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ATHER DATA ON PRIVILEGES OF WARRIORS

National and State Legislation Investigated.

AND LAWS BENEFICIAL

Time Spent in Service Computed in Making Final Proof for Patent on Homestead.

For the information of ex-service men the home service section of the Harney County Chapter, American Legion, is gathering all possible data on national and state legislation whereby certain privileges and benefits are granted to men who served in a military capacity during the Mexican operations of 1916 and 1917, as well as during the world war. Much of this data has already been accumulated, but it is expected that from time to time new laws granting special privileges to soldiers and sailors will be enacted, both national and local. An act of Congress passed in February, 1919, entitled all men, honorably discharged, who during either the Mexican or German crisis served in a military capacity not less than 90 days, to calculate such period of service in computing the total required to make proof and obtain patent on homestead lands. The total period of such service allowed, however, toward the completion of the homesteading period is not to exceed 10 years, except in the case of applications requiring four and five years residence to make final proof and receive patent. Where a three years residence is required to prove up on homestead, actual residence of only seven months would be required of service men who could show discharge covering two years service or more. Full information as to rights, requirements, etc., can be obtained from Mr. Sam Mothershead of the Burns and U. S. Land office in this city.

By compromise agreement in the case of the State of Oregon vs. the L. S. company, as has been mentioned in these columns, nearly ten thousand acres of this company's lands, of which 7,200 are now under litigation with primary water rights, will be offered for sale at a price to be agreed between representatives of the state and of the company. Before the general public is allowed to take advantage of this ex-service will be given a period of 30 days to select such of this land as they may desire.

Mr. A. R. Olsen, manager of the L. S. company here, when interviewed on this subject yesterday, stated that the lands would be offered for sale as early next spring as they could be surveyed and subdivided. It is the desire of the company," Olsen continued, "without delay, to sell these lands, all of which will be embraced by the irrigation project, to those who will actually settle on the land, make their living therefrom, and thereby bring prosperity to themselves and the community, and not to those who will purchase the land merely for the purpose of speculation. By our agreement the initial cash payment will not be greater than one fourth of the total purchase price, and completion of payments will be spread over a period of 10 years at six per cent interest. However, it will not be the policy of the company to demand so great an initial payment on the lands where considerable cultivation will be necessary before remunerative results are obtained. The company, I am sure, will be glad to see as many ex-service men as desire to do so take hold of this land. They, as they have shown during the war times, will not only be conscientious, industrious workers who will prove the best citizens, but will work together for the good of all."

Mr. Olsen further stated that the opening of these lands will be given publicity in order that the service men will have the full 90 day period in which they alone can take advantage of the sales.

The Red Cross does not wish to act in an advisory capacity in those matters of privileges and benefits granted to service men. Its desire is to keep them posted so that they may have the benefit of available information in deciding for themselves.

The Christmas exercises at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening were attended by a large congregation and the children did their parts exceptionally well. The primary work was directed and the Little ones trained by Mrs. Hughes. A contribution for the relief of Armenians resulted in about \$7.00 going to aid a most distressing condition in that country.

SHATTUCK DISCUSSES HANDICAPS MET IN WORK OF PAST YEAR

Preliminary Report on Work Conducted at Experiment Station in 1919.

(By Obil Shattuck, Supt.)

Upon assuming charge of the station early in February, the writer found conditions very unsatisfactory. The major part of the fall work remained to be completed in the spring. Efficient help was almost impossible to secure, the spring was cold and backward, the precipitation for the past three years far below normal, with indications that sagerats, grasshoppers and late spring frosts were to be unusually numerous.

At the opening of the farming season a careful survey of the moisture conditions on the dry-land summer fallow was made, the results showing that the soil was moist to a depth varying from 9 to 16 inches, below which the soil was so dry that it would not stick to a soil auger. It will be well to bear in mind this fact when checking over the dry-land yields.

All the land to be handled under irrigation should have been fall plowed. This, however, was not done, hence delayed the seeding of the crops until it became necessary to irrigate before seeding.

Taking all factors into consideration, some of the results are exceptionally good, some only fair, and in a good many cases the results are not representative, due to the inefficient work of the Irrigation Assistant who resigned by request August first.

Some of the principal lines of investigation work conducted at the station are as follows:

- Dry Land.**
1. Variety trials with cereals, forage crops and roots. The object being to select and develop early maturing, high yielding, drought and frost resistant strains of good quality.
 2. Crop rotations, the object being to determine the value of crop sequences in regard to yield and fertility as compared with continuous cropping.
- Irrigation Experiments.**
1. Variety trials of cereals, forage crops, and roots.
 2. Crop rotation.
 3. Duty of water trials on cereals, forage and root crops.
- The results of this trial should be of interest to all of the water users of Harney county.
4. Increase fields for the production of the most promising varieties of cereals, forage and root crops for distribution.
- The first part of the results obtained will appear in next week's issue of The Times-Herald and will be worthy of attention as there will be some interesting comparisons between dry-land and irrigation farming.

EXCELLENT SINGER AND SPEAKER RETURNING

Rev. Harold Humbert, general secretary of the State Sunday School association, is coming back to the Presbyterian church on Sunday, January 4th. The young man is favorably remembered by a large number of Burns people who were fortunate enough to hear him on his visit last spring. Rev. Humbert is one of the finest speakers and singers ever heard in Burns and it is hoped our people will take advantage of this visit to hear him again.

The first service will be on Sunday morning, January 4, and he will also hold another service that evening. The young man will remain in the city for the entire week following, holding services every evening.

Congressmen Train Crew Shows Yankee Democracy



Railroad trainmen are proud of the fact that many of their co-workers have climbed to important posts in national life. And such government officials are always proud of the fact that they were former trainmen. Witness: Four congressmen at Washington from three different states and all of whom still hold their union cards, recently donned the old

work clothes, took charge of a train and ran it into Washington, in proof that Congress did know how to deal with railroad questions. The engineer is Congressman Wm. P. Carver of Minnesota, the fireman, Congressman John G. Cooper of Ohio; conductor, Congressman Wm. P. Burke of Pennsylvania, and brakeman, Congressman Patrick McLane of Pennsylvania.

Feeds 100 Head of Stock, Sells \$4500 Worth of Hay From 80 Acres of Alfalfa

The Times-Herald has urged from time to time the advantages of alfalfa fields and occasionally finds real figures to back up its assertion that the alfalfa man has the best of the other farmer in this section.

This week we had a neighbor, who has what is termed a dry farm, as it is not situated on the river but does get some water for irrigation, give a discussion of his operations for the past season.

This man has some 80 acres in alfalfa and this season he disposed of \$4,500 worth of hay besides having enough left to feed his 100 head of stock. He sold twelve head of steers that brought him over \$1000, and had just brought in 18 turkeys that day which he sold to local people. During the season he milks a number of cows and the butter fat is shipped to an outside creamery which sends a good size check every week.

What farm along the river with that amount of acreage in use can make as good a return? Is alfalfa worth while? Or is the present plan of overflow meadow land the proper way to prosper? The irrigation project will solve that problem.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS DISTRIBUTED BY "COL. BILL" HANLEY

The Times-Herald family was one of several in this city to receive a turkey from William Hanley on this occasion, the turkeys having day before Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Golden played Santa Claus on been brought in from the OO ranch, where the Golden are in charge. It was a most enjoyable Christmas gift, and this office surely appreciated the kindly remembrance.

SERVICE MEN SHOULD JOIN POST OF AMERICAN LEGION

"Every ex-service man in Harney county owes it to himself to join the local Post of the American Legion," said Captain Bob Duncan, vice president and executive committeeman of the Post, while discussing the work the Post has undertaken. "We can not hope to be really strong and of benefit to ourselves and the community until our membership is as near 100 per cent as we can make it. The secretary can give the boys all information necessary in making application."

BIBLE STUDY EXAMINATION TO BE HELD JANUARY 16

State Superintendent Churchill announces that the questions for the examination of high school students who have been taking the bible study course will be sent to the principal for use on January 16. The examination will be in both the old and new Testaments. Those desiring credit for Bible study should be prepared to take the examination.

HORACE BURDETT HOME

Horace Burdett, one of the Harney county boys who was among Uncle Sam's fighters across the water, has recently returned and has again taken his position with the Eastern Oregon Live Stock Co. at the ranch. The young man was a member of the army of occupation and received his discharge only a few weeks ago. He made a record in getting across, as he was but six days in Camp Lewis and went direct east to Camp Mills, being in France within sixty days from the date he left here. Mr. Burdett was on the front for a long period, spending 19 months over seas. He was slightly wounded and placed in the hospital for a short time.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN SERVICES OF COUNTY NURSE

Several active public-spirited organizations in this city are cooperating in an effort to secure a county nurse. The campaign, originating with the Red Cross, is being actively supported by the American Legion, Mothers club and other live bodies. The present plan is to first prevail upon the Oregon Anti-Tuberculosis society, which has in other counties fostered this work, to provide the county with a nurse for a period of demonstration, to bring its value to the attention of county officials and the public. The value of such service, as has been demonstrated in other counties that now provide for the maintenance of a county nurse in their annual budgets, is almost unlimited. The scope of the work is unlimited.

This nurse maintained by the county would not only be on hand for practical nursing in time of epidemic, but could train others through the provision of a nursing course, not only for care of the sick in such emergencies, but also for preventive and remedial work in their own homes. She would be prepared to train school students and others in First Aid, to confer with teachers and mothers relative to the health and physical training of the children and to supervise such training throughout the schools of the county.

The position is not intended to supersede that of county physician, but covers much that the county physician can not be expected to do. In many cases, a county nurse would be able to give valuable assistance to the county physician.

Undoubtedly the generous response of Harney county to all calls made upon it by the Red Cross in its several drives for war time and peace time relief funds, and to the Oregon Anti-Tuberculosis society in the sale of Christmas seals, will have considerable influence toward inducing the active cooperation of the former organization, and the pioneering of this work in Harney county by the latter. Public spirited citizens who wish to aid in this cause can be of considerable help by writing individually in its support to Dr. David N. Roberg, secretary, State Board of Health, Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, Selling building, Portland.

LIBRARY CLUB MEETS

The Ladies Library club met at the home of Mrs. Nate Franklin on last Saturday afternoon, with Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Warren M. Sutton as joint hostesses. The program on Japan was continued from the previous meeting.

The club will meet again next Saturday at the home of Mrs. W. E. Huston.

LEGION WILL ENTERTAIN HONORGUARD

To Be Hosts at Liberty and Supper-Dance.

MEMBERS FAMILIES ASKED

Harney County Post No. 63 Plan Big Time at Regular January Meeting Next Saturday.

Just by way of a bit of a return to the Honor Guard Girls, the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and sweethearts of the American Legion boys who have done so much for them since the start of the world war, the "buddies" are planning a supper-dance in their honor.

The regular monthly meeting of Harney County Post No. 63 of the American Legion is scheduled for Saturday evening, January third, and the program of the evening as outlined by the entertainment committee is as follows:

During the business meeting which commences at 7:30 p. m. at headquarters, the Burns Commercial club, the ladies will be entertained at the Liberty Theatre where a special attraction, "The Woman Thou Gavest Me," will be exhibited for the occasion, the young ladies being guests of the Post. After the meeting which will be timed to close with the show, the ladies will be met and escorted to Tonowama Hall where the evening's good time of dancing and dining will commence.

Formal invitations will be sent out to all Honor Guard Girls but in order that none of the mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts will be missed the members are requested to bring them and in the meantime to see the entertainment committee for show tickets.

This invitation is, of course, extended to visiting members and their ladies as well as the members of the local Post.

Members are especially requested to be on hand early for the business meeting, as several matters of importance are scheduled for debate and action.

REMEMBERS TELEPHONE FORCE

Connection with a public service corporation has its advantages at this time of the year, as every one of the young ladies in the telephone office can testify. Many people make it a point to remember the efforts for better service made in their behalf, and the telephone office personnel is especially thanking the William Hanley company as one of these.

Last week William Stirling, treasurer of the company, gave each of the girls Christmas remembrances in the form of ten dollar checks, as tokens of appreciation for the courtesies rendered during the past year.

PIT ONE OVER ON "TOBE."

The following was clipped from a recent issue of the Portland. The victim formerly resided in this section and is the father of Mrs. C. H. Voegtly.

John Day.—When the forests were burning last August M. F. Williams, a homesteader of this place, helped out the forest service with his auto, taking fire fighters and tools into the mountains, for which he charged the modest sum of \$5.00 to cover the expenses of the trip, saying he did not wish to profit by the trip. Now comes the department of internal revenue and taxes Williams \$12 for running an automobile for hire.

Where to Find News

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- Some "Thank You" ads.

GOING TO BE A HARD WINTER ON SNOWMEN

