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COUNTY ROAD BONDS WILL BE DISCUSSED

More Activities Launched by Commercial Club:

SEVERAL COMMITTEES PUT TO WORK

Club Arranging Lease on Present Rooms; Will Try for Improvements in Mail Service.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Burns Commercial Club held last night several committees were put to work on different projects under way in this community. The first one was to arrange with the city council and the Odd Fellows in signing up a lease for the club rooms.

Another committee consisting of Joe Thompson, J. E. Loggan and Henry Dalton was appointed in connection with the postal service between this point and Buchanan. A letter was received by President Biggs of the club in response to a petition to the Fourth Assistant Post Master General that the mail route between Burns and Buchanan be continued, stating that it was not the desire of the department to discontinue this route but that there had not been any one found who would accept the post mastership at Buchanan, and unless that was done it would be necessary to discontinue the route.

May Extend Route to Van.

This committee will canvass the situation and see what can be done. It is important that this route be continued. At present it is being maintained as a sack route, but this can not be continued indefinitely, according to the letter from the Fourth Assistant Post Master General, therefore it is necessary to get a post master. Should it be found that no one in that vicinity is willing to accept the position it is contemplated to have a mail route established having Van as the eastern terminus.

Invite Neighbors in to Discuss Road Building

President Biggs of the club will extend an invitation to Crane, Drewsey, Silver Creek, Narrows, Lawen and other neighboring places to meet with the club in this city on Friday evening, Aug. 8, to discuss in detail the proposition to bond the county for road purposes. This means much to this county and brings up a question that should have free discussion and in which every part of Harney county is interested. In the meantime the committee in charge of good roads program will get in touch with adjoining counties that have already bonded and have such data and information as can be secured for the meeting.

The proposition of bonding for road purposes has been considered before but no definite action has been taken. The club has committed itself to a broad road improvement plan provided it meets with approval and for that purpose the meeting is called. It should have representatives from every community to give views and listen to suggestions. Road improvement means a big undertaking in Harney county and must have careful consideration. We must get busy in order to get best results and a greater aid from the state and federal sources.

President Biggs appointed another committee on roads to keep in touch with the present activities of the Highway Commission in this territory and to take up the matter of permanent location of roads, especially the proposed post road leading to Suncox and its connection with the highway toward Crane. The committee is charged with the task of arranging suitable passage through this city for the connecting lines.

TRIP FROM CHICAGO MADE OVERLAND IN FORD CAR.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Korten of Chicago, accompanied by his sister, Miss E. H. Korten, arrived in this city yesterday evening and have gone out to the Korten ranch five miles east of here for the day. The party has driven through from Chicago in a Ford car and expect to go on as far as Eugene before starting on the return trip. They have had a delightful time so far. Mr. Korten makes annual trips to inspect his land holdings in this vicinity and his friends enjoy the occasional visits.

TIMBER MAN HERE LOOKING OVER COUNTRY

M. G. Nease arrived here yesterday accompanied by T. C. Sterret, of Detroit. Mr. Nease is a timber man with offices in Portland and while out in this vicinity looking after affairs at the Central Oregon Oil & Gas Co. interests, of which he is president, he has been looking over the timber and finding it quite an attractive proposition expressed his intention of inviting operators in to look over the field. That is the purpose of the visit of Mr. Sterret and they have gone up in the mountains north of town today, accompanied by Chas. M. Faulkner, who was appointed by the Commercial Club to furnish those gentlemen with what information they desired.

Mr. Nease does not commit himself to any definite proposition but is favorable to opening up the timber resources to the north of Burns provided his people find it advisable.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER COMES TO SUPERVISE WORK

C. E. Randels, an engineer connected with the State Highway Commission, arrived here last Saturday and will have charge of the highway work between Burns and Lawen. At present he is in charge of some men who are making tests of gravel pits at different points in the country with a view of securing a supply at two or three different places, whereby the haul may be reduced, thus saving a considerable amount in the building of the road.

HORSES BRING BETTER PRICES NOW THAN LATER

Smith Crane is back from his late trip to market with horses. He is confident of continued fair prices during the next few weeks for range stock but nothing fancy. Later it will not be so good according to Mr. Crane as the season will be advanced. He is buying all the mules that are offered for sale in this and adjoining counties and paying good prices. Under such circumstances it is strange that more mules are not raised instead of horses.

FIRES IN DREWSEY DAMAGE PROPERTY

Business Place and Homes Destroyed.

WARM SPRINGS BUILDINGS ALSO SUFFER

Origin Unknown at Drewsey; Probably Defective Flue in Cook House at Warm Springs Ranch.

Telephone communication brought the startling news Thursday afternoon that a serious fire was raging in Drewsey and that for a time the main town was threatened with destruction but later the wind changed and the conflagration soon under control.

We are informed the fire started in a garage belonging to L. J. Sitz and that building was completely destroyed as well as the wood shed and ice house belonging to Mr. Sitz. In addition to these buildings two small ones belonging to Chas. Faulkner, his barn and chicken house were burned.

The blacksmith shop and Woodruff place, together with barn and woodshed; Dr. T. Harrison's barn and a portion of the fence surrounding it with a lot of sidewalk were also consumed before the fire was gotten under control.

The fire started about 11 o'clock in the forenoon and raged most of the day but by good work it was kept out of the main business portion of the town.

The Times-Herald was informed yesterday evening that a fire had destroyed the ranch houses at the P. L. S. Co. Warm Springs ranch in the Drewsey country.

The fire was discovered between the ceiling and roof of the cook house and gained headway so rapidly that it was impossible to stop it. All the buildings are a total loss including the supplies of the ranch and the personal effects of Lawson Naveel, who is in charge.

As Europe Will Know Our War President in Centuries to Come



Older, care-worn and more sober than in his every-day American life, will be the way Europe knows President Wilson in the centuries to come. Sir William Orpen, one of England's most famous painters, was assigned to paint the allied leaders in the great peace conference at Versailles. Here is Orpen completing his canvas.

Try to look at your establishment from the standpoint of a stranger. Get a fresh viewpoint. Then you'll find your enthusiasm growing. You will thrill to your finger tips.

Is your store commonplace? A thousand times NO! It is teeming with interest. It is alive with romance.

You'll probably find that enthusiasm bubbling over into newspaper advertising.

An ENTHUSIASTIC merchant simply MUST advertise.

He feels an irresistible impulse to tell the men and women of his community about his store and his service.

And when he gets his enthusiasm "over" to the public, they'll make a path to his door.

To stop advertising to save money is like stopping a clock to save time.

Tomorrow morning go to your place of business as if it were your FIRST DAY on the job.

AS WATERS FLOW BY



SAGEBRUSH SYNCHRONIES

E. B. Purlington had recovered his health sufficiently to return to the mill the fore part of this week. He was accompanied up by his daughter, Miss Helen.

Judge Grant Thompson is in town today to be present at the semi-annual meeting of the directors of the First National Bank. Judge Thompson states they are getting along well with haying operations.

Geo. Noble, Warren Brown, John Combs and J. T. Dixon, all of Prineville, were registered at the Levens in this city the other day. They were enroute home from a trip from the eastern part of the state.

E. J. Catlow arrived here from Bend Thursday and left the following day for Denio where he goes to see his mother for a few days. He will stop in Burns on his return and greet his friends. Mr. Catlow is in the drug business in Bend and states he is doing well.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Horton came over from Bend the latter part of the week and are guests of relatives and friends in the city. Dr. Horton is here for the semi-annual meeting of the directors of the First National Bank. They will start on the return to Bend tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGowan and his father and mother, were here during the week visiting for a short time. Both families expect to take their departure next week for a visit to Southern Oregon. Upon their return Archie and family expect to take up their residence on their farm over on Rock Creek.

Roy C. Dwyer was here for one day this week, coming this way from California while enroute to Camp Lewis where he will receive his discharge from the army today. While here Mr. Dwyer arranged with Leland Fry to continue the operation of the light plant until further arrangements. Mr. Fry announces that the light plant will not close down as had been reported.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dustin was kicked in the stomach by a colt at the Bell A ranch Thursday and severely injured. He was brought to town and Dr. Smith opened his abdomen to ascertain if there had been any rupture. He drained the cavity and found there had been no rupture. The little fellow is in a serious condition at the Haines hospital.

Mrs. C. B. McConnell took her departure yesterday morning for Seattle where she will visit for a period with relatives and friends. Her daughter, Miss Miriam, has been attending school in Seattle since last fall. The boys will remain here for a few weeks with their father who will take them on an extended camping trip to the mountains after which they will join their mother.

GAME COMMISSION AGREES WITH US ON BIRD RESERVE

State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker, was a visitor to our city for a short time during this week, arriving Wednesday evening from Lakeview and taking his departure Thursday afternoon for Canyon City. He was accompanied by Fred L. Boalt, editor of the Portland News.

Mr. Shoemaker was here on official business and was in a hurry to get to other parts of the country. He discussed the Malheur Lake bird reservation with a representative of this paper and expressed his attitude and that of the State Game Commission as being right in accord with the people of this county. Mr. Shoemaker understands the position of the people in respect to the bird reserve and knows they are right. He assured us that he would do anything he could toward placing the country right before the people of this state. He knows there is no disposition upon the part of local people to do away with the reserve but that they don't intend to allow that to interfere with the development of homes in Harney Valley.

STATE UPHELD IN ACTION OVER LANDS

Supreme Court Opinion Given in Livestock Co. Case.

ORIGINAL SUIT DISMISSED ON MOTION

Harney Circuit Judge's Decision Is Approved; Attorney-General to Proceed With Action.

SALEM, Or., July 22.—(Special to the Oregonian.)—Judge Dalton Biggs of the Harney county circuit court acted within his rights when he granted a motion for the dismissal of the complaint filed by ex-Attorney-General Crawford to recover approximately 26,000 acres of lands from the Pacific Livestock company, according to an opinion rendered by the Oregon supreme court today.

Dismissal of the original suit against the livestock company was urged by Attorney-General Brown, who charged that the complaint was defective in that it attempted to show that the tracts were acquired through dummy entrymen and conspiracy, when in fact forgery should have been the basis of the suit. Under the ruling of the supreme court, Attorney-General Brown may now proceed with the prosecution on a complaint filed by him following the dismissal of the original proceedings.

Case Dates Back to 1914.

The principal question involved, according to the opinion, was whether or not plaintiff may take voluntary nonsuit under the provisions of a law made applicable to a suit in equity after a demurrer had been disposed of.

The case originated in April, 1914, when ex-Attorney-General Crawford, acting at the request of ex-Governor West, filed action to recover the lands held by the livestock company in Harney and Grant counties. The lands were classified as school lands, school indemnity lands and swamp lands. The swamp lands were originally applied for by H. C. Owen, known as the "swamp land angel." In most instances, the lands had been transferred by the state to W. B. Toddhunter and John Devine.

Appeal Made to Legislature

F. A. Hyde, operating in San Francisco and famous because of his incrimination in subsequent land fraud cases, transacted business for Toddhunter, Mr. Devine, Henry Miller and a man by the name of Lux. Mr. Miller died recently and his estate is now principal owner of the Pacific Livestock company.

When Attorney-General Brown came into office he lacked sufficient evidence to proceed with the prosecution of the case on the complaint filed by Mr. Crawford and appealed to the 1917 legislature for an appropriation to pay the costs necessary in starting a new action. This was denied, whereupon the state land board came to the assistance of the attorney-general and an investigation was authorized.

This investigation convinced the attorney-general that many of the applications and deeds of assignment were forged and that a new complaint would be necessary in the event the state was to make the best of its case in court.

Suit Dismissed Then Sought

The attorney-general then filed a motion in the Harney county circuit court asking that the suit brought by Mr. Crawford be dismissed. In the meantime the livestock company urged trial on the original complaint.

Judge Biggs upheld Mr. Brown's contention and dismissed the complaint, whereupon the livestock company moved to have the order set aside. This was refused and the defending company later appealed to the supreme court. Theodore Kyka, government hand-writing expert, who played an important part in gathering evidence for the state, died recently.

Dr. Saurman was called to Narrows Thursday afternoon to attend Wm. Harris, who had been hurt in a run away. The team he was driving to the mowing machine ran away throwing Mr. Harris under the machine and dragged him for some distance. He had several ribs broken on his left side, his left arm badly cut and painfully bruised over the body. He is going to have some soreness for a time before he recovers.