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CLEARANCE SALE

GREAT BARGAINS
WHILE THEY LAST

We intend to move into a larger building, and these goods must go, as we want to put in a new and up-to-date stock of groceries.

SO FOR THE NEXT 15 DAY'S,
beginning on the first of April, and continuing to the 15, we will sell everything in our store at a **GREAT REDUCTION.**

COFFEES.

Our stock of coffee is complete and up-to-date; you will not find better grades in town.

COME AND SEE US

If you don't believe we have the goods, and have to be showed come and we will show you. : : : : :

Yours Very Truly
LEFFLER & ASHBAUGH

INDIAN PONIES SHOT

State Veterinarian Examines
Mangy Indian Horses

INDIANS ARE GIVEN TIME

If Affected Ponies are not Cured Within Three Months all will be Killed—State Board Determined to Stamp out Disease
Sheriff Shutt returned Saturday evening from Castle Rock where he had been with the State Veterinarian to examine into the condition of mangy Indian ponies.

It appears that Veterinary Surgeon McLean was sent out by the Oregon Domestic Animal commission, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and president of the board of agriculture, and Sheriff Shutt was ordered to accompany him.

On Thursday last Mr. Shutt met Mr. McLean at Arlington, and together they went to Castle Rock. After a careful examination they found a deplorable situation, that not only a number of horses had actually died from the mange, but that there are 600 or 700 head affected with the disease, mostly cayuses belonging to reservation Indians. However, there are a number of horses belonging to white men that have the disease which they have contracted by ranging with the Indian ponies.

Following a personal inspection Thursday the veterinarian reported the situation to the state commission Friday morning and the governor at once called a meeting of the board, which directed the state veterinarian to kill a few head of the worst cases as a warning to the Indians. Then give them to understand that if they do not treat their animals for the disease at once they will all be killed.

The Indians were given three months time in which to stamp out the disease, and if at the expiration of that time they have not complied with the request their ponies will be shot wherever found in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

Messrs McLean and Shutt took a number of Indians along with them, and after fully explaining the situation, killed ten ponies that were badly affected with the disease and buried the carcasses. The Indians were then advised, also white men who have horses similarly affected, to proceed at once with arrangements for dipping their animals at least twice.

It was suggested that this be done at the spring roundup, and that a union dipping vat be constructed as it will materially lessen the expense of dipping.

The Indians were given to understand that this is the last chance they will be given by the state board. The state veterinarian will again visit that section in July and make a personal inspection, and if any affected animals are found they will be promptly killed, as the state commission is determined to stamp out the disease to prevent its spread. It is a matter that all stock raisers are interested in to the extent that they should assist in the eradication of the disease.

Preparing to Sink Well.

About a week ago a number of Dalles citizens purchased over 1000 acres through R. J. Gorman & Co., of this city, which land lays in the immediate vicinity of Castle Rock and there has also been forty or fifty desert claims taken by our citizens in the same section of country. From this we would judge that in the near future many of our citizens will be ready to retire and live on the interest of the money made in what they at first termed a rash gamble.

Arrangements are at present under way to sink a well south of Castle Rock and the success of this will prove a thorough solution of the irrigation problem and make the settlers independent of

the government aid in the reclamation of this land. This section has the mildest climate of any in Oregon; the soil under irrigation, will produce any fruits or cereals that will grow anywhere else on the coast, and with the river and railroad within easy reach the settlers will have all they can desire in the way of transportation facilities.—Chronicle.

This is the company which recently purchased of Herbert W. and Ed E. Bartholomew about 7000 acres of land in the vicinity of Castle Rock, at \$2.50 per acre.

New Kind of Wheat

Four years ago, while looking through his wheat field just before harvest, Mr. Dale of Helix, discovered a stool of wheat with eight heads, which he carefully reaped and took home. The next year he sowed them in his garden and harvested several pounds. Each year he sowed this wheat himself, saving all the seed. Last year the increase from the heads had grown sufficient to seed several acres, which he did, sowing the new wheat by the side of a field of red chaff. When harvest came he gathered about 15 bushels more per acre from his new wheat than from the red chaff. It also ripened about three weeks earlier than the other wheat. This year he has sown 98 acres to this new brand of wheat and says that if it comes out as good this year as it has during the past four years it will be the biggest wheat in the country. He believes he has accidentally stumbled onto a new brand of wheat which is adapted to Umatilla county.

It ripens three weeks earlier, which is a great point in its favor. It also yields more to the acre. Mr. Dale is of the opinion that the new wheat is a cross between the Salt Lake club and red chaff.—Pendleton Tribune.

The Elusive Roller.

Sheriff Burnett has issued circulars offering a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Edmund Creffield, the late holy roller, who left this city with a beautiful and sticky coat of many colors donated by some of his admirers late one winter evening. He is wanted by the authorities of Portland for numerous acts peculiar to his peculiar creed, but which the uninitiated denominates as crimes. A summer home at the expense of the state, in the beautiful city of Salem, is waiting to receive him, where he can roll to his hearts content, after the labors of the day are over. It is the general wish of the good people of the state that he may soon be welcomed by Warden James to his future home.—Corvallis Gazette.

To Set Wool Dates.

The executive committee of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, which consists of Douglas Belts, Pilot Rock; George Young, Shaniko; J. W. Ayers, Durkee; I. A. Lajolette, Prineville; James H. Gwinn, Pendleton; and J. D. McAuley, Antelope, will meet probably early next month to set dates for wool sales in Eastern Oregon. These sales will begin about the end of May, with probable dates at Pendleton, Heppner, The Dalles, Shaniko, Elgin and one or two other leading sheep towns. As in the previous two years since the system of having eastern buyers in a body meet western woolgrowers in a body, bidding will be by sealed letter.

Excursion Rates.

The O. R. & N. Will make the following round trip rates from Heppner on account General Conference of the M. E. church at Los Angeles commencing May 3, 1904, and the National Association of Retail grocers at San Francisco May 3, to 8, 1904. Heppner to Los Angeles and return by steamship \$44.55; by rail \$43.85. Heppner to San Francisco and return by steamship \$25.85, by rail \$30.85. Tickets will be sold for steamer sailing from Portland April 23, 24, and 25. Via rail from Portland April 23, to 30, inclusive. Return limit June 30, from Los Angeles, and June 15, from San Francisco. Stopovers will be allowed in California only, and only on return trip. For further particulars inquire of your local agent.

CREEKS TO RIVERS

Morrow County Streams
Swollen to Overflow.

LOWER LANDS INUNDATED

While all Morrow County Streams Raised out of their Banks from Heavy Rains No Damage of Consequence is Reported.

The streams of Morrow county were greatly swollen by the incessant rains Monday and Monday night. Hinton creek, which flows into Willow in north Heppner, was swollen out out of its banks Tuesday morning, but little if any damage was done to farm property. Rhea creek also raised out of its banks and a bridge at the E. O. Farnsworth place is reported to have gone out.

Willow creek, below the mouth of Rhea creek was out of its banks Tuesday and the low lands inundated, but no great damage has been reported. The greatest damage so far reported was to the O. R. & N. track a short distance below this city where an embankment gave way. It required several hours to repair the damage and the evening train Tuesday was delayed a couple of hours.

Butters creek is also reported to have been higher than for years, the lower lands along the valley having been inundated.

The cause of the rapid rise in these streams was due not only to the heavy rain but from melting snow in the foothills and valleys, however it was snowing on the mountains, where reports say the snow is from five to nine feet deep, the heaviest fall for years.

The farmers along the valleys are very jubilant as a consequence of the heavy snow fall in the mountains as it insures a sufficiency of water for irrigation during the dry summer months.

EIGHT MILE.

J. S. Young will move his family home in a few days.

Fred Kelly of Heppner, is visiting on Eight Mile for a few days.

Tilman Hogue has been sick with tonsillitis, but is improving some now.

H. E. Warren is at A. W. Saling's sick with lagrippe or something of that nature.

M. C. Faqua is still very poorly. He may go to Portland for treatment if he don't get better soon.

Geo. W. Ashbaugh has accepted a position with Jim Adkins through lambing season and will commence work about April first.

B. F. Thompson, who is teaching the Eight Mile Center school, moved his family up from their ranch north of Lexington yesterday.

C. E. Jones fired up his incubators yesterday and will proceed to hatch some fine chicks, to supply his big trade in the chicken and egg line.

The weather continues fine with varied changes of intensive peculiarity known only to this world, but the cows and a few other people don't like it.

Democratic primary Saturday with a good attendance. John Huston and Luther Huston were elected delegates to the county convention.

School commences at the McBen school house next Monday with Miss Hammar as teacher. This is the first school in that district for 2 or 3 years.

G. R. Jones and family of Irrigon on the Columbia, were visiting on Eight Mile the fore part of last week. He reports every thing on the move at Irrigon on the Columbia, and that cattle have wintered "All Spring" on cacti and are almost ready for dried beef. This is the place that the coyotes left enmass.

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