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## HOME MAN CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESSMAN

### Ralph W. Swagler to Make Race; Active, Aggressive Man Asks Nomination.

Ralph W. Swagler, of Ontario, is a candidate for the nomination for congress on the democratic ticket. Mr. Swagler is quite well known in Harney county and should be given first consideration by the members of his party in the primary. He is well qualified for the position and is an aggressive man. He has practiced law in Malheur county for the past twelve years and was elected prosecuting attorney for that county in 1916.

Mr. Swagler promises if nominated and elected, to endeavor to improve the present agricultural conditions both by remedial legislation and by such international cooperation as will stabilize European financiers, thus creating a market for the farm products of this country. He further pledges his best efforts in accomplishing rigid economy in governmental expenditures, that the tax burden may be lessened.

The gentleman is familiar with conditions of this congressional district and would be a valuable man for eastern and central Oregon in the halls of congress. His many friends in Harney county will support him.

## MOTHERS CLUB

(Contributed)

The regular meeting of the club was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Z. Smith on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Hossman as joint hostesses. The home decorations were in keeping with St. Patrick's day and the refreshments served in a manner and of appropriate coloring.

The necessary committees were appointed to look after the annual calico ball which will be given at Tonawama on March 28th. The usual restrictions as to costume will prevail on this occasion.

The child welfare subject chosen for next meeting is Food and Nutrition.

One of the diversions following the business session was a most interesting game of flower word contest in which Mrs. Augusta Graham excelled in naming the largest number of flowers, being awarded with a prize.

Vocal solos by little Norma Smith and Mrs. A. C. Welcome also added much to the pleasure of the afternoon.

The refreshments proved dainty and most appetizing.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

Come with us and we will do you good. Assist us in pushing this excellent work. It will pay large dividends to the home, the church and community.

Samuel Harris, acting superintendent.

Worship at 11:00 A. M.

Theme of sermon, "His Royal Bounty." This service will be of interest to you. Your presence will encourage the presence of others.

Young People's Meeting at 2:30 P. M.

Here is an opportunity for Christian instruction worthy of the cooperation of all. You can not afford to miss it.

Evening service at Crane. The Ladies Aid is doing fine work, new members are being added at each meeting.

The choir is making excellent progress with the Easter Cantata.

The Annual canvass to raise the church budget will be taken the first week in April. Rev. William Baird, Sunday School Missionary will assist in making the canvass.

The prosperity of Burns and its future will consist not alone of fine scenery and increasing property values. A successful city is made up of good people with enterprise and push, and good people believe in good churches and good schools. Too much emphasis can not be placed upon these vital factors in the life and growth of our city.

SAMUEL HARRIS, Minister.

E. W. Barnes has gone to Portland on business.

## Local Teachers' Institute At Crane Next Saturday

County Supt. Mary Griffin, has handed in the following program for a local institute of teachers to be held at Crane next Saturday, March 22:

9:00 General Assembly, Invocation, Rev. Samuel Harris

Music, Star Spangled Banner, Chorus Address.....Supt. Mary Griffin

9:15 Mental Tests, Prof. E. F. Calleton, University of Oreg.

9:40 History, Followed by discussion Prin. Ray Lapham

10:00 Recess

10:45 Class, Demonstration, Primary Writing Mrs. C. B. McConnell.

11:00 The O. S. T. A. Prin. W. M. Sutton

11:45 School Management Rev. B. W. Shaver

Solo.....Mrs. P. S. Weittenhillier

Afternoon

1:30 Music, Violin Solo.....Miss Agnes Foley

Solo.....Miss Annette Leonard

2:35 Mental Tests.....Prof. E. F. Calleton

2:45 Lesson Planning.....Prin. D. M. McDade

3:00 Mathematics Miss Ramah Iler

3:30 Class Demonstration, Grammar Mrs. K. M. Joiner

4:00 Science.....Prof. Cecil Pearson

AN EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION

The watchword of the American farmer is Cooperation. Business running into the billions was done by the cooperative associations last year. The business is not always confined to the selling of products and the purchase of farm supplies. In many lines of progress Cooperation is the key to success. Farmers organize for better school and for any needed community improvement.

A fine example of cooperative work is found in Virginia. In that State more than 1800 community leagues have been organized with a membership of over 63,000. The leagues of each county are organized into a federation and there are district organizations formed by the union of county groups. Not the least interesting are the Junior Community Leagues formed by the school boys and girls. Over 400 of these junior leagues have been organized with a membership of about 18,000. In a school district the corn and pig clubs, poultry and canning clubs, managed by the boys and girls may unite in a junior league.

The activities of the leagues are coordinated by the Cooperative Education Association which is the State organization formed to foster this great progressive movement. The U. S. Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, will send free to any applicant its Bulletin, 1923, No. 53, on "The Cooperative Education Association of Virginia," giving in some detail the work of the community leagues.

STATE MARKET AGENT CALLS HEARING ON WHEAT GRADES

State Market agent C. E. Spence has called a hearing on Federal grades of wheat to be held in Pendleton, Tues., March 18, at 10 a. m. in the Court House, to which all wheat growers, dealers and others interested are requested to attend. A similar hearing will be held in Portland, in Room 720, Court House on Monday, March 17, at 10 a. m.

Mr. Spence says there is some question whether the Federal grades apply equitably to wheat conditions in Oregon with regard to weight per bushel, provisions covering smut dockage and wheat penalized because of mixtures. The hearings will be conducted on these questions.

Dr. H. C. Taylor and H. J. Beasley of the Department of Agriculture, will be present at these meetings, and while these are state hearings, these men will have opportunity to get the viewpoint of growers and dealers in Oregon.

Similar hearings in Washington will follow the Oregon meetings, at Walla Walla, Pullman, Spokane and Seattle.

The Mothers Club will give their annual calico ball at Tonawama this year on Friday, March 28. The usual restrictions will prevail, the ladies being instructed to dress in percale, calico or gingham and the men may make their choice of garment between corduroys, khaki or overalls. Guests are subject to a fine if not properly garbed on this occasion.

## BEGIN LAYING STEEL ON MAY 1, BURNS-CRANE

### Engineer Girard Authorizes Announcement Resumed Activity on Extension.

Engineer James Girard of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co., in charge of railroad construction from Crane to Burns and on to Seneca, authorizes the announcement that laying of rails between Burns and Crane will begin about the first of May.

Mr. Girard has been confined to his home for several days from illness and the conversation with him was over the telephone. He is much better and will soon be at his office again. Mr. Girard said that it is the present intention, if nothing interferes in the meantime to begin the work of laying rails on the date stated. There are now ten car loads of rails at Crane to be used in this construction with more material arriving at intervals. So far there are no ties at the present terminal but there is plenty of time between now and May 1 to have all the ties necessary for the work.

This announcement is the first authoritative one as to the actual beginning of the spring work on the line between here and Crane.

## MR. BASINGER, U. P. ENGINEER, LEAVES

B. C. Basinger, Union Pacific Railroad engineer, who has been in charge of the interests of that concern in this territory since last summer, returned this week from a visit to Salt Lake. On his return he was accompanied by W. B. Skogerson, who comes to take over the work in this territory, Mr. Basinger being transferred to other fields.

During the time Mr. Basinger was stationed here he made numerous warm friends who regret his leaving. Their best wishes accompany him in his new field of work.

## BRICK AND TILE PLANT FOR BURNS

J. W. Faubin, of Glenn's Ferry, Idaho, was a visitor to Burns this week and announces that he will be back in a couple of weeks to establish a brick and tile plant. Mr. Faubin is an experienced brick man and after looking over the situation in this vicinity and examining the character of brick that had been burned here, he announced that he felt sure of putting out a very fine product. This is a business that he has needed for some time. We have some fine building stone but many prefer brick for building purposes, therefore the establishment of such a plant will find a big market.

## NEW CHARTER, WATER, SEWER PLANS DISCUSSED

### Improvements Given Careful Consideration; Submitted To Voters Later.

T. H. Boyd, of Portland, representing the Blyth, Witter Co. bonding house, was in Burns for a short time during the week and had a conference with the city authorities on Wednesday afternoon when the new charter for this city was under consideration. The original draft submitted had to be revised some and the matter has been delayed. Several details are yet to be worked out before the subject will be ready to submit to the voters for approval or rejection. These points deal with the proposed water and sewer improvement particularly, the method of distribution and financing, the most equitable way in which to assess the improvements as it benefits the population.

Another feature of this progress is the delay in laying steel on the railroad grade between Burns and Crane. It is not advisable to attempt to bring in quantities of freight at the present time and haul it up from Crane on trucks when a material saving may be had in waiting until the freight may be brought the entire distance on the train.

## A WORTHY PUBLIC OFFICIAL

In justice to Harold Clifford, of Canyon City, member of the State game commission, the Examiner wishes to make it known that he was the only member of the commission who opposed the motion favoring the establishment of an antelope refuge in Lake county.

Mr. Clifford is a stockman of Grant county and he understands eastern Oregon range conditions and understanding conditions as they really exist, he could not favor such a motion. It is a pity that other members of the commission did not have sufficient judgment to base their action on the opinion of the man who knew what the establishment of a preserve means to the livestock interests of Lake county. —Lakeview Examiner.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
1914	1.41	.59	.96	1.42	1.51	1.33
1915	.84	.73	.57	.75	1.52	.30
1916	.50	1.90	.35	.81	.72	.96
1917	.63	1.22	.58	.38	.80	.33
1918	.92	.53	.33	.12	.26	.64
1919	.67	1.45	.43	1.07	.32	.00
1920	.35	.92	.71	.57	.51	.60
1921	1.46	.97	.98	.48	1.87	.29
1922	.95	.75	1.03	.88	.36	.50
1923	.47	.09	.09	1.94	.86	1.52

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## Experiment Station Notes; The Average Precipitation

(Obil Shattuck, Supt.) Mr. Hahn was a station visitor Saturday. He was after some Hard Federation wheat and true spring rye.

Loran McCulloch is helping us out at the Station for a few weeks. Raymond Horton, foreman, is back on the job again, having fully recovered from the shock of having to part with his tonsils.

The following 'listened in' on a radio program at the Station Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Shingledecker, Mr. and Mrs. McPheeters and family, and Mrs. Dan Varlen.

Mr. W. T. Vanderveer, of Pine Creek, was a station visitor Monday. He secured some Federation wheat, Hanchen barley and sixty day oats. Mr. A. E. Brown and son were Station visitors Tuesday. He secured some true spring rye. Mr. Brown is planning on seeding quite a tract of land to alfalfa this spring and will irrigate it with water from his reservoir.

Mr. Harry Withers who operates a farm near Harney was a Station visitor Thursday. He is giving the Hard Federation wheat a trial this season.

Harry G. York, who is farming south of Crane is trying turkey Red wheat, Hanchen barley, and sixty day oats that were grown on the Station.

Mr. Grantham, who is located east of Virginia Valley is trying out the Hard Federation and Hanchen Barley this season.

The Station crew have been busy the first of the week hauling some very good alfalfa hay from Mr. Denstedt's farm.

Andy Hall was a Station visitor Tuesday. Mr. John Caldwell was a Station visitor Wednesday. He is going to try some of the Federation wheat and true spring rye for hay.

Mr. J. C. Foley is trying out the Hard Federation wheat this season.

It is very gratifying to see so many of the farmers of Harney Valley sowing the Federation wheats. These wheats are rapidly replacing all other varieties in nearly every locality where they have been tried.

Monthly, annual and average precipitation at the Harney County Branch Station for the years 1914 to 1923 inclusive.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
1914	1.41	.59	.96	1.42	1.51	1.33	.11	.60	.34	1.39	.12	.36	8.64
1915	.84	.73	.57	.75	1.52	.30	.30	.93	.94	.93	1.16	.39	6.66
1916	.50	1.90	.35	.81	.72	.96	.84	.33	.13	.90	.25	.38	7.19
1917	.63	1.22	.58	.38	.80	.33	.19	.94	.89	.00	1.35	.62	7.93
1918	.92	.53	.33	.12	.26	.64	.19	.51	1.53	1.91	.20	.14	6.38
1919	.67	1.45	.43	1.07	.32	.00	.03	.07	1.78	.78	.77	1.63	9.00
1920	.35	.92	.71	.57	.51	.60	.53	.96	.42	.86	1.77	1.26	8.56
1921	1.46	.97	.98	.48	1.87	.29	.05	.91	1.93	.38	1.05	.45	9.92
1922	.95	.75	1.03	.88	.36	.50	.01	1.06	.91	.88	.78	1.51	8.72
1923	.47	.09	.09	1.94	.86	1.52	.33	.05	.39	1.38	.87	.44	8.44

## RESPECTED PIONEER WOMAN PASSES AWAY

### Mrs. Joseph Robertson Dies In Boise, Idaho, March 12; Buried at Canyon.

Mrs. Joseph Robertson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Daly, in Boise on March 12th after a short illness.

Mrs. Robertson was born in Springfield, Illinois, April 7, 1841, and crossed the plains by ox teams with her parents in 1853, settling near Ashland, Oregon, at which place she was married to Joseph Robertson in 1858. With her husband she came to Mount Vernon, near Canyon City, Oregon, in 1862, where they remained until 1887, when they moved to Drewsey, Harney County, Oregon. Mr. Robertson died in 1904. She came to Boise, Idaho, in 1907, where she has since resided. Her remains were interred in the Canyon City Cemetery, where her husband and one son are buried.

Mrs. Robertson leaves two sons, J. A. Robertson of San Francisco, California, and W. A. Robertson of Drewsey, Oregon, also five daughters Mrs. Eva McClain of Pendleton, Oregon, Mrs. Eunice Thompson of Burns, Oregon, Mrs. Lena Wetherly and Mrs. John D. Daly of Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. Gussie Freeman of Portland, Oregon; besides fourteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Mrs. Eunice Thompson of this city had been called to Boise the latter part of last week in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her mother. She accompanied the remains from that place to Canyon City where interment was made on Thursday afternoon. Joe Thompson and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Shaler Eldridge went over from Burns to attend the funeral and were accompanied home by Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. Robertson was highly respected by the citizens of this and Grant county where she had spent so many years. She was always an honor guest at the annual pioneer reunion in this city held in June each year.

## ANNUAL PIONEER REUNION JUNE 14

The second Saturday in June is always a gala day for the old Harney county pioneer as that is the date of the annual reunion. William Hanley is president of the association this year and recently discussed the coming reunion with friends and members. He plans to make known the names of the committee for arranging the program for this year soon.

## U. S. REPORT ON STOCK CONDITIONS

In a report written by F. L. Kent on the stock and range conditions for the U. S. government the following paragraph gives conditions as he views it in this county:

Harney Co.: Burns—I estimate the range at 60 per cent of normal because of lack of snow in the hills. Grass and water will both dry up early. (2) Range grass has started well and if we get any spring rains we will have the best range in years. No snow back on the watersheds, so water for irrigation will be limited this year. Cattle have wintered better this year than for some years past, and there is an abundance of feed left over. (3) No sheep in this vicinity. Stockmen are still feeding, but it has in general been a mild winter. Stock have not required quite as much feed as usual, but as the hay crop last year was a little short, I presume the hay now on hand would be about normal. Lawen—Winter has been the mildest I have ever experienced. Spring practically came about Jan. 20. Prospects for meadow hay this year are nil. I believe however, there is enough hay this year, in this locality, to carry stock through another winter. There is no present market for hay. What little has changed hands moved at \$3.90 to \$4.00 per ton.

Dell Witzell underwent an operation last Tuesday for appendicitis. He is reported recovering satisfactorily.

