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## BURNS DELEGATION GETS ACTION NO BIRD BILL.

### Facts Placed Before Oregon State Chamber; Papers Take up Fight.

William Hanley, Ted Hayes, James Donagan and Sam Mothershead left here last Sunday morning for Portland. At the time of their departure there was very few who knew the object of the trip, but it has since developed that they were before the executive committee of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce for a continuous session of a couple of days or more and that during their stay in the metropolis they had the privilege of attending a Northwest Rivers and Harbors convention. The latter is something new for a big dry interior country to take part in but it is quite apparent that they were recognized as there was a resolution introduced and favorably acted upon endorsing the movement to tie up the "dead ends" of the railroads in Central Oregon.

The primary object of the trip was to place the real facts concerning the proposed Roosevelt Bird Refuge before the State Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Portland. This was accomplished. The newspapers of that city, with the possible exception of the Telegram, will from this time until election give the real facts concerning this foolish bill and use their influence to defeat it.

Addison Bennett, the well known writer for the Oregonian, came back with the delegation last evening and will gather first hand information for publication in that paper. The editors of the Journal have signified their intention to give the matter publicity and invite contributions from this section showing the true state of affairs.

It appears that Mr. Finley continues to misrepresent the conditions and is determined to have the voters of Oregon give to the reserve valuable lands that mean thousands upon thousands of dollars to the school children of the state and further than that—retard the development of thousands of acres of land that should have the benefit of water for irrigation.

When the Burns men placed the actual facts before the people down there they readily saw it would be dangerous to cede these lands and the lake to the government under the conditions provided in the proposed bill because it might cause complications.

The fact that the State Land Board sees the danger of this bill and the further fact that the teachers of the schools of Harney county have entered protests against this proposed measure shows conclusively that it has the opposition of the very people who are best qualified to stand for the rights of the school children of this state. These should be given heed.

Mr. Bennett is going to visit the lake and get actual information, together with photos to back up his findings.

## FORMER HIGH SCHOOL GIRL MARRIED

Friends in Burns have received announcement of the marriage of Miss Lillian Hendricks to William H. Hoefler which occurred at South Bend, Wash., on Oct. 2. The announcement states they will be at home after Dec. 15 at 1039, 15th St. N., Portland.

The bride is a very charming young lady who spent her school days in Harney county, being a daughter of the late G. O. Hendricks. After graduating from the Harney county high school she went to Portland and took a course in nursing, being one of the honor students at the time of her registration as a graduate nurse of this state. She has since devoted her time to her profession and has been very successful. She is capable in her line of work and many people of Burns feel a personal obligation to her for efficient work. They feel she is entitled to a life of happiness and contentment in her new sphere.

## ADAM GEORGE GREW GRAIN ON LAKE BED YEARS AGO

The display of oats and barley grown on the Malheur Lake bed by C. B. Ausmus this season has reminded Adam George of the successful crop he raised in the same neighborhood some where back about 1894. He said he raised barley that went 100 bushels to the acre and oats that yielded exceptionally well, also wheat that threshed better than 45 bushels. He had no binder at that time and he had to cut the crop with a mowing machine and rake it up the same as hay.

## KEEP OREGON LAND IS ENGINEER'S PLEA

### Cession of Big Malheur Tract To U. S. Would Mean Serious Loss to State.

Salem, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special to The Oregonian)—Passage of the measure ceding to the United States government many thousands of acres of land in the Malheur lake district to be utilized as a bird refuge, would cause a loss to the state of Oregon estimated at not less than \$300,000, according to a statement issued today by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, in response to an appeal made recently by E. W. Nelson of the United States biological survey in which the latter urged approval of the bill as an economic measure. The proposal to cede these lands to the government will go before the voters at the general election in November.

"At the recent state fair grain was exhibited which was grown within the meander line of Malheur lake," said Mr. Cupper's statement. "This grain attracted considerable attention and severed effectively to discredit the assertion that this land is valueless from an agricultural standpoint. If it is of value for the production of marsh grass it must be of more value for the production of grain and kindred products.

"Much Hay Now Produced  
If the Malheur bird refuge measure passes this land will be ceded to the federal government and removed from the possibilities of taxation. It has been estimated that at least 30,000 of the 47,000 acres in the bed of the lake are adapted to agricultural purposes. This land, if disposed of at \$10 an acre, would net the state school funds approximately \$300,000. The fact that 7000 tons of marsh hay annually are now cut from this area would seem conclusively to prove that the Malheur bird refuge measure seeks to give the federal government a valuable asset which properly should remain state property.

"According to information received from the engineer of the Harney basin irrigation district, which includes approximately 82,000 acres of land in Harney county, the irrigators of that section are almost a unit against the measure. The engineer advises that he recently visited portions of the Malheur lake district and found excellent crops growing within the meander lines.

"Board Against Proposal  
"It would seem to be a serious mistake on the part of the state to give this body of valuable land to the federal government, particularly when we take into consideration the fact that any plan which so far has been considered for the reclamation of the bed of Malheur lake would provide for the diking of a large area which could and should be maintained as a bird reserve. I believe those who desire to see the measure defeated are almost to a man favorable to the maintenance of a part of Malheur lake as a bird reserve.

"The state land board, composed of Governor Olcott, Secretary of State Kozer and State Treasurer Hoff, has full jurisdiction over state lands and has gone on record in opposition to giving Malheur lake to the government."

Mr. and Mrs. S. Alberson and Mr. and Mrs. Moseley are here from the Alberson section. The boys have been taking their chances with the "game" of a secret order while in town and from their appearance they haven't had any of the worst of the deal.

## HARNEY COUNTY STOCK MEN ARE ORGANIZED

### Association Formed Saturday Night; Officers Elected; Meet Again Nov. 6.

The Stockmen of Harney County met at the Burns Commercial Club rooms last Saturday evening on a call of County Agent L. E. McDaniels for the purpose of organizing a livestock association embracing all the livestock growers of the county.

After being called to order by Mr. McDaniels who in a brief talk outlined the aim and purpose of the proposed association which included methods of marketing, cooperation, purchase and supplies, range preservation, issuance of brand book, etc. Dr. Hibbard was prevailed upon to act as temporary chairman, after a short talk by Dr. Hibbard on the necessity of such an organization the election of officers was held with the following results:

President, J. C. Cecil, Suntut; Vice President, Donald Hotchkiss, Burns; Treasurer, R. J. Williams, Suntut; Secretary, L. E. McDaniels, Burns.  
Executive Board, E. H. Bathrick, South End; Grant Thompson Princeton, and south of Malheur Lake; Geo. Whiting, Burns; John Hunter, Spring Creek; Phil Smith, Emigrant Creek; Tom Cleveland, Calamity; Earl Sitz, Lawen, Crane, and north of lake; Chas. Owens, Silvies River; A. E. Tipton, Catlow, Jack Creek; Pat Connelly Drewsey.

A committee consisting of Dr. Hibbard, Phil Smith, John Biggs, Pat Cecil, and Chas. Byrd, was appointed to prepare suitable bylaws and constitution for consideration at the first regular meeting to be held at Burns 10 A. M. the first Saturday in November at the Commercial rooms.

The Secretary was instructed to secure cost on a county brand book for submission at that time.

Although this meeting had been advertised for weeks and the stockmen been notified to be present there were two other conflicting meetings at the Club rooms on the same evening which caused more or less confusion. It isn't often the case but this was one when there wasn't room enough to house the meetings scheduled. However, following other meetings the stockmen finally got together but because of several having left the building before the meeting was called to order it was decided to bring the election of officers up at the next meeting for further consideration and ratification. This meeting is to be held on the first Saturday in November and should have first consideration with all concerned.

## HARNEY COUNTY HEALTH ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held at the Commercial Club rooms in this city the fore part of this week to discuss the formation of a County Health Association to work in connection with the public health nurse. It is the object of this organization to direct the work of the community nurse to some extent, at least to act as an advisory board.

Miss Cecil Schreyer, a representative of the State Bureau of Nursing was present and explained the duties of such an organization, whereupon the following officers were elected: President, Capt. Robt. M. Duncan, Burns; Vice President, Mrs. Edith Catterson, Lawen; secretary, Miss Augusta Moulten, Burns; treasurer, L. E. Wallace, Crane. Community vice presidents: Mrs. W. M. Sutton, Burns; Mrs. A. H. Curry, Crane; I. M. Davis, Drewsey; Mrs. Dell Defenbaugh, Denio.

Executive committee: Julian Byrd, Burns, chairman; D. M. McDade, Burns; Rev. Father Francis, Burns; Mrs. Cady, Crane; Dr. Denman, Crane; C. W. Drinkwater, Drewsey; Mrs. Bane, Drewsey; Mrs. Dell Defenbaugh, J. C. Beatty, Denio.

Several committees are to be appointed, the important one being the nursing committee, and these will be made public as soon as they are available through the association secretary.

## BODY OF MAN FOUND BURIED IN SAND PIT

### Nothing Found to Identify Him; Cause of Death a Mystery; Murder?

While excavating in the sand pit just west of the cemetery on last Saturday evening, Wm. McKinnis unearthed the remains of a human being. He was engaged in hauling sand for the masons at the new hospital when he unearthed the skeleton and he at once reported it to the authorities.

On Sunday morning Coroner Clevenger empaneled a jury and together with the County Physician, Dr. Smith held an inquest. Further excavation brought more of the remains to the view of those present but we understand the entire remains were not located. The head and trunk, with the legs were found but the hands were not found. The flesh had entirely decomposed and there was nothing found to identify the remains. He was a medium sized man with light or red hair, wore very good clothing and had evidently died with his hat on his head. One leg bone was found broken but no other evidence showed that the man had met his death through foul play. Some silver coins were found about the remains, 45 cents in all, one bearing the date of 1912. A red bandana handkerchief, white handkerchief, a package of tobacco some cigarette papers and matches were also found.

The jury returned a verdict of an unknown man who had met death from an unknown cause at an unknown time, but it was the opinion the body had been there for at least five years.

Speculation as to who the man was and how he met death has been indulged in by several of our citizens but no solution of the mystery has come to be taken as right. Some think the man was murdered and buried where the body was found; others suggest that he might have been intoxicated and wandered out there and died from exposure; another theory is that the man may have been walking on the embankment when it caved off and in the fall the leg was broken and the sand covered him so completely that he smothered.

Citizens of Burns, including W. W. Gould and J. W. Sayer, both of whom were on the coroner's jury, recall the disappearance of Frank Harman, a homesteader who used to reside in the vicinity of the Narrows, about five years ago. Mr. Gould was then in the post office and said the man used to frequent the office, but disappeared and he and others interested themselves in locating him but never did get any clue as to what had become of him. This may have some connection with the finding of the body but no one is in a position to know. It is likely the mystery of the death of the man or who he was will remain unsolved.

## FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER COMES SOON

The organization that is responsible for the signing up of six excellent Lyceum numbers from the Ellison-White bureau will begin an active campaign for season tickets at once for the entire series. There will be a variety of entertainment that will attract the people of this city and vicinity. This undertaking is for the advancement of the community in a way that brings better entertainment and instills a desire for better things among the younger people. Especially is this course recommended to the young ladies and young men of the high school.

The first number will be on Tuesday, October 19, and the attraction is the McAllister Trio. The talent consists of Kathleen and Darose McAllister, pianists and vocalists; and Miss Irma Marie Jordan, Cellist. They produce a brilliant program in which the dramatic predominates. Operatic airs, vocal, piano, cello numbers and high class dramatic readings are features.

Cattle prices have advanced some and they are moving. Sheep prices are also better.

## U. S. WAR RISK INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE HERE

Chas. Wood, Field Service Representative of the War Risk Insurance Bureau, is in Burns to meet with ex-service men and discuss insurance and adjust other service claims. Mr. Wood is an active man in his line of work and knows how, why and when. He is putting the Legion boys right in a lot of things they have overlooked and the result of his visit will be beneficial as many of the boys have not kept up their insurance nor have they considered other claims that they should.

## TEACHERS OPPOSED TO THE BIRD REFUGE BILL

### Educators Pass Resolutions Adverse To Its Passage; State Keep Land.

The following resolutions were submitted by the committee composed of Libbie Krichesky, Caroline Jokische, Clara McMullen, Roy H. Cain, W. M. Sutton, and accepted:

Preamble: We, your Committee on Resolutions in Institute assembled at Burns, Oregon, in the Public School Building, Oct. 1, beg leave to present the following resolutions—

First: For your consideration, the subject of Teacherage. The housing of teachers in various parts of the state has brought about a condition which we think demands that the districts furnish some suitable place in which the teachers of the various districts may be housed. We, therefore, suggest that this Institute endorse a clause in the school law which will give Boards the power to provide such suitable conditions for their teachers, and, also, suggest that the teachers throughout the State of Oregon use their influence with their representatives and senators towards the introduction of such a bill.

Second: In the matter of the Community Health Nurse, we wish to endorse the work already done and ask for a continuance of the same at the expense of the County. We understand that the fund necessary for the continuance of this service will call for an expenditure of \$3000. per annum and transportation. We, therefore, ask that the County Court provide for this item in the annual budget.

Third: We wish to urge that the Board of Directors for the County Fair provide for an Educational Department in which the districts of the County may place their work and that suitable prizes be awarded for the best display in every line of endeavor.

Fourth: We, further wish to endorse in these Resolutions our objection to the passage of the law ceding the Malheur Bird Reserve, or the Roosevelt Bird Reserve to the Federal Government. We believe this territory should be retained by the state and for the uses of the state.

Fifth: We suggest that the teachers endorse the work that has been done and support that work that is being done by the Oregon State Teachers Association in behalf of the teachers and the educational standards of the state.

Sixth: We wish to thank the people of Burns for their hospitality to us and wish to extend our thanks to the instructors of our Institute, to the County Superintendent, to the School Board of Burns, and to those who have furnished entertainment for the success of the Institute just closed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed:  
Libbie Krichesky, Caroline Jokische, Clara McMullen, Roy H. Cain, W. M. Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Baker are up from their home in California on a visit with relatives and friends. The Bakers formerly resided in this county where he had charge of the OO ranch for a time previous to its being purchased by the present owners. Mrs. Baker is a sister to Mrs. Tom Allen and Cary Thornburg. They are meeting many of the old time friends in this vicinity and receiving a hearty welcome.

## FAIR PREMIUM WINNERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE

### Records Not Yet Properly Checked. Baby Contest Interesting Feature.

The Pavilion Superintendent for the fair last week has not yet turned in his report on the awards therefore they are not available for publication this week. The women's department records have been turned in but upon investigation there are some errors in the clerical work that require checking up to make accurate and for that reason the awards in that department are not to be had for publication. The awards on live stock appears in this issue.

A feature of importance at the fair last week that failed to have any notice in these columns was the better babies contest. It could hardly be called a contest, either, although the community nurse offered prizes for first and second, the examination given the babies was for the satisfaction of parents more than from a competitive standpoint.

Mrs. Martz, the community nurse, was assisted in this weight and measurement work by Miss Cecil Schreyer who was here as a representative State Bureau of Nursing; Mrs. J. S. Cook, Mrs. Leon M. Brown, and others. Dr. Buerki conducted the examination of twenty-nine babies; Dr. Smith offered his services but just as arrangements were completed for his taking part in the work an emergency call came for him and he was rushed from the pavilion to the case and did not get to come back.

According to those participating in the examination, the work lacked details to make it officially come under the Better Babies contest, because there were no blanks to properly record the necessary information required under the rules. However, certain measurements were taken, the age of the child considered, the weight taken and other like information and this has been forwarded to the state organization for a report. The awards will be made from the record taken and the community nurse will receive the report.

The livestock exhibits at the Harney County Fair made up in excellence where it may have fallen short in numbers on account of the fact that the stockmen for the first time in a long while have a market for their range stock and are therefore busier than usual riding for their fat stock.

The Boys and Girls Purebred Livestock Club were there with their animals in good condition considering the handicap under which they labored throughout the entire summer.

The Shorthorn classes far outnumbered all others much to the surprise of the stockmen since Harney County is presumed to be a Hereford stronghold.

The winners in the various classes are:

- Class 1.—Shorthorns  
Bull 3 years or over, Allen Sitz.  
Bull—Senior Yearling, C. E. McPheeters.  
Bull—Junior Calf, Ist, Allen Sitz; 2nd Jack McDaniels.  
Cow over three years, Jack McDaniels.  
Cow under three, Ist, Herbert Whiting, 2nd, Amy Turner.  
Heifer Junior yearling, Allen Sitz.  
Heifer, Junior calf, Chas. McPheeters.  
Produce of Cow, Jack McDaniels.  
Special Club prize offered by the Silvies Cattle and Horse Association of a trip to the International Stock Show for greatest improvement was won by Herbert Whiting with Golden Beauty in close competition with Jack McDaniels' Perfection Baron.  
Best Milking Shorthorn Cow, Jack McDaniels.

- Champions  
Bull over 2 years, Allen Sitz.  
Bull under 2 years, Sitz.  
Cow over two years, Herbert Whiting.  
Heifer under two years, Allen Sitz.  
Grand Champion  
Bull any age, Allen Sitz.  
Cow any age, Herbert Whiting.  
Herefords  
Cow over two years of age, Harley Hotchkiss.  
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