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EDITOR THE WHEATFIELD:—

Thinking a few words might be of interest to the readers of The Wheatfield, and to show a disposition to help if possible the town to support a paper, I will send you a few impressions of the section of country I have lately passed through for the first time for thirty years, Gilliam, Wasco and Sherman counties. They were at that time settled only by a few stock men, though very different now. The road now leads through Janes with well improved farms on either side, from Lexington to The Dalles, with one exception, from lone to the John Day river. It is a deplorable sight to see how the land has been allowed to be taken by the Russian thistle, the worst weed we have to contend with in Eastern Oregon. This should, by all means, be stopped. The spread of the Russian thistle is alarming, and in my opinion is the worst weed that has ever started, the worst to spread, the hardest to rid the place of, and there is a law compelling the farmer or land owner to rid their places of these dreadful weeds, and should have been put in force to the full extent. This thing of enforcing the law is of vital importance and has been shamefully neglected in Morrow county. There is no use to build an \$80,000. court house then elect a set of officers who will not enforce the law. I made application to the County Judge several years ago, when the Russian thistle first appeared in my section of the county, to have the Road Supervisor compell a neighbor to rid his place, though could not get action taken. This weed is going to decrease the land values, and soon be all over the county to the detriment and serious injury of all. Now if there is any law, enforce it. Now I do not wish to be understood to say that we have no officers that will enforce the law, for I believe we have as has been shown by Sheriff Shut. Now it remains to be seen if the people will stand by and endorse one who has the

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stamina and courage to enforce the law, which he has taken oath to do. Roosevelt has endeared himself to the people, not only of the United States, but of all nations on the globe, by his determination to enforce the law, and this is what the better class of citizens fully endorse.

I have seen the settlement of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Seen the changes and the lands increase in productiveness and values, and now see land in our adjoining county, Umatilla, selling from \$100. to \$150. per acre. This has required one third of a century owing to the disadvantages which the settlers were compelled to contend with. We are destined to see the same results here in Morrow county and it will come very soon now. The advantages of the railroad and the opening of the Columbia river and the emigration that will naturally follow the Lewis & Clark exposition. This emigration will astonish the people of Oregon in the near future.

I spent almost a month at the Fair and had time to see about one half of the exhibits. The live stock exhibit surpassed all expectations in every way. Its equal will never be seen again by the present generation on this coast and those who missed seeing it surely missed the best part of the entire exposition. Much of the fine stock was purchased by the stock men and farmers of Oregon. It is a certainty that Oregon can produce as fine stock as any state in the union and they are right in buying the best, the best is not too good for Oregon stock raisers. I purchased Milwaukee, that won the Blue Ribbon in the thoroughbred stallion show, a Jack and two Jennies from Kentucky, also some Berkshire hogs and will cut the number of stock and breed a higher class in every line.

B. F. SWAGART.

OUR ROLL OF HONOR

The following names have been added to our subscription list since the last issue:

- Chas. VanWinkle
- Chas. H. Breshears
- F. M. Parker
- C. K. Tooley
- C. A. Johnson
- J. A. Phillips
- J. T. McMillan
- D. E. Leach
- A. K. Fuller
- B. M. Booher
- B. F. Swagart
- All of Lexington.
- Mrs. Nettie Crow, Dog Pound, Alta, Canada, N. W. T.
- Mrs. Effie Parkins, Palouse, Wash.
- Frank J. Habelt, Sparta, Oregon.
- John C. Boothby, Centralia, Wash.
- Grant Boothby, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- Mrs. N. P. Christenson, New Elizabeth, Wis.
- C. A. Christenson, Big Flats, Wis.
- J. J. McGee, Heppner.
- R. A. Nichols, Dayton, Wash.
- J. H. Helms, Blalock, Ore.
- P. A. Helms, Prineville, Ore.
- S. M. Leach, Harrisburg, Ore.

HEPPNER ITEMS

From The Gazette:—
Willard Herren was down from his Blue mountain ranch Friday. He brought down a shipment of mutton sheep. Mr. Herred reports that there was two inches of snow up on Ditch creek Wednesday of last week. It soon disappeared. This was the first snow-fall of the season in the mountains.

From The Times:
S. E. Lee, a prominent wheatgrower of the Lexington country, was in town Monday. He and wife have just returned from a trip to San Francisco.

J. A. Gault of Lewiston, Idaho, came up from Portland last Friday with Mr. A. Andrews and will visit for some time with the Andrew family. He is a brother of Mrs. Andrews.

M. S. Maxwell, who was in the city Saturday, informed The Times that he has traded his lone Drug store for a ranch in North Dakota. He expects to go back there soon to dispose of his ranch.

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Les Langley of Lexington, and R. C. Warren, an old time friend of his from Minnesota, were visitors in the city the latter part of the week. Mr. Warren who has been visiting at Lexington and the Portland fair, the past three months, left Friday morning for his home in Minnesota.

Chas. H. Beymer departed last Saturday for Louisiana for a short visit with his sister.

Pat's Barber shop has changed hands, J. E. Gentry purchased from A. Patterson last Saturday. Mr. Gentry takes charge this week.

D. A. Porter and W. E. Leach left Tuesday for Portland to see that all arrangements are made for the Fair to close properly. When last heard from Uncle Dave was ahead.

Having been called to the bedside of my little daughter, in Missouri, I have left my books and accounts with Leach Bros., for collection.
John B. White.

The Wheatfield has just completed arrangements with the Oregon Journal whereby we are able to furnish the Oregon Daily Journal, including the Sunday issue, and The Wheatfield, one year \$7. The Daily Journal and Wheatfield one year \$5. The Semi-Weekly Journal and The Wheatfield one year \$1.75.

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