

without regard to where railroads build. In speaking of railroads, two or three are headed in that direction, but as to their routes and destinations, no definite information is to be had. Everybody is speculating on the interesting subject. There will be a good town over there somewhere; the railroads, of course, having much to do with where and how good it shall be. All things being equal, owing to its advantageous location with reference to both farming and mining interests, Prairie City will take the lead. If a road ever runs up the valley from Canyon to Prairie and crosses the range through the pass on beyond Warm Springs, the town that is backed by the most enterprising men, those who push it the most persistently and advertise its advantages most widely, will be the metropolis of John Day valley.

Chased by a Tramp.

Two society belles of McEwen were recently chased by a tramp. May and Josephine strolled down the railroad track the other evening to a neighboring farm house for a pail of milk. A hungry tramp, who was resting in a fence corner near by, concluding that a drink of warm, sweet milk would satisfy his cravings as well as anything, made for the young ladies on their home trip. They, not knowing his desires, fled in consternation, closely pursued by the determined tramp. Grasping each other's hands and gathering up their skirts, the affrighted beauties lost no time on the home run. Only the high places on every third tie were touched. The bucket of milk was the only hope for the tramp's supper and he too strained every nerve in the hot chase. On they went in the twilight. The lost hats of the ladies were not to be considered in a case of life or death. No locomotive ever made better time on the Sumpter Valley railway than did May and Josephine. "Drop the milk," the tramp finally yelled, and no sooner said than the bucket might have been seen going over the embankment. The fellow stopped to gather up his supper and the ladies soon after fell into the open door of their home, trembling from head to foot.

Town Council Proceedings.

At the meeting of the council Saturday evening a communication was read from the city engineer, giving an estimate of the cost of grading and graveling Center street from Granite to the rail road track, at \$625. The town officials handed in their monthly reports, except the recorder,

who was given until Monday to present his to the finance committee. An ordinance defining misdemeanors and prescribing penalties therefor, was passed. The health ordinance was laid over for one week. The salary of pound master was reduced to \$10 a month, and that of attorney to \$25 a month. Mayor Gleason was granted a leave of absence for sixty days.

Ten Stamps for Brazos.

B. F. McLain has finished the plans and specifications, which were accepted, for a ten stamp mill to be erected at the Brazos mine, situated one and a half miles north of Pleasant Valley station, on the O. R. & N. road, a few miles east of Baker City. The lumber has all been ordered and will be on the ground this week and the mill rushed to an early completion.

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