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## PROMINENT STATE MEN TO VISIT HARNEY VALLEY

### President Kerr and Members Board of Regents O. A. C. Coming Monday

A telegram received by W. E. Jones of this office yesterday evening announces that President Kerr and regents Judge Weatherford, Walter Pearce, Sen. Von Derhellen, Jeffers and Mr. Cornwall, and others of the O. A. C., would arrive in Burns next Monday evening and would leave their departure early Wednesday morning for Bend. The telegram was sent by W. A. Jensen, secretary of Pres. Kerr. Nothing was said in the telegram about Governor Olcott being a member of the party.

The object of this visit is to make a inspection of the Experiment Station. This will require the time of the visitors during Tuesday, but no definite is known as to how this will be put in or what the delegation expects.

Sgt. Shattuck was asked today if he had any information as to the date of the party in respect to their movements while in this vicinity and he said he had no information. A telegram was sent him last week but nothing has been received by him and the information in the telegram was slight, merely stating the delegation would be here July 14 and 15.

The Burns Commercial Club hopes to have the visitors at an informal meeting on Tuesday evening provided it would not interfere with their plans. However, it will likely be necessary to await their arrival before making any arrangements for such a meeting.

Most of the gentlemen in the party are well known to the people of this community and it would be a pleasure to entertain them if they have time to spare to their friends.

## IN THE BLIND'S WORLD

The blind live in a world all their own. They read books printed by the blind letter press and have a written code easily understood and quickly read. Mr. Francis just received a letter from his wife at home. It was written on a little card only three inches. To the ordinary person it contained nothing but some gibberish, but these same pin holes meant much to Mr. Francis. He ran his fingers slowly over the surface of the card and as he did this he read. Finally he said, "Well, well, good news. My wife is out visiting her aunt who lives in the valley, and she will be back Friday." He then showed a card on which she had written something that closely resembled the following:

"All this means that she has darned socks and they are lying in the drawer by the bed." One night he had an out look in the club and when he came home he found a card that the door-keeper looked a little like this:

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The electric current is an ordinary person to the knowledge of another near and dear to see the person who has been blinded in the blind. Many are so highly tense in their minds that it is almost impossible to approach them without their eyes owing to the electric current which is constantly flowing through their bodies.

Write your hay. See write or Wm. Farre.

## BOY BITTEN BY RATTLER FRIEND SUCKED OUT POISON

While in the hills to the west of this city on last Monday with a flock of sheep belonging to his father, Joe Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Young, was bitten by a rattler snake. He had some boy companions with him and upon realizing the snake had struck him the boys got busy. From what we can learn of the circumstance it would appear that these young boys had discussed what should be done in case one was bitten by a snake and when the occasion presented itself they acted. As soon as the wound had been exposed after removing the clothing from Joe's leg, little Eldon Barron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barron, took a knife and cut the place and sucked the blood from it. A handkerchief was used to bind the leg and they took a stick of sage brush to twist it in order that it would bind tight.

The boys were some distance from town and upon arriving home a doctor was called. He examined the wound and also the cuts in the clothing where the snake and a green stain was found on both the trousers and the underwear. The doctor cauterized the wound and the boy has had no bad effects from his experience.

The parents of these boys have been very modest regarding the incident but we believe that they should be given credit for much grit and presence of mind under the circumstances. Few grown people would have done as much and it certainly was a heroic act for the little eight year old boy to suck the blood and poison from the wound, thus taking a chance with his own life for the safety of his young friend.

The Times-Herald is informed that rattler snakes seem to be numerous throughout the country this season, caused, possibly by the dry weather which has brought them from farther back in the hills where they usually are found.

## AIRPLANE TO VISIT BURNS

R. L. Hass received a letter last Monday from John Love, representative of the Portland Aircraft Association, stating that during the War Savings Stamp drive he would visit Burns in an Airplane. It is the plan of the association to visit each county seat in Oregon and Mr. Love invited Mr. Hass to accompany him in a flight here some time in July.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Frank Dibble was in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Biggs returned home last night from a trip to Malheur county where they had been for some ten days.

Zollie Dibble has been in town for a few days under the care of a physician. He is improving in health.

The Ladies Sage Brush Club entertained Mrs. Jack Withers last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Frank Whiting, by presenting her with many beautiful presents.

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## ALFALFA IN THE CROP.

The having season is in full blast at this time. The past two years has demonstrated the absolute success of alfalfa in this country and with each succeeding season showing the inferior quality of native meadow grass and its dependability upon the flood water we wonder that more of our ranchers don't get busy with the crop that is going to make Harney Valley great. Alfalfa and field peas are the crops and we must realize it.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES CRYSTALLIZE

### Committees Report; Work Gives Impetus; Salaried Secretary Considered

A live meeting of the Burns Commercial Club was held last night at the club rooms when the constitution and by-laws were read and adopted and the future activities of the club brought to the front.

In the general order of business several things brought on spirited discussion which enlightened the organization and what its sponsors intend it to stand for toward the advancement and upbuilding of this community and Harney county.

The first important matter to settle following the adoption of the constitution was the decision to secure the services of a paid secretary at once and with this in view the directors were instructed to get in communication with outside points and see what could be done toward securing an experienced man for this position.

Among other matters discussed was the proposition of securing better mail service for this place. Harry C. Smith showed in a talk that two-thirds of the mail received in this county comes from the west and how it is necessary to haul it almost entirely around the state and bring it in from the east at a delay of at least 24 hours, when it might be brought cross from Bend seven times a week, thus giving us more direct communication with points to the west. The mail communication between this section and others was also discussed and submitted to the proper committee.

The report that the electric light plant was likely to be shut down soon was also taken up. This is a matter that should be given consideration as it affects the entire town. It is possible that this problem may be solved by getting a buyer for the plant or if other matters of import now pending should be brought about the plant would be absorbed in a larger enterprise which would mean not only an adequate light plant for Burns but a payroll enterprise of big dimensions as well.

Upon one member giving out the information that men were expected in this vicinity next week to look over the possibilities of establishing a saw mill and tapping the big timber belt to the north of this city, the club instructed the proper committee to be

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## HIGHWAY CONTRACT LET WORK BEGINS AUG. 1ST

### Bids Wanted at Once For Fence Construction--To Be Opened July 17

The contract for the portion of the Central Oregon highway between this city and Lawen has been let to the Pacific Bridge Co. according to a telegram received early in the week by County Commissioner Hass. This brings the highway proposition down to a certainty and therefore, no question as to its being completed. The contractors expect to have their equipment on the ground by the first of next month and the road completed by Dec. 31.

Upon this information being received the county court held a special session and arranged for the material to fence the right of way. The wire is secured and the posts ordered. Bids have been advertised for in this issue of The Times-Herald for the building of the fence, the bids to be opened on July 17. Men desiring to do this work should get busy without delay, as it is necessary that the right of way be fenced by the time the contractors are ready for work, as the fields through which the highway route passes must not be allowed to be open owing to damage to crops.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club held last evening it was decided to place the matter of further good roads in the hands of a proper committee to work out a definite plan of action and continue the good work already begun by Commissioner Hass and others. It is a subject that should be given attention by the residents of the county. We have turned down the road program outlined in the ballot at the June election by our vote, yet Harney county will have to pay its share of the taxes as the bills carried in the state and unless we take advantage of the opportunity, other more progressive counties of the state will profit from our money. The market roads bill requires that each county must provide an equal amount to have any aid from the state. Harney county will be taxed one mill on every dollar of its taxable property for this purpose and unless we provide to use some of the funds we will simply be helping to pay for good roads of other localities.

These facts have been pointed out in the past in these columns and they were given detailed consideration in a paper read before the Commercial Club by Commissioner Hass last week.

## HARNEY COUNTY BOY HAS EXPERIENCE IN NAVY

Edwin Griffin arrived here Wednesday from Spokane where he is now connected with a recruiting station for a short time during sick leave from active duty with Uncle Sam's navy. Edwin is a Harney county boy and his mother is one of the respected pioneer women residing in the vicinity of Narrows.

The young man volunteered in the service and enlisted for a full four years in the service. He states that the men who enlist in this manner rather than for the duration of the war are given preference and therefore get into active service more quickly. He was in San Francisco but a few days when he first enlisted when he was called to the Atlantic coast and within a short time was going across.

Mr. Griffin was one of the crew of the ammunition ship, Westover, which was torpedoed and sunk by the German U-boat 54 on July 11, last year, and is one of twelve of a crew of 93 to survive. He and his companions drifted in an open boat for five days without food or water before being picked up. The Westover was completely under the waves within 33 minutes after the torpedo hit her and nothing was saved as the U-boat shelled them after the boat started to sink. Mr. Griffin and his companions had given up all hope of rescue as they had been out so long and during the four nights and the fifth day they drifted they covered 480 miles from the place where the boat was sunk. They were picked up just off the coast of England by a fishing smack which accidentally discovered them. Even though they were near the coast the survivors had no hopes of rescue as they were just entering the breakwater and headed for a rocky bluff when the fishing boat caught them and towed them around this dangerous point into harbor. It was a narrow escape from death and Edwin will remember this experience as long as he lives.

The rescued men were well cared for in England and later taken to a hospital at Brest, France, where they recovered and then Edwin was brought back to New York and put on the Destroyer Dorsey where he has since served. The young man has advanced rapidly in the service and is now a machinist's mate with prospects for advancement. He enlisted for the full four years and says he does not regret it as he has been well provided for and says it is a good thing for a young man.

The young man was accompanied down from Spokane by his uncle, Judge F. W. Girard, and they have gone to the home of Mrs. Griffin near Narrows for a visit of a few days. Edwin has to report for duty in Spokane on the first of next month and will spend the interval renewing acquaintances in this section and visiting his mother.

A coincidence in connection with Mr. Griffin's visit home is here noted: An officer connected with the recruiting station in Portland happened to be in this city the day the young man arrived and this fellow said he was on a destroyer that is credited with having sunk the German U-boat 54 which torpedoed the Westover.

W. C. Gleason and W. G. Rowell were up from the Swan Lake oil well during the week. These men are confident of the success of the oil well at that place but at present active operations are suspended waiting the arrival of more casing which has been ordered.

E. B. Commissioner W. N. Moorhead of Catlow, was in town during the week accompanied by his wife. They were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Young, while in town. Mr. Moorhead stated that crops were being harvested in his valley and that there were some very good ones.

Fred Hereth, formerly a resident of the Sunnied district, arrived here the fore part of this week from New Plymouth, Idaho, where he now resides. Mr. Hereth still owns real estate in this section and is here to renew acquaintances and look after his business interests. He is interested in the oil prospects and like all of the people of this country, hopes we have an oil field. He has gone to Narrows for a few days but expects to be in Burns again before taking his departure for Idaho.

## OIL QUESTION STILL REMAINS UNSOLVED

### Experienced Driller Arrives; Government Man to Make Tests.

M. G. Nease, president of the Central Oregon Oil & Gas Co., arrived here the fore part of this week accompanied by J. E. Steman, a practical and experienced driller, of Bakersfield, California. The latter proceeded at once to the Dog Mountain well where he began operations.

Mr. Nease was in town yesterday morning and upon inquiry as to how things were progressing at the well made the statement that they were working. That is all the statement the gentleman would make in respect to the activities at the present time but he handed the writer a letter he had recently received enclosed with a letter from Senator McNary, giving out the information that a government geologist had been assigned this territory to make an investigation of the oil and gas fields.

The assertion was made upon Mr. Nease's departure a few weeks ago for Portland that as soon as sufficient land was signed up under lease they would open the well at Dog Mountain. The lands have been leased and we understand Mr. Nease is here with the experienced driller to fulfill his promise. Whether work will be delayed pending the arrival and investigation of the government geologist or not we are not able to say. That the work is eagerly awaited by the citizens of this county has been shown by the interest taken. They have great hopes of the success of the present venture but since it has been delayed so often and the water has been allowed to remain in the well for such a period of time it may be disappointing.

If the work is to be suspended again pending the arrival of the government man we are doomed to another wait. However, the tone of the letter given us by Mr. Nease is encouraging as to investigation soon. It reads:

"Hon. Charles L. McNary,  
United States Senate.  
My dear Senator McNary:-  
In reply to your letter of June 24:  
The investigation of the Tertiary basins of Oregon east of the Cascade Mountains is just beginning in cooperation with the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology and Dr. J. P. Buwalda, geologist of this Survey, has arrived in Portland for conference with Mr. H. S. Parks, Director of the Oregon Bureau, preparatory to starting the work next week.  
Doctor Buwalda, who has given special attention for several years to the Tertiary formations and their stratigraphy in the Pacific Coast region, will have special regard for the depth and the character of the formations in the Tertiary basins with reference to their capacities for the generation and retention of oil and gas deposits. In the course of his work, Doctor Buwalda will probably examine all reported indications of oil and gas as well as the locations of tests drilled in the region.  
The essential results of these investigations will be promptly given to the State Bureau for publication, and it is planned to include the general conclusions in a report now in preparation by this Survey dealing with the broad subject of the undeveloped oil resources in the public land States.  
Very truly yours,  
GEORGE SMITH  
Director.

Diets-Tuesday, July 8, at the Haines hospital in this city, Francis Madison, aged ten years. The boy resided with his parents near Blitzen in Catlow Valley, a few days before he stepped on a rusty nail which caused lockjaw. He was brought to the hospital on Saturday but his condition was bad and little hopes were entertained for his recovery. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community.

Frank Allendar, a brother to Mrs. W. M. Sutton, was a visitor to our city yesterday. He is a practicing attorney of Los Angeles, California and is touring this part of the country in an auto in company with his wife.

## SIXTEEN MONTHS TO A DECISION—NOVEMBER ELECTION 1920

