this that the Portland capitalists mean business. They evidently intend to establish their plant at Rohr Villa if a more suitable site is not secured. But they have given a mortgage on their purchase, thus avoiding the necessity of paying the full price in cash should they decide to build elsewhere or give up the scheme entirely. We can see no special reason for either. The advantages offered for a power plant at Rohr Villa—the old Harris place—are not as great as those west of Grass Valley nor the falls, one and one-half miles below the free bridge, but the power at the villa is sufficient and it has the advantage of occupying a central position in the county. From this point lines can be run to Wasco, Grass Valley and Moro with the greatest ease.

Such an undertaking, if culminated, will mark an epoch in the development of this county. The farmers, the millers, the manufacturers of every description will be supplied with cheap power at their door. Our million bushels of wheat can then be manufactured into

flour at home as cheaply as elsewhere. Thousands of pounds of wool pass annually through Wasco to be manufactured into cloth by more expensive power than could then be had here. Industries which are now thought impossible to be carried on here would spring up and be carried on at a great profit.

BUTTER CREEK STOCK FEEDING

Big Cattle People Have Many Stock Wintering on the Creek.

Rock Creek, Or., Dec. 9.—Every indication goes to prove that this winter will favor the stock and grazing fraternity throughout Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties. All that section lying between the Deschutes and the Umatilla river has been favored with the finest kind of weather for stock feeding and grazing. While the early fall winter months were unusually dry, the frequent rains of the past few weeks have served to start the grass and range stock is now in fine condition. There are thousands of cattle and sheep feeding for the market all through this section.

Frye-Bruhn & Co. of Seattle head the list, as they are feeding 5,000 head of beef cattle on Butter creek and it is understood the following parties are feeding for the same firm: J. Bowman has 700 head; McCarty Bros. 200; Oscar Thompson 280; A. Thompson 600.

Frank Lacey of Portland is feeding 500 head of beef cattle on the Thompson ranch on Butter creek, while Stanford Bros. are feeding 700 head of beef cattle and 200 mutton sheep. M. Buchanan is feeding 100 head, while Mr. Saylor has 700 head of beef cattle feeding in the same locality. And it is estimated there is 1,000 head of stock cattle on Butter creek besides the beef. It is needless to state that there is no feed for sale in this locality. Frye-Bruhn & Co. alone have 2,500 tons of alfalfa; Oscar Thompson, 1,200 tons, and the rest in proportion. There is plenty of feed throughout this section of eastern Oregon, but very little for sale. The sheepgrowers bought most all of the hay on Rock creek and Willow creek. Smythe & Sons and William Smith, the Gilliam county sheep kings, bought the entire crops of Albert Miller, W. Head and Wilbur France on Rock creek, about 700

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tons of hay in all. The Arlington Investment company is wintering about 1,000 head of cattle in Gilliam and Sherman counties, and the company has bought the entire alfalfa crop of A. A. Carothers on Rock creek. With plenty of green grass on the ranges, and plenty of feed for most any kind of a winter the stockmen of eastern Oregon are resting easy these days.—Journal.

"80 chances to win—you can't lose" is the slogan of the Portland Commercial club in its final work connected with the \$5,000 prize contest closing Dec. 31st. People in general seem engrossed with the financial conditions, and their neglect makes the chances of those who do compete even more pronounced.

In return for this the surety company is relieved from future liability on its bond of \$550,000 held to secure State Treasurer Steel, though the bond stands good for past acts and as security for the payment of all sums now due and mentioned in the agreement. The surety company receives also the securities given by the Title Guarantee & Trust company to secure the state's deposits in the bank.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership hitherto existing between William Macnab and Alex Macnab, doing business as Macnab & Macnab, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Dated this 29th day of October, 1907.

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