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JULIAN BYRD, Manager

The Times-Herald would like to see local business men take a personal interest in the fair and show their appreciation by closing their places of business during the afternoon program.

With renewed work in railroad surveying and prospects for reclamation the Harney country has taken on new life. Many strangers are on our streets and automobiles are coming and going daily.

It does seem to The Times-Herald that resident stockmen and taxpayers should be afforded some relief from predatory sheep. This is a serious matter that the law making bodies of our land should consider.

Mr. Hanley has shown his sincerity in the state and district owned railroad plan suggested by the Oregon-Idaho Development League by organizing a company and beginning active work, as indicated by Judge Miller's interview in this issue.

The purpose of Col. Wood and Wm. Hanley to reclaim large bodies of land in this county and over in Malheur is one that has long been desired. It will bring about such desirable changes in conditions as will prove most beneficial to the entire district.

OUR PREACHER ALMOST MOBBED

The first preaching service at the Presbyterian church since the summer vacation, was held last Sunday and Rev. A. J. Irwin announced from his pulpit at the morning service that he would tender his resignation at a congregational meeting called for Thursday evening.

On that night a number of the members of his church and friends gathered at the church and after Mr. Irwin explained the situation and asked those present to consider the matter unselfishly, he retired to the manse. His friends considered another minister could cover the new field quite as well as Mr. Irwin, but that he was the man for this place, therefore it was the unanimous vote that he remain.

Mr. Irwin has been pastor of the local church for over nine years and has become so much a part of our religious, social and educational life that the entire people of Harney county will not willingly consent to his removal at this time.

The Times-Herald is well pleased to find Mr. Irwin accedes cheerfully to the decision of his friends and admirers and will continue his work here without protest. He will preach again

tomorrow both morning and evening and we hope the people of Burns will show their appreciation of his services by attending church.

EXCHANGE A FEW SHOTS.

Word was received here this week that E. B. Hill and James Rounseville had been shooting at each other but no one was hurt. The men got into trouble over some hay. Both were formerly connected with the American Land & Live Stock Co. and since the real estate had been transferred to Thomas & Walter Mr. Hill had purchased 120 acres from them on the installment plan.

Unexpected delays in construction work are hampering the Sumpter Valley railroad people in building the Austin-Prairie City extension but there is every assurance that the road will be built before the time limit is out.

CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH BURNS.

When the road is completed to Prairie City, the schedule of passenger traffic will bring the train into Prairie City about 12:30 p. m. and the train will leave Prairie City for Baker City about 1:00 p. m. It is the intention of the officials to connect with the west bound train at Baker City for Portland.

As soon as trains are running into Huckleberry Flat the present stage and mail schedules will be changed. The stage passengers will take supper at Canyon City. They will make Huckleberry Flat about noon and pass through Prairie City in the middle of the afternoon.

According to statements credited to L. Woldenburg, manager of the Austin-Burns stage line, there will be an automobile line established between Prairie City and Burns next spring. The trip from Prairie City to Burns will be made in seven hours.—Prairie City Miner.

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT.

The Margaret Iles Dramatic and Comedy Company will present the musical comedy, "Forty Five Minutes From Broadway." Something entirely new to theatergoers not only of Burns but throughout the entire United States, same being a play with a melodramatic plot introducing songs and choruses, which makes the whole almost a comic opera and has never failed to please.

Members of the local Eastern Star lodge are requested to attend the regular meeting on next Monday evening. The Grand Worthy Matron will visit the lodge in the near future and preparations for receiving her will be arranged.

A RECLAMATION PROJECT STARTED.

Judge Miller Gives Facts Regarding the Mysterious Railroad Survey.

Judge Wm. Miller arrived home Thursday evening from Agency Valley where he had gone in company with Wm. Hanley and Col. C. E. S. Wood and when asked regarding the nature of the work Civil Engineer Faulkner had been employed to do and what he knew regarding the railroad recently incorporated with Mr. Hanley as one of the incorporators, he said: "I left Mr. Hanley and Mr. Wood at Beulah looking over the prospective dam and reservoir site in Agency Valley. When shown the Oregonian with the excited Burns dispatch they both laughed and Mr. Wood said he was glad to see they were in such good company as J. J. Hill and John F. Stevens, and it would be a pity to contradict it as it might scare the 'Short-Line' people into building into long neglected Eastern Oregon.

"Mr. Hanley said 'Yes let it go—it might do Burns some good.' In the chat that followed Mr. Hanley and Mr. Wood agreed that it would be wrong to excite the people with false hopes and the facts are that the Secretary of the Interior has rejected the Harney Valley Improvement Co's Carey Act scheme and Mr. Hanley and Mr. Wood intend to reclaim the desert lands at a fair water rate to the settlers and in the tract contemplated to be settled are more than ten thousand acres belonging to the Road Agency. The government has practically decided against the Malheur project under which the Road Company has twenty-five or thirty thousand acres. Now Mr. Wood and Mr. Hanley have a plan to try and create reservoirs in Agency, Warm Spring and Drewsey Valleys so as to leave the main Malheur Canon open for railroad purposes and also cut a channel from Malheur lake to the South Fork, using the waters of the Blitzen River stored there. Mr. Wood is also authorized to make some preliminary surveys and make a report. Then Mr. Hanley has his pet hobby, the district constructed and owned rail road and he with Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Mallett have formed a little corporation called the Boise & Western with fifty thousand dollars capital stock, similar to the corporation formed at Coos Bay to try and make surveys and collect right of way, and he and Mr. Wood are going to try and have the same surveyors in the field cover both designs. Mr. Wood said: "This secrecy of railroad operations always struck me as a good subject for comic opera—it never fools any one and never does any good in the long run."

He said 'I have been almost advertising for engineers, for we want to push this work during good weather; but up to date we have not secured one complete crew—they seem scarce as hens teeth. I have been beating the bush at Boise, Ontario and Vale for everything from competent engineers to camp cooks, as what little money we have to spend we want to spend at once before winter. As to the Short Line interlocking—I would be proud to be noticed by them—if they build a rail road that is all we want; if they hold one side of the Malheur Canon without building and obstruct the people from trying to get a survey on the other it will be the finest argument in the world for state owned rail roads; you don't suppose the people are going to have one company monopolize a pass created by nature?'"

"District or state owned railroads are sure to come some day and such obstructive tactics of the Short Line or any other road would hasten the day more than a thousand arguments."

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Terwilliger, Sunday, Sept. 19, a daughter.

FOR SALE—200 cords of pine wood at \$1.50 per cord. Slab wood \$1.00 a load at the Harney Saw Mill, L. R. Bunyard.

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For sheepined coats see Lunenburg and Dalton.

Soils of the United States are not wearing out and the crop yields are rather increasing than decreasing. These facts are demonstrated in a bulletin shortly to be issued by the bureau of soils of the agricultural department, prepared by Professor Milton Whitney, chief of the bureau. The bulletin deals exhaustively with the yields of crops from 1867 to 1906, inclusive.

"A careful study of the data which has been presented appears to justify two conclusions," says Professor Whitney. "First, that the productivity of the newer agricultural soils of the United States and of the older agricultural soils of Europe, taken as a whole, and for the nation, are not declining, as is popularly supposed. Individual farming deteriorates and soils wear out, as they have always done, but as a whole, it seems probable that we are producing more crops per acre than formerly.

"Second, that so far as our information goes, there is apparently no significant difference at the present time between the composition of the old agricultural soils of Europe and the newer agricultural soils of the United States, with respect to potash, phosphoric acid, lime and magnesia."

The bulletin gives averages by states for the production of wheat per acre from 1866 to 1907. The first three are: Vermont 18.5 bushels; Maine 16.5; New York 13.7.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the matter of the Estate of Peter Andrius, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the Estate of Peter Andrius, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate and the Hon. J. P. Rector, Judge of the County Court for Harney County, Oregon, has set Monday, the 4th day of October, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. at his office in Burns, Harney County, Oregon as the time and place for hearing objections to said account. Any and all persons objecting to said account are hereby notified to appear at said time and place. Dated at Burns, Oregon, Sept. 2, 1909. E. J. CATLOW, Executor of the Estate of Peter Andrius, Deceased.

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