

PROMINENT PEOPLE OF MORROW COUNTY

Facts Forced From Familiar Faces

By E. G. H.

Well has it been said that civilization had its rise in the domestication of animals. One of the first animals to be domesticated was the sheep. Those things which man needs are found pretty well distributed and such is the case of sheep. Sheep have been known to man from time immemorial.

The ancients worshipped them as their God and the story of Jason and his quest for the Golden Fleece is known to every child in the land. In Egypt a breed known as the Ovis Laticauda is raised mainly for the fat which is obtained from its tail, it weighing from seventy to eighty pounds. They are found wild in all parts of Asia and resemble our breed, the Rocky Mountain sheep, or Bighorn. In the time of Christ wealth was computed in sheep. To be the owner of a flock of sheep was to be considered wealthy and the sure road to position was to own sheep. In England the Cheviot, Southdown and Cotswold have been domesticated and improved so that they take the leading rank as meat and wool animals.

It has been said that the cotton in-

dustry would have died out in America in a few generations had it not been for the invention of the cotton gin. What gave such an impetus to sheep raising in England were the inventions in the methods of manufacture which she did not allow to be carried to other countries.

The first sheep in this country were brought here. Most of them came from England. When the settlers came to Oregon they drove their bands of sheep with them. It was risky business driving sheep two thousand miles and thousands perished on the way. The other day I had a talk with Mr. Silas Wright who knows about all that is worth knowing about sheep, and a few other things which I might well include.

Mr. Wright was born in Nebraska while his parents Albert and Julia Wright were on their way from Indiana to Oregon. His parents were fairly well-to-do but the boy, along with five other children was early taught the lessons of frugality, saving and temperance in all good things. The Wright family stopped near Oregon, City, this was in the year 1852. The ox team was set to work breaking the soil, for the Wrights were farmers. Land was cheap and at a distance from the settlement it could be had for nothing. By and by they bought a little stock which multiplied and grew into money under the father's care. Nineteen years later they moved to Morrow County. They shipped their stock to The Dalles and came overland to Rhea Creek and located about ten miles southwest of Heppner on the land adjoining the Rugg place and which is now the property of Silas Wright. It was a piece of School land and his father purchased it for \$400. The bottom land was planted to hay and they ran stock. A little grain was raised in the valley but it was thought impossible to raise anything on the hills. The first grain in that part of the country was raised in the Eightmile district and when people saw that it was possible to raise wheat profitably, the hills were taken over by the wheat men. Land was cheap and held in large tracts. Four or five hundred dollars would buy an immense amount of land. In many places you merely had to settle on it to make it your property.

A few of the men who were neighbors of Mr. Wright are still living here. Oren Farnsworth, Crockett Kirk and Clay Myers were pioneers with Mr. Wright and were among the

men who have grown up with the county. Mr. Wright said that what groceries they bought they traveled to The Dalles after and flour was bought in Umatilla. They didn't get much mail in those days. A newspaper was almost a curiosity. At his father's home was the postoffice. They called the place Midway and people for miles around came there for their mail. Later on the mail came to Heppner and then to Rhea Creek as it does today.

The main amusement in those days was dancing. Most any kind of music was had, mostly French harps and accordions. The first school house in that part of the country was built of logs on their place and is still there today. It was the meeting place of the community. Everyone along the Creek came up at odd times for the spelling bees. Sunday School was held regularly in the schoolhouse. Occasionally a preacher rode into the district and then they would have a sermon in the school. A man by the name of Shipwerk, Mr. Wright remembered as one man who gave them a good sermon. The mountains were full of deer and elk in those days and these furnished good hunting. In 1877 the Indians were on the warpath and the family went to The Dalles double quick.

In 1884 Mr. Wright and Miss Martha Cantwell, of Eightmile, were married. Although Mr. and Mrs. Wright might have had some black sheep in their flock, they never had any in the family. The four boys, Oren, Alonza, Moses and Delbert are all prosperous and well known young men, the two daughters, Pearl and Della, are accomplished and highly respected ladies. Mr. Wright is a Republican in politics and is satisfied with Republican prosperity. He was born on a farm, raised on a farm and has never graduated from his course of study of farm facts. It is no idle statement, therefore, when he says that the sheep farmer would be dollars ahead if he would put a woven wire fence around his land. The adjoining land owners should help bear the expense and in this way the large expense in the sheep business, herding expense, would be largely done away with.

Mr. Wright was greatly impressed with the Minor Brothers display at the Fair. "I believe that the only salvation for the farmers here is to raise more different crops. Every farmer should supply not only his own butter, eggs and meat, but he should produce a surplus." He has seen the time when every farmer on Rhea Creek bought practically all of their butter and eggs and meat from the stores, while today, nearly every farmer in the district produces not only his own but according to the merchants, brings in more such produce than any other part of the county. This has been a source of gratification to Mr. Wright but he wants to see it carried still further.

"Something should be done to better roads," Mr. Wright said. He believes that some system as has been tried in Missouri and Illinois, where the Governor appoints Good Road Days and everyone gets out and works on the roads, should be tried here. Such practice not only makes better roads and at a cheaper cost but it gets the people interested in roads and what people are interested in, those things they will support. Money well spent in good roads yields big returns in safe and easy transportation, wear and tear on horseflesh and violence to your vocabulary.

Mr. Wright has lived long and well. He knows what it is to struggle, suffer and endure. In the course of the conversation he said, "There are many young fellows here who handle more money than my father did and he had a large family. Things come too easy for them and they have little conception of the value of money and time." Mr. Wright does not want the present generation to battle with the same difficulties as the men in his time have fought, he is glad that life is easier, happier and fuller, but he also believes that only those who have experienced the gnawing of interest charges and meeting of obligations over experience life at its fullest and are able to sympathize with the world of workers. He has faith in the future of Eastern Oregon and since the day he first entered the borders of the state, he has never left its borders. "Any young man can't help but make good if he will attend diligently to work. He can make a success quicker or here than any place I know of. I have been in every part of the state and Eastern Oregon offers more opportunities than any other part. A young man is limited only by his desires and if he wants a thing bad enough, he can usually find a way to get it."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

O. M. Yeager, Architect and Builder.

Chas. Jayne left for the Roundup yesterday.

A few more of those 8 day Marathons at Haylor's. 21.

F. M. Griffin, of the Fairview district, was in this city, Tuesday.

Mrs. Dan Rice went to Lexington to visit at the Frank Burgoyne home, Mrs. Burgoyne being her daughter.

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