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BURNS-BEND MAIL ROUTE ADVOCATED

Burt C. Jones, Former Club Secretary, Interviewed.

PORTLAND AID IS URGED

Present Service Responsible For Trade Going Out of State; Western Connection Urged.

A one-man S. O. S. expedition arrived in Portland this morning from Burns, in the person of Burt C. Jones, secretary of the Burns Commercial club.

"We appeal to Portland," said he, "to enable an automobile mail route between Bend and Burns. We want to be enabled to do business with Portland. We want to cut down the time it requires to send a letter between Burns and Portland from four days to 24 hours."

"We want to get our Journals in Burns before the news gets cold. Do you realize that we do not receive The Sunday Journal until Wednesday, and sometimes Thursday following?"

Idaho Gets Business
"If we want to transact a hurry up order for vegetables, automobile tire-groceries, meats and fruits or other package commodities do you think the order is addressed to some Portland house. Not for a minute. It goes to Boise, Idaho. And why? Simply because Uncle Sam's mail carries that order to Boise by way of Crane and Ontario in one day; the order is filled and we receive it the following evening. If we sent this order to Portland Monday, the business house would receive it Thursday morning or noon if all went well. We will credit the Portland concern with using all diligence in filling and getting it off the same, then we would receive it in Burns about Monday—one week after the order was filled. The difference is that between 48 hours dealing with Boise and 7 days dealing with Portland."

Matter of Business
"That is the reason and not the lack of loyalty to home industry and home business that Burns deals with Boise instead of with Portland."
"It required but seven hours' running time in an automobile, Tuesday, for me to traverse by way of the Central Oregon highway the 150 miles between Burns and Bend. I came from Bend to Portland during the night by train. Had we a mail and package freight route the way I came it would be as easy to handle mail and merchandise in the same time. The letter mailed in Burns today would reach Portland tomorrow morning."

"Burns has no railroad. But Burns is one of the most active business and agricultural centers in Oregon. The business which Burns has to offer will amount annually to a good many millions of dollars. The monthly statements of our two banks run about \$1,000,000 each."

Road Development Urged
"Isn't that business worth the attention of Portland? Can't we have the cooperation of Portland in inducing the postal department to establish the mail route? The freight would then come automatically. It would be perfectly simple and easy with freight and mail transported between Burns and Bend to secure the permanent improvement of the Central Oregon highway. The improvement of that route would constitute the greatest single development in Central Oregon. Thus the business, which is now attractive, immediately upon the establishment of the mail route would be multiplied many fold."

Jones carried his appeal to the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The Journal had already taken the matter before the chamber and Assistant Secretary Hetherington had called on local jobbers for written statements of what the proposed mail and freight route would mean.

Postal Men Appealed to
Postal authorities had also been appealed to and an investigation is under way, it was said.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott has pledged to Secretary Jones and The Journal his unqualified effort for the mail route and will lead the campaign at Washington with the support, now pledged, of Senators Chamberlain and McNary and Congressmen McArthur and Hawley.

"The people of Burns and Harney County feel a lively appreciation for The Journal's support of this mail route campaign and are sure that we will win because every argument is on our side," said Jones—Portland Journal.

ANOTHER BUSINESS STRUCTURE GOING UP

Burns Cash Store to Double Size of Present Quarters 'Work Starts Soon.'

Messrs. Joe Thompson and A. K. Richardson have purchased the property adjoining the Burns Cash Store on the north from Capt. A. W. Gowen and will at once begin the erection of a stone structure duplicating the present store room occupied by them. It will be joined to the present store room by removing a portion of the dividing wall and making the entrance to the building in the center. The plans call for a modern plate glass front with big display space on each side of the entrance. In fact the entire front will be plate glass from the sidewalk to the ceiling.

This firm recently purchased the clothing business of Williams-Zogmann Clothing Co. and will use the additional space for the dry goods department and the present store room will be devoted entirely to the groceries.

Mr. Thompson stated to a representative of this paper yesterday that they were receiving estimates on the new structure and expected to begin operations just as soon as a suitable contract could be made.

RED CROSS SEAL SALE IN HARNEY COUNTY

The following list of contributions toward the sale of Red Cross Seals is published for the purpose of ascertaining if there are any omissions. If you know of any further contributions to come in please notify Mrs. Frances Clark:

For Burns.....	\$6.55
Seals returned 9.14	
From the County at large:	
Mr. J. L. Lowe	1.00
Mrs. Ethel Darst	1.00
Crane School	6.00
Mr. J. C. VanWynyard	1.00
Mrs. Ralph Rimer	1.00
Mr. W. J. George	1.00
Miss Carmen Donegan	.50
Mr. W. L. Newton	2.00
Miss Pearl Ellis	.25
Mr. F. G. Otley	1.00
Miss Clara Short	5.00
Mrs. Hattie Miller	1.00
Mrs. Mary Griffith	1.00
Mrs. Paulina Koenmann	.25
Miss Helen Long	1.00
Mr. Alonzo Pease	1.00
Mrs. Myrtle Thompson	1.00
Mr. J. E. Graves	1.00
Mrs. Laura Christensen	.10
Miss Violetta Damon	1.00
Mr. W. W. Stoten	1.00
Mr. Ralph C. Rimer	1.00
Mrs. Alice Bennett	1.00
Mrs. Bessie Craddock	1.00
Miss Helena C. Perry	1.00
Miss Amelia Schroth	1.00
Mrs. Adele Paul	1.00
Mr. P. H. Donegan	1.00
Mr. George Smyth	1.00
Miss Gertrude Laing	1.00
Mrs. Annie Cote	1.00
Mr. Freedman	1.00
Mrs. Rose Henderson	.50
Mr. Albert Reineman	1.00
Mrs. Emily L. Grant	1.00
Mrs. C. E. Sturgeon	1.00
Mrs. Annie M. Pruitt	.50
Mrs. Mary C. Marshall	.42
Mrs. Ruth Shaw	1.00
Mr. D. M. McDade	1.00
Miss Augusta Nelson	1.00
Mr. Brunnhilder Bathrick	1.00
Mrs. Marie Whitney	1.00
Mr. Arthur Whitney	1.00
Miss Josephine Slater	1.00
Mrs. Ida Howard	1.00
Mrs. Minnie Luper	1.00
Mr. M. J. O'Connor	1.00
Mrs. Wolter	.30
Miss Elizabeth Middleton	1.00
Mr. W. B. Howard	1.00
Mrs. Charles Beckley	1.00
Mrs. Florence Lewis	1.00
Mrs. Allen	1.00
Total for County	\$146.45
Stamps returned	20.00

Sinking Wells For Irrigation

P. S. Weittenhiller, one of the extensive land owners of this valley, is having some deep wells drilled on some of his holdings, just east of this city. He is being assisted by Lon Seaward, an experienced well driller. Mr. Weittenhiller stated to a representative of this paper the other day that it was likely he would sink several of the wells as an experiment.

It has been demonstrated that this method of irrigation is a success in that neighborhood, as Mr. Wood has a well from which he irrigates quite an area. The Experiment Station also has a pumping plant near Mr. Weittenhiller's land that is proving a success. Water can be secured at a shallow depth and with reasonably priced fuel alfalfa may be started and made a paying crop.

FEATURES INTRODUCED AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

Diversion in Way of Social Entertainment in Addition to Business.

There was a large attendance at the regular weekly meeting of the Commercial club last evening. A new feature was introduced in the way of entertainment which proved quite popular and brought out many of the ladies.

Waldo Geer was in charge of the entertainment part of the evening and started the meeting off with some pleasing selections by an orchestra consisting of Mrs. Harry Smith at the piano, Homer Reed, saxophone, and Rollie Gowan, drums.

The business portion of the evening consisted of an informal discussion of things in general; one particular matter was brought up by President Faulkner in connection with the nuisance of loose stock on the streets. He asked if there was a remedy for this and he and others brought out instances of damage by horses breaking down fences and entering yards, destroying shrubs, etc. In addition to this the stock break down walks and are considerable of a bother. It was decided to investigate and see if some means might be devised that would not be detrimental to the stock men of the range country to keep this nuisance down.

Joe Thompson asked that Mrs. Lamphire, as a member of the Mothers Club, state the condition of the play grounds plot consisting of 3 1/2 acres, with a view of seeing if the club and citizens in general might get "behind" the scheme to develop it into a park. Mrs. Lamphire responded but said that the Mothers club was not yet ready to divulge its plans because of lack of finances, but that in the near future they would be very glad for the cooperation of the Commercial club and citizens of Burns in furthering the success of the undertaking.

Dell Hayes rendered a delightful tenor solo with his sister, Miss Ilda, at the piano, and responded to a generous encore. The ladies sextet, consisting of Mrs. Chester Dalton, Mrs. Wm. Farre, Mrs. A. C. Welcome, Mrs. Homer Reed, Mrs. M. A. Biggs and Miss Evelyn Byrd, gave two very pleasing vocal selections with Miss Helen Purinton as accompanist.

Before adjourning on motion of James J. Donegan an invitation was extended to the ladies to become members of the club and that all dues be remitted. This was carried with enthusiasm and several of the ladies present came forward and signed the roster.

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Looses Employee**

F. A. Fessler, who was associated with this office for the past year ever since he was dismissed from the war service, took his departure last Sunday morning for Prineville where he takes active charge of the Central Oregon Enterprise, succeeding A. M. Byrd.

"Fess" was a good man in the office and so far we have not been able to secure a man to take his place. He was a valuable assistant in this shop where he understood the office so well and where he did very satisfactory work. He is an energetic young man with ideals in the news paper line and he may now have an opportunity to demonstrate his ability without a "boss." We are venturing a bet that he will make good and he has the best wishes of his friends in this vicinity for success in his new field.

Valuable Farm Changes Hands

The Times-Herald learns this week that Henry Vulgamore has disposed of his farm a few miles north of this city to Walter Cross. This is what is known as the Mel Fenwick ranch and is one of the best developed farms in this part of the country. It raises good crops without fail each year, some of it being seeded to alfalfa and there is also some fine natural meadow land.

Mr. Cross is one of the substantial stock men of this country having conducted this business for many years on Trout creek between this town and Silvies. Later he purchased the Frank Metschen ranch in Silvies and now he has added this valuable place to his plant near town.

We understand Henry Vulgamore expects to buy a smaller place, as he does not intend to leave this part of the country, especially just now when development is just fairly started.

RED CROSS NURSES ARE BACK FROM DENIO

Influenza Patients Reported Improving and Situation Well in Hand.

The two Red Cross nurses, Miss Decker of Portland and Miss Hildebrand of Burns returned from Denio Wednesday night together with Don M. Taylor, Secretary of the Harney County Chapter. They report the situation well in hand with practically all the flu-patients recovered and on their feet again.

The southern end of the county has no doctor within a hundred miles and Miss Decker who is a graduate nurse made quite a reputation for herself as a physician as well as a nurse.

Every assistance possible was given the Red Cross party by the local people and although the flu cases were scattered over a wide area they were all quickly attended to. Misses Decker and Hildebrand and Mr. Taylor will always have a warm spot in their hearts for the Denio people especially "Judge" O'Connor, the Defenbaughs, Mart Alberson and the Groves.

The following who were on the flu list are all either recovered or well on their way to recovery.

Mrs. W. T. Hill, Mrs. Penland, Miss Roy, Fred Kerlee, the Dillon family, the Bathrick family, Mrs. Mink, Mrs. Ferguson, Bill Ebeling, (Across the line in Nevada) J. C. Beatty, the Alfred Thompson family, Dot Thompson, Al Wallace, Miss Stauber, Miss Allen, Thad Defenbaugh, S. Defenbaugh, Dan Defenbaugh, Tom Defenbaugh, Ellen Baltazar.

Melvin Doan and A. Venator were both reported very sick with the flu but Doan hastened to Denio to correct this report in person.

The party was entertained while in Denio by Dell and Mrs. Defenbaugh and M. J. O'Connor the Red Cross representative.

Denio, Andrews and Field are all heartily in accord with the Red Cross drive for a Community Nurse in Harney County and have pledged their support.

Citizens Voluntarily Improve The Streets

Property owners on Madison Street have begun improvements that should be followed by others in the way of improving the streets. Some of them have voluntarily started work on grading the street adjoining their respective properties.

Beginning on the west at the residence of Frank Welcome they have graded the street east to within a block of Main street. The city is filling in the intersections and if other property owners would follow in line that would be the main entrance to town from the west. W. E. Smith has not only fixed his street to the south but also on the east. The Burns Garage has been excavating and making proper grade for its new camp grounds on the block east of Mr. Smith and the street south and east of this property is also graded.

The business men who own the property in the block abutting on Main street should now come through with their part of this good work now and the same should apply to those on the west.

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BIOLOGIST HORN HAS SQUIRREL POISON MIXED

Distributed Free to Harney County Farmers; Placed at Central Points.

Biologist E. E. Horn arrived from Washington last Saturday and immediately began mixing up poison for squirrels. He had expected to have a considerable quantity of this made up before but was called to his home by a telegram stating his father was ill with influenza.

Mr. Horn now has poison mixture which will be distributed among the land owners of this county upon request. The poison may be obtained at the following places: Harney, Fred Haines's store; Burns, county treasurer's office at the court house; Crane, Vale Trading Co.; Drewsey, Porter-Bitz store; Calamity creek, Brad Moss.

Mr. Horn says now is the proper time to start eradication operations on the sage rats. In spreading the poison do not place it in the holes but spread it a foot or so from the hole or along the runways. By scattering from one to two tablespoonfuls of the bait to a place the danger to stock is eliminated.

Inventory Basis For Re- porting Farm Income

Thousands of dollars more than required were paid by Oregon farmers in 1919 to the United States treasurer in the form of income taxes. A rather disconcerting fact about this was that such could have been avoided if the farmer had kept a complete record of his business and known how to make out his reports.

In the last few years it is safely estimated that nine out of ten farmers reported their income on the cash receipts and disbursements basis. They should have used the inventory method. It is not necessary that a farmer know his exact cost of producing a bushel of wheat or of raising a steer in order to use the inventory plan. The inventory plan as now approved by the federal treasury department provides that the farmer may use "The farm value of livestock and grain." This means that the farmers must keep records and accounts, which practice he should adopt anyway.

Reporting the income on the inventory basis provides against doubling up two years' income into one, through the holding over of crops and livestock intended for market. This holding over results in very little, if any, net income the one year and an abnormally large net income the next year. Since the rate of taxation is higher as the net income becomes higher (4 per cent on all amounts up to \$1000, 8 per cent on the amounts between \$4000 and \$5000 and a surtax of one per cent on all between \$5000 and \$6000, a surtax of two per cent on the amounts between \$6000 and \$8000.) It can readily be seen that the farmer who reports his income on a cash basis pays more taxes, often 50 or 100 per cent more, than if he included his inventory values each year.

Some confusion may result when a man changes from the cash plan of reporting to the inventory plan, but with a little thought and with the help which should be secured from the field agent of the internal revenue office, an adjustment can satisfactorily be made.

The income tax is in principal and the present law is, in most respects, good. Some further regulations for improvement will no doubt be made within the next two years. The Oregon officials of the federal income tax office are supporting the college in an effort to give fair treatment and instructions to the farmers in his regard. The farm management division of the college extension service, cooperating with the several county agricultural agents, will be glad to assist farmers in getting their farm accounts and income tax reports put upon a business like basis.—R. V. Gunn, Farm Management Demonstrator, Oregon Agricultural College.

MORE REAL ESTATE CHANGES HANDS

A. A. Traugott of the Inland Empire Realty Co., reports the following sales made during the past week: The Northwest corner of Main and Jefferson Sts. the two lots just opposite the Burns Garage, belonging to W. E. Houston were sold to Capt. A. W. Gowan.

The Ralph W. Hibbard Ranch on Prater Creek, just 8 miles East of Burns, was sold to Price and H. F. Fowler of this city.

The 480 acres of timber land including the famous Cold Springs ranch in the mountains just 15 miles north of Burns was sold to J. L. Cavender. The former owner, Will H. Huffman, is now engaged in the cattle business south of here and found it inconvenient to use that land for pasture.

GOVERNOR INTERESTED IN IRRIGATION

Director Olsen Cordially Received at Salem.

HANLEY COMING AT ONCE

Hurrying Home to Assume Responsibility of Aiding Associates in Work; Hope Realized.

A. R. Olsen, chairman of the board of directors of the Harney Valley Irrigation District, returned Thursday night from a visit to Portland, Salem and other points in this state. He was out partially on business in connection with the organization of the district and called upon the governor and state engineer where he was cordially received and both evinced a keen interest in the promotion of the irrigation project.

Mr. Olsen received a telegram from William Hanley while in Portland, in which Mr. Hanley stated he was starting west at once and expected to arrive at home not later than the 10th of this month. He expressed a desire to be present and assume his duties and responsibilities in connection with the irrigation project and voiced his satisfaction in the result of the election. Mr. Hanley shows his sincerity in this big work in his conversation and expressions otherwise. He wants to take a hand in the development of the country where he has been a factor for so many years. Mr. Olsen feels that Mr. Hanley is going to be a valuable man in promoting the undertaking because of his personal interest in the matter which has been a cherished hope in his mind for a long time.

Mr. Olsen is very much encouraged since making the trip out and consulting with the state officials, as he finds them ready to give whatever assistance they can in the way of furnishing data or advising with the officers in charge of the undertaking. The state engineer has given his assurance of cooperation in any way that office can consistently work.

Another feature that is encouraging toward the project is the evident interest taken by the general public. Many inquiries are directed to this vicinity by people who know what irrigation means to the country. There is a growing demand for land in this section under the project and there will likely be a greater demand as time goes on.

Woman Meets Frightful Death

Mrs. Dewey Hoxie, of Crane was severely burned last Tuesday night that she died between 3 and 4 o'clock the following morning. According to report received here her husband had filled a gasoline lamp and had pumped up the pressure but it would not work and he was going to throw it away when Mrs. Hoxie suggested that he save the gas. He started to remove the cap over the pressure valve but it blew out before he realized it, throwing the gas over his wife who was standing near another gas lamp from which the gas ignited and burned her frightfully.

Mrs. Hoxie was twenty-one years old and is survived by her husband there being no children. The body was taken to Ontario for interment.

CUT WORMS THICK AT WEAVER SPRINGS

Ed. Morgan has brought in a quantity of what looks like cut worms from the vicinity of Weaver Springs and has asked that some one with authority pass upon them and see if some method of exterminating them may be devised. Mr. Morgan says there are thousands of them out on top of the ground now and that later they go into the ground and are a bad pest in that neighborhood. He said that he tried some grasshopper poison on them last year and it was quite effective but it is hard to get them after they have gone into the ground. There are specimen of these worms at this office.

Any merchants or others having outstanding accounts against the Harney County Chapter, American Red Cross, will kindly mail statements of same to Don M. Taylor, Secretary, Burns, Oregon.

Wisdom is an invulnerable safeguard at all times except in the presence of a pretty girl.