

HEPPNER, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1889.

SHOULD BE SCARED.

An alarm of fire in Heppner nearly frightens the good people out of their wits. Why? Because they have nothing with which to fight the flames absolutely nothing.

There is no good reason why such a state of things should exist. Our business men buy their goods in the cheapest markets in order, of course, to make as large a profit as possible and still sell to consumers at low figures. They would not think of buying in a harem-seam fashion, everywhere, anywhere, and at any price, or would they pay a clerk \$100 per month when as good a man could be had for \$75. Still they go on year after year paying a high rate of insurance, the excess in the aggregate amounting to enough in one year to put in cisterns, purchase engine, hose, etc., not only giving Heppner people a saving in insurance, but affording protection to the town.

Neglect in this matter is hazardous. Besides, people are not so likely to locate in a town wholly unprotected as one in which they can always feel assured that means are available at any moment to protect their property and homes. The absence of fire protection in Heppner is a serious obstacle to its progress, and no mistake.

A small tax for this purpose certainly would not be considered a burden, if the ordinary income of Heppner town is not sufficient to meet all requirements. It is simply a matter of business, and will pay for the investment in many ways.

A big fire in Heppner, while disastrous to unfortunate, would probably prove a blessing after all, urging the people and council to speedy action in this direction.

The GAZETTE might be one of those unfortunate, but for the community at large it would, no doubt, be the best.

However, there is really no necessity for such incentives to urge sensible people to action.

The GAZETTE respectfully calls the attention of our council to this matter, and hopes to see them take action regarding it this spring.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY PAPS.

Council met in regular session on last Monday evening. Mayor Blackman presiding. On roll being called, all councilmen answered present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Petition of Coffin & McFarland referred to committee on streets and public property.

Report of committee on streets and public property, regarding Chinese wash houses, read and adopted.

On motion, the marshal was instructed to notify the owners of Chinese wash houses that they must be removed out of the business portion of town and given till May 15, \$8 for each removal.

BILL APPROVED.

J. B. Nutter \$ 144.00
J. W. Whitmire 19.00
Thomas Morgan 67.25
John Palmer 14.00
Chester Palmer 9.00
Geo. Lund 12.50
Total \$270.05

Committee on streets and public property report that the petition of Coffin & McFarland be allowed. Sanctioned by council.

Ordinance No. 32 read the second time, and motion made to amend the ordinance to allow recorder \$200 per year instead of \$300, as submitted in the ordinance. The motion was carried.

The ordinance was read by title the second and third time and voted on as follows:

Yes—Nutter, Jones, Noble, Matlock, Nays—Noble, McAtien. Ordinance passed.

The new ordinance was discussed as to the advisability of allowing these business men the privilege of grazing in the town limits during the day time. No conclusion reached.

Motion was laid over till next meeting. Council adjourned.

WOOL MARKET.

Boston, March 29. The wool market is more active this week. One lot of California spring sold at 21¢; one lot of Oregon at 21¢; one lot of fall Texas at 19¢; and various other lots of California and territory on a secured basis of 50 to 60¢. Stocks are steadily being increased.

Oregon wools are now quoted at from 17 to 20 cents in grease for Eastern Or. Small sales of No. 2 valley have been made of 25 cents. Californias are quoted at from 18 to 22 cents. The secured basis for this year's growth would be about 57 cents, and California will fall at about 52 cents.

Heppner, April 1—Wool is looking up in this vicinity. Only recently the Brownville Woolen Mills purchased 100,000 pounds at 15 cents per pound delivered in Heppner.

Ring wools and "heps," which are really secured wools, have been imported into the United States for some time at the very low duty of 10¢ per pound. By a recent ruling, it is placed where it belongs—on the list of secured wools, and the duty for such imports will hereafter be 60¢ per pound. As a result, territory wools, to which class ours belong, are picking up in price. Eastern Oregon wools bid fair to reach such a price as will fully compensate the sheepmen.

Secured wools have advanced 5 cents per pound in the Heppner wool market during the last few days.

Philadelphia, April 1—At this market there has been a fair inquiry for coarse bright wools, and for tercier wools of all kinds, but the latter are rare. The general wool trade is quiet, but prices are on the increase. The slow demand excites some surprise, as it was expected that the depletion of the manufacturers' stocks would have driven them into the market for fresh supplies before this time.

It is evident that wool will reach a much higher price this season than for the past three seasons.

THE LADIES DELIGHTED.

The pleasant effect and the perfect safety with which the ladies may use the liquid fruit laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions make it their favorite remedy. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste, gentle, yet effectual in acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels.

FACTS FROM H. & B.

Mr. Cunningham died \$50 and cost for moving swolby sheep without permit.

State vs Joseph B. Gorton, discharged.

State vs Al Kinsey and Perry Osborn, discharged. Larceny of timber.

State vs Wm. Bowker, true bill.

State vs Chas. Kinsey, true bill.

Larceny of a steer.

Friday, March 29.

Kinsey and Osborn plead not guilty.

Erwin Warren plead guilty to stealing a mare and colt.

Hepner & Blackman vs Henke, order of sale confirmed.

E. Bowker plead not guilty.

C. Kinsey plead not guilty.

Saturday, March 30.

State vs Whitson, true bill.

Hornor vs Yanta. Verdict favoring Hornor.

State vs J. T. Turley, a true bill.

Grand Jury discharged.

Monday, April 1.

Whitson & Snow plead not guilty.

Hornor vs Yeats. Judgment by the court.

Tuesday, April 2.

State vs Whitson, continued.

State vs Osborne, verdict of guilty of petit larceny.

State vs McFarrin, on trial Wednesday morning.

COURT NOTES.

Frank Mason and Samuel Frick, the people who robbed Mr. Jackson's residence near Echo, on Feb. 2, each plead guilty to the charge on last Tuesday.

They took one each in the penitentiary.

They took their sentence steadily, seeming care but little whether their future terrors does not weigh heavily on his youthful shoulders, appearing to him in the "Pen" or after the trial.

Erwin Warren, a lad about 12 years of age, was sentenced on last Friday to the State Training Institution for stealing a mare and colt.

He was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year each in the penitentiary.

Alvin Williams, Daniel W. Stiles, William E. Walker, and Elmer C. Walker, of Hepner, Oregon.

Alvin Williams who desires to protest against the allowances of such person, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witness of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

F. A. MCDONALD, Register.

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