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Irrigation District Plans Meet Unanimous Approval OWNERS HAVE CONTROL

Present Petition, Including Practically Same Territory as "Big District," Has Over 70 Signers.

The irrigation district plan suggested at the meeting of several citizens at the Commercial club last week has met with such unanimous approval that it looks most favorable. The fact that the petition is published in this issue with the names of over 70 bona fide land owners attached shows it is accepted by practically every individual resident owning land within the boundary lines. In fact some who are not in expressed their desire to come in and petitions are in course of preparation to permit this.

The organization of an irrigation district is new to the people of this section and not entirely understood. The Times-Herald, therefore, discussed the subject with Capt. Robt. M. Duncan, one of the attorneys active in the formation of the proposed district, in order that it might present the method of procedure that its readers may see just how it is brought about, the safeguards to the land owners and their absolute control of the district.

The present petition for an irrigation district, which, by the way, covers practically the same territory as that embodied in the former "Big District," of last winter, except some lands bordering the lake and including some in the Potter Swamp section, is signed by practically all the land owners within the boundary. It will be presented to the county court at the regular January term and at that time those owning land adjoining the boundaries of the proposed district may be included upon their application without additional cost. This provision is made because there is no way of excluding land that has been taken in.

Some of the land in the neighborhood of the lake and below Lawen was not included in the petition because of there being some objection to the former petition which included these lands, therefore they were left out. A public meeting was held at Lawen Wednesday at which several of the land owners of that community signed the petition and others who were not included expressed a desire to come in. The necessary petitions are being prepared at this time for these lands to be included. Upon favorable action of the court on the petition at the January term the court will order an election after five weeks notice. Three directors are to be elected.

"An excellent feature of this proposed district," said Captain Duncan in discussing it, "is the fact that most of the petition signers agree there shall be a board of five commissioners from among the land owners, in addition to and working with the three directors. This board settles all questions of assessments against lands in the district, determines the price to be paid for any land for reservoir site or water right necessary to the project.

"This board of commissioners will also pass upon all other necessary features of the project, such as the location of reservoir sites, canal locations and like matters. These findings will be submitted to the directors who shall adopt the recommendations and make them legal."

This step is prompted by the experience in other such organizations wherein a small board of directors have been arbitrary in their actions and have incurred debts that might have been avoided.

One of the first things to be done by such a board will be the preliminary preparations of organization. Ascertaining necessary data should not cost to exceed a small amount per

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Try-Weekly Mail Service

The agent at Crane telephoned this afternoon the announcement that train service on the Crane line would be curtailed for the present because of coal shortage.

The train will come up to Crane on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, leaving for Ontario on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

This gives Burns a tri-weekly mail service only.

Now is the time to make a greater effort for a daily mail service from Burns.

JAMES LAMPSHIRE BUYS MAIN STREET CORNER

Intention to Establish Garage on Site When Weather Permits.

A deed was placed on record this week whereby James Lampshire is now the owner of the brick corner formerly known as the Geo. Fry corner, lately occupied by the late Tribune.

Mr. Lampshire purchased the brick building on the corner and also the ground extending the entire distance back to the next street, which gives him quite a lot of ground.

The Times-Herald made inquiry as to his intentions in the future and Mr. Lampshire said he contemplated establishing his garage business on this site finally but at present he would not begin any improvements because of unsettled weather conditions.

This is one of the most attractive business corners in town and will prove a good investment for the purchaser.

Smut Resistant Wheat Found

From 15 to 20 smut resistant varieties of wheat have been discovered, bred out or selected out, reports H. M. Woolmen, federal investigator of cereal diseases, who is located with the department of botany and plant pathology at the Oregon Agricultural College. Although these wheats are called "highly resistant" to bunt or stinking smut, much yet remains to be done in solving the smut problem. Some of the varieties are in small quantities and several years must elapse before they can be sufficiently multiplied to help much. Many of the resistant and immune strains must have desirable production and milling qualities bred into them before they are acceptable as commercial varieties. Some of these problems will be considered at Farmers' week, December 29-January 3.

Farmers' Short Course on Advertising Receives Widespread Attention

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, Dec. 2.—With a plan to bring the farmer into closer cooperation with the home newspaper the short course on using advertising to sell farm produce, to be offered Farmers' week, December 29-January 3, is receiving widespread attention by the farmers, and valuable support by the newspapers of the state.

"The value to the farmer of these discussions on advertising cannot be emphasized too strongly," says Homer L. Roberts, a former news writer for weekly papers in eastern Oregon, and now an industrial journalism student at O. A. C.

"Advertising columns of the home newspaper open a way to cheaper and quicker market facilities. The country press is the farmer's traveling salesman. It will sell his alfalfa or clover seed and grains. I have known of a farmer who had an improved strain of wheat that he wished to introduce to his neighbors. He advertised. The supply was exhausted after the first appearance of his ad."

Fruit growers will find this course of practical value in obtaining a quick and reasonable market. Mr. Roberts predicts. He has seen the plan worked out in the Brogan peach and apple section in Malheur county. The producer advertises his prices and the time the fruit will be ready, and sells a large share of the crop in his own neighborhood. The man who sells purebred livestock will learn the advantages the newspaper offers in placing him in touch with the buyer he wants to meet.

The art of writing advertisements that sell, the preparation of copy for the press, and many other points of practical interest to the advertising farmer, will be explained by C. J. McIntosh of the department of industrial journalism.

A SURPRISE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baker were surprised at their farm home up the river Thursday night when a large company of neighbors came in on them. They passed the time with dancing and music until midnight when a basket supper was enjoyed with the neighbors had brought well filled baskets of "cats." A feature of the affair was the presence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Royvaan who recently disposed of their farm and neighborhood and who were on the eve of their departure to other places for the winter. It proved a farewell party for the Royvaans.

MOOSE DANCE DECEMBER 20

The Loyal Order Of Moose Lodge No. 1228 held their regular meeting, Monday evening December 1st, 1919. The Moose have planned to have a social invitational dance at the Tona-wama Hall at Burns, Oregon 20th and are extending an invitation to all members and their friends. An elaborate poultry supper will be served the evening of the dance and everybody is assured of a good time.

Monthly smokers and athletic events will be a feature of the Moose during the winter months and good, clean, sportmanlike pastimes offered the people of Harney County.

Later announcements will be made for this entertainment.

The next meeting of the Moose Lodge will take place at their Hall in Burns, Monday evening December 16th, 1919. All members and former members, also visitors are invited to attend to prepare for the good times regularly assured during the winter months.

Western Reclamation Association Formed In Salt Lake City

The Western Reclamation Association has been organized as a result of the Conference held November 21 and 22 at Salt Lake City. Representatives from thirteen of the reclamation states were present at the conference, which was called for the purpose of crystallizing sentiment in the Western States in favor of some definite plan of furthering Federal Reclamation. The Association decided to request of Congress an appropriation of \$250,000.000 to replenish the reclamation fund. Provision was made for an executive committee composed of one member from each State to carry out the recommendations of the association. State Engineer Percy A. Cupper was elected as executive committeeman from Oregon.

The first meeting of the executive committee was held in Salt Lake City following the Conference, and it is proposed to hold the next meeting in Washington D. C. soon after the convening of Congress.

It is proposed to raise the necessary funds for carrying on the campaign by voluntary subscription. Oregon's allotment is \$3,000. The importance of this movement to Oregon can hardly be overestimated. Any substantial addition to the U. S. Reclamation fund will not only permit of additional construction work by the Reclamation Service, but will also greatly stimulate irrigation under the irrigation district plan, which is proving so successful in Oregon. It is believed that the movement will receive the support of every irrigation and drainage enterprise in the State, on account of its far reaching effect. Even though a project may not be in a position to directly receive federal aid, the fact that the Reclamation Service is in the field

LIBRARY CLUB HAS SEAL SALE

The Red Cross Christmas Seal sale will be conducted by the ladies of the Library club. The decision to aid in the fight against tuberculosis was made at the regular bi-weekly meeting of the club last Saturday when the members were entertained at the home of Mrs. Warren M. Sutton. Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Nate Franklin were joint hostesses for the day, entertaining with a Japanese program.

Mrs. J. Shelley Saurman, Mrs. Sutton, and Miss Helen Purington were given direct charge of the sale and will have booths in the Schwartz store and Reed Brothers drug store every afternoon next week. The sale has already started, as two days of this week were given over to it.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Nate Franklin on December 13, with Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Sutton again the hostesses. Mrs. B. S. Hughes was made a member of the club at its last meeting.

will make it much easier for such projects to secure the necessary finance from private sources. We are undoubtedly entering upon an era of unprecedented development along the lines of irrigation and drainage, and by putting up a united front will now have an opportunity of greatly advancing the cause.

It seems that an opportunity is now being presented whereby Oregon may be able to secure her full share of federal development, particularly if the irrigation interests give wholehearted support to the movement initiated by the Western States' Reclamation Association at the Salt Lake City Conference.

Plan Rabbit Drive Sunday, Dec. 21st

U. S. Biologist E. E. Horn, in charge of the rabbit poisoning campaign in this county, informs this paper that the people of the Rye Grass community propose a rabbit drive for Sunday, Dec. 21st. With the present snow and prospects for more, this should not only prove a lot of fun for those taking part, but also effective in destroying a large number of rabbits.

In former years the rabbit drives have proven successful where they were properly conducted and where the people took an active part. Mr. Horn is here to give his serious attention to the destruction of these pests, and while it is expected the poisoning method is going to be the most effective, yet the drives are advocated by him as another means of getting rid of them. In addition to that phase of the question, the drive will direct more attention to the campaign and keep up interest and enthusiasm.

E. E. Purington arrived home the latter part of last week from a trip to outside points. During his absence he visited in Pendleton and Portland.

UNIVERSAL GARAGE TO HAVE NEW HOME SOON

Buy 100x100 on Main Street and Highway; Stone Building.

J. A. Krumholz, manager of the Universal Garage announces the purchase by his firm of the 100x100 northeast corner at the intersection of Second street with the highway. Captain A. W. Gowan was the former owner of this site, on which the garage plans to erect a modern fire and frost-proof stone structure.

Mr. Krumholz stated that a stock company would be formed and stock sold to department heads on a plan that would call forth the best efforts of every man. The garage firmly believes that the time has come when Harney county is going to advance and take its place in the agricultural world.

"We have faith in Harney county," said Krumholz, "because we believe no one is narrow enough to place anything in the path of progress outlined by the companies and the people."

Contractors are working on plans and specifications for the new building. Hauling stones for its construction will start as soon as possible.

Sweet Shop in New Location

C. C. Page has moved his place of business across the street to the stone building of Mrs. Reed's, between the Reed grocery and the Masonic building. This was made necessary when James Lampshire bought the building in which this business was formerly housed.

Mr. Page will be in a position to better serve his customers in his new location as it gives him more room. When he first engaged in business he didn't have a bakery in connection, but this part of his business has grown to such proportions that it required more attention. In his present quarters he can do this without interfering with his sweet shop and fountain business.

Mrs. Mildred McCormack and her brother were over from their home near the head of Harney lake Thursday.

County Enjoined from Paying for Cruise

An injunction suit was filed with Circuit Judge Dalton Biggs the fore part of this week enjoining the county from paying for the recent cruise of timber made. This has caused considerable comment and discussion from the outset when the contract was awarded. The writer does not know enough about the case to go into details and since it is in court prefers refraining from comment at this time. The matter comes up for hearing at Ontario on next Thursday, Dec. 11, when it will be found whether temporary injunction will hold or be dissolved.

Where to Find News

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Sawmill Men Are Interested in Prospects

BARNES BRINGS ASSOCIATE

Talk of Mill with 300,000 Feet Daily Capacity and Will Investigate More Next Spring.

E. W. Barnes, the man who has been securing options on timber to the north and west of this city, came in again the fore part of this week from his Portland headquarters. Mr. Barnes was accompanied by C. L. Hall, of Chicago, one of the men interested in the establishment of a saw mill at Burns.

The gentlemen attempted a trip into the timber regions in which they were interested but the snow was too deep to penetrate far in the mountains, therefore an inspection was out of the question. However, Mr. Hall announced to citizens of this city that his company was interested in the establishment of a mill and about 300,000 feet of saw timber by spring, when he could return and inspect it. They would surely establish a big saw mill with capacity of not less than 300,000 feet per day and would employ many workmen that would mean considerable payroll for Burns. In addition to this, he pointed out it would mean an increased population of the town and more prosperous times.

Mr. Hall was particularly pleased with the prospects for immediate action in constructing a reservoir for irrigation purposes and feels that the coming year will be an epoch in the history of the big Harney county with much construction developments.

The gentleman was given assurance of the loyal support of the citizens of this city to his undertaking of the establishment of a saw mill as it means much to the community.

American Legion Buttons Arrive

Attention, service men! These American Legion buttons are second! The secretary of the Post will gladly sell them at actual cost. The Post even pays the postage and insurance on the package. They are pretty beauties, and every "buddie" will be glad to have one. Write to the secretary Harney County Post Number Sixty-Three if you can't get in to see him.

ALLEN IN CHARGE OF HIGHWAY WORK

Capt. Morris, who has been in charge of the highway work between Burns and Lawen for the Pacific Bridge Co., the contractor, was recently called to Portland and Mr. E. A. Allen, one of the sub-contractors, is now in charge of the entire work.

The chemist sent here by the State Highway Engineer made an examination of the gravel for the highway between this city and Lawen and showed the valley gravel, therefore the steam shovel has been transferred from the Edwards place at the base of the foot hills, to the pit near the present operations on the grade. Mr. Allen will continue with this gravel hauling contract.

Arthur Turner Injured by Engine

Arthur Turner was severely lacerated and had one leg broken this morning by getting his clothing caught in the belt of a big gas engine he uses for watering stock at his farm in the adjoining town. The unfortunate man was alone at the time of the accident and was rescued by his wife accidentally going out of the house and hearing him groan. His clothing had become so entangled in the belt and fly wheel that it had stopped the engine, otherwise he would have been killed. When found his clothing had been drawn so tight about his neck he was suffocating and it was necessary to cut the clothes to extricate him.

At first it was reported he had several ribs broken and was hurt internally but upon being brought to the King hospital and examined by the doctor the only bones broken were in his leg near the ankle. He is suffering more from severe bruises on his back than from the fracture, however.

