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## DEVELOPMENT IS RETARDED

### HARNEY COUNTY IS HANDICAPPED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Thousands of Acres of Our Best Vacant Land Tied up Awaiting Investigation—An Injustice to Section.

There are few places in Eastern Oregon, or the west for that matter, that are attracting more attention than the great Harney Valley. Inquiries are coming in by every mail from every point of the compass and practically all wanting to locate on land.

Conditions are such at the present time that few of these inquiries can be answered encouragingly. The present uncertainty of things will not permit men who have an interest in advancing this section, who desire its development, and settlement to conscientiously advise settlers to come and take up their homes, as much of our best land is held up at present by the government and Carey selections and not open for entry.

The Times-Herald is informed by the officials at the land office that they have received inquiries from people in Eastern states desiring large bodies of land—that is 40 or more families who want to take adjoining homesteads. We have just the land desired but not in any shape for entry and these people of course cannot be given what they want. These instances are frequent and merely show what Harney Valley would be if not handicapped.

The French-Glenn Co. is getting its large land holdings on the Blitzen in readiness for colonization, but this is not yet in shape for settlement. The company is spending much money in dredging the lands and when completed will be some of the finest bodies ever put on the market. The Times-Herald is reliably informed that the French-Glenn people have their plans all mapped and as soon as the land is in the right condition the settlement will follow quickly.

It is an injustice to this section for the government to keep the land tied up and prevent the settlement and development of the great Harney Valley with its opportunities and possibilities. The big 60,000 acre tract withdrawn awaiting action of officials to report favorably or unfavorably upon the proposed reclamation by the Harney Valley Improvement Co. under the Carey Act and the many thousands acres withdrawn from entry by the government awaiting an investigation of the proposed Silvie Valley reservoir, are the best vacant land in this valley. In fact there is very little desirable government land outside these where settlers could take up lands in any great quantity.

Could the government know of such a condition and the desire of so many to come here and make their homes, it might possibly hasten matters. If they could be made to realize that at least 200 applications for homesteads could and would have been entered for lands within the present temporary withdrawal this season, it would then begin to see the importance of either taking up the reclamation of the land or allow private enterprise to take the matter up.

There are people who think the development of this section at a standstill and interpret it as being unusual and that it is because of lack of merit. Such is not the case, however, and investigation of the cause will disclose the fact that it is the government that is retarding the development of Harney Valley. Just as soon as the government decides on the matter of reclamation it will go forward at a rapid rate.

### WARD STILL REMAINS AT \$1000.

Harney County Live Stock Association Makes Changes in Constitution.

An adjourned meeting of the Harney County Live Stock Association was held at the court house last Saturday afternoon, presided over by President W. B. Johnson,

at which much was accomplished for the good of the association.

The proposition to amend the constitution, so that the business of the association might be handled by an executive committee was passed without any dissent. The affairs of the association are now under the control of this committee which will greatly expedite matters and more can be accomplished. Especially in respect to urgent business which need frequent and quick action, in this move a benefit. In future business will be attended to immediately and not neglected.

This executive committee consists of President W. B. Johnson, Vice President John Farre, Secretary Archie McGowan, E. P. Sylvester, Paul Blume and F. S. Miller.

A committee visited the county court, which was in session at the same time, and after discussing the matter of a standing reward for stock thieves, the court raised the present standing reward from \$250 to \$500 and the association cut the amount of its standing reward for the arrest and conviction of persons caught stealing stock belonging to its members from \$750 to \$500, leaving the reward the same as it was formerly.

The matter of offering a reward by the association was a serious one, as some of the members favored cutting it out entirely, while others considered it of much importance to keep the standing reward, provided the assessments did not fall too heavy upon its members. From expressions of various stockmen after the meeting we learn that the present plan is very satisfactory and that those who attended the meeting are very much encouraged as to the success of the association and the benefits to be derived from such a body.

The success and good of such an association depends entirely upon its membership and the interest taken. We are glad to note that a better feeling now is shown and it is hoped much good can be accomplished by the association in the future.

### Malheur Irrigation.

Mr. Will R. King the well known lawyer and editor of Ontario, who was in the city yesterday is quite enthusiastic over the prospects of the development of the agricultural resources of Malheur county. He says there is not a richer or better county in the entire state, and Mr. King ought to know, says the Democrat.

Speaking of the government irrigation works in progress there, Mr. King said that the government engineers are at work in a systematic manner and are testing the bed rock with diamond drills in order to be fully and thoroughly posted in regard to the sub soils as a guide to the most scientific surface work in the erection of reservoirs and ditches. Mr. King added that in a few days there would be a general meeting of the people at which there is little doubt that the contracts with the government will be fully ratified.

Ed Caldwell, Miss Myrtle Livingstone and Ernest Cannon were over from Willow creek Monday to attend the celebration.—Long Creek Light.

### The Burns Druggists

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## A. B. PARKER FOR PRESIDENT

### HENRY G. DAVIS OF WEST VIRGINIA FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

Democrats Have a Gold Standard Banner Bearer, but Platform is Silent on Question of Money.

Alton B. Parker of New York for president.

Such was the outcome of the all-night session of the Democratic national convention, its conclusion being arrived at after a night of fiery oratory from orators who had before had no opportunity to speak as well as from orators worn with the session's work, the noise of wearied spectators in an overcrowded hall and the usual demonstrations for candidates when their names were mentioned.

But one ballot was required when the climax was reached. That one ballot carried with it such a force that the switching of votes started and ended in the unanimous selection of the New Yorker.

The platform which was adopted by the convention was silent on the money question and after Judge Parker had been apprised of his nomination he sent a telegram to the convention as follows:

"Hon. Wm. F. Sheehan: I regard the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established and shall act accordingly, if the action of the convention today shall be ratified by the people. As the platform is silent on the subject my views should be made known to the convention and if it proves to be unsatisfactory to the majority I request you to decline the nomination for me at once, so that another may be nominated before adjournment.

(Signed) "A. B. PARKER." This caused much excitement and it was thought for a time that there would be a split. However, this was not to be the case and after much fiery oratory participated in by Senator Williams, of Mississippi, W. J. Bryan, Senator Tillman and others it was decided to send a reply to Judge Parker. The telegram read:

"The platform adopted by this convention is silent on the question of the monetary standard because it is not regarded by us as a possible issue in this campaign and only campaign issues were mentioned in the platform. Therefore there is nothing in the views expressed by you in the telegram just received which would preclude a man entertaining them from accepting a nomination on said platform."

Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, was nominated for Vice-President by the Democratic National Convention, which then adjourned.

Others in the race were ex-Senator Turner, of Washington; Congressman Williams, of Illinois, and ex-Senator Harris, of Kansas. Mr. Davis won easily on the first ballot. Ex-Senator Turner, the choice of the West, was only third in the race. The vote stood:

Davis	654
Williams	165
Turner	100
Harris	58

Although it appears there was considerable rumbling and dissatisfaction at first over the fact that Judge Parker failed to express himself before he was nominated, it was found that he was much admired and considered the logical candidate by all. Such men as Hearst and Bryan have pledged their support and the nominee is said to be anxious to enter a vigorous campaign.

The leaders claim the platform was silent on the money question simply because it was not an issue of this campaign, therefore Judge Parker's views were not asked or expected to make any difference in the campaign.

Newspaper comment is of course divided. Republican sheets claim that a mistake has been made and that the nominee has lost the confidence of big financiers while the democratic organs assert that his independent and courageous course

has made him more popular and confidently assert that he will be elected.

### NEW FAIR ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting held at the law offices of Biggs & Biggs last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of forming a permanent fair association, a committee was appointed to solicit stock and another to look up available sites for grounds where a long lease could be secured or a tract purchased for the purposes.

These committees will report at a meeting to be held this evening at which time the organization is expected to be taken up in earnest provided sufficient encouragement is given.

It is the intention of those interested to incorporate for at least \$2,000 and if proper grounds can be bought at a reasonable figure the stock will be larger.

The Times-Herald has not been able to learn just what has been accomplished toward the desired end, but knows that two or more sites are under consideration and will be considered at the meeting this evening. There should be an interest taken in this enterprise by the stockmen of this county, as it would be of much benefit.

The Times-Herald would suggest that the fair be strictly for Harney county in every respect. Encourage home production, not only in the way of farm produce, but stock as well. Let a speed program be arranged particularly for Harney county stock.

### Populist Ticket in the Field.

Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, for President, and Thomas H. Tibbles, of Nebraska, for vice-president, were nominated by the populist convention in Springfield, Illinois, Tuesday. The names of William V. Allen, of Nebraska, and Samuel W. Williams, of Indiana, were also placed before the convention for president but before the list of states had been completed in roll call their names were withdrawn and Watson was nominated by acclamation.

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### NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of David Cary, Deceased—Notice of Final Account.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors, heirs and other persons interested in the estate of David Cary, Deceased, that I, the under-administrator of said estate, did, on July 6-1904, file my final account therein: and the 8th day of August, 1904 at the hour of 10 o'clock A M at the county court office, in the Court House in the city of Burns Oregon, has been set, by order of the Hon. H. C. Levens, County Judge of Harney County Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account. All persons having objections to said final account are required to present them on or before said day. Date of first publication July 9th 1904.

C. T. Cary, Administrator.

## WATER RIGHTS RESPECTED

### GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONPEL OR ASK SUCH SACRIFICE.

Chief Newell Made Such Expression Recently To Gathering at Ontario—Demands Are Easily Complied With.

Judge Miller was present at the irrigation meeting recently held in Ontario, at which Chief Newell of the reclamation service, John T. Whistler and other engineers of the Geological service participated and offered suggestions in regard to the government taking up the reclamation of land in Malheur county. Judge Miller says the government officials are very reasonable in their demands and suggestions, but impressed the people with the fact that immediate action upon their part was necessary in order to secure government aid, as there were other available sites ready and the people anxious to get the government's aid.

Chief Newell stated that the government was ready to take up their proposition provided the people gave the proper encouragement and desired it. He stated most emphatically that one individual could get water for only 160 acres. This did not mean that land owners would be compelled to dispose of their land, but the law has such provision. The gentleman also stated that the W. V. & C. M. W. R. Co. has signified its willingness to come in on the agreement. This would show that some provision can be made whereby this part of the law can be arranged.

Judge Miller also paid particular attention to Mr. Newell's remarks in regard to present water rights. The gentleman said that those who have a sufficient water supply and did not desire to come in under the government were not compelled to and that the government would respect such rights. However, those who had insufficient water would be required to give up all their rights before coming in and accept the same proposition and pay at the rate of those entering government land.

The important part of the matter and upon which he laid special stress, was the organization of all those desiring to use water from the Harper basin reservoir, so that the government would be able to deal with the organization, instead of individuals.

Judge Miller is of the opinion that there will be very little difficulty to get the people of that section to agree and accept the government proposition. To read the irrigation law one would imagine it hard for a section where settlement had been made and water rights recorded, that it would be almost impossible to comply with the requirements of the act in order to secure the aid. Such is not the case, and the government finds ways to overcome such localities where the people are really desirous of such assistance and where the proposed irrigation works are feasible.

The Times-Herald is gratified to get definite information from a reliable source in regard to the provisions made for those who already have water rights. This one proposition has been a great drawback toward bringing some of the people of Harney valley to a favorable consideration of the plan for government aid here. Because the Malheur project has been favorably reported and will in all probability

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