

WELL DRILLERS STRIKE WATER

Supply For Settlers Assured. Success At Hampton Booms Free Land Territory and Opens Desert Act Opportunities—County Pays For Experiment, Which Is Successful

The most important single achievement in the history of the southeast homestead country was accomplished last week when a permanent water supply was obtained by well diggers at Hampton, says the Bend Bulletin. The new well is 167 feet deep, and has from 20 to 40 feet of water, with every indication of an inexhaustible supply.

As a result of the "strike", which proves that water is obtainable with little difficulty throughout the freeland territory a renewed interest in getting these last untaken acres from the government is manifested, and what promises to be a considerable land rush is under way. There is, of course, jubilation among the homesteaders already on claims, and it is understood that the well drilling company is swamped with orders from settlers who want wells sunk on their property.

Hampton, where the new well is, is about 70 miles southeast of Bend. The well is on the Bend-Burns road. It has been dug at the expense of the county, the County Court recently having agreed to devote \$1,000 if necessary, to secure a well there, not only for its benefits to the settlers and to ascertain the cost of obtaining permanent supply, but also to serve as a watering point for the heavy freight traffic between Bend and Burns. J. E. Sawhill, of the Central Oregon Development League, the Bend Commercial Club, and many local merchants and others had much to do with having the well drilled, it, however being the direct outcome of the progressiveness of the Hampton country settlers and the wise action of the county court.

A. T. Shaver is at the head of the well drilling outfit. Water was struck at 167 feet, and now stands 24 feet deep. The total expense of the experiment has been but \$332.50. The well drilling cost \$250, wood and water \$56.50 and board \$26.

The well remains the property of the county. Just how it will be managed is as yet undecided, but probably some one will be in charge, and water will be sold to settlers and freighters for just enough to cover actual operating expenses. A gasoline or other engine probably will be employed for the pumping.

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GIVE THE BOY A CHANCE

Any Boy Will Do Better In Every Way If Give A Chance To Follow His Own Desire In Selecting A Profession Says Agricultural President

"Just two kinds of boys attend college—those who come and those who are sent." So spoke the president of an agricultural college. "With the former the faculty have no trouble. Such boys mean business and as a rule, they make their mark in the world."

"This thought should be of great assistance to the farmer confronted with the question: Shall I send my boy to college? College may be the making or marring of a career—so may staying upon the farm. Every normal father desires the welfare of his children. How decide? Watch the boy! Give him a chance in the direction his taste naturally lies. Many a boy cut out to be a merchant fails because his parents won't give him a chance. Many a boy fails as a farmer because he should have been a blacksmith or a lawyer. His heart is not in the farm, therefore he cannot succeed. Every normal boy is by nature better equipped for some one thing than for anything else. If the son has a mania for making things, cultivate and educate that mania.

"The boy will largely train himself up to a certain point. Then if he wants a college education enough to work his way more or less he may safely be trusted to make a start. If he is half-hearted about being sent, it is not safe to send him. The safest college for such a boy is the agricultural college, because he will there associate largely with farmers' sons, and be in contact with farm subjects. Should he return to the farm he will not have departed so far from the farmers' line of work as he would had he been sent to a different kind of college."—Northwest Farmstead.

At the Oregon Agricultural College last year there were 253 students who earned every cent of their expenses, 160 more who worked for half the money they spent, and 243 others who earned some part of the money for their college course.

For the boy who wishes to go into the business world, there are both two and four year courses in the school of commerce; for the boy who would like to become a blacksmith or a carpenter there are special courses in forge work and carpentry in the school of engineering; for the boy who has an aptitude for electricity, surveying, mining, or road building there are also special engineering courses.

Farmers' sons and those from the fruit and cattle lands, however, are offered a wide choice of agricultural branches of training, in which they can prepare themselves either for special work in some one line, or for general farming, either under conditions of the moist western part of the state or those of the dry-farming region in the east.

Should Not Export Grain.

That Oregon is making a great mistake in exporting its grain instead of feeding it to livestock, is the belief of Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station at the Oregon Agricultural College; expressed strongly in a recent address before the Portland advertising Club.

He pointed out the fact that there are ten million acres of dairy land in Oregon, and that two acres can support a cow. Thus five million cows, each worth a \$100 profit annually, or five hundred million dollars together in profit each year to the state, could be fed on this land.

By feeding the grain instead of exporting it, Dr. Withycombe estimates that the farmer would get fifty cents more a bushel, or on a crop of fifteen million bushels for the state, \$7,500,000. The export of \$101,000,000 worth of dairy produce, bacon and eggs from Denmark, which supports a population of 2,600,000, under trying climatic conditions, proves conclusively what can be done under right management. Oregon, with its fine climate and rich variety of soils should be able to do even better.

Marshal Stroud Shot And Killed At Harney

Falls Dead Before Fatal Fusilade Of Bullets Fired By Men He Attempted To Arrest—Four Men Alleged To Be Implicated In The Shooting Are Taken Into Custody By Sheriff Richardson And Under Arrest

One man is dead and another wounded as a result of a very nasty shooting scrape in Harney Wednesday afternoon. The dead man is Z. H. Stroud, the city marshal, who was acting in an official capacity it seems when he met his death. The shooting took place in front of the post office and Mr. Stroud fell inside where he expired immediately. The wounded man is Burbank Clay, who has a flesh wound which is not considered serious.

Four men are under arrest as being implicated in the affair, Burbank Clay, James Buckland, G. H. Matheny and Otto Lowell. These men with the exception of Clay, are in the county jail awaiting developments and their preliminary will be held as soon as possible.

When the information was first telephoned here it was impossible to get any definite details respecting the shooting or principals, the only information being that Marshal Stroud had been shot down in a fusilade of bullets. Sheriff Richardson went up immediately and tried to get at the bottom of the affair. He found Burbank Clay in bed with a bullet wound in his side and James Buckland with him. He

finally placed the latter under arrest and learned that Lowell was mixed up in the affair but had left town. It seems Matheny volunteered to go after him and was deputized for that purpose and another man sent with him. Later Sheriff Richardson was informed that he had sent an accomplice out after his man. He brought Buckland to Burns and hurried back to the scene. He found out more about the shooting and early next morning started out after his man. He found Lowell at the Prairie home on Cow Creek eating breakfast; placing irons on him he secured a horse and started out to find Matheny and had gone but a short distance when he met him coming down the road. It seems Matheny had gone to the cabin occupied by himself and Lowell but the latter had not come to the house during the night, evidently spending the time out in the open.

Coroner Geary held an inquest Thursday forenoon and took the testimony of a number of witnesses. The coroner's jury after hearing the evidence brought in a verdict holding Clay, Buckland and Lowell accountable for murder. Jasper Davis testified he

and Stroud entered the post office together. Burbank Clay was out in the street with a pistol in his hand. After Davis and Stroud had entered the post-office two shots were fired. They both came out and Stroud told the boys (James Buckland and Clay to "cut it out." Mr. Davis also asked them to put up their guns and obey the law; Clay continued his abuse and Stroud came back out again and told Clay and Buckland, the latter also having a pistol out, to consider themselves under arrest and to appear before the justice the next morning. From that time until after the volley of shots there is considerable confusion as to what happened. Several saw the shooting from various places near and it is thought as many as 25 or more shots were fired. Wm. Russell, Mr. Thompson and Fred Haines all saw more or less of it and the latter states that a tall man was standing behind the screen in a saloon door adjoining the post office shooting with a rifle. Clay was out in the street where he had been flourishing his gun and telling Stroud to come out. James Buckland stood near the saloon with a (Continued on Second Page)

INSPECTION TOUR REVEALS PROSPERITY

Recent Auto Trip Thru Surrounding Country Displays Wonderful Advancement Along The Agricultural Line And The Productive Fertility Of Harney County's Splendid Soil

In company with N. U. Carpenter, Dr. H. M. Horton and Judge Miller The Times-Herald man made a hurried visit to Harman Tuesday and was astonished to see the amount of improvements throughout the territory between this city and that point. The party went out by the way of Lawen and returned by the warm springs, through Valley View district to Welcomeville and then straight west on the Crow Camp road to Burns.

Dr. Horton is installing a pumping plant out at his place just east of the Experiment Station. He has a well 1000 feet deep and has attached a centrifugal pump with gasoline engine with which to place a portion of the tract under irrigation. Several new homestead cabins were passed on the road going down and it was noted that many were enlarging their clearings and preparing to cultivate a larger area than before.

Geo. Parker has purchased the store at Harman from Dr. Denman and we found Miss Mary Croxton in charge of the store and postoffice. School had been in session at Harman since September 2 and the attendance is large. The party found some Harney County grown citron at the store and The Times-Herald man bought one thinking he was getting a water melon—this shows his knowledge of farming and what can be raised in this section.

Coming back the party visited the big warm springs just north of the Harman townsite. This is owned by Dr. Denman and it is said to contain mineral pro-

erties and will be valuable when we get the railroads as no doubt there will be a large sanitarium erected there and a resort of magnitude. The water has been dammed up and is not so hot as has been represented to the writer who had not visited it before.

The road brings one near the homestead of Prof. Jokisch, principal of the high school. Here was found a fine stone residence built of native stone with a comfortable fire place and everything quite handy and cosy. Prof. Jokisch, like his neighbors, has quite a clearing and his farm looks like he intends to make a home. The trip through Valley View district disclosed much development work in the way of clearing, fencing and general improvement. Several nice comfortable homes were passed and also some good gardens. The auto encountered some quite deep sand in this vicinity which caused slow progress but the soil was most productive as shown on each side. Four antelope were seen in a field near the road near the Welcomeville territory and it was certainly a pretty and unusual sight, as these beautiful creatures that used to be so plentiful are now rare in the Valley.

Among the farms passed that have fine crops of grain were C. E. McPheeters, Dan Varian, G. W. Clevenger, Brown & Sons, F. O. Jackson, Fred Denstedt, C. A. Korten. All of these places have yielded big crops this season and show the advancement of farming methods in this section. Mr. Carpenter was particularly (Continued on Second Page)

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