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Mostly About Irrigation.

A representative of The Times-Herald made a short visit to Malheur county last week. During the journey down the canyon on the Crane branch railroad he conversed with several men who were familiar with the Warm Springs irrigation project—men who had land under the project, others who had worked on the construction, some who were not interested other than in a general way. It was the opinion of practically every individual with whom the subject was discussed, that the construction cost was much more than it should have been. In spite of that it was considered by all that it was a good thing and one that would eventually—in fact almost immediately—benefit the entire country.

When this is the opinion of men who are interested directly in the project; when they admit that some people holding land under it will not be able to stand the high cost, yet consider it of great benefit to the country—what do the people of this valley think of a similar project that would place this territory on an equal basis, at perhaps less than half the cost?

The people of this country have been bickering for years along the line of an irrigation project, but have never gotten very far. The time has come to cease this fighting and get down to business methods. Recent developments have tended to aid in this result and we should follow it up without delay. The settlement of the land suit by a compromise between the P. L. S. Co. and the state has been a factor in this move and will bring an area of some 15,000 acres into small tracts under private ownership. The parceling out of this land, as shown by Mr. Treadwell's statement in this issue of the paper, will in all likelihood be followed by more if this sale proves a success. Mr. Treadwell intimates as much in his statement. Why shouldn't the water users of the Silves river and the citizens of this section get together and bring about such a change? We all know it will be a benefit in every way not alone locally, but for the entire country. Such a large body of land as may be covered by the water of the Silves river when the flood waters are conserved, will be a factor in production and provide homes and employment for a good many people. The present owners will be better off as it will not only increase the value of their holdings should they be placed upon the market, but also assures a crop each season with a greater yield guaranteed. It is simply foolish to argue otherwise.

As an instance we call attention to a statement of the recent land sales of the Oregon & Western Colonization Co., published elsewhere in this paper. All the small tracts in this list are situated under the Warm Springs project. Before the reservoir was put in there was no more demand for this land than there is for the holdings of the company in this country, which is not great under present conditions. We must keep such things before us in considering the future of the country and also remember that the development of the country depends entirely upon the irrigation of Harney valley.

Many of us recall our first impression of the country surrounding Ontario and Vale, when in the early '80's we came across in our private conveyances or on the stage. Most of us said we wouldn't give one ranch on Silves river for all we could see in that territory, but now these same lands are selling at from \$100 to \$500 per acre and are worth it—the actual production from the land justifies the price. That country "has nothing over this" in the way of stock raising. It may produce three crops of alfalfa each year, but if we

get two—and this has been demonstrated repeatedly—and some fine fall pasture in addition, what have we gained over the present system of wild hay at one ton or less per acre and that dependent upon the elements and flood water? What does it mean to the man who now is compelled to devote his land to such crops because of there being no way to prevent its overflow? What does it mean in the way of increasing his ability of caring for larger herds and flocks?

Year after year we find our stockmen shipping their stock to adjoining sections to feed during the winter because of lack of forage here. We send much of our money elsewhere that should be kept at home. We all admit this a deplorable condition. Are we going to try to remedy it? Are we going to supinely sit by and say, "Oh, well, if you don't approve, we're not going to fight you, we can stand it if you can." What's the use? Get an organization that will come right out flatfooted for an irrigation district that will get somewhere and The Times-Herald will join in for its success. We must get together. If it hurts some people, let it hurt. We can't let the country go to the dogs just because it is going to tread on the toes of some one. People in Malheur county admit the Warm Springs project is going to hurt some people, but they are going ahead. We must do likewise if we are going to accomplish anything.

Christ nas Buying at Home.

Many good citizens have approved the plan of keeping prosperity at home by trading with the local merchants.

Many thousands of dollars are spent annually in Christmas shopping in this community, and all indications point to heavier buying this year than ever before.

Our dealers have prepared for it by laying in stocks calculated to please any fancy, and we are assured by them that these goods will be priced down to the very limit of economy.

From week to week the advertising pages of this paper will contain the choicest offerings of our five merchants.

A careful reading of the ads each week will give the purchaser a valuable line on what and where to buy, and will be one of the most valuable aids of all in the Christmas shopping.

This is our town. It is what we have made it in the past, and it will be what we make it in the future.

The wise bird feathers its own nest.

Use Common Sense.

Mr. Treadwell ends his statement of the settlement of the land suit with a paragraph to the effect that a common sense method of bringing about irrigation would tend to improve things and a story published in the Portland Journal in comment upon the settlement of the state case says the company agrees to sell land in Silves valley for a storage reservoir at a price to be fixed by arbitration should it be asked by individuals or a company capable of constructing a reservoir. Now, let's keep right of the job. Irrigation is first in the mind of every public spirited citizen. Selfishness will not be allowed to stop the movement from this time on. Get right and then we'll all get in the wagon.

Keep After Lights.

We should continue to agitate better light system. Reliable lights and power would make quite a difference to this city as many gasoline engines and woodstoves would be eliminated. Electric heating and cooking in the homes would be possible. Some of the shops including this office and the garage would be good patrons for power. Smaller places than Burns have adequate light and power facilities, so we should keep digging for a better system here.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

- BARGAINS.** New 88 note Player Piano with 30 rolls of good music. \$500.00
Sewing Machine with attachments \$25.00
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These articles are in Burns. At this office.



The Green Ribbon

Not a Patent Medicine Ad

Howdo, folks.

The Ribbon took a rest last week.

The Cheerful Idiot came into our sanctum sanctorum and led us off to the tules to rest—our eyes.

(Note—"Sanctum sanctorum" is the place where an editor can smoke and wear his hat all day without asking some fair damsel "do you mind?")

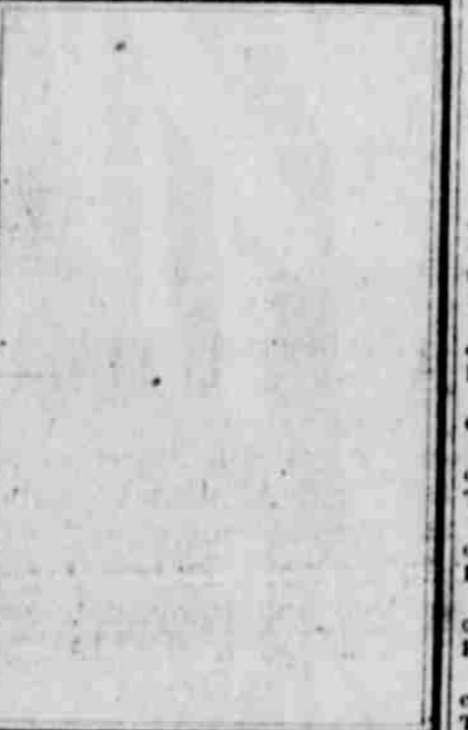
The poor old eyes aforesaid were pretty much in need of the rest, after sitting up nights trying to figure when are lights that don't light not lights.

The Ribbon hates to take the entire responsibility for the W. K. welfare of the community, but when it is informed that our folks will have to put up with public utilities that do not utill just as long as they will stand for them, it is high time we took a hand.

When the owners of a public utility are so near-sighted that they cannot see where more profit lies in better service, should they continue to give service that makes us all near-sighted?

The Ribbon says not.

For the edification of our readers, we are printing below a composite picture of the Man Who is Responsible for the Lights-of Burns, the Man who Got Irrigation for the Great Harney Valley, and the Editor of this Column:



Do you recognize them?

The Ribbon might have added that a picture of a happy citizen enjoying lights and irrigation was also shown, but didn't like to stretch Old Friend Imagination too far.

An Italian count, lately defunct, bequeathed \$10,000 to the city of Providence, R. I., the interest on which is to be presented by the mayor each year to the young lady "of the common people" who most deserves it as a reward for her "conduct and family virtues." He was some count, we think—but will the maidens of Providence admit that they are "common people" in return for the paltry sum of \$500 per annum? Watch the grand rush!

There is something up our editorial sleeve for next week—too soon now to spring it, for we might spill the beans.

Look for the Ribbon next week.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Julian Byrd,
Editor Times-Herald,
Dear Sir:

Will you be able to find room in your valuable columns for the following?

The writer is comparatively new to Burns and Harney county, as he has not yet been residing here for five years, but in that time certain things have been brought to his attention, which he would like to pass along to see how the older citizens feel about them.

I have noticed that nearly every merchant in town carries clothing of some kind, and yet it is hardly possible to get really good service from any of them. The same thing can be said of almost every other commodity or article handled. What can be found at one store can be found at another, whether the other place is the sort of store where you would expect to find that kind of thing or not.

It is no wonder the mail order merchant does such a big business in Harney county. When you go into a store to buy something, you can find anything you want in any store, but the variety of lines prevents your favorite merchant from carrying enough stock of one line to anywhere near meet the demand.

Recently I wanted to buy some shoes for the boy and I to use on the ranch, and inquired of some of the local merchants. The first had a few boys shoes and some for ladies and one or two pairs of men's, but nothing that I could use. Another had a lot of men's shoes and some for ladies, but none for the boy.

Now there is a lot more I could say about this, but I see I have taken up a lot of your valuable space, and will stop for this time. But I would like to ask if the merchants in town couldn't do a lot better by their customers, and cut out a lot of the mail order business, if they were to specialize more in their own lines?

Trusting I have not caused any hard feelings, by asking you to print this I remain,

Yours truly,
M. J. B.

P. S.—Please do not print my name unless you have to.

SOURCES OF QUESTIONS, TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS

Following are given the sources of questions for teachers' examinations which will be held at each county seat on December 17, 18, and 19, 1919:

- Arithmetic—One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Hamilton's Essentials of Arithmetic.
- Civil Government—Community Civics, by Hughes, and current events.
- Geography—One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Tarr and McMurry.
- Grammar—One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Potter, Jeschke and Gillett, Book II.
- History—One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from School History, by Mace, and current events.
- Orthography—One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from The New World Speller.
- Physiology—One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Healthy Living, Book II, by Winslow, and Advanced Physiology and Hygiene, by Conn and Huddington.
- Reading—Course of study for the elementary grades.
- School Law—Oregon School Laws, 1919 edition.
- Theory and Practice—How to Teach, by Strayer and Norworthy. (One question on theory and practice will require the applicant to prepare a report on library work, including a discussion as to what would determine his choice in the selection of books for a school library.)
- Writing—The Palmer Method of Business Writing.
- Algebra—New High School Algebra, by Wells and Hart.
- Composition—Written and Spoken English, by Clippinger.
- American Literature—Two-thirds

from American Literary Readings with Introductory History of American Literature, by Payson, and one-third from American classics.

Physical Geography—General Science will hereafter be taught in the schools instead of physical geography; hence, the questions will be based on First Year of Science by Snyder.

Psychology—Introduction to Psychology, by Read.

Bookkeeping—Principles of Bookkeeping, by Miner and Etwell.

Botany—Practical Botany, by Bergen and Caldwell.

Geology—LeConte's Compend of Geology.

Geometry—Plane and Solid Geometry, by Dugoll & Arnold.

History, General—Ancient Times, by Breasted, and Medieval and Modern Times, by Robinson.

History of Education—History of Modern Education, by Parker.

Literature, English—Two-thirds from English Literature; by Long, and one-third from English classics.

Physics—A First Course in Physics by Millikan and Gale.

Chemistry—First Course in Chemistry, by McPherson and Hen-

derson. For graduates of non-standard colleges only.

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