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TWO SUCCESSFUL GET-TOGETHER MEETINGS

Threatened Complications Adjusted; Mass Meetings Result in Success.

What threatened last week to complicate and retard the development started in this section has been eliminated and the citizens of Burns are more closely united in the program of progression than ever before. This is again the result of public meetings and a free discussion of the situation that confronted us as a community.

Last week Mayor Huston received a letter from Fred Herrick, head of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co., announcing that complications had arisen that indicated it would require his building his sawmills in Bear valley. Immediate steps were taken to ascertain what could be done to clear up the situation and Burns do what it could toward straightening out the tangle. The solution was found through getting busy and finding the cause of the misunderstanding. Several of the business men of Burns, among the most active being Joe Thompson, John Caldwell, Nollie Reed and Waldo Geer, made a canvass of the situation and decided that by consulting with E. W. Barnes the matter could be adjusted and it was through the efforts of these men and others that a public meeting of the citizens of Burns was called at the court house on Wednesday evening to discuss the situation. The meeting was attended by as large a crowd as could get into the circuit court room and overflowed on the outside. The men in charge of the affair stated that Mr. Barnes had a proposition to place before the citizens of Burns that would clear up the misunderstanding and would result in settling the differences definitely. Mr. Barnes asked that a committee be appointed to confer with him and if his proposition was satisfactory the enterprises started in this community by Mr. Herrick and the railroad would be carried out. The committee was appointed, Dr. L. E. Hibbard, Dr. B. F. Smith and Ben Brown being elected without opposition. These men met with Mr. Barnes the next morning and immediately arrived at an agreement and this was reported back to another mass meeting that evening at the court house and was unanimously ratified without debate by the large number of citizens gathered.

Mr. Barnes made no unreasonable demands. He was freely given the support of all and the complications cleared.

The two meetings resulted in a much better feeling on the part of everyone taking part and has cemented Burns more closely as a unit toward the development we all desire. It has cleared any possible complication that might arise as to the location of the mill. It has brought everybody interested in closer harmony with the best of feeling. It has given Mr. Barnes every assurance of the moral support of the citizens of Burns in furthering any enterprise looking to the development of this big country. It has placed the entire community squarely behind Mr. Herrick in aiding him in his big enterprises and taken away any doubt as to their sincerity in working harmoniously with him. It means a greater influence in the efforts of the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club because of cementing active support of the organization. It further emphasizes the fact that the community as a whole may be depended upon in times of stress to do the right thing and that our differences may be reconciled when we all understand each other.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEET.

The Burns and Harney County Commercial Club will hold a meeting at the court house next Tuesday evening, March 4, to pass upon the form letter proposed to send out to inquirers and also to further ratify the actions of the recent mass meetings.

L. E. HIBBARD, Pres.

EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES

(By Obil Shattuck Supt.)
Farming operations have been in progress at the Experiment Station since Friday, February 15.

Land that was fall plowed and left rough over winter, is now in excellent shape to double crop. Mrs. A. C. Volmer, who is operating the Mess house at the Experiment station, had her tonsils removed by Dr. Smith Feb. 20th, and is recovering nicely.

Raymond Horton, Foreman at the Experiment station, had his tonsils removed by Dr. Smith February 25.

Mr. Hibbard, who is operating the J. S. Cook ranch, loaded 1½ tons of Hard Federation spring wheat at the station Feb. 23 to sow on summer fallowed land during the coming season. The Federation wheats have proved to be consistent yielders at the station during the past four years.

Mr. Vanderveer, of the Pine Creek section was a station visitor Feb. 20. He secured some seed oats to increase under irrigation at his ranch during the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Denstedt were station visitors February 23. Mr. Denstedt is one of the Pioneer farmers of Harney Valley.

Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. McPheeters and family, accompanied by Wayne Howes and Leslie Denstedt 'listened in' on a radio program at the Experiment station.

When buying alfalfa seed remember Grimm alfalfa is the hardiest, highest yielding variety on the market.

Federation wheat has out yielded all other varieties at the Experiment station for the past four years.

Do not forget to try out the Canadian field pea. It is one of the very best legumes to grow in the short rotation on well sub irrigated, or irrigated land. It inoculates readily, adding atmospheric nitrogen to the soil, is a good ensilage and hay crop when grown in combination with wheat, oats or barley, and is an excellent crop to mature as seed and 'hog off' thus eliminating the cost of harvesting, and at the same time producing the highest grade of pork.

Experimental results show that it is poor practice to try to start alfalfa with a nurse crop. If you wish to secure a good stand, inoculate the seed and sow it alone in a fine, FIRM, seed bed. Care should be taken to avoid deep seeding, one inch is the ideal depth.

Do not forget to overhaul all of your farm machinery and order your repairs early, a delay of ten days may cost you your crop.

Experiments have proved that it pays to treat cereals for smut. The new copper carbonate treatment is excellent for wheat, but formaldehyde or bluestone must be used for barley and oats. It is good practice to treat all cereals, even though your seed may be clean, if your neighbor has thrashed smutty grain near you and the wind was in your direction, it will be safe to figure that your soil will be infested with the smut spores.

Well cleaned seed means larger yields, do not neglect this important operation.

A good seed bed is the secret of successful crop production. The seedbed should be worked until it is fine and firm. Do not wait until the ground is hard and cloddy, work it as soon as it is ready.

HOLD EXAMINATION FOR POST MASTER AT BURNS

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces that a competitive examination for the post mastership at Burns will be held on March 15. The places where such examination may be taken are designated as Astoria, Baker and Pendleton.

Post Master Locher's time expires May 6. He furnishes the information that the necessary application blanks and information covering the examination may be had by applying at the post office.

MRS. GAULT CHOSEN AS SOLOIST

Mrs. James Lester Gault of Corvallis will be the official soloist at the Northwest Rotary convention, to be held in Spokane April 13-15. Governor Miles Higley has booked her for the three days' session. With Bob Webb leading in the community singing, Mrs. Gault doing the solo work and numerous other high G artists filling in during spare moments, the conference is bound to be a cherry one.—The Hub, Spokane.

MOTHERS CLUB TAKES UP CHILD WELFARE

Subject to be Considered in Series of Discussions; To Help All Mothers.

(Contributed)

The regular meeting of the Mothers Club was held at the home of Mrs. H. J. Hansen on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Sizemore as joint hostess.

The Club has decided to give intensive consideration to the subject of child welfare in the immediate future and be prepared to give information and to help mothers along this line. The activities of this work is not to be confined to members of the club but given freely to any who may apply for aid or information or material.

The subject for discussion and consideration at the next meeting of the club is to be miscellaneous, as the child welfare subject will not be taken up in a concrete form until necessary information and material may be obtained to discuss particular phases of it. This has been applied for and will be before the club at the meeting following.

The first of a series of these questions connected with child welfare is planned and will follow in succession. The subject first considered will be food and nutrition.

During the time of this series of discussions the subject for the subsequent meeting will be announced in advance in this paper.

Following the general meeting and discussion the hostesses served lovely refreshments.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Smith.

OLD TIMERS ON A TOUR TO HONOLULU

The Times-Herald recently received a copy of a newspaper published in Honolulu in which the passenger list of one of the big ocean steamers was published. The names of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Neal were among them. The steamer had arrived on Feb. 6 and an interesting account of the voyage was a feature of the issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal are old time residents of this county. Mr. Neal being the first surveyor of Harney county. He engaged in the stock business and established the present Follyfarm ranch and conducted it for a number of years. Since retiring from active business Mr. and Mrs. Neal have spent much of their time in Portland and this winter decided on a trip to Honolulu as a diversion. They are entitled to the enjoyment of their declining years after many hardships endured during the pioneer days of this country.

THE TERMINAL GROUNDS TRANSFER COMPLETED

Deed Passed to Railroad and Accepted; Now Definitely Located Satisfactorily.

The deed to the terminal grounds in Voegtly's field has been executed and passed to the railroad. It has been accepted and the matter closed. This has cleared any uncertainty as to the location of the depot and those interested may now feel confident of proceeding with any enterprise that hinged in any manner upon the location of the terminal.

This transfer might have been accomplished in less time had there not been complications. Mr. Voegtly was ready but because of the land being an estate without having been partitioned among the heirs, it required certain formalities that took time. However, the delay in no wise interfered with the enterprise undertaken by the railroad and Mr. Herrick. This assurance had been given by representatives of the Union Pacific Co.

Burns does not want to retard this work in any manner. Its citizens desire to use every effort toward speeding it up and giving such aid as is within its power to further the development.

TESTIMONY BEING TAKEN IN CIRCUIT COURT SUITS

Court Stenographer Will Walker is here from Ontario acting as referee and taking the testimony in two suits in the circuit court. The first one is a suit brought by James Paul and wife against the livestock State Bank of Portland, W. H. Craven and C. H. Leonard to recover real estate and an accounting involved in the foreclosure of a mortgage.

Another suit involving the water rights of Riddle creek which is brought by the Sylvester Smith estate against B. B. Clark, followed the taking of testimony in the first suit mentioned. This latter suit has brought many of the old time people to Burns as witnesses, including T. S. Riddle for whom the creek was named and the man who first settled on the ranch; also Doc. Kiger, for whom the Kiger gorge in Stein's mountain is named. These men have come from their homes at Coty Wyoming and Corvallis, respectively, while among other old time citizens here include Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Smyth, Prestley Smyth, Emanuel Clark, J. J. Bordago, Tebo, John Witzell, Walter Riddle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Evans and James Young were in town yesterday on business from their home in the Stein's Mountain section where they are engaged in the sheep industry.

BERT BOWER

Last week The Times-Herald announced briefly that Bert Bower had died at Portland on Friday, Feb. 22. The remains were brought to this city on Monday evening and on Tuesday afternoon one of the largest funeral processions ever leaving Burns was started to Harney where the services were conducted at the church there by Rev. C. A. Waterhouse of the Baptist church. Interment was made in the Harney cemetery where his father and little son were buried.

Bert Bower was one of the energetic men of this county. He had endured hardships and ill health with the grit that few display. Two years ago he had to have his leg amputated because of cancer but this did not seem to sap his energy nor dismay him in facing the future and his responsibilities, as he continued his activity with his handicap without complaint. Even recently he was going about his usual vocations and it was only when he was impaired from infirmities that he could not go on that he yielded and went to Boise for a consultation with specialists. He was there advised to go to Portland and it then discovered his condition was grave and the doctors finally found he had an abscess on his brain and that his recovery was hardly possible. Bert Bower was a man that the big outdoors made as much as the sterling stock from which he came.

The largest number of people ever congregated on such an occasion was present at his funeral to pay respect to a man whom they had admired. This was a fitting testimony to his character and the esteem in which he was held.

Rev. Waterhouse read the following obituary, which while brief, covers so much:

Herbert Seth Bower, son of Seth and Mary Bower, was born August 6th, 1875, in Butler county Kansas. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1881, arriving in Union county, Oregon, in October that year. The family came to Harney county in 1884, settling near Harney where they had since made their home. He was married to Maggie C. Logan December 25th, 1897, to which union was born two children, Lynn W. and Loyal E., the latter with Mr. Bower's father, preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his death, his aged mother; his wife, one son, a sister, Mrs. Chas. W. Logan, and numerous friends.

Died in Portland, Oregon, Feb. 22, 1924, at the age of 48 years, six months and sixteen days.

Mrs. Arthur Turner arrived home from Portland last Wednesday and states she is feeling better physically than for years. She underwent an operation for gall stones while in Portland. Her many friends are delighted to know she has recovered so rapidly and confidently expects her former good health.

FOREST EXPERIMENT STATION BILL ENDORSED

Senator McNary's Bill Given Endorsement; Establish In The Northwest.

Unqualified approval of Senator McNary's bill before Congress for a fully equipped forest experiment station for the Pacific Northwest is given by Col. W. B. Greeley, chief forester, in a letter just received by District Forester Geo. H. Cecil.

This bill was introduced by Senator McNary on Dec. 6, 1923, and is known as Senate Bill No. 150. It provides for the establishment of a fully equipped station for conducting forest research in the Douglas fir region. Col. Greeley in sending his endorsement says:

"I regard the establishment of a well equipped forest experiment station in the Douglas fir belt of Oregon and Washington as the most essential development now needed in the whole forest research program of the Forest Service. The forest industries in that region now definitely recognize the necessity of reforestation as essential in their future development and stability. The great outstanding fact, from this standpoint, is the realization on the part of every one that the softwood forests of the Pacific Coast form our last great virgin field; that when these virgin forests are exhausted there will be no other place to which the forest industries can migrate as they have previously migrated from one forest region to another; and that this fact constitutes a fundamental change in the course and development of our timber using industries in the United States."

The Forester believes that the time has come very definitely when these great industries must either provide for their future production of raw material or else gradually pass out of existence. The forest industries of the Northwest have a chance to work out this evolutionary process while they still have large supplies of virgin timber to draw upon and in time to provide for a regrowth of timber sufficient to insure at least a substantial degree of permanency.

In Col. Greeley's opinion: "The northwestern States afford the great external field in which this industrial evolution must and can be worked out; and it is incumbent upon the government to provide adequately the technical data regarding timber growing that is a necessary factor in solving the whole problem."

Local federal forest officers state that while some forest research has been carried on ever since the District was established in 1903, the work has been greatly handicapped through insufficient funds and personnel which have been totally incommensurate with the importance of the Douglas fir region.

Col. Greeley stresses the very great need for forest research in the Pacific Northwest when he says: "A forest experiment station in western Oregon and Washington thus has the opportunity to aid in accomplishing the solution of what I regard as the most important economic problem of that region. In the eastern forest regions we have had to go in after the great bulk of the timber resources has been exhausted and recreate the sources of opment had gone so far as to be largely incapable of change. Hence with the best that we can do there is bound to be a sharp hiatus, with a loss in industry that can only be very slowly and gradually restored. In the northwest we have the opportunity to attack the situation in time and with intelligent understanding and support on the part of the forest industries right at the time when results can be accomplished to prevent the losses which the eastern forest regions have suffered."

T. S. Riddle, a former resident of this county, recently arrived here from his home in Cody, Wyoming. He remarked on the weather and compared it with that of east of the Rocky mountains. Mr. Riddle says that as soon as he crossed the mountains he was astonished at the mildness of the weather and the lack of snow. On the other side it has been a severe winter.

