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Harney County's timber is an asset for immediate exploitation. Mills should be turning a net to aid in the reconstruction work of the nation. Exploit this virgin field.

Harney County's resources are attracting the attention of the entire West. Irrigation, stock raising, mines, oil and gas prospects and agriculture—all awaiting development.

## INTERESTING SUBJECTS STOCKMENS CONVENTION

### Outline of Program Sent Out By Secretary; Plenty To Eat But Bring Beds.

This office is in receipt of a circular letter from Secretary S. O. Correll of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon in which the official call is made for the annual convention in this city on May 24 and 25.

Among the subjects for discussion outlined by Mr. Correll in his circular letter are the following: "The Use of Silage;" "Some of the Reasons for Federal Taxes;" "The General Future of the Stock Business;" "Beef Cattle in Oregon;" "The Grazing Regulations;" "Household Remedies for Range Diseases;" "Live Stock Shows;" "Possibilities of Co-operative Disposal of Beef Products;" and "Winter Rations for Calves and Yearlings."

Mr. Correll says further in his circular:

The livestock industry confronted with many important problems. Post-war readjustments have vitally affected those engaged in live stock and agricultural pursuits, hence it is very necessary that stock men get together, review the situation that confronts them and adopt such policies as may seem advisable for the future.

The Burns Commercial Club and the stock men of Harney County are in charge of the arrangements for this convention and the entertainment of the members, delegates and visitors, for which purpose a fund of \$3,000.00 has been provided. They have chartered a special train from Ontario to Crane Sunday, May 23rd, for the accommodation of all persons attending the convention. This train will be met at Crane by automobiles for Burns.

Special entertainment has been arranged for the ladies and everyone is assured a pleasant time.

Burns is in the heart of the principal range section of the great Northwest and is in every way worthy of your visit. It extends a cordial invitation and promises ample accommodation for all who come.

A letter written by O. M. Plummer to County Agent McDainel gives further information that he will be present and will have some fine moving picture films to exhibit during the stock convention showing Short-horn farms and herds, also the Hollywood and Carnation Hoteliers, another showing a big Hereford ranch in Idaho and a picture of the champion Jersey cow of the world. Mr. Plummer desires to exhibit these pictures to the stockmen present and also would like for the school children to see them. It will be arranged.

It is expected that a large number of people will be present for this convention and Burns is making preparation to do its best to take care of the guests. So far as food is concerned we are sure of meeting all requirements, but beds are likely to be scarce therefore it would be well for those coming in cars, especially those within the county, to bring their beds with them.

## GOOD CROP OF HAY ASSURED

Some of the ranchers of this vicinity report that the water is out on the meadow lands in fine shape along the river and that the prospects for big crops were never better. A little warm weather such as we have experienced during the week will bring the grass up rapidly and it is now assured there will be one of the biggest crops of hay harvested this season for several years. This certainly is good news to the stock men who have had such a hard time for the past three years in buying expensive hay to winter their stock and find in the spring that the price for the stock has not justified the high priced forage. Now he will have a chance to recover some of his loss provided the market does not interfere with him. It is generally the case that when hay is plentiful the stock will be cheaper.

Jerry Dillon and Himan Weinstein were in town from Lawen Tuesday.

## VICTIM OF JEALOUS HUSBAND KNOWN HERE

Newspapers had a report recently of a murder and suicide at Baker in which A. T. Stratton shot and killed his wife there and then turned the pistol on himself and inflicted a wound from which he died before he could be taken to a hospital. Jealousy was said to be responsible for the act.

Mrs. Stratton was formerly Effie Reel and she used to live in this city where she spent her girlhood life. She was married to Mr. Stratton in December, 1902 at Prairie City. They later lived at Caldwell but had gone to Baker just before the tragedy where Mrs. Stratton had two sisters living. Five small children are left, besides the two sisters, Mrs. J. Nat Hudson and Mrs. Estela Hunsaker, of Baker, and one brother, James Reel, of this city.

## CHAS. WILSON'S IRRIGA- TION PLANT SUCCESS

### Demonstrates Feasibility of Pumping System; Serve Much Dry Land.

Water has been the means of bringing success and prosperity to the irrigated sections of California, and Oregon, and will do the same for Harney county. But someone has to take the initial step. To be sure, the irrigation project to be installed in Burns district will be a boon for progressive ranchers and incoming settlers. The project, however, is but a small part of the vast territory that can be put under irrigation in the Harney valley.

The demonstrations of irrigation by pumping on the experimental farm has an object lesson that very few have taken seriously, while others throughout Harney county have adopted irrigation systems in a halfhearted way with practically poor results. When the ranchers do not come under a gravity ditch system he must install a project of his own. There is no denying the fact that this can be accomplished, if one is possessed of a will, a little backbone and faith in the future of this promised land.

To demonstrate to his neighbors and all Harney county that water can be thrown on the land by the pumping system, Charles Wilson about 35 miles west of Crane has started an irrigation project that bids fair to revolutionize the growing of crops in this so-called dry farming region. Seeing is believing. One can go to the Wilson ranch and see what he has accomplished.

Centrally located on his large tract cleared of sagebrush, Mr. Wilson has installed his pumping plant. A flow of water was found at a depth of 25 feet. With a 10-horse power gas engine and a 6-inch centrifugal pump water is thrown into the ditch at the rate of 1000 gallons per minute. The water supply is inexhaustible. Mr. Wilson has already built the main canal, and laterals will complete the system for irrigating about 150 acres of rich volcanic ash soil. Although there is sufficient water to irrigate over 200 acres the first unit of prepared land constitutes less acreage. Alfalfa will be grown on the major portion of the tract. The cost and upkeep of the Wilson irrigation project is but at low figures compared with gravity ditch systems installed throughout the Pacific north-west.—Crane American.

## Clean-Up Next Week

City Marshal McDonald has requested The Times-Herald to announce that next week has been designated by the city council as cleanup week, beginning Monday, May 10. During that week teams will be furnished by the city to haul away trash and it is the intention to make a thorough cleanup during that week.

Property owners are hereby notified to bear this in mind. There is no way of delaying the work as the marshal is authorized to hire the work done if the property owner does not get busy and charge the work up to the property.

## INITIATIVE BILL FILED FOR MALHEUR REFUGE

### Measure To Be Submitted at November Election; Cede Lake To Government.

The following appeared in Sunday's Oregonian: Copies of a bill to be initiated by the Roosevelt Bird Refuge association and intended to preserve the native water fowl of Oregon certain feeding and nesting grounds in the Malheur Lake reservation in Harney county were received at the office of the secretary of state yesterday and have been referred to the attorney-general for ballot title.

Under the provisions of the proposed law, the reservations will be designated as "The Roosevelt Bird Refuge," in memory of the president who set it apart especially to preserve Oregon native water fowl by protecting their nests and breeding grounds. Petitions are said to have been prepared and if sufficient signatures are obtained the measure will go on the ballot at the general election next November. The text of the proposed law follows:

"In order to save some of the native waterfowl of Oregon from extinction it is necessary that their nesting grounds and feeding places in Malheur reservation in Harney county be preserved from further destruction, and therefore the state of Oregon does hereby grant, cede and convey to the United States of America all the right, title, claim, interest, rights and powers of control, appropriation and jurisdiction owned and possessed by, and also such as may hereafter be acquired by the state of Oregon, in and to all the lands within the exterior boundaries of, and in and to all the waters both within and tributary to the Malheur Lake reservation in Harney county, as set apart by executive order No. 929, issued by President Roosevelt of date August 13, 1905, for the use of the department of agriculture as a preserve and breeding ground for wild birds, except that portion of said lands situated and lying west of the section line between sections thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32), extended on each end, in township twenty-six (26), south of range thirty-one (31), east of Willamette meridian.

"That the people of Oregon request the national government to change the name of said reservation and to designate it as 'The Roosevelt Bird Refuge' in memory of the president who set it apart as a reservation especially to preserve Oregon native waterfowl by protecting their nests and breeding grounds."

## MAY DAY PICNIC BY MOTHERS CLUB

The Mothers Club would not allow unfavorable weather to stop them from the usual May Day picnic last Saturday. Mrs. Chester Mace had the mothers and little ones come to her farm home near town where they had a real delightful time. Of course there wasn't any May pole or folk dancing on the green in scanty raiment, but they had just the finest dinner one could find any where and the little ones were given the privilege of the house where they enjoyed a good time. The mothers appreciate the hospitality of Mrs. Mace in opening her home for this occasion. She had a good time and was happy to have them as guests. There were over forty present.

## PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR RESIGNS

Last Sunday Rev. B. S. Hughes resigned as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. He will leave here the first of June for Union where he has accepted a call. Mr. Hughes has been pastor here for some two years during which time the work has been much interrupted because of influenza and therefore he has not had the active work he would otherwise. He has covered this county pretty well in his work and has met many of the people.

Mrs. Hughes is now teaching in the public school and as soon as it is closed the family will go to Union to take up the work there.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE READY FOR SERVICE

### Miss Howell Comes to Take Up Duties; Will Cover The Entire County.

Miss Sarah A. Howell, public health nurse, arrived Wednesday evening to take up the preliminary work in this county. She is accompanied by Miss Helen S. Hartley, of the State Bureau of Nursing, who will remain for a few days until Miss Howell is established and the work properly organized.

Readers of The Times-Herald will recall mention of this work from time to time during the past few months in these columns. A public health nurse is needed in this county and it is expected the people, especially the school patrons, will take an active interest in the matter and give such aid as is necessary to its success. For the present the State Tuberculosis Association is financing the initial work with the aid of the local Red Cross Chapter and the people are going to be given an opportunity of seeing just what it means to each community.

Miss Howell expects to be able to do some work in the schools before they close for this year and as soon as possible and arrangements can be made, she will visit the several parts of the county and make the acquaintance of the people. The young lady is very capable and wants to get into active service just as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

The following in respect to the scope of the county nurse's work is taken from a pamphlet and will give our readers an idea of what she will do in our county:

(a) County public health nurses in Oregon work under the direct supervision of county public health associations subject to the jurisdiction of the State Bureau of Nursing.

(b) The county nurse works in both the home and the school. She goes to the homes to give advisory and instructive care to pre-natal, infant welfare, tuberculosis or any other type of case involving the physical health of the individual or the community. She goes to the schools where, in addition to classroom talks on health and prevention of disease, she gives the pupils inspection for symptoms of physical defects or of contagious disease. The nurse makes it known to the parents that the school inspection work is not compulsory.

(c) The nurse gives bedside care as her schedule permits but throughout all her work as an instructor she uses bedside nursing as the best means of demonstrating her teachings.

(d) The nurse is available for talks before groups of people throughout the county on any topics pertaining to community health, and in every way she strives to be a factor in the county for promoting better public health.

(e) She endeavors at all times to work in close harmony with the physicians and public officials of her county and holds herself in readiness to undertake any commission relating to the health of the community which the county court may delegate to the association.

(f) The nurse keeps office hours every Saturday afternoon for the convenience of those who wish to consult with her.

(g) A schedule of visits over the county is definitely followed each month so that the different communities may have an equitable share of her time as possible.

## MONTHLY MEETING OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS HELD

President William Hanley and Judge Grant Thompson were present Tuesday at the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Harney Valley Irrigation District. They transacted only routine business and paid some bills. Director Olsen was called to Seattle to join his wife and little daughter, therefore was not present.

J. E. Sizemore was in town Wednesday looking after some business affairs.

## RED CROSS AUXILIARY TURNS IN FUNDS

While in town last week from her home on Silver Creek, Mrs. T. J. Shields turned over \$76.30 to E. H. Consey, chairman of Harney County Chapter, American Red Cross. Mrs. Shields explained that the Silver Creek auxiliary had that amount of funds on hand as they were no longer active in the work considered it the right thing to do to turn the funds over to the Mother Chapter.

Mrs. Shields was one of the mothers to participate in active war work during the recent struggle. She had one son over in France on the firing line for a time and therefore experienced what war means to mothers. She is one of the pioneer stock, however, who has seen hardships in the past and knows how to bear up under difficulties. She reports that soldier son now at home doing the farm work.

## GOOD ROADS MEASURES FAVORABLY RECEIVED

### Comment of Men of Affairs Evidence of Popularity; Affects All Counties.

"We want roads regardless of the fact that good roads cost much money to construct. We want our taxes to be less, if possible. We can't have good roads without increasing our taxes greatly if we construct them without government aid," writes Jay W. Dunn, one of the commissioners of Lincoln County. Mr. Dunn then analyzes the possibilities which might occur should the proposed road-bonding amendment carry.

"I am wholly in accord with the effort now making through legislative action to further the Good Roads movement within our state," writes William F. Woodward, of Portland. "It is simply a means of realizing and securing to the people of this state assets hitherto unused and unavailable: products of field, forest and mine lie dormant until they can be made profitable and useful through the medium of well constructed roads. And if there no other resource than taxation to meet the cost of these roads, we would still be in favor of them, but when construction of these highways is carried out by means of an impost which in no sense can be called a burden, and is almost wholly received through channels untouched, there can be, in our estimation, not one word against the measure."

"We will not issue a bond beyond that which is already provided by law and only as the money is needed to carry on the work adequately," said R. A. Booth, of the State Highway Commission, recently in McMinnville. "This is no time to play in the mud. The commission had no idea when it started to build permanent highways that the present immense traffic would follow."

"The commission does not aim to rush the road game this summer as there would be a shortage of labor and we do not intend to call out labor for the roads when it proves a detriment to other industries."

The voluminous clippings from the press of Oregon collected in the office of the association lend encouragement to the men who are devoting their time and efforts to explaining the measure by reaching the people through the same press. A very few are on the fence, asking in so many words: "What will we get out of it if the measure carries?" In order to tell them, the corrected list of highways to be completed has been compiled through the efforts of W. L. Thompson, president, who has requested C. C. Chapman to make a definite statement that the following roads may be completed if the measure carries, whereas if it fails to carry they cannot be completed for years:

Pacific, John Day, Old Oregon Trail, Central Oregon, Baker-Cornucopia, McKenzie River-Crooked River, La Pine-Lakeview, Klamath Falls-Lakeview, Ashland-Klamath Falls, West Side, Crater Lake, Corvallis-Newport, Coos Bay-Roseburg, Yamhill-Nestucca, Tillamook-Astor

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## BURNS BANKER SEES PROSPERITY OUTSIDE

### Neighboring Towns Reflect Advantages of Irrigation; We Must Hustle.

Leon M. Brown of the Harney County National Bank arrived home Monday evening from a trip to Baker. Mr. Brown was impressed with the evident prosperity of some of our neighboring towns along the line and agreeably surprised at the development shown.

"Ontario, Welser and those towns along the line are all doing a fine business," said Mr. Brown. "Ontario secures a big business from the bench across in Idaho and everywhere you see evidences of prosperity in the irrigated districts. One is surprised to note the wonderful change in just one season along the line above Vale with the new farms created since the Warm Springs reservoir has been built. I tell you, we must be hustling with our project and get in the swim."

Mr. Brown is one of the pioneer business men of this community and is anxious to see things moving toward a better condition—toward the goal so many of the old time business men have looked for. We have the resources and must use every energy to develop them. No country has it "over" Harney Valley when it comes to raising the necessary feed for livestock and since it is primarily a stock country and is backed by a big open range territory as well as the forest where range privileges are given the stockmen, it is up to the people locally to get behind any move looking to the advancement of local interests.

## NEW EXTENSION DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED FOR O. A. C.

Paul Y. Maris, for the last five years state leader of county agent and farm bureau work in Oregon, has been named as director of the agriculture college extension service. He succeeds O. P. Center, who resigned last October.

Under Mr. Maris' leadership one of the most powerful organizations of agricultural interests now shaping the new agriculture in Oregon has developed through the county agent and the farm bureau. The organized farmer is fast coming to be a factor not only in agricultural production but in profitable production and equitable marketing.

The old agriculture produced abundantly, took what the crop enemies left to the farmer, and sold it at precisely what the other man told him he could have. Cooperative, farm accounts, and a voice in marketing, were exceedingly rare.

The farm bureau agriculture as developed in Oregon bases production on profit—since the war—goes out and kills the crop enemies whether insects, disease or rodents, and asserts its right to assist in determining what the surplus shall bring. It gives farm management, records and business a big place in the farm program.

Mr. Maris has directed this movement for lowering production costs and marketing on the basis of that cost. Also for bringing farmers to act together on community problems thereby enriching the rural life as well as the farmer purse.

Mr. Maris is prepared as extension director to give all the people of the state the same high type of service that distinguished his administration of county agent work.—O. A. C. Press Bulletins.

## LEONARD LOCHER TO BE NEW POST MASTER

According to newspaper report name of Leonard Locher is sent in for confirmation master of Burns via Mrs. W. W. Gould's resignation several is an every qualified and competent graduate High School