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IRRIGATION MEN BACK FROM SALT LAKE MEET

Representatives There From Many Projects; Chances Favorable For Aid.

Sam Mothershead arrived home Thursday night from Salt Lake where he and other members of the Harney Valley Irrigation District, together with Capt. Robt. M. Duncan, had been before the meeting held by the fact finding committee recently appointed to investigate the government reclamation projects. Directors Olsen and Thompson, the other members of the party, returned home earlier in the week but Messrs Mothershead and Duncan remained to place the local situation before the committee in a more extended manner, reducing their proposition to writing and submitting a supplemented brief in addition to the personal appearance.

Mr. Mothershead told a representative of this paper that the delegation found the meeting of much greater interest and importance than they had expected and largely attended. There were delegations there from practically every irrigation project west of the Mississippi river and all had something of importance to place before the committee, therefore it took time and patience.

Mr. Mothershead is optimistic of the results of their conference with this committee but does not look for any immediate action because of complications arising from their investigation. The mass of data placed before this committee covers such a wide scope and so diversified in application that it will require considerable study before anything definite can come. Especially is this true as to the application of the present law governing the reclamation work of the government. Before any new projects are taken up it is the opinion of Mr. Mothershead that the law will be amended to more specifically cover new projects and a more business-like administration of costs and contrasts be arranged.

The delegations before the committee had many angles of the situation to discuss and from this information is likely to come changes that will be more practical.

The fact finding committee readily recognized Oregon's claim to recognition for a new project and this will be recommended beyond any doubt. It is confidently believed by the local delegation that Harney valley has an excellent chance to be named because of its magnitude in acreage and correspondingly low cost estimate. However, this is a matter that will not be determined at once but as soon as the committee files its report of its findings it will indicate, indirectly, Mr. Mothershead believes, our chances.

Mr. Duncan accompanied Sam back as far as Ontario where he stopped over to look after some business matters. He is expected home tonight.

HARNEY COUNTY HIGH

The mid-year examinations are over and the second semester begun. The students show a marked interest in their work and the general situation of the school is good.

The debating squad has been working hard for some time preparing for the preliminary struggle. The same will be met Feb. 8.

The following students were exempt from examinations in the studies following their respective names:

Izola Ausmus, Civics; John Biggs, Geometry; Alfred Brown, Algebra, English, Ancient History; Edward Brown, Physics; Lois Brown, Biol., Caesar, English, Geometry; Lucile Brown, English, Caesar, Spanish, Civics; Frank Cote, Algebra, General Science; Wendell Caldwell, Latin, English, Ancient History; Milford Jackson, Algebra, English, Ancient History; Edgar Dent, Biol., Caesar, English, Geometry; Vida Dent, English, Geometry; Louise Desllets, Biol., English, Typing; Pauline Desllets, English, Civics, Household Science; Shorthand; Bea Desllets, H. S. Geometry, Caesar; Mildred Dalton, English; Jessie Foley, Algebra, English, Ancient History, Household Science; Katherine Farre, English, English; Lyle Gould, Algebra, A. H.; Hilda Gould, Biol., Latin, English,

Geometry, H. S.; William Gouldin, Civics; Nona Hardisty, English; Beryl Hotchkiss, English, A. H., H. S.; Sidney Hotchkiss, Physics, English, Math., Civics; Frances Hibbard, Civics; Marcus Haines, General Science, A. H.; Hal Hibbard, Civics; Frances King, Biol., English, Geometry; Ivan Lowe, English, Geometry; Harry Loggan, Physics, English, Math.; Helene Loggan, English; Grace Lazarus, Bk., Shorthand; Cleo McKinnon, A. H.; Elwood McPheeters, Geometry; Charles McConnel, Math.; John Mothershead, Physics, Math., Civics; Naomi Moon, Caesar, English, Geom., Typing; Georgie McPheeters, Algebra, A. H., English; Marian McCullough, Physics, English, Civics, Latin, Typing; Raymond Olsen, Algebra, General Science, English, Bk.; Jess Pennington, Algebra, General Science, English; Wilbur Pouljade, General Science, English, A. H.; Ruby Pouljade, English, Spanish, Civics; Marie Parker, Latin; Frederick Reid, English, A. H.; Roselle Reed, Civics; Baxter Reed, Civics; Belda Schwartz, English, Spanish, Civics; Wanda Spencer, English; Wilbur Springer, Algebra, General Science; Hattie Thornburg, Latin; Hilda Thornburg, English; Anna Varlen, Algebra, English, A. H.; Alois Wenzel, Algebra, General Science, English, Bk.; William Wenzel, Geometry; Eleanor Welcome, Biol., Caesar, English, Geometry; Mary Welcome, English, Spanish, Civics.

Neither absent nor tardy for the first semester:

Edith Biggs, Gladys Brittingham, Lois Brown, Lucile Brown, Alfred Brown, Roy Brown, Frank Cote, Opal Culp, John Culp, Mildred Dalton, Katherine Farre, Jessie Foley, Teresa Foley, Lucile Gould, Lyle Gould, Marcus Haines, Carroll Jordan, Naomi Moon, Chas. M. McConnell, Cleo McKinnon, Ruth Olman, Wilfred Racine, Roselle Reed, Cecil Reel, Belda Schwartz, Lucile Skelins, Wilbur Springer, James Stahl, Mary Welcome, Eleanor Welcome, Alois Wenzel, Jess Pennington.

Enrollment to date, 115

Dropped, 12

No. on roll, 103

SHALL WE HAVE A COUNTY FAIR THIS SEASON?

Several have mentioned the proposition that Harney county hold a fair this fall. We used to have some pretty good exhibits of produce and live stock at the annual fairs but during war time the matter was not given any attention and since it has been hard to get up sufficient interest to give the subject much consideration. With the coming season we will be having many people turn their attention to Harney county with a view of locating and who will be interested in what we can produce.

One unfortunate circumstance connected with such an undertaking is the lack of funds available for premiums. There is a fund provided for such purpose and each year for the last two seasons the annual flower show has been given such support as was needed for premiums from this fund but it is limited and would not go far toward paying many premiums if it distributed over the diverse resources that should have attention at a county fair.

MAY GET COYOTE POISON THROUGH COUNTY AGENT

R. T. Jackson, an assistant of Stanley Jewett in charge of the predatory animal hunters of the U. S. Biological Survey, arrived in this city again Thursday night. Mr. Jackson has been working over in Malheur county and is back here to arrange for more hunters and trappers being put in the field in this county.

Mr. Jackson had left a quantity of poison at this office and it had become known among a few trappers who desired information as to how to obtain the poison and the formula of bait used by the government men. Mr. Jackson informs us that he is not in a position to give out any of the poison in his possession to trappers but that they may secure it by making application to the nearest county agent, which in this case is L. R. Brethaupt, at Ontario, since Harney county has no agent.

With increased cost on production it looks like the livestock industry is going to be more or less complicated in the near future. It will turn more to dairying and cutting up large land holdings.

DAIRY INDUSTRY IS DEVELOPING FAST HERE

Milk Cows Producing Wealth For Owners; Dairying to Increase Rapidly.

A survey of the dairy product situation in this vicinity shows a marked advancement in recent months. It is estimated that about \$800 a week is the revenue derived by local dairymen from their raw material. It is not all taken care of through the local creamery but that institution is enjoying an increased business gradually since it was opened. It is capable of handling a greater volume of business and by giving it support the shipping charges both ways are eliminated and the money remains at home.

Several car loads of dairy cows have been shipped in and disposed of in the vicinity of Burns during the past season and there is still a strong demand for them. Local dairymen have come to understand the difference between just "plain cow" and a milk producer. They are weeding out the "boarders" and getting cows that will stand the test and bring in a dividend on the investment.

Harney valley is peculiarly adapted to the dairy business; the product finds a ready sale and with added transportation facilities with the extension of the railroad to Burns and the route up into the mountains to the Bear valley timber, will stimulate the growth of the dairy business materially, especially with the added home market for such products that the building of the saw mill and kindred enterprises will bring.

Another contributing factor to the success of the dairy business is the contemplated irrigation development that is sure to follow directly upon the completion of the railroad that traverses the valley. Many are looking for suitable localities to engage in dairying and this field will offer attractive inducements to such investors.

FINDS MUCH INQUIRY ABOUT BURNS

Sam Mothershead arrived home Thursday evening from a trip to Salt Lake. He reports much interest among people about Burns and the surrounding country. Many are looking this way with a view of coming in to take part in the development work just opening up. This applies to men looking for business locations and others for farm and dairy enterprises. We may look for many people in here with the opening of spring.

Geo. Buchanan was in town this week.

DR. MARSDEN'S PIUTE INDIAN LANGUAGE WORK

University of California Puts Out Partial List of Texts; Mass of Material.

Several of the friends of the late Dr. W. L. Marsden have received copies of a portion of his excellent and interesting work of compiling valuable data in connection with the Piute Indian language. While the pages received are only a small portion of the mass of materials it is nevertheless very interesting and attractive to his many old time friends.

The work of publishing the valuable collection of several stories and myths is being done by the University of California. Because of the mass containing more than forty texts, it has been impossible to carry it out sooner, according to the editor's note preceding the five stories received in paper binding. This note adds, however, that the work is to be carried out in full and will appear later.

Many of Dr. Marsden's old time friends have looked forward with pleasure to the completion of this work, as he took a great pride in gathering the data and in trying to bring out the language of the local tribe in a manner that would be a credit. It will fulfill this ambition.

RANKING PUPILS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

The result of the mid-year examinations in the public school last week brought to attention some excellent grades made by many of the pupils. Principal Sutton has given out the following names as the highest in their respective grades:

First grade, Norma Smith, in ten subjects, made an average of 99.7; second grade, Powell Loggan, in ten subjects, 99.2; third grade, Walter Young ten subjects, 98.6; fourth grade, Vertelle Richardson, ten subjects, 96; fifth grade, Robert Voegty, ten subjects, 97.9; sixth grade, John Desllets, ten subjects, 96.4; seventh grade, Eugene Goodlow, nine subjects, 86.5; eighth grade, Ariana Jameson, ten subjects, 99.4.

UNUSUAL FOOD FOR "BRAVES"

Piute Encampment, No. 38, I. O. O. F., installed its officers for the year on last Tuesday night. D. D. G. P. Gus Bardwell acted as installing officer assisted by P. C. Patriarch W. N. Monroe, W. A. Goodman, W. Y. King and Julian Byrd. Mr. King was the first Chief Patriarch of the local Encampment which was instituted several years ago by Grand Scribe E. E. Sharon.

The officers are: Chief Patriarch, Byron Terrill; Senior Warden, Earl Graham; Scribe, James Richardson;

Treasurer, Rube Drake; Junior Warden, Bart Siler; Guide, Donald Hotchkiss; First Watch, Harry Custer; Second Watch, W. Y. King; Third Watch, Obil Shattuck; Fourth Watch, Earl Hagey; Inside Sentinel, John Hodder; Outside Sentinel, E. L. Smith.

Following the installation and the regular session of the Encampment the gang repaired to the Club Cafe and partook of Chinese noodles. While the Odd Fellows Encampment has nothing to do with Indian life, its teachings being scenes of early Biblical days when hospitality and simplicity marked the real patriarch, nevertheless, because of the name chosen for the camp at this place it has been applied as having some Indian lore significance. With this thought in mind the writer wonders how a bunch of Indians could bring themselves to eat Chinese noodles, but upon witnessing the manner in which the implements of war were seized and the "stringy" food started down the usual channels, it is evident that some of them had previous experience.

The Encampment installation ceremony is one of the most impressive in any branch of the Odd Fellow order and the membership contemplate making the next annual installation one that may be witnessed by members of the subordinate and Rebekah lodges.

FIRE ALARM GIVE PEOPLE A FRIGHT BUT NO DAMAGE

The fire alarm was turned in last Saturday just at noon and it was discovered there was a fire at the Service Garage. This is a large wooden building and caused people much concern as the burning of this building would have endangered several blocks. However, the fire was soon put out, it having started in the repair shop from a welding torch flame igniting some leaking gas. No damage was done.

INSTALLING BIG LIGHT POWER ENGINE

Messrs. Hodge & Letson are now preparing to install the big light plant engine received the latter part of last week. The power house will be established at the intersection of the highway and the southeastern entrance to Burns where the site has been purchased. It will require some time to build the necessary concrete foundation and properly install and house this big plant but when it is once in operation Burns will have adequate electric power system.

The present service from the water power at the mill is much appreciated by the citizens of Burns and the new men in charge of the enterprise will receive the full support of our people in their undertakings, as it will fill a long felt need.

Have you filed your federal income tax return? Better do so before March 15 or you will be liable to heavy penalties.

CHIEF FORESTER SHOWS INTEREST IN SECTION

Signifies Intention to Visit Harney County During The Coming Year.

Members of the delegation that went to Salt Lake last week to attend the meeting of the fact finding committee on the irrigation projects, report they met Col. Greeley, Chief Forester, who showed a keen interest in this section and who stated that he contemplated a visit to us during the coming season. Col. Greeley has taken a personal interest in the opening up of the timber resources of this big territory and it was through his personal interest that the recent sale of timber was made possible. It was also his knowledge of the situation that made the building of a common carrier railroad through the agricultural lands of this valley a part of the contract involving the sale of the timber.

Col. Greeley evinced an interest in range conditions not only as they affect the national forest, but also the general range lands of the west. He expressed the opinion that sooner or later a system of range leases would apply to all government range lands and became interested in the big range area of Harney county in conversation with members of the local delegation.

Leasing of the public range has been advocated by some for the past several years and with the supervision of the forest range as an example it is quite probable that such a system will be tried out. While this may not meet with general approval from those who are now using the public range it is nevertheless receiving serious consideration and will come in time. It would mean a more stable condition that the resident stockman could depend upon, securing for his own use range lands over a long period of time and thus give him an opportunity to develop it rather than deplete it as under the present system.

Col. Greeley's visit will be looked forward to with some interest by many of our people because of his connection with the timber sale and supervision of the forest. They will also be interested in the proposed range leasing plan that is evidently forming and is more or less concrete in the minds of government men who are making a study of it.

PIONEER RESIDENT DIED SUNDAY MORNING

Alonso Dunn died at his home in this city early Sunday morning and was buried by the Odd Fellows on Monday afternoon. Mr. Dunn had been in poor health for several years, suffering from asthma which finally caused his death.

Mr. Dunn came to Burns in 1888 and had since made this his home. He was born March 21, 1858 in Jasper county, Indiana but came here from Idaho. He was one of those good, conscientious citizens that held friendships and this made many of the people of this community express their regret when informed of his demise. He was made an Odd Fellow almost 30 years ago and was always active in that fraternity where he endeared himself for his unselfish work. He held the lodge in high esteem and it was his request that his Brother Odd Fellows take charge of his funeral and that his old time friend Bart Siler take his casket to the cemetery with his big team of draft horses. This request was complied with by the members of the order.

Mr. Dunn was married on May 21, 1899 and is survived by his wife. He had no relatives in this immediate vicinity but a brother was here to visit him several years ago from Idaho.

The funeral was largely attended by his former associates and friends who showed their respect and esteem by expressions of sorrow and recalling their agreeable association with him during his long residence here. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Up to yesterday afternoon no word had been received from Portland as to the result of the operation on Mrs. Arthur Turner, who was taken down for that purpose. It is taken for granted that the operation has not yet been undergone.

