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IRRIGATION DIRECTORS ORGANIZED

Thompson and A. R. Olsen Qualify.

GUARD AGAINST MISTAKES

Will Meet Again March 16 To Elect Permanent Officers; Applications Considered.

Judge Grant Thompson and A. R. Olsen qualified as directors of the Harney Valley Irrigation District on Thursday, the 26th, and the board of directors organized and transacted some urgent business. Mr. Olsen was selected as temporary chairman and Robt. M. Dunham as temporary secretary. Permanent officers will be elected at the next meeting which is called for March 16. At that time lots will be drawn determining the length of terms of each of the three directors elected, making the representative terms one, two and three years.

At the next meeting, March 16, the members of the board of commissioners will be invited to attend and be organized when their duties will be defined in order that they may work in conjunction with the board of directors.

Applications have been received from a number of irrigation engineering firms for the work of preparing plans and securing the data necessary for the district and these several firms are receiving careful investigation by the directors.

Bonding house of the Pacific coast are showing a marked interest in the district and are asking for information concerning the possible needs of the project. This information will be furnished at the proper time and the concerns given such consideration as they merit. The directors are determined that there shall be no mistakes made in this district and every precaution will be taken to see that details are properly worked out and correct estimates given of the entire work before any bonds are voted.

This is the proper spirit. In the past irrigation districts have very rarely gone on the rocks from lack of such foresight and land owners have been discouraged by additional expense after they felt they had completed the project.

WRESTLING MATCH AT TONAWAMA MARCH 16

Local athletes are pleased to learn that another wrestling match has been made to take place at Tonawama Hall in Burns on the evening of March 6, next Saturday. This will be between Joe Prime, the young man who met Ad Gustavo here recently, and Tom Williams of Spokane. Mr. Prime has many admirers among the local athletes and he has met many hard men during his wrestling bouts and is now champion mid-weight of Canada. Little is known of Mr. Williams among the local people. He is reported as almost physically perfect and weight 160 pounds. Mr. Prime is a few pounds heavier, perhaps five pounds. It is confidently believed this will be a good contest.

Two preliminary bouts with gloves will precede the wrestling match. Local boys will go on for these bouts, likely two of the road camp boys and a couple of the younger boys in school.

Those who take an interest in such sport should bear the date in mind and be present.

OREGON'S SOIL TYPES DISCLOSED BY SURVEY

More Than 2 Million Acres Have Been Made More Valuable To Their Owners

Oregon farmers are rapidly learning the kind of soil they own and the most profitable manner of cultivating, fertilizing, and cropping it. Preliminary soil surveys covering two-fifths of the state's tillable lands have been made by the U. S. bureau of soils and the soils department of the agricultural college experiment station.

Detailed surveys have been made of the soils of Yamhill, Washington, Multnomah and Josephine counties, and almost completed for Benton county. The area of the lands thus revealed to their owners is 2,767,400 acres. More than one-fourth the total tillable area of the state has been given complete, detailed soil surveys. It was these surveys that showed the lack of adequate sulfur of southern Oregon soils. When this lack was disclosed and reported by the college station chemists, experiments were instituted by the state college and federal extension specialists to ascertain the most feasible means of supplying sulfur.

As a result of these discoveries sulfur was used on 16,400 acres of alfalfa in 1919 increasing the crop by one ton per acre. At prevailing prices—\$20 a ton—the gain of 16,400 tons was worth \$328,000 to the growers.

An equally profitable use of lime was also brought about as a result of these soil surveys.

The college and federal government plan to continue these surveys to cover all agricultural lands of the state.

MAKING A NEW SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



Changing cabinet members is quite an important event—even in Washington. These photos show the cabinet change when Secretary Houston became secretary of treasury and Edwin T. Meredith of Iowa, was made secretary of agriculture. Chief Clerk R. M. Reese is administering the oath of office to Secretary Meredith. Below is a "close-up" of Secretaries Houston and Meredith.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR

At a meeting of the school board of this district held during the present week the teachers for the coming year were elected. The present instructors were re-elected: Principal, W. M. Sutton; assistants: Misses Ilda Hayes, Helene Dalton, Lulu Hayes; Mrs. Helene Biggs, Mrs. Zella Magey; Mrs. Frances Huston. One vacancy is yet to be filled.

LIBRARY CLUB MET

LAST SATURDAY

The last meeting of the Library Club was held at the home of Mrs. H. B. Mace with Mrs. C. M. Faulkner as joint hostess on last Saturday afternoon. According to report this was another of the beneficial and enjoyable meetings of this excellent organization.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. H. Morrison and Henry Jennings were in to see this shop this morning and said that while there

seemed a lack of snow in the mountains they felt that the grain crops were in good shape and with a little moisture in the shape of rain would make them yield well. Mr. Morrison is one of the voters who wants to give the service men preference in the election this year. He says the boys are entitled to our support and wherever one is qualified for the place he wants, Bill thinks he should have it.

Misses Lella and Marie Egil expect to take their departure tomorrow morning for Los Angeles where they will join their mother for a visit. They will be absent several weeks and upon their return will be accompanied by Mrs. Egil.

A newspaper story is published reciting the pledges of railroad workers in Richmond, Va. who in large numbers have signed voluntary agreements to buy no hats, clothes, shoes or anything but the most necessary articles until prices come down. Even the purchase of food will be restricted by these laborers. That's the stuff. The ordinary newspaper man doesn't have to sign a pledge he simply hasn't the money to buy anything that he can possibly do without. If other people were so situated it wouldn't be long before prices would take a tumble.

CLOTHING BUSINESS SOLD TO BURNS CASH STORE

The Burns Cash Store, Joe Thompson and A. K. Richardson, have purchased the business of the Williams-Zogmann Clothing Co. and will add general furnishings to their line of goods.

The deal was closed Monday of this week and the present stock of the retiring firm will be closed out as rapidly as possible. The present site in the Levens building will be retained by the new proprietors until such time as they can get their present store enlarged to accommodate the new department. Mr. Williams will remain in the employ of his successors for the present at least.

Mr. Williams has conducted a genteel furnishing establishment for several years and has enjoyed a good business, but now that clothing is so high and requires such a large capital to properly handle it he decided to retire while his stock was somewhat low and allow the new firm to stock up new.

There is a fine field here for that business and properly handled it will pay good dividends.

WOOL MEN PLAN TO CUT OUT MIDDLE MAN

Claim Re-Sale Made to Mills With Nothing Done to Earn Profit

According to news dispatches in the papers this morning the wool men have found they are being blamed for the high price of clothing when it is in reality the fault of the middle man who makes fortunes every year to the detriment of the consumer. It is found these middlemen buy the wool from the grower at a certain price and then sell it to the mills at a big advance without doing a thing to earn it. It is now the intention of the wool growers to sell direct to the mills. If that will reduce the cost of clothing it may be the newspaper man will be able to get a new suit during the present season, otherwise he's going to have to endure things with rather scant covering. It is simply ridiculous, anyway. Why should it be necessary to pay from \$3.50 to \$6.00 for little children's shoes and from \$9 to \$25 for adult shoes with the price of hides the same as has been for years. There has been an increase in the price of wool that justifies some raise in clothing but the same may be applied to every commodity, including food. The farmer and producer is not getting the rake off.

Diamond Hotelkeeper in Town

Steve Seaward and wife and boys were over from Diamond during the week Mr. Seaward is the proprietor of the hotel at Diamond. This is one of the modern places of the interior and as it is in the heart of fine fishing and hunting country, it enjoys a good patronage during the summer season.

City Council Favorable to Request For New Charter; Securing Data

The committee that drafted the resolutions passed at a recent meeting of the Commercial club favoring investigation of the possibilities of water and sewer for Burns, went before the city council last Wednesday night and met with encouragement from that body. The first thing to consider will be a new charter and the city attorney was instructed to secure copies of the charters of other towns from which to compile data with a view of making a new charter that will meet conditions as they exist in this city.

This is a move toward progression and should have the serious consideration of the council in order that we may have an instrument that will meet requirements. We must be ready to take care of the growing population of our town as development of the surrounding country justifies. Burns must be the home town where people want to reside because of its advantage in the way of sanitation, modern convenience, best schools, churches and the financial center of this big surrounding territory. Business men are ready to do their part.

SIMON LEWIS BUYS

CITY PROPERTY

The residence properties of W. O. White, consisting of four residences also a business corner on Main street, have been purchased by Simon Lewis. These are all good properties and are under lease. One house is a large one, plastered and nicely arranged for apartments, the other three residences are an average with sufficient ground surrounding to make them attractive homes. Mr. Lewis also bought the Martha Sagers brick residence property recently. The business building has been

DRY DISTRICT FAILS TO GET 60 PER CENT

Not Indication of Disfavor for Development.

VOTE LOST BY 22 TO 19

Sentiment That Additional District Would Retard Progress of Valley.

The vote on the proposed "Dry" irrigation district last Saturday stood 22 favorable and 19 against the organization of the district, therefore the proposition was defeated. On the face of it this looks like the people were not in favor of development but upon the matter being analyzed it will look different.

The formation of the big district a couple of weeks ago with but four negative votes shows how the people feel upon the plans for irrigating this big country. The first district embraces land that has been decreed water from Sliver river. Until these lands are supplied and it is shown there is a surplus no additional acreage may hope to secure any recognition. As soon as it is demonstrated there is a surplus of water additional lands will be served. That's the thing in a nut shell. Land owners in the other district felt that instead of getting anywhere by forming a district out in the dry portion of the valley they would in reality retard matters by voting a district at this time when there is no water available for it.

With the matter standing as it is now the one district will organize immediately and as rapidly as circumstances will permit the construction of the reservoir will be undertaken with the necessary canals and ditches. The sooner this work is completed the sooner more land may be taken in either as a part of the district or the owners may buy the water. Until this is possible they saw no reason to organize.

This is the view taken by land owners who investigated conditions and understood how the matter stood. They are now in a position to negotiate individually for water when it is available or to organize and come into the district when the time is right. They are not placing their land under obligation then, until they get something for their money.

It is understood that some of those who voted favorable to the organization last Saturday have said that if it was to do over again they would vote in the negative.

Salvation Army Advisory Board Organized for Home Service Work

Charles T. Wheeler, field representative of the Salvation Army, spent Thursday in this city and while here organized a county advisory board to look after the home service work of the Army in Harney county for the present year. The board consists of Sam Mothershead, chairman; E. H. Conser, vice chairman; Julian Byrd, secretary; Wm. Farre, C. M. Faulkner and Judge H. C. Levens are the other members of the board.

The duty of the county Salvation Army advisory board is to make a thorough and comprehensive study of social and moral conditions of the county. Among other matters the board will investigate the following:

(a) Poverty—with particular reference to the old and infirm.

(b) The unemployed—with reference only to dependent cases.

(c) Juvenile Delinquencies—and contributory causes.

(d) Missing Persons—boys and girls, men and women.

(e) Illegitimacy—the number of illegitimate births—disposition of mother and child.

Members of the board have been placed upon committees to look into the different matters enumerated. Mr. Faulkner will make an investigation of the poor, which includes widows and orphans as well as old and infirm; Mr. Farre will make it his part of the work to investigate juvenile delinquencies, and maternity cases are to have the attention of Julian Byrd who will work in connection with the doctors, midwives and those directly in touch with any such cases.

The information gathered by the board is to be strictly confidential and no publicity will be given to the findings except upon recommendation of the advisory board. The work will be conducted quietly and with care.

The work of the Salvation Army is so well known to those in the more densely populated centers that it re-

quires no introduction to even the people of his section. During the world war this organization made a most lasting impression not only upon the boys and girls who took part in the fighting but the general public as well. The organization of county advisory boards are for the purpose of extending the home service work to the isolated sections of the country.

It is not the intention to trespass upon the field of other agencies in making this additional organization, but it is well known that the Salvation Army has always stepped in where other organizations have left off. No case is too hard for this big organization to take hold of and they carry their work into every walk of life.

The Salvation Army maintains a big farm in California where boys are taken care of. These are incorrigible boys who are not of an age to be placed in reform schools and like places. In fact it is the hope of the organization to save boys from such a fate by securing them before they come of the age to be committed to such places. The boys are taken, given schooling and a trade or instructed in farm work.

The Salvation Army has recently been given charge of a large hospital in Portland of 60 rooms. This is used as a maternity hospital and many unfortunate girls and mothers are cared for at this place. They also look after the poor and infirm.

The organization in this county will work consistently along the lines outlined by the army for its guidance and there will be no public discussions of its investigations. It invites the co-operation of all good citizens in this uplift work and hopes to be of real assistance to unfortunates in Harney county. Fortunately there are few cases that come to the place where such an organization may use its influence but when they do occur it is ready to take the matter up.

TAKING HIS STAND



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