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OIL EXPERT WANTED AT DOG MOUNTAIN

President of Company Suggests Advisability.

WOULD INSURE PROPER HANDLING

Stockholders and Others Subscribed to \$500 Fund on Promise of Like Sum to Be Raised in Portland.

Since returning to his home at Portland, M. G. Nease, who is president of the company that has drilled the oil well at Dog Mountain, has suggested the advisability of placing an expert in charge of operations upon resuming work on the project.

Mr. Nease recently wrote to C. H. Voegtly, one of the heavy local stockholders in the concern asking his advice and adding that if meets the approval of the local stockholders and the people of this community will put additional money into stock to the amount of \$500 he will raise a like amount in Portland and secure the services of an expert to bring the well in. Accordingly some of the local men interested got busy yesterday with good success and it looks favorable to "calling Mr. Nease's bet" and the work going forward under the most favorable circumstances. He calls attention to mistakes of the past and cites good reasons for the employment of an experienced oil man to finish the job.

This well has been drilled to what is believed an oil flow but had not been properly handled with the result that the cap rock was penetrated and the water allowed to stand for an indefinite time which caused delay and much inconvenience. With a man thoroughly familiar with oil wells it is confidently expected that a flowing well will be developed immediately. Several who had already taken considerable stock in this well subscribed for additional stock on this suggestion while others who had never taken any stock subscribed.

The writer met J. B. Kerr, a well known geologist of California, this week. Mr. Kerr had been making an investigation of this Valley as a possible oil field, and while he had very little to say in the presence of the newspaper man, he told others of his favorable impression of this field. The activity shown in this line of work recently has added confidence and the people are giving prospecting concerns better support.

The Times-Herald gave this subject some consideration recently and stated at that time the favorable prospects for a flowing well in the near future in commercial quantities. It predicts big things in the oil discoveries in this Valley in the immediate future.

RED CROSS OFFICERS ELECTED.

The executive committee of Harney County Chapter, American Red Cross, met on Wednesday afternoon and elected the officers for the Chapter for this year and also named the chairmen of the several standing committees.

Charles W. Ellis was chosen chairman of the Chapter; W. M. Sutton was made vice-chairman; Mrs. Phebe Geary, who has acted as secretary for the Chapter almost constantly since it was organized, was again elected to that responsible position and also made secretary of the Home Service Department which is the only one that will be active for the time being; Mrs. Geary will receive a salary in this position. A. C. Welcome was chosen treasurer.

The chairmen of the several committees are: Executive, Sam Thompson; Civilian Relief, Joe Thompson; Military Relief, C. H. Leonard; Membership, Mrs. Grace Lamphire; Publicity, Mrs. W. E. Huston; Finance, Wm. Farre.

INFORMATION CONCERNING EIGHTH GRADE EXAMS

County School Superintendent Frances M. Clark announces that the eighth grade final examinations will be held on May 15 and 16. Question sheets for the examination will be sent out as soon as received from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. It is hoped to have them in the hands of the board chairmen in plenty of time before the dates given.

WAR SERVICE COUNTS SA HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

One Unit for Each 12 Months; Part of Faculty Elected for Next Term Starting in Fall.

A meeting of the Harney County High School board was held last Saturday afternoon at which time part of the instructors for the coming year were elected although there are still some vacancies. O. T. Storil was again elected as principal; Mrs. Eloise Roderick re-elected as head of the commercial course; Mrs. B. E. Ralston, home economics.

Following the meeting the application of Miss Huggins was received and this will be acted upon soon. At present there are vacancies in the English, History, Manual Training and Agriculture departments.

In discussing the coming school year Mr. Storil stated he hoped to devote considerable time to getting his faculty so arranged as to promote the interests of the school. He has in mind several new activities during next year which includes athletics as well as physical culture for the girls and possibly a school band. Mr. Storil also hopes to see much interest in the literary societies and student body activities.

We understand Mr. Storil expects to leave in a short time for the purpose of visiting some of the high schools of the state which are still in session. This meets the approval of the board and also the patrons as he will thus have an opportunity to observe and get in touch with the methods of other schools.

Word has been received through J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, authorizing the principal of the school to grant one unit toward graduation for every 12 months spent in either the army or navy by a high school student. The total number of credits so given must, however, in no case exceed three. This ruling is to apply whether the service was in this country or over seas.

School will open September 1st and it is urged that prospective students of the school already begin planning for their next year's work. To facilitate this pamphlets will soon be issued giving all necessary information as to the amount and character of the work to be offered.

Students are also advised to continue with the subjects begun last fall and for which no credit was received because of the brief period of school. The course in Manual Training which was introduced two years ago, will be resumed and a capable instructor is being sought for this subject and Agriculture.

During the last legislative session, physical training was made compulsory for all students. Twenty minutes each day exclusive of recess will be devoted to this.

From inquiries already received, there is every indication to believe that last year's enrollment which was so auspiciously increased to the high water mark of 83, will reach 100 the coming year. This can easily be realized if full advantage is taken of the splendid educational facilities offered at home.

GRAND WORTHY MATRON VISITS EASTERN STAR

Burns Chapter, No. 40, O. E. S. was paid an official visit by Worthy Grand Matron Mabel Sattlemeyer on Thursday night. Word was received last week that she contemplated this visit and local members advised her not to come on account of the influenza epidemic. The lady finally sent a wire saying she had made all arrangements and fixed her itinerary, therefore would come in even though the attendance might not be as large as otherwise. There were three candidates for the degrees but the train was late reaching Crane and the visitor did not reach this city until almost midnight. The candidates had been given the degrees before her arrival but a number of the members remained at the lodge room and the Worthy Grand Matron was most graciously received. Mrs. Minnie Letson, of Ontario, Associate Grand Conductress, accompanied the Grand Matron over.

Following the meeting a nice repast was served and the visitors returned to Crane in order to take the morning train out. Mrs. Archie McGowan brought them over from Crane and took them back.

COMMISSIONERS RETURN FROM HIGHWAY MEETING

Big Delegations Sent from Neighboring Counties to Present Claims.

County Commissioners Hass and McKinnon arrived home Thursday night from Portland where they had been to attend a meeting of the State Highway Commission. They report having found big delegations from our neighboring counties present to present their claims and see what could be accomplished through co-operation.

Malheur county had its entire county court present, with some dozen additional delegates with the proposition of bonding for \$200,000 and use the major part of it on the John Day highway but they also promised the commission they would use a portion of it on the Central Oregon highway state our representatives. The gentlemen also bring back word that Deschutes county proposes a bond issue of \$125,000 and promise to use \$10,000 of that on the road east to Burns.

Messrs. Hass and McKinnon both feel that the Central Oregon highway is shape for immediate attention if certain things can be adjusted. They say the letting of a contract for the first unit of this road has been held up for the past several weeks because the post master at Lawen has refused to sign the recommendation of the route. This has been caused by the survey being run in such a manner as to not serve the post office at that place, but leaves it off to one side. Our commissioners state that the State Highway Commission will not make a change in the present location of the route and suggest that the court promise to construct a road from the highway to the post office at Lawen as a means of settling the matter satisfactorily. The two commissioners propose to go to Lawen tomorrow to make this proposition.

Mr. Weinstein, the post master at Lawen, was in this city yesterday and told a representative of this paper he was not disposed to act arbitrarily in this matter and was in favor of the highway but if it is to be a post road it should serve the post office. He said: "I am ready to submit the matter to the citizens of Harney county and abide by their decision if we can get a representative meeting together to consider it along with other things of public interest, but I do not believe in allowing one or two men to dictate to me and my neighbors what we should do in this or any other matter. I have recently had some correspondence with the State Highway and the postal authorities and imagine I know something of my position in this controversy."

Bert Otis, who is farming the old Bowen place on Poison Creek, arrived home from Spokane Thursday evening, where he and the family had been since last fall. Just himself and son came in as the other members of the family will remain in the city until the close of school. Mr. Otis seeded a large acreage to sweet clover last year and reports it is doing fine.

BONDING CONCERN HELPS OUR QUOTA

Morris Brothers, Inc., Take \$30,000 Worth Victory Loan Locally.

Manager James Donegan received a telegram yesterday from Morris Bros., of Portland announcing that the firm would subscribe for \$30,000 worth of Victory Bonds in Harney county and asked to which bank the assignment should be made.

Morris Bros. are a bonding concern and to show their interest and belief in the cause they have placed an advertisement in every paper in Oregon this week urging the people to buy Victory Bonds. In addition to this they have made the above proposition which is certainly commendable.

W. W. BROWN BUYS MORE GRAZING LAND

9,000 Acres of Davidson Holdings Taken; To Be Paid for in Wool.

While in Prineville Saturday on other business, W. W. Brown met Watson P. Davidson of St. Paul and closed a deal for 9,600 acres of grazing land adjacent to holdings he already possesses in the southern part of this county, says the Crook County Journal.

The lands already owned by Mr. Brown totaled more than 14,000 acres and is situated in four counties, and is used for grazing livestock of all kinds, principally sheep.

Mr. Brown says he has reduced his horses somewhat, having sold more than 2,000 head in the past two years but expects to increase his sheep to 20,000 or 25,000 head.

He has faith in the livestock industry and although well past the threescore mark in years, he thinks that Central Oregon is a good country in which to live and work.

He came to this country in 1882, got a job in Prineville digging a well and afterwards taught school. He believes live stock will enjoy high prices for years and is building accordingly.

Incidentally he contracted to pay Mr. Davidson for his lands in wool, which was valued at 45 cents for this year and 40 cents a pound for the two succeeding clips.

FARM LABOR STILL IN DEMAND.

Men able to drive the many-horse teams on the big eastern Oregon ranches are scarce and hard to find, reports J. W. Brewer, farm help specialist of the college extension and federal service. He thinks the tractor will have to be the solution if the present condition continues. A great shortage of farm labor is reported from the Spokane and Yakima districts. A good tenant house, fit to live and enjoy life in, is one of Mr. Brewer's solutions of the farm help problem. He says the tenant's wife often determines whether the farm hand remains on the farm, and the tenant house determines the attitude of the wife.

ALL OREGON MOTHERS FACE BIG TASK

Dr. Louise Richter of Oregon Social Hygiene Society Coming to Burns to Help.

Dr. Louise Richter will be a big factor in helping the women of Burns in the fight against the social evil in Oregon when she speaks to the women and girls of the city on Wednesday, April 23, at 3:00 and 8:00 p. m. in the Liberty theatre. The afternoon address will be primarily for girls of eleven and over, and the evening meeting will be primarily for women.

There are now very few persons in Oregon who do not know of the splendid health record of this state. In the first million draftees, while the average state sent thirty venereally diseased men per thousand into the service and the state with the highest percentage sent eighty-nine per thousand, Oregon sent less than six per thousand.

This wonderful record has been made possible by the splendid co-operation of the people of Oregon during the past seven years in educational propaganda for clean young manhood and young womanhood.

There is no fact connected with the war of which Oregonians may feel more justly proud than of this record of her manhood and of the foresight that made such a result possible. But with our pride comes a great sense of duty—the duty to keep Oregon in the proud position she holds—to keep her standing as a beacon to the rest of the world in its struggle for clean living.

The Federal government and other states are now realizing the terrible drain upon economic resources, health and morals resulting from the social evil and they are taking up the fight against its ravages. Oregon must continue to show them the way and it is upon the mothers of the state that this duty principally falls.

We must, if we are to continue the fight effectively, have an educated parenthood to give to the young the information that every boy and girl should have. One generation of parents knowing their duty and having the confidence of their children will do much to eliminate the red plague from our state.

It is hoped that every mother and every woman interested in understanding herself or her children will hear Dr. Richter while she is here.

Dr. Richter is a physician with twenty-three years practise. She has been specially prepared by the War Department to bring her message to women and girls and she speaks under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society.

There will be no admission charge to the lecture and no collection will be taken up.

B. H. Kauffman, a son of Mrs. Charles W. Ellis, arrived home this week after receiving his discharge from the navy in which branch of the service he volunteered at the beginning of the war. The young man was mustered out in Philadelphia. His home coming was a pleasant surprise to his mother as she was not even aware that he had returned to the States from Liverpool where he had been stationed.

CITY COUNCIL DECIDES ON CLEAN-UP WEEK

Citizens Present at Meeting By Invitation

USE SUGGESTED FOR CITY ROAD FUND

City Will Provide Means for Disposing of Garbage and Trash Collect; Better Health Conditions.

Considerable interest was shown at a special meeting of the city council last night which was called for the purpose of starting a general clean-up of the town, both as to accumulated garbage and the beautifying of the homes of the citizens and improvement of the streets. Several of the citizens were present by invitation and took part in the discussion and made suggestions. One matter under consideration was the method of expending the road fund which is placed in the hands of the city as it is a road district in itself and has a certain amount of the road fund at its disposal each year.

Repair Bad Spots in Roads. Some wanted it used in putting the main street in better repair but this did not meet the approval of others who contended that each property owner should stand the expense in front of his property and that the road funds should be used in the intersections and upon the approaches to town from the several country roads.

One matter that might have had attention in connection with the disposal of this fund was the few bad spots a short distance out which prevented people from getting to town during the recent muddy season. It was asserted by men who knew that this lost a considerable trade to this town which might have been avoided with a small expenditure of money.

In the general discussion of the affairs of the city Charles W. Ellis suggested the advisability of a new charter for the city. This brought out comment upon the present charter which it appears is somewhat antiquated.

Clean-up Date Set.

Before the meeting adjourned the mayor set the week beginning April 28 as clean-up week. Those present expressed their hearty approval of the intention of the council to inaugurate a general improvement program which will bring about a better condition in the health of the city as well as more slightly appearance of the town.

The city will provide means of taking away the garbage and trash from the homes and alleys of the city during clean-up week. All is asked is the co-operation of the citizens in collecting the debris around their premises and placing in convenient piles where the teams or trucks may load it on.

Direction of City Marshal.

The campaign is to be placed under the direction of the city marshal and he is also authorized to see that the broken boards in the sidewalks are fixed and the fences that are partly out in the street are straightened up.

It should be the pride of every resident to co-operate in this move and see that the request of the authorities is complied with. It is not expected that this work can be accomplished in a day and we have the entire week to complete it in. Let's do it.

STOCK RAISERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT BEND

Secretary Correll of the Cattle & Horse Raisers' Association, has written this shop announcing the 6th annual convention to be held in Bend on April 22 and 23. Correll suggests that the boys who go from here come over and join the Baker contingent who go out in a special train, but the stock men from this county could be in Bend before they could get from here to Baker. However, he will find a bunch of the Harney county boys there to take part in the convention.

Mrs. Frank Groff informs this paper that W. H. Chase, who formerly worked at the Burns Garage but who volunteered his services to the government at the outbreak of the war, has gained promotion rapidly and is now Ensign at the Naval Auxiliary Reserve at New York.

THE KEYSTONE

