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THE OCHOCHO BOND ELECTION

On the 16th of this month the land owners under the Ochocho Project will vote on issuing of \$150,000 6 per cent bonds the money to be used in completing the dam and spillway and putting the pumping plant in shape to deliver water to the high line ditch.

Too much cannot be said on this subject in order to present the matter to the voters in a way that will impress them. There is only one thing to do at the polls and that is to put the unanimous approval of all the property owners on this issue.

It is folly to consider for a moment the turning down of the measure. It is not thought possible that this will happen, but there is the likelihood of a few who do not realize the importance of concerted action casting their ballots against the measure. Every vote against will act as a brake on the progress of the district. The bond houses will look with suspicion on the bonds, the State Commission may even refuse to certify them if the vote shows any marked degree of opposition. The project is now on the last lap to completion and the issue of \$150,000 with the other moneys on hand and those that will be received from other sources will finish the work to the point where the storage of the full amount of water for next year can take place. This is a vital thing and one that should be carefully considered before a vote is cast against it. It is well enough to be careful in casting votes, to go the limit on ones honest convictions, but in this case there is only one way to go without disaster and that is ahead. If we are going ahead, let's go under a full head of steam and with the whole body of land owners under the project united behind the vote on the 16th of this month.

Then there is the question of the State paying the taxes. This should be carried unanimously also, for the impression thus conveyed means money in the pockets of every owner.

THE PART WATER PLAYS

Until one has seen the demonstration for himself it is almost impossible to realize the part water plays in the production of crops. Take a trip out over the flat north of town and look at some of the fields. There are several that will demonstrate in the most forceful way what the small amount of water indifferently applied (in most cases this year) will do to the growing grain. You will see a field of wheat. There will be islands in the field where no water was reached the ground this year. There the wheat has headed out at a height of about six inches, small heads and having a stunted appearance. Not ten feet away, where the water has been applied the wheat is three to four feet high, stooped out to as many as a dozen stalks in one hill, with great heavy heads filling for the harvest. Alongside the ditches one will find wheat and rye higher than his head, with twelve to twenty stalks in a hill and heavy foliage. The soil is the same in all cases. The weather was uniform for all but the water was lacking. When that was applied in sufficient amount the plant life showed wonderful returns.

There are cases of small tracts, 10 to 20 acres in extent on the project that have produced as high as four and five tons of rye hay to the acre. These were situated in places where a full amount of water could be put on them. The rest of the project will be for the most part made ready to receive the water this next year. The past season has taught all those who have used water many things and in the next year these lessons will be of benefit.

IS LABOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IT?

In these days of constantly mounting prices for everything we wear, eat, and use, the regular formula for an alibi for price raising is "increased labor cost." Of course, labor is the big expense in all production but we are extremely doubtful if labor is recouping all of the increase that is tacked on to things and laid to labor's door. In many lines labor has made wonderful increases in income but it seems hardly likely that labor has received the proportion of money it is charged with. There is a stronger tendency each day toward a skepticism on the part of the people who have to buy everything. It is desirable that some of the much talked of reasons for high prices be investigated fully and the price increase blame placed where it really belongs, whether on the shoulders of labor or on the profiteers.

WITH THE EXCHANGES

A bridge on the O. W. road opposite the Sherar O. T. depot burned Saturday night. It is supposed that the fire started by a spark from the locomotive catching in the dry grass. The trains are running on the O. T. road until the bridge is rebuilt.—The Maupin Times.

It is reported that Sam Woods will soon sell his entire herd of Jersey cattle and quit the dairy business, as he has recently taken the agency for the Northwest Auto Company in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. His herd consists of 18 pure breeds and a number of grades.—Redmond Spokesman.

A big gas discovery was made near Clackamas river in the Cascade mountains recently by O. L. Paquet and P. X. Johnson of Wapinita. The parties have filed their claim and the Government will send experts at once to investigate the matter. Coal was also found near the gas.—The Maupin Times.

John Planting has finished harvesting his 240 acres of wheat in Spring gulch and it went 25 bushels on No. 1 grade to the acre. He has moved his combine to his home place and yesterday bean cutting. This field will go 40 bushels to the acre. Asked what he intended to do with so much money, John promptly replied: "Buy more Liberty bonds."—Helix Advocate.

School district number 60 of the Jordan Valley section has \$400 invested in Liberty loan bonds. This information came to light when in their recent reports there was an item for interest collected on bonds. It is doubtful if there are many rural school districts in the Northwest which can claim such a record. The officers of the boards are Mrs. Jas. Smart, clerk, and Mrs. Nellie Parks, chairman.—Malheur Enterprise.

Ora Van Tassell, who has been District Manager for the Northern Grain & Warehouse company, with headquarters in Madras for many years, was in Madras several days last week and this, arranging to have his furniture moved to Portland and to rent his Madras property.

Van has been given the position of Terminal Car Man in Portland and will have charge of the inspection of all grain arriving at the Company's Portland warehouses. He reports himself well pleased with his new position.—Madras Pioneer.

What is probably the finest testing wheat threshed this year is the August Friewald Turkey Red wheat near Ione. Two tests of this wheat were made by Walter Smith at the Ione Elevator last week and both tests showed the grain to test 64 pounds to the bushel. Mr. Smith says it is the finest wheat he ever saw. Mr. Friewald has been farming in the Ione section only two or three years, but he has adopted good farming methods from the start and as a result is harvesting excellent crops.—Heppner Gazette-Times.

Died at his home in Mitchell, Oregon, July 3rd, 1919, William F. Nelson, a prominent citizen and early pioneer of what is now known as Wheeler county. He was born at Bloomington, Woodford county, Illinois, October 7, 1855; he came west with his parents in 1872 and was married to Matilda G. Sullinger at Meridian, California, in December, 1881, and came to Oregon in 1882, and has lived here since that date. He is survived by a wife and five children: Alpha, Trevor, Eddie, of Mitchell, Oregon; Mrs. E. R. Wood of Spokane, Wash.; Corporal Fred Nelson of the U. S. Army, now in Germany. Also a sister, Mrs. Sarah Maxwell of Mitchell, E. W. Nelson of Post, and S. S. Nelson of Redmond, Oregon.—Mitchell Sentinel.

A large number of deer are feeding in the foothills on upper Willow creek according to a report brought down from there this week by W. O. Minor. Mr. Minor says a big buck got in the middle of the road near Thompsonville (the Jas. Thompson camp) recently and disputed the right of automobiles to pass that way. After some show of authority, the buck finally decided that the gas wagons could come on, and he bounced away into the brush.

Mr. Minor says a number of deer have been feeding on the meadow at the Martin and Kunsman ranch for some time. He and Willard Hegren are now camped in the Willow creek basin while laying out surveys and viewing rights of way.—Heppner Gazette-Times.

Summertime unleashes two of the forces of nature which have serious and injurious effects on tires. One of these is heat and the other is sunlight. Those two forces are closely allied. The bad effects are distinctly different.

Light has a powerful deteriorating effect on rubber. It causes oxidation of the rubber and also causes cracking. This is frequently noticed as checking on the sidewalls of the tires.

Heat ages rubber compounds, greatly lessening the length of their serviceability. It makes them hard and brittle and also promotes oxidation by the air.

Because of the harmful effect of light and heat, tires should always be kept in covers when carried as spares and if stored in the garage should be kept in a dark confined place where the temperature is low. In the case of inner tubes, special care should be given for the tubes must remain elastic and flexible and must not crack. A liberal use of talc or soapstone on the inside of the tire before the tire is put on will help to overcome the bad effects of heat when the tire is in action.

The bad effects of heating due to fast driving over hot sands or hot

pavements are not caused by increase of pressure in the tubes. It is also impossible for the heat of driving over hot sand to increase air pressure to such a degree as to itself burst the tire. What really happens is that it softens and breaks down the rubber after a time, causing the tread to come off or the layers of fabric to separate and burst.—Bend Bulletin.

The Myler Construction Company has increased its crews to approximately 90 men, according to information which has been received here by persons who have talked to engineers early in the week bound for the summit. It has been learned that the company will put on three crews of engineers in all, one of which will operate from the summit westward, toward Mt. Angel, the other at the summit and the third from the summit towards Sisters.

According to these engineers, the plans are being made for extensive operations, probably to extend on through the winter months. The equipment they are taking with them indicates more than ordinary survey work. Finding that they can take their supplies within a short distance of the summit, the engineers are now able to use wagons and motor vehicles for the purpose of carrying the supplies to the camps.—Bend Bulletin for Saturday.

Resale of the bonds of the Suttle lake irrigation project, which has been under the supervision of J. F. Clarkson of the G. F. Standifer Construction Company of Vancouver and Portland, is about complete, according to Harry J. Chenoweth, of Grandview, secretary of the project, and as soon as this has been completed work will be begun. A large engineering force is now in the field at Suttle lake, where reservoirs are being made of the entire ditch line and grade stakes are being set, preparatory to commencing construction. When the stakes are set, according to Mr. Chenoweth, the company will begin moving dirt.

At an election held by the property holders in the district Thursday, it was voted unanimously to ask the State to pay the interest for the first five years on the district bonds. It was also voted to begin construction of the first unit of the project as soon as the survey had been completed.—Bend Bulletin.

Weston's harvest is progressing apace, with favorable weather conditions. The yield of 35 to 45 bushels per acre from fall-sown wheat exceeds expectations in view of the almost complete dearth of spring moisture. Cool nights came opportunely to the rescue of King Wheat and enabled him to hold his crown.

Indications are that there will be considerable off-grade wheat ranging around 57 and 58 pounds in weight. Smut is much in evidence.

There seems to be a tendency this season to return to the old-time method of stationary threshing, as opposed to the combine. Cleaner separating and the saving of straw are regarded as outweighing the small harvest payroll that is the combine's chief advantage. It is said that one prominent country family here will leave their combine in the shed this season and hire their threshing done with a stationary.

Harvest labor is plentiful. So far hereabouts there seems to be more men than jobs—and good men at that. Header box drivers are paid around \$4 a day, spikepitchers \$4.50, grain tank drivers \$5, header box loaders \$6 and sack sewers \$7 to \$8. The aristocrats of the harvest fields such as separator tenders and engine men are thought to be getting around \$10, although the wages paid these skilled workers are more or less a "subrosa" proposition.—Weston Leader.

A BUSINESS MAN'S PRAYER

Teach me that 60 minutes make one hour, 16 ounces 1 pound and 100 cents one dollar:
Help me to live so that I can lie down with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and undaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.
Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and that in earning it I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong.
Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellow but reveal to me mine own.
Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I may have nothing to conceal.
Keep me young enough to laugh with my children.
And when comes the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps, and the crunching of wheels out in front, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "Here lies a man."
—With compliments of "Tombstone" Wiley.

COOPERATIVE HERDING SUCCESS

That cooperative herding of sheep can be successfully carried on is emphasized here this summer by the operations of the Tumalo Cline Falls Sheep Association. The association is herding more than 1,000 head of sheep collectively. Members are running sheep on the range all in one breed and used to similar conditions of feeding.

The association this year will collectively market more than 1,000 market lambs, purchase about 30 head of purebred registered Hampshire bucks and send a representative to the Salt Lake ram sale in August.

It has been found through this collective action that the smaller sheep man can secure advantages formerly limited to large sheepmen in the country.

TAKE A SWIM IN SUTTLES LAKE

If you never have try it this summer. The general impression is that the lakes of Central Oregon are too cold for bathing. This is true with a few exceptions, and one of these is Suttles Lake. For the lover of water sports this lake affords days of joy and following weeks of good spirits. The north end of the lake offers all the fun of a beach, less salt water and surf. There is a clean coarse sand beach and no jump-offs to be afraid of. Children can bathe with perfect safety. There are plenty of big trees affording shade for those who do not desire to swim. The grounds are clean, the air is fine and the drinking water cold.

To get there take any road to Redmond and from there the Redmond-Sisters road to a point a short distance beyond the Wurzweller ranch. Keep a lookout for the forest service guide posts and you will be directed to Suttles lake by following instructions. The distance from Prineville is about 56 miles. The road, though cut up, is fair. There are practically no hills to bother so that one can easily drive a car to the lakeshore. Here there are excellent places for camping. But for those who do not carry their camp equipment, there are good tent houses for rent and a hotel handy where good meals may be secured. Several boats are available for boating and may be hired by the hour or day for a very reasonable sum. And if anyone desires, he can row across the lake a distance of two miles, from where it is only a short walk up to Blue lake, where there is excellent fishing. Here is a chance for sport that cannot be beaten in Central Oregon.

Miss Helen Elkins of this city entertained a group of young people at her home last Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. E. G. Anderson.

No. 012558
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 15, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE F. ALLISON of Bend, Oregon, who, on April 13, 1914, made Homestead Entry No. 012558 for East Half (E½) Section 32 Township 20 South Range 29 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner at Bend, Oregon, on the 8th day of September, 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses: Mike Morrison of Bend, Oregon; Earl Van-lake, Carrie Harmon, Charley H. Durbin, of Hampton, Oregon.
H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register

No. 012527
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 2, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that BRUCE F. McMEEN of Prineville, Oregon, who, on July 10, 1914, made Homestead Entry No. 012527 for SE¼ NW¼, SW¼ NE¼, W¼ SE¼, Sec. 19, N 30 NE¼, SW¼ NE¼, NW¼ SE¼, Sec. 20, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof to establish claim to the land above described before Lake M. Bechtel, U. S. Commissioner at Prineville, Oregon, on the 13th day of August, 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses: Gladys K. Breen, Carl J. Sundquist, Numa J. McCain, Jeff D. Evans, all of Prineville, Oregon.
H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register

No. 015521
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 2, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that FREDERICK A. POLK, of Post, Oregon, who, on October 28, 1915, made Homestead Entry No. 015521 for West Half (W½) Section 8, Township 17 South, Range 26 East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Lake M. Bechtel, U. S. Commissioner at Prineville, Oregon, on the 13th day of August, 1919.

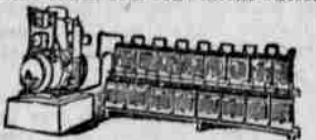
Claimant names as witnesses: Robert Demaris, Caleb Davis, Raymond E. Smith, all of Post, Oregon, and Edwin A. Abbott, of Prineville, Oregon.
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