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BURNS, HARNEY COUNTY, OREGON, DECEMBER 30, 1911

NO 7.

WATER SYSTEM

of Engineers on Both Water and Sewer Systems for City

BEST ESTIMATE IS \$80,635.00

to Dodge Make a Most Thorough Investigation Recommend a Pumping Plant System for Water and Septic Tank to Take Care of Sewage.

complete and satisfactory on the possibilities of water and sewer system was submitted by the information gathered at the meeting Wednesday.

The information gathered is exhaustive and these gentlemen have considered very great amount of data and the report is the most favorable comment given it would be most economical and of securing water supply the pumping system and septic tank sewer system be the only practical solution to this problem.

The feasible gravity system would come from the Parker Spring Garden creek, a distance of 9 and 10 miles from Burns. From measurements during the minimum water sources it was found that sufficient water Burns until it reaches on of 2,400. The total cost of installing this fixed at \$110,630.40 iron pipe or \$79,610.10 banded wood stave pipe. This estimate include the cost of the rights on the Parker and Curry Garden creek rights of way for the to Burns. In their engineers recommend a pumping system. This is to be installed according to estimates at a total of \$448,000 with cast iron pipe and machinery, or \$37,500 with banded pipe distribution.

The lower land and the on the hill to the west. A proposition that has considerable discussion as to the feasibility of such an art, therefore we quote:

"One quite large item of expense has been purposely omitted in our estimate on the gravity system,—that of the cost of the water rights on the Parker spring and Curry Garden Creek, and the rights of way for pipe line. We had two reasons for omitting this item: First, the data would be difficult to obtain; and second, because we deemed it unwise to attempt to procure such data until the city was ready to purchase the property. With this item added the balance in favor of pumping from wells would be still greater.

"In view of the above facts, we recommend a water works system for the city of Burns drawing its supply from wells

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TREASURER HOLDS BOND FUNDS.

The proper custodian of the money for the \$28,000 school bonds for the new public school building in Burns has been a matter of discussion among those most interested for some time in this city and to get a legal opinion a letter was addressed to the attorney general. The following from the Sunday Journal gives his opinion.

A question of interest has come

to the attention of the attorney general's office from Burns where the school district sold a \$2800 bond issue. Proceeds are now in the hands of the county treasurer. Two members of the school board refuse to authorize the transfer of the money to the clerk of the district. The clerk, holding that he is the proper custodian of money belonging to the district, has asked for an opinion. He was informed that the clerk was the proper custodian of the school moneys from the state and county funds and special taxes for running expenses, and that the treasurer is the custodian of funds from the sale of bonds and for the payment of interest on bonds and the redemption of the same.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondent)

With the object of assisting farmers along its lines, the O.W. R. & N. Co. has appointed an experienced agriculturist, creating a new department. C. L. Smith, a practical farmer has been named for the position. He will spend much of his time among the farmers served by the railroad system, getting into close touch with their needs and helping them solve their problems. All officials of the road will cooperate to aid the farmers.

Oregon retail hardware and implement dealers will meet in Portland January 23-26 for the annual convention. Trade problems will be discussed and ideas exchanged for mutual benefit. About 400 merchants are expected to attend.

Amateur breeders will be encouraged to enter well bred animals in the annual show of the Northwest Angora Goat Association at Dallas, January 3-5. Attractive prizes are offered and the exhibits promise to be the best ever assembled in this state. People of the whole Northwest will be interested.

A deep sea fishing industry may soon be added to Oregon activities. Owners of the estate of the late R. D. Hume are likely to carry forward the plans left by Mr. Hume for placing into service a fleet of fishing craft on the banks of the southern Oregon coast for taking halibut and other valuable food fish.

That the Pacific Northwest need not take second place with any other section of the country in feeding and fattening live stock is shown by the recent killing of a 2100-pound steer at the Portland stock yards that dressed out 72.14 per cent. So far as known this is the best percentage ever shown anywhere. The much boasted corn belt is surpassed. The champion steer at the recent National Livestock Show in Chicago dressed 66.2 per cent.

MEN I HAVE SKETCHED.

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Colonel Watterson represents to my mind the finest type of the Southerner and the very finest type of the editor. In fact he is the last left of that fine old school of editors that made the names of so many of the early day newspapers so long to be remembered. Possibly no more brilliant writer or speaker ever existed than Patterson.

My first real acquaintance with him began at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, where we were speakers before the National Press Congress and the accompanying sketch was made while the Colonel was delivering one of the most touching speeches I ever listened to. It was his modest excuse, so to speak, to his fellow-men of the press for having accomplished so little in his time as an editor. The Colonel had told me in the morning that he was not feeling well and that his speech would be very short, not over fifteen minutes, thus leaving me more time possible than the audience would care to remain. But though the Colonel's weakened voice handicapped his efforts somewhat the subject matter as well as the tenderness and feeling with which his speech was delivered made it a masterpiece.

As a rule there are no more

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CHANGE IN LAND LAWS

Would Make Time of Residence on Homesteads Three Years

SECRETARY IS NOT FAVORABLE

Antiquated Public Land Laws Discussed With President And Department Officials by Western Governors During Recent Eastern Tour—Arouse More Interest

During the recent tour of Western Governors and while they were in Washington, D. C., the matter of the revision of the public land laws was discussed with the President and department officials as well as congressmen. It was conceded that many of the laws governing the public lands were antiquated and that such steps should be taken to bring about such changes as present conditions required.

The following paragraph from Washington gives some insight as to a proposed change that would benefit the homesteader.

Unless western senators and representatives get together and make a concerted effort to secure favorable action on the Borah three year homestead bill, now pending in the senate committee on public lands, that measure is likely to lie dormant throughout the session. The fact that Secretary of the Interior Fisher is not willing to recommend a straight-out three-year homestead law, but will urge the adoption of a bill for a five-year homestead, with the privilege of living elsewhere than on the land during the first two years, makes it necessary for western men to act together if they are to reduce the homes east period. As a matter of fact, western men in congress are pretty well agreed that three years' continuous residence is ample to require of any man who undertakes to establish a home on the public domain, especially if he is required to cultivate his land for three successive seasons. However, there has been little interest manifested in the Borah bill thus far, and unless the people of the west bring pressure to bear on their senators and representatives, the Borah bill will encounter rough sledding. The fact of the matter is that if congress frames and passes a three-year homestead bill, carefully drawn to guard against graft, the President is quite likely to sign it, and even the secretary of the interior is likely to waive his personal opinion. But this will not come about unless the west arouses itself and arouses its senators and representatives. If the west wants a three-year homestead law, now is the time to get it.

has become a tremendous movement all over the nation. It is young in years but has created a great deal of enthusiasm. A National association has been formed for its promotion, so altogether we have a very bright outlook for a great increase in the number of play grounds during the coming year. Towns as well as cities are taking this great problem up, for they have begun to realize that the children are in need of better influences, which they would obtain, and also need to be protected against the evil ones. The more progressive committees see and understand the need of these play grounds, therefore they have taken it up as part of the public service to be rendered by town or city government. A great many question this movement and ask why we need it. Joseph Lee has answered this question by comparing the child to a plant. If the plant does not have light and air, it grows pale and dies. The same thing is true of the child, if he does not have the necessary air and exercise he will grow up stunted. The Oregon Normal School is assisting this great movement by training the future teachers in the play ground work and as they go-out they will be able to superintend and direct the play of the pupils.

It was especially fitting that the first number of the "Norm," the school paper, should be a Thanksgiving one, for the students of the Oregon Normal School are truly thankful for the great opportunity offered them to fit themselves to take their places in the noblest of the profession.

The State Teachers' Association of Oregon is divided into two parts, the Eastern and the Western. The Eastern met in Baker City during the Thanksgiving holidays. President Ackerman, Miss Shearer and Mr. Gentle were representatives of the Oregon Normal School. They reported the meeting a great success. The Western division will meet in Portland during the Christmas holidays and it is hoped that both the students and instructors of the Normal may be in attendance.

Among the numerous clubs to be formed at the Normal is the "Entre Nous," for the Junior and Senior girls, which meets every two weeks on Saturday afternoon. The study of Shakespeare has been taken up and the girls all report it to be most enjoyable and instructive.

We were agreeably entertained a few days ago, during our regular chapel exercise, by a talk from Mr. Walker. He is the oldest white man born west of the Rocky Mountains. He gave us a sketch of his life, telling of the early pioneer days and the death of Dr. and Mrs. Whitman. He also gave an Indian song ending with the war whoop which had many times struck terror to his heart when a child.

President Ackerman has made

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NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES.

The play ground movement is the outgrowth of social conditions which were begun to meet the needs for recreation of the children in the larger cities. It has been found that thousands of children are suffering for the want of fresh air and physical exercise. The play ground movement is one of the greatest social uplifters and promoters of public health of the day. The condition of the children's health has made the play ground an absolute necessity in the cities. Great sums are being appropriated from the public treasury. Solid blocks of stoned buildings are bought which are razed, the ground cleared and made into play grounds for the children. This

out a program for chapel exercises which includes each member of the faculty, each senior and the different classes who will entertain the student body during the regular chapel period. Miss Morrison of the senior class was the first to appear. She set a high standard and if the rest of the Seniors and other classes mean to keep it where she has placed it they must do some good work which I am sure all are capable of doing.

Tuesday, November the twenty-eighth, the three societies of the Normal School gave a very pleasant entertainment in the Gymnasium. Games were played to begin with and the evening's entertainment concluded with dancing. All reported a very pleasant evening.

During the Thanksgiving holidays Mr. Butler entertained the faculty at his home. A very enjoyable evening was spent. This with the class affairs of vacation entertained both the faculty and students who were not able to go home for the holidays.

The faculty gave a reception last Saturday night, for the students and people of Monmouth, in the Chapel. A short program was given in which several people represented the local advertisements. Afterwards came the grand march and ended by everybody playing games. Everybody enjoyed themselves very much.

The three societies of the school, the Delphian, Vesperines and Normals have joined in preparing the Christmas program. It will consist of a play, "A Trip With Santa" and a Christmas tree, which is the essential part of every Christmas. All are anticipating a most enjoyable evening.

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MEN I HAVE SKETCHED

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The educational value of this contest as an encouragement to the study of art and modern history cannot be overestimated.

HOW TO MILK A COW.

Inquiries as to the proper method of milking a fresh cow have led E. R. Stockwell of the dairy department of the Oregon Agricultural College to make the following statement regarding the care of the cow after calving.

"Milking is generally considered such a simple operation that any common laborer is supposed to be able to milk," says Mr. Stockwell. "There is, however, an immense difference in milkers. One milker may be able to get twenty per cent more milk than another.

"The milker should not be allowed to excite or worry the cow by loud talking or abuse of any kind. A cow should be milked quietly and quickly. As she is largely a creature of habit, special care should be taken to get all the strippings. The first milk drawn may contain as little as one per cent of fat, while the last runs from six to ten per cent.

"In milking, the whole hand should be used, closing first that part next to the udder. Then the milk is forced past the sphincter muscle by closing the remainder of the hand. The cow's teats should always be dry when milked. Wetting the teats is not only a dirty, filthy habit, but it also allows the teats to chap and become sore in bad weather. If there is difficulty in milking a cow dry, a small amount of vasoline may be rubbed on the hands, it is beneficial rather than harmful, both in a sanitary way and in its effect on the teats.

"The future of many a promising dairy cow has been ruined by improper milking soon after calving. The dairy cow has been abnormally developed to produce large quantities of milk; consequently certain of her organs, such as the mammary glands, have become greatly enlarged

ARCHIE M'GOWAN, President and Manager

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