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Irrigation Victory Landslide Water and Sewer Systems Mass Meeting Called PLAN TO BUILD \$50,000 STONE HOSPITAL

CONDITIONS FAVOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Commercial Club Calls for Discussion of Means.

PROMINENT CITIZENS ACT

Cooper & Dodge Estimate of 1911 Recalled when Water Pumping System Was Preferred.

A mass meeting is called for next Friday night at the Commercial club to discuss the proposition of installing a water and sewer system in Burns during the present year. This was decided upon by several of our prominent citizens and property owners following a meeting with members of the city council last Wednesday night. A delegation went before the body for the purpose of urging action but as the mayor was out of town the council did not convene for any business. Those present discussed matters informally.

This move is prompted by the fact that indications favor advancement this year. The vote on the formation of an irrigation district Tuesday shows the trend of things and it behooves Burns to keep pace with the progress of the country. It will be fully alive to the advancement of the country and will meet every requirement as the business center of this rich territory and as a desirable place for homes.

Estimates on water and sewer systems were submitted to the city in December, 1911 by the engineering firm of Cooper & Dodge, who made exhaustive investigation. They reported on gravity as well as a pumping method of securing water with preference given the pumping method as the gravity supply within a reasonable distance was limited. The estimate on gravity system was \$110,000 without acquiring the water right or right of way for pipe line. Pumping estimate was \$75,000 with an additional sum of \$25,000 for sewer. The septic tank system of disposal of sewage was recommended.

FRANK MOTHERSHEAD

Little Frank Coady Mothershead passed away early yesterday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mothershead, after an illness covering many weeks. He was a delicate child from infancy and when the disease which caused his death fastened itself upon him his frail constitution could not throw it off. Frank was a lovable boy who was universally liked by his companions and schoolmates. He was nine years old on September 19, last. The funeral will be this afternoon at 2:30 P. M. at the Baptist church.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

Charles L. Ohrenstein, C. S. B., Member of the Board of Lecturership of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

If God is the all-enabling power, and God is Mind, the operation of this power must primarily be by way of ideas, thought. Who can straighten out his finger or bend it without thought dictating the action? Who can bend it when thought dictates to hold it straight? Try it. Will the hand not do kind things under the impulsion of loving thoughts; will it not do cruel things under the impulsion of contrary beliefs? Will it not do brave, powerful, steady, skillful, efficient things under the direction of confident, intelligent, audacious, and trembling, weak, inefficient things under the impulsion of fear? All have experienced this. Is it not a common saying that one is paralyzed with fear? Do not people die of fear? Does any part of the body not reach by thought to anything or feel any way? If it does, how do you know it without thought?

The schools are beginning to rec-

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COMMISSIONERS RETURN FROM HIGHWAY MEETING

County Commissioners Haas and McKinnon arrived home Sunday from Portland where they had been to attend a meeting of the State Highway Commission. The purpose of their visit at this season was to see what attitude the commission had toward Market roads.

As yet the state commission has not committed itself as to what proportion it will apportion to the market roads in each county, but according to the opinion of our commissioners we are sure of at least \$12,000.

The county court asked that the road from Burns to Wright's Point and from Crane to Well Hill be designated as market roads and these will have first consideration. This money is expended by the county court but the plans of such roads must be those approved by the state.

Harney county's representatives met with the complete county court of Deschutes county and when the latter county officers were asked to express their preference for the first money expended, for highways they were unanimous for the Burns-Bend road over any other within their county.

In connection with this route the application of Harney county for a survey of the unit between Burns and Sunux has been granted but the local commissioners recommended that this survey be made a little later in the season when conditions were more favorable to such work and more could be accomplished for the money expended.

Harney County's commissioners had a private interview with Simon Benson, chairman of the Highway Commission, and at that time they urged more vigorous prosecution of the Lawen-Crane portion of the highway, but the plans for that portion had not yet been placed in the hands of the commission. The federal department was also visited and asked for quick action when the plans were placed before it for its O. K.

Mr. Haas stated on his return that heretofore it had been easy to get a match from the Highway Commission on a basis of three dollars to one, but there is such a demand now for the funds and the counties have become so clamorous for aid, that it is a hard matter to get a 50-50 match now.

Harney county is one of the few in the state that has not voted a bond issue for highway purpose therefore is handicapped. Where a county can go before the state highway commission with a big sum of money and show its ability to get a big amount of work done, it has the first attention of the commission. We should have gotten on the band wagon earlier in the game and had our appropriations made and plans so worked out in connection with the state work that the commission would be obligated for a greater amount. However, as it is, we must do the best we can.

LIBRARY CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Library club will be held at the home of Mrs. Homer Mace, with Mrs. C. M. Faulkner as joint hostess, on Saturday, Feb. 21. Mrs. Wila Gowan and Miss Helene Dalton were hostesses at the meeting last Saturday, at the home of the former. Miss Libbie Kirchesky assisted the hostesses. A very interesting and entertaining program on current poetry was given.

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BIG MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF ORGANIZATION AT ELECTION

Count Shows 93 Votes "Yes" to Four Votes "No."

ELECTION FOR BONDS WILL BE HELD THIS FALL

Olsen, Hanley and Teompson Chosen Directors; M. B. Hayes, Sam Mothershead, P. G. Smith, J. C. Welcome, Jr., C. T. Miller, Commissioners.

The irrigation district election Tuesday carried by a vote of 93 to 4, a complete victory for progression and development in Harney valley.

A. R. Olsen, William Hanley, and Judge Grant Thompson were elected as directors of the district, with no dissenting votes. Commissioners chosen on the unofficial ballot were M. B. Hayes, 92 votes; Sam Mothershead, 72; P. G. Smith, 72; J. C. Welcome, Jr., 65; and C. T. Miller, 58.

The above 13 lines of type tell the story of the beginning of the greatest era Harney county has ever experienced. The story means that Harney valley people are working together. It means that every land owner in the project is on the eve of the greatest prosperity ever known. It means that \$3,000 acres of the best soil in Oregon is finally about to be developed and cultivated to a higher extent than was ever before possible under methods that within three years will be considered primitive. It means that instead of some years dry and lean, and a few years long and fat, every year will hold a full measure of productiveness and plenty.

Successing steps in the development of the district will start Monday, when Judge Dalton Biggs, who is expected today, canvasses the vote and announces the official result of election.

Within ten days following, the board of directors are required to meet and organize the district, electing a secretary and fixing his salary. The directors are also charged with securing engineers to prepare and assemble data for a complete plan of irrigation and estimate the cost.

The work of the engineers will be hastened or retarded according to their ability to gain access to government records of contours on the reservoir site, made when the project was under Federal investigation several years ago. Surveys of the valley must also be made, to determine the courses of ditches. After the plans of the engineers are completed, they must be submitted to the state engineer for approval. This, it is understood, is a matter of form for the protection of the land owners, and should not delay materially.

Following the state engineer's approval of the district engineers' plans, the plan of reclamation will be submitted to the land owners with a proposal for a bond issue to carry

HOME FOLKS WORKED DURING FLU EPIDEMIC

The recent influenza epidemic in this city should not become a closed chapter without a word of praise and commendation for the excellent and unselfish work of the practical nurses of our own home. The Red Cross did wonderful work as did also the Red Cross nurses brought in from the outside, but our home people showed their worth in the manner in which they met the situation and took care of patients in the homes. Even though we were short of skilled aid and the few doctors were overworked the noble women of this community responded to every demand and worked every available hour in caring for patients. Instances of self sacrifice are numerous and some within the knowledge of the writer, in fact right in the home of the family, where one nurse stayed by the side of a little patient for twenty-four hours without being relieved. Other instances coming to the attention of the writer are one teacher who nursed in several of the homes and was given a check in one instance for her services which she very promptly turned over to the Red Cross; another where a teacher volunteered her services at the emergency hospital and when she was no longer needed was tendered a check by the Red Cross which she refused to take. Such work will ever be remembered by a grateful people and these women will certainly be rewarded in some manner.

Both the local hospitals were open to influenza patients, the St. Joseph and King's. Each received several cases and they had some very serious ones all of whom have recovered.

ANOTHER IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTION NEXT SATURDAY

Land owners in the "Dry" district are going to vote on the proposition of irrigation on next Saturday. The polling places have been designated, and the ballots are printed. But one name appears on the ballots for directors, that of C. L. Sperling. The other two are to be written in.

Originally this district covered over 40,000 acres but the boundaries of the "wet" took in part until now it contains about 25,000 acres.

NO SNOW TO HELP KILL

RABBITS GOES AFTER RATS

E. E. Horn, the Biological man, who has been in this and Malheur county for the past winter working on the destruction of the rabbits, arrived here Tuesday. Mr. Horn found weather conditions against him ever since he secured the necessary poison so feels like he has been marking time more or less. However, it has not been his fault that we had no snow and that the rabbits have not been deprived of their usual feeding grounds. Had the snow fallen to a sufficient depth and stayed on long enough he could have done something in the way of poisoning them. Mr. Horn will now turn his attention to the sage rats as the season is advancing and these pests will begin to appear. He has two tons of oats coming in with which he will mix bait for the squirrels.

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SCHOOLS WILL RESUME MONDAY

The schools of this city will resume on next Monday after being closed because of the epidemic of influenza. It had been hoped to open them last Monday but upon discussing the matter with the boards it was decided to wait another week until all danger of influenza had disappeared. No new cases have developed and all those who suffered an attack are recovering it is thought safe to reopen the schools.

Principal Sutton has at last succeeded in securing a teacher for the vacancy in the seventh grade of the public school. Mrs. B. S. Hughes has accepted the place.

The vacancy in the principalship of the high school has been filled by securing D. M. McDade, now teaching at Alberson.

STILL CHANCE FOR GOOD CROP

A. E. Brown told a representative of this paper the other day that the winter of 1919 was just such another season as this, with beautiful spring-like weather during the months of February and March, but that April gave us lots of rain and the growing season was very favorable. Mr. Brown was married in March of that year and remembers the season quite well.



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The basement is to be constructed above ground where the supplies will be stored, a kitchen, dining room, rest rooms for nurses and eventually class rooms for those who desire taking up nursing as a profession, as it is the intention of the Sisters in charge to arrange for the instruction of girls who desire to follow that line of work. In the basement will also be located the laundry.

The driveway will be made to approach the building from the front and arranged that vehicles may drive right under the approach to the main floor, where patients may be conveyed to the elevator and taken to whatever floor desired.

The first floor will contain the office, reception rooms, the Chapel and several private rooms and wards for patients. A porch is to be built on the west that will also be arranged for convalescents and sleeping quarters for those who require fresh air. This porch will also be duplicated for the second floor for the same purpose.

The second floor will contain more wards and private rooms and on this floor will also be the surgery which is to be spacious, extending across the entire north side of the building with the north wall space being entirely of glass. A maternity ward is to be a feature of this floor and will be cut off from the other corridors by a sound proof glass partition that will extend from the floor to the ceiling.

Present plans provide for the accommodation of fifty patients and it is expected this will be sufficient to take care of present needs, but other wings may be added as necessary. Construction will begin as soon as weather conditions will permit. Rev. Father Francis expects to submit the plans to the Bishop some time during the month and secure his approval when he will be ready to put workmen on the ground.

While this hospital is to be under the control of the Catholics it is to be non-sectarian and open to all the people. These institutions are favorably known throughout the land and are a boon to humanity. This undertaking deserves the hearty support of the entire country and it is sure to receive consideration from the good citizens of the community who realize what a modern hospital means to the people.

Prestley Smyth was over from his home at Diamond during this week.