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FARM BUREAU FORMED IN CATLOW VALLEY

County Agent Organizes The Farmers; Test Well For Artesian Water.

Catlow Valley with its thousands of acres of fertile soil waiting only for sufficient supply of moisture to make homes for many people, is going to have some support toward progress. It is pronounced an artesian basin by government geologists and therefore should have an investigation to ascertain the feasibility of sinking wells with which to irrigate the land and make it productive.

Last Saturday the Catlow Valley Progressive Homeowners Association was absorbed into a Farm Bureau through the efforts of County Agent McDaniels and the progressive citizens of Catlow at a meeting held at the Benson school house. This organization will have the active support of the people of that valley and will also be given support by others interested. The State Biologist has tendered the services of his office in an effort to get results. The State Engineer's office has responded to the case by announcing it has funds with which to cooperate with the federal government in the matter of artesian investigation and will use funds for that purpose when called upon by the government.

Judge Wm. Farre was one of the speakers at the meeting when the Farm Bureau was organized and while he was speaking as a citizen he stated that he considered it right that such an undertaking should have financial support, to some extent from the county—that it would be money well spent.

Citizens of Catlow Valley are entitled to encouragement and help in an effort to ascertain whether artesian wells may be profitably used in aiding in crop production. That is one of the largest level bodies of land in the west and capable of making homes for thousands of people if sufficient moisture can be had for the growing of crops. Dry farm methods are too uncertain because of scarcity of rainfall. Some years sufficient rain and snow falls to make crops but for three years this has not occurred and many of the people who took up homesteads have left. Several have remained and this year they will be rewarded with average crops as more moisture has fallen this season.

A representative of The Times-Herald was privileged to attend a gathering of the citizens of Catlow Valley on the occasion when the organization of the Farm Bureau was perfected. The party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels, Julian Byrd and his daughter Gladys, in open car, Supt. Obil Shattuck of the experiment station and his wife and Miss Sara Howell, the community nurse, in another car, left Burns on Friday afternoon and went out as far as the P Ranch hill where they spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Madison, who are erecting a fine little hotel there for the accommodation of the travel. The party was certainly well taken care of even though the hotel was not completed; the supper prepared for us was one of the very best we have had in many days. The following morning the party was called to a breakfast that equaled the evening meal.

The party reached F. G. Kelly's store and post office at Catlow about nine o'clock that morning and the first inquiry from the county agent was "when do we eat." Mr. Kelly welcomed the party and invited us to his home where we rested for a short time with Mrs. Kelly and their son and heir, going then to the Benson school house where the people were going to gather for the meeting.

About noon many of the citizens of Catlow Valley had gathered and most of them brought generously filled baskets and a picnic dinner was spread which was enjoyed by all. About that time Judge Farre, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cook and Mrs. Arthur Page arrived from Burns and were added to the visitors. Following dinner talks were made by several speakers including Judge Farre, Judge J. S. Cook, Supt. Shattuck the

HARNEY VALLEY IS NOT SO BAD, YET.

Jack Scarf is back from the Boise valley where he had been for several weeks. Jack had been over there looking after some property and also to observe things. During the three months he remained he found that Boise is a fine place and they have some wonderful farms and acreage tracts in that section; the irrigation is all that one could desire and the crops as a general thing are fine but there are drawbacks. He stated the worst drawback in that country is transportation but other things tend to make it rather "tedious." For instance, one has to spray frequently to make fruit crops any ways safe, then that country is not immune from frost at times which might play "heck." Then, if the crop is good and one is not able to get the necessary help to pick it at the right time or the cars to move it the loss is discouraging. That's the way things go all over the world. It isn't a picnic anywhere, so Harney Valley, with all its disadvantages, is not such a bad place after all.

GOES TO WALLA WALLA AN ASSISTANT CASHIER

William C. McKinney, well known young Pendleton man, leaves Pendleton the first of July to become assistant cashier of the Baker-Boyer bank of Walla Walla.

Mr. McKinney was with the American National bank here for 14 years and, at the time of his resignation from the staff of that institution held the position as assistant cashier. He has been active in civic affairs and was a director of Happy Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney have a wide circle of friends and their departure from Pendleton will be regretted.

The bank to which Mr. McKinney goes is the oldest bank in the state of Washington and one of the best known and strongest in the northwest—Pendleton Tribune.

Mrs. M. Kundart is over from Catlow.

BURNS TO HAVE CIRCUS JULY 3-4

Low F. Cullins Dog and Pony Show The Big Attraction; Fifty People.

Circus day comes but once a year with its big tents, monkeys, pink lemonade, n'every thing. Burns will have its day of enjoyment July 3 and 4th when the Famous Low F. Cullins Dog and Pony Circus exhibits here. This show has more performing ponies, dogs, mules, monkeys, and goats than any other show in the Northwest. It is a treat for the kiddies and grown-ups alike, carrying 75 people and animals. 15 auto trucks necessary to transport equipment and people connected with "The Biggest Little Show on Earth." Don't fail to start early and bring the children to town to see this meritorious exhibition.

FORMER COUNTY OFFICER VISITS HERE

Frank S. Reider, one of the pioneer accountants of this section of the country, was here during the week on business. Mr. Reider was with Peter Stenger as a clerk and bookkeeper in his store in the early '50s going later to Peter French at the P Ranch as his private secretary. Still later Mr. Reider was a deputy in the county clerk's office and then county clerk. He is well known to the older citizens of this county and was most heartily welcomed by his former acquaintances and friends.

Mr. Reider is now located at Ontario where he is employed with a big land concern in an important position.

Henry Heber, late of Seattle, is a member of The Times-Herald staff. He arrived here the fore part of this week and is aiding in the mechanical department.

BIG HARNEY VALLEY LOOKS GOOD TO BEN

Crops Here Compare Favorably With Other Places Seen on Way.

Ben Brown and family arrived home Monday evening from Berkeley, California where they had been since the opening of schools last summer. In fact the family went to California in June last year. They drove up in a Ford from the university town and enjoyed the entire trip as they found the roads good and the weather pleasant.

Mr. Brown told a representative of this paper that he didn't see any better crops anywhere than he saw in Harney valley. All up the Sacramento and on through the entire journey he said there were some good crops but none that were any better than he saw upon arriving at home. Mr. Brown was anxious to get information as to the progress made on the irrigation district project. He has seen so much accomplished through irrigation during his sojourn in California that he knows what to expect once we are under a proper system of storage and distribution of the water of this vicinity. Mrs. Brown was somewhat fatigued upon arriving home but is fast recovering and enjoying home folks.

BRINGING THOUSANDS OF SHEEP INTO THE COUNTRY

The Times-Herald learns that the R. N. Stanfield interests which recently purchased several thousand acres of grazing land from the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. in this county mostly in the Buck Creek country, is shipping and trailing in some 14,000 head of sheep to place upon these recently acquired lands.

Some of the stock are being trailed in from Ironides while more are being shipped by train to Crane.

SUNFLOWERS RECOGNIZED AS VALUABLE.

(By L. L. Ballard, Asst. County Agent Leader)

The sunflower is receiving more recognition every day as a valuable farm crop in Eastern Oregon. It has been brought further into the limelight recently by being listed among the standard farm crops in the official catalog of the Wallows County Fair. Cash prizes are offered for winners in both the irrigated and dry land divisions. To be eligible to exhibit, the farmer must have grown at least four acres of sunflowers, and must have kept an accurate record of planting dates, tillage and harvesting methods. The exhibitor must also display sunflower heads, stalks and sunflower ensilage. The contest will be judged upon both production per acre, as certified by an impartial committee, and upon the excellence of the crop exhibited.

A large number of farmers in Wallows County feel that the development of sunflowers as a farm crop is the most valuable agricultural development, so far as the far western states are concerned, since the introduction of alfalfa. Their opinions are based upon the experience of fourteen of their own number, who under the direction of the Wallows County Farm Bureau last year raised sunflowers for ensilage, which was fed to range cattle, sheep and dairy stock. The results showed that sunflower ensilage was an economical feed. The farmers stated themselves that two tons of ensilage replaced a ton of hay and that because of the large yields which could be raised the sunflowers were going a long way toward solving their winter feed problem and also reduce the cost of livestock production. Sunflowers are especially appreciated in that county as the winter feed question has been a serious one in the county. The range will support approximately 55,000 head of cattle together with two or three thousand head of horses during the summer, but the hay supply is very frequently too short for wintering this amount of livestock and shipment to Idaho for feeding is frequently necessary. This has been found in many years an unprofitable practice.

Deschutes County has also found the sunflower a valuable crop and about 500 acres are being grown there this season for ensilage purposes. Smaller acreages of sunflowers are being grown in Klamath, Union, Wasco, Moro and Lake counties as a part of the program of the County Farm Bureau of the County Agricultural Agents.

FINKE SAYS HE WILL STAY HERE

Paul Finke, who in company with Melville Parker made an extended tour of Alberta and the British Columbia country to the west of the Rocky Mountains was in to see us the other day. Mr. Finke says that is really a good country up there but it does not have enough advantages to induce him to dispose of his belongings in Harney county and move up there.

Mr. Finke is looking for a stock country and that does not come up to his expectations. In fact he says he doubts if such a place can be found in these days. Like J. C. Foley, Mr. Finke longs for the former days of Harney valley but this is not likely to be found in this day as conditions have changed and the people have pushed out into the open country. The old time stock country is a thing of the past.

Mrs. Chester Dalton arrived home the latter part of last week from a vacation trip to Portland.

W. L. Newton and family are spending the week in town attending the Chautauqua.

Mrs. C. E. McConnell arrived home Wednesday from Seattle where she had been residing during the school year.

Emanuel Clark was here yesterday to consult a physician as he had some complications and disorder of the stomach. He was accompanied by his son Frank.

Wellington Gault arrived here the first of this week to spend the vacation in this community. He has grown considerable during the past year.

CHAUTAUQUA SESSION LARGELY ATTENDED

Some of Best Programs Next Two Days; Lectures and Music Appreciated.

The third day of the Ellison-White Chautauqua program has been finished at the time this story is written. From a financial standpoint this season is a success, as the committee completed its guarantee the first day. The attendance has been fine and the people are pleased with the work of the entertainers.

It is too early to make any statement by way of comparison of last season as to the class of program presented. Some have expressed themselves as favoring the opening numbers of last season better than this while others have considered this year equally as good, although of a different character.

Of the three days closed the Zedler Symphonic Quintet stand out as decidedly the most popular musical number so far presented. The lectures have been exceptionally good and the writer will not venture an opinion as to the merits of each by way of comparison.

The next three days promise to be very popular as the lecturers are not entirely strangers, being known personally to some while others have had the privilege of hearing them. The play for tonight, "It Pays To Advertise," has been witnessed by several of our citizens and they are praising it and recommending it to their friends. The musical number for tomorrow is sure to be appreciated and on the last night the Fisk Jubilee singers are the musical entertainers.

CALF CLUB KIDS ALLOTTED STOCK.

The Calf Club stock arrived last week as per schedule and at the appointed time the boys and girls assembled at the Commercial club rooms Wednesday forenoon where the animals were allotted them, J. L. Allen, State Livestock Club Leader and Dr. Dawson, field man for the Shorthorn Breeders Association, having come in for the purpose of taking active charge of the affair.

Both gentlemen gave the boys and girls assembled a nice talk and told them of the benefits to be derived from proper caring for the stock and the possibilities from a monetary standpoint. These men had previously visited the barn where the stock were quartered and placed a valuation on each, at the same time placing a number on the hip of each.

When the time to draw the numbers two little children were placed on a table where one drew a number from one hat and the other the name of one of the boys or girls who was to have the animal. Thirteen Shorthorns were allotted and eight Herefords. In each lot was a bull.

The following constitute the Shorthorn members: Charles S. McPheeters, June Culp, Burns McGowan, Elwood McPheeters, Adolph Byrd, Herbert Whiting, Helen Garrett, John Culp, Hilton Whiting, Amy Turner, Sydney Hotchkiss, Jack McDaniels, Wesley Welcome.

Those securing Herefords are: Alfred Welcome, Evelyn Bringle, Billy Gouldin, Ian Davis, Harley Hotchkiss, Bessie Hansen, Roberta Reed.

It had been intended to have a parade of the stock but owing to the fact that several of the children were rather small and the animals more or less confused and not entirely gentle, they were merely brought up on the street where they were weighed and turned over to the respective owners.

This Club is the beginning of what will be one of the best things ever started in Harney county. Great interest will be taken in the competitive exhibition of these animals this fall at the fair and the future disposition of the animals. The children are to keep account of the cost of caring for the animals and have full charge of the handling of them. The increase is to be taken into consideration and at the end of a year notes of comparison as to any income from the animals.



FRIENDS! NEIGHBORS! COUNTRYMEN!

Lend me your ears! I come to praise this town of ours.

I come to ask your loyalty to it. I want to interest you in its solidarity, in the solidarity of all the people of this community to the end that each one of us shall be more prosperous and happier.

Up at the corner the other day I overheard one of OUR FOLKS relate with much self-satisfaction the fact that he had just received a piece of goods from a big city mail order house, which, he claimed, cost him a few nickels less than he could buy it in this good old town of ours.

An editor's shakles are hard-earned, but I have one to spare to let that this neighbor really lost money if he figured on the charges and unseen costs. He paid the freight, whichever way it was shipped. He bought on faith, and faith at a distance is not a sensible thing these days of shoddy material and incompetent if high-priced, workmanship. He had no chance to first examine the goods contained in his order. If the goods are damaged, he must return them to a distance and take chances on getting his money back after a long period, and perhaps after long quibbling. All this takes time—days and weeks—whereas at home he would never have picked a damaged, or poor, or distasteful piece of goods.

Let us have loyalty! Loyalty to our town is good personal business to every soul in the community. Every dollar you spend here makes the man you spend it with the more able to spend money with you for the things you have to sell, whether you sell livestock, dry-goods, potatoes, butter or the labor of your hands. Sending money to the big city, except where it can't be avoided, is helping the big city and making the whole people of the big city that much more prosperous. Let's keep the money in our own town and make ourselves more prosperous. The big town never does anything for our community save to milk it.

This town and neighborhood is our home. Here we are bringing up our families and educating them. Here is where our happiness lies. Here is also where our duty lies—a duty to do everything in our power to advance the interests of our home and community.

This editor believes that he can serve his home community in no better way than by urging every man and woman to patronize the merchants of this town. Therefore, beginning today, this newspaper will print a series of important articles on loyalty to our town—loyalty to ourselves. We believe that every subscriber will find them interesting, worthwhile reading.

Yours truly,

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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.