

DISCUSS WATER WORKS AND A SEWER SYSTEM

Representative of a Contracting Firm Makes Personal Investigation and Gathers Information to Place Before Bonding Houses. Must Have Both Systems to Meet With Favor

The city council held a special meeting Tuesday evening for the purpose of consulting with L. E. Bufton, a representative of a contracting firm with headquarters at Portland. Mr. Bufton came here to look over the possibilities of installing a water and sewer system in Burns and wanted such data and information he could secure to place before bonding houses to ascertain what their attitude would be should we decide to vote bonds for such purpose.

The Times-Herald understands that bonding houses have not been very favorable to financing bonds of towns that have no railroad connections in the recent past but there is a decided optimism shown recently and it is now considered a favorable time to bring such investments to their attentions. With this in view it was the desire of Mr. Bufton to secure such information possible, together with a personal investigation and discussion with the feeling of the people of Burns, noting the character of the business structures, the relationship of the town to the commercial interests of the country as an indication of its permanency. The gentleman remarked the substantial business blocks, the modern school building, the immense volume of business of the two banks and the general prosperous condition of the commercial business of the town and is favorably impressed. He will place this information before bonding houses for their consideration.

There are few, if any, property owners in Burns but are in favor of water and sewer provided an adequate system may be installed at reasonable cost. However, it is the opinion of many that we should not attempt it unless both may be installed at the same time, as water works alone without the sewer would not bring in revenue to justify the outlay and assist in taking care of the interest on the bonds.

Mr. Bufton took his departure Wednesday morning for outside

points and immediate action along the line of voting bonds will depend to some extent upon how his report is received by the bonding houses.

Result of Public School Examinations.

The following are the names of those who received a grade of 80 per cent or more in one or more subjects in the Eight Grade examination just held:

Eight Grade, Burns—Ray Skiens, Ed Goodman, James Young, Elbert Taylor, Leitha Oliver, Nellie Reed, Henrietta Richardson, Carmen Donegan, Jennie Cook, Ilda Hayes, Ella Elliott, Helen Thompson.

Seventh Grade, those receiving 80 per cent or better in Physiology:—Charles Cawfield, Pat Donegan, Ellsworth Egli, Ralph McKinnon, Neil Miller, Alex Sweek, Willis Skienes, Taylor Huston, Celia Byrd, Agnes Foley Violet Harkey, Rhea Rhine, Francis McGee.

Sixth Grade, those receiving 80 per cent or better in Physiology:—Everett Eggleston, Llewellyn Hibbard, Milton Brown, Raymond Horton, Bernice Harkey, Georgia Fry, Gladys McKinnon, Hazel Hibbard, Leora Goodlow, Marie Egli, Mary Owsley, Margaret Seethoff, Ruby Dickenson, Regina Schwartz, Dorothy Sayer, Cora Shepard, May Riggs.

District No. 42, Harriman—Florence Talbot, Belle Fitchett. District No. 18, Lawen—Lulu Hayes, Othel Goff, Earl Sitz, Allen Sitz.

District No. 41, Lawen—Bertha Carter.

District No. 21, Van—Greeta Anderson.

District No. 2, Harney—Herbert Irving, Susie Lowe, Lee Clark, Lolo Houser, Leora Hankins, Robert Lowe.

District No. 29—Emil Stone, Nellie Huffman, Ethel Turner, Hazel Turner.

Note—Returns from the examination are not yet complete.

GROUP OF LAST WINTER'S "SHORT COURSERS" JUDGING HOGS.



Stock judging is one of the interesting and practical features of the Agricultural Short Course to be conducted in Burns the week of February 16-21 inclusive by instructors from the Agricultural College. Prof. Potter will be assisted in this work this year by E. B. Fitts, professor of dairying. The free use of stable room and hay at the fair grounds during the week makes it attractive to farmers to bring in stock for judging purposes. Those who contemplate bringing stock should notify J. C. Leedy

Things That Never Die.

(From the East Side Literary News, edited by Vivian Gray.)

The old year now reposes in the past, Embalmed are the remains which could not last.

Hatred, deceit, treachery, envy and shame, Have marred its once untarnished name.

This was its body of useless waste But its soul was progress its password haste.

Its motives were pure as an angel's prayer, Unselfish was its mission diligent its care.

The kind deeds of the past year will never die The battles fought then now in victory be

Could we but strive as this year glides past, To accomplish something that will last.

One pure breath on a harp sublime Will live to echo through the years of time.

Some battle with self will uplift the race And prepare us to meet the Master face to face.

P. H. Gray now residing in Crane Creek Gap met with a painful accident one day last week by slipping on the ice and falling on a bucket which he was carrying at the time, a broken rib was the result. He was doing as nicely as could be expected until two days later when the house caught fire at the roof and Daddy regardless of broken bones climbed on top of the house with a pail of water. With the help of Mrs. Gray and Ira Clark who was hailed while passing, the flames were extinguished. Since that time Mr. Gray's condition has been more serious, Dr. Denman was called and gave what relief possible.

Ralph J. Rimer our Pleasant Valley school teacher is casting about for a location intending to make our country his permanent home. Having wandered away from the East and crossed the continent because as he expressed "there seemed to be nothing there to stay for" he has been agreeably surprised at the waiting opportunities of our country and the progressive spirit of its people.

Railroad Prospects Brighter.

Judging from present indications and current rumors, railroad operations will be resumed with vigor as soon as weather conditions permit, and an effort will be made to push the steel through to Riverside at an early date.

L. C. McCoy, the engineer in charge of the construction work, thinks that they will be able to get to Riverside by the first of August, if not sooner, as they will shoo fly the crossings between here and that point and afterwards put in permanent bridges, as they done between Juntura and the tunnel last summer.

Box cars have been fixed up here for a temporary depot and as soon as weather conditions settle down work will be started on the new stone depot.

There has been an element of good fortune in the past cold spell for the bridge crews below here, as the freezing weather checked the water from flowing off too fast and taking out the false works and coffer dams built in the river channel. If we have any amount of cool weather for the next month, the snow will go off slowly and will not cause floods and the consequent damage to the temporary bridges. Work on the bridges is being pushed by the new management and it is hoped to get the steel all in without any delay on account of floods.

We expect to hear of building operations at Riverside just as soon as the boosters of that little townlet are assured that the steel will get in there this year, and will be glad to see that burg grow as it is better to have the country developed and towns built than to have expanses of sage brush from which to draw trade. Every new settler that comes to this section of Malheur county is just another booster for this section, and if the road wasn't built on and towns were not developed, the settler wouldn't be here and we wouldn't get the benefit of his presence nor would we get the country developed and put in a productive condition.—Juntura Times.

Most Profitable Age and Types of Beef Cattle.

Successful livestock growers as well as dealers in livestock and meats, must know the market demands and then grow animals that will meet them. This is the cardinal principle of the industry as announced by Mr. Forestel, expert buyer for the Union Meat Company, in his livestock demonstration before the Oregon Agricultural College Short Course Students. Farmers that raise livestock for beef and pork, often aim at the production of animals as big and as fat as they can be made. When those farmers take the stock to the markets they are disappointed and often angry because it brings less per pound than the smaller animals. Beef animals are sold with the highest margin of profit at from one to two years of age. A grower recently sold a yearling steer in the city market for \$95 at the same time that another grower sold a two-year old for \$117. There is no profit at all in carrying beef animals after they are two or three years old.

It was further pointed out that types should be developed that carry high percentages in the choice parts of the carcass. Everybody wants porterhouse steak and prime ribs, and these cuts must bear the loss of the chuck, which is about 42 per cent of the dressed beef. And then people wonder why beef is so high. But growers will profit by knowing the facts, if they choose their beef types accordingly.

How is Your Boiler?

It has been stated that a man's stomach is his boiler, his body is his engine and his mouth the fire box. Is your boiler (stomach) in good working order or is it so weak that it will not stand a full load and not able to supply the needed energy to your engine (body)? If you have any trouble with your stomach Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. Many very remarkable cures of stomach trouble have been effected by them. For sale by all dealers.

Strayed—One red and white muley cow branded a script figure four or an or lock on right side came to my place in Drewsey about three weeks ago. Owner please come prove property, and pay charges and for this adv. F. J. Upton.

Tonawama tonight.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

What is expected to be the most important session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress ever held will be called to order at the Imperial Hotel in Portland on February 13 and will last for two days. It is expected that fully 200 men, representing all sections of the state, will be in attendance. About 40 organizations of water-users, ditch owners and commercial bodies now belong to the congress and each is expected to send five delegates.

William Hanley, president of the congress, has announced that one of the most important problems to come before the business session at that time will be: "How to Finance the Individual Projects in Different Locations and Give the Owners the Right to Install their own Irrigation Plants." It will be contended that each municipality or project shall have the right to make its own rules and regulations in the same way that a private corporation handles its own affairs. On the night of Feb. 14 a banquet will be given to the visiting delegates at the Imperial Hotel in celebration of the effective work done by the congress since the last session.

Equipped with stock from the Oregon Agricultural College, carrying expert instructors from that institution and also a number of farmers who have proven that hog raising and dairying are profitable pursuits in Oregon, the Southern Pacific demonstration train will start from Independence on the morning of Feb. 2, concluding its trip at Albany on the 14th, in the meantime having passed over all S. P. and P. E. & E. lines. Arrangements have been made for two lectures with demonstrations at every stop. This train is intended to take the advantages of the College direct to the barn door of the farm and stands for practical farm education.

Believing that alfalfa growing is of vast importance, not only to the livestock interests of the state, but also in its relation to the up-building and maintenance of soil fertility, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction has set aside the entire second week of March as "Alfalfa Week." Every school in Oregon, including the one-room country schools, will be expected to place special emphasis on the subject of alfalfa. In the lower grades this instruction will be in the form of story-telling by the teacher and comments and questions by the pupils. In the upper grades, all the written composition of the classes will be on the subject of alfalfa and its relation to other industries.

The "Passion Play" For Farmers Week

Tonawama management has secured the three-reel feature the "Passion Play" for the Agricultural Short Course week. These pictures will be seen on the evening of Feb. 18 and it is the intention to secure the services of Dr. Benson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, to lecture during the production. The two evangelists, Revs. Lewis and Matthews, who will be here at that time assisting in the revival services, will also be asked to render vocal solos between the reels. This feature has been secured by the management at a price that will permit the production at the regular feature prices of the house. Upon first being advised of the date of the short course Tonawama management began to figure on some good pictures for the farmer visitors and later learning of the revival meetings it was decided to secure a feature that would fit in well with all concerned. Two shows will be given that evening, thus making it possible to seat all who may desire to see the "Passion Play." This picture of the life of Jesus Christ is one of the most instructive and interesting ever placed on a screen. Dr. Geo. G. Carl is prepared for special attention to all diseases of eye, ear and nose. Eyes tested and glasses fitted. 50¢.

ARMS EMBARGO TO BE LIFTED BY PRESIDENT

Wilson Preparing Executive Order to Permit Importation of Arms Into Mexico by Both Sides in Revolutionary Struggle. An Anti-Foreign Uprising to be Guarded Against

A late Washington dispatch says: That President Wilson was preparing an executive order raising the embargo on the transfer of arms and ammunition from the United States across the border into Mexico, was persistently reported, though without confirmation, today.

Despite the fact that the report was unconfirmed and that neither at the White House nor at the state department was anyone found who would discuss it, there was high authority to the effect that the story was true and that the order would be issued tomorrow.

It was understood also that the cabinet had discussed the embargo question. Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of War Garrison would say nothing, but apparently were aware that some new move was about to be made in the Mexican situation.

Advices to Bryon indicated that President Huerta was becoming desperate and the state department was momentarily expecting news of Torreón's capture by the rebels.

Orders to Admiral Fletcher were believed to have been issued this afternoon for the American warships at Vera Cruz to be ready for any emergency.

It was plain that a serious anti-American demonstration was looked for in Mexico City with the lifting of the embargo on rebel arms, which, as the afternoon progressed, was tacitly admitted to be on the program. The bustle about the navy department indicated that preparations were being made for exciting developments in the very near future.

Admiral Fletcher, it was said, had plenty of marines at his command and undoubtedly could protect the railroad between Mexico City and Vera Cruz and cover the escape of foreign colonists

from the former place to the coast.

Identify the Insect Then Apply the Spray.

Sprays should not be applied to plants to rid them of insects until it is definitely known that the insects are harmful. The mere fact that they are present in considerable numbers is not sufficient warrant for spraying. They may be harmful, but again they may be either neutral or beneficial. If they are injurious, they should be combated, but if they are beneficial, they should be encouraged, since it is definitely known that the destruction of the natural enemies of harmful insects has done much to increase the number of harmful pests.

"Begin the work of control by carefully studying the insect," says Professor H. F. Wilson, entomologist in the Oregon Agricultural College. "If you can identify the insect, and it is harmful, then apply the standard spray according to directions. If you cannot identify it, then note the effect it has on the plant. If the plant shows signs of insect feeding, the visitors that cause them are eating insects and can be controlled by arsenical sprays. If the plant shows curled leaves, wilted surface, creasing, uneven and discolored tissues but no nibbled areas, the visitors are sucking insects and can be controlled by contact insecticides. But of the plant shows no signs of damage the visitors are probably either neutral, or predacious insects in search of harmful insects that they feed upon. The plant often shelters the hunter as well as the guest."

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