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WET HARNEY VALLEY

Those Forming Irrigation District Covering Entire Country

MEETING IN BURNS DECEMBER 17

Important Movement and of Greatest Magnitude Inaugurated by the People of The Harney County--Burns to be Host to Entire Country.

By far the greatest ever started toward development of the Harney valley was put in motion at a meeting of the citizens of Burns on Saturday evening. The Commercial Club had an invitation to the business men to meet for a general meeting to discuss a program or program to get together on matters of a varying nature. It is possible that the executive board had in mind the one of getting the business men together for suggestions as to action, or rather, to campaign for work for along lines of a local nature pertaining to our city at any rate very few, if those present had any important step that would spring into life at the inauguration of an irrigation covering the entire Harney valley had been thought of and no doubt all realized that an action was necessary for the real development of the Inland Empire, yet it is taken up in the manner which it was. It had not been contemplated at least for the inauguration of an irrigation covering the entire Harney valley--300,000 acres of such magnitude that it is beyond any personal or local interest or benefit and is of mutual benefit to every citizen of Harney Valley.

Burns invites the entire citizenship of Harney Valley to be her guest on Saturday Dec. 17. The launching is out at every business house, residence public building and all. The keys will be turned over to the rancher and farmer and the day is his. Burns desires the advancement of the entire country and is ready to push any enterprise having the general development of Harney County in view.

It is the intention of the Burns Commercial Club to inaugurate a general campaign of development and enlarge its sphere of usefulness and it will not stop with this one big undertaking but to follow up wherever opportunity presents itself. With this in view President Leonard has appointed committees other than those necessary for the big initial meeting called for Dec. 17. Following are the committees he has named:

Booster Committee: Everybody, everywhere, all the time.

Committee on General Development: Wm. Hanley, chairman; Fred Lunaburg, C. H. Voegtly, J. L. Gault, Geo. Fry, J. C. Welcome, Jr., L. M. Brown, J. J. Donegan, H. M. Horton, C. F. McKinney, I. S. Geer, G. A. Rembold.

Committee on Information and Procedure: Sam Mothershead, chairman; J. W. Biggs, Wm. Miller, J. J. Donegan, G. A. Rembold, C. A. Sweek, Chas. W. Ellis, A. O. Faulkner, Ben Brown, J. S. Cook, J. W. Geary.

Committee on Entertainment and publicity: Wm. Farre, chairman; Frank Dayey, Julian Byrd, A. W. Gowan, I. Schwartz, Dr. L. E. Hibbard, Rev. A. J. Irwin, G. W. Young, H. C. Levens, J. M. Dalton, A. K. Richardson, G. W. Clevenger, Dr. W. L. Marsden, Sam Mothershead, Wm. Sterling, L. E. Reed, Archie McGowan, John Gemberling, A. Schenk, M. L. Lewis.

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TO LEAD IN RAILROAD BUILDING

That Oregon is on the verge of the greatest railroad development ever experienced in any state in the Union will be the assertion made by Theodore B. Wilcox in the Portland Journal.

"I venture to say," emphasized Mr. Wilcox, "that no state in the Union will build more railroads during the next five years than Oregon, with the possible exception of Montana."

The prediction was made in speaking of the convention of the Oregon Development league held at Salem November 28, 29 and 30. Mr. Wilcox is president of the league.

If there ever was such a thing as the psychological movement, now is the time to give the state of Oregon publicity. Our efforts should be redoubled and we should tell only the truth in inviting people here. There is no booster like the satisfied settler; there is no knocker so effective as the dissatisfied newcomer. If the settler finds more than he expects, finds conditions superior to those he had pictured in his mind and the prospects for the future brighter than he had dared imagine, then he will be pleased beyond measure and will soon spread the good word among his friends. But deceive him and exactly the opposite effect will be the result and perhaps more far reaching.

"Another thing that I feel safe to predict is that Oregon's rural districts will show a much greater percentage of increase in population than the cities during the next five years. This will follow the new railroads now about to be completed into central Oregon and other districts. The railroad activity has attracted some people to Oregon this year, but the total number has been small as compared with the number drawn here by the favorable climatic conditions and opportunities offered in a general way. Comparatively few came with the idea of following the new railroads, but this will be the case next and for many years to come as development of the state progresses. Thousands of people will settle where there are now ten and in the meantime the cities will take care of themselves.

"The natural trend of population is toward the city and therefore as the surrounding country becomes populated, the cities will rapidly gain their share of the increase. But for the present and for some time to come Oregon should redouble every effort to settle and develop the rural districts and with railroads stretching out in every direction, we are now in position to do so."

Government Will Aid Experiments.

Government aid in dry farm and irrigation experiments in central Oregon and the Willamette valley has been secured by Dr. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college. Dr. Kerr returned yesterday from attendance at the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and experiment Stations, of which he is president. After the convention, at which he delivered the annual address, Dr. Kerr conferred with federal officials in the bureau of agriculture regarding needed co-operation between the government and the state.

The result will be the establishment of a central experiment station for dry farming in Harney county, with four or five sub-stations at points where they will do the most good. Irrigation experiments in the Willamette valley will be conducted somewhat after the same method. The establishment of an experiment station in southern Oregon was also considered. Dr. Ray, a resident there, had promised to supply electric power, water, and all other needful things, so that the government and state can experiment co-operatively without expense. --Journal.

SHERIFF KILLS BAD MAN

James Pannum Meets Death After Attempting to Kill Officers

AN IDAHO OFFICER IS WOUNDED

Escaped Convict From Penitentiary Seizes Warden's Gun and Gives Battle With Terrible Results--The Wounded Officer Has Fighting Chance to Recover.

James Pannum, known here as Arthur Fisher, was shot and instantly killed at the county jail, Tuesday morning, by Sheriff Richardson while attempting to make his escape. The desperado shot Assistant Warden Ackley, of the Idaho penitentiary, through the abdomen before he was killed and attempted to kill Mr. Richardson.

It was while placing the "Oregon boot" on the prisoner preparatory to his return to Idaho that the shooting took place. The prisoner was standing with one foot on a chair while Mr. Ackley was adjusting the "boot" and as it did not come together with ease so it could be locked Sheriff Richardson stooped to assist the warden. When both officers were bent over thus engaged the desperado man seized the warden's pistol from his hip pocket and quickly fired at the sheriff's head at close range but missed. It came so near that Mr. Richardson was knocked off his feet and the warden instantly grappled with the desperado who then turned the gun on him and shot him, the bullet entering the upper part of his abdomen and ranging slightly down and to the left, coming out at the back. In the struggle the prisoner kept trying to get the pistol pointed at Sheriff Richardson and at the same time keep Ackley between them for protection but the sheriff saw an opening and put six shots into the man in quick succession.

Mr. Richardson then turned his attention to the wounded officer, getting him into the office and summoned Dr. Marsden. Mr. Ackley was later removed to the Burns hotel and has received the best of attention by Drs. Marsden and Griffith. He had a very bad time during Wednesday night and early Thursday morning and for a time his physicians feared the wound would prove fatal but at the time this is written (Thursday) he has rallied and every symptom is favorable to his recovery.

Coroner Geary held an inquest Tuesday afternoon and the jury's verdict not only justified Sheriff Richardson in the shooting but strongly commended him. Had he not been a man of nerve and cool there is no doubt but both officers would have been killed and the desperado gotten away with the result that more lives would have been sacrificed.

Sheriff Richardson took the man into custody Friday of last week and notified the Idaho officers. Assistant Warden Ackley was sent in and identified the man and was preparing to take the stage Tuesday morning when he attempted to get away.

Pannum was a bad man and had caused trouble to the jailer. He was allowed the privilege of the outside corridor of the jail Sunday and attempted to burn it. The outer wall of the jail is brick and the floor is cement, but the ceiling over the steel cells is of lumber. The prisoner collected a lot of magazines which he placed on top of the cells near the ceiling and then emptied the oil out of a lamp on them and set them on fire. In the meantime he had begun tearing a hole through the brick wall. Deputy Sheriff Terrill discovered the attempt and had considerable trouble in getting the prisoner to desist. The fellow stated he had burned other jails and had been able to get out would have burned the court house.

The following from the Boise Statesman of last Sunday gives some history of the dead man:

Jim Pannum "heap bad Injun," is coming back to the big "teepee," as his race call the penitentiary, from which he escaped more than four years ago after having served only five months of a five-year term for grand larceny.

Jim Pannum was captured in Oregon a few days ago and is being held at Burns pending the arrival of D. W. Ackley, who has been sent by Warden John S. Snook to take the prisoner into custody.

Jim is considered one of the most desperate characters that ever terrorized ranchers, cattle and sheepmen and the inhabitants of small towns in western Idaho and eastern Oregon. His career is replete with hair breadth escapes by flood and field. He has never killed a man, but he has put up many game fights against thief takers, and his courage and recklessness have made him feared and respected for his physical prowess. Combining all the cunning, savage hatred that never forgets, tenacity and endurance of the redman, with the baser characteristics of the white strain in his blood, Jim Pannum developed into a dangerous man.

Heredity and environment marked him as a victim of life's bitter ironies from the first. He was sent up from Washington county for grand larceny in his youth. His whole life has been one long effort to keep away from the law. Time and again he has been gripped tightly, and as many times has he eluded his pursuers or contrived clever escapes.

When Robert Lansdown, now secretary of state, was sheriff of Washington county, Jim Pannum "broke out." Not only was he wanted for stealing, but he was the central figure in a reign of terror of months standing. Lansdown took the trail and hunted Jim through the Council valley country for weeks. Jim shot at Lansdown and the sheriff shot at him. It was a merry chase. Finally Jim made the mistake of thinking he had doubled back on Lansdown and had fooled him. But Lansdown "got wise," followed the quarter-breed's trail into Meadows, and while Jim was making Rome howl in a saloon, slipped up and got the drop on the desperado, Jim finished purchasing some tobacco as cool as frost. Then suddenly he turned and like a flash drew his gun. As the shot flashed a by-stander struck Jim and the bullet whizzed past Lansdown by a finger-width.

Lansdown had the time of his life keeping his prisoner inside pending trial. Jim gouged lead

out of the sing in his cell and made a "billy" with which he attempted to end Lansdown's worries forever.

Again Jim took the fine steel out of the bottom of one of his shoes and fashioned it laboriously into an elegant saw. Then he proceeded to cut through his manacle. He sewed the irons together cleverly with a shoe string. Lansdown by accident discovered the trick and foiled this effort to escape.

Finally Jim was tried and got five years. When he went to the penitentiary Lansdown said to the then warden, "Whitney, I'll bet you the best suit of clothes in Boise that you can't keep this Indian for six months." Lansdown won the suit with a month to spare.

When Jim got away from state's prison, Lansdown laid for him, knowing the fugitive would head Weiser-way. That expectation was fulfilled. Jim rode up to the bridge one night. Deputy Sheriff Pence, who had been stationed there to guard the road to Oregon refuge, yelled to him to halt. Jim stuck his spurs into his horse. The animal whirled as the Indian pulled it by main force around, and just as horse and rider turned a charge of buckshot from Pence's gun tore the horn off the saddle, while several stray pellets hit Jim in the rear. He still carries those souvenirs of his Weiser experience.

But Jim was not daunted. He swam the Snake river in broad daylight when beaten out of the brush on the other side and bravely continued on his perilous passage under direct fire from the Idaho side. Landing on the Oregon side, Jim gave the Indian's gesture of contemptuous farewell to his chagrined hunters. Friends at Westphal gave him food and fleet steeds and arms and shells, and he was off into the wilderness.

Since that time he has been lost to civilization. Had he attended to his sheep herding job on Steins mountain he never would have been heard of again and would have been safely hidden.

But Jim's strain of white blood finally would not be denied. He got the heart hunger of the white man for talk and strong drink and a good time. The Indian cunning melted away. Jim went into town and got roaring drunk. Then he swaggered around the Oregon village bragging that he "had served time in a penitentiary and was about as bad as they made 'em." The story quickly spread and he was nabbed by the sheriff at Burns. Warden Snook, who had been keeping a lookout for Jim Pannum for a long time, recognized the prisoner's manners and words immediately as those of the wanted Indian, and it was "all day" for the quarter-breed.

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