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LIFE ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER 95 YEARS AGO Notes of Historical and Genealogical Value. Extracted from Newspapers of 1921, Morrow Co. Oregon.

Here are bits of local history from 1921: Housing, School, Community, Agricultural Production and Economic Development – Sound Familiar? October 7, 1921

BOARDMAN RANCHERS EXPECT TO MARKET HAY THRU DAIRY CATTLE – A committee consisting of Arthur Wheelhouse of Arlington; A.P. Ayers, local Holstein breeder; and C.C. Calkins, Morrow County Extension Agent are now purchasing the cattle and will begin shipping them in within a few days. The making of cheese will stimulate the market and take care of considerable of the milk. Supplement purchase of cows and the establishment of a Cheese Factory with support of the Hay Growers Association, Boardman ranchers stand to get a fairly fair price for their hay.

U.S. PAY TRIBUTE TO FRENCH DEAD – Paris – The United States Sunday paid its highest tribute to the dead soldiers of France when General John J. Pershing, in the presence of an immense throng, including President Mitterrand, laid the Congressional Medal of Honor upon the tomb of the unknown French soldier under the arch of triumph. Before placing the medal on the Unknown Soldier's tomb, General Pershing stood before it at salute for several minutes. Then in a voice shaking with emotion, he declared: *"In the name of the president and the people of the United States, as a token of our perpetual belief in the righteousness of the cause for which you sons died, and as a mark of respect and admiration to you and your countrymen, I place this congressional medal upon your tomb."*

LOCAL NOTES

S. H. Boardman was in Arlington Tuesday in the interests of our new aviation field.

A school **Orchestra** seems assured as several have said they could get the necessary instruments.

County Agent Calkins was in town Tuesday and Wednesday in the interests of the dairying industrv. The first

day of the open season for China Pheasants resulted in H. H. Crawford loosing two Turkeys and having another turkey crippled, also in Frances Gilbreath receiving a buckshot in one eyelid and missing the eyeball an eighth of an inch. Mr. Crawford suggests that would be hunters first take a course in domestic fowls.

October 14, 1921

OREGON NEWS OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS – The enrollment of the **University of Oregon medical school** in Portland which opened the fall term Monday was the largest in the history of the institution. Total registration reached 152, the maximum number possible until the larger quarters are completed. **SALEM - D.C. Brownell** of Umatilla visited the highway department Friday in the interest of a **highway from Umatilla to Walla Walla, Washington**. This road, according to Brownell would afford a cut-off between Walla Walla and other Washington parts.

Lumber Barges Will Float Down River – On Thursday two men stayed in Boardman at the Highway Inn. They had a very unusual trip having come down from Lewiston, Idaho on a row boat. Their purpose was to sound the river, going as far as Celilo. **Plans are under foot to ship barges of lumber from Clearwater, ID, to Celilo where it will be transferred to steamers and there shipped east by way of the Panama Canal.** Thus far the shallowest water found was four feet.

Morrow County is claiming a wheat crop of 2,000,000 bushels.

The **Cabbage Hill-Deadman's Pass road**, a stretch of 12.8 miles on the Pendleton to La Grande road, has been finished.

October 21, 1921

BOARDMAN BECOMING DAIRY CENTER AND WILL START CHEESE FACTORY – The people of the Boardman project realize there can be no permanent agriculture where the crop is raised and shipped out of the country and nothing returned to the soil. This is especially important in an irrigated section. The application of manure increases the yield of alfalfa. This calls for livestock. It is important that the hay be fed on the farm and products shipped out

in concentrated form. Several carloads of dairy stock are enroute to Boardman. A cheese factory organization has been completed. A Cheese maker is expected within a week and it is planned to begin cheese making by November 1st.

ANOTHER BIG RABBIT DRIVE SCHEDULED SUNDAY – Mr. Jackson of the O.A. C. Biological department is now in Boardman to lead a campaign against the rabbit thru drives and poison. The first drive will be Sunday, October 23 at 10 o'clock. West side people will gather at Ingvard Skoubo's. East side people will gather at Roy Rand's. Town people will gather at S.H. Boardman's and will be led by Mr. Jackson. Following Sunday Drive will be in the East End. Everyone bring a pocket Lunch. Coffee will be served. **BURGLARS ENTER STORE OF THE BOARDMAN TRADING COMPANY** – An attempted burglary reported Monday Morning. A hole was cut in the back door to allow a hand to be inserted so that the key might be turned. The size of the opening indicates that either boys or a man with a very small hand was guilty. No cash is missing, but two coats valued at \$23 each and some razors are missing.

FORTY DOLLAR CHECK FOR BEST BALE OF HAY – Chas Wicklander has received his check for the prize winning bale of hay at the Northwest Grain & Hay Show in Pendleton.

October 28, 1921 Boardman H. S. Newspaper UTELLEM shares the new Oregon State Song: **OREGON, MY OREGON**

"Land of the Empire builders, Land of the Golden West; Conquered and held by freemen, Fairest and the best. Onward and upward ever Forward and on and on; Hail to the Land of Heroes, My Oregon. Land of the rose and sunshine, Land of the summer's breeze. Laden with health and vigor, Fresh from the Western seas, blest by the blood of martyrs, Land of the setting sun, Hail to thee Land of Promise, My Oregon." Selected in a competitive contest, published by OR Society of Composers **MRS. D.C. BROWNELL PASSED**

AWAY SUNDAY – Mrs. Clara Brownell, one of the early settlers and best loved citizens of Umatilla passed October 23, in Portland. She was born in 1855 and **crossed the plains when only 4 years old by ox team** to California. She and her husband moved to Oregon in 1888. Until recently, the Brownell name has been connected with **every progressive movement in eastern Oregon.**

PENDLETON'S VIEW ON PROPOSED CUT OFF A NARROW ONE – Boardman Mirror Editor takes Issue with Narrow view taken by Pendleton regarding the proposed Umatilla – Wallula Cut-Off. "Construction of a bridge across the Columbia at Pasco means diverting West Bound auto travel thru the Yakima Valley to Puget Sound. Constructing a Umatilla-Wallula cut - off means diverting two thirds of this travel over the Columbia highway. It means a greater travel to you, Pendleton, if you would but raise your sights." "We recently has occa-

sion to drive to Walla Walla via Pendleton. We find we travelled forty miles out of our way. The same applies to Spokane and Interior Washington points. This cut off gives direct connection with the Yellowstone and Evergreen highways. Is it not asinine not to link the two systems at their nearest point? Is not the government interested from a military standpoint in this short connection?"

"We like to see and think of Pendleton as the big broad progressive city that you are. But when you fear the cut-off will cut off your sale of cheese and gas and you do not see the vital need of its connection to the state in general, your broadness is narrowed to a glimmering slit. **Be big Pendleton.** Be what you really are."

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