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NOTICE

The best way to build up your own town is to do your trading at home. Patronize your home merchants. If they succeed the chances are you will succeed. When you send a dollar to a mail order house you have the goods and they have the money. Trade at home and we keep both the goods and the money.

MORROW COUNTY

It appears to the Gazette that the people of Oregon are not absorbing enough of the sentiment that is coming from the Portland Commercial Club.

The Portland organization is composed of far seeing business men who are working for Portland, it is true, but in working for Portland they are trying to make Oregon greater for Portland without a prosperous and good state would amount to little indeed.

Portland is spending money and asking for the co-operation of the whole state but what are we doing? We make especial reference to the people of Morrow county.

Now what is the matter. Surely the people here should be interested in their own welfare. We have a great country. No question of it when we come to think over the actual conditions. The territory within the limits of Morrow county from the Columbia river to the southern line joining Grant covers a distance of 75 miles, with an average width of 35 miles, and still with this territory almost half as large as some of the kingdoms of the old world we haven't enough population for a good sized country village.

The fact that we are isolated and handicapped by lack of railroad facilities can only be remedied in time, but our lack of enthusiasm and proper appreciation of what we actually have can be remedied immediately. One of our great drawbacks is the fact that we have too many knockers and not enough boosters.

Take for instance Hood River. Hood River people are united. They pull together. They have fruit to sell. They have a union. By systematic methods of boosting they sell their fruit for more money than any body else. They sell their land for \$400 to \$1000 an acre and then they talk about it and give reasons why their land is worth it. Hood River this year shipped 55,000 crates of strawberries valued at \$150,000. This item was

published in every newspaper in the northwest and every man who wanted to grow strawberries wanted to go to Hood River.

Morrow county has wheat, wool and stock and a small empire to sell. Morrow county this season shipped out 90,000 head of sheep that sold for \$150,000. Have you thought of the fact that this was \$30,000 more than Hood River's strawberry crop sold for and that it was not bad money either. But who said anything about it or thought anything about it. Not the people of Morrow county. Surely we cannot expect outside people to placard and exploit this fact if we care nothing about it.

We handled the modest item of 2,500,000 pounds of wool worth half a million dollars, but this was not enough to say much about. Now we have a wheat crop coming on that will be worth in the neighborhood of three quarters of a million but who is going to say anything about this.

And we have only about 5,000 people.

The most solid foundation and the best advertisement that ever went out of Morrow county is the fact that Winnard Bros. are now harvesting 400 acres of wheat that is going 50 bushels to the acre. M. J. Devin has harvested 160 acres of wheat that went 40 bushels to the acre and other large yields are so common that comment is thought to be unnecessary.

It is a fact that Morrow county wheat lands are selling from \$15 to \$30 per acre. But how are the thousands of people who are looking for such lands going to know that Morrow county lands are worth this money.

Tell them about these wheat yields. Tell them about our stock, wool, alfalfa, our splendid climate and our great opportunities and advantages where a man can get a home and pay for it with one or two crops. These are facts that we need not be ashamed of.

Say, what is the matter with the Heppner Commercial Club, our Development League and the people generally.

How many Morrow county people have written to a friend in the East telling them about the cheap colonist rates to get out here.

We have right here in the Gazette office right now several thousand copies of a well written pamphlet with an interesting story about Morrow county. Let us send them out. Let us do a little work for our own interests.—Gazette.

The trouble always has been, and always will be, mostly with Heppner and her people. Anything that does not materially help Heppner is of no consequence to them. Morrow county ships, annually, a large amount of sheep and wool, worth nearly three quarters of a million dollars, yet when wool producers see fit to store their wool in a warehouse at Lexington, on account of a shorter and easier haul, Heppner people use their influence to have the buyers pass it up, make no bids on it because it is not in Heppner. The Commercial Club of Heppner decided to issue some advertising matter regarding Heppner, so gave it the title of Morrow county, in order to induce the County Court to appropriate \$250.00 of county money to have it published in pamphlet form, claiming that the Club was paying an equal amount. We would be glad to take the work at \$250, one half the amount this organization claimed to be the

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cost of the work. Heppner gets a nice mention in this pamphlet and Lexington gets 3 1/2 lines, (16 picas in width). The county may have acted in good faith, we do not know, if it was we do say that the court was buncoed. This pamphlet contains a well written essay on a part of this county, but not the county as a whole. What would be of greater benefit to each community would something short, attractive and catchy, that will get people talking about each individual town or community. A large number of people can tell of Hood River's advantages, yet they do not know what county it is in, the same is also true of Irrigon. Each town should get out literature on resources and advantages, but if county money is to be used in getting out advertising matter let each town in the county be well represented, giving facts and statistics that can be used as future reference. No town can build itself by trying to down some other town, we must all work in harmony.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior
Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon,
August 7, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that
GEORGE E. MILLER
of Lexington, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 15147 made May 17, 1906, for the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and Lot 4 of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 25 E. W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. P. Williams, U. S. Comm'r, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on September 18 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
S. A. Thomas, W. P. Luttrell, P. M. Christenson, of Lexington, Oregon. R. A. Thompson, Heppner, Oregon.
C. W. MOORE,
Register
8-15-9-12

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior
Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon,
August 1, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that
MARY RITCHIE, formerly Mary Winnett, of Strawberry, Oregon, has filed notice of her intention to make final five-year proof in support of her claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 10721 made April 23, 1902, for the W 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 26 E., W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. P. Williams, U. S. Comm'r, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on September 19, 1907.
She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
O. S. Hodadon, of Lexington, Oregon, C. E. Musgrave, W. H. Musgrave, H. Stowers, of Strawberry, Oregon.
C. W. MOORE,
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