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STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION MAY 24-25

Committees Now at Work on Details for Meet.

CITIZENS MUST MAKE GOOD

Tax Hospitality of People to Properly Care for Vast Number Expected; but Latch String Out.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Cattle and Horse Raisers Association will be held in Burns on May 24 and 25.

C. M. Faulkner arrived home from Baker the first of this week, after meeting with the executive committee of the association, and stated the above dates had been settled upon. It is now up to the citizens of Harney county to take care of this big gathering of stockmen in a manner that will reflect credit to the county and bring praise from the visitors. That it is about the biggest job ever undertaken by the people of the county is realized by those who are actively in charge of the event. There can be no falling down on this job, either, as we have extended the invitation and we must make good. In order to do this it is necessary that every citizen of the county take an active interest in the affair and do their part.

When one considers the stupendous undertaking of entertaining so many people at one time, practically doubling the population of Burns during the session, it is rather staggering. These visitors must be housed and fed and given such entertainment as is necessary for the occasion.

Mr. Faulkner called a meeting of citizens of this town and visiting stockmen on Tuesday evening at the Commercial club rooms and gave a detailed report of his conference with the executive officers of the stockmen and asked the several members of the committee to get busy at once on their respective duties and have some concrete method of action in operation just as soon as possible and that each would be expected to get results.

He has named the following on committees:

Finance—E. H. Conser, Leon M. Brown, E. L. Wallace and Julian Byrd.

Accommodations—Robt. M. Duncan, Wm. Farre, I. S. Geer.

Commissary—Grover N. Jameson, Charles W. Ellis, Joe Thompson, Mrs. E. F. Schwartz, Mrs. James Lampshire, Mrs. Julia Smith.

Entertainment—Waldo Geer, D. M. McDade, E. J. Musick, Miss Helen Purington, Mrs. Harry Z. Smith.

Reception—A. R. Olsen, William Hanley, P. G. Smith, Sam Mothershead, James J. Donegan.

City Marshal T. J. McDonald has been made a committeeman to work with all committees in whatever capacity he may find time to do. He is a standby on all occasions and has always proven equal to it.

It is not expected that these committees will do all the work for this occasion, but they will be expected to take the lead in the work and that every other good citizen will give such assistance as they are called upon to do.

This is an occasion where all of Harney county is to be host to a big gathering of men of affairs. The attendance will not be confined to local men but will include officers and representatives of the big packing concerns, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, U. S. Biological Survey, and representatives of the state institutions. It is not entirely a business affair, nor is it social, as serious business matters will confront the delegates during the business sessions of the meeting, but those men must have some recreation and we must furnish them with some en-

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ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

The progress of any community is measured to a great extent by its advance along civic lines, the elevation of its standards and the beauty and usefulness of its public institutions. All these things depend upon the people of the community getting together in a broadminded and public spirited way, and forgetting their own small interests, subscribing generously to the bigger things that tend to promote the general welfare.

Burns needs a hospital. The only way for her to get one is for all her citizens to pitch in and build one. Even though it may cost us some sacrifice, it is a real need and we must have it. Therefore when you are called upon to do your bit, do it cheerfully and do not begrudge it because you yourself may be the one that will need and appreciate a good hospital in your home town or county.

Burns is very fortunate in having the Sisters to run this hospital along the most up to date as well as economical lines. There are several other cities of Oregon far larger than Burns which are trying to get Sisters for their hospitals and cannot succeed. Lakeview is going ahead and building a splendid hospital in the hope of getting some Sisters to run it. The Dalles, La Grande and Enterprise are all trying to get Sisters, and are putting forth every inducement for them to come but so far none of them have succeeded. The city of Salem has recently offered the Sisters of Mercy one hundred thousand dollars if they will but come and open a hospital within her limits.

The people of these cities are not Catholics any more than are the people of Burns, but like the people of Burns they realize that these women are best adapted to conduct a hospital properly and economically who have left father and mother and home and have consecrated their talents their ability their strength and their lives to the service of the sick and the poor.

Why don't the Sisters build their own hospital? Perhaps they would if we would let them, but we don't want them to. We will more than appreciate it if they will be willing to run OUR hospital. It will be our hospital in every sense of the word if we build it. It will be open to all practicing physicians and to all patients rich or poor, young or old, Christian and non-Christian alike, so let's all get together and put this thing over and some day you will be glad that you subscribed as generously as you could to St Joseph's Hospital Building Fund.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE ELECTED

A meeting of the high school board was held during this week and the present teachers were all re-elected with an increase in their salaries. D. M. McDade was elected principal and will devote his time entirely to the upbuilding of the school following the close of the present term. Outside of the regular period of study at the summer course at the University of Oregon Mr. McDade expects to put in his time working in Harney county in the interest of the school. Miss Helen Anderson, English and Latin; Miss Libbie Krechesky, History and English; Miss Hazel Freese, Science and Domestic Art; Miss Margaret Whealdon, Commercial; Miss Helen Purington, Commercial.

The high school is making rapid progress at this time and the patrons are pleased with the work of the present instructors. It is certainly with much satisfaction that they have been elected to continue the work next year.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS HERE

Owen F. Jones of Baker, a candidate for congress in this district to succeed Nick Sinnott, was a visitor to this city during the week. The gentleman made a very favorable impression upon those with whom he came in contact as he is an able man and would serve this district well in the capacity of congressman. He is going to receive considerable support from the republicans of this section toward the nomination.

Shows Spirit of Fairness.

March 24, 1920.

To Landowners of Proposed Harney Basin Irrigation District. Gentlemen:—

On learning that you were to hold a meeting on the 21st instant the Board of Directors requested permission to attend and present the position of this District to you, agreeing that after making our statement that we would withdraw from your meeting that you might discuss matters without restraint. We did not receive this invitation hence we write this letter, requesting that it be read and given consideration.

We believe that the intention of all parties is sincere, and that all are working toward one end,—development. It is now a question of procedure. Harmony should be our watchword. Litigation, hickering, cross pulling, only result in expense and delays, the delays being the real expense in retarded development. Fearing that the creation of two districts at this time would result in working at cross purposes is what caused your landowners to vote against your district at the election of February 21st.

The Board of Directors of this District, and all the landowners thereof, are sincere in their desire to develop to their fullest capacity the water resources of Silvies River by the construction of reservoirs and canal systems. When a surplus of waters are obtained the district will sell this surplus on any equitable basis to dry lands most available, and this means a large part, if not all, of your proposed district. It seems necessary that this district should do all this development work in order to protect the present adjudicated water rights, which are to be served first.

On March 16th the Board of Directors of this District by resolution directed that negotiations be opened with Mr. C. B. McConnell and Harney Basin Development Co. for the purchase of such data as might be available and of value to the District in its proposed work. This was communicated to these parties but no response has been received.

The feasibility of the project and the cost of construction has never been an issue. The only issue presented to date has been that some doubt the sincerity and purpose of the two largest landowners within the District. This point we refuse to argue but submit that in all fairness we should all work together until such time as someone breaks faith with the people or district. At present every promise has been fulfilled and the District is organized and is progressing as rapidly as is possible. Our meetings are open and you are invited to attend at any time and your questions will be answered.

We submit, gentlemen, that we are considering your interests with our own; that the question of selfish gain is not involved. That after the present water rights are cared for, as they must be, there will be a surplus for a large area, the extent of which cannot at this time be determined.

Why not meet with the Board of Directors of this District and discuss these matters. We believe that you will be fully convinced that our interests are identical and that we can and will serve you as fully as it is possible for you to do for yourselves.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
ROBT. M. DUNCAN
Secretary.

The foregoing letter from the Board of Directors of Harney Valley Irrigation district to the dry land owners is self explanatory.

It is logical, businesslike and just that the producing lands in the present district bear the burden of original cost of construction and expenses incident thereto, instead of taxing those who enjoy no remunerative income from their holdings, and when water is available, sell the surplus to dry land owners at fair and equitable rates.

Rumors of threatening litigation to delay progress of development are about, but it is inconceivable that such be true. If so it would be a calamity and could only emanate from an implacable and diabolical foe to actual development.

The good faith of the Companies is not in question, their means and abilities are at our service and real development in the hands of the people themselves.

Burns Commercial Club Passes Resolutions

(By The Secretary)

A most pleasing program for the meeting was provided by Waldo Geer consisting of music by Mrs. Smith, Homer Reed, and Rollin Gowan; Recitation by Mrs. Faulkner, Solo by Roy Johnson and Clarence Luckey; Reading by Joe Cook and recitation by Henry Geer.

J. W. Biggs made an eloquent plea for support of St. Joseph Hospital and on motion the following resolution introduced by Mr. Mothershead was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas an organization known as the St. Joseph Hospital Building Association of Burns has been perfected, and is now actively engaged in promoting the building and equipping of a modern, 50 room hospital in the city of Burns for the use and benefit of the whole people of Harney county, and

"Whereas this club recognizes the urgent need of such an institution in Harney county, and this matter having been explained in detail to this club at the last regular meeting thereof, therefore"

"Be it Resolved that the Burns Commercial club, in regular meeting assembled, does hereby go on record as voicing its unqualified approval of this laudable undertaking, and pledge to said Association its hearty support and co-operation."

The various committees in charge of Stockmens convention in Burns

May 24 and 25th reported organization with definite plans and methods of procedure under consideration. President Faulkner explained the undertaking a big job and urged the co-operation of all the people.

Mr. McDade addressed the club on two initiative tax measures in relation to education, to be voted on at Primary election May 21. He pointed out that our safety lies in the public school, and his remarks were received with serious consideration.

Mr. Donegan called attention to Senator Chamberlain's bill to establish a Forest air patrol for Oregon, with substitution at Burns and a committee Donegan, Duncan and Lampshire was appointed to prepare resolution offering desired local support for the bill.

Mr. Duncan performed a rather unpleasant duty in calling attention to a venomous editorial in the Portland Journal on March 18th, attacking Pacific Live Stock Company, and to the fact that a newspaper is a moulder of public opinion, that it can make and unmake communities and retard development of a country—a committee of three—Duncan, Dr. Hibbard and Mothershead was appointed to draft a resolution condemning the editorial, with request that further comment be made only after investigation and based on facts.

D. T. Noren, who recently came to this city and associated with A. A. Traugott in the real estate business, informs us he is well satisfied with his new locality and considers this country great.

FARMERS AND PRINTERS' INK

"Use some real salesmanship and get the surplus pure bred bulls out where they will do some good for the other fellow as well as yourself," urges D. S. Bullock, of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture, who has been aiding in the campaign to improve the quality of Wisconsin herds.

"How many farmers and breeders advertise in rural town papers the fact that they have half a dozen bulls for sale?" he asks. "Not very many. Perhaps not one in fifty," is his answer.

"How many get printed a list of the stock they have for sale and send this list to county agents in this and other states or even to secretaries of breeders' associations of that particular breed in this state? Not very many. Perhaps not even one in a hundred.

"Here, we believe, is a golden opportunity for breeders of pure bred cattle to boost their breed in their county, to assist many to get started with better stock, and to boost the Better Bull Campaign in their community.

"Let's sell them and not just wait for some one to come and buy them."

And Mr. Bullock might have added that the same is true of many other things the farmer has to sell, from chickens to acres. Hundreds of thousands in this country are benefiting by their use of printers' ink—by constant use. Why shouldn't the farmer make advertising serve him and bring him profits?

ARMENIAN RELIEF WORKER IN BURNS

Rev. Warren Morse, with headquarters in Portland, was a visitor to this city over last Sunday and occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church both in the morning and evening service. At the evening service he gave an illustrated lecture on the Near East Relief, showing conditions in Armenia. Rev. Morse is at the head of the drive for the relief of the hungry and desolate people of that country and his moving pictures made a decided impression upon those who saw them and heard the Reverend gentleman speak. Following the service at the church the films were taken to the Liberty Theatre and thrown on the screen following the regular program there.

There is no doubt of the necessity of relief to these down trodden people who have been harassed and murdered by the Turks for so many years. The war has devastated their country leaving them homeless and starving. Harney county's quota in the funds for the relief of these people is a little over \$1500. An attempt will be made to meet this quota, although there are many things demanding the attention of our citizens and their purses. All worthy causes should be given support and Harney county citizens are willing so far as within their power.

Ladies Library Club.

The Ladies Library club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Wm. Farre on Saturday March 20, 1920.

After the business meeting a most favorable report was heard from the Burns Public Library.

The following program was given. Criticisms of "Little Visitors" by Mrs. Faulkner.

"Little Visitors" by Mrs. Frances Clark.

"Roses of Picardy" song by Mrs. Al Welcome.

Delicious refreshments were then served by the hostess.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Faulkner on Sat. April 3, 1920.

LUTE PARKER TRADES HIS RANCH FOR STOCK

This week Lute Parker traded his ranch up the river to Clyde Cowing in exchange for 100 head of cattle. As soon as he can arrange his affairs Mr. Parker will give the new owner possession. This is a good stock ranch and one that receives irrigation. Mr. Cowing will conduct his stockraising plant on this ranch. Mr. Parker has other land interests in this vicinity where he will conduct his business.

SHORTAGE OF IRRIGATION WATER SEEN

State Engineer's Office Gives Out Information.

WORK SUPPLY TO LIMIT

Disputes over Water Should Be Kept Out of Court; Water Masters Under State Engineer.

(From State Engineer's Office)

The supply of water for irrigation according to the present indications will be far below normal this season. In fact, it will not be surprising if 1920 proves to be the driest season of record for irrigators the heavy snows of early December seem not to have reached to any marked degree the higher altitudes. In some sections, it fell on unfrozen ground and was almost entirely absorbed by the soil, while in other sections the reverse was true and unusual floods followed the melting of the snow.

Reports from various sections of the State indicate a very light snow fall in the higher mountains upon which we must rely to maintain our irrigation streams and fill our reservoirs. It seems, therefore, not too early to check up on our available supply and to take such practical precautions as we may to avoid undue shortage for the irrigated crops. The use of water early in the season serves a double purpose, it saturates the soil, much of which remains to supply the plants, and also serves as a reservoir, the water gradually returning to the stream as seepage and maintaining its flow for the benefit of those below, which in turn enable the upper appropriator to longer divert water without infringing upon prior rights.

The time when irrigation can be commenced to advantage depends upon the condition of the crops and soil and is far better known to the irrigator in each particular locality than anyone else. The fact remains however that the irrigator with his usual excess of spring work does not always appreciate until it is late, that there may not be an ample supply of water to raise a full crop unless he starts in early. It is particularly necessary that irrigators with the later rights take warning and make the best possible use of the water when the same is available.

Ditches should be cleaned out and prepared for use as early as possible, so that water may be applied as soon as conditions in the respective localities will permit of the beneficial use of the water.

Under the statute, the State Engineer has charge of the distribution of the waters of the various streams of the State to those entitled to their use as established by the State Water Board or the courts.

Extreme shortage of water often brings about unforeseen conditions which render the equitable distribution of water a difficult matter. However with the confidence and cooperation of the water users, these problems become simple, and it is the desire of the State Engineer to at all times work in close cooperation with the water users.

The water masters who have immediate charge of the distribution of water under the direction of the State Engineer, are required to distribute the water strictly in accordance with the decrees of the State Water Board and the courts. In case of a misunderstanding or dispute with the water master, it is urged that the matter be not immediately taken into the courts, but referred to the State Engineer. Every effort will be made to adjust the matter with due respect to the rights of all concerned. Even though the water supply should be as short as present conditions indicate, much can be done to relieve the situation

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