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ROOSEVELT REFUGE MEASURE AGREEMENT

Writer Points Out How it is Being Worked; Finley is Not "Toting Fair."

Burns, Oregon, Oct. 21, 1920
Every man is bound by his duty to fly from a danger that threatens his life, and such is the condition of Harney County in relation to the above measure.

Detailed analysis of the bill and merits of controversy by the Legislative Committee of City Club of Portland, which appear in the Oregon Voter of October 16th, give the area of Malheur Lake as "perhaps" 4700 acres.—The affirmative argument states "It is maintained by advocates of the bill that if the waters of the lake are likely to become alkaline in consequence of diversion of tributary waters for irrigation and need for control measures become apparent, the Federal Government will have ample authority to take required action."

Why is the area of Malheur Lake given as forty seven hundred instead of forty seven thousand acres, its true area?—Was it by design in order to make the voters of the State believe the measure is only of minor importance. He who does not fully speak the truth is a traitor to it.

The original bill proposed to cede to the National Government all the lands within; and all the waters both within and tributary to Malheur Lake, but was modified by mutual agreement between proponents of the measure and representatives from Harney County at a meeting held at the office of W. S. U'ren, by eliminating the words "waters tributary thereto," and further providing that Harney County should make no organized effort to defeat the bill thus modified.—Now, however, the sponsors for the bill rely upon the authority of the National Government to confiscate the tributary waters provided the measure carries, and W. S. Raker, First Vice-President of the Roosevelt Bird Refuge Association, informs us that in case it fails suit is already prepared to enjoin the water users from diverting the waters of Silvies river for irrigation.—Thinking of where they are going they forget whence they came.

Harney County has made no organized effort to defeat the modified bill, but, articles prepared by proponents of the bill and published in the Oregonian state Harney Lake is nothing but an alkaline bed, true, but Harney Lake is not in question. On Friday October 15th, at the Auditorium at Portland, Mr. Wm. L. Finley made the statement that opposition to the bill in Harney County was through pure selfishness and that Malheur Lake was absolutely nothing but an alkali bed and worthless for any agricultural purpose; Why such infamous untruth? Pictures displayed of the sacred fish of Malheur Lake is equally at variance with the truth as the only colony of these birds is in the "Red S" field where it is protected by the Pacific Live Stock Company, owner of the premises.—Pictures exhibited by Mr. Finley show helpless young birds beside dead and mutilated mothers, but he does not explain who so cruelly mutilated the mother birds in order to get the pictures.—Better suffer for the truth than prosper by falsehood.

A fixed belief is a happy state of mind. From what actual knowledge does the City Club of Portland feel qualified to speak with such authority on this question so vital to Harney County and the State at large?—Malheur lake is fed from two major streams, Silvies river from the north and Blitzen river from the south; it is a natural reservoir, and as long as these streams continue to flow there will be water in the lake. We of Harney believe Bull Run water would be fine for ducks but would not for such reason deprive the City of Portland of her water supply.

A tyrant's breath is another's death and the withering blast of the faddist is threatening the life of Harney County, oblivious to the rights of home and fireside and to the legacy of all the children of Oregon by depriving the irriducible school fund of

millions of dollars. Will you vote NO on the measure in November.

WM. FARRE.

Burns, Oregon, October 23, 1920

An article by William L. Finley appears in the Oregonian of the 20th inst., commenting upon the agreement reached on the Bird Refuge measure between the officers of the Roosevelt Bird Refuge Association and Henry L. Corbett, C. W. Ellis and L. E. Hibbard, representing the land owners and irrigation interests in Harney County, and proceeds:

"The result of these meetings was the present compromise bill to which the officers of the Roosevelt Bird Refuge association yielded. It was drawn up to safeguard the land owners and irrigation interests in Harney County as specified by the Harney County delegation."

The agreement further provided that Harney County should make no organized effort to defeat the bill as modified, and feeling assured that the Association was acting in good faith no negative argument was prepared and published in the official pamphlet.

It is a base thing to betray a man because he trusted you. The deceitful propaganda carried on by the Association shows the cross on its breast and the devil in its acts.—In the Oregon Voter of October 16th appears this affirmative argument in favor of the bill:

"Regarding the assertion that the waters of the lake are likely to become alkaline in consequence of the diversion of tributary waters for irrigation, it is maintained by advocates of the bill that this is purely an engineering problem and that should need for control measures become apparent, the Federal Government will have ample authority to take the required actions."

W. S. Raker, Vice-President of the Association, in a letter written by him on October 13th, says:

"Another thing still more important to the interests of the people of Harney County is the fact that the Federal Government, under the Roosevelt proclamation, were ready to block further irrigation by an injunction suit in the Federal Court here. Immediately after this agreement was formulated with the Burns interests, we, the bird people, prevailed upon the Government to withhold their injunction proceedings as it would block the irrigation development up there. Now if the bird measure carries, no further litigation would follow, as the Federal Government are agreed on the present measure. If the measure is lost, the Federal Government will very likely start in where they left off to protect the reservation as the Roosevelt proclamation outlined in 1908."

So we can see ourselves going and coming, if the measure fails to carry we know what to look for, and if it does carry, the waters of Malheur lake are likely to become alkaline and need for control measures become apparent. Control of what?—the waters tributary to Malheur lake of course, and the Federal Government, with equal authority in other event will be importuned to exercise its authority "to control the tributary waters."

A marked copy of the Portland City Club Bulletin, recommending the passage of this measure is now being sent broadcast over the State, as it the affirmative argument contained in the Oregon Voter does not appear, presumably to leave the voters of Oregon in blissful ignorance of the contemplated move to control all the waters tributary to Malheur lake in case the waters therein are "likely to become alkaline."

However high a bird may soar it seeks its food on earth; the scabbard is broken and the association can no longer hide the stiletto. It is ready and to the hilt.

WM. FARRE.

NEW FOREST SUPERVISOR APPOINTED

Forest Supervisor Cryder tendered his resignation to the department some time ago and many of the users of the forest range have been asking about his successor. This office is in receipt of a letter from S. R. Bennett, Acting Supervisor, to the effect that C. C. Reid, former supervisor of Colville, has been appointed as his successor.

CLUB STARTS ACTION ON RAILROAD EXTENSION

Following Plan With Bend San Francisco Financier to Complain; Sent to Public Service Commission.

The plan started during the recent meeting of the Northwest Rivers and Harbors convention in Portland when resolutions were introduced favorable to the extension of railroads into Central Oregon, has had the attention of the Commercial organizations of Burns and Bend.

A formal complaint and request for hearing was read at the noon luncheon of the business men yesterday which was presided over by Dr. B. F. Smith. The complaint was drawn up by Sam Mothershead and others and is the first step toward getting the matter before the proper authority. The complaint goes to the state public service commission and upon its motion can be taken to the interstate commerce commission. Following the reading of the complaint and its adoption by those present the chair was asked to appoint a committee to secure the necessary data and information to present to the public service commission when the hearing is set. This committee consists of Sam Mothershead, James Donegan and C. A. Byrd.

The complaint follows: TO THE HONORABLE FRED. G. BUCHTEL, H. H. COREY AND FRED A. WILLIAMS, Constituting the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION of the State of Oregon. GENTLEMEN:

Your Complainants respectfully represent and show to your Honorable body:

that the Burns Commercial Club is a duly organized and active commercial body, representing the business and community interests of the City of Burns and Harney County;

that Harney County is the largest county in the State of Oregon, containing 19,000 square miles or 1-10 of the area of the entire State;

that the tax rolls of this county show 1,364,493 acres of deeded lands, 54592 head of cattle, 101,335 head of sheep and other resources in proportion;

that Harney County also has within her boundaries and tributary thereto one of the largest bodies of virgin commercial timber to be found anywhere in the west;

that Harney County now has in course of preliminary construction one of the largest irrigation projects ever undertaken, the first unit containing over 30,000 acres of the very best agricultural land, and the final and complete construction of her irrigation projects will bring 240,000 acres under a system of irrigation, all of which is first class land.

Notwithstanding its immense resources, and its almost unlimited possibilities, the government census for 1920 show that Harney County contains less than 5,000 population, and also shows a decrease in population in the past ten years.

We charge that this condition is due largely to the lack of transportation facilities afforded this section of Oregon, and we believe and assert that further development of the resources of Harney County will be greatly retarded, if not entirely prohibited, unless relief is afforded us along these lines. And we further believe and assert that adequate relief can be furnished this county at a very reasonable cost and along lines that will yield adequate returns from the investment.

At the present time no less than five separate and distinct lines of rail transportation approach to the edge of this vast section of country from as many directions, but as they all terminate at or near the edge, they afford no relief except to the small areas surrounding their terminals, and that only of a branch line nature, and without any through connection to any part of the country.

The Oregon Trunk R. R. Company now has in operation a line from the Columbia River to Bend, through the Deschutes Canyon, one of the most expensive stretches of construction work in the west, and the O. W. R. & N. Company now operates a line from Ontario, Malheur County, to

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DOG MOUNTAIN OIL WELL TO GET BOOST

San Francisco Financier to "Get Behind" it; Wants Immediate Action.

A. Ottinger, the San Francisco capitalist, is going to "get behind" the Dog Mountain oil well and see what it will develop in the way of producing oil in commercial quantities. He is interested himself in the project while here recently and has definitely announced that he will get some associates in San Francisco to aid in financing the undertaking to the end that it either produces or it is definitely known the oil is not there.

"I'm tired of hearing so many excuses from those who have had this work in charge—not the boys who are actually doing the work, but those who are supposed to handle the financial end of it," said Mr. Ottinger. "Charley Backus and Hahn have worked down there for the past five years or more without receiving anything in the way of wages; they are entitled to first consideration and I am going to get some fellows when I get to 'Frisco to put in with me and see this well to a finish. If there is oil there we'll be the gainer and those boys who have devoted their time to developing the well to its present depth will realize something for their time."

Mr. Ottinger is a "good sport." He has been interested in the development of the oil prospects in this county ever since his first visit and always asked regarding progress when he comes up on his occasional trips. He has the influence to interest the necessary capital to bring this well in, or at least find what there is there.

Harney county needs more such men as Ottinger to take an interest in its development. Men who do things are scarce. We have lots of fellows who make a big noise but they don't get anywhere without persistence and energy. We confidently believe the Dog Mountain oil well will now come to a reality.

STARTING THE SUMMER FALLOW RIGHT

Before the land that has been cropped to grain is plowed under it should be thoroughly disced. There are three good reasons for this:

- (1) It cuts up the stubble and incorporates it with the soil.
- (2) Prevents the formation of layers of straw, which when turned under breaks the capillary connection of the soil moisture from below thus causing the entire amount of soil turned by the plow to dry out.
- (3) The stubble will decompose from 20 to 30 per cent sooner if disced before plowing under as it is thoroughly incorporated with the soil, thus giving the moisture and bacteria a chance to break it down.

The land to be summer fallowed should be thoroughly disced, fall plowed, and left rough during the winter. This will subject it to action of the rain, snow, and frost, causing the organic matter to decompose and allow the moisture to get into the soil.

As soon as possible in the spring the land should be worked with a springtooth harrow, or disc if the springtooth is not available, and this followed immediately with the spike-tooth harrow. This treatment should leave the soil covered with a cloddy mulch about the size of walnuts. In this condition it will not blow or bake nearly as bad as if it is reduced to a dust mulch.

The fallow should be kept absolutely free from weeds and whenever a crust forms on the surface it should be broken with a springtooth harrow or some similar implement that will produce satisfactory results.

The man who claims that yields are such that the farmer cannot afford to farm properly is the man who is destined to be a failure. The very fact that yields are low is absolute proof, in most cases, that the seed bed was only half prepared.

The farmer who really puts his summer fallow in proper condition, keeps it free from weeds and in good tith, secures reliable seed, cleans and grades it closely, seeding only the large, plump, kernels at the proper time, will not have any cause to complain about low yields at harvest time.

O. B. SHATTUCK, Supt. Harney Branch Experiment Station.

R. L. Hass Resigns

Sawtelle, Cal. October 10, 1920

Judge Wm. Farre.
Friend Farre: At present it looks as if we shall remain in California for the winter and, I hereby tender my resignation as Commissioner of Harney County.

During the years that I served as Commissioner of Harney County, I tried to represent those who elected me, to the best of my ability and by desires and ambitions was at all times, to work for the development of my county.

During the time you served with me, I can say that every meeting was a pleasant one and I always found your every thought was for the success of your County and I never found a time when you would not sacrifice your own interests to further the interests of the County you were representing.

I want to thank you for your kind consideration and the very pleasant manner in which you have worked with me in County affairs and I wish you success for the balance of the term and I am filled with regret that I cannot finish my term with you. As to my old friend, Mr. McKinnon—I can say that in the several years we have worked together, I have always found him willing at all times to sacrifice his interests for the interests of the County—have always found his judgment sound and his every thought and action always for the good of his County and every meeting I have sat with him, has been a pleasant one and I shall always hold the highest regards for my friend Mr. McKinnon.

To you both, who shall from now on conduct the business of the County, I wish you success and thank you for the earnest cooperation you have always given me.

R. L. HASS.

RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOV. 11

The annual Membership Drive for the American Red Cross has been set for the two weeks beginning on Armistice Day and continuing to Nov. 25. A meeting of the Executive Committee of Harney County Chapter was held on Thursday evening in connection with this important drive and another is called for next Tuesday night at 7:30 at The Times-Herald office to perfect arrangements.

The Red Cross activities continue to be a factor not only in the general health movement of the nation but it is still doing big international things, besides its continued aid to the service men. The organization is worthy the membership fees by every individual in America and it is hoped that Harney county will respond.

Just what plans will develop at the meeting Tuesday evening cannot be said at this time but it is pretty sure that the several active organizations of the county, such as the Library Club, Mothers Club, the churches and lodges of the town, Commercial club, the school officers and especially the teachers of the several districts of Harney county, will be called upon to assist in making the drive a success.

We must bear in mind the great good this organization has been in the past and what it may do in future right in our own county when we are approached with the suggestion that we do our bit toward its support and the active work of the Drive must be delegated to several because it is too much to ask a few individuals to "put it over" when it belongs so largely to communities.

The different churches of Burns are going to be asked to devote a portion of the morning service on Nov. 14 to the Red Cross. Definite announcement of this feature will be given as soon as Northwest headquarters has furnished the necessary information, as this is to be generally observed.

CONGRESSMAN SINNOTT VISITS THIS SECTION

Speaks to Citizens at Court House; Advocates Defeat of Bird Refuge Bill.

Congressman Nick Sinnott arrived in this city from Malheur county on last Wednesday evening and addressed a good audience at the court house that evening on the political issues and conditions in general. Congressman Sinnott discussed the proposed Roosevelt Bird Refuge bill and said it was a dangerous move. He cited an instance where \$5,000,000 in crops had to give way to the whims of faddists over adjoining Yellowstone Park because the crops were deprived of water in order that these fellows might see how many mosquitoes could be propagated in a certain swamp and what effect it would have on pine trees, etc. It required concerted effort on the part of congress to knock some common sense into the thing and get practical results.

Mr. Sinnott is in line with other public men who do not approve of the bird bill as it now stands. The state land board, Senator Chamberlain, state engineer, and all who have really given the matter intelligent attention are opposed to the measure.

WAYSIDE OBSERVATIONS

By County Agent

Winter weather.
Crops nearly harvested.
Fall planting under way.
Cattle and sheep leaving summer ranges.

Both cattle and sheep in good condition but buyers scarce.

All buyers after feeders on account of surplus hay crop in other section.

How about the surplus crop in Harney County?—If they can feed and expect to make a profit why not the local stockmen do likewise.

Come to a meeting of the Harney County Livestock Association at Burns on Nov. 6 at 10 o'clock and let's work out a plan to keep the yearlings and stockers and sell the matured steers and dry stuff.

Yes it can be done if you think so and willing to get in and help work out a plan—You might as well be hung for a grown sheep as a lamb so let's try a sample of co-operative shipment if no other plan offers—it works elsewhere—it might here.

Anyway you won't be lonesome since the Silver Creek and the Silvies Cattle and Horse Associations will hold their annual meetings in Burns in the forenoon in order to be present at the county meeting and the Drewsey Association may do likewise while large delegations are promised from the Drewsey, Silvies Valley, Fields and Denio sections.

Come on fellows—you've played a lone hand for a long time and the livestock industry was never at such a low level—Let's take a leaf out of the other fellows book and pull together awhile. Remember the date and place Burns, November 6, 10 A. M.

So much for the stockman but don't forget the big meetings scheduled at Drewsey Oct. 30, at 8 p. m. and Fields Thanksgiving day at 8 P. M. Several good speakers from Burns and other places have promised to be in both places while the County Agent will no doubt have a stereopticon lantern by that time and will give an illustrated talk, you may get tired of hearing the talk but you'll be sure to like the pictures.—Be sure and bring the Kiddies.

CANYON CITY FOOTBALL TEAM HERE

There is a football game at the fair grounds this afternoon between Canyon City high school and Harney county high school teams. The Canyon contingent arrived last night with several "rooters," among them being H. L. Kuhl. The boys expect a good game this afternoon, even with unfavorable weather conditions.

Sheriff Goodman is home from a trip to Salem where he took some prisoners to the penitentiary.