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RECLAMATION SERVICE DEPENDS UPON HERMISTON

West End of County Will Be Used to Convince Opposition of the Merits of National Irrigation as Against Carey Act Schemes—Chief Statistician Makes Preparations for a Splendid Showing of Accomplishment of Few Months.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—Umatilla county, Ore., will furnish the trump card played by the United States reclamation service in making the showing which justifies its existence as against Carey act projects before the National Irrigation congress at Albuquerque, N. M., in October, for the officials of the reclamation service declare that the most really ideal conditions under irrigation in the west are to be found in the Hermiston valley in the west end of that county.

Mr. C. J. Blanchard, chief statistician of the reclamation service, who will have charge of the showing to be made by that department of the government at the congress, has but recently visited the project where he made observations and took several pictures of the development from a sage brush desert which has been made during the past year. Mr. Blanchard's success in picture making at Hermiston led him to order

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CHESTER BEAGLE MARRIED.

Former Pendleton Boy Married in Alberta—Son of M. A. Beagle.

Mrs. J. H. Turner has just received news of the wedding of her nephew, Chester R. Beagle, to Miss Eva C. Barnes of High River, Alberta. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. G. Barnes, 16 miles from High River, and it was attended by many friends and relatives of the two young people. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. P. Perry, a pastor of High River.

The groom is well known to many local people for he was born here and passed the early years of his life in Pendleton. He is the son of M. A. Beagle and attended the local schools, after which he went to business college in Portland.

ODD FELLOWS TO DENVER.

Oregon Delegation Passes Through City This Evening on No. 2.

A party of prominent Odd Fellows will pass through here this evening bound for Denver to attend the session of the sovereign grand lodge. There are four representatives to be in attendance from Oregon and three of them are Richard Scott, E. E. Sharon and W. E. Carter.

The delegates will pass through here on train No. 2 this evening and a number of local three-linkers will be at the depot to greet them.

For the sovereign grand lodge session the Denver people are making great preparations and thousands of Odd Fellows will be there for the occasion.

BEAR WAS SCARED.

Charley Patton Says Two Shots Was All One Bear Wanted.

There is a certain bear in the mountains somewhere southeast of here that is very badly frightened because of a recent experience with Charley Patton, who has charge of the shingling department of the Patton & Humphrey barber shop. Charley has just returned from a strenuous hunting trip on upper McKay and when he returned he was heavily laden—not with game, but cartridges. He found the game to be scarce as a general thing, but he says that one big bear which he saw made up for everything.

"Ah took two shots at him and he is gone yet," said Charley in telling his experience and his barber friends say they know he would not tell anything but the truth.

RADICAL CHANGES IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS

WOULD MAKE COUNTY UNIT INSTEAD OF DISTRICT.

Should Plan Be Adopted County Superintendent Would Be Made Official of Power Instead of Office Man—Legislature Will Be Asked to Require County Treasurers to Handle School Funds.

Radical changes in the present school laws of the state are desired by the county superintendents and at the meeting just held at Salem their ideas were freely discussed. At the coming session of the legislature an effort will be made to have at least some of the new ideas enacted into law.

The most radical thing proposed at the meeting, according to Superintendent Frank K. Welles, who came home last evening, is a plan whereby the county is made the unit for all the districts contained therein. Under this plan the county superintendent is to be elected by a school board on the same plan a city superintendent now serves and all the county school affairs are to be directed from one general head. Such a plan would make the county superintendent a school man instead of an office man.

However, this idea will not be presented to the legislature this year as the superintendents believe that the people are not yet ready for the change. Of the recommendations the superintendents will actually make to the legislature the most important is one which provides that henceforth the county treasurer handle the money from all school districts excepting those of the first-class. This would relieve school clerks of all financial responsibility.

The recent meeting, according to Mr. Welles, was a round-table affair and was very beneficial. Upon almost every proposition discussed he says that those assembled were unanimous in conclusions. All but six superintendents were present.

French Sold Cattle.

J. D. French, the Gurdane cattleman, was here yesterday and says that he has just sold 100 head of cattle to Nate Raines, buyer for the Frye-Bruhn people of Tacoma. The beef will be shipped out from that place within a few days.

Athena Editor Here.

Col. Fred Boyd, editor of the Athena Press, came down on the forenoon train today and after transacting business here for several hours returned on the afternoon mixed train. He says it has been raining at Athena also.

Lived But Four Hours.

The 4-hour-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Allen died this morning at their home on Blaine street. The funeral service was held this afternoon.

BACK FROM THE M. E. CONFERENCE

REV. LEWELLYN GOES TO PRINEVILLE

List of Assignments for Coming Year.—Pendleton Changed to Walla Walla District, With Rev. Sykes as Presiding Elder—Rev. Euster Returned Last Night and Says Conference Showed Much Church Progress.

After having attended the Columbia River conference at Wenatchee, Wash., Rev. W. T. Euster returned home last evening. He reports a very interesting conference. The reports showed a total gain of 1321 members in the conference and the addition of 14 ministers to the list of church workers. The financial statement showed a general advance of 41 per cent.

Pendleton has been transferred from The Dalles district to the Walla Walla district and the ministerial assignments for the two districts are as follows:

Walla Walla District.
Gabriel Sykes, superintendent, Walla Walla, Wash. Anatone, Lafayette Davis; Asotin, John Evans; Athena, Ore. C. W. Grizler; Clarksonton, Edward Baker; Connell, to be supplied; Cottonwood, Idaho, G. A. Peace; Dayton, C. A. Housel; Dixie, J. H. Artz; Echo, Oregon, W. H. Henderson; Frazer, Idaho, T. R. Aubrey; Freewater, Ore., E. L. Dodd; Gifford, Idaho, Andrew Kershaw; Grangeville, Idaho, A. W. Roberts; Kamiah, Idaho, W. M. Daniels; Kendrick, Idaho, S. J. Taylor; Lewiston, Idaho, Charles McCaughey; Melrose, J. M. Buchholz; Milton, Oregon, B. J. Hoadley; Nez Perce, Idaho, C. W. Everett; Orofino, Idaho, Ira L. Crooks; Pasco, Wash., A. A. Metcalf; Pataha, Wash., Israel Putnam; Pendleton, Oregon, W. T. Euster; Pomeroy, Wash., A. Q. Mulligan; Prescott, F. H. Walker; Starbuck, Wash., S. T. Bosley; Watsburg, Wash., Robert Brumblay; Walla Walla, Wash., First church, M. L. Sanders; Wilbur Memorial, Robert Warner; Grace, F. G. Boylan; Walla Walla circuit, Lester Long; Whitebird, Idaho, to be supplied.

The Dalles District.
Walton Skipworth, district superintendent, The Dalles, Ore. Antelope, Ore., Isaac M. Cravens; Arlington, Ore., C. T. Cook; Belmont, Ore., B. F. Brown; Bend, Ore., C. L. Lowther; Bickleton, Wash., H. C. Ragan; Cascade Locks, Ore., H. C. Clark; Centerville, Wash., supply, A. C. Williamson; Clealum, Wash., supply, S. E. Hornbrook; Dufur, Ore., supply, G. W. Kennedy; Ellensburg, Wash., William De Weese; Fort Simcoe, Wash., J. W. Helm; Fossil and Mayville, Ore., supply, A. S. Black; Fulda, Wash., Seldon Ewing; Goldendale, Wash., W. P. Jinnett; Grass Valley and Moro, Ore., Perry Chandler; Heppner, Ore., Walter L. Alheart; Hood River, Ore., Nathan Evans; Ione, Ore., supply, T. W. Atkinson; Kennecook, Wash., L. N. B. Anderson; Mabton, Wash., supply, L. Wilson; Madras, Ore., G. R. Moorhead; North Yakima, Wash., C. E. Gibson; Pine Grove, Ore., H. S. White; Prineville, Oregon, J. D. Lewellen; Prosser, Wash., H. N. Rounds; Richland and Kiona, Wash., C. M. Carson; Spaulding, Ore., G. F. Pinkham; Sunnyside, Wash., H. O. Perry; The Dalles, Ore., L. R. Rufus; Tappanish, Wash., J. M. Huggins; Wasco, Ore., F. E. Smith; West Kittitas, to be supplied; West Salmon, Wash., J. K. Craig.

A feature of the conference, according to Rev. Euster, was the fact

ministers from four other denominations united with the Methodists at the conference. One of these was Rev. Lewellyn, former pastor of the Methodist church, south. Rev. Lewellyn has been assigned to Prineville.

The property of the local South Methodist church has not yet been disposed of. Rev. Euster is seeking to have it retained here and the proceeds from the sale of the old brick church used in establishing a mission in the west end of the city. On the other hand, some members of the Methodist church, south, urge that the property remain in the hands of that denomination.

PURPLE-FINE LINEN FOR BAKER'S MAYOR

Baker City, Sept. 16.—Mayor Chas. Johns may not wear purple pajamas, but he certainly does admire fine linen for his sleeping gear.

According to a story current here the native aristocracy of Baker's popular official manifested itself recently during the absence of the mayor's charming wife, who has just returned from an out-of-town visit.

The mayor was very particular about going to bed early and keeping things running in the same old way. He decided he would even do better than usual and before Mrs. Johns was to return he had the residence thoroughly cleaned.

Here is where he went too far, for the party who cleaned the house discovered that the city's chief executive had changed the sheets on his bed and instead of getting a pair of sheets he had dressed the bed in two linen table cloths and had been using them as sheets for several days.

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