PROMINENT PEOPLE OF MORROW COUNTY

Facts Forced From Familiar Faces

By E. G. H.

Well has it been said that civiliza-tion had its rise in the domestication animals. One of the first animals of animals. One of the lifts abher, 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. It has been said that the cotton in-

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 it 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.

dustry would have died out in American in a few generations had it not been for the invention of the cotton of the cotton gin. Americans had it not been for the invention of the cotton of the cotton gin. American in a few generations had it not been for the inventions had it not been for the invention of the cotton of the cotton gin. What gave such an impetus to sheep raising in England were the invention of the cotton gin. What gave such an impetus to sheep raising in England were the inventions of the cotton gin. What gave such an impetus to groceries they bought that what groceries they bought 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 to other country were from England. When the setllers tame to Oregon they drove their bands of sheep with them. It was risky business driving sheep two thousand miles and thousands perish-own the mail. Later on the mail. Late

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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 any in the facility. ped their stock to The Dalles and came overland to Rhea Creek and located any in the family. The four boys, about ten miles southwest of Heppner Oren, Alonza, Moses and Delbert are

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, Crocket Kirk and Clay Myers were pioneers with Mr. Wright ane were among the

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 beauty a little took which was little took which was brighted.

on the land adjoining the Rugg place all prosperous and well known young and which is now the property of Silas men, the two daughters, Meart and Wright. It was a piece of School land and his father purchased it for \$400 respected ladies. Mr. Wright is a

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 outer and organization. outter and eggs and ment from the stores, while today, nearly every 'armer in the district produces not only his own but according to the merchants, brings in more such pro-luces than any other part of the coun-ty. This has been a source of grati-fication to Mr. Wright but he wants to see it carried still further.

"Something should be done to bet-ter roads." Mr. Wright said. He be-leves that some system as has been

eives that some system as has been tricon 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 oats and at a cheaper cost but it gets the people interested in roads and

gets the people interested in roads and what people are interested in, those things they will support. Money well pert in good roads yields big returns after and easy transportation, wear and tear on horseflesh and violence your vocabulary.

Mr. Wright has lived long and well, ie 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 presenting of the walue 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 ever experience life at its follest and are able to sympathize with the world of workers. He has faith in the fut-ure of Eastern Oregon and since the day he first entered the borders of the day he first entered the borders of the state, he has never left its borders. "Any young man can't help but make rood if he will attend diligently to work. He can make a success quicker 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

A few more of those 8 day Mara-thons at Haylor's. 2t. F. M. Griffin, of the Fairview dis-

trict, was in this city, Tuesday.

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

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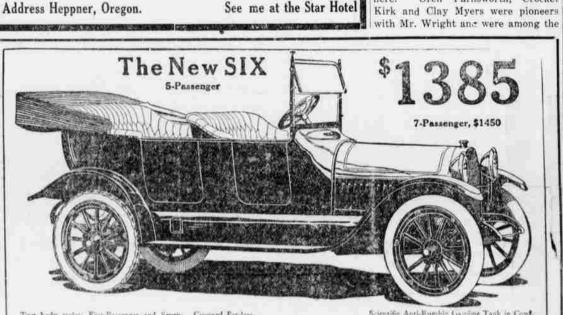
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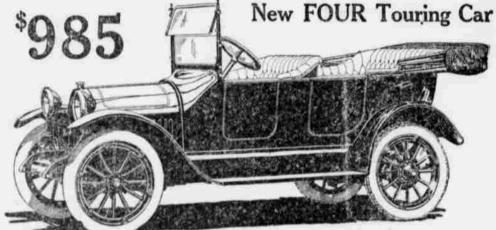
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