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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.

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## IRRIGATION ATTRACTING BIG OUTSIDE STOCKMEN

### N. Stanfield Coming In To Look Over County With View of Investing.

Irrigation prospects are already having a beneficial effect upon the county. W. P. Davidson, president of the Oregon & Western Colonization Co., last week received a telegram from R. N. Stanfield, the big sheep grower, in which he announced his intention of coming here at the date of the stockmen's convention to look over the range land of the company in this vicinity with a view of investing and bringing some of his flocks to this county.

The irrigation district recently organized is responsible for Mr. Stanfield's interest in Harney Valley. He is looking for a place to range his flocks in the summer and then either trail or ship them out in the fall to winter feeding places. He has a range adjacent to winter forage and with the advent of irrigation recognizes this as an ideal location for his business.

Not only is this true of Mr. Stanfield but other men as well. P. J. Connelly is another example of a man who is looking for a proposition. Mr. Connelly has recently invested in over 7000 acres of the company's land in this part of the county. Local stock men who have had to ship their stock during the past recent years to outside irri-gated points to feed during the winter have also learned by bitter experience what it means. They are lost money for three years simply because the reservoirs have not been built to hold the flood water for use at the proper time and under proper methods. They want to keep their money for hay at home and they know it can be done by constructing the reservoirs and storing the water.

The list of recent sales of the Colonization Co. lands published in another column of this issue shows how stock men feel about this country. With the actual construction of the irrigation units these sales will be increased very materially not only of the lands belonging to the Colonization concern but others as well, should they desire to dispose of their holdings. However, there will be few who really want to dispose of their land when there is water available.

Mr. Davidson informs this paper that he is coming back to the stockmen's convention and that he is going to keep in close touch with affairs in this valley during the entire season. He sees where we are getting in line for development and is anxious to use his influence and organization to help. Mr. Davidson is a man of business ability and one who has had wide experience. He is going to back up the development of this country and it is just such men who will make it a success.

## UNLIT SCHOOLS TO CONSOLIDATE

A general school meeting was held at the Wolf Creek school house April 24th to discuss consolidation. All present being in favor, petitions were signed by those present from the Van, Wolf Creek, Mildale and Pine Creek districts. The consolidation will be voted on at the Annual School Meeting, June 21.

It is the intention to deliver the pupils from Van and Pine Creek to a centrally located point most convenient for the Mildale and Wolf Creek patrons.

The small number of pupils now enrolled from these districts makes consolidation a necessity. Mrs. Helen Rimer has two pupils at Pine Creek; Mrs. Hall has eight at Van; and Ralph J. Rimer has eight pupils at Wolf Creek. The Mildale pupils attend the Wolf Creek School and are counted there.

E. C. Reynvaan and family returned from the fore part of this week from California where they had spent the winter. They are going up into Washington to spend the summer and may return here later although not likely to remain as Mrs. Reynvaan's health is much better in a milder climate and lower altitude.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLES OF HARNEY COUNTY

The following letters deal with the present shortage of gasoline in this part of the country. It doesn't make any difference what our opinion is as to the cause of the shortage—it exists without doubt—and it is up to the people to make the best of it.

The gasoline shortage general throughout the Pacific Coast and the United States has hit Harney County and the situation is acute at the present time. The Crane sub-station of the Standard Oil Company have less than one days supply of gasoline on hand today, and in order that essential industry be allowed to operate it is imperative that everyone conserve gasoline and use it only when and where it is absolutely necessary. Every one must necessarily realize that physician's cars, trucks, tractors, pumping plants, sheep shearing plants etc. must be kept in operation at all costs and we appeal to the gasoline consumers of Harney County to conserve gasoline and if at all possible to go without it so that the essential industries enumerated above be allowed to run.

Of special interest to this community is the Cattle and Horse Raisers Association Convention on May 24th and 25th. The success or failure of this convention depends largely on gasoline as Burns being an inland city it will be necessary for those attending to come by automobile. Is it more important that this convention be a success and that essential industry be allowed to operate or is it more important that we take our customary drive, fishing trip or pleasure trip? We believe that every resident of Harney county has the interest of this community at heart and will readily see that it is to the best interests of every one concerned that we all conserve gasoline as much as possible until the present crisis is past. The Standard Oil Company is doing every thing possible to alleviate this shortage and we ask all the help possible in keeping essential industry operating.

## Very truly yours, HARNEY COUNTY NATIONAL BANK Burns, Oregon

Saturday, 15, 1920  
Have made careful examination of the gasoline shortage and find that there is less than 400 gallon in storage at the Crane station. This amount would not be two days supply for Burns Garage sales alone. It is absolutely necessary that this supply be held for essential industry. Tractors, pumping engines, physician cars, Trucks, Shearing plants, etc. It is plain to be seen that during this shortage, which will extend for at least 10 days, that all pleasure cars will realize the seriousness of the situation and will allow this supply to be used for the essential industries enumerated above.

We feel that the Standard Oil Co. has the interest of Harney county at heart and are doing all they can to relieve the situation, and we appeal to the gasoline user of Harney county to conserve gasoline in every way possible in order that the essential industries will not be handicapped any more than necessary.

Burns Garage  
By H. C. SMITH.

## Further Investments With Development

A. Ottinger took his departure yesterday for his home in San Francisco. Before leaving he stated to a representative of this paper that he was ready to invest more money in this city as soon as development warranted. We understand Mr. Ottinger and James Lampshire have under consideration the building of a brick party wall between the property recently acquired by each, the structure to be 200 feet in length and of sufficient capacity to carry three stories. This is in the event that the irrigation project and other improvements now under way are continued and brought to an actual realization. Should this come about it is understood Mr. Ottinger will increase his merchandising establishment many fold.

Claud Smyth was over from Diamond today.

## AGRICULTURAL AGENT READY FOR BUSINESS

### L. E. McDaniels Plans Work Immediately Upon His Arrival On Field.

L. E. McDaniels, who was recently appointed agricultural agent for Harney county, arrived here the fore part of this week and at once got busy with whatever he found to do. The first thing was to butt into this shop and tell us how to run a print shop, he having had more or less experience along the line, but when he found he could really have some work to do he backed up. Through having a thrifty and energetic wife Mr. McDaniels has nearly gotten settled in a home but lacks a few things with which an orderly household should be provided; however, with his versatility he'll do it yet.

Mr. McDaniels has had wide experience in the line of work he is to take up in Harney county and we feel sure he is going to meet with success and the farmers and stock men are going to find him a big aid in the problems they have to solve. He has had particular training in range work and was under James T. Jardine, the new experiment station director at O. A. C. for a time while in the forest service. Mr. McDaniels was supervisor of the Wenaha forest reserve in Washington, but of late years has been in business for himself. He has disposed of his stock and is in Harney county to devote his entire energies to helping the farmer and stockmen work out their problems.

The gentleman met with a delegation of prominent men from Silver creek Wednesday and upon being informed of their desire to give the sage rat eradication a real test he at once arranged with these gentlemen for a campaign to begin the latter part of this month in which a systematic poisoning serge will be waged. Mr. McDaniels will personally conduct this campaign and stay on the job until results are obtained, provided the people of the district will give him aid.

He met with F. G. Kelly of Catlow Thursday and found that the army worms, or some such "animal" are destroying crops in the Catlow country. He took the matter up with Mr. Kelly and the latter will arrange upon his arrival at home to get in touch with his neighbors and set a date for a drive on these pests. Mr. McDaniels will provide for the necessary poison bait for this purpose but the neighborhood will pay the actual expense of the poison.

On Wednesday evening Mr. McDaniels met with Supt. Obil Shattuck of the experiment station and a few men who are interested in the promotion of agriculture and stock raising in this section. Mr. McDaniels asked many questions of these men and outlined his plans for aggressive work in the county during the present season. It is his hope to form a Farm Bureau having as his co-workers prominent and progressive men in every part of the county engaged in farming and stock raising. He wants to be a real help and is going about it in the right manner. During that same evening it was arranged that he would devote some time to the neighborhood of the experiment station in a sage rat destruction campaign. This will be arranged just as soon as Mr. Shattuck can spare a little time and get his neighbors in line.

He hopes to meet many of the stockmen of the county during the coming convention in this city on May 24 and 25. Immediately following this date Mr. McDaniels expects to get busy with his county organization and be in a position to give valuable aid to the progress of the county.

## HOWDY.

I have been honored with the appointment as county agent of Harney County.  
In order to render the best service to the county at large it will be necessary for me to first visit each section.  
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## BURNS CHAUTAUQUA DATES ARE JUNE 23-28

### Much in Store For Lovers of Music and Lectures on Program This Year.

The first announcement of the 1920 Chautauqua program indicates that the attractions to be presented are of the same high standard which has characterized Ellison-White programs in the past. Music, lecture and entertainment lovers apparently have much in store for them during the week of June 23-28 the Chautauqua dates for Burns.

A lecture event of cardinal interest is scheduled in the coming of Tom Sheehan, the noted Anzac soldier-poet. He was acclaimed by Theodore Roosevelt as the greatest speaker the war produced and he has been winning new laurels of late with his powerful reconstruction lecture, "Rebuilding the World."

Other lectures of prominence are: Burnell Ford, prominent inventor and electrical scientist who brings a lecture-entertainment of real educational value and intense interest on the marvels of electricity illustrated by his own apparatus; Hon. C. H. Poole, member of the New Zealand Parliament and one of the most brilliant men of the Antipodes; Capt. Norman Allan Imrie, formerly staff lecturer with the Canadian Army and now speaking on British-American relations, and M. L. Mellinger, who throws a new light on the Mexican situation.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the entire week is the production of "It Pays to Advertise" on the fourth night by the Kelghley New York Players. This comedy success has had sensational runs in all our cities and because of its wholesome atmosphere is an ideal Chautauqua play.

The music of the week promises much to the music lovers of this community. On the opening day the Old Fashioned Girls come in two concerts. This company features both vocally and instrumentally the delightful music of the olden days. Four charming and versatile young ladies constitute the company. On the second day comes the Ward Waters Trio in two programs of music and entertainment. Ward Waters is an impersonator widely known on the Chautauqua platform and he has the able support of two real artists, Dona Foley and Fannie Lewis-Waters.

On the third day a musical event of red-letter importance is scheduled in the appearance of the Zedeler Symphonic Quintet. This company, under the direction of Nicolai Zedeler, Swedish cellist, is rated as one of the best symphonic orchestras on the concert platform. Helen Portune, soprano, and Salvador Sala, Spanish violinist, are artists of rare ability.

The fifth day brings a musical event which will particularly appeal to lovers of the violin. Ferdinand Fillon, noted French violinist, appears on the day in two recitals, assisted by Gabrielle Claus, dramatic soprano, and Frances Beall, pianist. The closing day witnesses the coming of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. This famous colored organization from Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee is rated as the greatest negro singing quintette in the country.

Another event which will be of interest to Chautauqua patrons rests in the coming of Richard Posey Campbell, poet and reader, often called the "Western James Whitcomb Riley." He will read in character from his own delightful verse.

## President Parent Teachers Association Here Tuesday

School Supt. Clark is in receipt of a letter announcing that Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, of Portland, president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Oregon, will arrive in this city on next Tuesday evening and will address the public on that evening at the Commercial Club rooms on the educational measures to be voted on next Friday.

## WILSON'S IRRIGATION PLANT ENCOURAGES OTHERS

A. B. Whitney was in from his big farm near Lawen last Tuesday. While in conversation with a representative of this paper Mr. Whitney remarked that he had recently visited the Chas. Wilson place near Dog Mountain and that the pumping irrigation plant being operated on the Wilson ranch had certainly opened his eyes and given him inspiration to experiment on his own place.

Mr. Whitney is getting along in years and had about made up his mind to let the other fellow do the experimenting and active developing of the country, especially since he had spent a good many dollars with indifferent success in attempting to dry farm, but upon seeing the Wilson plant and talking with Mr. Wilson, the old gentleman decided to give it a trial.

Mr. Whitney has a sevenhorse power engine with a good sized centrifugal pump. He has sunk a well to a considerable depth on his farm already but found a bed of quicksand at a depth of 60 feet and had not attempted to overcome it. Now he has in mind enlarging this well or sinking others, as he can find water at a shallow depth, and will test the capacity of the flow. He feels confident he can secure a sufficient flow to irrigate at least a twenty acre tract from one well and if this can be done he is confident the irrigation problem on the lands that cannot be reached by the gravity system from the streams of Harney Valley is solved.

Mr. Whitney's experiment will be watched with interest. The Times-Herald feels confident of his success at the outset, for his farm is in the vicinity of the "Burke Well" where an artesian flow was secured at a shallow depth several years ago. This method of irrigation is certainly going to be a success with the advent of cheap fuel. However, even with fuel at present prices it is pointed out it will be a success. Mr. Wilson told Mr. Whitney he was running a twenty horse power engine at an expense of 50 cents per day for fuel.

Electric power can be created for such purposes within a reasonable distance from where it can be transmitted. A power site has been located on the Malheur river at a point northeast of the valley that is considered a feasible point from which to transmit power to this valley, even as far as this city. Another possibility is pointed out that when the reservoirs to impound the water for the big irrigation project are built they will furnish a certain amount of power which would be available for the irrigation season as during that period there would be more or less water allowed to flow through the headgates and thus create power. At any rate the present experiments are timely and will prove of vast benefit to the country.

## Malheur Bird Refuge Measure Has Attention

Capt. Robt. M. Duncan left yesterday evening for Pendleton to be present at a meeting of the allied Commercial Clubs of this state as a representative of the local organization. He was chosen by the Club at its regular meeting last week for this purpose and this action was endorsed by a meeting of citizens yesterday afternoon which had met for the purpose of discussing the Malheur Bird Refuge bill. Just what effect this proposed move is going to have on the irrigation project being forwarded is a question that concerns a large number of people and goes beyond the confines of Harney county in an economic way, for if it is going to interfere with the impounding of the water it means less production and ruin to the development of a big country covering an area greater than some kingdoms in Europe.

The matter is having the serious attention of lawyers and if it is decided the proposed bird reserve is going to hamper this development the voters of the state must be given the facts and the bill defeated. No sane person would foist such an injustice upon the country if they understood what it meant.

This matter will have further considerations in these columns after an opinion is rendered by legal lights.

## BEDS IMPORTANT FOR BIG STOCK CONVENTION

### List All The Available Rooms With Committee; Your Guests as Well.

The big stock convention will be the next thing of importance demanding our attention, it being May 24-25. Bear these dates in mind and also remember it is up to the citizens of Burns to see that the delegates are properly taken care of during their stay in our city. We are going to have our entire resources taxed to their utmost in the way of hospitality and we must make up our minds to live up to our reputation as hosts.

Every individual in Harney county outside of Burns who contemplates coming to the convention should bring their own bed if possible. We are going to provide enough to eat but we are not sure we can have a feather bed for all our guests, so bring along your own blankets and we will find you a comfortable place to spread them.

Residents of Burns should also bear in mind that they are to turn in every available bed they have to spare for this occasion. It is not expected nor asked that you give up your rooms to strangers without pay. They expect to pay and the committee in charge of affairs will so inform people who are assigned to private homes that they are expected to pay for these accommodations.

Another matter should be given consideration and is important: if you are going to have some of the delegates who are to be present as your guests you should let the housing committee know of this intention as thus the committee will not get confused in assigning rooms. Bear this in mind. It will help the committee. Capt. Ropt. M. Duncan is the chairman of that committee.

## ELLIS HAS MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON NEIGHBORS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ellis arrived home Monday evening. Charles had been over in Malheur county for a short time attending a session of the circuit court at Vale and incidentally meeting the voters of that territory, he being a candidate for state senator. Mr. Ellis is highly spoken of by the press of that county and in a review of the three-cornered fight for the nomination the Ontario Argus points out his advantages in the contest and logically shows Mr. Ellis to be the man best fitted for the position. Ellis is likely to carry the district by a heavy vote but we never can tell about politics, therefore it is up to Harney county republicans to give him every vote in the county. We believe they can conscientiously do that which is commendation enough.

## WHO'S A LEAR?

Scott Hayes was in town the other day and said he had seen in The Times-Herald that both his brother, Bailey Hayes, and A. S. Swan had been quoted as saying there was more water in the Lawen country than they had seen in that vicinity for three years. Scott says he does not know of two bigger liars in Harney county. He claims that he has places below Lawen that haven't any water on them—which they should—and was up here to see what he could do about getting some more water.

The Times-Herald might have misquoted these men when it made the statement that there was more water in the neighborhood than they had seen for three years; it may be possible that they said there was more water on their respective places. At any rate Scott has challenged their veracity.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCE.

At a party given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Hibbard on last Tuesday evening where a number of former school mates and young friends were gathered, the engagement of Miss Roberta Hibbard to Mr. Albert C. Vincent was announced. The wedding is to be in June.