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Mr. Otley is conscientious in his objections to the erection of a new court house from an economical standpoint. He is an economical man. For instance he had to borrow a copy of The Times-Herald to get the information he needed to write his communication, but that is of little consequence. He is the kind of man who doesn't believe in paying out a cent that can be avoided; anything that can be gotten along with as a make shift will do rather than pay for something that would really be a benefit. He is the character of citizen who objects to the local newspaper advocating the settlement and cultivation of this big country; the promotion of irrigation systems, or any such development. He is of the kind who doesn't believe this country is suited to agriculture.

The Times-Herald sees no particular reason for congratulating the Burns Commercial Club any more than every other citizen of Harney county over the action of the court in determining to build a court house. Mr. Otley thinks the present court house is good enough and he is honest, but he doesn't know. He doesn't take into consideration the importance of a safe place for the records and the Times-Herald is confident he is not familiar with the condition of the present building. Mr. Otley seems to question the wisdom of buying modern road machinery which shows he is not abreast of the times. He also seems to have the impression that the experiment station was established for the benefit of Burns rather than the farmers of Harney county.

It is foolishness to suggest that men of the character who compose the county court could be influenced by selfish motives. They are men of mature judgment who have carefully considered the matter and who know that the building of a court house is the proper step—that is to the best interests of the county—otherwise the step would not have been taken.

On community cooperation more than all else rests the successful colonization and development of this vast Central Oregon empire. A spirit of unity, supplemented by a firm belief in the country's possibilities and personal effort if prudently exercised will people our outlying agricultural districts, build manufacturing plants and in every known way enhance valuations and develop territory whether it be municipal or rural. An object lesson of striking significance may be found in tying a bundle of sticks together. To break them while united would require a giant's strength, but when separated they could be broken without effort and cast aside.

Important feature is to eliminate selfishness and the tendency to disparage the possibilities of territory adjacent to our own. Preach and practice a broad far-reaching Central Oregon spirit. If our own community can not supply what the immigrant desires, let us advise the investigation of other Central Oregon points for our diversity of both lands and conditions he will likely find what he wants before leaving Oregon. The success of any given territory in just ratio necessarily reflects its prosperity on every adjacent one and our program today is a realization of that theory and the establishment of ways and means to obtain a practical application of it.

Owing to the intense immigration rivalry existing in all undeveloped portions of the United States, community building is not a theory but a well defined business principle in which every dollar expended will return ten fold if ordinary business judgment is exercised in the expenditures. Development of any resources means increased business along nearly every line and we can go forward or backward in direct ratio to the amount of energy expended. We have come to the point where we must go forward in rapid strides and a sane campaign along immigration and industrial lines will produce great results but we can expect nothing except permanently beneficial through cooperation. —Lakeview Herald.

RAILROAD MAN PLEASSED.
Hon. I. S. Geer, who in company with his wife and son, Waldo, left here about three weeks ago for a trip to Portland and Western Oregon points, arrived home Thursday morning after a very strenuous trip in on the auto from Bend.

Mr. Geer carried a message from the business men of Burns to Carl Gray, president of the Hill railroad lines of the Northwest, and reports he was most graciously received by the railroad man, who expressed his pleasure at receiving the assurance of good will and support of the citizens of this section.

Mr. Gray did not give Mr. Geer any definite information as to when the Hill system would extend into Harney Valley but assured him that this was in their plans and when it was ready to extend the work would be prosecuted with least possible delay.

Mr. Geer states the mild weather and rains have made the roads very soft and therefore difficult for travel, especially over the new portion of the road between here and Bend. The old road bed was found still quite solid.

A BIG PUBLIC TALK FEST AND FEED.
General Booster Meeting and Banquet Arranged For Tuesday Night.

"Transportation, Irrigation, Cultivation, Perspiration and Realization." That's the keynote to what is in the air at present and it appears that every public spirited individual in Harney county is permeated with it. Some aggressive spirits have conceived the idea and have planned for a public meeting to be held in this city Tuesday evening to give vent to their feelings. It seems Harney county is on the map and big things are slated for the immediate future which will greatly advance the development and prosperity of this big country and this meeting will likely be followed by others of a like character.

It is not under the auspices of any organization but rather a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm felt by all who have kept in touch with the trend of events and see the bright prospects of the near future for the Big Harney Country.

The meeting is open to the public. It is not confined to Burns or any community but it is hoped people all over the country will be present. There will be a pleasing program of music and talks at Tonawama Theatre largely under the management of the ladies. It is intended to have the ladies talk on various subjects, particularly her part in the upbuilding of a new country—old one either, so far as that is concerned. The ladies have an important and distinctive part in all work of development and she is going to play even a more important part in the future.

Prominent local speakers will be heard during the evening. Mr. Hanley, who has just returned, Hon. I. S. Geer, who has been out as a special representative of the people on missionary work in Portland, C. B. McConnell, who carried a message from the citizens to Salt Lake and consulted with the traffic department of the Harriman railroad system will be among the speakers. Mr. McConnell is still absent but is expected home by Tuesday evening.

Subjects of a general character will be discussed, there being no particular object other than a regular "booster talk fest." The program at Tonawama is to be followed by a "feed" at the Burns hotel. This is also open to all who desire to attend. It will be a \$1 dinner, each individual paying and is limited only to the seating capacity of the dining room. Reservations or tickets may be secured in advance

and all will be accommodated if room can be made. This is not to be a "stag" dinner. The ladies are to be invited and will take part in the affair.

The Times-Herald hopes to see everybody enter into the spirit of this proposed "booster talk fest" as it is for the purpose of exchanging ideas and furthering the development of the country. Irrigation is an important factor just at present, as it is sure to be given attention now that transportation is assured. It is of such vital importance that there should be unity of action on the part of the entire country in order to get the big projects now under consideration under way. It will be the factor in bringing about great beneficial changes. In fact it has always been the main factor but lack of transportation has made it difficult to finance on account of distance from the railroads and the great expense of bringing in such material as is necessary for the big reservoirs.

COMMUNICATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES-HERALD:
Dear Sir—I don't know whether this will be published or not as your sympathies are naturally in favor of a new court house, which will help boom Burns. But will give it a trial anyhow; here goes.
I fully agree with Dr. Denman and Clyde Embree in regard to building a new court house at this time.
The one we have is in good condition and there is ample room

it is a usual thing to under estimate the cost of buildings, especially county buildings.

We have new laws by which officials who do wrong or do not carry out the wishes of the people may be recalled and new officers put in their places, and if the county officials insist in foisting a new court house on the people against their wishes, it would be a good opportunity to try these laws. If the people of Burns want a court house so bad let them go down in their pockets and build one themselves, instead of trying to tax the rest of the people in the county, who are well satisfied with the present one, for that purpose.

It seems that instead of being an economical administration, as was promised by the new county court officers before election, that this has been a very expensive one. Several thousand dollars worth of road building machinery, to start in with; then, an Experiment Station, near Burns, and of course most of the supplies will be bought there; now a new court house for Burns, and, I suppose the next thing will be a new high school building for Burns, and all within two years.

This is a good thing for Burns but rather hard on the rest of the county tax payers.
Surely as Dr. Denman says, "The Burns Commercial Club is indeed to be congratulated." You have my full permission to look up my tax record, as you did Mr. Embree's, as it makes no difference whether a man pays one dollar or a million in taxes; the voter who pays the dollar has the same right to his opinion and to be respected in it, and to say just as much about county affairs as the man who pays the million. Yours for an economical county administration.
FRED OTLEY, JR.

ROD AND GUN CLUB.

The meeting of the Harney Nalley Rod and Gun Club Wednesday evening at The Times-Herald office was well attended and the organization is meeting with general success and approval. It has surpassed the anticipation of those who were instrumental in starting the organization and promises to be the foundation and promises to be the foundation for a strong club that will include in its membership people all over the county and be a beneficial factor in the preservation of our game as well as providing sport for its members.

At the last meeting it was decided to dispense with the dues provided for at the first meeting and charged a membership fee of \$1.00 only. Such expenses as may be incurred by transporting new game birds or fish to restock our streams will be taken care of by assessments levied upon the members from time to time as occasion demands. Later, should the club grow and feel disposed to lease game preserves, build a club house and extend its work along those lines it may provide for such by a stock company.

The membership now numbers over 70 and includes men from all around. Narrows, Sunset, Lawen and other sections of the county are represented in the membership and the roster is still open. It is confidently expected the membership will run into the hundreds as soon as people are given an opportunity to sign the roll.

The rabbit hunt scheduled for Wednesday promises to be good sport. It has not been postponed as was suggested by some but

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Dr. L. E. Hibbard and James Smith have been chosen captains for this hunt and they will choose their men at this meeting and give final instructions respecting the territory to be covered and all details.

Please remember this organization is open to all and it is hoped everyone interested will become members. There is one lady member of the club so far.

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Lv. Opal City..... 8:00 A. M.	Lv. Deschutes Je..... 12:40 P. M.
Lv. Metolius..... 8:30 A. M.	Ar. Madras..... 1:30 P. M.
Lv. Madras..... 8:45 A. M.	Ar. Metolius..... 5:45 P. M.
Ar. Deschutes Je..... 1:05 P. M.	Ar. Opal City..... 6:00 P. M.
Ar. The Dalles..... 1:55 P. M.	Ar. Portland..... 6:55 P. M.
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