

### LEAN TOWN

P. L. S. Co. ranches,—an ideal place to camp I can assure you, fine shade, fine mountain stream, cold water, plenty of vegetables and fruit and trout in abundance—6 miles from the new strike and town site called Dyke. I have visited the mines, but not being a miner will not try to describe the quality of it. In some specimens I could see gold with the naked eye.

Mr. Ellis' mine appears to be the best prospect; he has 18 inches of ore, which the best informed miners tell me will go \$50 to the ton; 20 other prospects claim as much or more. In my judgment there are 100 more within a radius 5 miles of his camp. This is certainly a gold bearing mountain, can find gold anywhere but not enough in a place to justify a mill. Most places water is scarce, and absolute-ly no wood. The prospectors are confident of finding a big ledge in the near future. Men are here from all over the county. A man came here from Burns, so I am told started up to visit Ellis' prospect, which is a mile from the town site, up a very rugged mountain—got to the first bench and sat down for an hour, came back hunched up and lit out for Burns—think his name was Brenton.

I would not advise any one to come here at this time—it don't look good to me. The mine is 28 miles from Pueblo, good wagon road all the way.

Now Mr. Editor if you feel disposed to publish this it may save some good man or men a long hard trip.

Very respectfully yours,  
C. W. McClain.

### THE GREAT HARNEY COUNTRY

**FINE CROPS IN SPITE OF THE BACKWARD SPRING.**

Thirty Young Orchards Bearing Fine Fruit—Apples, Grapes and Vegetables Without Irrigation.

To one who has been cooped up in an office for a long time and only knows conditions of crops and the country in general from hear say, a ride across the Great Harney Valley is a revelation. One can hardly realize the vast and rapid changes in a new country until it has been witnessed.

While this has been a good season in many respects it also has had its drawbacks. When we make a personal inspection of many growing crops and then think of the unusual cold weather last May, it is indeed remarkable to see so much fine grain and the abundance of garden produce.

A representative of this Great Religious Weekly made a jaunt across to the eastern part of the valley during the week and visited many farms and ranches while en route. Nowhere was found an absolute failure in crops, regardless of surrounding conditions. Grain has been raised under adverse conditions, yet it has made a crop. We need farmers who know how and will give the seed a chance—then we will become famous.

The Welcomeville section has produced well this year without irrigation and those people are going to have a place at the fair this fall and will show up well. They may not take any premiums but they'll show Misourians that Harney valley will produce right in the end without irrigation.

The Artesian well on W. E. Burke's Carey segregation continues to flow, although not strong. This well is worth seeing, especially if one will study surroundings and can see the possibilities of the vast country surrounding it. When one sees corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and every variety of vegetable thriving in that section on dry land and then consider what the same soil will produce with irrigation it certainly will add to his faith in the future of this great section.

It was worth while to make the trip for the pleasure of a two hours' visit in Judge Rector's orchard at Crow Camp. Here is found varieties of apples, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, prunes, cherries, and other fruits. Judge Rector states he has about a half-acre this season, but it certainly looks good to a "man up an apple tree" when it is his first experience in many years. Judge Rector has trees bearing from the ages of three up to ten years, with a very promising young orchard of three years coming on. The latter consists of all the late varieties of fruit and the trees are all very healthy. The thriftiness of the trees in this country is what causes comment from every visitor from the outside. If all would take an interest in horticulture and give their trees the proper care, it would be but a short time before we would have an abundance of fruit.

The fair this fall should be a success and will be of great benefit if growers will but make exhibits. They should do as the welfare of the country demands it. The Fair Association will do its part if the people will but assist.

**DEATH OF ALBERTHA CLAYPOOL.**

The friends of Miss Albertha Claypool were grieved to learn of her death Friday morning, August 10, after a lingering illness of the disease, consumption.

Albertha's health began to fail two years ago. Last year in company with her parents she went to Arizona. After remaining there ten months, they returned home, where she was a constant sufferer until death came as a relief.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Vale, Rev. B. G. Milligan conducting the services. Rev. Milligan was acquainted with the early life of the deceased, and spoke most pathetically of her. The choir sang her favorite hymns, one of them, "Only Remembered by What I Have Done," being the last one ever played by her.

A beautiful casket of white bore the remains to their last resting place. Friends gave flowers as tokens of grief and sympathy, and

### WILL NOT EFFECT OUR STOCK

**PACKING-HOUSE SCANDALS CUT NO ICE WITH US.**

Oregon Live Stock Sent in Western Market According to C. J. Mills, Who States Demand is Good.

J. C. Mills, livestock agent for the Harriman lines, has been making an investigation on the effect of the packing-house scandals on the market for Oregon cattle, says the Oregonian. He has found that the effect has not been noticeable, nor does he believe it will be.

"I think much ado has been made about a small matter," said Mr. Mills. "I think the packing houses could have been controlled with less public outcry. When the government puts its stamp upon meat it stands for quality, just the same as its stamp on the greenback. I do not think the disclosures will have any permanent effect on the sale of packing-house products, as American goods are too good to be affected by sentiment or prejudice. People must have meat to eat, and the best meat is that made from western cattle, fattened on eastern corn."

The demand for Oregon cattle has not fallen off in the least, and the agitation does not effect range cattle. Fat heaves now go from the Oregon ranges to the western markets, while only young cattle that will be fed for a year or two on the intermediate ranges are being sold in the east. Not a single trainload of heavy cattle has moved to the Chicago market this year, as the demand is too heavy for them in the west. Growers find it more profitable to turn off their young cattle for the eastern packing houses, and the stock does not reach its destination for a year or so, as it is fattened in Montana, Colorado, Idaho and other states. By the time the young cattle are ready next spring the present outcry will have been forgotten.

**Galveston's Sea Wall**

Galveston, Tex., needs no sea wall for safety. He writes: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption the past five years and it keeps me well and safe. Before that time I had a cough which for years had been growing worse. Now it's gone." Cures chronic coughs, La Grippe, croup, Whooping cough and prevents pneumonia. Pleasant to take. Every bottle guaranteed at The City Drug Store. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The Harney Saw Mill, Roy Byrd proprietor, is ready for the season's work. Orders of any size can be filled at any time. All kinds of dressed and rough lumber on hand, also shingles. Good road. Write for prices on large or small orders.

Having sold the furniture business, C. A. Byrd will now turn his attention to painting and paper hanging and solicits a share of your patronage. He will also conduct a cabinet and repair shop.

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### GETTING RID OF WEEDS.

The Minnesota agricultural experiment station has issued a very instructive bulletin in response to numerous inquiries from farmers as to the best method of eradicating certain common weeds which have given the agriculturists a great deal of trouble.

It is estimated by the station officials that weeds cause the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to the farmers of Minnesota. These unwelcome intruders not only make it more expensive to grow crops, but they draw heavily upon the moisture and fertility of the soil, and last, but not least, they reduce very materially the market value of the crop.

The reports of the state grain inspection department are quoted to show that for two years the average dockage of wheat at the elevators is about 19 ounces per bushel. This dockage is largely due to the weeds.

As the annual wheat crop of Minnesota is about 200,000,000 bushels, a dockage of one pound per bushel means a loss of 200,000,000 pounds per year. The estimate of the grain inspection department would make it more than that.

Had the land been free of weeds, says the bulletin, the same amount of plant food, moisture and labor would have produced over 3,000,000 bushels of wheat, or the equivalent in other grains. On this basis, weeds cost the Minnesota farmer about \$2,500,000 annually, or an annual rent of about 30 cents on every acre seeded to small grain. If to this is added the cost of fighting weeds, the loss of fertility and moisture, strain on machinery, extra cost of twine to tie up the weeds, freight charges for shipping weed seeds, etc., the loss is increased enormously, and the business man who would keep out of the bankruptcy court must figure cost of production and marketing down to the smallest item in just this manner.

The average dockage, however, does not fully cover the matter of loss. The bulletin cites one instance in which the farmer was docked 23 pounds to the bushel, and another was docked 19 pounds to the bushel, both of them because of wild oats in their grains. This is a heavier tax than any business can stand and prosper.

The bulletin describes the various common weeds, which are divided

### DRY FARMING.

The Dallas Optimist says: In broad terms and plain language, dry farming consists in the rotation of crops and surface cultivation to conserve the moisture. There is no patent on it, it is no secret and it is not a new system, the fact of retention of moisture by cultivation being as old as the hills. The only novelty about it in this country being that some of our husbandmen are enlarging the area of production by encroaching upon lands which have hitherto been deemed unfit for the raising of crops owing to lack of rainfall. The ordinary wheat farmer might get a partial crop from some of these lands once in two or three years, but by the Campbell system, so-called, a large crop can be taken every second year.

We are not preaching for wheat farmers, those who wear out our lands and do but little good for the community or themselves. What we need in Oregon is a new order of things, a new style of farming—intensive cultivation and diversified crops. In other words we want farmers who will do more work with their brains and more with their hands. Farmers who will raise less crops in "Bing's grocery store," and more in their fields. Farmers who will think less of wheat and more of vegetables, clover, alfalfa, fruit trees and orchards. Farmers who would sooner dig a well at a cost of a couple of hundred dollars, and put in a gasoline engine to do the pumping, than to haul water year in and year out at a cost of from 25 to 75 dollars per month. To show that we are not exaggerating, we will point to farmers between The Dalles and Pendleton, 15 to 30 miles south of the Columbia, who have paid as much as \$75 per month for water hauling for the last six, eight or ten years. And yet that man could dig a well with pumping machinery for less than \$800. Aside from the saving, he could irrigate from two to five acres. He could have a garden, he could set out fruit trees, he could beautify his grounds, with lawn and shade trees and have a place to live in resembling a home. As it is now he and his family are not "living." They are only stopping until the land is worn out, or until they can sell the place. Then they will "dit."

There is a rumor of a great strike in copper on the Lower Silivies river. There is a large body of ore in sight and the average is from five to twenty per cent. Canyon City capital is interested and before long we may hear of something surprising in the mining line.—Prairie City Miner.

**\$25.00 REWARD \$25.00.**

Notice is hereby given that hunting and shooting upon the enclosed lands of the American Land & Live Stock Co located in townships 39 & 40 S Range 35 E and township 39 S, R 36 E W. M. Harney Co Oregon (better known as the Trout Creek and Colony Ranches.) is strictly forbidden. Any person or persons found hunting or trespassing with a gun in their possession on above described property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. A reward of \$25 is hereby offered for evidence that will lead to their arrest and conviction. AMERICAN LAND & LIVE STOCK CO. BY E. B. HILL RANCH MANAGER.

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### STOCKMEN UNITE.

Because the live stock commission houses of Chicago and Omaha were not content with a reasonable profit but having the producers under their thumbs were able to charge outrageous commissions for selling the fat stock of western ranchmen, the latter determined to organize their own commission houses and James Guina a former Pendleton man is in the city for the purpose of placing a block of stock in the Co-operative Livestock association with Pendleton capitalists.

The new organization for the benefit of stock growers is strongly recommended by the National Woolgrowers association. The capital stock of the association is \$100,000, nearly one-half of which has already been subscribed.

Branch offices of the company will be established in all the large packing centers of the country and the saving made to the growers will be the difference between the exorbitant charge heretofore maintained and the cost of handling, which will be the figure at which the corporation will give to its patrons.

The immediate cause of the movement by the producers of the west was the raising of rates by the commission firms, the following figures showing a few of the inflated prices:

On sheep or hogs, single or double deck cars, an increase of \$2 per car.

On cattle an increase was effected by means of a minimum of \$10 per car, whereas, formerly no minimum was established.

On mixed car loads of livestock the increase ranges from \$2 to \$6 per car.

After the new charges had been put into effect by the commission men protests were made several different times by committees from the various livestock organizations, but without avail.

The action of the stockmen will cause a reduction in cost, it is said, of nearly \$300,000 every year in the cost of production.—Pendleton Tribune.

**A Mystery Solved.**

"How to keep off periodic attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Life Pills solved for me," writes John N. Pleasant of Magnolia, Ind. The only pills that are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction to everybody or money refunded. Only 25c at City Drug Store.

See Gear and Cummins' ad.

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