

SECURING RIGHT OF WAY FOR RAILROAD

The Harriman System Negotiating For Rights Through Private Lands in This County--The State Land Agent Meets Harris Here

A. O. Harris of Salt Lake, right of way man for the Harriman system, arriving here the first of this week and immediately got busy securing right of way for his road. He has closed several deals with local people who have land through which the survey passes.

Mr. Harris is a very pleasant gentleman and states that he has been very kindly received by the people of this section. He talked to a representative of The Times-Herald respecting the work and said he was under instructions from his superiors to secure the right of way through to Dog Mountain. He stated that it did not necessarily follow that construction would begin here at once, but that the work is being prosecuted as rapidly as possible for the first 80 miles west of Vale. All the right of way has been practically settled in Malheur county and he understands that active work along the line up as far as Duncan M. Rae's place will be pushed at once. However, he does not pretend to know exactly what is to be done in the construction department. Mr. Harris states that about 16 miles of the road out of Vale is ready for the rails which would no doubt be placed as soon as possible, so as to facilitate the work further west.

Mr. Harris says he has found the people of this section very reasonable and anticipates no particular trouble in securing the necessary right of way. He said

that for some distance the line runs through a swampy section near the lakes and he desires to get the right of way in that vicinity settled as soon as possible as the grading could be prosecuted to much better advantage during the latter part of the season there.

T. A. Rinehart, state land agent, arrived here Thursday to meet Mr. Harris and they left that same afternoon for the purpose of going over the survey and settling the right of way through school lands, indemnity lands, and such places as the state board has claims upon. It seems that lands where the state school funds have been placed as a loan must also be considered by the state board and the railroad people must secure the sanction and approval of the board in addition to the agreement of the owner.

The gentlemen will go over the entire distance of the survey from Dog Mountain to the east line of the county and Mr. Rinehart expects to go on out by way of Vale. Mr. Harris will return to Burns where he will make his headquarters during the time he is at work on the right of way through this county.

Those who have had any business with Mr. Harris say he is very fair in placing valuations upon the lands through which the road will run and that there is no disposition to be unreasonable. He has offered a fair com-

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NEGLECTED TERRITORY WANTS A ROAD

New Settlements in Iron Mountain Section Deserve Better Highway and More Direct Route to Business Center

While in Burns this week A. E. Murphy called attention to the urgent necessity of a road that will give the people of his territory easier access to this city. As it is now they cannot reach here without a wide detour or cross a swamp that is practically impassable for a greater part of the year.

Mr. Murphy states that in his judgment only a reasonable amount would be required to make an excellent road through this section. About 8 miles of road graded with a few culverts would make a difference of many miles in the distance. There is a popular demand for this road and Mr. Murphy will circulate a petition among his neighbors to present to the county court asking for it. He explains that there is a good road from Burns to Buchele's place and with 8 miles from that point the county road now surveyed and laid out from Narrows to Wagontire is reached, thus making it possible to reach this city over a good road the entire year.

At present there are 105 property owners in that territory that have more or less business at the county seat and land office, besides a large area has recently been surveyed that will soon be ready for filings and the population will be increased very materially. To his knowledge there are now 11 squatters out there awaiting the acceptance of the survey to make filings. These men will have to come here for lumber for their cabins as well as supplies. It is right that they should have a road.

Mr. Murphy further states that much travel from the south is thrown to other places on account of the road. They come up as far as Plush and wish to come to Burns but find that this place can only be reached by going very much out of the way, therefore they go to other points, even though they want to see the Harney country and would naturally do their trading with home people. The Times-Herald hopes this matter will come before the county court without delay and relief given the many new settlers in that section. They deserve better highways to the principal business center of the county and local business men should give such assistance as they can toward it.

BROOD SOWS ARRIVE.

The first consignment of brood sows recently purchased by C. F. McKinney of the Harney County National Bank arrived last Tuesday evening. There were 50 in the load and all came through from Bend in good condition.

Upon inquiry at the bank it is learned that there is a good demand for the sows and that application is being made every day for them by our farmers. The bank will not place any of the animals until they are put in good condition, however. Another shipment will arrive in about two weeks.

This has proven a very popular move on the part of the bank and will encourage an industry that will mean many dollars left in Harney county that has been going to outside producers in the past. This is said to be an ideal hog country and with the increased amount of forage this season with the market limited it will be a paying investment on the part of the farmers to get some hogs and thus solve the problem of what to do with their big crops.

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PLANS PROGRESSING FOR THE FOURTH

Preparation Being Perfected For Grand Celebration at Burns--Business Men Get Busy Collecting Funds And Preparing Program

That Burns will celebrate the Fourth of July in an appropriate and befitting manner, seems now to be almost an assured fact. Preparations are under way to this effect and every effort will be made to carry it thru to a successful issue. Plans for the sports, music and speakers are being taken up and the program being looked after in a very promising manner. It is sincerely hoped that all will lend every assistance possible, and make this as it should be, a National holiday in every respect. Let each and everyone who comes to our little city be made to feel that we are doing our best to make their stay pleasant and that no pains have been spared to entertain them in the best manner possible at our disposal. Each business house should be willing to close their respective places say from 9:30 a. m. to the time the forenoon exercises start until it is over at 11:30, then open until 1:30, and close promptly until 5:00 p. m., thus allowing ample time to take care of the country trade, as well as allowing your employees, yourself and family the opportunity to mingle with friends and all other patriotic people on that glorious day, and thus make them happy.

Too little patriotic observance of this day seems to be prevalent in some instances, and some seem to infer that such occasions are mere form only, and not benefiting to their business directly. This is a sad mistake—and one which we hope to see overcome in the near future, and in place thereof, see the Nation's Birthday celebrated in a loyal and true American spirit; in customary manner, and not given over to a "market day" so to speak. We owe a duty to our country, our fellow citizens, our wives and children—let us not forget, nor be found wanting in the way that bespeaks for us in the eyes of the public. No town ever realizes its ambition, or gains its aim, that evasively deprives itself of the opportunity placed before it, to show its true spirit of loyalty, patriotic sentiment and progressiveness, and which is backward in carrying out every customary order of a National holiday—that's not what its for. Custom and circumstances, both demand that we do the best we can, and if we do, we add both people and popularity to our community, and advance hand in hand with civilization and prosperity. We say, "pull off your coat" and do your part and do it gladly, each must make good in their respective way, and not linger behind as has been the custom with some, and expect some else to do your work—yet derive the same benefit as the rest. It is a selfish motive and should be overcome—the sooner, the better. You, who have this falling, remember you are part of Burns, as a citizen or business man your assistance is needed. Don't be a brake on the wheels of progress or tell others what to do—dig in and help do it, that's what counts—and shows what you are made of, how much good you do the town and if you can be classed among those who do things that help—one and all. There is yet a great amount of

work to be accomplished, owing to the limited space of time before the fourth, and we trust every one of our good citizens will lend their hand toward this work in a business like manner, and carry it thru to a rapid conclusion, thus enabling the citizens who look after the arrangements an opportunity to have the complete program prepared and ready for publication in the next issue of the papers, and allowing all others to make plans accordingly. A liberal donation of funds seems to be in sight and it is hoped that there will be no disappointment, and that all will see the benefit and profit to be derived from convincing our citizens and country neighbors, that Burns is still in the lead, going ahead—and not backwards. The day will be given over to such sports and amusements as the general sentiment indicates, and if carried thru to a successful ending, each and everyone who comes to Burns, will be able to go back home and feel that they have been treated royally, will speak a good word for our city, and be glad to come back again.

Members of the band and those who participate in the ball games all are either in business or employed by some firm, therefore it is necessary to have a general understanding as to closing hours to have them take part in the program.

Hon. N. J. Sinnott, republican candidate for congress from this district, will be the orator for the occasion. The speaking will be at some convenient place—Tonawana Theatre has been tendered to the committee for such purpose if they desire it—but it may be that the court house lawn will be considered a better place to hold the exercises.

A popular feature of the celebration will be a fine display of fireworks in the evening. This has not been included in the general program for several years and will prove very attractive. In fact the entire program as outlined will eclipse all former celebrations in interest, as it is planned to crowd in as many events for the entertainment of visitors as can be pulled off from morning until night, and each must be given on schedule time. There will be no delay in any feature.

RAILROAD WORK IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

I. H. Holland and family, who just returned this week from Vale, state the railroad work is progressing very rapidly toward the Harney country. They found Malheur canyon literally alive with men and teams and one of the contractors told Mr. Holland he could ship his supplies right to the Harper ranch of the P. L. S. Co. this fall. The Hollands followed the railroad grade with their auto for several miles and found it quite complete, with men working all along the line. The contract calls for a completion of the track to the tunnel by September first and the grading to Riverside complete

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THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION MONDAY

Dr. J. W. Geary Re-elected Director, W. L. Blott Clerk and Six Mill Special Tax Levied for School Purposes

The annual school election was held last Monday afternoon and the patrons and taxpayers showed a greater interest than for several years. Clerk Huston had his annual report displayed on the blackboards as has always been his custom and every detail was explained as he went over the report. A calculation of the needs of the district for the coming school year was also neatly tabulated which gave the voters an opportunity to understand the financial condition of the district and act intelligently on matters.

Dr. J. W. Geary was re-elected director for three years and W. L. Blott clerk for one year. A special levy of six mills was voted for general school purposes for the coming year. This is less than for several years, although additional expense is anticipated.

The Times-Herald wishes to compliment Mr. Huston on his long service as clerk of this school district and the satisfactory manner he has conducted the affairs during his incumbency. No more satisfactory man has ever been school clerk in this district and Mr. Huston has been ready at all times to give the school matters his particular attention.

After the other business had been disposed of several remained and discussed the new school building and some went up to inspect it. It is right that the patrons and taxpayers take an interest in the building and confer with the board as the work progresses. Contractor McDonald has always been courteous to visitors and asked free criticism of the work from the time the foundation was laid. He takes time to show visitors over the building and explain details. If there is any complaints to be made he expresses a desire to hear them. We should take advantage of this and confer with the board at frequent intervals so that no misunderstanding may arise.

FARM DEVELOPMENT LAGS, BANKER SAYS.

In an address on "Agricultural Development and Education," delivered before the bankers of the Seventh district meeting in Glenwood, Minn., J. W. Wheeler, vice president of the Capital National Bank, St. Paul, attributed the high cost of living to the fact that farm production had not expanded in proportion to the growth of the country's population. He suggested as the remedy better farming and more of it.

Mr. Wheeler said: "The present situation in the United States will surely appeal to every thinking man as presenting very serious and important problems, problems that cannot be deferred for settlement until a future time, but must be met at once, or the country shall be exposed to the danger of a continually rising cost of living.

"The development of agriculture in the United States began with the settlement of the colonies and extended rapidly until the Civil War. In the ten years ending with 1800, 65,000 square miles were settled. Between 1810 and 1820 the American people, with a population of less than 8,500,000, increased their

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HILL LINE EXTENSION FROM WEST, RUMOR

Nothing Definite But Persistent Rumors Are That Line to Extend Eastward From Bend Within Short Time --Benefit Harney Country

Indications are that the Harney line is not to be left to take care of the vast interior Oregon territory. It is asserted that the Hill line will be extended at once from the west and to make connections with allied roads to the east of Harney Valley.

The Bend Bulletin says respecting this: "While no definite information is obtainable at present and as yet no active steps have been taken, more than usually-persistent rumors insist that there is 'something doing' with the Hill southeast line out of Bend.

The statement of the timbermen that Bend soon is to have large mills is taken by many as an indication that a direct rail connection with the southwestern and middle western markets is in the air. It is known that for a long time negotiations have been progressing with the transportation companies looking to an agreement whereby Bend manufactured lumber would get better rates to the eastern markets than now obtained, and which would place the local product upon a satisfactory footing in competition with other Northwestern lumber.

"Here's the situation," say those who are puzzling their heads with the outcome of the matter. "It's a cinch that the mills will be built soon. It's a certainty that they won't be built until the rail rates to the market states are satisfactory. Also, there is excellent reason to

believe that lumber won't be hauled from here to the Columbia and then up the Columbia, by a big detour, when it is possible to get it directly across the state—and across a section of Central Oregon that can support a railroad even without the big and profitable lumber business."

It is insisted by many that the recent tour of Hill officials, in conjunction with the promised immediate opening up of and the rapid development of the country to be traversed the lumber manufacturing, mean that the line from Bend southeast, which has been surveyed for over a year, will become a reality speedily.

JUNE BRIDE WILL HAVE A STAGE WEDDING.

Another will be added to the list of June brides Sunday June 30 when Miss Beatrice Garrett of Walla Walla, Washington will become the bride of Edson Elliott of the Margaret Iles Company.

The ceremony will be performed on the stage after the performance Sunday evening in Sniders Opera house. As a wedding present from the company a few rows of seats will be reserved and the proceeds will be donated to the happy couple. Miss Garrett arrived from Portland this week and will join the show troupe at Cedarville. Lakeview Herald.

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