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BEST SEASON FOR SHEEPMEN PREDICTED

Wool Growers Expect Good Prices—
Date for Wool Sales Set and
Buyers Will be in Heppner
on June 8.

A dispatch from Baker says that the best season for sheepmen within memory is expected in all parts of that section. Special investigation in Baker and Grant counties and in parts of Malheur county have brought forth reports showing that sheep are in splendid condition and mutton and wool prices are good. Practically no wool contracts have been made, growers holding for higher prices.

Growers say that the animals wintered in fine shape and are on the range, which is in perfect condition, earlier than in any previous season. Lambing was particularly successful, in some places the bands brought more than 100 per cent of lambs, the best crop ever realized in this district.

In the Burnt River section, it is reported, there is fine class of wool sheep, which, coming from the feed yards to the splendid range so early in the season, insures a heavy crop of wool and from 8 to 10 cents more a pound than ever received before.

Medical Springs, home of John G. Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association, has unusual prospects, a fine lambing season and prospects for good prices.

North Powder, on the Union County line, reports that good No. 1 lambs and ewes are bringing \$10, while wool is 28 cents, with growers waiting for still higher prices.

Grant county reports that the wool clip will be about 25 per cent better than last year, with mutton higher than in 1914. The Malheur forest reserve has issued grazing permits for 130,000 head of sheep. Woolmen are expecting not less than 25 cents and some sheep have sold for \$7.

In a circular issued this week John G. Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers, sets the following wool sale dates for Oregon, 1915:

Echo—May 25.
Pilot Rock—May 26.
Pendleton—May 27.
Baker—May 28.
Riverside—June 1.
Joseph—June 4.
Enterprise—June 5.
Heppner—June 8.
Condon—June 10.
Shaniko—June 10.
Maupin—June 12.
Metolius-Madras—June 15.
Bend—June 16.

It is to be hoped that all woolgrowers will use their best efforts to at least put forth an effort to grade their wool at the shearing pen. This can be done to some extent by separating the different kinds and grades of sheep before they go to the shearers. It is essential to pack your wool in good condition, eliminating the tags and pack them separately. Also keep all black wools from the white. See that fleeces are tied properly. We are in competition with wools that are prepared in the best of shape for market, and if we expect to get true market values it is up to the growers of this country to do something along the same lines or take less prices for their wool.

I am taking steps to stop the inhumane manner of handling sheep at the shearing pens. We expect to have the humane society of the state to help enforce the laws, and we want the full cooperation of woolgrowers in this matter. We raise sheep for the money that is in them, and we do not propose to stand by at the shearing pens and see them butchered as heretofore. We will have posted in all the shearing pens of this state the laws covering the inhumane treatment of dumb animals.

At least 2 per cent of the sheep are killed at the time they are being sheared, or die from injuries received at that time. We trust that we will not have to prosecute any one engaged in shearing sheep for a living. When they depend on this work every year it is up to them to stop and consider the sheep men's interests.

Yours truly,
JNO. G. HOKE.

Flume Will be Improved.

The Heppner Milling Company received a car load of sand last week which they will use in the construction of additional concrete flume for their mill race. The company spent several thousand dollars on this ditch a couple of years ago and at that time constructed a concrete flume a mile in length. Another piece will be laid where the new Willow creek road crosses the ditch near the John Byland farm.

Dan McDevitt Kills \$291 Worth of Coyotes

Dan McDevitt, a young farmer who resides west of Heppner about four miles, returned Saturday from the lower Sand country, where he had spent 15 days hunting for coyotes. He brought back the pelts of 97 of these animals and in return has received a county warrant from Clerk Waters in the amount of \$291. Most of the slain were young coyote pups, there being only two old ones in the entire lot. County Clerk Waters estimates that the county will have paid out \$3000 in coyote bounties for the month of April.

Clean-up Days Big Success.

Heppner clean-up days proved successful, and from the amount of trash hauled away by the city teamsters, the town is undoubtedly a great deal cleaner than it was one week ago. Our reputation as the cleanest city in Eastern Oregon has been well sustained. Let's keep clean.

SCHOOL NOTES.

By Supt. S. E. Notson.

Last week the writer visited the school at Morgan. Twenty pupils are enrolled, and all seemed to be working enthusiastically under the direction of Miss Ollanna Olsen. A number of improvements have been made recently; among them may be noted the following: A new jacket has been placed around the stove, a new dictionary and metal shelf for the same have been added to the equipment, a fine standard picture has been placed upon the walls, new blackboards have been purchased, the outbuildings have been repaired and put into sanitary condition, and a new barn which accommodates ten horses has been built. The books in the library have been properly listed, and a correct record of the books is kept.

At Cecil, Miss Esther Cox and Miss Erma Davenport were busy with the monthly tests. Since my former visit, new adjustable, tan colored, canvas window shades have been purchased. They are certainly a great convenience. When it is necessary to have the shades all drawn, there is still plenty of light in the room, and the light is soft and agreeable to the eye. A new standard picture has been placed in each room. A new fountain has been installed. A fine lot of playground apparatus has been provided. There are several swings, three see-saws, and a slide. The grounds have been cleaned up and are in fine condition.

The writer also visited one school in Gilliam county, the Arlington school. The Arlington people are justly proud of their new building. It is built where it commands a fine view of the mighty Columbia. In the basement are two large play rooms, which are reached by inclines instead of stairs. On the first floor four rooms have been finished and are in use. They are well arranged and are well equipped with apparatus. Some excellent pictures adorn the walls. In the hall there are drinking fountains. The third floor is reached by an incline instead of stairs. The rooms on this floor are not all finished yet. Two rooms are so arranged as to be easily thrown together, thus making a splendid auditorium. This part of the building will be finished to accommodate the new county high school, which will open this fall. Arlington deserves to be congratulated upon the enterprise shown in erecting such a fine school building.

Back from Virginia.

Alex Green and family have returned to this city after spending a year and a half in Virginia. Some time ago Mr. Green bought the interests of Chas. B. Cox in the Phelps Grocery Company and he will now be engaged in that business with Mr. Phelps. Mr. and Mrs. Green have many friends in Morrow county who are glad to welcome them back again. Before leaving here, Mr. Green was engaged in farming in the Eight Mile country.

Old Alfalfa is Dead.

John Wightman, of the Alfalfa Lawn Dairy Ranch says that all of their old alfalfa is dead, and they have sown the fields to barley and oats. Mr. Wightman attributes its death to the grasshoppers and the extreme cold weather which was experienced the past winter. He states that the young alfalfa was not injured.

Grand Lodge Delegates Elected.

The I. O. O. F. and Rebecca lodges of Heppner have chosen their delegates to the annual grand lodge meeting of the order, which convenes at Newport about the middle of May. Hanson Hughes, Dr. N. E. Winnard and E. E. Beaman will represent the subordinate lodge, and Mrs. Geo. J. Currin, Miss Pearl Wright and Mrs. J. L. Yeager will attend as the delegates of the Rebeccas.

PENDLETON CONSIDERS FOREST OFFICE THEIRS

Pendleton Paper States That Bureau
Would Move Office to That City
if Quarters in New Federal
Building Can be Had.

From the Pendleton East Oregonian we take the following item, which would lead us to believe that the Umatilla forest office will be removed to that city without any doubt:

President J. V. Tallman of the Commercial Club received a letter today from the forestry bureau announcing that the Umatilla national forest headquarters will be removed to Pendleton as soon as room can be provided in the new federal building.

A statement from Postmaster Tweedy on Thursday gave assurance that there will be ample room for the forest department, so this letter to Mr. Tallman confirms the statement that the bureau has practically decided to remove here from the present headquarters at Heppner. Stockmen have long wished this change would be made as Pendleton will be more convenient for them in transacting business with the forestry service.

Henry Schwarz Receives Injury.

Henry Schwarz, proprietor of the People's Cash Market received painful injuries to the back of his neck and shoulder last Friday out at his slaughter house, when a heavy door of the killing pen dropped down on him. The door is a very heavy one and is raised and lowered by weights. One of the pulley ropes broke while Mr. Schwarz was under the door and he was caught as it struck him across the back of the neck and on the left shoulder. He was badly lacerated by the impact and was laid out for a time, but being a man of good grit, he went on with his work of cleaning and dressing a beef, and looked after his injuries when he was through. He considers that he escaped luckily, a very stiff neck being the worst result. Mr. Schwarz has had the door repaired and says he will be careful to see that the accident does not occur again.

Has a Bad Eye.

Rufus Nichols, a prominent farmer of the Lexington neighborhood, was in Heppner Monday having his eye treated. He is suffering from an ulceration of the right eye and it is giving him a lot of pain and causing him much inconvenience at the present time. He is hopeful, however, that proper treatment will soon bring him permanent relief, and we certainly hope that it will.

Council Orders Excess Gasoline Out of Town

The city council, at the regular mid-monthly meeting on Monday evening, passed a resolution asking that all gasoline, with the exception of 50 gallons to each firm, be moved without the city limits. The resolution also asked that empty gasoline tanks be removed from the city after 24 hours, since an empty tank is considered as dangerous, if not more so than a full tank.

The council also asked that all owners of old vacant buildings be notified to close them up by barring the open windows and locking all the doors. The empty building menace is also becoming a nuisance and the council considers that if the owners do not value their old buildings high enough to take care of them, the same will be condemned by the council and torn down.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the People of Heppner and Vicinity:
Owing to the fact that the report is being generally circulated that I am contemplating leaving Heppner, I desire to inform the public that I am here to stay.

I have leased the shop connected with the Heppner Garage which is one of the best equipped automobile repair and machine shops in Eastern Oregon.

I have had years of experience as an expert automobile mechanic, guarantee all work turned out and personally inspect every car before permitting it to leave the shop, and make my charge as reasonable as possible, consistent with expert, reliable work, and assure you that I shall continue to do so.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your liberal patronage, I remain,
Respectfully yours,
JACOB KING.

View South End Roads.

The County Court went out to look at the roads in the south end of the county yesterday. They were accompanied by A. L. Ayers and Road Supervisor Culick.

HEPPNER HIGH WINS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Deciding Game of Interscholastic
League Won by Local High Last
Saturday at Ione,
Score 7 to 3.

In one of the best games ever witnessed on the Ione diamond, Heppner High won the deciding game of the Interscholastic League series from Ione last Saturday in a score of 7 to 3. Up to the fourth frame there had been no runs made by either side. In the fourth M. Blake scored and in the fifth Pennington crossed the plate for another tally for Ione. Both teams were retired in one-two-three order in the sixth and seventh, and the Heppner fans began to fear a shut-out game, but in the first of the eighth the Heppner team found their luck with the stick and in this inning everybody landed on the ball in such a way as to put it just out of the reach of an Ione fielder. When the dust had settled and our boys were retired for this inning the score keeper announced four runs, these being Irwin, Barlow, Hayes and Peterson. Ione came to the bat this inning with the intention of evening up the score and their start made it appear as if their intentions would be carried out, for the first two batters succeeded in getting on bases. But Barlow steadied down and held them to one run; Roy Blake coming in for Ione's third score. In the ninth the Heppner boys continued their hitting and three more runs were made, E. Hughes, Barlow and Hayes crossing the pan. The Ione team was retired in short order and the Heppner boys left the field 1915 champions of Morrow county.

The game was remarkable in the fact that both teams played steady ball throughout and there was no time when either team "blew up." Only one bad throw was made, this by Ione, and only one run was allowed in this manner. Pennington, catcher, starred for Ione both behind the bat and with the stick. For Heppner there were no particular stars but the pitching of Peterson and Barlow deserves special mention. Barlow fanned the first five men confronting him and Peterson held the opposing team down to few hits. One or two serious errors were made by the Heppner team as well as by Ione. Nicholson and W. Cochran gave good satisfaction as umpires and only on three occasions were their decisions questioned.

Dr. Straub of University Speaks to High Students

Dr. John Straub, dean of the liberal arts school of the University of Oregon, visited the high schools of Morrow county on Monday. Dr. Straub makes a trip into the Eastern Oregon country every year. His mission is to bring to the high school students of the Northwest, the value of higher education and the patronizing of Oregon institutions. Dr. Straub spoke to the local students at the high school Monday morning and gave them some interesting facts which he had taken from government reports and his own experience as a professor in the University of Oregon for the past thirty-eight years; showing the advantage of a well trained brain over muscular strength. His message was well received by the students. Dr. Straub left Tuesday morning for Wasco, and will visit at The Dalles and Hood River before returning to Eugene.

NO MORE FLAT IRONS AFTER MAY FIRST.

The Heppner Light & Water Company will furnish no more free flat irons after May 1. Up to that time irons may be had on the old plan, that is, the iron is yours at the rate of 75 cents per month for current, and after one year the iron is yours. You will be able to get the iron on that basis only between now and May 1. Should you leave town any time before the year is up you must return the iron to our office. Remember, after May 1, if you want an electric iron you will have to buy it and pay our regular rates for current.

HEPPNER LIGHT & WATER CO.

Dentist is Arrested.

On request by telegraph from Sheriff J. W. Little of Gilliam county, Deputy Sheriffs Phillips and Siglin yesterday arrested Dr. Guy Pennypacker, a dentist, on a charge of securing \$500 from a Condon bank by false pretenses. Dr. Pennypacker will be taken to Condon to face the charge.—Portland Journal.

For Sale—Young Jersey heifer, coming fresh in April. Price reasonable. Inquire at this office.

Streets Will Be Oiled First of the Month

Mayor Smead informs us that the oil for the streets of the city has been ordered and that the first application on the dusty streets will be made about the first of May. The city fathers have at this time some street improvement under consideration which they wish to make before putting on the oil. This improvement will include the making of fills, some grading and cleaning up.

It Pays to Advertise.

George Bleakman was down from Hardman Tuesday and dropped into our office to see about that auto tire inner tube, which had been advertised. It proved to be one which he had thrown away in Cason canyon, and was picked up by a party later and brought to this office. George didn't want the tube, which was an old one, but this is only one of the many instances which go to prove that it pays to advertise.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Last week was one of considerable excitement, and the recitations suffered a good deal as a result. The reason was that everybody was having their pictures "took" for the Annual. Two days were given over to this interesting diversion but the results will be well worth the time devoted to it. The staff is hard at work and report great progress. They say, we will have an Annual of which any high school might be proud and if hard work counts for anything we know this will be a fact.

Now that baseball is out of the way interest is centering around the coming track meet and tennis tournament. E. G. Harlan has volunteered his services as coach of the track team and it is hoped under his direction to turn out a winning team. The school tennis court is in fine condition and is being used at every opportunity by the tennis aspirants.

The most pleasant party of the school year was given last Friday evening at the home of the teachers. The occasion was a surprise by the High School on Miss Schwittay whose birthday came on that day. The yard was tastefully decorated with Chinese lanterns and bunting and presented a very pleasing appearance. The pupils assembled at half past seven and Miss Schwittay was brought home by Mrs. Wedding at about eight o'clock. The surprise was complete. Miss Schwittay was placed on a platform in the chair of honor and speeches were made by Prof. Hoffman, David Wilson and Spencer Crawford. After these a short program was given and Miss Schwittay expressed her pleasure and surprise over the affair. The rest of the evening was spent playing various games and refreshments were served.

Largest Sale of National Timber Ever Made.

The district forester at Portland, Oregon, announced today that the Pelican Bay Lumber Company of Klamath Falls, Oregon, were the successful bidders on the sale of the largest body of government timber ever advertised by the Forest Service in Washington or Oregon.

The sale includes two units, one of 85 million feet of yellow pine and other species on the west side of Klamath Lake, and a second unit of about 300 million feet of nearly pure yellow pine located just east of Crater Lake National Park. The prices on unit 1 are \$2.00 per M. for pine and 50 cents per M. for other species; and the prices on unit 2 are \$3.37 1/2 per M. for pine and 51 cents per M. for other species. The removal of the Douglas fir and white fir is optional with the purchaser. A cutting period of twelve years will be allowed for the removal of the timber. The total value of the timber is reckoned at \$1,250,000, of which the State of Oregon will receive \$437,500 as its share for the benefit of schools and roads.

The Pelican Bay Lumber Company has been cutting National Forest timber for about four years. The Company's mill was burned last summer, but it has been rebuilt and enlarged and is ready for immediate operation.

New Postoffice Will Be A Thing of Beauty

The new postoffice will be a thing of beauty as well as being an improvement in every other way over the old quarters. The work of installing the new fixtures is being rushed as rapidly as possible and from present indications, Postmaster Richardson will be able to move into his new office by the first of May. The fixtures were all manufactured in Seattle and are made of Washington fir. Besides being equipped with modern time saving devices, the office will have 300 up-to-date lock boxes. Henry Johnson and son, Harry, and T. G. Denisee are doing the work of placing the fixtures.

SHIPMENT OF HORSES MADE FROM HERE

Buyers for Foreign Countries Take
Ninety-Six Head Morrow County
Horses to be Used for Cavalry Purposes.

Ninety-six head of horses were shipped from the local yards Monday morning, making a total of four car loads. These animals were purchased by Ray Turner, of Caldwell, Idaho, who, with his father, C. H. Turner, are buying on a contract from the English, French and United States governments. The average price paid for these horses was better than \$75 per head. Mr. Turner was assisted in buying in this locality by Guy Boyer, who is well acquainted with the local horsemen.

CAMPBELL BROWN MAKES GOOD HORSE SALE.

C. H. Turner, mayor of the city of Caldwell, Idaho, was in Wheeler county this week, when he bought 185 head of horses for military purposes, 167 of the number being from Campbell Brown, the well known banker horse dealer of Condon. For 100 head Mr. Brown received \$10,000, and the remaining 67 brought him an average price of something less than \$100 per head. These horses were bought by Mr. Brown in Wheeler county last fall, at an average price of about \$50 per head, with a view to selling them as cavalry horses to the warring European governments, and for some time it looked as though he would do well to break even on them, but the demand and price have increased so rapidly of late that he has been able to dispose of the horses at a good round profit, his only expense having been the pasturing of the horses at the Cornob ranch through the winter, and the breaking of them there by the Seale Bros., of Condon.

Mr. Turner also bought 13 head of aged work horses, one being 17 years old, from Manager Joe Younce of the Gilman-French Company, for \$1300. He offered Mr. Younce \$160 for a 1300 pound work gelding and \$125 for one of the Company's saddle horses, but these offers were refused. Mr. Younce's instructions being to not dispose of any mares or young geldings.

Ray Beckley sold a small saddle horse to Mr. Turner for \$95.

Mr. Turner is a member of the widely known horse dealing firm of Halley & Son of Caldwell, Idaho. He said they have secured contracts from three governments—British, French and United States—for military horses of all sizes, and that he had just returned from a hurried trip to New York to close the contracts. While at the Cornob ranch the other day he phoned his son at Heppner, who is working Morrow county, to get busy and buy all the horses that he could.—Fossil Journal.

Milling Co. Subscribe \$100.

For the purpose of aiding with the work of improving the roads leading to Heppner from the Spray and Monument sections, the Heppner Milling Co. have added their subscription to the road fund in the sum of \$100. These people have always been among the foremost of our business houses in giving to everything that looks to the upbuilding of our resources, and they feel a keen interest in the good roads movement. They feel that it is to the interest of Heppner to get the trade of the Monument and Spray sections; that the trade of these communities is naturally ours, but they have a lot of bad roads to get over in reaching this place and it makes it very difficult to haul their produce here and get home with their supplies. Some good, consistent work is needed on both roads, and Heppner should certainly consider her interest in this trade of sufficient importance to make strong efforts to secure the travel this way.

ODDFELLOWS

The 96th anniversary of the order will be celebrated this year at Hardman, on Monday, April 26th.

Exercises at 10 o'clock a. m. to be followed by a big dinner. All members of any branch of the order are cordially invited to attend and bring their friends. Splendid program has been arranged. Everybody turn out that possibly can.

WILLOW LODGE NO. 66, I.O.O.F.,
A. M. Phelps, Secy.

PASTURE—Cattle or horses; yearlings \$1 per mo.; other stock \$1.50. SHERMAN WAKEFIELD.

We have a fine new Bungalow, a good barn and two lots in Lents, Oregon, valued at \$6000 to trade for Morrow county land. If interested come and see us. This property is not over-priced.

SMEAD & CRAWFORD.