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ONLY SMILED.

John T. Whistler Has Nothing to Say With Regard to the Outlook of Irrigation on Butter Creek.

John T. Whistler, the government investigator into the practicability of irrigation sites, arrived in the city last evening and before his departure from the county will further investigate the Butter creek district which the government set apart for experimental purposes.

He will also look over the new territory set apart for the same purpose since he was last here, and which lies contiguous to the former reservation and to its westward. It is probable that he will also make further observations in the southern part of the county, on the headwaters of McKay creek.

Mr. Whistler states there is no probability of any action being taken, even to the extent of a recommendation by the authorities upon his reports inside of a year. Following the recommendations, if they are favorable to the expenditure of money in the districts he reports upon, appropriations must be made, and there is hardly a remote possibility of experimental work being begun no matter how favorable the reports may be, inside of two or three years.

Carefully selected and guardedly phrased inquiries made to Mr. Whistler in relation to his impressions of the feasibility of the Butter Creek and upper McKay creek neighborhoods for scientific irrigation from his view point elicited a pleasant smile.

Many Newcomers.

J. H. Tomlinson, of Umatilla, who has been for several days in the city on business, returned home this morning. Mr. Tomlinson reports that a large number of newcomers are flocking into that neighborhood, many of them from distant states, and that the government land is being rapidly taken up, generally, in small tracts. He speaks more particularly of the territory through which the ditches of the Holbrook Company run. He states that the report that dirt had been hauled with which to puddle portions of the main Holbrook ditch so it would hold water, was a mistake, so far as his knowledge extends.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

G. W. Jones went to Umatilla this morning. E. Anderson has gone to Dayton for a few days. Rev. Robert Warner will preach at Heppner next Sunday. Dr. Smith went to Echo on professional business this morning. J. V. Tallman went to Echo this morning for a hunt of a few days. Joseph Basler will go to the Sound in a few days to be absent for a week or more. Mrs. W. P. Evans, of Portland, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mathews. W. H. Stewart, of Neacham, was in the city over Sunday, and left for La Grande this morning. Mrs. Charles Lusber, of Wardner, Idaho, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Fred Walte, of this city. There was born today to C. W. McLyman and wife, of this place, a son. The mother and child are both doing well. C. O. French will return to the Simlhamkeen district, British Columbia, about May 6. He has coal properties there. There was born this morning to D. B. Bailey and wife, of this place, a son. Mother and child are both doing finely. C. B. Gabrielson, of Salem, is in town on insurance business. Mr. Gabrielson hopes that the drier the country is the more business he can do. William White and R. Dowling started on their return to Spokane this morning. They have been visiting their uncle, L. L. Rogers, at Adams. M. M. Godman and wife, of Dayton, have been in the city the guests of Judge Fee and Judge Lowell. Mrs. Godman continued her journey to Chicago this morning. Mr. Godman returned to Dayton. Rev. H. L. Beightol, of Heppner, preached yesterday morning and evening, at the M. E. church on Thompson street, to crowded houses. There were three accessions to the church yesterday. J. D. Stanford started this morning for Wallace, Idaho, to remain through the summer, having an offer of \$4.50 per day at his trade of painting. He bought some lots here on West Railroad and will return next fall. King Tetherow, of Spokane, stopped in the city over Sunday on his way home from La Grande. Mr. Tetherow visited with the Hawley brothers, with whom he was acquainted in the valley and with Sherman Hays. James B. Welch stopped off for a brief visit in Pendleton. He leaves tonight for Baker City to attend to some business connected with the opera house there. Mr. Welch, who formerly managed the opera house here has a position in the Baker theater in Portland.

School Fund Allotted. The county school fund has been allotted among the different precincts of the county at the rate of \$6 per pupil. At this rate of distribution the principal towns in the vicinity will be enriched according to the following list: Pendleton \$4055 Echo \$247 Pilot Rock 262 Umatilla 145 Weston 978 Athena 1132 Milton 1937 Freewater 524 Ukiah 349 Adams 478 This does not include the money derived from the interest on the money accruing from the sale of the state school lands.

Condition More Hopeful. The condition of John R. Murphy is pronounced more hopeful today than at any time since the occurrence of the accident of last Saturday. The seventh and eighth ribs on the right side and about four or five inches from the spine were fractured and probably perforated the abdominal cavity. The right kidney received a severe injury, the extent of which cannot be determined in advance of full developments. The liver also shows indications of shock. A left inguinal hernia has developed. In addition to the above, Mr. Murphy sustained numerous severe but not dangerous contusions and cuts upon the arms, legs and head. The age

of the patient, 67 years, renders his recovery extremely problematical, but the surgeons see signs of hope today. Dr. H. S. Garfield is in charge and Dr. C. J. Smith consulting.

Will Give Concert. McLyman's Boys' Band will give a concert in the opera house Friday, May 8. The object is to raise funds with which to buy some new instruments. The instruments which the boys now have are old and in very bad shape and their practice has reached the point where the members of the band must have better instruments. This band has had no assistance from any source and now ask only that the people patronize their concert. This concert will be up-to-date in every respect. The boys will be assisted by members of the old band. Tickets are now being printed and will be on sale in a few days. Free concerts will be given those stores selling \$10 worth of tickets. Tickets will be \$1 for lower floor and 50c in the gallery.

Filed on Government Land. Mrs. M. J. Mays is in the city the guest of her son, William Mays. Mrs. Mays is on her way home to Elgin from Starbuck, where she and her sons, Grant and Charles, have lately filed on government land. Mrs. Mays is one of the pioneers of the original class in Oregon, as she came to the Willamette valley in 1852 overland with her husband from Boone county, Missouri, and to Umatilla county in 1868.

Street Sprinkling. Bids will be received up to April 30th, for street sprinkling. Four or more heavy teams with drivers. Committee reserves the right to order teams on, and to lay them off. Teams and drivers will be expected to put in full time and when not engaged in sprinkling shall, when so directed, work under the street superintendent at any other work. Right reserved to reject any and all bids. FRANK B. CLOPTON, Chairman Sprinkling Committee.

Cattle Very Thin. G. B. Arbogast, of Adams, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Arbogast reports that the livestock came out of the winter thinner this year than before in many years, but that they are improving in condition rapidly on account of the fine pasturage. Two cows were lost in his neighborhood lately by injudicious feeding at calving time. All crops are looking finely and the fruit trees are in excellent condition—healthy and with a heavy setting of fruit.

Eagles Choose Delegates. The Order of Eagles' session last night was attended by the state organizer, Charles I. Flynn, of Baker City. A very large attendance was present. Thomas Fitz Gerald and J. T. Hinkle were chosen delegates to the state convention of the Eagles, which will be held in June at The Dalles. The order now has over 150 members in this place and has 15 applications for membership on hand.

To Purchase Wool. Jacob Scheuerman went to Walla Walla this morning, to open an office and remain there during the remainder of the wool-buying season, purchasing exclusively for the Pendleton Woolen Mills. Mr. Scheuerman has bought for this summer's operations 200,000 pounds of wool at Echo. It was all bought from two individuals—Antone Vey and E. D. Mathews.

Supreme Court Notes. Salem, Or., April 27.—No more cases will be set in the supreme court before the justices go to Pendleton to convene the Eastern Oregon term of the court, which begins on Monday, May 4. The court has disposed of nearly all cases on the trial docket, and has caught up with the circuit court of the state.

Umatilla's Share of Taxes. County Treasurer Sommerville sent one-half of the Umatilla county tax for 1903, to the state treasurer's office today. There is a state tax of \$36,015 and an Agricultural College tax of \$1,225, or a total of \$37,240. The amount paid today was \$18,620, leaving an equal sum to be paid in the fall.

New Engines Arrive. Two of the new engines which are to be put on this division, arrived yesterday at La Grande. They will be fired up and take their trial trips for "actual business" tonight and tomorrow. They are very much larger than any locomotives hitherto on this division.

Cars Off the Track. Last night's train from Spokane, was 48 hours late, on account of two boxcars going off the track near La Crose. Not much damage was done aside from turning some rails and tearing out some ties, and no one was hurt.

In Police Court. Two lonely men, each known by the name of John Doe, forfeited their hall in the police court this morning. Judging by the police court docket, the family of Doe will run a close second to the families of Smith and Jones or Brown in point of numbers.

W. A. Shoemaker, representing New York capital, proposes to give Pittsburg, Pa., a filtered water and pay the city \$500,000 a year for operating the water system.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEK

A List of the Meets and Programs to Be Given by the Pupils at the End of the Present Term of School. The following is a general schedule of the events of high school commencement week: Athletic field day, Saturday, May 23, at Pendleton, the meet occurring at the Driving Park. A list of the events with the principal contestants, will be published later.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday, May 24, by some prominent educator. The music on that occasion will be furnished by a chorus of high school students. Monday evening, May 25, the high school seniors will be entertained by the juniors, in the assembly hall. Tuesday evening, May 26, the high school junior class will give a public program in the assembly hall.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 27th will take place on the campus of the high school the class-day exercises by the senior class. The literary part of the program on that occasion will be as follows: Opening remarks, Olin Arnsparger. Class history, Iter Nell. Statistics, Mary Rothrock. Address to the juniors, May Ferguson. Response, Fred Hartman. Consignment, Robert Cronin. President's closing address, Olin Arnsparger.

On the evening of Thursday, the 28th, will take place the regular commencement exercises, followed by the presentation of diplomas. The program, rendered by the senior class, is as follows: Salutatory, May Rothrock. Oration, "Grand Army of the Republic," May Ferguson. Oration, "In Union There is Strength," Robert Cronin. Oration, "Luck vs. Pluck," Iter Nell. Vaudeictory, Olin Arnsparger.

The musical numbers of this program will be announced later. Professor Conklin and Miss Shepherd are putting a great deal of the most earnest, thorough work into the preparations for the events briefly outlined above, and they speak in terms of the highest praise of the earnestness with which the students themselves enter into the preparation and the ability which they display.

SUMMER VAUDEVILLE. Jas. B. Welch is Certain That Pendleton Will Have Some First-Class Attractions This Season. James B. Welch will go tonight to Portland, to take up his permanent abiding place there.

He will, however, retain the management of the opera house here, and expects to be able to book better attractions for this place on account of his change of residence giving him an opportunity to meet personally the bookers for the combinations. These gentry very seldom go directly into the smaller towns, but make their headquarters in the city and do their bookkeeping by correspondence, and that method is the one which results so frequently in the dissatisfaction of the public.

Mr. Welch has a position on the staff of the Baker theater and upon its completion will have a position with the new Orpheum. Mr. Welch is quite certain that Pendleton will have summer vaudeville this summer. The only element of uncertainty is the slight doubt as to whether he will be able to book a really first-class company for the place, and unless he can do this he will book none at all. However, he considers the prospects for getting a really high-grade company here as excellent.

The season will open on or about June 15 and continue without intermission for a month, with the probabilities that there will be a return engagement in September. At this time Mr. Welch has hopes of securing the Weston-Herbert Co., which was at the opera house a short time ago and was pronounced by the large audience which saw them, the best company that has appeared here in years.

Our New Reporter. Ralph A. Watson, formerly of the Capital Journal, of Salem, Or., has accepted a position as reporter on the East Oregonian. We bespeak for Mr. Watson the co-operation of our friends. Anything you can do to help him get all the local news will be appreciated. We want the East Oregonian to be the best newspaper, locally and in every other way published in Eastern Oregon. If you know any news and don't happen to see the reporter, phone us. We will sincerely appreciate your kindness. Mr. Walte, who has been our reporter, will hereafter be telegraph editor.

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