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LOW PRESSURE IRRIGATION SYSTEM UNDER BANCROFT PLAN PROPOSED

COUNCIL DISCUSSES FEASIBILITY OF PERMANENTLY SOLVING PROBLEM OF GETTING WATER FOR IRRIGATION UNDER GROUND

OUTLINE STREET BETTERMENTS

Idea Advanced of Taking Water in Pipes to Center of City and Using Ditches for Distribution Temporarily Adding to Pipe Lines Gradually.

Believing that the ultimate solution of the irrigation question which has so long baffled succeeding city councils means the adoption of an under ground low pressure system, the city council at its meeting Monday night initiated action toward that accomplishment.

As outlined by Mayor W. H. Doolittle and Councilman Ivan E. Oakes the plan calls for the formation of a Bancroft improvement district for irrigation in that section of the city west of the railroad tracks and east of the Villa Park addition.

It is proposed to take water from the river somewhere in the Riverside addition and pipe it in 15 inch concrete pipes along the alley between Richardson and Virtue streets to Washington avenue and in 12 inch pipe from Washington street to the southern limits of the city. From this main pipe line a few blocks, perhaps, of lateral pipes will be necessary for the present, while the remainder of the distribution will be made through the present existing ditches. In the future the ditches will be replaced with pipe lines when conditions justify the expenditure.

The proposed plan recommends itself, declared the officials, in that it avoids making a general obligation for the city in financing it, can be done cheaply and at the same time bears a portion of the cost of the system.

It is estimated that the initial improvement will cost approximately \$15,000 and will be borne by 2,500 lots within the district or \$6.00 per lot. The entire district of course will bear the cost of the pumping system and main pipe line and the laterals will be assessed against the property which they serve.

The initial resolution declaring the Council's intention to thus solve the problem was passed at the meeting Monday and will be heard at a later meeting of the city body.

With this system in use the flooding of the cellars and basements about the city which has become frequent of late and concerning which numerous protests have been filed with the council will be avoided.

Street Improvement Proposed
The Council also passed the initial resolution for the formation of a local improvement district for the purpose of grading and graveling streets. Generally speaking the district includes Richardson, Virtue and Morfit streets from the south end of the city northward as far as these streets are built up, and the side streets leading to them from two to four blocks each. The specifications according to the resolution call for gravel six inches deep over 16 feet of the center of the road.

In this connection the council discussed, too, the adoption of a change in the curbing specifications of the city from 14 feet to 28 feet, with several intermediate distances offered as compromises however no action was taken on the matter.

CREDITORS APPOINT TRUSTEE IN FIFER BANKRUPTCY CASE

At a meet of the creditors of E. A. Fifer, held at the City Hall Monday before C. M. Stearns, referee in bankruptcy, W. H. Doolittle was appointed trustee to represent the majority of the creditors. The firm of Brooke & Gallagher was retained by the trustee and on Tuesday a suit in equity was started for a return of the restaurant property which was taken by A. Robinson by virtue of a mortgage held by him. The creditors represented at the meeting Monday filed claims which were allowed totaling \$3200.

COUNCIL TOLD THAT CITY LACKS WATERING TROUGH

"It is funny how some things are overlooked," remarked a member of the City Council at the close of the meeting Monday night, after J. M. Patterson had called the attention of the city fathers to the fact that in Ontario there is no place a tired thirsty horse can refresh itself.

The force of Mr. Patterson's remarks impelled the Council to recommend that the water committee investigate the matter and locate a convenient site for the construction of a watering trough.

VALLEY DAIRYMEN TO JOIN OREGON LEAGUE

Committee Men Appointed to Investigate Sentiment Report Unanimously in Favor of Joining Oregon Association—Plan Membership Campaign

Committees of the farm bureau and commercial club organizations of Malheur and Payette counties, which have been studying the future outlook for the marketing of dairy products from this section of the country and investigating practical steps which might be taken to safeguard the interests of this growing young industry, have decided after several conferences and meetings to ask the Oregon Dairyman's League to accept memberships from this section. The prevailing sentiment is that this league which is already strongly entrenched with nearly 3000 old members and a good and sufficient working management, offers an opportunity to tie up with something which is definite and reliable. The league controls twenty cheese factories and five butter factories, besides doing a large business in whole milk. The enrollment in March was six hundred new members, so that the membership is probably about 3500 at this time.

It is the desire of the committee in charge of arrangements that the farm bureau and commercial bodies of the interested counties take an active interest in this matter. It is planned to conduct a series of meetings later in the month and speakers from the Marketing department of the Agricultural College, the Oregon Dairyman's League and others will be invited to come. These meetings should be attended by business men and farmers in general, whether they are dairymen or not, as it will provide the first large opportunity for all of our citizens to become familiar with this new cooperative movement for the marketing of farm products which promise to revolutionize marketing practice within a short time.

CLEAN-UP OF CORRALS ENDORSED BY MEETING

Commercial Club Members Request Mayor To Proclaim Clean-up Day and Enlarge Councilman Greig's Staff on Corral Nuisance Abatement

While the city council has inaugurated a clean-up campaign the Commercial club at its meeting last night, upon the motion of W. J. Pinny, requested the city council to proclaim a holiday for a general clean-up of the city, and thus secure a greater co-operation in the effort to make Ontario cleaner.

Further than that the club went. It was unanimously voted that the club endorse the position taken by Councilman E. M. Greig in his effort to abate the nuisance caused by filthy corrals.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fifer spent a few days in Boise this week.

PROSPECT FOR ARID LAND LAWS BRIGHT

Local Committee Calls On U. S. Senator R. N. Stanfield At Weiser On Tuesday and Receives Encouragement

That Congress will, if the special session is protracted, take up the question of a basic reclamation act for arid lands, is the opinion of Senator R. N. Stanfield, who was seen at his Weiser office Tuesday afternoon by a committee from Ontario interested in the Owyhee district.

"If congress succeeds in getting the emergency tariff and the taxation measures through before the warm weather it is probable that an adjournment will be taken and the reclamation measure will be delayed until the regular term which opens in December," said the Senator.

Concerning the Owyhee project the Senator demonstrated a knowledge of its status, but declared that between the several Oregon projects that will be considered it would be out of place for him to declare a preference. "It is up to you men to fortify the delegation with facts concerning the project and augment the reports that will be made by the reclamation engineers. When the reclamation department selects the Oregon project it will recommend then it is the duty of the delegation to get behind that particular project and secure it."

"Never in the history of the state so far as I know," he said "was there a better spirit of harmony and a united purpose to urge the claims of Oregon before Congress."

Candidate Calls Too

If the committee which called upon Senator Stanfield were: Mayor W. H. Doolittle, President R. W. Jones of the Commercial Club, Representative P. J. Gallagher, Ivan E. Oakes, O. A. Kratz and George K. Aiken of the Argus.

After the conference concerning irrigation matters, Mr. Gallagher who is a candidate for the position of United States District Attorney for Oregon held a protracted conference with the senator. What was the result, neither divulged, but Mr. Gallagher apparently was anything but down cast on his return from the session.

IRRIGATED AREA OF OREGON INCREASING

Fifty Per Cent Increase Noted in Past Decade—Rural Population However Has Not Maintained

SALEM, Or., March 30—There are approximately 925,000 acres of irrigated land in Oregon, exclusive of Deschutes county, which has about 75,000 acres under water, according to a report of the United States census bureau received today at the offices of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer.

In 1910 the census showed 656 acres of irrigated land in Oregon, which, when compared with the figures made available today, indicates that the irrigated lands in the state have increased 50 per cent during the last decade.

Despite this increase of irrigated lands, however, the rural population of Oregon has not advanced as rapidly as in some of the other states in the west. In Idaho the increase in rural population has been twice as great as in Oregon, while several other western states have had similar gains.

"The increase in our rural population," said Mr. Cupper, "is a vital element in tax reduction. As the population increases waste acreage is developed and the lands improved eventually become subject to taxation."

"Fortunately, under the present system of handling irrigation in Oregon, the state is not called upon to advance funds to assist in this important phase of agricultural development. While it is true that the state guarantees interest on irrigation bonds, this obligation later falls upon the respective districts improved and no money is required to be raised for this purpose by taxation."

Mr. Cupper said the Oregon plan of financing irrigation projects had received much favorable comment and had resulted in the adoption of similar codes in the states of Washington, Wyoming, Utah and Arizona.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Graham, Robert and Barbara, are recovering from the whooping cough.

FIRE CHIEF RESIGNS NEW CHIEF IS NAMED

Friction in Department Results in Action by Chief Louis Kroessin, Jr. Who Has Served Faithfully For Three Years Past

Much to the surprise of many of the council and most citizens, who had no intimation that any friction existed in the fire department, Louis Kroessin, Jr. who has been chief for the past three years tendered his resignation to the City Council at its meeting last Monday evening. His action was accepted and J. B. Atherton, assistant chief, was promoted to the head of the department.

In accepting Chief Kroessin's resignation, members of the Council privately declared they did so reluctantly for they recognized that he had served the city faithfully for three years and had taken particular interest in the department, striving always for the betterment of the service; however, since the presence of friction was known, and the chief's resignation was presented, this was deemed the best course to pursue.

Protest Against Clean-Up

J. M. Patterson and Thomas Sherman, eastside residents who have stock corrals appeared before the council to protest against a strict enforcement of a daily clean-up of these out-of-door enclosures. Mr. Patterson claims that a liberal observance of the ordinance would "put him out of business". He also averred that though he had lived in practically every city from Ontario to the coast no city had so strict an ordinance. Mr. Sherman declared that the Eastside should be exempt since the people there were so scattered, and the presence of manure on the lots was not a menace to the city.

The council listened to the protests but ordered no change in the regulations. Since both Mr. Patterson and Mr. Sherman declared they kept their premises clean and would haul the refuse away and keep it in covered box, Mayor Doolittle told them to continue to keep their places clean and they would not be troubled. "We cannot let one man maintain a corral and not let every one else in the city do so", declared the Mayor.

WHITMAN SINGERS WIN AUDIENCE'S APPLAUSE

Concert At High School Last Thursday Proves The Musical Treat of Year—Reader Good Too—Junior Class Is Sponsor

To a crowd which filled the High School auditorium last Thursday evening the Whitman College Glee Club presented the very best musical program given in Ontario this year. The concert was given under the auspices of the Junior class, and was a success from every viewpoint.

Perhaps it would be a fair criticism of the organization to say that one number at least, Seller's, The Builders, was a little beyond glee club range; yet the rendition of that beautiful piece was enjoyable while The Sword of Ferrara, was magnificently done.

Particularly pleasing was the singing of the baritone and bass section and the solos of Howard Reed of Payette who made many friends with his numbers and generosity in responding to encores.

The Jazz orchestra was a scream and the crowd so enjoyed it that the boys were called back repeatedly; while Harper Joy the reader convulsed the audience throughout his portion of the program. Mr. Joy however, evidently forgot that just a year ago he gave his first selection to an Ontario audience, yet it is one that could bear repetition.

Walter Mueller the accompanist of the glee club presented two solo numbers on the piano most acceptably and proved too that he is a rare accompanist.

Following the concert a dance was held in the Wilson hall and during the day the visitors were the guests of the Junior class in an auto trip over the country. The visit of the club under the direction of Howard

COMMISSION AWARDS CONTRACT FOR FIRST SECTION STATE HIGHWAY

ONTARIO TO BE OPERATING OFFICE BIG CORPORATION

Ontario will continue to be the active operating headquarters of the R. N. Stanfield corporation, a two million dollar concern which has just been formed to take over all the holdings of the Junior Senator. This was the message which the Senator gave a committee at Weiser Tuesday.

At the same time the Senator declared that he believed that the very bottom had been reached in the cattle and sheep industry and that from now on the trend would be for the better. Such a change must come he declared or in five years we will have a meat famine in this country. The Senator left Weiser last night for Washington.

FARM BUREAU SECURES CERTIFIED SPUD SEEDS

Ranchers of County To Plant Best of Seed—Experience Has Proven This Procedure Pays—Many Varieties Are Available To Ranchers

Farmers of the county are determined to have some good potato seed this year. Many examples of the losses occasioned by the use of poor seed were seen last year, this being one of the lessons pointed out in the Crop Improvement tour last summer. In order to get this good seed, the farm bureau has pooled orders for certified Early Ohio, Idaho Rural and Nettle Gem varieties. A carload order of the Early Ohio is now on the way from Minnesota, there being none of this certified seed closer than Minnesota and South Dakota to be had. A carload of the certified Rural was purchased in Idaho Falls which is the only present source of supply of this variety. The Nettle Gem order failed because of insufficient orders being put in to make up a carload and the local freight rate from Bend, Oregon, which is the only place where certified seed of that variety is to be had is too high to make it practical to buy a less amount.

Some other potato seed which is not certified was also shipped in by the farm bureau, but it is this certified stuff which means most to the benefit of farming. The potatoes are all taken by farmers who put in orders and cash in advance in order to make up the pool and provide the funds to purchase the seed. The members of the pool will secure their seed at a very reasonable price because of this method of collective bargaining by which they are able to buy at a less price and save a great deal on freight besides but the main point is they will get a class of seed which would not otherwise be available under any circumstances. This will be reflected in better yields. Pete Tensen, chairman of the marketing committee of the farm bureau, has charge of the purchase and distribution of this seed. Mr. Tensen and the farm bureau are to be complemented on their action both in providing a method of doing the business and in accomplishing the work of bringing in this good seed.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS TO GIVE DANCE FRIDAY EVENING

Another of the big dances given every now and then by the American Legion is scheduled for Friday evening. The music is to be furnished by the Idaho Five and the Legion men are planning on making the dance one of the best ever given here. The proceeds of the function are to be added to the fund being raised for the construction of a Legion home.

Pratt was so enjoyable to all that they will be welcomed to Ontario at any time in the future. In fact Ontario will look forward to their return.

SIXTEEN BIDDERS SEEK CONTRACT TO BUILD FIRST UNIT OF HIGHWAY NORTH OF ONTARIO—BREAKING ALL STATE RECORDS

AWARD MADE BELOW ESTIMATE

W. C. Stone Successful Bidder Asks on \$124,000 for Grading and Graveling Fourteen and Three Quarter Miles

W. S. Stone was the successful bidder for the grading and graveling of the first unit of the Old Oregon Trail section of the Columbia Highway in Malheur county from Ontario northward.

The contract was awarded by the commission in Portland Wednesday following the most spirited bidding on record for an Oregon highway contract, said Roy A. Klein, secretary of the commission in a telephone message last night.

"The commission was highly gratified at the offers made for this piece of work," continued Mr. Klein, "for the bid made by Mr. Stone was \$124,000 while the engineer's estimate for this section was \$149,000. The commission was pleased with the fact that so many offers were made and the territory represented by the bidders for there were offers made by firms all the way from Salt Lake to Seattle, with practically every intermediate point being represented."

When the message from Mr. Klein was communicated to the members of the Commercial Club at the regular monthly dinner there was no little rejoicing, as well as expressions of wonderment at the price at which the contract was taken.

The regular dinner of the Commercial Club was scheduled to be coincident to the letting of the contract and was the subject of jubilation on the part of the members. At the meeting there was read the letter written by H. W. L. Niemeyer, secretary of the Idaho Motor Association to the Oregon Motor Association asking that body to use its influence to have the building of the road stopped. In his letter Mr. Niemeyer declared that after an investigation he had made in Weiser, Payette and in Ontario he found that there was no need for the road and further took upon himself to describe the country northward from Ontario as a desert.

The club's reply to this letter was also read in which proper appreciation of the gratuitous interposition of the Idaho men into Oregon affairs was pointed out.

J. A. Lakness presided at the meeting in the absence of President Jones and the club considered at length the proposed marketing program of the dairymen, endorsing the same and pledging the club's assistance in the campaign.

Owyhee Project Discussed
The status of the Owyhee survey was considered, too, and letters informing the club of the appointment of Mr. Bond of the Boise Project as the engineer in charge of the survey were read. The club voted to offer to Mr. Bond all assistance possible in expediting the work.

WEDDING RING LOST FOR NINE YEARS WORN AGAIN

To have a wedding ring which she lost nine years ago while a resident of Aberdeen, Washington, returned to her was the experience enjoyed last week by Mrs. Fred Sundquist who lives near Cairo. The return of the ring is remarkable in many ways. After it was lost the yard about the house where it was lost was filled in and though hours were spent in search for it no trace could be found. Last week the little son of the people who now occupy the premises in Aberdeen while playing in the yard uncovered the missing circle of gold and when his parents read the inscription they immediately started a search for the present address of Mrs. Sundquist, and sent the ring to her.

Percy Luscombe, who recently returned from England, went to Boise Monday where he has a position awaiting him.