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HARNEY COUNTY HIGH HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

Exercises Reflect Efficiency Of Instruction; Address To Class Excellent.

The commencement exercises of Harney County High School were held at the Liberty Theatre on Thursday night and the graduating class and those participating in the ceremony were greeted by a large number of patrons and friends.

The house and stage were tastefully decorated for the occasion, although some of the flowers intended for the occasion failed to arrive.

Miss Helen Purington deserves special praise for this feature as she has persistently to have the stage decorated in a pleasing way. Additional lights were also provided in the place which added to the effect with hanging baskets of flowers from the balcony and the view from the stage banked with ferns and green. A beautiful display in full bloom occupied the center of the stage.

The eight graduates entered the stage while the sextette rendered "Swing Song" and took their seats on the stage where Principal Wade, Dean Straub and Judge were had preceded them.

Principal McDade welcomed the graduates and patrons in some well chosen remarks, giving them a little history of the graduating class and the vicissitudes of the school during the influenza epidemics and the change of teachers. Mr. McDade stressed a closer relationship between the patrons and the school, asking that the interest be spread out over the entire school year and not confined to graduation. He closed his remarks with introducing Jo Dudley, a member of the graduating class, who delivered an oration, his subject being "Making of a Citizen."

He handled his subject well and acquitted himself with credit. He was followed by Taylor E. Huston who spoke on his subject "Patriotism and Duty," which was well received by the audience.

"Little Papoose" was the title of a quartet that Marjorie Byrd, June Glady Byrd, and Ada Johnson, four high school girls, rendered. It was received with generous applause and the young singers rendered to an encore. Charles Neil, another member of the class, gave an oration "America and The World" in a very able manner. Miss Schwartz was class historian and prophet. She sketched briefly the history of the class and then followed the prophecy wherein she gave a vivid description of the future of the classmates. They were more or less humorous and brought forth some mirth.

Miss Eggleston rendered a violin solo in a very pleasing manner and responded to a generous encore; his accompanist was Dewey Robinson.

The address to the class was made by Dean John Straub of the U. of O. It was one of the finest addresses ever listened to in this city. It was the usual subject of such addresses, but practical and to the point, showing the advantages of higher education and the consequences of neglecting opportunities that are open to the young people of today. Dean Straub had a way of his own in bringing home such important points as desired and with his dry humor kept his audience interested during the entire address. It was an able and the people present and the graduates will remember it.

"Dance of The Pine Tree Fairies" rendered by the ladies sextette consisting of Mrs. Chester Dalton, Mrs. Wm. Farre, Mrs. A. C. Welcome, Mrs. M. A. Biggs, Mrs. Homer Reed, Miss Evelyn Byrd, with Miss Helen Purington as accompanist. It was followed by Judge Farre presenting the diplomas with a few encouraging remarks to the graduates in which he stated they should take advantage of higher education.

While the sextette rendered "Great Dawn," in which Homer Reed, accompanied with his Saxophone, the graduates left the stage and proceeded to Tonawama where an informal reception was given followed by a

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INDIVIDUAL IRRIGATION

To the Editor The Times-Herald Dear Mr. Editor:

Will you kindly permit me to occupy a small space of your valuable paper in order to aid in publishing an important event?

A few days back at the kindly invitation of P. C. Peterson we drove to Charley Wilson's ranch in Sunset Valley in order to look over a valuable discovery. Mr. Wilson greeted us with a warm grip and the smile that went with it. He showed us his kindly and optimistic makeup. He gave us every particular relative to the great discovery he had made and also told of the capacity of his powerful pumping outfit which was then running at full blast, he then took us down into the well in order that we might see the source of the water supply. His well is 25 ft. deep, about 10 ft. wide, and 20 ft. long the water was continuously flowing in and bubbling up from every corner, side, and center of the well. The pumping outfit which consists of a 20 H. P. engine and 8 in. centrifugal pump was working at its full capacity which is 1100 gallons per minute the flow in the well is still increasing in volume. Mr. Wilson estimates from a conservative viewpoint that the present flow will provide sufficient water to irrigate 150 acres, this water is of the purest quality.

As I looked upon this gold mine and thought of its possible duplication upon hundreds of dry land homesteads through this valley which are now barren and deserted I thought that it might prove to be an epoch in the history of this Great Harney Valley with its vast acreage, the soil of which contains all the constituents of richness and fertility only awaiting the application of the life giving water which doubtless is hidden beneath the surface ready for the combined power of labor and capital to develop it.

Then I thought of the debt of gratitude we owe such as Charley Wilson who in spite of all the obstacles and discouragements with which they have met and contend with still plod on until the goal is reached I say all honor to such men.

In conclusion I wish to say that Mr. Wilson will welcome everyone who is interested in the development of the dry land of this valley to look over his plant and water supply in order that it may be an incentive to others to prospect for water.

A. B. WHITNEY

Red Cross Executives to Meet During Chautauqua

Invitations have been sent out to the several members of the executive committee of Harney County Chapter, American Red Cross, to meet in Burns during Chautauqua week, the exact day being fixed tentatively as Saturday, June 26, to go over Chapter activities and for the particular purpose of discussing important matters in connection with the community nurse. This is a matter of local interest to every community in the county and the members of the executive board living in Burns desire to discuss the future plans of the organization and its obligations.

The chairman of the executive committee has named Saturday afternoon as the day for holding this meeting because of the fact that the Chautauqua has decided to have that a rest day—no program being arranged for that afternoon in order that housewives may have an opportunity to get their work in shape for Sunday.

The evening program of the Chautauqua on that day is one of the best for the entire week and for that reason the out of town members of the committee are invited to Burns in order that they may be present for this evening session of the big entertainment.

FAULKNER BUYS PARTNER OUT

Charles M. Faulkner has bought the interest of Grover Jameson in the Harney County Abstract Co. This is one of the active business concerns of this county and does quite a volume of business. Mr. Jameson has not decided upon his future business connections.

ENGINEER SUGGESTS BUT ONE RESERVOIR

Dam 125 Feet High Will Store 170,000 Acre Feet Water; Is Cheapest.

W. C. Hammett, the civil engineer of San Francisco, who was employed to come here and make a preliminary reconnaissance survey of the Harney Valley Irrigation District project and submit his suggestions to the board for their consideration, has completed the work he was asked to do and made his report to the directors and commissioners on Thursday. The gentleman considered the lower site for the reservoir the most feasible and cheapest, as with a dam 125 feet high would store all the water both from Elvira and Emigrant. His conclusion was if the stream bed was found suitable for a dam site at that point that 170,000 acre feet of water could be impounded at comparatively small cost per acre.

Mr. Hammett reported his conclusions to the directors together with outlines necessary for investigation to follow. The board authorized the employment of a sufficient engineering force to complete this investigation and this corps will be in the field within the next three weeks or as soon as the necessary equipment and men can be assembled. When this is started no time will be allowed to lapse in the investigation until it is completed and submitted for final consideration.

The final plan of reclamation cannot be determined until more surveys are made of the lower dam site as a check upon former work. Mr. Hammett left immediately upon the conclusion of the meeting of the board of directors and will not return unless he is authorized by them to do further work.

SUGGESTS FAIR AND STOCK SHOW THIS FALL

County Agent L. E. McDaniels is certainly right on the job in the way of getting the farmers and stockmen to moving. He has started a discussion of the advisability of holding a fair and stock show this fall. It is a suggestion that should have our consideration. It means much toward stimulating the industries of the county and is money well spent. However, with so many demands upon the county it would not be advisable, perhaps to ask funds from that source but with the amount that is coming to the county from the state and the proper co-operation of the citizens of Burns and the county in general it is possible to have suitable prizes and premiums with which to induce farmers and stock raisers to make exhibitions. We should encourage greater production. The high cost of living demands that we put every available effort forward to raise whatever we can toward our living. Harney county should not ship in one pound of potatoes this fall nor any butter, bacon, hams, etc.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS. PETER.

On last Wednesday evening at five o'clock Principal McDade of the Harney County High School gave a dinner at the home of Mrs. I. H. Holland having for his guests the graduating class of the school and the faculty. Covers were laid for fourteen and it proved a most delightful dinner and one the class appreciated.

Following this dinner the class were invited to the Odd Fellows Hall where the alumni reception was held. The entire evening was put in at this reception where a program was rendered, gotten up impromptu. The initiation ceremony was one of the amusing incidents of the evening and the class now feel they are full fledged alumni.

CROOK AND HARNEY HIGH TO PLAY BALL.

The high school ball team sent an invitation to the Crook county high school boys to come over during the stock convention and play ball with them. They have accepted and there will be two games, one on Monday afternoon, the other on Tuesday afternoon, at the fair grounds.

IRRIGATION FIRST SAYS U. S. BIOLOGICAL MAN

Birdlover And Naturalist Is Now Favorable to Finley Bird Refuge Bill.

Stanley G. Jewett, Predatory Animal Inspector of the U. S. Biological Survey, arrived in this city yesterday and will remain until after the stock convention.

Mr. Jewett has charge of the control of predatory animals in Oregon and Washington with headquarters at Portland. He makes frequent trips into this part of the country but as his business takes him more into the isolated parts, he seldom gets to town, therefore is not so well known to our residents as some other men of the department. Mr. Jewett has been constantly at work in this county hunting and trapping coyotes, cats and such animals.

Mr. Jewett was elected State Biologist by the Oregon Game Board in April and immediately following this appointment he went to Washington D. C. on business and upon his return to Portland he at once resigned the position as he did not want any such job.

Mr. Jewett discussed the proposed bird refuge bill with a representative of this paper and while he admires Mr. Finley and has spent many days and nights in the out of doors with him, not only on the Malheur lake but Klamath and other parts of the state, he does not approve of this proposed bill. He considers it out of the question and that it has no place in the progress of things. He doesn't want the bird reserve put out of commission but he doesn't see why it should take precedence over such an important matter as the proper irrigation of this big valley, just because it has remained in an undeveloped stage to this time is no reason why it should remain so when it is proven that the soil will produce under proper irrigation and that in order to do this it is necessary to impound the water. The gentleman takes a very common sense view of the subject. He says that but few of the birds really nest within the boundaries of the reservation at this time nor ever did; the present game laws of the state are adequate to protect the birds in that respect as it has proven, therefore, even if the water should recede to a smaller area for a time owing to the holding up of the water for irrigation, the birds would have ample place for rest and protection during such season of the year as they would occupy it.

Mr. Jewett does not pretend to know the nature of the soil in the bed of the real lake. He knows that bordering it there are thousands of acres of swamp grass that is cut each year for forage for stock and that it is of considerable value, yet he would not approve of the draining of the lake entirely as he considers the bed of the lake would be worthless for agricultural purposes.

Eighth Grade Graduating Exercises Next Friday Eve.

The public school auditorium will be the scene of the final school activities in Burns for the closing year on next Friday evening. At that time suitable exercises will be held in connection with the eighth grade graduation.

There is a class of twenty-seven to leave the grade school and enter the high school.

Principal Sutton has arranged the following program:

Trio, Seventh Grade Girls; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Nollie Reed; Address to the class Rev. B. S. Hughes; Violin Solo, Alex Eggleston; Presentation of Diplomas, Henry Dalton; Saxophone Solo, Homer Reed.

The subject chosen by Rev. Hughes for the address to the class is: "The Ideal Life."

Parents, patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to be present that evening.

Mrs. A. Cote was a guest of friends in this city for a few days during this week.

WAYSIDE OBSERVATIONS

By County Agent, L. E. McDaniels.

Good Grass.
Stock Thriving.
Crop prospects good.
Wool prices satisfactory.
Everybody coming to stockmen's attention.

Roads South and East Good—Could be better.
Settlers coming back into the Catlow valley.

Doing anything to rid your community of Squirrels or worms?

If not better get on the band wagon—Everybody's doing it.

County Court furnishing poison at cost—See the County Agent.

Will use 2500 pounds in two drives in next two weeks—How many pounds needed in your community?

\$1.25 worth of poison saved \$2500.00 in Lake County. How much have you lost on account of lack of concerted action?

So much for the squirrels this time. Have you needed any acreage to Alfalfa? It is not too late yet to get in a few acres this spring.

Do not waste time and money however by planting anything but germination tested seeds of the Grimm or Baltic varieties. Have all seed inoculated and your seed bed in the best possible condition.

All soils are not adapted to alfalfa. If you are in doubt the county agent will make an examination and advise you—That is one of the reasons he is here—Other reasons will be given later.

If your alfalfa is not thriving it might pay you to investigate the sulphur treatment. Mr. William Hanley treated 250 acres with good results—Ask him or the County Agent about it.

Did you ever stop to consider what a wonderful sugar beet country this would make? Do you realize the amount of capital this industry would bring into Harney county—Ever stop to think of the number of people it requires to successfully produce a beet crop—Can you conceive of the thousands of tons of beet tops and pulp that would be available for stock feeding purposes in this valley AFTER THE SUGAR IS TAKEN OUT? Do you know that beets produced in this valley have exceeded 10 ton per acre and tested exceptionally high in sugar content? Do you need to be told that there is sufficient acreage in this valley—WITH SUFFICIENT WATER—to keep a factory going?

Are you interested enough to be one of the score of best farmers selected from communities where water is available to plant and care for a small plot of the best sugar beet seed procurable under the supervision of the County Agent. The seed to be free and the crop yours with the exception of a few for testing purposes.

If you can spare the time and the ground please get in touch with the County agent AT ONCE.

The County Agent is not here to run your business for you or to give advice where it is not wanted. If however, you have failed to secure the results you have had reasons to expect from your farm or stock operations in the past and want to try some other method then it will pay you to talk the matter over with him and if he cannot personally aid you he is in position to place you in touch with people that can. Why not come in and get acquainted and talk things over anyway?

STORMY WEATHER RESPONSIBLE FOR LESS LAMBS.

M. S. Davies was in the city the first of this week looking after some business before the land office. He called at this office during his visit and in discussing the lamb increase in his flocks stated that a severe storm last fall during the breeding time was responsible for many ewes being dry this spring. The weather during the lambing season was quite favorable this spring and his percentage is above 95. Mr. Davies hurried out to his flock range as the shearers were going to work at once.

Wm. Bennett and his son Frank were down from their homes in Silvis during the week on business before the local land office. During their visit here they took advantage of the time to visit with relatives, Ellis Bennett and family and also Mrs. Mellie Parker.

RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S PRIMARY ELECTION

Cook, Hughet, Nominated for Judges; Democrat Sheriff, iff Candidates Close.

The Times-Herald is disappointed in not being able to give a more complete report of the result of the primary election held in this state yesterday, but it has seemed almost impossible to get any definite line on the candidates on the outside.

Meager information comes over the phone that Johnson has carried this state for president, Nick Sinnott has again been nominated for congress, and R. N. Stanfield is the republican nominee for U. S. senator. Charles W. Ellis is likely the nominee of the republicans for state senator for this district as he has carried his home county by three or four time majority and is reported running close to his competitor in Malheur county.

Geo. E. Chamberlain is again the nominee of the democratic party for U. S. Senator by a big majority.

At the time of going to press it had not been ascertained who was the republican choice for delegates to the national convention or who the successful candidate for secretary of state on the republican ticket.

So far as is known in this county all the amendments carried.

The county contests were not very close with the exception of sheriff. Incomplete returns are sufficient to show beyond any doubt that R. T. Hughet is the republican nominee for county judge, he having a big lead over his opponents. W. A. Goodman has received the nomination for sheriff winning over Clarence Luckey by a small margin. Crawford, Haines and Mathews, the other three candidates for that office on the republican ticket, being far behind the two leading candidates. John L. Caldwell was given the nomination again for assessor over Geo. W. Young by a big lead. Mr. Caldwell received a larger vote on the democratic ticket for that office than any other man and is therefore the nominee of both parties should he desire to accept both.

Republican voters wrote in the name of W. L. Best for county commissioner. W. Y. King had no opposition for renomination for county treasurer and D. Potter was the only candidate for clerk on that ticket.

C. H. Leonard had signified his willingness to accept the nomination for district attorney on the republican ticket if he should receive a sufficient vote, but present returns indicate that H. V. Schmalz has a majority of the votes for that office, he having sent out stickers to be placed on the ballot by his friends. Geo. S. Sizemore, the democratic aspirant, also had several votes for the nomination on the republican ticket, in fact he had a majority over both the other men in North Burns precinct. Mr. Sizemore had sticker slips prepared for this purpose.

The contests on the democratic ticket were for judge, clerk and sheriff. J. S. Cook has a sufficient lead over Hagey for judge to make his nomination sure, he being 54 in the lead from the precincts heard from. C. E. Dillman has defeated Ralph Rimer for clerk. The race between A. K. Richardson and T. J. McDonald for sheriff on the democratic ticket is very close and may change with the remaining precincts to hear from. At present Mr. Richardson has a very small lead. L. N. Stallard was the only candidate for commissioner on the democratic ticket, as was also Mrs. Clark to succeed herself for the office of school superintendent.

Mrs. Mary Griffin was the only candidate on the republican ticket for superintendent of schools.

NOT QUITE SO CHEAP

Chas. Wilson was in town the other day and when asked as to the cost of operating his pumping plant for irrigation he stated it was about 50 cents an hour—and that was putting it the extreme limit. Mr. Wilson is sure it does not cost him to exceed that amount for fuel, oil and incidentals and that one might consider that adequate for an acre of land.