

THE BIG CELEBRATION

Program Begins This Afternoon and
Continues Four Days

MUCH INTEREST IN BALL GAMES

Prairie City Team Will be Here to Defend the Cham-
pionship--The Horse Races Promise Exciting Con-
tests With a Fine String of Racers to Compete.

There is every indication that the big celebration planned by the people of Burns will be quite successful and attended by a large number of people from all over the county. The program begins this afternoon with horse races at the fair grounds and there will be something doing every day and night until Wednesday.

Much interest is being taken in the ball games scheduled for tomorrow and Monday afternoons between the local team and Prairie City. These games promise to be the best ever witnessed here and will revive enthusiasm in baseball. For several years the baseball games here have been more or less tame and attracted little interest from the public in general as the games have been contests between local teams only. Now that an outside aggregation with a reputation is coming there will be a lively interest. The Prairie City team is a good one and they play all from the time the game is called until the last inning.

The Margaret Iles Dramatic Club, Ed. Mead's people, open tonight at the opera house for a week. Mr. Mead has always made good here and the company now with him played in Burns last week last year and they are popular. They have some new plays this season with some attractive specialties that will bring them good houses.

There will be several dances during the time that will please the young people. The little folks will also greet with pleasure the reopening of the moving picture theatre which will begin tonight. Mr. Pardee has installed a lighting system of his own and does not have to depend upon the electric light system.

The races for the week will no doubt be good as several horses are here to compete for the prizes.

The literary program for the reopening of July 4 has been completed. The parade will be under the direction of Hon. A. W. Swan who has been appointed marshal. The band will head the parade and will be followed by the liberty car, floats, etc. W. L. Marsden is president of the day. Hon. Frank Davey and M. A. Biggs reader. The Burns band will furnish music and some patriotic vocal music will be rendered by a chorus. The afternoon of the parade will be devoted to a ball game and some horse races. The tennis sports will be held on the street on Tuesday forenoon. The first ball game between Prairie and Burns will be Sunday afternoon and there will be other attraction on the grounds

except, perhaps, a band concert. With good weather and interest now awakened this will be one of the best days of the celebration, although each day has good attractions that are worth seeing. The last day of racing will bring some of the best events of the meet.

HOW'S THIS FOR A PIPE DREAM?

Proposed Irrigation Scheme That Runs
Water Over a Mountain

For over two years the Malheur canyon has been considered the most feasible route for the O. S. L. people and they have been having survey crews at work laying out a route to the coast, now we learn that the same people have another plan on foot. They are reported to be veering south from Vale through the Barren Valley country and will cross the mountains just below Crowley. This week we learn that about 50 engineers have been in that field for weeks and have the route practically surveyed and claim they can save quite a number of miles over any competitor by going this way, says the Oriano.

This fact coupled with the recent irrigation development news that has been wafled this way regarding a proposed irrigation project in Barren Valley, the source of the water supply to come from the Malheur lakes, causes people to take notice.

NEW WILLIAMSON CASE.

Retrial of ex-Congressman N. J. Williamson, an event foretold once upon a time by the Government's special prosecutor, Francis J. Heney, appears from developments in the Federal Court not to be immediate contemplation. This morning Assistant United States District Attorney Walter H. Evens informed the court that the General Land Office had requested him to secure the withdrawal of certain official records filed in the original case. Mr. Evans said that Heney had tried the case and still has general charge of it. He did not know when the case was to be brought to a hearing again, or if it was even to be tried, says the Telegram.

Judge Bean ruled that the records could be withdrawn, as they would be in reach of the special prosecutor if he took the matter up again. When the Supreme Court reversed the lower court in the Williamson case, Heney gave it out that he would have it brought to trial again. Later, when the Hermann jury disagreed, it was given out by the special prosecutor that he

would try both together in the Blue Mountain case if agreeable to the defendants. Following this spurt, the special prosecutor went to Washington, and then to Europe, and there is nothing on the local court horizon to indicate that he will resume the work here.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence.)

The old Dalles military wagon road grant is about to be placed on the market and this land, together with the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain road grant that is to be sold in small tract, will mean a great colonization movement for Oregon during the coming few years. The Dalles grant comprises 439,000 acres and is very largely valuable agricultural land. Its settlement will mean a great increase in the state's population and wealth.

The Pacific Power & Light company, organized by Eastern capitalists with a capitalization of \$7,500,000, plans to develop an electrical generating and distributing system throughout the Yakima, Columbia and Walla Walla valleys. Other concerns have been taken over by the corporation, which will give special attention to "furnishing power for irrigation work throughout the territory covered. It is promised that by concentrating the water power development in the Northwest, a more satisfactory service will be developed than can be rendered by private companies.

Uncle Sam is counting his timber wealth on the slopes of the Cascade Mountains. Expert timber cruisers in the employ of the Government are at work making the estimate and it is expected it will take all this summer and next to complete the cruise of the water shed of the Willamette River and its tributaries in the Cascade Reserve. The land will be classified and the timber segregated into logging units. This is the first attempt, so far as known, of the Government to take an inventory of its timber resources.

Lumber manufacturers of the Oregon and Washington association are perfecting plans for the logging congress to be held in Portland late next month. The visitors will spend three days in the city and local loggers and lumbermen will be hosts. The sawmill men and timber cutters of the Northwest will become better acquainted as a result of the gathering and the benefits following the meeting will be mutual.

A state convention of Esperantists has been called for July 16 in the convention hall of the Portland Commercial Club when students of the new world language, educators, teachers and others interested are asked to meet to consider the organization of a state Esperanto association. Other matters vital to the widespread adoption of the new language will come up. Among these will be the election of delegates to the International Esperanto Congress, to be held at Washington, D. C., August 14-20, and the proposal to introduce Esperanto in the public school, as it is being done in Maryland and elsewhere. Further information about the coming convention can be had from the Portland Commercial Club.

HARRIMAN MEN BOOST

Mr. O'Brien Says Nice Things About
Interior Part of State

NO DEFINITE STATEMENT MADE

Railroad Official Says Auto Trip of Thousand Miles
Through State Was Great Revelation to Himself
and Miller--Road to Interior May be Extended.

Admitting that the main purpose of his long automobile trip was to make a careful inspection of the country between Redmond and Bend and beyond, to form his own ideas as to the best route for any extension of the Deschutes Railroad south of Redmond, J. P. O'Brien, general manager, accompanied by R. B. Miller, traffic manager, of the Harriman lines in the Northwest, returned to Portland yesterday from Central Oregon, says the Oregonian.

While Mr. O'Brien was quite candid with regard to his purpose, he declined absolutely to discuss the conclusions he had reached. These he is withholding for a report to his railroad. He made one significant remark, however, discussing the interior country of Central Oregon around and east of Bend.

"Transportation is bound to come to that country," he said. "I confess I don't know when it may be this year, it may be next—but it certainly is coming. Mr. Miller was not so outspoken. 'I have been beautifully sunburned,' he said, 'but further than that I have nothing to say.'"

Mr. Miller said he had not yet decided upon W. E. Coman's successor as his general freight agent.

From Mr. O'Brien's own remarks it appeared the trip has been in the nature of a revelation. Regarding the timber, he said: "I have been getting the impression that the pine timber of Oregon was being cut off. Why I actually saw enough belts of pine, I believe to supply all the wants of the United States for the next century."

Alluded particularly to the ranges near Fossil.

Mr. O'Brien was unquestionable enthusiastic about the country he had seen in his 10-day automobile trip, which started at Condon and ended at Shaniko, but at the same time he had no hesitation in saying there was a great deal of poor land in the area traversed. Much of this, if not all he believed, could be of immense value by irrigation.

Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Miller left Portland Wednesday, June 15, in the private car of the former. The trip was made by rail, as far as Condon. At Condon what turned out to be an over 1000-mile trip by machine was started. The following route was taken: From Condon to Fossil, running south to Twickenham, Redmond and Waterman, on to Dayville and John Day Valley; east to Prairie City and back, retracing a few miles of the route, to Canyon City; thence to Seneca and Burns,

from Burns across the Narrows to Malheur Lake and Central; south to Diamond, Smith and Central; turning west, along the Oregon Central Mountain road, to Lakeview; from Lakeview to Klamath Falls, continuing north, around Klamath marsh, on the east, to Odell; thence to Rosland, Lava, and Bend; from Bend to Laidlaw and Redmond, the present terminus of the Deschutes Railroad construction work; the trip was continued to Prineville, Grizzly, Hay Creek, Heisler, Antelope and finally to Shaniko, but a few miles from the starting point. From Shaniko the party took the train for Portland.

Among the fine running trip made was one from Burns to Lakeview, 180 miles, in one day, and from Lakeview, to Klamath Falls in an afternoon. A number of valleys were inspected, among them being the John Day, Goose Lake, Harney and others. "We covered an ungodly lot of country," was Mr. O'Brien's opening remark upon his return. "I was much impressed with the various valleys we passed through," he continued.

"I was pleased with the Harney valley. John Day valley, although small, is showing unusual signs of prosperity. A rich valley and a fine stockraising country, the earmarks of prosperity are all over it. There are many houses and a great number of fine homes. In addition, the buildings and outhouses are well kept up, which is always an indication of prosperity."

"Prairie City is quite a town. The people there were feeling good. The railroad has been opened two days before our arrival and they were generally celebrating. (Mr. O'Brien referred to the Sumpter Valley Railroad.)

"Now as to Harney Valley. It's a big valley, all right. Splendid for dry farming. I should say, but with water, a veritable garden spot. And there is plenty of water available."

TO SOLVE ALKALI PROBLEM.

A recent press dispatch from Nampa, says: The meeting at the Midway school house last night at which Don H. Bark of the government irrigation investigation bureau was the speaker, was very largely attended by farmers and land owners from this city. The subject discussed by Mr. Bark was that of drainage and irrigation, and there was intense interest shown in the matter by those present.

Mr. Bark touched casually on the matter of preparation of land for irrigation and the use of

water, but he went into detail in the matter of drainage and much interest was manifested in this part of the discussion. The farmers are having trouble with alkali in all the lands that are under irrigation and Mr. Bark pointed out to them that the trouble will be much worse unless some system is inaugurated to combat the alkali. He said that the government had a "white elephant" on its hands in this matter. That already the menace of alkali is on hand in the Umatilla project, and it is coming up seriously in the Payette-Boise project. The reclamation service is not prepared nor authorized to deal with the problem and the agricultural department has no other authority than to carry on experiments. He explained that in Utah 200,000 acres have gone to unproductiveness in irrigated sections because of the alkali menace. There are extensive experiments being carried on there and the lands are being brought back to original fertility at costs of about \$15 per acre. It is being done by drainage and careful irrigation.

GET RID OF THE WEEDS.

The following suggestion from the Madras Pioneer is timely and should be followed by the people of this section. This is a good time and a good year, considering crop conditions, to get rid of weeds.

Mr. Farmer, you'd better pull all that yellow mustard in your own fields and then get busy and see that your neighbor does likewise and then that the road supervisors destroy it along the county roads.

If this damaging plant once gets a good grip on your fields your land will be practically worthless for farming and the cost of eradicating this pest will be more than the price of good land.

Knowing from experience and undoubted testimony that this is a fact, it seems remarkable that many ranchers will unconcernedly allow this enemy to flourish among their crops and along the county highway without making any protest or effort to put it out of existence.

That it can be kept out is being demonstrated by progressive ranchers in every neighborhood. On dozens of the ranches of the German homesteaders out southwest of town, their fields wave green and free from even a single spray of the yellow bloom of the destructive mustard weed. Right across the road perhaps a neighbor's field looks like a flower garden. If these plants are allowed to go to seed, there's sure to be a woeful day of reckoning for the owner of the land.

It is unfair for one man, or several, to destroy the mustard and other weeds on their ranches while their neighbors' fields and the county roads are full of them which are allowed to go to seed. Birds, winds, livestock and wagon wheels scatter the seed again and next year the labor on the clean lands has to be done over.

There's where the state weed law comes in, and if the members of the Farmers' Union, together with such other farmers as want to put an end to the weed pest, will combine and demand the enforcement of the law, they can undoubtedly get the desired relief. There are always those who, unless they are compelled to destroy the noxious weeds, won't do it. The proper remedy is the enforcement of the law.

Those who "haven't time" to get rid of the weeds ought to follow the example of Bert Dumbrow, while he lived on his homestead. He went out in the night into his fields with a lantern and pulled the mustard plants from among his wheat.

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