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Harney county's resources are attracting the attention of the entire West. Irrigation, stock raising, mines, oil and gas prospects and agriculture—all waiting development.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK FOR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Cheap Feed This Year The One Factor That Prevents Total Destruction.

The livestock industry is passing through the long looked for readjustment period that everyone at all familiar with the industry knew must take place before the business would back on a firm foundation. The surprising thing has been that things are as good as they are. No great amount of forced liquidation has taken place. The Presidential election, which always brings about business stagnation, has passed and soon a new congress and a new president will be asked to pass what appears to be much needed legislation for the industry. Already it is reported that there is a letting up in the buying of plain foreign wools for import, the old purchaser, fearing that he will get caught with his import profit in the protection barbs of the tariff fence that this special session of Congress may establish, is plentiful and must remain so. In order to market the enormous hay crop of nearly every section of Oregon, much winter feed must be resorted to and a brisk market for much of our feedstuff ought to be in evidence. The desert section of Oregon, which has formerly been used as a winter range for many of our inter-shepherds, but which owing to the high price of sheep during the war had not been used because of certain winter hazards, is now being thrown into use for the cheap carrying over of many of our range rams. The early fall rains have insured a rank growth of all desert grasses and a spring lamb crop far above the average ought to result in this year's carry over of all age breeding ewes. The spring market, which has been exceedingly poor for the past year should be materially helped by purchasers from Montana, Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain states that have experienced heavy winter losses during the year and a lamb crop of but 10 per cent of the normal.

Cattle seem to have reached the bottom and a slight climb in price will be looked for. Were it not for our abundant hay crop the winter and yearling end would be a time of some little concern, but the feed situation is entirely satisfactory and much outside range is everywhere reported. These unsold hays may well be put to the profitable task of garnering a feed crop might otherwise go ungathered. Statistics show that Oregon cattle are made from the range running of cattle rather than from the lot. This year might show a much better spring balance than is looked for. The Oregon cattle raiser has materially improved the quality of his animals by the mating in and use of pure blooded stock on the range and with good feed, a high and desirable type of animal will be offered the range feeders and shippers.

Horses are steadily becoming more in demand. Decreased feed and maintenance costs is swinging the pendulum back in favor of the horse. At present figuring barley at 6 cents, and 50 cents hay at \$25 per ton pasture at \$15 per acre for the horse's pasture run rent of 170 days, find that 25.3 bushels of rolled hay, 37.8 bushels of oats, 1.7 tons hay will keep an average horse during under average Oregon conditions for a year, the aggregate cost of this feed is \$117.35 per year from which should be subtracted \$39, the cost of the manure, leaving an expense of but \$78.35 for the year's feeding. These figures show really cheaply a draft horse may be maintained under farm conditions; by attempting to compete with the motor tractor power with a bill of expenses. Good draft horses should all be bred in the Oregon and range mares of fair type, reasonable bone and size will be in increasing demand. Live stock raisers have a right to be optimistic about the future of the industry. It ought to be an average year. It will call for the practice of thrift

BENEFIT MUSICAL ENJOYED BY MANY

The recital given by Miss Agnes Foley, assisted by several of the talented people of Burns on last Saturday evening was a decided success and one of the most pleasing programs ever rendered in this city. Miss Foley is to be congratulated and those taking part with her deserve credit for the manner in which the program was rendered.

The Liberty Theatre was filled completely by a very appreciative audience. Each number received generous applause and those taking part had to respond to encores repeatedly. We shall not particularize in making mention as each number was well received and the performers highly praised.

The recital was given as a benefit for the new St. Joseph's Hospital, the funds to go directly for equipment for the surgery. \$112.50 was cleared for this fund and given over to the proper officer to be applied as specified.

and good feeding and better farm and range care of our animals—Blue Mountain Eagle.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ASKED TO URGE CONGRESS HELP

A meeting of the Commercial Club was held Tuesday evening. President Geer had received a request from other commercial organizations to have this club join in urging congress for relief legislation. A committee was appointed to draft a memorial asking that certain legislation be passed to relieve conditions, especially the live stock industry and further recommend the reinstatement of the war finance board.

Mr. Dwyer of the Electric Light & Power Co. had also asked a hearing before the club but he failed to make an appearance. Mr. Dwyer claims he is not breaking even on furnishing lights for this city when he has to run on the engine. The club took no action because there was nothing before it to act upon.

ANOTHER IRRIGATION WELL DEVELOPED

Albert Wood was in from his farm in the Rye Grass district Thursday and reports that his neighbor, O. L. Gaseh, has recently sunk a well to a depth of 108 feet that has developed a flow of 509 inches of water per minute with a five inch centrifugal pump.

This adds another irrigation plant to that neighborhood. It has been proven beyond a doubt that irrigation by pumping is feasible and with cheap power will be one of the big producing parts of the county. This is bound to follow the establishment of these wells that are proving adequate for irrigation purposes.

Mr. Wood states there will be other wells sunk immediately and that it will only be a matter of a short time when there will be a sufficient number to justify a big power concern to come into the field. He is authority for the statement that men interested in the development of electric power on the Malheur above Drewsey have said they will build a plant and transmit electric power to the Rye Grass section if they are guaranteed support from 100 wells. This can be done within the next few months but with a transmission line across by way of Pine Creek and the amount of power that may be developed on the Malheur such a company need not stop or depend entirely upon this support but may also find a greater revenue by extending its lines on into this town.

It has been suggested by one of the engineers in charge of the Harney Valley Irrigation District work that the power possibilities at the reservoir on that project might be used to advantage for just such a purpose as pumping from the underground waters of this valley to irrigate the land that cannot come under the gravity supply project. This gentleman points out that power would be available for that purpose to the exclusion of all other purposes as it would not be available for commercial use in general because it would be available only during the irrigation season.

A. C. Volmer has been in town this week.

The Children's Kingdom

The baby of the manger, overlooked by the mild-eyed oxen and worshipped by the wise men with their frankincense and myrrh, came to establish a new kingdom—the Kingdom of God.

One other kingdom He established on this earth to make glad the hearts of all at this blessed season—the Children's Kingdom of Christmas.

At midnight the portals which shut this magic kingdom off from the workaday world swing silently open. At dawn the little people of the realm begin to troop into it. Little pattering feet, funny little forms clad in night-clothes swarm through the open gates of the Kingdom of Christmas and take possession for the day.

The horns blow, the rattles sound, the drums beat, rations of sugar plums and comfits are served out to the pajama-clad army. Chariots, carts, donkeys and automobiles speed across the carpeted plains, and the reign of the children revels itself out to a sleepy end at nightfall, with dolls and swords clasped in hands which cling on after the



eyes have fallen shut in sleep.

It is a great day, a day of sweet foolishness, a time for the baring of hearts too long screened from the eyes that long to look into them and see love enthroned.

Make the most of it, the best of it and all you can of it. It comes but once a year. Most people find themselves unable to buy the presents they would like to buy for Christmas. Some find the season a time of unhappiness for that very reason. Try not to feel thus. It is not the presents bought or received that makes the day of good. It is the love spent and not the money that counts.

The DAY should break down every barrier between hearts estranged and be the starting point for better relations and new affections—and above all, it should be the day of the Children's Kingdom.

And whenever Christmas is made the children's festival—based on LOVE—His gentle spirit will be in the midst of it.

ODD FELLOW ORDERS TO HOLD JOINT-INSTALLATION

Harney Lodge No. 77 and Sylvia Rebekah Lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F., are making preparation to hold joint installation of officers on Thursday, January 6. The installation ceremonies will be followed by a banquet and general good time by members of the orders.

The Odd Fellows is the oldest secret organization in Burns, in point of establishment of a local lodge. Many of the members have been with the organization for years. These older members find the annual installation time and the anniversary day of the organization a delightful reunion where they feel at home and surrounded by a family of younger people who are going forward in the teachings and good offices of the order.

It is expected the coming installation night will find a large number of the members of the order assembled in the lodge room to recall old times and take part in the work.

More snow for the sleighing parties and more moisture for the crops next season.

NEW FIRM TAKES OVER ABSTRACT BUSINESS

Messrs. John L. Caldwell and Gus Bardwell have purchased the stock of the Harney County Abstract Co. from Chas. M. Faulkner.

The former boys had recently incorporated an abstract concern under the name of the Title Abstract Co. It had been their intention to enter the abstracting field in competition with the older concern but the interested parties got together and the result is the new firm has taken over the stock of the Harney County Abstract Co. and will continue the business under that name.

Mr. Caldwell is the assessor of Harney county and Mr. Bardwell has been his deputy for the past three or four years. They are energetic young men who are reliable and who will conduct the business along the same efficient lines it has been in the past.

Mr. Faulkner states he has no immediate plans and will take time to look around. He says he is ready to engage in other business in the spring if conditions will warrant, but if not he will seek some place where he can get busy as he doesn't want to be idle and wait.

PATRONIZE THE MAN WHO ADVERTISES

During the recent convention of county judges and commissioners of Oregon those present went on record as favoring patronizing home industries as a means of solving the unemployed problem. This is a good move. It might go even farther and be equally as effective of keeping the money at home by patronizing the home merchant where it is possible. Look over the advertisements in this paper and see if you can't save some money by dealing with the home man. Don't compare too closely with your mail order house catalog, for the home man must live, you know, but if he doesn't advertise his goods you are justified in overlooking him.

The following resolutions were passed by the county judges and commissioners' organization:

WHEREAS the entire country is facing a serious unemployed problem that vitally affects every line of private and public business and

WHEREAS it would seem that much of the problem could be solved in its relations to conditions in Oregon if every public official and citizen of the state undertook to do their part, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Oregon Association of County Judges and Commissioners in convention assembled on December 13th 1920, that we recommend the purchase and use of Oregon materials and products and thus aid in the continuous employment of people in Oregon factories.

FARM BUREAU IN NEIGHBORING COUNTY MAKES THINGS GO

The Times-Herald has noted in the last issue of the Ontario Argus some very interesting stories in connection with the Farm Bureau work in Malheur county and the things accomplished by L. R. Breithaupt as county agent.

Three different stories of the activities of this work occupy heads on the front page, one telling of the haygrowers' meeting and their cooperative action, another tells of the departure of the livestock committee for a trip to purchase dairy cows. The third is a comprehensive write-up of the second annual Farm Bureau meeting where over 250 ranchmen and planned to work co-operatively gathered and discussed their actively in the interest of their respective businesses in future.

This shows what live organizations may do and what may be accomplished in Harney county by following the start made by County Agent McDaniel. Malheur county has problems that are met and worked out systematically by this organization.

In resolutions passed at the big annual meeting the ranchers take occasion to compliment their county court for its active co-operation and strongly urge a greater activity in the aid of County Agent Breithaupt. They also recommend the abolishment of the bounty on coyotes and ask our representatives in the legislature to use their efforts to that end. In connection with this subject we give the resolution:

WHEREAS; it has been called to the attention of the voters that in the past year Malheur County has paid bounties for coyotes in the total sum of more than \$8,000 and whereas it has been demonstrated that the bounty system is entirely inadequate to meet the problem presented by the presence of coyotes, and

Whereas, the work of the U. S. Biological Survey with its trained hunters has given greater satisfaction, at far less cost to the counties and states where it has operated, be it

RESOLVED: that we request our representatives in the legislature to use their every effort to repeal portions of the present bounty law of the coming session of the legislature, making the payment of bounties optional by the County Court, and that we request our County Court to substitute the Biological service for the bounty system as soon as practicable.

Harry E. Smith returned recently from a trip to Portland where he went on a visit to his wife. Mrs. Smith was in poor health when she left Burns several months ago from heart trouble and finds that the lower altitude is beneficial.

MANY RABBITS FALL VICTIMS TO POISONING

Pests Destroyed by Hundreds Cheaply; Method Should Be Given Preference.

Three hundred rabbits in one night at a cost of less than \$2.00 is a demonstration made by the two boys in charge of the rabbit poisoning campaign last Monday night. This was under favorable weather conditions but the poisoning might have been more effective had the hay stack been properly fenced.

This kill was made at the A. C. Welcome ranch just below town. The one ounce of poison was distributed on Monday evening and the dead rabbits were gathered up the following morning. The boys were aided in gathering them up by a representative of this paper and County Judge Farre.

The Times-Herald has advocated this method of extermination of the rabbit pest from the first time the subject was discussed. It is the most effective and cheapest plan and would be entirely successful if properly handled and the people would take an interest. Of course it is realized there is a wide territory over which the rabbits may roam where no one is living but at this time of year and with snow covering their usual feed the rabbits congregate around hay stacks where they may be poisoned. The kill of last Monday night demonstrates the possibility in connection with this method.

If people would work at it, each rancher be ready with his poison at the proper time, put it out and keep it up for a short time the number of rabbits that would escape would be negligible.

The argument is advanced that the poisoning method is not good for this county because of the small population; at this date practically all the rabbits are congregated around feeding places and with a large force of men could be practically exterminated within two weeks. It is a pity the Biological Survey is not able to put men in the field for this purpose but it should not be necessary. No one asks the government to do all the work—we should show some disposition to aid, just as it is with the sage rat in the summer. We can get rid of these pests at a nominal cost if each individual will work conscientiously at it.

The Times-Herald regrets there is a disposition shown by some to not co-operate with the poisoning at this time, evidently because of the fact that on January 1st a bounty of five cents will be paid for rabbits. The two men engaged in the poisoning campaign are covering what territory they can in this vicinity, but there are places where a greater number of rabbits could be killed if the owners of the places would give their permission and aid in the work. However, with present weather conditions and sufficient help a great many rabbits are going to be destroyed before Harney county has to pay bounty on them.

A. L. Hackney is here from his home at Nampa.

B. F. Steele was in from his home near Princeton for a short visit during the week.

Clay Clemens and family are over from their home at Boise to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

The old time cheer of the holidays will be missed by some but altogether it should be about as cheerful as each individual will be in a better mental condition to really enjoy the spirit of the occasion instead of the "spirits."

The mails have been very congested during the past few days because of the Christmas rush. Many disappointed in not receiving their Christmas packages. No paper mail was brought in yesterday morning and the Oregonian was missing the day before. In fact paper mail has been irregular for some time, this office having failed to receive Sunday papers for two weeks.