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## IRRIGATION HEARING NOT YET BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Brings People Together on Subject.

### ORGANIZATION HELD IN ABEYANCE

Lawen People, P. L. S. and William Hanley Companies Agree on Distribution of Water This Season.

The irrigation district hearing before the county court on Wednesday and Thursday of this week was not brought to a close, but has resulted in bringing the people closer together on the important subject and prospects are brighter than ever before for a district being formed that will accomplish what is wanted.

The proposition of organizing either the big district or the Lawen district is held in abeyance for the present by the court taking the matter under advisement. This was done in order to give time for decision in the supreme court on the first district formed, as the lines of the later proposed districts overlap the first, and the attorney-general of the state advised the court could not vacate its own order and therefore had no jurisdiction in changing the boundaries after being once approved and established.

The matter seems to have been thus disposed of for the present by mutual consent of all concerned. Briefs are to be filed by the respective parties in the contention in the meantime and thus give the members of the court an opportunity to digest the arguments and arrive at a conclusion after deliberation.

There was an urgent demand for immediate action on this matter because of differences between the Lawen people and the P. L. S. company and the William Hanley company; this has been taken care of by the parties concerned getting together and mutually agreeing to the distribution of the water this spring. A deputy water master has been appointed agreeable to all concerned, who will work with a committee se-

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There will be work in the third degree at the Masonic lodge next Monday evening and visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present as well as the local members.

## STATE CHAMBER PLANS ARE STILL PENDING

No Action Taken Wednesday Because of Press of Other Matters.

Harney county is in line to be a part of the State Chamber of Commerce. That was in the cards before and should have been completed on April 2, but owing to there being so much of importance to demand the attention of our citizens it was not possible to form the organization on that date.

It must have the endorsement of the entire county to be a success, and as every other county in Oregon has joined, it is up to Harney to do her part, not only as a part of this big and progressive state but for her own interests. The people all over the country must awaken to this call and take part in the organization. It means putting us on the map with an opportunity to get aid in promoting our development problems and placing us right before the entire state on matters of vital importance to the advancement of the country.

The citizens of every part of this county are in favor of road improvement and at present this is being pushed forward and is most urgent. Many of our citizens are asking questions of each other as to what is being done or what is best, with the result that they cannot answer any of the questions and all are at sea more or less. Because of these circumstances a meeting has been called in Burns on April 10, next Thursday, at 8 o'clock in the evening at the Liberty Theater, for the purpose of discussing good road plans and getting together. While representative people are assembled for

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## BOLSHEVIKS CARRY SPOONS IN THEIR BOOTS.



A little warm American soup under the belt takes a lot of the anarchy out of the Russian Bolshevik's nature—as this new official photograph from the Russian front shows. American troops on the Russian front are here shown feeding rice soup to the Bolshevik prisoners of war. The Bolsheviks eat out of any convenient can but always carry their own wooden spoons—in their boots.

## DOLLAR DAY WAS GOOD SUCCESS

Statements from Merchants Show Results Were Obtained.

The experiment of Dollar Day by the merchants of this city was quite a success.

Wednesday is not the big trading day in Burns. Few farmers or ranchers come to town on that day, but it was chosen as the day to try the Dollar Day scheme. This was the first attempt of this kind ever made in Burns and people did not entirely understand its advantages nor did the merchants put forth the effort to attract trade that they will in future on such occasions.

Yesterday afternoon a representative of this paper visited several of its advertisers who took part in the Dollar Day scheme and asked for an opinion as to its success. Below is what some of them said:

Ben Brown of the firm of N. Brown & Sons, said: "Dollar Day was very satisfactory and should be continued at intervals."

Joe Thompson of the Burns Cash Store: "It was a success for first introduction and a good thing to repeat every 90 days or so. As market conditions become more settled following the reconstruction period more

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## WILL HELP FOREIGNERS TO FULL CITIZENSHIP

U. S. Department of Labor Calls on School Organizations to Assist.

The United States Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Naturalization, is calling on school organizations throughout the country to assist foreigners to fit themselves for citizenship. A text book has been prepared and is now ready for distribution through school superintendents.

Recognition of the movement has been taken in this county, and School Superintendent Frances Clark has sent for a supply of the text books. These will soon be received and be available for distribution among prospective citizens.

Superintendent Clark has promised to aid in every way possible, and as a first step, advises foreigners eligible to naturalization and who desire one of the text books to notify the school teacher in their respective districts. On the arrival of the books the superintendent will arrange to have them forwarded to districts requesting same. Classes in American citizenship will be organized where sufficient requests are received to warrant, and in the case of but a few applications from a given district, an effort will be made to furnish adequate instruction.

It is hoped to organize at least one class where coming Americans of foreign birth may receive instruction in institutions of our government to fit them to become a part of the citizenry of the Nation.

In many places certificates of graduation are issued by the department in co-operation with the public schools, to foreigners who have taken the course in citizenship training, and they will also be issued here.

## CHAUTAQUA LIST HAS OVER 100 SIGNERS

Arrangements Completed for Six Days Entertainment in Late June.

Harney County, with Burns as headquarters, has just completed arrangements with the Ellison-White Chautauqua system to bring to Burns during the last part of June six great days of splendid entertainment. These will be six of the most interesting days that we have had here in a long time and will give the people of our own county the opportunity of seeing and hearing for themselves the best talent in music, lecturers, educators, artists and public men that can be obtained in this county and abroad.

The six days in Burns will consist of afternoon and evening sessions for grown folks with mornings devoted to Junior Chautauqua for the young people.

Chautauqua audiences resent music given for the sole purpose of demonstrating technical ability. They welcome, however, the real, throbbing, vibrating music of the great composers when it is given so that it may be understood. This is the mission of the Ellison-White performers, to interpret for popular audiences the greatest music of both old and new writers. And every day will be filled with your favorites in both instrumental music and songs, the very first program starting with the famous Merrilee Ladies' Quartet, and fourth day is band day.

And as the lecture is the pivotal base upon which the whole plan of Chautauqua is built, while the holiday spirit of the week will always be joyfully anticipated, the thing longest remembered and productive of the greatest good is the lecture. Recognizing this, the Ellison-White system has built its program around the strongest lecture staffs procurable. Such a program will be brought to Burns may well be worth in the lectures alone the cost of the entire Chautauqua.

### FARMER LIKES ROMNEY SHEEP.

William Riddle, a stock breeder of Monmouth, Oregon, says in the March Oregon Countryman that he raises Romney marsh sheep because they are harder and yield more valuable wool. He finds the chief market for his rams in the range districts of eastern Oregon and other western states.

guns, trench mortars, gun limbers, airplane motors and parts, parts of Zeppelins, barbed wire used at Verdun, machine guns, uniforms of all nations, noise bombs, star shells.

## WAR TROPHY TRAIN COMING TO CRANE

Laden with Souvenirs and Relics in Charge of Competent Attendants.

PORTLAND, March 31.—A train laden with all kinds of relics and souvenirs of the war is to visit Crane on April 11, according to announcement of Victory-Liberty loan officials. The train is to be officially designated as "The Trophy Special" and is to make a complete tour of the state, making stops at all points reached by railroad.

The object is to give the people of Oregon an opportunity to see war instruments and implements of which they have often read but have never seen. At the places visited the train will be open to all visitors and the exhibits will be explained by competent attendants accompanying the train.

The tour of the train will be made under the auspices of the Victory-Liberty loan, which will be the fifth and last loan. The loan-drive opens on April 21.

The exhibits will be furnished by the war department. Word has been received at Portland headquarters of the loan committee that the relics have already been shipped, and the complete schedule is now arranged.

The train will consist of two flat cars, bearing the bigger relics, such as guns and equipment, and one exhibit car carrying the smaller relics and souvenirs.

A list of some of the exhibits is as follows: French baby tank, German mine-thrower and howitzers, German Albatross motor, German field

## Harney County Not Awake to Good Roads Movement

Meeting Urged to Get Together and Consider Road Building Plans; Should Have Representation Before State Highway Commission on April 15th.

Is Harney county getting her dues in the highway improvement program as compared to other counties? Are we doing our part and keeping our advantages before the State Highway Commission and the Federal Government in such a manner as will bring us right consideration when it comes to appropriating money for the general advancement of the good roads program?

Some of our citizens are of the opinion that Harney county is not awake to her interests and have either taken too much for granted or do not realize the importance of the good roads movement.

P. S. Weittenhiller was a visitor to his office Thursday afternoon and told of having been present at a meeting of representatives from Baker and Grant counties with citizens of Malheur county at Ontario on last Sunday when he found a tendency upon their part to go after appropriations and secure both state and government aid in highway building. The plan decided upon at that meeting was detrimental to the best interests of this county—in fact, they completely ignored our plans of highway connection on the ground that it was too expensive to consider, therefore Malheur decided to join with Grant and Baker in recommending appropriations for respective plans. According to Mr. Weittenhiller, Malheur will ask to connect with the John Day highway, but will not have anything to say respecting the route through this county from east to west.

The Times-Herald does not pretend to speak with absolute authority in the matter of the best route for an east and west connection on a public highway, but has it from both state and federal engineers that they consider the only feasible all-the-year route is through this county and on to Bend to join the north and south route there. Whether this is right or not is left to those who have made it a study and understand the road-building business. If that is the sole object in connecting up the several projects started, and that is what has been announced as the intention, then Harney county must be considered. If it is up to Harney county to present her rights and see that she is properly recognized, then it is up to her citizens to see that she is represented at the proper time and by men who are representative and are broad-minded and big enough to get results.

We have gotten into the habit of letting the other fellow do it for so long and then criticize or find fault as suits our fancy, that we have gotten into a rut. It is time to wake up to what our neighbors are doing and at least stand up for our rights. If we want to allow the good things to go by without an effort and let the other portions of the state advance and prosper on what rightfully should belong to us, all we need do is to remain passive and take no interest in the general advancement of the country.

Mr. Weittenhiller informs us that big delegations are going down from our neighboring counties to a meeting of the State Highway Board on April 15 to urge their respective claims and ask for assistance in their plan of road building. What is Harney county going to do? Do we want any consideration at the hands of the Highway Board? Have we all the funds we can get toward completing the highway between here and Crane and is that all we can get or all we want? Have we any other road plan in which we want co-operation with the state or federal government? Is there any way by which we can co-operate with the forest service and get better road facilities for our citizens?

Mr. Weittenhiller suggests and The Times-Herald urges a public meeting of the citizens of Harney county in Burns on Tuesday of next week, April 10th, to consider road building plans and see if we cannot get together on matters that will bring about better roads and a larger expenditure of money on permanent road building. We need them in all parts of the county and it is a problem the citizens alone can solve. So long as we depend entirely upon the

money we receive from the road tax to maintain the present roads and build new ones of a permanent nature, just that long we are going to always have a road problem.

We will go further in this connection and say that so long as each community shows a selfish spirit in this big work and not ready to co-operate with others, just so long we are going to have our community mudholes and get nowhere for permanent roads. We must get together in this matter and work on broader plans and have an understanding as to definite plans from year to year. We are a big county and it requires a big sum of money to keep hundreds of miles of roads in repair, to say nothing of new projects, yet we know from experience and from what is being accomplished in other counties that we must advance in this line of work as a matter of economy and business.

Drewsey is complaining about the roads between this valley and that place. There isn't so much travel over that route as in former years, but it should be kept in good repair. The people of Harney county should have consideration in the road between that point and the county seat and also to Crane, from which point they receive their mail. The same may be said of the southern part of the county to proper and most direct connections to the railroad point where they receive their freight and mail and on to the county seat. In fact, every part of Harney county is interested in this good roads movement and should have a voice in it.

The Liberty Theater is at the disposal of the citizens of Harney county on the evening of April 10 at 8 o'clock to discuss road plans and consider the advisability of sending

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## FIGHTING DRAINAGE DANGEROUS TO US

A. G. Clark Tells Them in Portland How We Like Finley Propaganda.

"In fighting the proposed drainage of Malheur lake, people in Western Oregon are threatening the very life-blood of our country," was the first complaint that reached the ears of A. G. Clark, head of the Associated Industries of Oregon, while on a tour of Harney and Malheur counties two weeks ago in the interest of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce membership drive.

Asserting that the people of Portland and other sections of Oregon west of the mountains are misinformed as to the purpose of this proposed act, land owners and settlers of Harney county are bitter in their comment against the propaganda which has been spread broadcast against their efforts to better their own conditions, said Mr. Clark.

### Little Water in the Lake

While in Harney county, Mr. Clark looked carefully over the territory both surrounding and tributary to Lake Malheur. He found that what is represented on the map as Malheur lake was mostly a big flat which had been dry all winter with the exception of the places where the Silvies and Blitzen rivers came in confluence to form a small body of water. The whole territory was covered with tule flags and had been devoted for many months to feeding ground for cattle.

The water from the Silvies and Blitzen rivers is drawn off by a vast network of ditches for the supplying of water to 150,000 acres devoted to the raising of hay and alfalfa. As

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