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RECLAMATION OFFICERS HERE

CHIEF CONSULTING ENGINEERS VIEW OUR PROJECT.

Interview a Number of Citizens and Secure Information Regarding Water Supply and Prior Water Rights.

H. N. Savage, of Los Angeles, Geo. Y. Wisner, of Detroit, J. T. Whistler, who has charge of the Government reclamation work in Oregon and M. D. Williams, one of the engineers of the geological survey, composed a party which visited this section this week for the purpose of looking over the Silvie valley reservoir site and securing information as to the feasibility of the proposed irrigation scheme.

Messrs Savage and Wisner are consulting engineers of Chief Newell and from what the writer is able to learn much will depend upon the report of these high officials to the department as to the future of our hopes for government aid in Harney valley. They were very anxious to secure information other than the data in their hands from the reports of their engineers that were in the field here last summer. The gentlemen met a number of old time settlers of this valley at their hotel Thursday evening and asked many questions regarding the flow of Silvie river, the condition and kind of soil, crops, water level, etc.

From the interest taken and the nature of the inquiries it is evident that the officials are seriously considering the proposition of taking up this scheme in the near future and that they are more favorably impressed with it since visiting us. This is merely a surmise, however, as the officials were non-committal. Their report will be given and it will no doubt be final, but when that report will be given out or even reach the department is not known.

Mr Savage said the one bad feature of this project just at this time was the insufficient data at hand. They had but one year's record of the water flow and from their conversation one would infer that the water supply was very satisfactory so far as their record was concerned, but whether this supply was an average and would compare with each successive year was something they would like to know.

The gentlemen were very particular to ascertain whether there would be any opposition upon the part of people now holding water rights to pool with the government and pro-rate with others should the scheme be taken up by the government. This is a matter that is of utmost importance as the amount of land to come under the irrigation system governs the cost of reclamation so far as the settler is concerned. If 100,000 acres could be pledged to an agreement—and this could be done without taking in the large holdings already appropriated in this section—it would cost more per acre than if twice the amount was taken in.

The gentlemen received the assurance of many large real estate holders that the government would have no opposition in that respect if it was decided to take the matter up.

The gentlemen took a short drive over a portion of the valley yesterday morning in which they visited the Hanley ranch and others in this vicinity and later took their departure in company with Mr. Whistler for Silvie valley to look at the proposed reser-

voir site and will then proceed to the railroad. They are inspecting the various projects of the west—16 in all and will later report upon the feasibility of the various sites. While these officers did not say they were favorably impressed with the Harney valley project the fact that they were here for information to be used in future and the condition of our soil, crops etc., indicates an interest in the project and leads us to assert that our prospects are very encouraging.

Large Band of Horses.

Arthur Begg returned home early this week from a trip to the Dayville country where he had been in the interest of C. M. Clay, of Ogden, Utah, who is buying range horses for Campbell & Reed, of the Western sales stables, St. Louis, Missouri. In the Dayville country Mr. Begg purchased 900 head for Mr. Clay. These animals Mr. Clay will begin to receive in a short time, and will continue to receive the animals at stated intervals until late this fall, receiving at each time such animals as are in condition to ship and place on the market.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Alfalfa at Geer & Cummins. Mrs. Elma Jones and family have gone to Fox valley, Grant county, on a visit to relatives.

Don't delay getting a good supply of alfalfa seed, Geer and Cummins have it for sale.

E. B. Waters, republican candidate for clerk, arrived home yesterday from an electioneering tour.

F. D. Barrows and wife arrived home Monday evening from John Day where they had been visiting.

Call in the City Drug store as you are passing and see the new stock.—H. M. Horton proprietor.

J. L. Sitz, republican candidate for representative, has returned from a trip to Malheur county.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For Supreme Judge—THOMAS O'DAY.
- For Food and Dairy Commissioner, S. M. DOUGLAS.
- For Congressman, 2d Dist.—J. E. SIMMONS.
- For Circuit Judge, 9th Dist.—MORTON D. CLIFFORD.
- For District Attorney, 9th Dist.—ERRETT HICKS.
- For Joint Representative—C. W. MALLETT.
- For County Clerk—SAM MOTHERSHEAD.
- For Sheriff—A. K. RICHARDSON.
- For Assessor—BYRON TERRILL.
- For School Superintendent—J. C. BARTLETT.
- For Treasurer—J. M. DALTON.
- For Commissioner—W. D. BAKER.
- For Coroner—DR. H. VOLP.

THE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

A CORRESPONDENT GIVES A FEW FACTS ABOUT IT.

Urges its Establishment and Gives Some Excellent Reasons for It—Will not Increase Taxes but Little.

There has been very little, if any, open discussion about the establishing of a high school in our county, and if the proposition fail, it would seem that it had been allowed to die of neglect rather than to have been killed by any kind of opposition. It is too late in the day to say anything either for or against it, excepting what might have been observed by any intelligent person who had given the subject a thought. For it is not the disposition of the writer to present any views that would appear to demand an answer, the election being so near at hand that an answer would be impossible. So then, I think, I may claim that this is written in a spirit of perfect fairness, and solely for the purpose of calling attention to the proposition. I dare say it is probable that a considerable percentage of the voters of this county have not given the matter a serious thought. But next Monday the opportunity will be given you to say whether Harney county shall, or shall not, have a county high school. How are you going to vote?

The only objection that so far has been interposed is, that the establishing of a county high school would entail a burdensome expense upon the taxpayer, who already is grievously taxed. Of course an objection of this kind is legitimate enough, but it is not one that we should be proud of after all the facts are known, and the number of those who seek refuge in such arguments, thank God, is growing less each year. A careful calculation on this point reveals the fact that a county high school can be maintained in our county at a cost of less than \$2000 a year, which sum would increase the taxes of the average taxpayer all the way from \$1 to \$2.50. Can you stand that? You men who want to retrench, and economize, and save money, can you afford to do that much for the boys and girls of your county who have toiled through the grammar grades, and are now ready for high school work? Can you afford to do that much towards putting Harney county in line with other counties in educational matters?

Yes, of course you can, and will, for you had not thought about it that way. Crook county tried to get a high school several years ago but not until the business and professional men of Prineville came together and put up the expenses for one, did they have it. But now the county has voted on the question, and has taken the school off the hands of those men who at first paid its expenses, and they are building a fine high school building ample for all their boys and girls, and the people are proud of it all.

Note this: The county does not

have to build a high school building until it can afford to do so. It may rent a building. It does not have to rent, but may contract with the district school where it is practicable to have the high school branches taught. In short, the only expense involved in the creating of a high school, as far as the educational work is concerned, would be the sum necessary to employ one, or not more than two, extra teachers.

Now that is all there is to the high school proposition as far as burdening the poor taxpayer goes. Are you going to let us have this extra teacher, or are you going to say to the boys and girls by your vote that you cannot afford it? Are you, by your vote, going to say to them that if they desire to go farther in their school work they will have to go to Crook county, or Grant county, or Lake county, or to some other county that can afford a high school, because Harney county is too poor to give them high school opportunities? The writer does not think any voter will say so for any of the reasons given. If he vote against the proposition it will be for other reasons, and probably for reasons which he would not care to give to the public.

"Vote for county high school—Yes." X.

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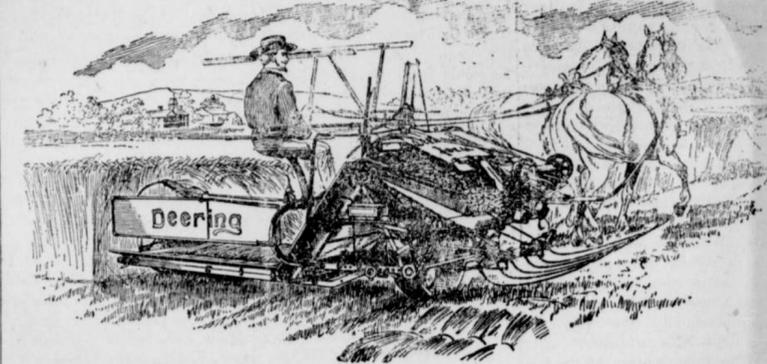
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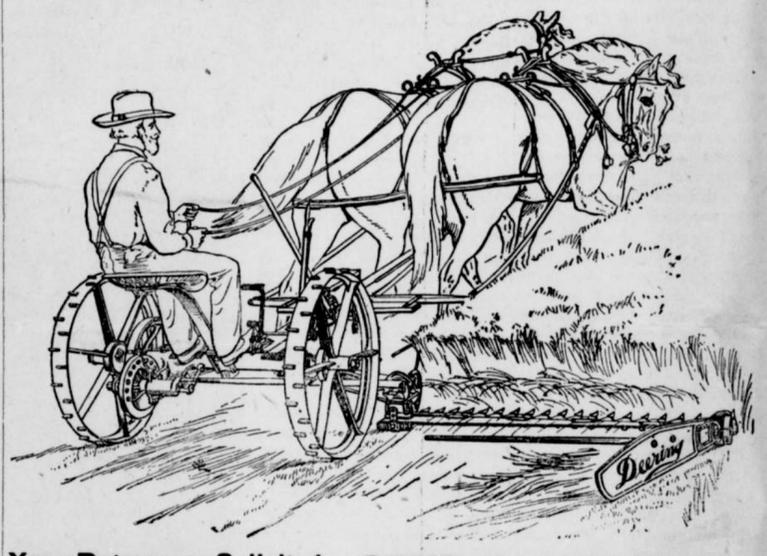
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TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

U. S. Land Office, Burns, Ore., May 11, 1904. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 2, 1896, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1897, Charles White, of Tacoma, county of Pierce, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 22, for the purchase of the E¹/₄, NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄, NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄, SE¹/₄, of Section No. 27 in Township No. 22 S., Range No. 28 E., W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Burns, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 27th day of July, 1904.

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He names as witnesses: William Rosemond, of Montezano, Washington; Jacob L. Medcalf, of St. Joe, Idaho; Daniel L. O'Brien, of Tacoma, Washington.

He names as witnesses: Daleo Arux, of Tacoma, Washington; George F. Salisbury, of St. Joe, Idaho; Nathaniel A. Dibble, of Riley, Oregon; Jacob L. Medcalf, of Montezano, Washington.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 27th day of July, 1904.

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