

**LARGEST RANCHES  
IN THE WORLD.**

**They are Found in Harney Co.,  
Single and Combination.**

A correspondent at Burns writes interestingly of the immense ranches in Harney county. He says: Harney county contains the largest and greatest ranches in the world. She has the largest single and the largest combination of ranches in the world. This is a broad statement, but it is true. The Pacific Livestock Company's combination of ranches is the greatest in the world, and the French-Glenn ranch is the largest single ranch in the world. Then there are the Sisson, Divine, Riley, Shirk, Island and a dozen others that are as large as some of the largest counties in eastern states. Miller & Lux are the owners of the Pacific Livestock system of ranches. Their White Horse ranch is the central point for gathering stock, and sorting them out and shipping, and is probably the largest of their system. It is 130 miles from Burns in the southeastern corner of Harney county. It contains 30,000 acres. Twenty-five hundred acres of this is in a rich valley, a natural meadow, irrigated by natural streams. This meadow is fenced to itself and the hay is cut from it annually. About 200 acres of it produces alfalfa and from this ranch alone 400 to 500 tons of hay is cut annually. This company employs a large number of men on its various ranches and it has a system governing its work as stringent and perfect as that of a well-regulated railroad company. There are general managers and assistant general managers, and local managers and assistants, and foremen of different departments, and subs and so on, down to the common hay-pitcher and dish-washer. All of the improvements on these ranches are the costliest and the best, and every individual ranch is a little government within itself. The possessions of lords of olden times with their manors were not more carefully managed than are these ranches, and the foremen and workmen are not less obedient to their duty. When the head superintendent comes there is awe among the underlings for fear that everything will not please, and when the owner comes it is like the coming of a King, indeed.

On the White Horse ranch the superintendents and foremen ride and drive white horses, the typical horses of the ranch.

The principal grasses grown on these ranches are wild redtop and clover, as is grown all over the natural meadows of the county, but there are other varieties just as good intermingled with them.

On these ranches, two of them in particular, the White Horse and French-Glenn, deer that were formerly wild—and elk on the French-Glenn ranch—have become tame and roam at will among the stock, and among the hay-makers in hay-mowing season. They come up like cattle among the men. As the long list of mowers drawn by teams cut the hay down in rows, these deer and elk caper back and forth and smell the new-mowed hay and follow the men for a caress. This has been brought about by a rule of the ranches that prohibits the discharge of firearms on the grounds and makes it a heavy penalty to kill or maim any of the wild or domesticated animals on the lands.

The French-Glenn company's ranch, known as the "P" ranch, the largest single ranch in the world, contains more than 120,000 acres under fence. It is 70 miles south from Burns at the base of Steins' mountain in P Ranch valley. One string of fence alone is 80 miles long, barring a gap of six or eight miles. The

Dunder and Blitzen river runs through this ranch. There are 25,000 to 30,000 head of cattle on this ranch, and about 2000 horses and mules. Eight thousand to 10,000 tons of hay are cut annually on this ranch. It is an empire within itself—fine buildings, fish streams, broad meadows, groves of timber, fruit trees, natural parks, deer and elk and everything that is wild and grand. Probably 50 men are employed on this ranch. The shipping points are Ontario, Huntington and Winnemucca.

The Divine ranch, another of the great ranches of the county, was recently covered in the Oregonian by an interview with John S. Divine, the owner. This ranch is situated at the southeast base of Steins' mountain, at a point known as Alvord. It was the temporary camp of soldiers in early days. There are 17 elk on this ranch kept to themselves on a 50-acre tract of ground enclosed with smooth-wire fence. Large herds of deer also roam this ranch unmolested.

The Riley ranch, 30 miles southwest from Burns, contains 12,000 to 15,000 acres, and stock and improvements in proportion.

The Shirk ranch in Catlow valley contains 5000 to 6000 acres and is noted for being one of the prettiest ranches in the county. It is 100 miles from Burns.

The Sisson ranch lies along the southern boundary line of the county and state and contains about 12,000 acres of deeded lands. It is in Trout Creek valley. There are 4000 to 5000 head of high-grade cattle on this ranch.

There are hundreds of other ranches on a smaller scale in this county that would be regarded as wonderful outside of Harney county and eastern Oregon, but when they get below the thousands of acres here they are regarded as lacking in interest.

**Van Anda Sold Under Execution.**

Attorney P. J. Bannon, formerly of Portland, now has practical control of the Van Anda property, on Olive creek. At the execution sale, held in Canyon City Saturday, he bid in the property for \$700, in the interest of the judgment creditors. As only four of the six claims constituting the Van Anda group were levied upon, however, the deficit judgment, amounting to some \$400 more, will have to be met by the sale of the remaining two claims. William Turner, one of the original owners of the Van Anda, has hopes of raising the money necessary to redeem the property before the time of redemption expires. It is understood that he will also take up the building improvements, which were some time ago sold as personal property on execution issued out of Justice Brown's court. The Van Anda was at one time ranked as a valuable property, and this it may be yet. Mismanagement is the cause of its present unenviable predicament. About \$1200 worth of development work has been done on the property, and about \$1000 has been spent on buildings. It is located on Quebec mountain, on Olive creek, and is surrounded by a number of promising properties.—Press dispatch from Granite.

**Statistics on Silver.**

The total value of silver exported during the calendar year was \$34,352,656, of which \$48,010,718 was the value of domestic, and \$5,877,036 the value of foreign material. The value of domestic silver bars manufactured in the United States government institutions was \$211,000, of which \$176,711 went to Mexico; \$18,300 to England, and \$16,070 to Ontario and Quebec. Other silver bars of domestic origin, amounting to \$47,364,804, were exported, of which \$42,410,150 went to Great Britain, \$1,905,100 to Hong Kong, \$1,208,122 to France, \$932,606 to Mexico, \$419,400 to British India, and \$300,758 to China.—Director of the Mint's report of October 24, '99.

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