

HOW HARNEY COUNTRY IMPRESSED A WRITER

Oregonian Correspondent Tells of The Short Course and Impressions of Bigness of Central Oregon Country. Pioneers of the Right Stuff Capture Wilderness of The Last West

Anne Shannon Monroe, magazine writer and special correspondent of the Oregonian, was here during the agricultural short course, had a splendid illustrated article in last Sunday's Oregonian descriptive of the course and her impressions of the bigness of the Harney country. She says in part:

The most curious school in all the world has just closed its sessions at Burns, over in Harney County, the Oregon Agricultural College Short Course. It lasted one week and it drew its students—nearly 200 men and almost as many women—from a radius of 150 miles. One hundred and fifty miles, mind you, to be traveled in the dead of Winter, through snow and against biting winds, drawn by horses!

At no place in all the world has this spectacle ever been seen before, and, I believe, it may never be seen quite the same again. For railroads and electric cars will, before many more Winter sessions become history, change the face of the great inland empire, change the greatest pioneering now going on on the face of the earth into modern rural life of the highest order. It has been a privilege to "attend school" the past week in Harney county.

You see, everything about it is so tremendously big; so unthinkably, appallingly big. We've all heard the figures over and over again; we've heard that Harney could swallow several states and not choke; we've been told it's the center of the most enormous area of land untraversed by a railroad in the United States; we've seen many statements about its millions of acres of arable land, but we get used to the sound of mere numbers, and they cease to make an impression. A million acres, a thousand—it's all the same to our blunted ears.

The way to really get an impression of the thing is to come right into it. And the only way

many more valleys with exciting names which I cannot take time to tell about.

They're on the road to school. It cost something for these men and women to pack up and prepare to be away from home for a whole week in the dead of Winter when there's stock to be fed. It's taken a lot of planning and arranging with neighbors—neighbors miles away. It's cost something in energy and courage to make the trip through the cold Winter air, often in a jolty farm wagon.

It's meant something for wives to pack in their little children and come along, or run the ranch in their husband's absence. And money is not plentiful with many of these ranchers. The homesteader is just getting his start in the dry land, and every penny has so many places where it just fits.

Nothing under the sun but an indomitable purpose and rock-ribbed courage and determination could have made them hear and heed the old copper bell that rang out from Burns, summoning them to school.

I wonder how people in towns, who won't go a dozen blocks in the rain to hear a lecture that might stimulate them in the art of living, would fail to see those 200 odd families assembled here through such hardships as their very presence bespeak? I tell you it gave me a thrill. It made my heart beat with pride in my countrymen and women.

"They're Americans," I couldn't help telling myself, "and Oregonians;" and I felt jolly proud to call myself an Oregonian, too.

I think we all revere the memory of our pioneers, and we should, for a braver, finer thing was never done than the capturing of the wilderness of the West, and taming it. But I want to tell you that there is going on right now over in the "Inland Empire" as brave pioneering as ever marked the lives of our fathers and grandfathers whom we glory in honoring. Then let's give them a hearty hand grip and an eye-to-eye recognition that will let them know that we of the out-land where most of the people live, appreciate their great courage.

Back to the school. Burns was ready for them, and they didn't need to have brought their lunch. The county court put up the money and the Commercial Club did the managing. Hotels and homes were thrown open to the guests, free feed provided for teams and people alike, and the pavilion at the Fair grounds was rigged up with a cooking stove and supplies as a sort of bachelor's quarters. Here the single men bunked, cooked their meals and exchanged notes between classes.

Discussions waxed warm over soils, alkali treatment, dry farming and irrigation, while potatoes were peeled, bread was made and coffee boiled. These ranchers can get up a meal that's as tasty as a woman ever evolved, and while they're doing it the range of their talk bespeaks the wide scope of their information. I tell you, it takes intelligence to be a dry farmer, and the broad scientific knowledge these young men display would put to shame the average city clerk or employe revolves. The dry farmer digs out and proves his knowledge, it hasn't been handed him altogether ready made.

The Forty Year Test.

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R. J. McKinnon & Son have established a daily stage between Drewsey and Juntura. Connections made with the trains at Juntura and passengers given every comfort. Fare to Burns \$6.

FARMERS FORM CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Homesteaders Taking Steps to Protect Themselves Against Rabbit Pest. Will Combine Credit of Members to Secure Finances for Fencing out Jacks. Organization Completed

(Contributed.)

A meeting full of portent to the future of this county was held at Valley View school house last Saturday, February 28th, and resulted in the organization of what is to be known as The Harney County Co-Operative Association. This is the first step in organizing against the jack rabbit. Rabbit drives, bounties, poisoning and various other devices have been tried at different times, but the rabbit has remained on the job in increased numbers, ravishing the farmers' crops and forcing many a worthy settler to abandon his homestead. The farmers now propose to quit raising grain to feed more jack rabbits and try raising crops to feed to live stock and to sell. They are going to fence their lands rabbit tight as fast as cleared and let Mr. Rabbit hop to the sage brush for a change. It may mean less prosperity for the rabbit, but it is believed it will make more for the rancher.

The plan contemplates the purchase of fence in carload lots, direct from factory and to be paid for in cash. Through the association formed the several members will be given time, up to three years, in which to pay for the fence purchased, interest at eight per cent per annum.

Membership in the association is not restricted to farmers, but to any one who resides in Harney County. A membership fee of twenty-five dollars is charged, one dollar of which must be paid in cash and the remainder in the form of a non-interest bearing note. These notes will be used in financing and obtaining credit for the business of the association and guaranteeing all its obligations. The liability of the individual members is thus limited to these notes. It is simply a scheme of pooling or combining the credit of the members, and is patterned after the credit associations of other countries. All purchases will be made through the association and all obligations of the members will be made to the association. Fence will be furnished to the members at actual cost.

The meeting at Valley View was well attended, there being over fifty persons present, and a more harmonious and enthusiastic gathering could scarcely be imagined. Mr. C. A. Hawley and others had prepared articles of association and a complete code of rules and regulations for doing business. These were taken up item by item, read,

explained and adopted and the organization perfected. Practically every person present signed up for membership and the organization will probably have more than one hundred members before this reaches the readers. The meeting extended a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Hawley for his services in assisting in the organization of the company.

The management of the association is vested in a board of five directors, whose names are as follows: C. C. Babbidge, A. H. Curry, H. J. Jokisch, Wm. Gray and S. M. Talbot. Mr. Babbidge is president; Mr. Jokisch, vice-president; Mrs. Vivian Gray, secretary; and Arthur Whitney, treasurer. There are no better people in Harney County than are represented among these officers and directors, and with the affairs of the association in their hands its success is assured. Any one wishing to become a member, or who desires more information concerning the organization, should write to Mrs. Gray at Harriman or consult Mr. Hawley at Burns.

On account of this association should omit the part that the secretary, Mrs. Vivian Gray, has had therein. She began the movement over a year ago, and although turned down time after time she kept up the agitation, and to her, more than to any other person, is entitled the credit for bringing this organization into existence.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

"See the Big State and not the big city," is the appeal to be made by the business men of Portland to the people who will come west during 1915. Unless a vigorous campaign is conducted, nearly all the exposition travel will be direct from San Francisco to Portland with no stopovers in either Western or Eastern Oregon.

To perfect plans for an energetic campaign to influence travelers to visit the smaller communities and see the state itself rather than spend all of the time devoted to Oregon in the city of Portland, a meeting will be held in the parlors of the Portland Commercial Club on Thursday, March 12. Delegates will be present from all the communities which were represented at the development convention recently held in Eugene. Also, at this meeting, plans will be laid for a big convention to be held in the near future in the city of Salem, at which all the counties of the state will be represented.

Announcement has just been made that approximately 45,000 acres of land adjacent to Flora, Long Creek, Monument, Beech Creek, Enterprise and Baker has been set aside for homesteading. This is classed as semi-arid land and will be subject to the enlarged homestead act. It will be ready to be filed upon on and after March 9, and original entrymen will have the right to file on 320 acres.

The Board of Governors of the Portland Commercial Club has passed a resolution, to be forwarded to Secretary Franklin K. Lane, urging that the Owyhee-Malheur irrigation project be included in the Government irrigation plan for Oregon. It is pointed out that these projected projects contain thousands of acres of fertile land which is now useless and always will be so unless it can be supplied with water. Portions of the land which are now irrigated by private ditches are raising splendid crops of grain, alfalfa and fruit.

Calling attention to the fact that this year is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the salmon canning industry on the Pacific Coast, Governor West has issued a proclamation naming Friday, March 13, as "Salmon Day," and urges all the people of the state to not only use salmon freely on that date, but to take special pains to call attention of other sections of the country to its value as a food. A large Chinook will be sent to President Wilson and the Oregon delegation in Congress to be consumed at that time.

Tonawama tonight.

TO DEVELOP BIG ELECTRIC POWER PROJECT

Engineering Firm Planning to Harness Waters of Malheur and Transmit to Big Harney Valley to Aid in Irrigation. Electric Railway From Riverside to Timber Belt Possible

A few weeks ago The Times-Herald received a letter from J. E. Johnson & Sons, the well known civil engineers who are installing an irrigation project at present in the Drewsey country, to the effect that they would have something of interest to publish in the near future respecting a power project they had under consideration that would prove of interest to the people of this section. This week a letter outlining the project has been received with permission to publish the contemplated action of this firm. It is one that has had the attention of engineering concerns in the past and has also been investigated by people having a similar object in view. The installation of such a power plant is certainly desirable and there is no doubt of it being a feasible and profitable proposition with the capital to develop it.

The Times-Herald herewith publishes what Mr. Johnson writes in regard to the project: "We have filed on an excellent power-site on the Malheur River, about 20 miles above Drewsey. Our first unit will develop at the lowest water season, about 2500 H. P. During the spring months, there is sufficient water to develop twice this amount.

"Our plan is to carry the bulk of this power to Harney Valley where we expect to sell it to the settlers for use in pumping water from wells for irrigation. As you are of course, aware, there is an inexhaustible supply of underground water throughout Harney Valley which can be found at depths ranging from 8 to 20 feet.

"This plant will furnish sufficient power to irrigate easily 50,000 acres of land. We have filings on 10,000 H. P. and as fast as condition permit, we shall add other units and develop more power.

"Owing to weather conditions, we have been unable to make complete surveys, but we are sure that the installation cost will not exceed \$15.00 per acre. The purchaser will be given a long time, probably 10 years in which to pay this first cost. The above price will probably include all motors, pumps and other equipment complete.

"This plant will also furnish power to Drewsey and the other towns with reasonable distance. Another item in connection with this power plant is the building of an electric railway from Riverside up the Malheur to the timber belt. This is a good feasible route, and there is sufficient power for this undertaking.

"With the added development that this project will bring it will undoubtedly mean electric railways in Harney Valley.

"We have ample capital in view to install this project, and there is little doubt that it will be constructed in the very near future. We believe this is an undertaking which will meet with the approval of every man in Harney Valley, and any assistance you could render this movement through your paper will be appreciated."

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured.

There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. Is it not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Wakelee, Mich., "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different medicines, but none of them were of any lasting benefit." For sale by all dealers.

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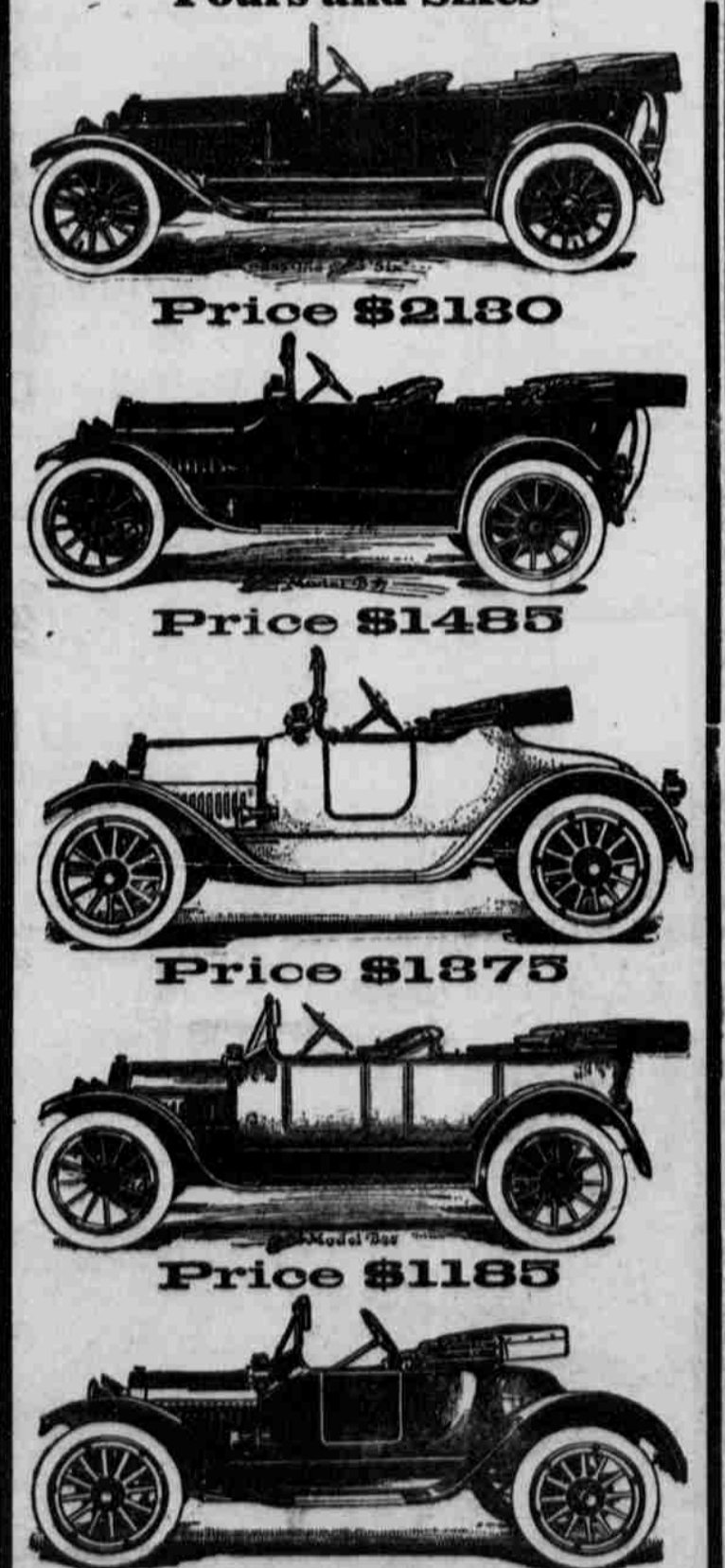
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