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Burns Delegation Meets State Highway Commission

Silver Creek and Crane Also Represented in Effort to Obtain Better Roads for County; More Successful Than Anticipated.

Burns had a large and representative delegation in Portland this week to meet with the State Highway Commission to discuss road building. In addition to those going down from Burns there were also men from the Silver Creek section and later one of the citizens of Crane was present.

The delegation had in mind one particular proposition when it started to the metropolis, but upon getting on the ground and finding encouragement from an unexpected source, they asked for more and got it. This comes from having numbers and the sporting spirit.

The road in mind when the delegation started for Portland was one between Burns and Suntext over on Silver Creek. The delegation had received information before going that the Department of Agriculture had approved the Burns-Lawen project. It had been the intention to ask further consideration on this route and possibly get a slight change of location that was desired in the immediate vicinity of Lawen, but upon consideration it was thought impossible after the approval of the Department. However, in spite of this, it is to have the attention of the engineers with favorable prospects.

The members of the delegation had been informed by the county court that all available road money had been appropriated for this year but the proposition was to present the importance of the completion of the entire distance between this point and Crane this year and try to get the Commission to pledge itself to such a program without further obligation upon the part of this county.

Went Primarily for Silver Creek Post Road.

The post road from Burns to Suntext, on Silver Creek, as a part of the Central Oregon Highway was the particular business before the people and Harney county was ready to pledge \$25,000 next year to this project and ask the Commission to commit itself to the project.

Most of the delegates arrived in Portland the day before the meeting and Commissioner Hass and others who knew members of the board, obtained an audience with the result that Harney county was heard from before the regular meeting and the Commission took the proposal under consideration to be answered the following day when the session began.

Got More Than Expected.

It might have appeared unfortunate to some that the Harney County fellows got their "lines crossed" as upon being called at the meeting it was evident there was a misunderstanding. This caused a friend to suggest that Harney county get together and have a better understanding as members of the commission got the idea that it was the intention to abandon the Burns-Crane project at Lawen, the point to which it had been approved by the Department of Agriculture, and take up the Silver Creek project.

That's just where it was fortunate as by the delay and the entire delegation having an opportunity to discuss the situation a greater program was conceived.

Jim Stewart, who has been using his energy and ink over in Wheeler county in past years to enlighten the people through his newspaper, simply "butted into" the privacy of the Harney county conference and told the bunch to be good sports and come across right. He told them to ask for things. If they didn't have as much money as they found necessary to complete the project just ask the Commission to loan 'em some and promise to pay it back when they got it. This plan was adopted and two resolutions were drawn up setting forth the desires of this county with definite proposals of road construction.

Commission to Complete Burns-Crane Road.

As a result of this action the Commission is committed to complete the road from Lawen on to Crane, putting up the additional funds necessary

which Harney will repay later in proportion to the amount expended. It is also committed to prepare a project the road between this place and Suntext, Harney county to participate to the amount of \$20,000, available next year.

It was ascertained that Malheur county has pledged \$45,000 to use on the Central Oregon Highway west from Ontario; the project between here and Crane is settled and the link between this city and Silver Creek is agreeable to the Commission in 1920; Bend had a delegation there who proposed to put \$35,000 in on the project of an east and west highway and secured the promise of survey east 17 miles from that place towards Burns and this will be done when a survey can be spared.

Complete East and West Road in 1921.

If present plans are worked out it is expected to have the gap between the two terminals out of Bend and this place connected in 1921 and the connection between Crane and the Malheur county line also done. It will then be possible an all year road east and west through the state to connect with the Columbia highway.

This is how the matter stands at the present time and the delegation feels it has accomplished as much as it can reasonably expect until such time as means are provided for more finances. This could only be done through a bond issue which would require an election. Whether this is advisable at this time is a matter of speculation. Fact is, it is a question whether Harney county has any other project that would meet with favor with the Commission. It has other post road possibilities and these should have consideration.

Harney County Lagging.

However this may be it is pointed out that we are falling behind the procession in not being in a position to take advantage of present favorable conditions in the way of getting aid when there are available funds. Almost every county in the state is bonding and asking for state and federal aid—and are getting it too—while we are only playing around the edges. Some are advocating the advisability of getting busy and voting bonds while there is considerable money in the state and federal funds available. So many are taking advantage of the appropriations from the State Commission that they find they cannot be so liberal as in the past. If we wait we are going to get less in proportion to the amount we put up.

Ask for More Post Roads.

With other post roads in view in this county we should take advantage of our opportunity while funds are available. We may just as well have more roads in Harney county and every community have one equally as good as the proposed highway if we but take the matter in hand and see fit to pay the price. Other counties are enjoying this privilege and having large sums expended within their borders. We are not all situated so as to have a highway at our door but we can have just as good roads as the other fellow if we get busy. The proposition of taxing for market roads, an amendment to be voted on at the coming election in June, gives us an opportunity to secure more funds within our county for roads. Should this bill be successful, and it will be, Harney county will have to make provision for it otherwise it will be helping to pay for roads in some other county as we must make an appropriation in order to secure funds.

Move One Deschutes Railroad toward Burns.

The Burns delegation was approached at Bend by citizens of that place with the proposition of advocating the abandonment of one of the railroad lines up the Deschutes, remove the rails and extend them toward Burns, using the road bed up

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Young America Borrows Calves At Bank Now



Our agricultural forefathers went to the bank—to borrow money. The present generation of boys and girls goes to the bank, too—but their mission is to borrow calves and pigs. It is the new keynote of developing "interest in farm life." Iowa alone this year has placed nearly 1000 high grade dairy heifer calves under the care of boys and girls in the state. The bank buys the calves at reasonable price and furnishes them to the boys at a low rate of interest, the boy or girl to raise the animal—selling at a big profit in the fall. Calf distributing days evolve into virtually a community holiday, as this picture from Decorah, Iowa, shows. The insert shows a member of the club holding two calves which will furnish the foundation stock for a future Iowa herd.

TO HEAD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE IN HOUSE



Gilbert N. Haugen, congressman from Iowa, will be the next chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, when congress meets in the sixth-sixth session. Important agricultural measures are expected to get some action, now that the war is over.

A. OTTINGER BUYS STORE PROPERTY.

The Times-Herald has learned that A. Ottinger, proprietor of the Farmers Exchange in this city, has this week purchased the building the store now occupies from C. A. Bedell. This deal has been pending for a time and has just been closed. It is the intention to negotiate for adjoining property and extend the building if possible. In case this is accomplished, the store will add to the present stock of goods, perhaps putting in a complete line of shoes and furnishings in addition to the fine line of groceries now carried.

DEADLY BOMB IN THERMOS BOTTLE

One of Many Gripping Scenes in "The Hun Within" Coming to The Liberty Sunday.

In "The Hun Within", the special Paramount Arteract photoplay just released, there is one gripping situation calculated to draw the audience out of their seats. This is when an innocent-looking thermos bottle is taken from the hold of the steamship crowded with troops, and which explodes as it strikes the water and huris a volcano one hundred feet into the air. This is one of the many thrilling situations in "The Hun Within," which is to be presented at the Liberty theatre next Sunday.

The story deals with spies and tells how a patriotic young American girl, aided by Secret Service operatives, frustrates the designs of German plotters and brings them to justice. The story by Granville Warwick is one of exceptional beauty and dramatic strength and its direction by Chester Withey, was in every way masterly and artistic. The leading feminine role is portrayed by Dorothy Gish, the charming Griffith star, while George Fawcett, a veteran actor of wide popularity and talent, is seen in the role of a patriotic German-American. Others in the cast are Charles Gerard, Douglas MacLean, Bert Sutch, Lillian Clarke, the latter having a splendid role, that of a German woman spy, which she handles with great deftness and dexterity.

M. A. Spicer expects to leave next week for Eugene where he goes to visit two of his daughters for a while. He will extend his journey to Grant's Pass before he returns where another daughter resides.

TO TAKE ADVANCED DEGREES IN MASONRY.

A party consisting of V. G. Cozad, and his son Rodney, L. M. Brown, C. H. Voegtly, Henry Dalton, R. Fred Williams, and Chas. M. Faulkner, left this afternoon for Canyon City to attend the initiation of a class in the Chapter Degrees of Masonry. The three last named are victims, the others going along to chaperon and see that they make the journey safely. Other members of the order hope to take these degrees at some future time. It is possible that a lodge of that degree may be instituted in this city later.

WINS CAPITAL PRIZE AS MOST BEAUTIFUL



Washington has gone back to the sport of finding its most beautiful woman, proving that the war is really over. It is Miss Elizabeth Roeder Heilmuller for 1919, according to the judgment of three prominent artists who awarded her a Tiffany prize as a crowning glory.

POISON EXPERT IN TO AID LOCAL RANCHERS

D. L. Jameson Explains Bureau Formula.

COUNTY COURT ASKED FOR POISON

Petitioned to Provide Revolving Funds With Which to Aid Eradication of Pests.

D. L. Jameson, a poison expert working under the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Biological Survey, made an official visit to the city the early part of the week.

Mr. Jameson was sent in by the Bureau at the request of local ranchers who are interested in eradicating the sage rat and rabbit pests. While here the gentleman held a meeting at the Commercial Club rooms, where he explained the method of mixing and using the poison recommended by the Bureau. The formula for this mixture was also given, and is published here for the benefit of our readers.

The county court has been petitioned to provide a revolving fund with which to aid in the eradication of these rodents and pests. The petitioners set forth that it is difficult to do effective work because of the vast amount of vacant land and therefore ask that this aid be extended them. There is every reason to believe this petition will meet with favor from the court.

1st. Mix Dry; One (1) ounce powdered strychnine alkloid and one (1) ounce baking soda.

2nd. Make starch paste. Stir one (1) tablespoonful of gloss starch into one half cup of cold water, then pour it into one half pint of boiling water and cook until a thick, clear, transparent paste is formed which is free from lumps.

3rd. When paste is formed, add the dry mixture of strychnine and soda. Stir until thoroughly mixed.

4th. Add one half pint of heavy corn syrup (Karo).

5th. Stir in four (4) tablespoonfuls of salt.

6th. Add one (1) ounce of glycerine (mix well).

7th. Add, while stirring, one (1) teaspoonful saccharine.

8th. Pour this over twenty (20) quarts of good, clean, heavy oats and mix until each kernel is coated.

9th. For convenience in handling, the grain should now be spread out to dry, stirring it up occasionally to prevent drying in cake. A quantity of grain equal to a heaping teaspoonful is sufficient for bait. Do not put in little piles but scatter the grain about the burrow or along their trails. If the bait is thus placed it will not endanger livestock. It is a waste of poison to throw baits directly in burrows or to put them in piles. If put in piles one squirrel will eat more than enough to kill, while if scattered, the time required to gather the grain and the exercise, will hasten the action of the poison thus causing a quicker death and leaving some of the bait for the next squirrel.

AN AGED PIONEER WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. Rebecca E. Sizemore died at the home of her son, J. E. Sizemore, near the head of Harney Lake on Thursday after a short illness, aged 86 years. She took sick early in the week and Dr. Smith was called out to attend her but held out no hope for her recovery owing to her advanced age.

Mrs. Sizemore had resided in this section since 1907, but had resided in Eastern Oregon for many years previous. She came with her husband to Baker from Missouri many years ago and upon his death came to this country to live with her sons.

Mrs. Sizemore was born in Indiana and later moved to Iowa and to Missouri later. She is survived by eight children, three of whom reside in this vicinity, J. E., Geo. S. and Otus Sizemore. One son is in Portland, another in Wyoming, one in Kansas, one daughter in Wyoming and another in Arkansas.

The funeral was held this afternoon from the Nazarene church, service being conducted by Rev. George Ward and interment was made in the Burns cemetery.

SLOWING HIM UP

