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Railroad Terminal Grounds and Depot Located in Voegtly Field

Railroad Representatives Definitely Settle Site Saturday After Conference With City Authorities and Business Men; Satisfaction Expressed.

Last Saturday W. R. Armstrong, assistant chief engineer of the Oregon Short Line, and Blaine Hallock, representing A. C. Spencer, general attorney of the O. W. R. & N. Co., made the definite location of the depot site in Burns. It is one block west of Main street instead of on the east side as originally planned. The change was made at the request of Mr. Herrick as he found upon visiting the site when he was here recently that the former location was so close to the highway that his logging trains running from Seneca would block the highway while standing at the station. The location meets with general approval.

During the visit of the gentlemen they held a conference with the city authorities and officers of the Burns Commercial Club in which they outlined certain plans they requested carried out in the way of opening streets and roads to give convenient access to the depot and terminal grounds by the public. The local men readily agreed to use their influence toward such improvements, recognizing their merit.

Messrs. Armstrong and Hallock discussed the future of this city and surrounding country with the gentlemen in the conference and asked that the plans of development be given the loyal support of the community as it means much to the growth of the country and furthering of the many resources of this big empire. They pointed out the advantages of transportation, the enlarged scope of a home market made possible by Mr. Herrick's enterprises with the expenditure of large sums of money and the bringing in of more people to carry forward his undertakings. All of this is fully realized by home people and it is their sincere desire to work harmoniously to the desired end.

The definite settlement of the depot site has cleared the docks for immediate steps toward city improvement and this will now go forward as rapidly as conditions will permit. Water and sewer systems will be initiated just as soon as necessary preliminaries may be carried out. Streets and roads will be improved in accordance with the request of the railroad people and every effort made to give the big concerns all possible assistance.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hallock spent all of Saturday in Burns and on Sunday evening went to the Island ranch as the guests of Supt. A. R. Olsen, taking the train out of Crane Monday morning.

Both gentlemen are old time printers and while in Burns gave The Times-Herald office a fraternal call. Mr. Armstrong "handpegged" some type but refused to allow it to go into the edition, distributing it before it could be removed from the "stick." He promised to show up later and do some press work, as that end of the work appealed to him most, but like many old time "prints" failed to show up on Monday morning.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hallock prepared some data in connection with the location of the terminal grounds and certain improvements which they submitted to the mayor and commercial club, and as this is a matter of general interest and was read at the meeting of the club Thursday evening, the communication and data is herewith published:

Burns, Oregon, Jan. 6, 1924.
Mr. W. E. Huston, Mayor, City of Burns,

Dr. L. E. Hibbard, Pres. Burns & Harney County Commercial Club, Gentlemen:
Herewith a memoranda covering our conference of yesterday. We appreciate your attitude in being favorable to taking hold of the securing of the necessary rights of way and providing the proper streets and roads so as to make the facilities convenient for the use of the public and trust that these matters may be concluded at an early date.

Very truly yours,
W. R. ARMSTRONG,
BLAINE HALLOCK.

At Burns,
January 5, 1924.

Memoranda

Blaine Hallock, representing A. C. Spencer, General Attorney, O. W. R. & N.

W. R. Armstrong, Asst. Chief Engineer, O. S. L.

In connection with location of depot and other facilities at Burns and particularly with reference to matters of Mr. Herrick's letters December 24th to H. V. Platt, W. R. Armstrong and Mr. Hallock requesting that the depot at Burns be west of the Main Street instead of just east of Main Street as shown on O. S. L. Drawing No. 21706 tentative plan for trackage and terminal facilities layout at Burns made in accordance with Mr. Platt's instructions after viewing the situation on the ground about November 24th.

Complying with understanding reached at Conference between H. V. Platt and A. C. Spencer at Pocatello January 2nd, that Hallock and Armstrong should go to Burns and make a final location of depot, streets, etc. to comply with Mr. Herrick's requests and also to secure a friendly acceptance of the location and plan by the people of Burns of the depot location requested by Mr. Herrick.

With Mr. J. W. Girard and Mr. C. B. Foley of Mr. Herrick's office, the ground was looked over. It was considered that the depot could be located about 350 feet westerly along the line of the railroad from the west line of Main Street, serving same from a spur house track from the west and changing the location for "Industry Sites" from west to east of Main Street. This to be done without changing plan as to location of Wye, Engine house, Stockyards and other facilities.

Later conference with W. E. Huston, Mayor; J. S. Cook, City Atty. of Burns; Dr. L. E. Hibbard, President; J. J. Donegan, Secretary of Burns and Harney County Commercial Club. Mr. Herrick's requests were explained. The locations to meet with requests were noted on print of Drawing No. 21706 and thoroughly explained.

These gentlemen were very agreeable to making the changes requested by Mr. Herrick and to actively take steps to secure the land for the terminal and to endeavor to open up the streets as requested so that there will be a direct route from Main Street by the Depot and westerly by the stockyards to Mr. Herrick's sawmill site—also to open up necessary roads or streets as indicated on the print to secure free access to the stockyards from all directions.

Mr. Hallock to furnish the necessary description for land for Right of Way and terminals to above mentioned representatives of Burns so that they may secure and furnish same to O. W. R. & N.

Mr. Armstrong to prepare the necessary revision of Plan 21706 and furnish same to all concerned.

Representatives of Burns expressed themselves as being more than pleased and anxious to go ahead with the above arrangements so that all might work to the common end of securing a compact, convenient terminal layout to serve the community.

(Signed)
W. R. ARMSTRONG.

Died—Friday, Jan. 4, A. H. Saunders, aged 61 years. Mr. Saunders lived on a homestead in Virginia valley, a few miles south and east of Crane. He had been ailing for some time and his death was due to a complication of ailments. He was an uncle to Harold Saunders, well known young man of this vicinity. The body was brought to Burns and prepared for shipment by G. W. Clevenger and then sent to Portland for burial. Deceased had been married, we understand, but had none of his family with him here.

Commercial Club Approves Depot Location.

There was a meeting of the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club held at the court house Thursday evening. Owing to many of our citizens attending the installation ceremony of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs on the same evening the attendance at the club meeting was not so large. However, a good representative crowd was there.

The particular purpose of calling the meeting Thursday evening was to hear the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws. This report was made and the draft was found satisfactory in every respect and adopted.

The name now is the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club and all residents of Harney county are eligible to membership. The constitution sets out the objects of the organization which are wide in scope and representative of the entire country. The membership roll is now more than 160 and three membership rolls are out, one at Crane, another at Drowsey and one at Sun-ter where many more names are expected to be added. When once under way and properly functioning this organization is going to be a power for the advancement of Harney county.

Following the adoption of the report of this committee President Dr. Hibbard announced the standing committees called for in the by-laws. They are:

Finance—W. E. Huston, chairman; E. L. Smith, A. A. Bardwell. Entertainment—E. J. Musick, chairman; Grover N. Jameson, W. M. Sutton.

Development and Industrial—Sam Mothershead, chairman; Leon M. Brown, P. S. Weittenhiller, Dr. Roscoe C. Ward, A. A. Traugott.

Publicity—Charles W. Ellis, chairman; Obil Shattuck, Julian Byrd.

Some communications were read that the secretary deemed of particular importance and under the same head the communication from Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hallock, representatives of the railroad interests, were presented by Mayor Huston and a resolution passed by the city council in connection with it was also read. Capt. Robt. M. Duncun then presented some resolutions prepared on the same subject for the adoption of the club and after they had been read they were adopted and copies ordered sent to the railroad people and also Mr. Herrick.

J. S. Cook, city attorney, reviewed the water and sewer subject from what had already been done by the city authorities and this brought favorable comment from several of those present. The fact that we are forced to install these systems and the further fact that they are both essential to the welfare of this city

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COUNTIES GET TIME FOR LEVYING TAXES

Law Setting December 1 as Limit Merely Directory, Rules State Official.

(Oregonian)

Salem, Ore., Jan. 8.—(Special)—Despite that the supreme court declared void the amendment to the 1919 act of the legislature extending to counties other than Multnomah operation of the tax supervision and conservation commission, counties and other tax-levying bodies which failed to publish their estimates for 1924 under provisions of the old budget act still have time to comply with the law.

This was set out in an opinion prepared here today by the attorney-general at the request of Willard Wirtz of Crook county and many other officials throughout the state.

District Attorney Wirtz, in his query, asked if the provisions of the tax law requiring taxes to be levied by counties during the December term of the county court and by other taxing bodies before December 1, are mandatory or merely directory. The attorney-general held that the provisions of the law are directory.

The local budget law, according to the opinion, requires that all tax levying bodies shall publish their budgets and provides that any tax attempted to be levied without compliance with the provisions of the act shall be null and void.

Similar laws, the attorney-general said, have been upheld by the supreme court as to be mandatory as to like provisions.

It was held by the attorney-general that the county assessor has until 45 days before April 5 in which to extend taxes on the tax rolls and deliver the same to the sheriff. Consequently, it is not too late for counties and other tax levying bodies which failed to publish their estimates to act, the attorney-general said.

The attorney-general suggested, however, that proceedings be expedited, since delay may not permit of time extension of these taxes upon the tax rolls.

Taxing bodies that published their estimates and levied taxes according to the budget law as it existed, without reference to the tax supervising commission amendment, complied with the law.

It was said that hundreds of tax-levying bodies in the state are affected by the attorney-general's opinion and will be compelled to levy their taxes under the budget act.

J. C. Cecil was over from Silver creek during the week.

Supply of Dairy Products Keeps up Well.

Information given out by Manager Rasmussen of the Harney County Creamery discloses the fact that the supply of cream has not fallen off but very little during the past two winter months. He had expected a perceptible decrease during the winter as the local dairy herds had not been so arranged to freshen during the fall or winter and very few arranged for green feed, but the falling off has been very slight and the raw material is coming in at a rate that is most encouraging.

With the coming year this will be changed with provision made for better conditions in the way of feeding and housing dairy cows and also to freshen. The dairy business is going to be one of the leading industries of Harney valley, and it is getting a very fine start with a creamery established here to take care of the product right at home. The finished product is another feature of satisfaction as it is the best creamery butter now on the market in this section.

ANTI-INCOME TAX CAMPAIGN TO START

(Oregonian)

Salem, Ore., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Circulation of petitions preparatory to referring to the voters of Oregon at the general election in November an initiative measure looking to the repeal of the state income tax law will be started within the next few weeks, according to information received at the executive department here today.

The original petition was filed with the secretary of state here several weeks ago by C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter. It will require approximately 14,000 signatures before the question of repealing the tax can be referred to the voters.

It was said here today that more than 100 individuals and corporations have subscribed to a fund to be used in circulating the petitions and meeting other expenses to connection with the election.

Mr. Chapman, in a recent statement, said that the books of the sponsors of the election will be open to the public at all times, and no attempt will be made to conceal the names of the subscribers or the amounts.

The state income tax law was enacted at the 1923 session of the legislature, but subsequently was attacked by the referendum. The referendum was submitted to the voters at a special election held last November, with the result that it was approved by a majority of approximately 500 votes.

C. J. Walters, stock man and rancher of the Wagontire section, was among our business visitors during this week.

I. O. O. F. LODGES HOLD JOINT INSTALLATIONS

Large Gathering of Members Witness The Ceremony; Banquet Follows.

Thursday night the officers of Harney Lodge No. 77 and Sylvia R. D. Lodge No. 43 were installed by a joint ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of members of the Odd Fellow orders and a few friends. It was the first time the joint ceremonies had ever been used by the local lodges and was more interesting because of being different. With the two sets of officers appearing together and the attendant banner bearers of the Rebekah lodge, the handsome dresses and divided duties of the installing officers, it gave added color to what has heretofore been more or less monotonous repetition of ceremony.

D. D. G. M., Byrn Terrill of the Odd Fellows and D. D. President Bertha Smith shared the honors as installing officers and were assisted by Mrs. Goldie Reed and Ernest Smith, acting as marshals; Mrs. Earl Graham, Miss Violet Terrill, Ellen and Olivia Whiting acted as banner bearers. These four accompanied each set of officers as they were brought forward for obligation and lecture. Their wand like staffs bearing bright colors, together with the attractive marching order made the ceremony very pretty. Mrs. C. H. Leonard played the piano for the marches and ceremony.

The officers installed for the Rebekahs for the coming term are: N. G. Mary Bennett; V. G., Helen Biggs; recording secretary, Blanche Goodman; financial secretary, Henrietta Eggleston; treasurer, Goldie Stahl; warden, Goldie Shattuck; conductress, Violet Terrill; outside guardian, Augusta Graham; inside guardian, Lydia Sylvester; R. S. N. G., Bertha Smith; L. S. N. G., Mrs. W. M. Sutton; R. S. S., Opal Downs; L. S. S., Effie Gould; Chaplain, Mrs. Drake; R. S. V. G., Goldie Reed; L. S. V. G., Mamie Gould, Musician, Madge Leonard.

The officers installed for the Odd Fellows were: N. G., Ellis Bennett; V. G., James Richardson; recording secretary, A. A. Bardwell; financial secretary, U. S. Reynolds; treasurer, Lee Miller; warden, Lou McPherson; conductor, Earl Graham; inside guardian, J. B. Taylor; outside guardian, M. L. Harkey; R. S. N. G., E. L. Smith; L. S. N. G., Obil Shattuck; R. S. V. G., John Hodder; L. S. V. G., Donald Hotchkiss; R. S. S., Frank Ruh; L. S. S., Paul Kreuger; chaplain, B. F. Siler.

A short program followed the installation which was most enjoyable. Mrs. Lee Clark gave a vocal solo but would not respond to an encore. Mrs. Clark has a sweet voice that is not heard very often by her friends in public and therefore that much more appreciated at the rare intervals in which she is induced to sing. Mrs. Obil Shattuck gave a delightful saxophone solo, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Eggleston on the violin and piano. She responded to a generous encore.

Mrs. W. M. Sutton gave one of her much appreciated readings and also responded with a humorous selection to a hearty encore. Ellis Bennett rendered a baritone solo and was compelled to respond. Ellis let his friends know for the first time that he has a pleasing baritone voice.

This concluded the formal program and the guests were then given an opportunity to mingle together and have a good social time. They danced and had a general good time before the serving of a most elaborate banquet. The guests were so many that the banquet room was taxed to capacity in relays. However, the food was plentiful and excellently prepared and served. While some were at the banquet table the other guests were enjoying themselves in the large hall and awaited their turn to be served.

The joint installation of the Odd Fellow orders has become an annual affair and brings out large gatherings of the membership with a few friends. The hall was crowded with the largest gathering ever present on a like occasion and the affair was both a fraternal and social success.

Prestley Smyth was over from his Diamond ranch home the other day.

OUR 1924 INTERVIEWS

WELL YOU CAN SET ME DOWN AS EXPECTING A BUGY YEAR AHEAD. OUTSIDE OF KEEPING MY EYE ON THE FELLOWS IN WASHINGTON - I'M GETTING READY FOR MY BIG PARTY IN NOVEMBER, EH



YOU CAN QUOTE ME AS SAYING THAT IT'S MY CHIEF DESIRE TO CARRY OUT THE WISHES OF THE FOLKS BACK 'HUM'. PUT THAT IN BOLD TYPE PLEASE!



JUST SAY THAT DOLLAR WHEAT AND SIX CENT 'HOGS DIDN'T PLEASE ME A LOT BUT THINGS POINT TO A BETTER YEAR AHEAD FOR ME!



PLEASE SAY THAT IN 1924 I EXPECT TO BE AS POPULAR AS EVER AND THAT I AM SURE BOBBED HAIR IS HERE TO STAY!

