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SEPTEMBER 7TH SET TO NAME BOUNDARY

MT. GLENN FARMERS CONFERED WITH BY OLD DIRECTORS THIS AFTERNOON

TENTATIVE DISTRICT FIXED

Election Will be Held in October—Must Publish Notice of Hearing Four Weeks Before Action is Taken—Petitions to County Court are Drawn and Will be Signed—Have Maps of the Tentative District Soon.

September 7th is the day set for establishing the boundaries and limits of the Grande Ronde Irrigation district, to comprise some 30,000 acres of land tributary to La Grande, Mt. Glenn, Booth Lane, and east toward Hot Lake. This date is the earliest possible and notice of such action must be published four weeks, and September is the first date possible on which the court can act on the matter. The election will be ordered at that time and held just as soon as it is lawful. In this way it will be possible to commence construction of the dam, and have the physical plant in working order in about nine months time.

Promoters Visit Farmers.
Today President Pierce, Directors, Holmes Stoddard, MacDonald visited farmers in the Mt. Glenn district, ascertaining the land that may be included in the district, and feeling the public pulse relative to the district plan of irrigation. The tentative boundary line has been established already and a map is being drawn to show just where the confines of the district are so that there may be a clear understanding when the time comes to vote. On September seventh a hearing will be held before the county court and on the basis of that hearing the lines will be established permanently.

The petitions which must be signed and handed to the county court, along a process similar to the road petition, are drawn and already have many signatures.

The petition, up to that point where

PIPE ON THE WAY AT LAST

MANUFACTURERS HAVE CAUSED MUCH INCONVENIENCE

Public Health Menaced While Delay is Experienced in Pipe Laying.

Eighteen-inch pipe to be used in connecting the Beaver creek water system with the newly-laid water mains down town, has been shipped from Portland, and after more than a month's delay, the connection will be started shortly. The trenches have been dug for many days for the contractors expected speedy shipment of the pipe. On the other hand, the shippers have shown unusually apathy and as a result public health has been greatly menaced in La Grande. The small connecting main down second street is entirely too small to be adequate, and it has been found absolutely necessary to use river water a portion of the day. As long as this is a fact public health is endangered. The arrival of the pipe is expected momentarily, if the O. R. & N. does not add to the many weeks of delay to get the shipment through.

the tentative boundaries are described, follow:

To the Hon. County Court of Union County, Oregon:

We the undersigned petitioners, consisting of more than fifty holders of title to lands in Union county, Oregon, susceptible of irrigation from a common or combined source, namely, from the waters of the Grande Ronde river and its tributaries, and by a system of works consisting of reservoirs, dams, canals and distributing ditches built, constructed and maintained, upon said Grande Ronde river and its tributaries, in Union county, Oregon, for reservoiring, storing, diverting, conducting and distributing the waters of said stream over said lands for irrigation purposes, and all of which lands title to which is held by your petitioners are situated within the boundaries of the irrigation district herein petitioned for, do hereby petition your Hon. Court and that the same may be organized into an irrigation district under the provisions of an act of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon entitled "An act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts, and to provide for the acquisition of water and other property and for the distribution of water, thereby for irrigating purposes, and for other and similar purposes," approved February 20th., 1895, and amendments thereto, and which irrigation district shall be named and known as the La Grande Irrigation District.

STORM'S DAMAGE IS VERY LIGHT EVERYWHERE

WINTER WHEAT ALONE INJURED TO ANY EXTENT

Tremendous Rainfall at Noonhour Floods Streets with Water.

Storm Feature—Damage to fruit very light, bruising "outside" apples very light, bruising "outside" apples and possibly leaving slight traces of rust on the pears. Cherries are practically harvested hence little damage to them.

Total rainfall up to 2 o'clock, 1.07 inches.

Damage to Spring wheat very light. Heaviest loss sustained by fall wheat owners, near La Grande.

Rain, hail and wind, twisting and circling first from one direction and then to another accompanied by electrical disturbances beat down on La Grande and immediate territory this noon doing considerable damage to winter wheat ready for cutting but otherwise inflicting scarcely any appreciable damage. The downfall of rain in less than an hour was remarkable, the government instrument registered 1.07 inches, far more than has fallen during the month of June and July up to date. Streets were seas of water, and the sewers were far too inadequate for the purpose. Where yesterday morning was dust, today is mud, and alfalfa fields and small grains are recuperated wonderfully this afternoon.

The slight damage to winter grains is merely a trifle when compared to the vast amount of good resultant intermittent showers continued throughout the afternoon and it is probable the total rainfall for the day will reach 1.50 before night fall.

A peculiar phase of the storm was that Cove, and Union missed it. Elgin caught a diminished branch of the storm which in La Grande districts was something much akin to a cloud-burst. Imbler, Summerville and Alicol was also in the path of the storm in less severe nature.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH IN ALBANY, ORE., FOREST FIRES WHICH LAY PROPERTY WASTE

Albany, Ore., July 21.—Hundreds of men are today fighting forest fires along the Samtiam river near the terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, which has already claimed a toll of three lives. The fire is gaining in strength and early today had covered an area of two miles. Forces working against it, seem to have little effect in impeding progress. The government forest reserve and the Hoover Lumber company are the sufferers thus far.

The dead are:
Phillip Richmond, Salem.
Frank McGeoy, Clearfield, Pa.
Jay Brooks, Crawfordsville, Ore.
The men were employed by the Hoover company. Tuesday they went in advance of the fire to secure tools. They were overtaken by the flames and burned. Their bodies were recovered yesterday evening and undertakers left here to take charge of the remains.

MILTON PEOPLE GET INTO TROUBLE OVER CHILDREN SAID TO BE KIDNAPPED

Milton, Ore., July 19.—Warrants were sworn out this morning before Justice J. L. Miller, charging Mr. and Mrs. John Woods with kidnapping. The charge was preferred by Shall Hopkins, a son-in-law. It seems that Mr. Hopkins, whose wife is dead went away to harvest and before going left two of his children at the Nels McCracken home and two with Paul Young at the power plant. As soon as he had gone Mrs. Woods at once took the former two and also tried to get the two at Young's, but was refused. As soon as Mr. Hopkins heard it he returned to Milton, secured Constable Terwilliger, went to the Woods home and got the children. The arrests followed.

All of the parties live up the Walla Walla river. Trial was set at Milton next Saturday in Alliance hall, Prosecuting Attorney Phelps of Pendleton having charge of it.

WASHINGTON ORCHARDS PROFIT AND SOMETHING OVER SIX THOUSAND CARS WILL BE SHIPPED EAST.

Spokane, Wash., July 21.—Special—Commercial orchardists in Washington estimate the apple crop in this state this season will be between 3,400,000 and 3,500,000 boxes, or about 6,500 cars the bulk of which will go to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago St. Paul and other points in eastern, central and southern states. Export shipments will also be larger than ever before.

Though there is every promise that the yield will be the best ever harvested in Washington owing to climatic conditions and the fact that hundreds of thousands of trees are coming into bearing this season, growers and handlers say there will be no cheap

apples next fall and winter. The orchardists are in position, financial and otherwise, to hold a big percentage of the crop and many will take advantage of the market, because of the curtailed production in the central states, by holding their fruit not already contracted for until top notch price are reached.

New England will Reclaim.

Pueblo, Colo., July 21.—Special—Stirred up, partly by the activities of a New England young man who went west some years ago and learned the work of development under irrigation and drainage, and of the value of some of the crops raised on reclaimed lands of the west, certain forces in New England are thinking of applying these same methods to their states.

More than that, these men are thinking of coming west next fall and seeing for themselves, at the eighteenth national irrigation congress at Pueblo, September 26-30, some of the agencies that stand for this work of development, reclamation drainage, home-making, soil-conservation and the various other work and teachings of the congress.

One young man who has seen all this and is preaching it in New England is Jesse H. Buffum (formerly of Winchester, New Hampshire, where his father, a member of the legislature lives. Mr. Buffum's home in Garden City Kansas, in the famous Arkansas valley, and he is an expert on beets and sugar beetaointaoln on beets and beet sugar. He has lived in the valley in the west where there are seven beet sugar mills, and where there are annually raised 75,000 acres of beets, worth at a conservative estimate, 3 1-2 million dollars. He has been an attache of the American Beet Sugar Gazette, and spent last winter in the Hawaiian islands and in southern California writing up the beet and sugar industry for that great publication.

CHAUTAQUA ASSOCIATION IS ABLE TO SHOW CLEAN SHEET AT END OF THE FIRST YEAR

Minutes attention to expenditures and financing that indicates commendable capabilities of the board of directors, have jointly—with liberal public assistance—spelled financial success for the maiden chautauqua in La Grande—The final balance sheet has been struck and something like \$75 is in the chautauqua strong box as a nestegg for next year. This remarkable financial condition is a new era in chautauquom for seldom if ever before in Oregon, according to authoritative information has it been possible to "break even" on their first attempt. With an even break the first year, the financial phase of next year's affair will be greatly improved over this year when monetary condi-

tions were considered at every turn and move. Especially is this news encouraging in view of the fact that it was believed at first that the balance sheet would show a slight deficit.

Officers Elected.

The board of directors elected on the last day of the chautauqua has been organized for another year and all the old officers have been elected. They are T. A. Rinehart, president; Doctor W. A. MacMillan, vice-president; George T. Cochran, secretary; W. K. Jones, treasurer. With the next year's event in the hands of these experienced and chautauqua school ladies and gentlemen—for there are efficient women members of the board—financial and educational success is again assured.

Claim Wins Husband.

Spokane, Wash., July 21.—Special—Miss Ella T. Maloney of Spokane, the first woman to settle on a claim in the Coeur d'Alene reservation in northern Idaho, where she won 160 acres of farm and at Uncle Sam's big lottery last August, and Frank Custer, a timber cruiser and locator living at Harrison, Idaho, are to be married in a short time, thus bringing to a pretty culmination a romance that began 11 months ago. Miss Maloney received bushels of letters from various parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico when it was announced that she had the first choice on the big reservation, and most of the missives contained proposals of marriage. One after the other she declined, until Custer, who located the claim for her and showed her over the property, remained alone in the field. Custer was ardent and persistent in his wooing, and since the beginning of May, when Miss Maloney took possession of the claim, he has been a regular visitor at the homestead, which is three miles from the town of Harrison.

HOSTLER HELPER IS INJURED

George Ferguson, New Arrival at Round House Painfully Injured.

George Ferguson a hostler and helper at the round house sustained painful injuries early this morning while working with one of the Mallet engines. The middle and forefinger were cut off by the squeeze, the ring finger dislocated and the little finger badly crushed. Doctor Bacon attended to the injuries. Ferguson has been here but a brief time.

BOYS ESCAPE IN MIRACULOUS MANNER

FLYING WITH POWDER WHEN EXPLOSION OCCURS

Minor Injuries Alone Inflicted by Tremendous Explosion.

With a force and a tremor that vibrated for more than a block, rattled windows in adjoining residences, and with a noise that could be heard for blocks, a can of powder exploded yesterday in the midst of three boys who had carelessly lighted matches in close proximity to the explosives during an afternoon of "jolly good sport." Escape of all the youngsters with mere passing injuries, is a wonder, but nevertheless a fact.

The boys were "Dave" Brischoux, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brischoux, Ever Knowles, son of Circuit Judge and Mrs. J. W. Knowles and Albert Currey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Currey, and all are boys of about ten years. In some way the little fellows got access to a can of powder and taking it to the back yard of the Huntington residence, proceeded to ignite small portions of the explosive. Without warning the larger quantity was ignited and instantly exploded, of course, but how it was that the little fellows were not torn to pieces is hard to explain. Instinctively Albert Currey had withdrawn a few paces when the explosion occurred but the Brischoux and Knowles boys were close to it. Everett Knowles was burned slightly about the face and the Brischoux lad injured about his legs, but nothing seriously. Medical attention was bestowed upon them immediately and they will be fully recovered shortly.

Joseph Train Delayed.

The incoming train was delayed considerably this afternoon when a broken journal tied up traffic near Island city. Several hundred feet of track were badly torn to pieces.

1200 ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ON HAND

BENSON WILL LIKELY BE NOMINATED FOR SECRETARY OF STATE AGAIN

BLACK HORSE LOOMS UP

First Republican Assembly Since Adoption of Primary Method of Nomination Meets in Portland This Morning—Convention Comes After Long Struggle in the State—Forms Harmony and Strength to Party.

Portland, July 21.—Approximately 1200 delegates to the Oregon state assembly, the first held since the passage of the direct primary law in 1908—which did away with the convention nomination system—convened here today to recommend a state republican ticket.

The assembly was called after a hard campaign waged by the opponents who allege the assembly is the first step toward putting the knife to Statement Number One, which provides the legislature shall elect the senator who receives the highest popular vote. It is also declared the assembly is illegal as the primary law makes no provision for it. Assemblyites assert it is the only way to harmonize the party and keep organization.

Portland is seething in politics.

The fight for gubernatorial nominations is seemingly between Doctor C. A. Smith of Portland and Acting Governor Jay Bowerman of Condon. Governor Bensen will probably be recommended for secretary of state. The assembly nominations are merely recommendatory and its candidates will be voted upon at the primaries in September and at the general election in November.

Bristoll Elected Chairman.

W. C. Bristoll of Portland was selected as temporary chairman. The morning session was given over to reports and passing on the credentials. At the afternoon session the chief interest centers in the fight between Smith and Bowerman for governor with C. B. Moore, formerly of Salem but now of Portland, as the dark horse. It is declared he will be elected with 100 votes to spare, but the chances are great that he will lose on the first ballot. It is reported Joe Simon is out of the running.

TEN GUNNERS ARE KILLED

TWELVE-INCH BREECH GUN TORN TO PIECES

Many Hurt by flying Pieces of Metal From Big Breech Lock

Washington, July 21.—Ten men of the coast artillery were killed and two mortally wounded today by the blowing up of a breech lock 12-inch gun at Fortress Monroe. The accident occurred during target practice.

Most of them killed were standing directly behind the gun. The breech lock literally tore them to pieces. It is believed an investigation, to be made at once, will be the most strict and important in the history of coast defense.