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EAST OREGONIAN SPECIAL NEWS OF UMATILLA CO.

"WHO IS THAT NEW FAMILY NEAR YOU" IS COMMON QUESTION WITH SETTLERS UNDER UMATILLA PROJECT

With Improved Methods of Irrigation West End Region Becomes Wonderfully Productive; Alfalfa Stable Crop.

(East Oregonian Special)
 HERMISTON, Or., June 8.—Owing to the enthusiasm shown by the wide-awake people of Boardman in the big celebration held there recently and the interest aroused by them over their wonderful reclaimed lands, the people of the East End of the Umatilla project are beginning to sit up and take notice that very little has been known and much misunderstanding felt concerning this beautiful and prosperous section, made so by the help and encouragement of our good Uncle Sam and the energy and thriftiness of the settlers. However, as little seemingly has been known in the past, the knowledge of the project and the wonders being accomplished leak out little by little and people from neighboring states and even more easterly ones, as well as many of our own state, are coming into this section.

New Families Arrive.
 Moving carloads of farm machinery, cattle, horses and household goods, building temporary buildings, evidently living in the ordinary farm way, within a short distance of neighbors unaware of their existence until occasion comes to them to pass their way.

The question is asked very often: "Who is that living near your home? I see a building going up there," or "Whose mail box is that new one on the corner?" or "Who was that with the load of household furniture passing?"

The answer to all is: "Some farmer and his family have come to the project and secured a new home."

A Prosperous Era.
 The country is going through a very prosperous era, the hardest state being passed when many came taking up homesteads and experimenting with the new methods to be used in reclaiming lands from the arid to the fertile state.

The process of just how the work should be done was a matter of importance but the early settler, not knowing the hard work entailed in civilizing a sage brush and jack rabbit land to fertility, took the matter lightly and found that instead of raising alfalfa easily they were making a terrible disturbance with Old Mother Earth, that would cause them much uneasiness.

Station Work Helped.
 But good old Uncle Sam got busy by means of his experiment stations, studying up the proper way by raising crops and after instructions were given and pages of typewritten matter distributed to those who had already settled upon the land, and others desiring to make settlement, more encouragement was felt by the farmers and extra trials made until the land was placed in a good state of cultivation, and with plenty of water available, the desert is, as was promised in the Scriptures, blooming as the rose.

There need be no doubt now as was felt in early days that irrigated lands cannot be made the most productive of any in the country, even the most sandy sections have turned out wonderful crops, being handled carefully, enriched and well watered. A particular thing to be noticed in the raising of alfalfa is that it never fails the shortage in the crop, if any, being due to lack of irrigation at the proper time. This cannot be said of other crops, however, as climatic conditions effect those here as in other places. Consequently farmers are turning their attention to alfalfa raising principally.

BOARDMAN AND IRRIGON HEAR NEW MINISTER

(East Oregonian Special)
 BOARDMAN, June 8.—Rev. J. M. Howard, pastor of the churches of Irriogon and Boardman, preached his initial sermon last Sunday, using for his theme "The Boundless Love of God, from Which Nothing Can Separate Us." With the coming of a regular minister, the work of the church should receive a great impetus in this growing and vigorous community.

Having begun in the Boardman section, much of the first crop is already down and the rest is on the way. The rain of Monday night did little damage. While the labor question is rather acute it is being met by co-operation among the farmers, who exchange work. Much of the machinery of the community is used and owned in common, several neighbors going in together to purchase an outfit.

It has finally become possible to get water for irrigation to the school grounds and they are being plowed and leveled in preparation for seeding and landscape development. A lawn 100x200 feet in front of the building will be the first attempt.

The March building on Main street is rapidly nearing completion. It is of modern design in reinforced concrete and sets a pattern for future construction. One room 25x28 will be occupied by the J. C. Hallinger Hardware Co. There will be a bank in the corner room and a grocery in the remaining room. W. A. Goodwin is directing the work.

Leo Root is excavating for a building on Main street to be occupied by the post office and telephone exchange. This with the Boardman construction work of the Boardman Lumber Co. in rebuilding their recently burned office and lumber warehouse makes a decided improvement in the looks of the town and with the construction of cement sidewalks it will be easier to get somewhere.

Plans are afoot for the construction of a cement water tank on the lot donated to the city by F. M. Smith, for supplying the needs of the city for water.

Maudie E. Lamson, recently of Cove,

MANY SEEN IN WESTON FOR PIONEER REUNION

(East Oregonian Special)
 WESTON, June 8.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kilgore and daughter, Miss Maggie Kilgore, of Cornelius, Oregon, have been looking after business interests in Weston and attending the pioneer reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gerking and sister, Miss Viola Gerking, of Walla Walla, were visiting Weston friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Warren of Elliptopia, Wash., were visiting Mr. Warren's mother, Mrs. E. M. Warren, during the pioneer reunion.

John McRea and family of Walla Walla, have been pioneering in Weston during the past few days and visiting at the home of Mayor J. M. Bantler.

Joe Clodius returned Saturday morning from San Diego, Calif., where he has been sojourning for a year. Mr. Clodius does not know yet whether he will return to California or remain in Oregon.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beamer died early Sunday morning.

Rev. W. R. Storms departed for Seattle a few days ago to adjust the business affairs of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Aldridge, whose husband was drowned in Lake Washington a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Walker of Weston, Oregon, have been taking in the reunion and visiting Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bullfinch, at their farm home south of Weston.

Mrs. Lela G. Saling left Sunday morning for Corvallis where she is on the program as soloist during the Oregon Agricultural College commencement exercises.

Mrs. Jacob Proebstel of Portland, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dupuis on East Main street.

Elmer Elwell, who was a resident of Weston several years ago, was looking up old friends in town last Sunday.

John R. English, who is connected with the Surveyor General's office at San Francisco, is here on his annual vacation and visiting his farm home on Weston Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith are here from Coules City, Wash., to participate in the reunion festivities and to visit at the home of their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan O'Hara.

Miss Blanche Cooper a former student of Weston high school was in town for a few days last week shaking hands with former school friends. Miss Cooper is on her way to Lewiston, Idaho, to attend the summer normal school.

Mrs. R. L. Wilson of La Crosse, Wash., is in a Walla Walla hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis early last week.

James Kilgore of La Crosse, Wash., is attending the pioneer reunion.



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 (By Frank L. Stanton.)
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 * Than help to raise the chorus of tribulation song.
 * You can't see the world right by saying that it's wrong;
 * Growth at the wisdom of the weather.
 * Better think the bright day will make you sight so true,
 * You'll wonder why the shadows ever darkened over you.
 * The roses wait your comin' just a-drippin' with the dew—
 * Don't you doubt the wisdom of the weather.

A PROGRAM OF NEGATION AND HOPELESSNESS

JN HIS keynote speech yesterday Senator Lodge said not one good word for the League of Nations. He uttered no syllable expressing hope of peace through the machinery established by the treaty of Versailles to which all other allied powers have assented. He had nothing but words of denunciation for the league and those concerned therewith.

All this despite the fact that America's chief war aim was to assist in forming a world league to enforce peace and defend civilization without the necessity of adding to the colossal armaments now in vogue.

On January 8, 1918, President Wilson before both houses of congress officially announced the view that America held as one of its war purposes the formation of a league to enforce peace. His address was warmly applauded and not a man, republican or democrat, raised objection. Not a word of protest was made in congress until eight months later when the war had been virtually won.

By his action, shown by a record that cannot be questioned, Senator Lodge is guilty of trying to repudiate America's greatest war aim. He is guilty of wishing to break the promise this nation made to its soldiers and to the world.

In lieu of the League of Nations Lodge would set up the status quo ante. He would leave us where we were before the war. This is his position absolutely when stripped of camouflage.

The United States has the privilege of accepting the Lodge leadership if it wishes. But there should be no misunderstanding as to what such a course will involve. It means America puts its trust in the sword and not in exercising our leadership in a group of nations pledged to preserve peace and to respect and defend the independence and territorial integrity of member nations against an external aggressor.

If we take Lodge's judgment we must prepare for mounting military costs. The present congress has appropriated \$820,000,000 for the army and navy for one year—an amount in excess of the ordinary federal outlay before the war with Germany. We are paying approximately a billion dollars a year in interest on the war debt. If we take the policy of isolation we must in common sense greatly increase our appropriations for war preparations. The amount voted by congress this year will merely enable the army and navy to exist. No great improvement is provided for and there must be vast improvement if we are to put our faith in the bayonet. Let the taxpayer take note.

Mr. Lodge is neither consistent nor logical as to foreign affairs. He scorns to aid bleeding and helpless Armenia though we have been asked by the world and by Armenia to take the mandate. But he would go into Mexico uninvited and unwanted to do the bidding of oil kings and mining magnates. He exploits the fact that some Americans have been killed in Mexico. He did not say that 100,000 Americans died in France and that with a League of Nations in 1914 there would have been no war.

The Lodge program is one of negation and hopelessness. He would throw overboard the peace program for which civilization struggled. To a world crying for progress he offers poison.

BIG EXPENDITURES NOT NECESSARY.

THERE are stories that eastern politicians want to do away with the direct primary preference voting for president because they say it is too expensive.

But the primary need not be expensive. A candidate may get upon the ballot at slight expense. It is not at all necessary for him to have a million dollar slush fund or anything of the sort. As a matter of fact if he has the proper sort of reputation he needs no big boodle bag. He is better off without it.

General Wood would be stronger today as an aspirant for the republican nomination if he had not had such a big campaign chest.

It is not necessary to do away with the preference primary voting in order to reduce campaign expenses. Furthermore it is to be questioned if such a change would reduce expenses. The primary forces expenditures to be made in the open. Under the old method money was paid in secret for the delivery of needed votes.

The supreme court ruled that a constitutional amendment is a constitutional amendment and being such is part of the basic law of the land and cannot be set aside just because you may be thirsty. To change the constitution will require action by three-fourths of the states of the union.

Mr. Hughes is the strongest man the republicans can name, but if nominated his views as to the League of Nations should be embodied in the platform, not the views of Hiram Johnson.

Is it true that
 "A little learning is a dangerous thing;
 Drink deep or quaff not at the Pierian spring."

MAGEE TELLS OF BET PLACED ON BALL GAME

CINCINNATI, O., June 8.—Lee Magee, professional baseball player, testified in the federal district court Tuesday that he bet on the first game of a double-header which the Cincinnati National Club played with the Boston team on July 23, 1918.

\$5,560 damages against the Chicago National League club because of his unconditional release, said he and Hal Chase, Cincinnati first baseman, had bet \$500 on the Cincinnati club to win. Chase did all the talking when the bet was made. Magee testified. After the game, he said, he learned that the money had secretly been bet against the Cincinnati team and he thereupon refused to pay the bet and stopped payment on a check which he had given.

Magee said it was his playing which won the game.

Some folks are so reserved in their manners that they don't appear to have any at all.

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