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## BIRD RESERVE AND IRRIGATION GO TOGETHER

### U. S. Biological Man Sees no Occasion for any Friction; Birds Big Attraction.

Chief Field Naturalist Vernon Bailey, of the U. S. Biological Survey, with Mrs. Bailey, has been spending several weeks on Malheur Lake bird refuge. He was in town Thursday and was a caller at this office. Mr. Bailey was around the lake for a sufficient length of time to know conditions and make some common sense observations. He is not prejudiced in his views and therefore sees that there are other things to consider besides the birds in dealing with the situation in this vicinity. While he feels that Malheur lake is a wonderful breeding ground for water fowl, he also recognizes the necessity of using the water of the streams for irrigation purposes to best advantage. Mr. Bailey is confident there will be no friction when the conditions are once understood.

The gentleman stated to a member of this paper that he had observed that the birds do not confine their nesting within the boundaries of the reserve but they use much of the meadow land surrounding the lake and even far back from the margin of the lake. He said he had found duck nests out in the sage brush. However, he observed that the birds were protected during that period by everyone in the country.

"I am quite sure the Department desires to work in harmony with the people of this district in the handling of any differences that may arise in connection with the bird refuge and its effects upon the development of the country," said Mr. Bailey. "From my observations the reserve does not need the hay lands surrounding the margin on the south, west and north, but the stockmen do, therefore they should be given over to the people for that purpose. There should be restrictions as to hunting within a certain distance of the refuge, though, I think, because the migratory birds should be given a place where they are undisturbed and may rest from their long flights even during the open season."

"The suggestion of a dike across the western part of the lake to control the depth of the water and regulate it for the benefit of the stockmen who have hay lands bordering is one that should appeal to the Department; especially if it should be used as a road for this is one of the features now lacking. If tourists knew they could pass by the Malheur Bird Refuge on a good road and view that myriad bird life you would have an attraction that could not be equalled in any part of the entire United States."

Mr. Bailey compares this home of bird life in Malheur Lake with the Yellowstone Park as a National attraction. He further stated that he was sure the Department would not tolerate any interference with the proposed irrigation project.

Conversation covered other phases of the development of the country and the matter of the rabbit pest was touched upon. Mr. Bailey stated he was preparing a report that will go direct to the Department dealing with the rabbit situation and he was going to meet with Ira N. Gabrielson chief of the Rodent Control work of the Biological Survey as soon as he reached Portland. He hopes to put the matter up to the Department in such strong terms that it will bring immediate help from that source. He indicated that the situation was so pressing that the Biological Survey would likely find it necessary to give a greater aid than at first considered. At any rate Mr. Bailey is going to use his influence toward that end.

The gentleman and Mrs. Bailey took their departure yesterday morning by way of Bend for Portland where he goes to confer with Mr. Gabrielson and Stanley Jewett.

Henry Dalton and John Gemberling have returned from their hunting trip to the mountains. John said he didn't have very good luck as he was suffering from an attack of whooping cough.

## MILLION DOLLAR WHEAT CROP OFF NEW PROJECT

The writer made a hurried trip over to Silver Creek last Saturday evening in company with County Agent McDaniels. While over there the party paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson for an hour. Mr. Johnson and Carroll Cecil had recently returned from a trip to Lakeview having gone over to induce some stock buyers to visit that part of the country where there are several head of cattle ready for the market.

"The new irrigation district recently formed over there consists of 16,000 acres on Drews creek," said Mr. Johnson. "I don't know what it cost, but they have a million dollar wheat crop off it this season."

That's what has been attracting so many people through this part of the country during the past season—16,000 acres as compared to 120,000 possible under the present plan of irrigating Harney Valley. What's the matter with these people who are holding back their support toward such an improvement? Can't they see what it means to a district where the project is being promoted?

Harney valley is such a big country compared to the districts that are attracting so much attention that one can hardly realize what it means to develop such a territory. The Lake county project is on land no better if so good as the soil of this valley and the altitude is higher, yet there is a million dollar grain crop this season. What could be done in Harney valley if it was seeded to grain under an irrigation project? Ask Shattuck at the Experiment Station what his yields are this season under partial irrigation.

"They have acres of sunflowers over around Lakeview," said Mr. Johnson, "but for the life of me I don't see what they want to devote so much good ground to sunflowers when they can raise wheat and corn," but when it was explained how valuable sunflowers were for ensilage Mr. Johnson said it might be all right but he preferred corn.

Mr. Johnson said the sunflowers were six and eight feet tall and thick which indicates that the Lake county farmers are going after the forage for silos.

## "TONAWAMA" BOY SCOUT TROOP FORMED

Rev. John H. Wicherson of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Ribbons and L. E. McDaniels met with a number of boys of this city at the Commercial Club rooms Wednesday and formed a Boy Scout Troop. No Scout master was chosen at this meeting as no suitable person for the position was suggested. However, it was decided that Raymond Voegtly would be Assistant Scout Master Julian Byrd, Dr. L. E. Hibbard and L. E. McDaniels were chosen as the Board of Commissioners for the troop and "Tonawama" was chosen as the name by which the troop will be known.

For the benefit of those not familiar with the name "Tonawama" we will state it is the Piute Indian name for Harney Lake.

## MOVE DRUG STORE TO LEVENS BUILDING

The Home Drug Co. has leased the corner in the Levens building in which to house the business recently purchased from J. C. Welcomes. The place is being remodeled and will be one of the neatest business places in Burns. They expect new fixtures to arrive at once. We understand the building formerly occupied by the store will be made a part of the Lamphire garage since Mr. Lamphire owns the other part of the building.

## OREGON CANNERS FIRST

The Oregon state champion canning team defeated state champions from Washington, Idaho, and Montana at the Interstate fair, Spokane, September 9. The team is made up of Millie Nelson, 15 Amy Gustafson, 14, and Etta Anderson, 14, of Multnomah county. They won at the state fair last fall, and have since taken special work at the O. A. C. summer school. The club has canned 548 quarts of fruit this year, as a club, and 275 each as individuals. They were coached by Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state leader.

## SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN HERE TOMORROW; PUBLIC RECEPTION IN AFTERNOON.

U. S. Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain will arrive in Burns this evening and will spend tomorrow and possibly Monday in this city renewing acquaintances and observing conditions.

A telegram Thursday was the first announcement received here of his intention to visit this part of the country. The senator was in Vale yesterday where he delivered an address to the pioneers of that section upon their invitation. He was called on the telephone by a representative of this paper to ascertain whether he was accompanied by others. He stated he was alone and would arrive on the train at Crane this evening and would come on to Burns. The Senator will be met by a delegation of citizens from Burns and escorted up. He is not scheduled for any speech during his stay in Burns but the citizens will tender him a reception at the Commercial Club rooms tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock when all who desire may meet him informally.

Senator Chamberlain decided to come on over and see his many friends in Harney county after the invitation was given him to come to Vale and give an address at the pioneer meeting. He is interested in irrigation and during the time he is in Oregon he wishes to meet as many of his constituents as possible and visit different portions of the state for the purpose of getting in touch with the people along the line of legislation. He has been a faithful representative in the U. S. Senate from Oregon for several years and will continue to represent the people in the same efficient manner.

Senator Chamberlain is a plain man of the people. He is in Harney county to meet the people and give them whatever aid he can in his official capacity. He wants to meet the citizens. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity to meet the Senator. Don't stand on ceremony, come to the Commercial Club rooms tomorrow afternoon and meet him.

## ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR FAIR

In addition to the county fair committees published last week which are to look after the exhibits in the several communities, the fair board has selected the committees for Burns and vicinity, also the superintendent of live stock, the pavilion and the ladies division. They are given below:

Burns—Mrs. W. M. Sutton, superintendent women's division; decorating committee, Mrs. R. C. Baerki, chairman, Mrs. J. Shelley Saurman, Mrs. Archie McGowan, assistants; Domestic science, Miss Fresse, chairman; Miss Martin of Crane, Miss Leoli Fisher, and Mrs. Homer Reed, assistants; Domestic art, Mrs. Sam Mothershead, chairman, Mrs. Ben Brown, Mrs. Chas. M. Faulkner, assistants; school work, Mrs. Allen Biggs, chairman, Miss Libbie Krichesky, Miss Lois Sweek, assistants; Doll show, Mrs. Wm. Farre, chairman Mrs. Nate Franklin, Mrs. Waldo Geer, assistants; Amateur photography and Flowers, Mrs. Charles W. Ellis, chairman, Mrs. Walter Huston, Miss Helen Purlington, assistants; Entry clerks, Mrs. L. E. McDaniels, Mrs. Neil Smith.

Miss Sara Howell, supervisor Better Baby Contest; Mrs. Leon M. Brown, Mrs. J. S. Cook, assistants.

P. G. Smith supervisor livestock to select his own assistants; C. A. Byrd, superintendent of pavilion. Others to assist in the gathering and general supervision of exhibits are Omi Stattuck, Dan Varlen, Wm. Farre, Ben Brown, Dr. L. E. Hibbard, Ted Hayes.

## SERIOUSLY HURT ON AUTO TRIP

J. W. Noonchester, of the Steins Mountain Raw Fur company, was painfully injured last Sunday afternoon when a car in which he was riding struck an irrigation ditch while driving on the West Side. He was thrown violently against the top and, in descending, was struck by the car on its second rebound and his spine severely wrenched. Shortly after the accident he received a telegram from West Virginia stating that his son had been killed there in an automobile accident and asking him to come. Owing to his condition it was impossible for him to make the trip. Mr. Noonchester has lived in Lakeview only a short time, having come here from Burns, but has made many friends who extend their sympathy in his misfortune and great loss.—Lakeview Examiner

## CRANDALL SUPPLY CO. FURNISH LIGHTS AT FAIR

Through Loid Crandall of the Crandall Supply Co. we are privileged to announce that there will be electric lights at the pavilion during the fair furnished by his equipment. Mr. Crandall is agent for Fairbanks Morse engines, lighting plants and other like equipment and he is going to demonstrate at the fair.

## FORMER HIGH SCHOOL BOY TO BE MARRIED SOON

One of the cleverest affairs of the season took place Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. John Stoddard in the form of an engagement party given for Miss Gladys Black, whose marriage to Elmer McManus will take place some time in November.

The house was very attractively decorated with flowers of rainbow hues. The shower gifts were placed in a very large box and opened by Miss Black at the close of the evening.

A quaint recipe book was made by the guests; the recipe was written and pictured by the guests and then presented in booklet form to the bride elect by Mrs. Stoddard. Also each guest showed her original talent for free verse when the hostess handed small hearts to each guest, with their full name printed thereon in Japanese fashion. Each guest then wrote what she would do with her husband, had she one, each sentence beginning with the letters in the name of the guest. All those that were later bound together in booklet form, and given to the guest of honor for future reference.

Attractive refreshments, consisting of French pastry and ices were served. There were over thirty guests present.—La Grande Observer.

## RULES FOR MEASURING HAY

For the benefit of our readers the government rule for measuring hay is given.

Place the end of the tape on the ground near the center. Measure from the ground over the top of the stack to the ground on the other side.

Measure the width, (if one end is narrower than the other measure both ends, add and divide by 2.) Measure the length along the ground subtract the width from the over and divide the remainder by 2 which will give the height of the stack squared off.

Multiply the width by the height by the length and divide result by 512, which will give the number of tons after the hay has settled 30 days.

This rule like all others will vary a little according to the condition of the hay at the time it was stacked as well as on the climate, yet it is a universal rule and a perfectly safe one on which to either sell or buy.

## RALPH PEABODY PUTTING UP SILO

Ralph Peabody is erecting the first silo in this part of the country and hopes to have sufficient material to fill it yet. He has a quantity of sunflowers on his place and has secured those grown on the Experiment Station. In addition to these he expects to get a lot of Australina salt bush, some late sweet clover, alfalfa, etc.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESSING MORE STUDENTS ENROLLED

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We certainly do feel that there is something in an auspicious start. With such fair weather and an enrollment of over sixty and more coming and no sickness—who wouldn't be happy.

The senior class will have Rex Clark next week. Rollin Gowan and Opal Downs accompanied Mrs. Clark Friday when she met the "corn curing hero" at Buck Creek.

And Howard Miller slipped demurely into our midst Friday, adds one more to the Juniors for which they are duly grateful. Howard reports his sister Evalin in school at Boise.

The football squad is indulging in light drill work and runs every afternoon. Most of the boys are training now in preparation for a strenuous season.

Scrimmage at the Fair Grounds commences next week.

Sec. Logan has been the busy man this week collecting dues for the S. B. A.

The Sophomore news budget is here presented in toto, by itself—for various reasons.

## Sophomore Notes

Here we are again and Sophomores at last. It does seem queer not to be a green little Freshman. The Sophomore boys have initiated the Freshmen by irrigating them. I'm sure they'll grow nicely all the rest of the year—most of them need to grow before taking the place of we dignified Sophs. We are twelve strong now. We do miss Grace Blair and a few of our old students and we hope they will come in later. There are some new Sophomores tho'—Emil Cueni, Retta Hankins, and Wesley Welcome and by the way the latter is captain of the football team. Elwood came in quite late this year but nevertheless we are very glad to have such a big person added to our number.

We are planning—but no that's a secret we mustn't tell that just yet because we want it to be a surprise. We held a class meeting last week and elected new officers and also as class advisor, Miss Whealdon.

Just a word or two about our subjects:

General Science is the study of animals such as the bear, fox, monkey etc., we haven't come to monkeys yet but I know when we do it will be easy if Miss Krichesky will ask some of the boys to get up in front of the class and act natural—it always is much easier when we have living examples.

The pupils of English 3 class are fast becoming great orators—and story tellers—ask Miss Anderson.

Poor Mr. McDade—he has an awful time teaching us geometry because our heads are as solid as the geometry.

The girl's Physical Training class commences next week and many are the deep and soulful sighs. Ye svelte debutantes of ye clinging vine variety must perforce abandon their sloping attitudes at the first command of 'Tion—and oh the groans and excuses.

We are marking time now awaiting posts from the P. G. Smith sawmill. Our wire fencing is here, so we are hoping for quick action.

The "Household Management" girls are giving the Domestic Science an overhauling. They plan on a sitting room, dining-room and kitchen. The same to be used by those girls who are unfortunate enough as to have noon lunches.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Beginning with tomorrow, Sept. 19, there will be special meeting conducted under the auspices of the Presbyterian church of this city for two weeks. The leader will be Rev. W. H. Amos, of Portland, Field Supt. of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church. Opening address will be at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, and the evening meeting will be at the Baptist church at 7:30.

Everybody cordially invited. REV. J. J. TICKNER REV. JOHN H. WICHERSON

## IRRIGATION DISTRICT LEVIES ASSESSMENT

### Thirty-five Cents per Acre to Defray Expense of Preliminary Surveys.

To the Editor:

The board of Directors on August 28th, as provided by law made an assessment upon the irrigable lands within Harney Valley Irrigation District of thirty five cents (35c) per acre to defray the expense of the preliminary surveys and investigations. You will note that this assessment runs as to the irrigable lands within the district.

It is possible that in this assessment some lands that will prove to be non-irrigable will be assessed. It is as yet impossible to fix the exact irrigable acreage on each tract of land as the distribution system and topographical features of the district have not been fixed by the Engineers. In case errors are made and non-irrigable land is assessed such assessment will be refunded to the land owner or he will be given credit on a subsequent assessment.

The Board of Directors will sit as an Equalization Board on October 5th, 1920, and will then make such correction as it is possible to make. In the meantime the Secretary will be pleased to give exact information as far as is at hand, as to any tract of land.

This assessment of 35c per acre is to be collected by the Sheriff with other taxes next spring, at that time it will be subject to all laws relating to taxes and one half may be paid in the spring and the remaining half by October 1921.

It is hoped that the engineering work of the district will be completed within a month and within about six weeks a complete report will be made by the Engineers and submitted to the land owners of the district for their consideration. It is not possible to predict the date a bond election may be had for the plans must go to the State Engineer for his consideration and they may be there some time. However the report of the Engineers will be available within the near future and many questions can then be definitely decided.

The engineers are now working in the Lawen section laying out the distribution system and checking up on the topography. The drilling rig is exploring the foundation at the dam site at the mouth of Emigrant Creek and will move to the lower site four miles below within the next few days. Great difficulty has been experienced in getting help to build a temporary road to the lower site over which the drill rig can be moved but we believe this problem is about to be solved.

ROBT. M. DUNCAN

## JUDGE FOR LIVE STOCK AT FAIR

Henry C. Beck, a pure bred cattle raiser of Caldwell, Idaho, will be the judge of live stock at the county fair here. The Domestic Science and Art, in fact the entire Womens' Division, will be judged by a lady from the O. A. C. This lady will also give some lectures during the fair to the ladies in attendance.

Grant Reynolds will be placed as night watchman at the pavilion during the fair to look after the exhibits during the night.

A communication from the American Shorthorn Breeder's Association announces it will give \$1.00 per head for stock exhibited by the Calf Club, as a basis for a prize for winners and an additional \$10.00 for championship prize.

## SEED WHEAT CERTIFIED

About a fourth of the 10,000 acres of wheat examined for certification in Wasco county qualified, reports E. R. Jackman, county agent, in the Wasco County Farm Bureau News. Inspection was made by G. H. Hyslop professor of farm crops at O. A. C. and Mr. Jackman. The certified fields had from one-fifth to one per cent to two per cent mixtures. Mixtures cut down yield and price. A list of growers of certified seed is published in the August number of the News, The Dallas, Oregon.