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RINEHART FAMILY TURN OUT IN FORCE

A Large Representation of Relatives of Pioneer Couple Enjoy A Reunion of Three Days in Burns

Mrs. S. E. Drinkwater and her numerous relatives in this county have had the privilege of entertaining many others of the family who live at a distance during the week at the home of her daughter, and son Mr. and Mrs. Clay Clemens in the suburbs of Burns.

The reunion of the Rinehart family is an annual affair and is held in this state. The Rineharts crossed the plains in 1854 and came through this Valley on their way from the east to the Willamette Valley. But one of the party who came in the train of ox teams was present during the week. W. J. Edwards, who is a brother to Mrs. Drinkwater and Mrs. J. P. Withers, was with the party but he was but eight or nine months old, he very frankly said so far as he could remember there had been considerable change in the country since his first visit. Mr. Edwards responded to the address of welcome extended to the visiting families by J. W. Biggs on behalf of the Commercial Club and the citizens of this city. Mr. Edwards proved an interesting talker, although he said he was only a substitute, but after being reminded by a friend present that "Substitutes cut some ice these days" the gentleman "perked up" and gave those present a good address.

There were over 50 of the family gathered together on this occasion and it proved a most happy one. Some members of the family came long distances to take part, one party of four autos with a truck to carry their equipment came over from Gilliam county, others from Lake county, and still others from Lane and Wheeler counties. The old donation claim taken up by one of the original party who crossed the plains, is still in the family near Springfield. Mrs. Withers now resides upon it.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Clemens was thrown open to the visitors and while all could not be housed there they put up their tents while others had rooms in town. All the meals were served at the home where a big canvas shade was erected and long tables provided for all the clan—one of the members said meal time saw the entire bunch there with good appetites and was really one of the best times during the three days reunion.

A representative of The Times-Herald was present Thursday afternoon when a program was rendered for the entertainment of the family and many friends who had gathered. This proved a pleasing feature. The entire program might have been taken care of by the family but they insisted on some local aid therefore Mrs. Dodge and a portion of her little folks comprising the Sagebrush Orchestra were asked to take part. J. W. Biggs delivered the address of welcome to the visitors representing the Commercial Club and citizens in general.

The program was:
Selection, Sagebrush Orchestra
Address of welcome and greeting to the Rinehart Family in behalf of the Commercial Club, J. W. Biggs.
Address, J. W. Edwards
Piano solo, Mrs. Bert Edwards
Violin solo, Mrs. Frank Bunyard
Address, Rev. H. A. Hunt
Vocal solo, Mrs. H. A. Hunt
Vocal solo, Adelbert Hayes
Violin solo, Robert Drinkwater
Selection, Sagebrush Orchestra
Among the old time friends who joined with the family on this occasion in this community were Ted, Bailey and Scott Hayes with their families, Geo. L. Buchanan and family, A. W. Howser and wife, A. McKenzie and wife, James Bunyard and Mrs. Bower. Besides these many from this city went out frequently and took part in the entertainment and renewed acquaintances.

The writer had known members of this family for years, some of them as far back as 1885, and among the visitors from a distance he found acquaintances he had met at other places in this state.

One most enjoyable feature of the program that was not down was a jig danced by Jesse Bunyard, Jesse

was there with the "Buck and Wing" and showed his relatives that he is a spry old boy yet. Robt. Drinkwater made the music.

Among the families represented were:

L. C. Rinehart and wife of Beaverton.

W. J. Edwards and wife, S. H. Edwards and family, James Dyer and family, Velma Reed and family, J. Finkston and family, all of Gilliam county.

J. R. McPherson and wife of Springfield Oregon.

F. A. Duncan, a son of the late "Uncle" George Duncan, of Silver Lake. Mr. Duncan is also a nephew of "Grandma" Hayes of this vicinity.

Joseph P. Rudolph and wife of Fossil.

Ida E. Duncan of Silver Lake.

Frank M. Bunyard and wife of Lakeview.

Sherman Chappel and family of Summerville.

Those kinfolks in this county in attendance were:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drinkwater, Chas. Comegys and family.

Anna Haines and family.

Fay Comegys, Sidney Comegys, Robert Drinkwater Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bunyard, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bunyard.

Jack Withers.

Harry Withers and family.

Geo. Cawfield and family.

Gladys Crom.

Clarence Drinkwater and family.

W. W. Drinkwater and family.

Earl Withers and family.

The reunion came to a close Thursday evening and the visiting families took their departure the following day for their respective homes. We are informed the next reunion will be held in Gilliam county.

On Wednesday evening those of the families who stayed out at the Clemens home made a tour of some of the streets of this city and it made quite an imposing parade of autos. The people of Burns were glad to welcome the visitors as those of the clan who reside in our midst are among our best citizens and highly respected.

Mrs. Drinkwater told the writer that she appreciated the consideration shown her guests by our citizens.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED.

Members of the school board of this district are going to go out with those active in the proposed consolidation plans for adjoining districts and discuss the matter with the voters. Plans have been outlined as to transportation of the children, the proposed routing and the probable cost of the scheme. These are not worked out definitely as it would not be possible under present conditions nor would it be expected until the people of the other districts have been heard from. With this purpose in view a meeting is scheduled to be held at the school house on Sage Hen on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock to discuss the matter with the patrons and voters of the district. On Thursday evening another meeting of a similar character will be held with the people on Poson Creek on Friday evening up the river.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR SAYS FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. M. V. Dodge, county food administrator, has asked The Times-Herald to suggest that those who have been successful in making war bread with the substitutes to help their neighbor who has not been so successful. It is important that as much substitutes as possible be used in order to save the white flour, therefore any aid in this matter will be helping to win. Mrs. Dodge states she has wheaties cook books for distribution to any who desire them. Just apply to her.

COMING COLLEGE MAN

Rev. Chas. L. Chalfant, D. D., vice President of the College of Idaho, will speak in the First Presbyterian Church of Burns, Oregon on June 16th at 11 a. m. Dr. Chalfant was a former pastor in the city of St. Louis, Mo., and of the First Presbyterian Church of Boise Idaho, and is an interesting talker. Seldom is Burns favored in the opportunity of hearing so eloquent and noted a man. All are cordially invited to plan to be in attendance, June 16th at 11 A. M.

HARNEY COUNTY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL AID

Appropriation of Twenty Thousand and Available Next Month to Apply on Burns-Crane Post Road

County Commissioner Haas called The Times-Herald office this morning and informed the writer that Harney County had received recognition from the State Highway Commission in connection with the proposed east and west highway across the state, \$20,000 having been appropriated from the Federal Post Road Fund for work on the road in this county during the present season, the amount to be available in July.

Assistant Engineer Bennett of the State Highway Commission was in this territory a few days ago and made a personal inspection of road conditions. At the time he expressed himself as favorably impressed with the route and left the impression with those with whom he talked that he would recommend an appropriation for work in this county during the present season. He said further that the road that should have first consideration was between Burns and Crane. This is one of the most traveled roads in the entire county and one over which the mail is carried, therefore it should be placed in good condition.

According to the information received by Mr. Haas the \$20,000 now available is to be expended on that particular piece of road. Mr. Haas stated that engineers would be in this vicinity in the near future to take up the work and that in addition to the expenditure of the money on the Burns-Crane road a change had been proposed in the route to the west near Tom Jenkins and the engineers would investigate that also.

While \$20,000 is available from the federal fund in this county during this season, it is most probable that appropriations have been made for Deschutes and Malheur counties also. The advantages of this route for an all year round travel has been established and it is to be made the main artery from east to west through this state.

Harney County officers have signified their willingness to co-operate in any way possible with the State Highway Commission in this work, so it is expected that the county machinery will be also placed upon this road and assist in making a permanent road from Crane to Burns.

This is but the beginning according to enthusiasts and more funds will be available next year.

UNITED WE WILL STAND.

The fact is becoming every day more and more apparent that Germany is finding a united foe too strong for all her boasted efficiency. The allied battle lines are standing firm, and the Prussian objective of Paris or the Channel ports seems as far from being attained as at any time since the German hordes were turned back at the Marne.

But when Prussian arms fail, Prussian strategy gets on the job. And Prussian strategy is on the job these days—as large as life. The object of that strategy is to affect disaffection and division in the ranks of its enemies. Well the Hohenzollerns know that with the Allies thoroughly united in aims and methods, the Prussian ambition is doomed.

German propoganda humbled Russia—not German arms. German intrigue was the one cause of the disastrous Austrian drive into Italy. German propoganda will now—is now aimed at driving a wedge between the allied nations. No opportunity will be neglected, it matters not how small it may be, of sowing dissensions between the nations leagued against her.

So, if you even think that we have a grievance against any of our allies, lack that thought up carefully in your heart and never let it see the light of day till this gigantic conflict is fought to a finish.

And when that result shall have been achieved, you will doubtless find that you can thank Prussian strategy for having ever entertained a doubt of those who are dying by the side of our sons.

FIRE SWEEPS AWAY OLD LAND MARK

Blackened Ruins Now Mark Location of Building Erected Years Ago. Entire Block of Buildings Destroyed.

Between 1:30 and 2 o'clock Thursday morning an alarm of fire awakened the people of this city as a result of the conflagration another block on the main street of Burns stands in ruins.

The fire started in the store room of L. L. Noonchester. It was formerly occupied by Hackney Bros., as a second hand store and upon Mr. Noonchester acquiring the stock, also the building which belonged to Frank King, he moved the new furniture from that building to the sales rooms of his former store further down the street and was using this building as a store room for additional stock. The origin of the fire is a mystery as it started at a time in the night that no one would be about the place.

Mrs. Chester Carter is said to have first discovered the flames and Ches. arrived just at the time from a trip to Denio and he fired off a pistol to attract attention. Mr. Furlham, at the Oregon Hotel, just across the street also saw the blaze when it was small and immediately ran across with a bucket of water but it had but little effect upon the flames.

Jack Welcome had but recently attended an emergency call at his drug store and had not returned when he heard the shots fired and upon coming out of his house to see what occasioned the noise he discovered the fire and ran to the engine house and turned in the alarm. The fire apparatus was rushed to the scene as rapidly as possible but the building was all wood and it burned rapidly. The flames spread to the office building just north of it occupied by City Recorder King as an office and also the adjoining building to the south which had been used for years as a carpenter shop. Three wooden buildings to the north including the Chinese laundry of Ben, the carpenter shop building owned by N. Brown & Sons and the brick veneered building on the corner to the south owned by the Byrd estate were consumed. The latter building was not completely burned but the north wing is completely down and the other portion so badly damaged that it is practically worthless.

It was another demonstration of what brick will do toward saving the property. The Byrd building, where The Times-Herald office used to be, had been veneered with just one layer of brick, yet those walls stood and it is the opinion of most people who witnessed the fire that those walls saved the fire from spreading to the blocks to the south. The Hass hotel was just across the street and it is most likely had the walls of the old Byrd house been exposed the heat would have been so intense that firemen could not have worked and the hotel would have caught, thus endangering the Ray Smith home, the Universal Garage, the Hagey store, Burns Garage together with many residences on adjoining lots.

It was remarkable to note the excellent work of the fire fighters after the apparatus was once on the ground and in operation. The Oregon hotel just across the street to the west of this block, was badly scorched and the heat was most intense, yet the determined fighters kept it from burning down. The same was evidenced to the east where a large barn was exposed but by persistent work and watchfulness this was also saved.

The Noonchester property carried some insurance and it is likely the office building belonging to C. H. Leonard and occupied by the city recorder were insured but aside from those the loss is entire. The insurance on the Byrd property had been allowed to lapse, the Brown building carried \$0 insurance nor did China Ben. It is hard to estimate the loss. Fire Marshals Gilbert W. Allen and H. H. Pomeroy are here from Portland to make an investigation of the fire.

Some of these buildings have been standing for many years and it is unfortunate that this destruction came at this time and under the present circumstances. Had there been any insurance on all the destroyed build-

ings there would have been some probability of rebuilding, but since most of it is an entire loss and the present requirements of the city fire limits compels fire proof buildings erected on the sites, with war conditions it is likely that block will remain a blackened heap until the close of the war.

JAMES FRANCIS MAHON

James Francis Mahon was born at Syracuse, New York, on April 29, 1855. At the age of 18 years he left home and went to California and engaged in farming in that state until 1879 when he came to Oregon and located on Silver River above the present town of Burns. Later, in 1882, he located on Cow Creek afterwards moving to Anderson Valley where he made his home until the time of his death.

He was married on March 24, 1881, at Stockton, California, to Marion Gaffney who died in 1886. On June 16, 1889 he was married to Lucy Long, who survives him.

He survived by three children, Emily McMahan, of Omaha, Nebraska, Ira J. Mahon of Cow Creek, and Pearl Smyth of Diamond.

He was made a Master Mason by Burns Lodge on May 19, 1896. He was a Thirty-second Degree Mason, a Shriner, and also a member in good standing of the B. P. O. E.

Such was the brief biography read by the presiding officer at the funeral of our esteemed pioneer who died at a hospital in Portland on May 31, from cancer of the liver, and was buried by his Brother Masons last Tuesday afternoon.

The writer has known Jim Mahon since 1883 and admired his generous character and his energetic manner of action. He was a man made to face the difficulties attending the pioneer life and met them in a way that brought him to the fore front as a man of ability. His financial success was due to his untiring efforts and a determination to do whatever he undertook well. He was one of the best known men in all Central Oregon and his friendships extended over the entire Oregon and California country. He was very popular as the large number of people who came from a distance to pay their last respects at his funeral. Jim was always ready to help a friend in need and enjoyed extending the hospitality of his home to those who came his way. His estimable wife was a charming hostess at all times and between the two no guests ever left the home without a feeling that he had been most welcome and loyally entertained.

Mr. Mahon was a big, strong man during his active life and his general good health prevailed up until a few months ago. He was a progressive man who engaged in business on a large scale and as a consequence had amassed a large property. His ranch home in Anderson Valley is one of the best improved and well irrigated tracts that can be found in the entire county.

Harney County has lost a citizen that has done more than his share toward its development and he will go down in history as a benefactor. Many warm personal friends can testify to his good qualities and the instances of his generosity are numerous. His untimely death is truly regretted by many people who sincerely sympathize with his bereaved family.

The floral offerings were beautiful at the grave.

TAKES BODY OF HER FATHER EAST FOR INTERMENT.

Miss Pearl Ellis left here last Tuesday for Wisconsin with the body of her late father, Frank Ellis who died last winter. The body was buried temporarily in the Odd Fellow Cemetery by the lodge but as his wife was buried in Wisconsin the daughter felt she would like to take him back there also, therefore after closing her term of school in the district on Trout Creek she made arrangements.

Miss Ellis informed The Times-Herald before her departure that she expected to be absent some six weeks. She is returning to make her home in this section we understand and to look after the settlement of her late father's estate.

Joe Buchanan Jr., who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week has recovered fine and hopes to be able to return home in a day or two.

GETTING BUSY ON WAR STAMP CAMPAIGN

Plan to Put Over The Entire Quota on June 28, Which is Designated "War Savings Day."

The plan recently conceived by the president of those in charge of the War Savings Stamps to complete the campaign for the entire quota as set taken care of by June 28, has been given attention. Mrs. Clark was in Portland recently to attend a meeting for the purpose of getting necessary information and bring back to the workers of this county.

The plan is to have the entire amount pledged on or before June 28 as that is to be designated as War Savings Day by the governors of the states the mayors of the cities and others in authority. The people are going to be asked to meet at their school houses or other convenient places on that day and pledge whatever they desire to invest in War Stamps so that the matter may be closed and the attention devoted to other war measures.

Two-Bit Clubs are going to be made popular. This was a plan taken up by the larger cities early in the campaign but these clubs pledged the members to buy one Thrift Stamp each day. Now the club will permit buying a stamp each day or one each week. One club has already been organized among the people at the court house the School Superintendent, Clerk and deputies, Assessor and deputies, Sheriff and deputies, Treasurer and the attaches around the court house have pledged themselves to purchase Thrift Stamps each week. The Honor Guard Girls are going to form a similar club and the teachers attending the summer normal school will organize another. This plan should be followed throughout the country. If we are to make our quota it will require more than one Thrift Stamp each week between now and Dec. 31, as it isn't likely each individual in the county will take the entire amount of \$20 per capita for each man, woman and child in the county.

Pledge cards are to be furnished which will have a blank in which to record the amount owned at the time the pledge is made and places to indicate the amount one will obligate themselves to buy during the remaining months of the drive. It is not necessary that all the stamps be bought and paid for June 28, but it is expected that the pledges will be signed up to cover the amount one will obligate themselves to buy during the remaining months of the drive. It is not necessary that all the stamps be bought and paid for June 28 but it is expected that the pledges will be signed up to cover the amount before the close of the year.

Harney County is asked to buy \$102,000 worth of War Saving Stamps before the close of the year. There are many other things to which we are obligated to contribute but nothing is more attractive from an investment standpoint yet issued by the government. War Saving Stamps are by far the best investment one can secure right now in connection with war activities and since we are all patriotic and want to do our part toward the success of our boys and our allies, we should not hesitate to cover this quota without delay. These may be realized upon at any time when the owner desires to liquidate and at par value with accrued interest. This is one of the particularly attractive features of it. Another is that it gives every individual in the United States an opportunity to help in a financial way toward winning the war. Those not financially able to invest in a Liberty Bond may help just the same. Even a 25 cent Thrift Stamp helps but a War Saving Stamp will bring \$5.00 at the close of the period for which it is issued, and there are but few who cannot buy one or more War Stamps. They cost \$4.17 cents this month and are ready for payment at any time. If you have not investigated this attractive method of assisting in winning the war go to the teacher in your community or one of the committees in your district to aid in all war measure and they will be explained to you.

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