

A PUBLIC PARK FOR BURNS

OUR CITIZENS SHOULD TAKE HOLD OF PROPOSITION.

A Place to Spend Summer Afternoons and Evenings With the Band Boys, Your Family or Your Sweetheart.

It has been suggested that the people of our city take up the proposition of a public park of at least one block where a grove be planted and platted artistically with grass, shrubs, etc. Such a proposition is worth serious consideration and would be something worth attention and care. A nice public square would be a delight in a few years where celebrations and public gatherings could be held during the delightful summer months. The band boys need a nice stand where they could give us some nice open air concerts during the long evenings. It's a good suggestion and should meet with popular approval. Let's take it up at once.

The matter of location would not be a hard one. The C. A. Sweek addition will soon be on the market if nothing happens. This is of course not centrally located, but is nice level ground clear of rocks and brush, with an irrigation ditch for free use and where there is no question about trees growing. Should such a move be taken up no doubt Mr. Sweek or other real estate men would make good terms.

Outside Teams do the Business.

The Times-Herald has observed that a considerable amount of the freight so far brought in this spring has been hauled by teams coming from the railroad, who have hauled it in for 1 cent per pound and will take wool back. This is a very good move on the part of firms at shipping points who are anxious to get the handling of the wool clip and it is correspondingly profitable to all concerned, perhaps. The various business houses of Burns have secured their freight for from 1/4 and in some instances one cent cheaper than had local teams gone out after the freight. Now if prices are reduced to the consumer to correspond with cheaper freight it will be an advantage to all. Our local freighters claim they can do better working at something else than one cent freight. If this is a fact no one is hurt.

John Day and Harney Valleys.

The John Day and Harney Valleys are in a very prosperous condition just now. S. S. Litchfield, the well known traveller for Levi Strauss & Co., with their general north-west office in Baker City, has just returned from an extended tour through the country. He says that wool is going up and the ranges are looking splendidly.

"I never saw the ranges in that part of the country so fine as they are today. They are a perfect emerald carpet extending clear up into the timber on the mountains making perfect parks. The crops everywhere are magnificent. Wool sold the other day at 17 1/2 cents, two cents higher than it was last year. Cattle are picking up and in sixty days will be in the pink of condition. Sheep shearing is going on everywhere and the wool is being hauled to market.

"General business is waiting. It is the same there as every where else. Conditions are good and before September 1st, there will be a lively and healthy business in every line all through Eastern Oregon. The fact that it is a presidential year has been discounted. I think it will be the best year in a decade. Everybody is hopeful and they have a reason for it. When wool buyers are anxious and buy the clips before they are taken off the sheep's back, you may know there is something doing. The seller is the king this time."—Democrat.

NO VACATION IN 83 YEARS.

In an article under the caption, "The Injustice of Vacations," the New York Independent quotes Russel Sage to the effect that he never has taken a vacation in his life; that the "vacation habit is the outgrowth of abnormal or distorted business methods and that a man is less fitted to do good work for his employer after two weeks' rest each year than he was before. "When I was a boy," said the veteran financier, "the practice was not in vogue. During the 83 years of my career, I have not taken a

vacation. As a matter of fact, I was so glad to get a chance to learn business that the idea of asking my employer to make me a present of two weeks of the time that belonged to him would have been preposterous. Besides I was eager to advance in business.

"Is it not absurd to suppose that a man can in two weeks recuperate from the weariness of a year's work? On the contrary, I have too often observed that men will while on their vacations make inroads upon their vitality and purses that cannot be repaired in the following 11 months and two weeks. "A man should work 'easy, be economical of his time, conserve his forces and not worry. It is worry and not work that makes the hair gray. If I had 1000 touques I would preach 'Save time' with them all. Its infinitely more valuable than money."

To Build an Immense Dam.

One of the greatest of the many important irrigation projects now under way in Eastern Oregon and Idaho for the reclamation of arid lands is that of the Malheur Power & Irrigation Company, whose plan is to reclaim no less than 150,000 acres of land on the west side of Snake River in the vicinity of Ontario, says the Telegram.

This company will utilize the waters of the Owyhee River, and dam that stream at the mouths of Jordan and Crooked Rivers at a point 100 miles west of Caldwell and 60 miles west of Silver City. The water will be carried in a natural channel for a distance of 80 miles and diverted near Malheur Butte to the lands in a canal 85 feet in width and 40 miles long.

This canal, with its laterals, will reach all lands on the west side of Snake River for a distance of 45 miles above Ontario and 20 miles below, aggregating 150,000 acres. The reservoir for the storage of the water will be located where the Owyhee enters Box Canyon, and will be gigantic in extent. The walls of the canyon are almost perpendicular, and a solid masonry dam 120 feet high and 320 feet long on the top will be constructed to hold the vast weight of water. This will give a storage capacity three miles wide by 15 miles long, with an average depth of 52 feet. This tremendous storage of water will be ample to irrigate 50,000 acres and furnish power and light facilities for all the town and manufacturing enterprises within a radius of 100 miles.

The personnel of the company is as follows. Hon Ed H. Test, banker, Ontario, Or.; Senator George C. Parkins, Preston, Idaho; Hon. Lafe Pence, Denver, Colo.; P. M. Davis, Boise; Walter Graves, consulting engineer. Slick Brothers, of Salt Lake, are the contractors.

The engineers and owners have been in the field the past two weeks. The engineers are now on permanent surveys and cross-sectioning, and the work is being pushed to utmost.

It is estimated that the total cost of the undertaking will approximate \$5,000, and ample funds have been pledged. One important feature of the enterprise is that there is an abundance of water always at hand, as the Owyhee River heads in the War Eagle mountain range, and draining an immense area of heavy snowfall which is late in melting.

One day last week a sheep herder, who was herding the Sherlock sheep on Antelope flat, developed a case of "stage fright" from the sight of some cowboys who were riding the range and took for the brush, deliberately leaving the sheep to run at large. He was seen a few days later at Klamath marsh headed toward Klamath Falls at a two-forty gait. Dick Sherlock arrived on the scene three days after the herder disappeared and found the sheep badly scattered but after considerable riding managed to gather the sheep without any loss.—Central Oregonian.

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HOW ABOUT SCHOOL HOUSE

PATRONS AND RAXPAYERS BETTER GET A MOVE ON.

The Present Building Must be Repaired or New One Erected Before School Starts—Time Limited.

From appearances the taxpayers and patrons of this school district have forgotten that something must be done before the beginning of the coming school year in the way of repairing the present building or erecting a new one.

The Times-Herald will not make an expression upon the matter of new building or otherwise. Opinions differ very much as to the advisability of rebonding for a new building or repair the present one. Fact is we must do something and that at once. The voters should at least get together and make some move toward relieving the present situation as there is none too much time to make the changes necessary. The Times-Herald is not well enough informed to give the exact condition of this district financially, but some assert we are in no position to rebond and erect an expensive building. Others urge the necessity of a larger and more substantial school house and consider it unwise to use a very large amount of money to repair the present building and put it in shape for occupancy when it would be necessary in the near future—if not at present—to build a larger one to meet requirements. Patrons look into this matter.

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