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IDAHO WANTS OREGON TRAIL STOPPED AT OLDS FERRY (Continued From Page 1)

Commission would surface it. In fact on every good road movement the Dead Ox Flat men have been united in their efforts while at the same time, by indirect methods the Weiser and Payette schemers have been endeavoring to undo the work of the ranchers.

That it not all. When it was first rumored that the Weiser and Payette men were up to such tactics a committee from Dead Ox Flat called upon them and put the matter squarely before them and secured a promise from officials of the Commercial organizations that they would not interfere. These men may have kept their promises but some of their associates have not.

Just what will be done to prevent the designs of the Idahoans has not been determined but a meeting will be held tonight to consider the proper steps to take.

The Idaho men are incensed that the Oregon Commission has laid paving to the bridge here and that is what has aroused them to action. So far as Ontario and Malheur county good roads enthusiasts are concerned the Idaho Commissioners may build their roads in their own state where they will but quite naturally any attempt on the part of our neighbors, at least some of them, to dictate the location of Oregon roads, is not taken as very clubby.

EXPERT HEARING SOON ON TELEPHONE RATES

Public Utilities Commission's Expert
Checks Books and Inventory of
Malheur Home Telephone
Company—Request
Amended

Within the course of a few weeks a hearing will be held on the question of telephone rates for Malheur county. Vice-president, J. A. Lakness on whose initiative the original request for a rise was instituted has amended his petition as follows:

That the commission grant such rates sufficient to provide, for necessary operating expenses; for an adequate depreciation reserve; and for a fair return on the company's investment.

In the original petition the company set forth in detail a schedule of rates it desired to enforce. The new petition places the task of naming the rates directly up to the commission.

During the past two weeks Guy E. Harris, telephone engineer for the commission has checked the inventory and the books of the company and is now busily engaged in Salem bringing the data to date for presentation to the commissioners.

Just when the hearing will be held is not known but it is anticipated that it will be within a few weeks.

FARM BUREAU TOUR PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Two Hundred People Enjoy Trip And
Benefit From Demonstrations
and Talks—Visit Many In-
teresting Fields

The first annual farm bureau tour in Malheur County occurred on Friday, July 30. The procession formed at the Cairo grange hall at 9:30 and moved in a southerly direction as far as Big Bend grove where lunch was taken, thence easterly to the Roswell section and then North through Parma and Nyssa.

The purpose of the trip was to see what is being done along farming lines in the different parts of the Snake River Valley. Particularly the possibilities for improving the cropping methods and the handling of the soil by drainage and better rotations for maintaining fertility received attention.

The first demonstrations examined were fields affected with alkali. The first field was one which produced exceptionally heavy crops of alfalfa a few years ago but has been going downhill by reason of the accumulation of alkali until it now produces but half a crop and will soon become useless until drained. The second field was one which had once been highly productive, then had become totally unproductive because of alkali accumulation, but now, after having been drained for several years is gradually coming back into production again.

The caravan stopped at many demonstrations of crops which are being grown on the farms of the county, crops which are proven substitutes for much of the alfalfa now being grown when the time comes to plow up the alfalfa. A glimpse of what the country will look like when diversified farming takes its place was had from the bank of the Owyhee canal southwest from the KSD ranch. Here the production of corn, grain and potatoes has reached an extent where it is evident that fully fifty per cent of the alfalfa fields have given way to these crops.

At the Tensen-Ray corner a short time was devoted to the examination of three possibilities to take the place of some of the alfalfa. These were ensilage corn, irrigated pasture and red clover. At the Gibson-Groot ranches, ensilage corn came in for further attention and a discussion took place in the exceptionally fine field of Mr. Groot's place. Then further substitutes were examined on the Gibson farm in the shape of potatoes and onions and production methods discussed. Along the road the many fields of barley and wheat and corn for grain and seed were to be seen, suggesting still further opportunity for diversified farming.

The best of the expedition took place at the wonderfully fine grove owned by the Big Bend community, where the party stopped for lunch and to rest in the shade of the trees. Here a fine field of red clover was examined and a meeting held at which the possibilities of red clover was discussed under the able leadership of Messrs. Fry and Brumback. Great interest was manifested in the crop for it offers the best foundation for a profitable and short rotation for diversified farming that can be had. Mr. Fry told of his long experience in growing the crop and discussed its value from the standpoint of increased fertility of the soil and its place in the rotation. He told of production methods from seeding the harvest. Mr. Brumback gave figures on yields of hay and seed which proved that the crop has been far more profitable than alfalfa to those who have grown it intelligently.

Several important announcements were made by members of the party, after which the sulphur on alfalfa demonstration on the John Roswell farm was inspected, a wonderful field of yellow dent corn being grown for seed by E. H. Brumback was examined, and the effect of clover on a crop of wheat following was shown by examination of a field near Roswell. The party then proceeded toward home, everyone pronouncing the first Crop and Soil Improvement tour a grand success.

BOND PROPOSALS BOTH CARRY BY TWO TO ONE

With only 73 voters recording their opinions the bond proposals for the payment of paving warrants, and for the purchase of fire equipment were approved at a special election yesterday.

The vote in favor of the issuance of bonds to take up the additional warrants for paving was 44 to 23; while the vote on the proposal for fire equipment was more popular and carried by a vote of 59 to 14, or more than four to one.

CHIROPRACTOR OPENS OFFICE AT MOORE HOTEL ONTARIO

Dr. W. H. Reynolds, a chiropractor of more than 16 years experience has opened an office at rooms 203 and 204 in the Moore Hotel where he is receiving patients seeking relief from ills without the use of drugs. Dr. Reynolds has been in the West for a number of years but formerly was a practitioner in Minnesota.

FORMER ONTARIO PASTOR IS VICTIM OF HEART-FAILURE

Rev. Thomas Johns, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Gooding, Idaho was found dead in his bed Monday morning a victim of heart failure. Rev. Johns who had long been a member of the Idaho conference was for a time pastor of the Methodist church here. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

FRUITLAND BENCH NEWS

Mrs. E. A. Linck and daughter, Miss Fern, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Hall, granddaughter of Mrs. Linck, returned Sunday evening from Lewiston where Miss Fern had been to attend Lewiston Normal and Mrs. Linck to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Willard Hall.

Miss Florence Anderson of Parma visited over Sunday with Miss Fern Linck. She was also the guest last week of her brother, Dr. Allan Anderson, at Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bossen and son and daughter visited Sunday in Parma with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bossen, and daughter, of Payette, accompanied them.

The Public Service Commission of Oregon Has Absolute Legal Author- ity to Regulate Our Rates.

We have filed an application with the commission asking that our rates be increased sufficiently to produce income which will provide.

1st. Necessary Operating Expenses.

We must have enough money to pay our operators, repairmen, materials, rent, power, taxes and many other items of expense.

2nd An Adequate Depreciation Reserve.

From income, money must be set aside to reproduce the plant when it is worn out. This reserve is the public's guarantee that service will be continued. Without it we will eventually be unable to give service. Just the same as you will be unable to ride when your car is worn out unless you have money to buy a new one.

3rd A Fair Return on Money Invested.

Just a fair rate of interest on the money invested. Just high enough to secure the necessary capital for development and extensions. We ask no more and should have no more.

Without having sufficient income to meet these three items no business can thrive and render adequate service to the community. Could we be any more fair than this?

We have absolute confidence in the fairness of the commission to establish just rates and in the fairness of the public to readily see that our rates must be increased to meet increased cost of labor, materials and all other items of expense.

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