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The Times-Herald believes there is a greater interest shown in farming and general development in this section at this time than ever before.

It is claimed by some that there is a lack of enthusiasm among local people regarding the future possibilities of this section, especially irrigation.

The large amount of moisture that has fallen during the past several days will be of considerable benefit.

EVADING THE ISSUE.

Such men as James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, are participants in the high cost of living.

cost, Mr. Wilson has nothing to say.

The main thing he has been heard to say, and he has said it many times, that because housewives order by telephone, prices are high.

He argues that the housewife should go personally to a distant part of the city for a paper of pins and to another part for a can of pepper and carry them home in her market basket.

Mr. Wilson's diagnosis of the cause of high prices is that of an old granny. The labor saving machines, including the telephone, have lowered the cost of things.

The Times-Herald coincides with a portion of what the Journal says; but it has not yet found the real cause of the high cost of living or given Mr. Wilson credit for his meaning in some of his expressions.

Consolidating Northwest Lines.

Recent press dispatches report the consolidation of a large number of the Union Pacific (Harriman) Northwest lines, including the mysterious North Coast road that has been building in Washington and which was known to belong to that system.

The total mileage coming under the control of the new company will be 3,079 miles. The purpose of the merger, according to the statement, is that further bond issues are required to carry on new roads and extensions now under way and those projected.

LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Get an Alfred Benjamin suit at Schenk Bros.

A. M. Kelly is again in the city from his sheep ranch.

Furnished rooms, Plain Sewing Mrs. DORA LESTER, Burns, Or.

Just arrived fine lot of blankets, ladies', gents' and children's coat sweaters—Fred Haines.

Meerschbaum, Briar and Composition Pipes, with Amber and Artificial Stems—a big display at Reed Bros.' Drug Store.

Holiday novelties are now being unpacked at The Busy Corner Store. The writer was favored with a view of some very choice articles.

An Idaho paper announces that there is an increased demand for high-grade horse all over. It seems that the horse is holding his own regardless of the greater number of automobiles and flying machines.

A government reservoir project capable of irrigating between four and five thousand acres of vacant, unsurveyed government land in this county has been partially completed and parties interested will give the right men with capital a good proposition to take up the matter and push it to completion.

INVESTIGATING THE SILVIES PROJECT.

Engineers Make Surveys of Various Sites and Obtain Valuable Data.

Messrs. R. D. Cooper and M. V. Dodge, the engineers who have spent the past summer in surveying the irrigation project on Silvies River, accompanied by their wives who have been in camp with them, moved to Burns last week for the winter.

C. B. McConnell who is in charge of the work makes report of progress as follows: "Our investigations and active field work on the Silvies River project was commenced early last spring. The engineers, with full crews, have been making surveys of various reservoir sites and taking the topography of the river and its water-shed continuously since the middle of June.

"As is well known, the reservoir site in northern part of this and southern part of Grant counties, heretofore withdrawn by the Federal Reclamation Service, is a most remarkable one so far as its storage capacity is concerned. While we have made a complete survey of this site, it has been our endeavor to find another site or sites farther down on the river with capacity to store the flood waters of the large water shed lying below this original site. A number have been investigated and run out and the engineers are now making maps and preparing their estimates and comparisons on the data so secured.

"One of the serious difficulties to be overcome in launching this irrigation project is to prove that there is water sufficient to justify the expenditure necessary for its storage and distribution. The government secured a very complete record of the runoff for the year 1904, but since that time the data has been incomplete and more or less inaccurate. The branch of the United States Geological Survey which has charge of the water resources has given good service but has been handicapped by lack of funds to do those things necessary to obtain a complete record. We have just made final arrangements whereby we are to co-operate with this department, and stations are to be maintained and complete and accurate record of the runoff from December first to the middle of next summer be taken at at least three places of Silvies River and two on Silver Creek.

"In addition to securing the necessary record as to amount of water we shall, during the coming winter, collect all data and records possible looking to the adjustment of the ownership of water rights of the present land owners in the Harney valley. In doing this work we want it distinctly understood from the first that we are not endeavoring to nor is it within our power to take away any rights heretofore properly acquired by anyone. The installation of an irrigation project conserving the vast quantities of water which each spring causes so much damage and inconvenience as they rush downward into the lakes, and later during the dry season distributing this water so stored over the wide expanse of fertile lands in Harney valley will thus work a two fold benefit to ever acre of land and will far more than double its present market value. We want and will seek the co-operation and moral support of every citizen, the capital will necessarily have to come from the large money centers."

DOES THIS APPLY HERE?

Every house in the county has its library of catalogues and order house advertising matter. The women folks, who do the Christmas shopping turn from one catalogue to another, comparing prices and in the end do their Christmas shopping east. While doing this the Oregonian prints an article about Sears-Roebuck who have just declared a dividend of 33 1/2 percent on a \$30,000,000 capitalization. The Oregonian in commenting deprecates the conditions and falls into the old argument that people should buy at home because the order house does not pay taxes in every rural district, nor does it drop a nickel in the hat Sunday morning at the village church or build roads, maintain schools, help the poor and boost the lowly. This is good talk but it is not to the point.

The ugly facts are: The hardware merchant buys his dry goods from the order house because he saves money. The dry goods merchant buys his hardware east because he saves money. Business people do not buy from one another. They buy

from the mail order houses what they do not carry in stock.

Merchants in this county have been known to buy their personal pills from the order house in order to save money.

Time, time and time again they have refused to buy the farmers products and in the same breath want the farmer to buy at home.

Merchants can be named who refused to handle flour made in the county from grain grown by those ranchers who are admonished to buy at home.

The truth is that country merchants are in competition with the mail order house.

This is a hard fact, but true. The postoffice records and the profits of the mail order house show it beyond contradiction.

Being in competition the merchant must meet the eastern price.

He must inform the people that he has the goods and he must advertise a competitive price.

Take the order house advertising matter out of the country and the order business is destroyed.

The business is built on price and the advertisement of the same.

The home merchant has a condition that exists to meet.

Fancy nor sentiment will solve it.

Price and ink solved the problem for the mail order house.

It will do the same for the home merchant.

"Who pays the tax" fails to appeal to the people. To get the business, inform the people what you have in stock and what you will sell it for. If the price is right the business will stay at home. If it is not the business will go east and next year Sears-Roebuck will cut a \$20,000,000 melon instead of a \$10,000,000 as was done this year.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

NOTICE OF SALE.

In the Estate of Edith and Herman Larson, minors. You will take notice that by virtue of an order of the county court of the State of Oregon for Harney County duly made and entered, the undersigned guardian will proceed to sell at private sale from and after December 29, 1910, for cash to the highest and best bidder all the right, title and interest of the above named minors in and to the W 1/4 of section 24, T. 35 S., R. 33 E., W. M. in Harney County, Oregon.

A. STONE, Andrews, Ore. Guardian of the above named minors.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. Burns, Oregon, November 19, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Leona B. Dickerson, whose post-office address is Burns, Oregon, did, on the 10th day of February, 1910, file in this office sworn statement and Application No. 1000, to purchase the W 1/4 of Section 21, Township 21 N., Range 29 E., Williamsburg Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 8, 1908, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law" such title as might be fixed by application, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, the timber estimated 200,000 board feet at \$1.00 per M. and the land \$100.00; that applicant will offer final proof in support of her application and sworn statement on the 21st day of January, 1911, before the Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry of final proof, or at any time before patent issue, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

SILVIES RIVER IRRIGATION COMPANY.

Organization of Water Users Who Desire to Promote Irrigation in This Valley.

The Silvies River Irrigation Co. is going to be a factor in helping to solve the water problem of this valley according to statements of parties interested. The Times-Herald is informed that this company is an organization of substantial land owners and water users who are interested in the future development of this section and the particular purpose of the company is to bring about a better understanding of existing conditions and get matters in shape to control the flood waters of Silvies River.

This company will in no wise be an obstruction but desires to facilitate matters in preparation of the final adjustment of all water used for irrigation and making it possible to cover a greater area of land, therefore bringing practically the entire valley under a system of irrigation that is to come in the future.

It is not the intention of the promoters to interfere with the vested rights of present users or to hold up any enterprise having the storage of the water by a system of reservoirs under consideration, but rather to assist such an undertaking. The organization and education of the people along this line is of much importance and the actual work of such a company acting in good faith with unselfish personal motives should be commended. We need added facilities for caring for the flood waters and the only way to secure it is to encourage

every enterprise having such an end in view. No other great body of fine farming country can now be found in the West that will compare with Harney Valley and with a system of irrigation covering such a territory the possibilities are almost beyond comprehension. That such a system is possible is not denied; that it will be done some day is admitted; if we can hasten that time it is our duty to do so. The Silvies River Irrigation Co. has opened the way to such an end if those interested are really in earnest and acting in good faith. The Times-Herald has it from some of the stockholders of the concern that it is made up of men of affairs of this section—men who have not alone personal interests but who also desire to assist in the development of the Harney country. They see the possibilities and will do their part toward building it up at the earliest possible moment.

The Times-Herald would suggest careful investigation of this scheme by all interested with a view of pushing the good work provided it is a feasible proposition. The time is at hand for the concerted action of our people toward the development of the country. Citizens of the entire country should put their shoulder to the wheel in bringing about results. We have capital awaiting such opportunities and men now investigating possible conservation of the flood waters throughout this section. Railroad building in the early spring is practically settled and every indication points to rapid development and settlement of the vast interior Oregon. Let us be ready for such a change.

REAL CHRISTMAS

Among the New Things are Complete Dinner Sets Hand-Painted China Water Sets

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING NOW is the time to Buy Your Holiday Goods WE Have the Largest and Best Line in the City GIVE US A CALL. The City Drug Store REED BROS., Proprietors

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