

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Geo. Gates and family are expected here the last of the week.

Ira Reed and wife, of the Basin, were in town shopping Tuesday.

Melvin Roberts, of Ritter, was in town Tuesday with Frank Moore.

Fred Hale has a crew at work on the road grading around Foster's hill.

R. R. Stafford visited his son here last week, returning to Pendleton Saturday.

Joe Carl, from up-river, was in Spray last week delivering fruit and eggs to the hotel.

Sam Berry, of Richmond, stopped at the hotel over night, and left yesterday for Winlock.

W. E. Smith and Chas. Underwood, two cattle men from Condon, were registered at the hotel Monday.

M. Ramey, wife and mother, of Fossil, drove into Spray Tuesday, doing business with Baxter & Osborn.

Irv Wilkes, of Pendleton, was here visiting his parents last week. His sister, Leonora, returned with him to the "round-up" city.

R. E. Wright and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Irv Wilson and daughter passed through Spray Tuesday enroute for Fossil. They returned the same day.

Tom Mote and Clarence Robinson, of Kahler Basin, this week purchased two young Durham bulls from R. E. Wright. They were this year's calves; price, \$40 each.

Less Donovan has had a gang of carpenters at work raising the roof of his house and adding an additional story to his residence. As the family grows so must the house.

Ferd Hunt has been hauling lumber for the past two weeks for use on his new house. When completed it will be one of the finest residences in this section of the county.

Fred Waters went out to his sheep camp this week, returning with his camp-tender and pack animals. Fred said he was so busy looking after his men that he could not find time to get well acquainted with his family.

Little Marvel Chapman, of near Richmond, wandered from home Tuesday night and became lost. The entire neighborhood turned out, and after a three-hours' search found the little tot, apparently uninjured and unafraid.

Of all jewels the Opal is considered the most unlucky. But one would naturally surmise, from the crowded appearance of the hotel veranda, that the young men around here did not hesitate to fight for the possession of one Opal.

Alex Johnson and Thos. Jones, of Fossil, drove into town Tuesday in a new 1916 model, 40-horse power Studebaker, which they sold to Less Donovan, of Haystack, for \$1015. Oscar Hale drove the party back to Fossil, returning with the machine yesterday.

B. M. Shown bought a car from Bill Peters last week. The steam chest, mud drum or something or other busted; machine in shop; payment on check stopped; arrest for skulduggery threatened; Bill Peters bound for perdition or some other torrid climate, Tableau.

Bob Carsner says this is nothing but a world of trials and tribulations. Returning from Fossil Tuesday the belying pin in the exhaust pipe broke in three pieces on his arrival at Camp creek. Orloff Stafford hove in sight and helped him patch up, and then the engine would not turn over. After exhausting all the cuss words in his vocabulary he got aboard Stafford's car to go to Spray for a dictionary to stock up on a few more words.

After traveling a few miles the jug containing the gasoline(?) slipped overboard, struck a stone, and the story is almost ended. They finished the journey on gas and wind furnished by "Dad" Shown and Johnnie Spray. Bob left yesterday with a wrecking crew to bring his car into Spray.

## JOHN DAY VALLEY,

Good Roads to the Columbia.

EDITOR COURIER:

I have read with much interest and pleasure the articles which have appeared in your recent issues in regard to the inauguration of a good roads movement in the counties of Central Oregon.

This growing demand for better highways has spread throughout many of the counties, a few in the central part of the state excepted, and wherever it has been systematically carried out the common expression is "They should have started the movement ten years earlier."

In every county which has endorsed the good roads idea, the movement has been fought by taxpayers who honestly thought that the expense of constructing permanent highways would bankrupt their county. But the movement has won friends wherever it has been tried, and many who fought the good roads movement in the beginning are now the leading advocates of good roads.

The present handicap of Central Oregon, and especially the John Day river section, is the lack of good roads; and this is the reason why the country is undeveloped. Good roads develop a country, and Central Oregon will not develop until it builds roads.

The counties that have invested in permanent roads have been surprised by the results. Increased values of property, cheaper transportation, and the saving of time required in traveling, have won many to boost for better roads that were at first opposed to the movement.

The John Day river is the natural water-grade pass for a highway from Portland to Boise City. It is 120 miles shorter than the route via Pendleton and Baker, and the country abounds in natural road building material. The building of this highway would open up a large area of very rich, but undeveloped country, and would be the main traveled road from Portland through Central Oregon; or to Boise or to points farther east. Aside from the great advantage to stockmen, farmers and business men, this road would present scenic attractions for tourists that are unsurpassed.

With such a highway Central Oregon would take on new life, industries would be developed that are now impossible.

With a water grade from the headwaters of the John Day to Portland, and an open river, our industrial products could be marketed. Under our present isolated condition there is no market for our products when the local demand is supplied.

The construction of this road, over which heavy tonnage could be handled, would be almost equal to a railroad for Central Oregon, and would do more to interest the railroad people in this country than anything else. And this highway can be had if the people want it. All that is needed is to get the people to see what it will do for them, and the press has never advocated a measure which is so worthy of attention as is the great movement for better roads.

If the press of Central Oregon can present this much-needed improvement to the public in its proper light, the John Day highway will be built, and will be a lasting tribute to the editors who were the pioneers in advocating its construction.

A COURIER READER.

W. F. Richards, of Waterman, was registered at the hotel yesterday.

O. A. Stafford left out Tuesday bound for Condon, with R. D. Price and John Spray as passengers. Mr. Price going to attend the bedside of his brother, who was taken out in the Straube car in a very critical condition. If there is a possible chance for success an operation will

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION ISOLATED TRACT.

Public Land Sale—Department of the Interior.

U. S. Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon, Sept. 14th 1915.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Mintie Heymer, of Monument, Oregon, Serial No. 014989, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.50 per acre, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 11th day of November, 1915, next, at this office, the following tract of land: N 1/2 sec. 24, T. 8 S., R. 28 E., W. 1/2.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

F. C. Bramwell, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore. Aug. 19, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that George Smith, of Monument, Oregon, who on Nov. 9th, 1908, made Homestead Entry No. 02263, for W 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and on June 3, 1914, made additional Homestead Entry No. 013419, for SW 1/4 NW 1/4, all in Sec. 13 T. 8 S., R. 27 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above-described, before C. C. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 1st day of Nov., 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: I. N. Harrison, Clara E. Harrison, Samuel V. Cochran and James M. Hay all of Monument, Oregon. F. C. Bramwell, Register. 9-2-10-28

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