

# THE CAPITAL JOURNAL

E. HOPE, Editor and Proprietor

Independent Newspaper Devoted to American Principles and the Progress and Development of All Oregon.

Published Every Evening Except Sunday, Salem, Ore.

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

(Invariably in Advance.)

Daily, by carrier, per year.....\$6.00 Per month.....50c  
Daily, by mail, per year.....4.00 Per month.....35c  
Weekly, by mail, per year.....7.00 Six months.....50c



### HAPPENINGS ON THE ROAD TO THE BURNS COUNTRY

Harney County, July 1, 1909.

In the first seventy-five miles of our trip we did not encounter any alkali to speak of. All the cattle we saw were in good condition. We saw many herds of Herefords and Durhams. The sheep were out of sight in the higher ranges.

Another name for the beautiful Beulah valley is Agency valley—it should be Evergreen valley. The big mountain is called Agency hill, after an Indian agency and school that was conducted here for many years.

We reached Drewsey at 3 p. m. July 1, and at 3:30 drove out to get over the Stinking Water range into the Harney valley, staying at the Buchanan roadhouse, about thirty miles out of Burns. I had had no sleep for forty-eight hours but what I could snatch on the buckboard on a mountain road and hit the hay with a dull thud. The Stinking Water valley is about 3600 feet above the sea level. The fossil indications are that this is an oil country. Like the farmer's cow dog, it ought to be good for something. A railroad through central Oregon is likely to develop both coal and oil. D. M. Watson of Portland has paid a great deal of attention to oil fields, and says he is confident Malheur and Harney will one day become one of the greatest oil fields in the United States. An oil well is being sunk in Harney county and four or five are being put down in Malheur county.

In driving from Vale to Burns one crosses three great divides. The view from the tops of these great backbones running across the state reveals thousands of square miles of elevated silvery peaks and plateaus, silvery with sagebrush and alkali, with limestone and chalk. These vast regions are mostly worthless for grazing because devoid of grass and water, uninhabitable because unproductive of grain and vegetables, and devoid of fuel. What will become of this region? It will not even support grasshoppers. It will remain a desert. The Stinking Water ridge is about 4600 feet high, or 1000 feet above the valley. That irrigation and reclamation systems, storage reservoirs and artesian wells and wind mills and power pumps will reclaim some of these lands no one can deny. Supplied with wells or small reservoirs to get water for cattle, the cattle business will be extended.

A band of coyotes running rabbits on Nigger Flat was the first sound we heard Friday morning when the 3 o'clock call came. The sun started on its daily illumination with great spokes of orange and azure blue in its chariot wheels, and as its first rays tipped the silver on the sagebrush we started on the long last run down into the Harney valley. The six hours sleep in the mountain road house after going without for forty-eight hours was the sweetest I have had in many years and was alone worth the price of the whole trip.

Both Malheur and Harney county are to be complimented on keeping up good roads. Some of the great climbs up and down the mountains are really wonders of engineering in a way and would be a surprise to those who imagine this a wilderness.

The second section of our caravan carrying Mr. Grimes, Jack Smith and Lawrence came out of Drewsey after a few hours sleep in a livery stable hay-mow. The town is wide open with saloons, poker games and a cemetery for the nameless dead, who are buried beneath unpainted posts—the victims of accidental gun-plays. It was the first touch of real high life we had of this kind, and the gang made a good getaway, where every saloon proprietor in the town offers you a free drink at sight, and sets 'em up every time you buy something.

At Drewsey the principal mercantile firm is Porter, Miller & Sitz, with Clarence Drinkwater as manager, who is no tender-foot, and knows the country perfectly. He is putting through a good telephone service—a heavy cedar post set in the ground with a tapering sawed pole spliced on to carry the wire.

The Harney valley is a great expanse of sagebrush, with here and there elevations, some almost mountains, surrounded by the plain. Here and there a new farm house, with barn and windmill, shows signs of settlement. All around rise the low enclosing rim of mountains. At the east entrance we see away off to the south Stein's mountain covered with snow. Driving thirty miles along the north side of the valley to Burns one gets a conception of the possibilities of development. Of course, the waterholes and creeks are about all taken up and the men back of the reservoir and storage ideas are just coming into the field. The government-engineering projects are all very large and expensive. So are the big capitalized concerns, like the Brogan project on the Willows. But he is taking land worth \$10 an acre and making it worth \$300. Many pretty irrigated patches of land where two to four hundred acres of land are holding a water right that irrigates one or two hundred acres will some day become reservoirs and supply water for ten thousand acres with irrigation. In place of one man holding a creek and watershed for his own little ranch, his place will be bought up for a reservoir, a dam built twenty feet high across the neck of the valley, enough melting snow and waste waters held up to irrigate ten or twenty thousand acres. There are places around the Harney Valley for hundreds of such minor projects that smaller private capital can construct. I am not speaking now of corporations like the Trowbridge-Nivers Company, that has put in 169 projects and

is back of the Malheur high-line project. They initiate the proposition, float the bonds, organize the Boise and Owyhee Construction Company to build the reservoirs and ditches, organize the Farmers' Owyhee Irrigation Company, which holds a \$50 share of stock for each acre of land put under a perpetual water right of one foot per acre. This perpetual water right is subject to an annual maintenance charge. The \$50 an acre is the total cost of putting in the irrigation system and is divided into thirteen payments, \$2.00 an acre down, \$2.00 an acre when water goes on. The rest in annual payments that run up to \$5.00 an acre, but by that time the land is producing profitable crops. Development of water and creating wealth by putting it on the soil is in its infancy. The wizard wand of modern finance is only beginning to be waved.

At 7 o'clock we were sixteen miles on the road at old Fort Harney, one of the landmarks of the country. From here, as a side line to fighting Indians the soldiers built a military road through to Boise, Idaho. It is still traveled in places, but is mostly abandoned and gone back into the sage. At Harney one gets an impression of what the country would be like if put under irrigation as it will be some day. Green fields, the air cool and fresh with perfume of flowers and the rich smell of blossoming clover takes the place of the pungent odor of sage and the dry dust-laden atmosphere of aridity. Dairying would displace cattle-punching, and steam and electric railroads the long, weary rides in open dust-covered stages. A railroad must precede the transformation of the Harney valley. At present there is no incentive to development of irrigation projects that would roll millions of wealth annually out of rich soil, because there is no outlet for the products. When the first railroad enters the Harney valley a lot of Portland men will get into Pullman cars and diners, take a few barrels of beer and a few thousand cigars and go on an excursion to annex the new territory commercially just as they have recently at Klamath Falls and other places. "Boys, we killed the bear."

One thing the whole state must give Portland credit for—that is liberally advertising the whole state. The Lewis and Clark fair got all Oregon in the limelight of publicity and we have been kept under the spotlight ever since with increasing results. While still ultra-conservative, that is increasingly the tendency of older communities. The first pioneers are naturally progressive. With wealth comes conservatism. The time will come when the labors of Tom Richardson and his association will be more fully appreciated than at present.

One of the first big, cold, hard chunks of frozen fact one hits about irrigation enterprises is that private capital can put water onto land for about half what it costs Uncle Sam to do it. The eight-hour law is in effect, and unless circumvented by technicalities is a tremendous obstacle to government projects, doubling the cost of engineering and every step of progress. The officials take advantage of it and there are such swarms of them that appropriations melt away and the

## Be Wise in Time

You cannot keep well unless the bowels are regular. Neglect of this rule of health invites half the sicknesses from which we suffer. Keep the bowels right; otherwise waste matter and poisons which should pass out of the body, find their way into the blood and sicken the whole system. Don't wait until the bowels are constipated; take

## BEECHAM'S PILLS

They are the finest natural laxative in the world—gentle, safe, prompt and thorough. They strengthen the stomach muscles, and will not injure the delicate mucous lining of the bowels. Beecham's Pills have a constitutional action. That is, the longer you take them, the less frequently you need them. They help Nature help herself and

## Keep the Bowels Healthy Bile Active & Stomach Well

In Boxes 10c. and 25c. with full directions

money is absorbed by the endless delays of red tape and officialism, and up to date five projects have been completed. At Caldwell, Idaho, thousands of people have waited three years in vain for water to go onto land. They find that the annual promises of the government are only made to be broken. They have no recourse and cannot sue for damages. Hundreds have left their lands and gone elsewhere to make a living.

In the midst of these reflections Burns appeared on the horizon and in two hours we were in the biggest inland town in the world—135 miles from a railroad. It was decked with bunting, fluttering with flags, thronged with people in gala attire, with horses races, a celebration, grand ball, and development congress on the program.

## MONEY LOANED On Real Estate

LONG TIME, EASY PAYMENTS

Reliable Representatives wanted

## THE JACKSON LOAN & TRUST CO.

Jackson, Miss. Fort Worth, Texas

### All Physicians

Must prescribe some of the ingredients that are contained in Hood's Sarsaparilla—for all troubles of the blood, stomach, kidneys and liver.

They include sarsaparilla, stillingia, yellow dock, gentian, wild cherry bark, mandrake, dandelion, juniper berries, pipissewa, etc.

The combination and proportions are our own formula and give power to cure beyond the reach of any other prescription or substitute. That's why it is wise to get Hood's and only Hood's.

Poley's Honey and Tar not only stops chronic coughs that weaken the constitution and develop into consumption, but heals and strengthens the lungs. It affords comfort and relief in the most cases of chronic bronchitis, asthma, hay fever and lung trouble. J. C. Perry.

### Nervous People

And those afflicted with heart weakness may now have no fear of the dental chair. READ WHAT MRS. HANLEY SAYS: I had 19 teeth extracted at the Harvard Dentists' without the least pain, and highly recommend them.

MRS. HANLEY, Fremont Station.

### Whalebone Plate \$10

A Great Discovery, the New Whalebone Plate, which is the lightest and strongest yet known; does not cover the roof of the mouth; bite corn off the cob; guaranteed 10 years.

\$1000—WE CHALLENGE THE WORLD. We will forfeit \$1000 to any charitable institution for the dentist who can make a plate for \$10 as good as we make for \$10.

### 10 Year Guarantee

Gold Crown, extra heavy.....\$5.00  
Full Set Teeth (whalebone S. S. W.).....\$8.00  
Bridge Work, per tooth, best gold.....\$3.00  
White Crown.....\$4.00  
Teeth Re-enameled.....\$3.00  
Gold Fillings.....\$1.00  
And not exceeding.....\$2.00  
Best Silver Fillings.....\$2.50  
Platinum Fillings.....\$1.00  
Teeth Cleaned.....\$0.50

TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN  
Free When Other Work Is Ordered  
By our new system of painless dentistry, used by us alone. Our success is due to the high-grade work done by our expert, gentlemanly operators.

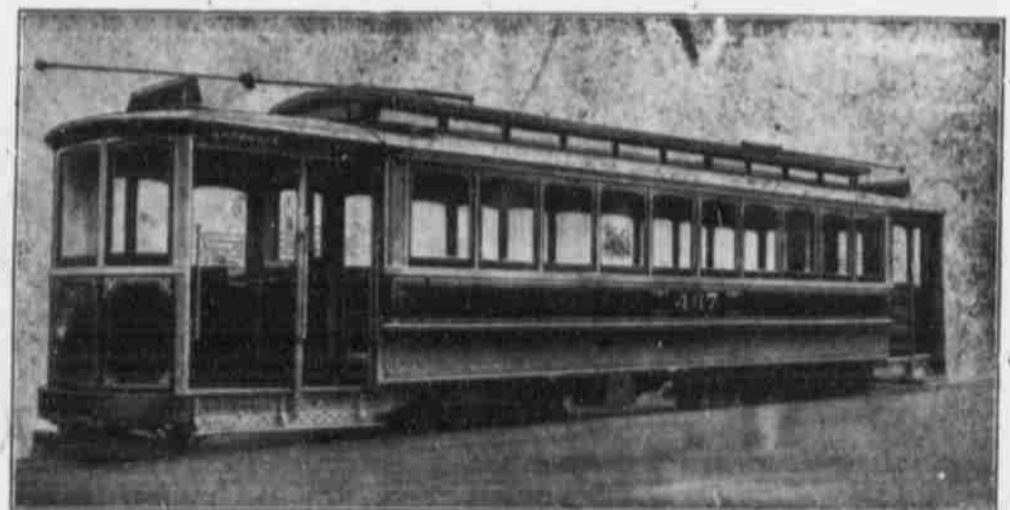
### Harvard Painless Dentists

Corner Park and Washington Sts.  
Over Royal Bakery, Portland, Or.  
Largest and best equipped Dental establishment in the world; 20 offices in United States. Open Sunday, 9 to 1. Fully equipped.

### CAPITAL NATIONAL BANK

J. H. Albert, Pres.  
E. M. Croisan, Vice Pres.  
Jos. H. Albert, Cashier  
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT  
Pays Interest on Savings  
Accounts

## Observation Car —CHERRY FAIR—



## SEEING THE CAPITAL CITY An Hour's Ride--No Change of Cars

Three trips daily--July 8, 9, 10.

Cars leaves corner of Commercial and State Streets 10 a. m., 2 p. m., 7:30 p. m. Fare 25c. No stops for passengers after starts

## Portland Railway Light & Power Company