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## INVESTIGATION LOWER RESERVOIR COMPLETED

### Purchase of Data From C. B. McConnell Saves Time; Engineers Move.

Bar & Cunningham, Engineers of Portland, Oregon, who were employed to lead the field investigations for Harney Valley Irrigation District, report that they have practically completed the field investigation on the lower reservoir site, some three miles above the Sylvester Ranch, and now have sufficient data from which capacities may be figured as to amount of water the reservoir will hold, and also the cost of the dam necessary. These estimates will be made in the Portland office at once.

The engineering force moved this week to the Tim Donovan place on the river and will move from there in a few days to the Emigrant Creek site. They state that the field investigations of reservoirs and dam sites will be completed in about two weeks after which they will move into the valley and plan the distribution system.

Last week we were favored with a visit of Mr. Williams, Chief Geologist of the State Bureau of Mines, who made a complete investigation of geological formations in the reservoir sites at Upper Silvies, Emigrant Creek and Lower Silvies. Before leaving he expressed himself as well pleased with conditions and formations but his formal report will not be rendered for some time yet.

District Engineers state that they will complete their investigations and will have a complete report in the hands of the Board of Directors by September first, and possibly a little before that time. This report when completed will give estimates up to date as to costs in constructing the various feasible units possible, and from this report the Directors will select the plan deemed most feasible and cheapest for the district and will submit such plan to the people for consideration.

It is possible to secure such report by September as much time was saved in field work due to the purchase from C. B. McConnell of the surveys on the lower reservoir site as prepared by Cooper and Dodge. The District Engineers have finished checking up such surveys and find them accurate.

It is too early at this time to give any estimates of cost but it is safe to predict that the landowners are going to be very agreeably surprised at the estimates and will determine to complete the work. The engineers are sparing no effort to make an investigation that will result in giving to the District a complete estimate of the total cost of each unit of the work, that there will be no necessity of revising the estimates and that the estimates will cover the actual construction costs.

## Best Time To Cut Hay Is Told By Specialist

Hay in Benton county and other parts of Oregon is often allowed to get too ripe before it is cut, points out W. S. Carpenter, of the agricultural college farm crops department. This causes losses in dollars and cents.

In irrigated alfalfa districts weather is generally good for cutting and curing hay, but the crop is often purposely left to ripen when it is to be sold to stockmen by stack measurement. This late cutting gains some weight for the crop, but often damages the next crop by clipping the young sprouts.

The best time to cut the alfalfa is when about one-tenth the blossoms are open, or when the new sprouts of the following crop begin to appear.

Clover is best cut when one-third of the blossoms are turning brown.

Vetch and oats make the best hay when the lower vetch pods are half formed.

Grain hay is ready to cut when in the soft dough stage.

In all hay making it is well to guess the weather right, and then

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## THE FIRST WEALTH IS HEALTH

By Community Nurse  
Are you wide awake?

It is the most progressive, generally the most successful farmer who is always on the lookout for new discoveries in the science of agriculture. It is the best cook in a community who is always in the first row at a cooking school demonstration by a recognized authority in the home economics.

It is the best housewife who is eager for new suggestions in household efficiency, the most successful business man who is willing to pay for expert service in his study of shop or store economics.

By the same analogy, the best mothers and the best fathers are those who are either awake or are awaking to the fact that the health of their children and themselves is their biggest asset in life and that information or service which will aid them in conserving that asset should be, both sought and welcomed.

The wise farmer and the prominent cook are not content with the "well enough" policy. They read bulletins, they attend institutes, they make it a business to test new theories and to accept them when their value has been demonstrated. They do not regard it a confession of ignorance to openly declare their desire to keep up with the times. They have come to see that it is the "know-it-all" man or woman whose ignorance and short sightedness are self-confessed.

Is it not worth while to find out how to "Live Longer and Better?" Continue to read the articles published in this paper and you will profit thereby, as a series of Health talks will appear shortly.

Sam Mothershead and wife, Mrs. Wm. Farris, Mrs. E. F. Schwartz and C. E. Dillman all arrived home from Portland last Sunday evening. They had all been in Portland to attend the Masonic Grand Lodge and the high Shriner convention with the exception of Mrs. Schwartz, who had been visiting there for a few weeks previous. The party drove the entire distance from Portland in Sam's car. They report having had a big time during the convalescence.

## CONTEMPLATE SUIT FOR LAKE LAND TITLE

### Riparian Owners of Malheur Meander Line Want to Know Standing.

C. H. McKendree, representing the law firm of McCamant, Brounough & Thompson of Portland, spent several days in this vicinity during the week interviewing land owners along the meander line of Malheur lake. This law firm contemplates instituting a suit to bring the matter of the title of this land to a close and ascertain the status of the riparian owners. Those owning land bordering the lake consider they are riparian owners and therefore entitled to all the land to the center of the lake. If this is the case present owners of farms of only 160 acres or more are really entitled to several thousand acres in some instances.

This has long been contended and must finally come to court before it is settled. Mr. McKendree signed up many of the owners of lands on the meander line and it is likely others will also join in the suit as they feel confident they can win. This involves thousands of acres of land as Malheur lake covers some 40,000 acres and while there are not owners all around the lake there are many on the north, west and south side.

So confident is the law firm that they can win the suit we are informed they have offered to take a portion of the lands involved as payment for their services. Because of this attractive offer the owners have felt they should join in the suit and bring it to an issue.

The proposed Roosevelt Bird Refuge act has no doubt hastened this action as it is a question that must be settled before any lake or land can be ceded for that purpose. The suit has not yet been started but no doubt it will be in the immediate future. It will be watched with interest as some fine points of law are involved.

## COUNTY FAIR WILL BE HELD THIS SEASON

### Last Day of September And First Two Days October Date Selected.

There will be a county fair held at the fair grounds this fall. That was the decision reached at a meeting of several public spirited citizens held last evening at the Commercial Club.

After some discussion of the subject and the situation considered the dates fixed were September 30, October 1 and 2. This brings it the week preceding circuit court and at a time when people may best attend and after crops have matured.

No attempt to make a permanent organization was made at the meeting last night as there were but few present but the several committees and commissioners will be taken care of during the coming week. The important thing up for consideration last night was whether we would hold a fair or not as County Agent McDanielis wanted to have assurance before soliciting farmers to take part. Now he can go to the ranchers and farmers with a definite statement that a fair will be held both for exhibition of live and farm products. From his observations over the county Mr. McDanielis feels confident we will have a fair that will be a credit to the county. He says he already has the promise of sufficient live stock to make a better exhibit than is usual at a county fair.

The people are urged to take an active interest in the fair and save their products. Suitable prizes will be provided and with the several live stock breeders interested in the exhibition of pure bred stock we may expect some handsome prizes from that source. It is expected the local stock associations will also take an active part in the provision of suitable prizes for competitive exhibits.

No effort will be spared to get up  
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## REAL PICNIC CELEBRATION

A large per centage of the people of Burns will be found at the Dan Varies farm home on Prather creek tomorrow enjoying the shade and eating a picnic dinner.

Burns had not prepared for any celebration of consequence, but the other day a few of the younger men of the town decided to have a program and some sports and with that in view circulated a subscription paper and raised a goodly sum with which to defray any expenses and put up some suitable prizes for street sports in Burns during today in addition to the circus. The American Legion will give a dance at Tonawama tonight.

The Sagebrush Embroidery Club had arranged for a picnic dinner for the members and their husbands together with a few friends out at the Varies place and since the citizens of Burns wanted to be neighborly it was arranged to enlarge that gathering to include the entire community, so Burns will pack baskets tomorrow and go out with its neighbors and have a real sociable time.

No formal program is being arranged—just going to have a good visit with neighbors and friends and then if some of the younger people want any further amusement or diversion they have that privilege. It is suggested that some horseshoes, base balls and bats, volley balls, ukuleles, banjos and other such be taken along as they will likely come in handy. A male quartet will be among those going out and it is hoped to induce the circus band to go out and give a short concert at least.

Everybody be ready and don't forget the baskets for we must have the eats. If you haven't a car try and bum a ride with some neighbor.

## GOOD GRADE OF OIL AT DOG MOUNTAIN WELL

M. G. Nease and his son D. E. Nease, accompanied by M. E. Baumister, arrived from Portland the fore part of this week. This brought up the problem confronting the workers at the Dog Mountain oil well, as these gentlemen are stockholders and officers of the company conducting the work there. These men had nothing to say when asked for an interview, except Mr. Nease told the newspaper representative it was the same old story—more money wanted.

Those in charge of operations at the well have been trying for some time to case the water off but so far have not been successful. At first clay was tried to stop the water at the base of the casing but this did not hold, then cement was tried but is evident that the escaping gas in the well keeps the water agitated to such an extent that the cement cannot harden as it should. Now lead packing is going to be tried.

Mr. Nease and his son have returned to Portland where they are called to return to look after personal business; Mr. Baumister is remaining here for a few weeks to give such assistance as he can toward furthering the work at the well.

A local stockholder of the concern is responsible for the statement that a fine grade of oil has actually been taken from this well and that it is no longer a speculation but a reality. The man who has this specimen of oil knows what he's talking about and is positive there is oil there. The problem of casing off the water and ascertaining the quantity is now the thing to solve.

## WILLIAM HANLEY HOME

William Hanley arrived home the fore part of this week from a visit to outside points. He attended the republican convention at Chicago and had expected to attend the democratic convention at San Francisco but upon reaching Salt Lake coming west and stopping over for a short time and upon receiving his mail, he decided he would come on home as he was needed in considering matters before the Irrigation District Board, of which he is chairman.

Mr. Hanley believes conditions will improve in the immediate future as the conventions clear the atmosphere and things get more toward normal. It is his opinion that times will improve before the presidential election—although this is contrary to established custom.

J. H. Anderson was over from his ranch home at Van Thursday.

## SIX DAY CHAUTAUQUA FOR BURNS NEXT YEAR

### Sign Contract With Ellison-White for Return; Four Days Not Popular.

The Ellison-White Chautauqua will be in Burns again next season. The citizens of Burns having signed a contract with the concern to return with its full six day program. The manager suggested that Ellison-White did not care to bring the six day program so far from the main line of railroad again and asked that we take their four day program but this did not meet with approval.

The local committee met the obligations this year meeting the guarantee the opening day of the Chautauqua. It was rather a surprise when the Ellison-White management came back the day before the closing with the proposition of discontinuing the six days and substituting the four, but when it was found the committee would not accept the four a telegram was dispatched to headquarters to get instructions. The reply was that Burns could have the six days if we provided a greater guarantee. While it was felt we were being held up in a way the conditions were met and the Chautauqua assured for next season.

Opinion is divided as to the merit of the program this season as compared to last. It is quite evident from general comment that this season's attractions did not appeal to the masses as did that of last year, yet the numbers this season were good. The lecturers were all that could be asked—in fact some performed the lectures of this season to last. The music was of a higher class as a whole this season—last year the music was more popular and took well.

The proposition of another organization bringing us a Chautauqua program is under consideration and it is likely there will be a movement toward getting in touch with another organization before another year and see what can be done toward getting on a circuit. It is possible this will not occur but it is found that where there is competition the programs seem a little better.

## To Organize County Livestock Association

A most important meeting, from the standpoint of the livestock producers of Harney County, was held at the office of the County Agent on Saturday June 26th when 26 of the principal livestock men of the county gathered for the purpose of discussing with the County Agent plans for the formation of an organization to combat the ever increasing prices of everything the stockmen must buy while the things he has to sell are constantly decreasing in price. If he is fortunate enough to have a demand at all.

It was decided temporarily to organize the Harney County Livestock Association with Phil Smith as temporary President and the County Agent as secretary with each man present a committee of one for his community to solicit memberships to the permanent organization which will be effected September 25th when President Pollman, Secretary Correl, Senator Pierce and the entire executive committee of the State Livestock Association will be present and assist in the work of organizing.

So keen was the demand for the organization that George Whiting, President Charles Faulkner of the Burns Commercial Club, J. T. Garrett and other live wires circulated membership lists just previous to the opening of the afternoon session of the Chautauqua, Monday afternoon, which resulted in assuring a list of 123 names.

It is confidently predicted that a membership of not less than 500 will be had by the date of permanent organization making it the largest and strongest organization of its kind in the state.

Among the many matters discussed  
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