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GIVE MODEL FARM TO EVERY YANK SOLDIER

Reclamation of Millions of Acres by Uncle Sam Will Permit Selection of Homestead in Any Climate. Government Would Finance Project.

Farms for soldiers—Secretary of Interior Lane has asked congress appropriate \$100,000,000 with which the U. S. Reclamation Service may make new farms for returned soldiers. It is proposed to irrigate deserts, drain swamps and clear cut-over timber lands. The entire program is explained by Secretary Lane himself in the following article:

BY FRANKLIN K. LANE
Secretary of Interior.

(Written especially for The Times-Herald.)

All over the United States there are quantities of lands that are capable of producing cotton, corn, fruit



FRANKLIN K. LANE

the government advancing the capital, and out of the combination of his own labor and the government's capital he can be given an independent living.

It's Not Charity Act, But Partnership Affair

But this is not to be done in the slightest bit as a matter of charity, nor is any man to be coerced into taking up the work. It is an opportunity which the government out of appreciation for the fine service rendered by its boys gives to them. They will pay back the money with interest, but they can pay it back over a period of 40 years. The same who drains a great area in South Carolina may choose a farm in Arizona or in Oregon.

We have spent \$50,000,000 a day in fighting the boche, and surely we can afford to spend what was a few days' war outgo in setting up for life the men who whipped the Hun.

It will be a profitable arrangement all around. The money will be advanced by the people. It will be returned by those who take the farms.

I expect hundreds of thousands of city-bred fellows will have this desire for an independent out-of-door life. Then there are a million men in our army who come off the farms, many of whom will never have a chance to own a farm unless there is some such plan as this.

HARNEY COUNTY BOY HOME ON FURLOUGH

Stationed at Queenstown and On Admiral Sims' Flagship During War.

Leonard Locher was at home on a furlough during this week. He was here only a few days as his time was limited. His arrival was something of a surprise to his friends as but few of them had been informed of his coming. Leonard has been in active service in the navy ever since volunteering his services to Uncle Sam. He has been promoted and now is an officer. He is on the U. S. S. Melville, which is a repair ship. He was stationed a good portion of the time during active war at Queenstown, Ireland, but was fortunate to get on Admiral Sims' flag ship during his cruising in the war zone.

Leonard found a hearty welcome among his many old time friends who regret that his time was so limited. He returns to New York and expects to go to southern waters for the remaining months of the cold weather but his ship will make Boston harbor his active base in the spring. Leonard is in the service for a four year period and had the war continued had expected to be given an opportunity to go to Annapolis, but with the present trend of affairs the young man has no desire to continue in the navy but may decide upon the completion of his enlistment period to engage actively in the merchant marine. Whatever his choice his old time friends and former school mates wish him success.

GO TO CONSULT LEGISLATORS.

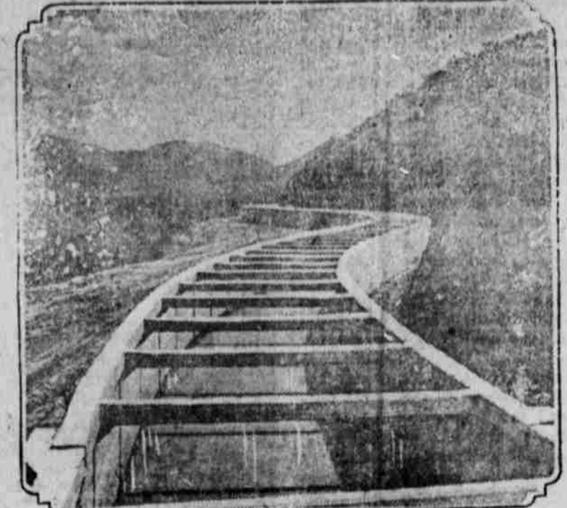
Judge H. C. Levens and Commissioner Hass took their departure last Tuesday for Salem at the urgent request of many citizens of this county to put before members of that body the possible interference of the future development of this big country should the bill ceding the Malheur Lake to the federal government pass.

During their absence the county officers will take occasion to look further into the road building proposition of state and federal aid in the building of the post road between Burns and Crane.

PROMINENT STOCK MAN DIES

Just as we go to press we learn that a telegram has been received announcing the death of A. Egli at San Jose, California this morning.

RIVERS IN CONCRETE BEDS QUENCH ARID WASTES



The acme of canal construction in irrigation projects seems to have been reached in Strawberry Valley, Utah, where this white concrete river flows down from its mountain lake to water the desert waste. Agriculture on a farm fed by one of these modern streams opens up new possibilities in crop productions of all kind. It is included as but a part of the plan advocated by Secretary of Interior Lane in his reclamation service for returned soldiers.

CAROLYN BIDDLE-BUCKLAND.

The Times-Herald made mention of the death of Mrs. James Buckland in its last issue, but little else was given at that time. Since, through a mutual friend, we have received the following information of the young woman:

Carolyn Cathrine Biddle was born in Garber, Oklahoma, October 17, 1896 and died February 7, 1919, between two years, three months and twenty-one days old at the time. She was married March 9, 1918, to James Buckland. Besides her husband she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Biddle, a sister, Alma Biddle, and her brother, Emmett Biddle.

Her husband was away from home but returned before her death and was at her bedside when the end came. Many friends mourn with the bereaved relatives.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

If the conditions of the Spanish Influenza continue to improve in our town by Sunday, Feb. 23, our church and Sunday school will be open for services where you will find a most hearty welcome.—B. S. Hughes, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dibble came over from their Silver Creek home Thursday to consult a physician, Mrs. Dibble being in great pain from an attack of neuralgia. She was some relieved yesterday.

WILL OPEN NEW STORE.

Mrs. I. Schwartz is getting ready to open a new line of strictly high class furnishings for ladies. During the present week she has been busy with the traveling representative of Fleischner, Mayer & Co. making selections and she will have one of the most exclusive lines ever brought out of the larger cities. Mrs. Schwartz has had such a business in mind for some time and has only waited to get the big general stock of goods out of the way to make her orders and prepare for her new line. She has not decided the date of her opening but it will likely be early next month. The south half of the old store will be occupied by Mrs. Schwartz and Mrs. Millar will again have her millinery displayed there as in former times. The latter has gone to Portland for the purpose of ordering her new spring line, having gone out this week.

Price Pennick met with a painful accident the other day which may result in the loss of one of his fingers. He accidentally got his hand in a wood saw and it was badly lacerated, cutting deep wounds and almost completely severing one finger. He is in town where his physician has a watchful eye on the injured hand and hopes to keep all his digits. He is suffering much pain from the wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tudor were in town yesterday.

CONCESSIONS MADE IN FLU BAN REGULATIONS

Churches May Hold Services if Desired; Meetings and Parties Permitted.

City Marshal McDonald called at this office the fore part of this week and stated that the health board had made further concessions in the flu quarantine regulations and that beginning tomorrow the churches would be permitted to resume their usual services; lodges would be allowed to hold business sessions and private parties at the homes were to be granted, but no dancing.

In this concession was also given the privilege of games being permitted in the pool halls with not more than four people at a table, but no chairs were to be provided for loafers. These orders are subject to change at once should conditions warrant.

Although given permission under these rules to resume services, Rev. B. S. Hughes of the Presbyterian church announces that he will not take advantage of it for the coming Sunday, but if conditions continue to improve he will start the following Sunday.

Several have asked when the picture house will open and the management authorizes the announcement that as soon as there seems no danger from the epidemic and the authorities consent programs will begin.

EXPERIMENT STATION SUPERINTENDENT ARRIVES.

Obil Shattuck, the new superintendent at the Experiment Station, to succeed Mr. Martin, arrived here the latter part of last week, accompanied by Mrs. Shattuck, and they are now domiciled on the station farm and ready to receive their many old time friends. These young people are not strangers in this community as they were here for a few years, in fact they were married on the Experiment Station farm at the time Mr. Shattuck was assistant to Mr. Breithaupt. Following this Mr. Shattuck was county agent and the young people left here to again take up studies at the Agricultural college at Corvallis.

The new superintendent comes on the field familiar not only with the character of the work, but because of his former association with Mr. Breithaupt and his personal acquaintance with the farmers of the county he is in a position to accomplish good results.

BURNS STOCKMAN RECOVERING

William Hanley, Burns, Or., stockman, who has been ill at the Portland hotel for the past week, was rallying last night as a result of an operation performed yesterday afternoon. The attending physician, Dr. E. P. Geary, says Mr. Hanley will be unable to leave the hotel for another week.—Oregonian Feb. 11.

Mrs. Georgia Barbee, formerly one of the employes in the local telephone office, and well known to the people of this city, arrived in Burns Thursday from Portland where she has been residing since last spring, and is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. M. Sutton. Mrs. Barbee had intended making a visit here in a few weeks to remain for a time, but upon learning of the illness of her little daughter, Frances, who is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, she came in at once. The little one is a victim of influenza but is getting along fine with the very best of care.

I. H. Holland has purchased the interests of Ernest Musick in the pool hall. Mr. Musick had been absent for several months and had suggested some time ago to Mr. Holland that he buy him out. Musick is at present employed by Wells Fargo & Co. in Portland. His many old time friends are sorry to learn of his returning to his former business in this city.

J. Haran, traveling representative for Fleischner, Mayer & Co., was in town several days during this week taking an order for a complete line of ladies furnishings to be shipped to Mrs. I. Schwartz, who will open a line of these goods in this city in the near future.

MALHEUR LAKE LESS THAN 30 YEARS OLD

Was Only Shallow Spot Near Sod House Late as 1889; Stumps Visible.

"HUNT EXPEDITION" IS RECALLED

Indian Legend as Orgrim Makes Beavers Responsible.

J. C. Foley was a caller at this office yesterday afternoon and while in, a discussion arose over the proposed bill in the legislature to cede Malheur Lake to the federal government as a bird refuge.

Mr. Foley questioned the wisdom of such a move upon the part of this state from an economical standpoint or whether it was advisable to put too much dependence in this place as a permanent nesting place and breeding ground for migratory birds.

In connection with this opinion Mr. Foley recalled conditions as late as 1889 when he saw that lake all dry but a small shallow spot in the vicinity of the Sod House. Mr. Foley was all over that portion of the lake bed and stated that there was every evidence of it having once been dry as sagebrush stumps were visible all over it.

This evidence but recalled reading "The Hunt Expedition," by Washington Irving, and the "Travels" of Walter Skene Hodges, in which the early history of this country is recorded also an interesting Indian legend of the origin of Malheur and Harney lakes.

The Indian legend tells of a dry waste throughout this territory in which the water from the Snake River on the east to the Deschutes on the west, was at the warm springs at the OO Ranch. A great hole had allowed the water of this vast basin to run off to the east to the Snake. All the animals of this vast expanse traveled many days to the warm springs for water with the result that when it was reached they drank so much they died by the thousands.

The buffalo, which firmly were plentiful in this region, finally went east of the Snake River and never did return. The beaver, seeing the great waste of life, came down from Steins Mountain and plugged up the hole through which the water was escaping, thus creating the lakes again.

This story of Mr. Foley's coincides with the early recollections of Capt. Louie, the old Piute Indian. He told a similar story to the late Dr. Marsden and the writer recalls it as repeated to him by the Doctor. No doubt this will be confirmed when Dr. Marsden's book of Indian lore and legends is published by the University of California.

ADDITION TO OUR FORCE.

Lieut. F. A. Fessler is now a member of The Times-Herald force. In adding Mr. Fessler to the staff the management had not only in mind the admonition to aid the returning soldier, but also the future of the business. The present active head of this shop has been on the firing line for a good many years. He has had many experiences in this newspaper field and many have been in this office as printers and assistants in the business, but up to the present time it has been the fate of the "boss" to take the responsibility of the concern. Knowing Fessler before he offered his services to his "Uncle Sam" at the beginning of the war, and finding that the young man gave up an opportunity to remain in the army with a commission to return to his chosen profession, the manager felt he was making no mistake when mutual friends suggested his coming to the force. Mr. Fessler comes to The Times-Herald not as a stranger, nor is he a stranger to the people of this community. He comes with the intention of associating himself with one of the substantial business concerns of Harney county—one that has been in the field for over thirty years and has become a part of the country. It has been the only paper to continue an uninterrupted publication from the time it was established in 1887 and one which is looked upon as reliable and permanent. If present plans are carried forward and all things are agreeable Mr. Fessler will become more fully identified with the publication of this paper in the near future.

