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CO-OPERATE WITH FOREST ON ROAD PROGRAM

Plan Pledge Future Revenue To Secure Funds; Would Not Increase Taxes.

Forest Supervisor Reid of the Malheur Forest, spent a couple of days in this city this week in discussing the proposition of co-operation from Harney county in a road building proposition that is so favorable that der the plan suggested Harney county can connect with the John Day highway and do its part toward the north and south highway program started some time ago without adding to the present tax levy.

Mr. Reid outlined the plan to a number of business men at a meeting at Tonawama Thursday night and they were so favorably impressed with the project that President Dr. L. E. Hibbard, of the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club, called a public meeting at the court house for last evening to lay it before all the citizens with a view of starting an active campaign to put the proposition before the taxpayers of the entire county should it find favor.

As the forms of this paper close on Friday evening for the regular edition the sentiment of the mass meeting cannot be told at the time this is written, but The Times-Herald predicts the program will meet unanimous approval and Harney county will take steps to do some real road construction on a basis that will be economical.

The plan is to pledge the future receipts of the National Forest sale to liquidating the funds necessary to build a hard surface road of regulation specifications approved by the National Bureau of Roads, National Forest and the State Highway Commission. These regulations are such and the territory over which the road would be built does not mean an expensive construction because of the excellent road material available on the route. It further means an outlet to Harney county under favorable circumstances of construction and financing that could not be had from any other source.

The big sale of timber in the Bear valley district, with lesser units now being considered closer to Burns, assures a great increase in this county's share of the National Forest timber. The development department of the National Forest makes it possible to secure funds for building roads that are available not only within the forest but also connecting roads. Further provision is made under the same plan of annual maintenance that is most attractive.

The Forest Service is committed to this development and will act favorably upon the proposed route as that department feels the necessity and advantage of such a road. Grant county is already committed to the plan and is taking advantage of it. A hard surface road from the John Day highway to Bear valley is now under construction with every prospect of its being completed within a few weeks. Harney county is in a position to realize great advantages at this time in securing aid from the Forest development fund for this project and it is up to the citizens to take advantage of the opportunity.

STUDENT BODY TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT THURSDAY

The Harney County Hi student body will sponsor an entertainment at the Liberty Theatre on next Thursday evening which promises to be an attraction that should fill the house as is usually the case when they appear. The proceeds from this entertainment goes into the student body fund to help the expense of track team and other incidentals.

The program will include numbers by the Girls' Glee Club; one act play, "The Romancers;" the Girls' Trio; "Marcheta" by the Spanish class; "Wild Nell" is a stunt that will be put on.

An orchestra number will also be a feature and the closing number will be the one act play "Suppressed Desires."

Homemade candy will be sold between numbers by members of the sophomore class.

Harry Cole is confined to his room with a case of spotted fever.

BRIDE-TO-BE GIVEN SHOWER

Miss Myrtheleene McPheeters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. McPheeters, was given a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. E. B. Reed in this city on last Tuesday evening; the young lady is soon to become a bride. Many former school mates and friends were present and the evening was enjoyably spent. Miss McPheeters was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. Dainty refreshments were served.

MASONS STAGE "CIRCUS" MONDAY NIGHT

The Eastern Star Chapter of this city has been giving a series of social evenings during the past few months. A group is appointed to prepare for each of these series from time to time and all have proven very enjoyable.

Last Monday evening it was the Masonic Brethren who had the entertainment in charge and considerable time was taken by several of the active members in preparing something different. A "circus" was put on for the enjoyment of the members present and it proved an entire success, although it was hard to get the performers out for rehearsal and some of the "stunts" were not as satisfactory to those taking part as they had desired. However, the generous applause signified the hearty appreciation of the efforts of the performers. Chester Dalton was the wild man and he looked and acted the part with Dr. Smith as his keeper. Doc was in typical makeup, looking the part to perfection, as did his "charge." I. S. Geer, with a "stovepipe" hat and flowing mustache and "blacksnake" whip, made an excellent ring master. Culver Page was general "troubadour" in charge of paraphernalia with several assistants. Culver "doubling" with Allie Dillard for the elephant, that creature being a ponderous animal that did many tricks. Ernest Musick was the "strong man" and he lifted heavy (?) weights with ease. Lynn Bower made a fine clown with Darrell Howser as a beautiful bareback rider in short skirts taking an active part in the tumbling and acrobatic stunts until he disarranged his skirts and became shy. Wadi Geer made a pretty young lady who guided the elephant. Willard Laythe was the fat woman. George Haw was a "Rube" picked up somewhere in the travel of the big circus and he had his dog until the cooks, consisting of Sam Mothershead, Earl Graham and the other kitchen "police" found it necessary to feed the multitude "hot dog" then George lost his dog and isn't yet sure whether he "partook" of this same dog later in refreshments or some other dog. Bob Bennett was the human skeleton.

The circus band was led by Grover Jameson and this aggregation discoursed lively military music during the performance. George Hillis was over from Crane and added to the musical numbers on his steel guitar. In all it was a performance that brought forth admiration (?) in its completeness. Joe Thompson was a snake charmer, Shaler Eldridge sold peanuts and candy. Both were appropriately costumed and made up.

The entire program showed much care in preparation and the performers are entitled to credit.

On the previous Friday evening the Star and Masons were hosts to the children of the Masonic families. This should have had more extended notice in our last issue but unfortunately the manager was unable to get hold of the program for publication after attempting two or three times. This previous entertainment was really given by the children themselves and was a very creditable one. The numbers were entertaining and well received some exceptional talent having been brought out for the first time among the younger people and children.

Among the out of town members present on this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Loggan and George Hillis of Crane, and Mrs. Cassie Smyth and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smyth of Diamond. Mrs. P. F. Chandler of Canyon City was also present.

Little Larry Shattuck had the misfortune to break his arm last Saturday afternoon by falling out of a car where he had been left for a few minutes. The small patient is getting along very well, but he is so full of "pep" the cast is causing him much inconvenience.

NEW POWER PLANT TO START OPERATING SOON

Day Current for Power Purposes Furnished; Wiring Now Under Way.

Messrs. Hodge & Letson, the men who have installed the electric light and power plant in Burns, are about ready to start with the big engines to furnish service for this city. The lights have been furnished from the water power at the flour mill for the past winter but now that the irrigation season is upon us and the shortage of the water supply for such purpose has caused them to start the engine plant earlier than had been intended.

New wiring has been received and workmen are now stringing it to take the place of the old in many places and connecting up the new power plant with the main system of distribution.

Within a short time the power will be available for day service which will be welcome to many who have desired it. While the users will be more or less limited at the present it is expected there will be sufficient pledged to justify the service with prospects of considerable increase soon, when once established and its convenience realized.

This new enterprise is entitled to consideration by the citizens of Burns, as it has entailed a big investment that will not justify without increased business. The conveniences of the lights during the past several months, their dependability and their brightness have been favorably commented upon by many of our citizens and they will show their further appreciation by using electricity in every way possible, especially when shown it is economical as well.

Mrs. Cassie Smyth and son Fred with his wife, were over from their Diamond home the first of this week.

HARNEY COUNTY PIONEER WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. T. B. James is Buried at Harney Wednesday; Had Resided Here Long.

Mrs. T. B. James died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emery Hill, at Fruitland, Idaho, last Monday afternoon and the remains were brought to Harney for burial. Mrs. James had been in poor health for several years and recently contracted pneumonia and her feeble condition could not withstand the illness.

The remains were brought to Crane on Tuesday's train and the funeral was held at Harney Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. A. Waterhouse of the Baptist church conducting the service at the church in Harney. Many old time friends from all parts of this county were present to pay their last respects to a highly esteemed friend. The floral offerings were beautiful, the casket being covered with blossoms.

Keturah J. Whitley was born March 17th, 1852 at Berryville, Arkansas where she lived with her parents until she was nineteen, and then married Benjamin F. Clark and to this union there were born four children, Maggie E., Joe W., Hattie M., and Ida J. Clark, and in 1880 Mr. Clark passed away.

In 1883 she was married to Benjamin Tudor and to that union there were born two sons, Hugh S., and Luther B. Tudor.

In 1887 she crossed the plains with her family and came to Harney valley where her husband died on Dec. 17th, 1889. She then lived a widow for thirteen years caring for her family and enduring the hardships of pioneer life.

In 1902 she was married to T. B. James who passed away in a few months leaving her a widow for the third time.

She remained in Harney until six years ago when owing to her failing health she moved to Fruitland,

Idaho to live with her daughter Mrs. Ida Hill where she passed away on April 28. She leaves to mourn her death six children, Mrs. Maggie E. Rice, Stites, Idaho, Joe W. Clark, Harney, Ore., Mrs. Hattie M. Albersson, Andrews, Ore., Mrs. Ida J. Hill, Fruitland, Idaho, Hugh S. Tudor, Albersson, Ore., and Luther B. Tudor, Andrews, Ore. Twelve grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a host of friends.

HARNEY HI TRACK TEAM OFF TO MEET

Principal McDade of the Harney County High School left Thursday morning with his track team to take part in the Central Oregon track contests at Prineville. The boys were: Arthur Thornburg, Alfred Welcome, Burns McGowan, Hal Hibbard, John Mothershead and James Stahl. Harney Hi has a fast aggregation that will make the contestants go to defeat. The boys are not up to their best in training because of unfavorable weather conditions preventing out door work. However, they will be a bunch that we need not be ashamed of.

Dr. H. M. Horton took them over in his car to Bend and will bring them back following the meet.

CRANE HI STUDENTS ENTERTAIN THURSDAY NIGHT

"The Gold Bug" was the title of a comedy drama in four acts put on by students of the Crane Union High school at the Liberty Theatre Thursday evening. The young people acquitted themselves with credit and those present expressed appreciation of the efforts of the players.

Owing to a meeting previously arranged several of the business men of Burns who would have liked to attend this performance were unable to see it. However, a very good house greeted the performers.

The entertainment was put on under the auspices of the student body of the Harney County Hi and the visitors were given fraternal courtesies and invited to come again. A social dance was given at Tonawama following the entertainment.

ODD FELLOW ORDERS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Large Gathering of Members Present; Banquet, Dance, Entertaining Program.

The Odd Fellow Orders of this city celebrated the 105th anniversary of the founding of the Order last Saturday. There was a banquet at 6 o'clock in the spacious banquet room of the Odd Fellow building where nearly 300 guests were taken care of. Later a short program was rendered in the lodge room proper.

Dr. H. M. Horton, a veteran of the order, presided. Dr. Horton was made an Odd Fellow in Harney lodge many years ago and for more than twenty years was the treasurer, a position he held continuously until he moved to Bend to reside. He wears a 25-year veteran jewel presented to him by the lodge three years ago.

The first number on the program was a violin solo by Alex Eggleston, accompanied by Mrs. Eggleston on the piano.

Master of ceremonies Horton then requested the conductor to present A. B. Cooley and Archie McGowan at his station when he introduced W. M. Sutton who presented each with 30-year and 25-year veteran jewels respectively. Mr. Cooley is not a member of the local lodge, belonging to a lodge at Pendleton, but he was entitled to a 30-year jewel and this was forwarded here and held for the occasion of the celebration. Archie McGowan was made an Odd Fellow in Harney Lodge. He has been active in the order for many years and the jewel came as a surprise to him. He was a member of the program committee in charge of the celebration but this part was kept away from him. Mr. Sutton made an excellent talk in presenting the jewels to the two men and it brought much favorable comment from the large gathering who heard it. The recipients did not make any response to Mr. Sutton's remarks, Archie saying afterward that he was so overcome with emotion that it was impossible for him to utter a word.

Mrs. Lee Clark favored the gathering with a vocal solo and responded to a generous encore. The principal address of the evening was made by Geo. W. Wright, a Past Grand Chief Patriarch of the Encampment degree, also a Past Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Mr. Wright gave an excellent address on Odd Fellowship. He is a good speaker and was familiar with his subject. His remarks were well received and an inspiration to members of the order. Later the guests were escorted to Tonawama where a public dance was given. This dance was pronounced a success in every respect as was the entire program of the day. The hall was crowded with dancers who seemed to enjoy every number. The banquet room in the Odd Fellows building and Tonawama were tastefully decorated in colors of the order and each Rebekah was presented with a ribbon badge as a souvenir, the gentlemen who had dance tickets wore a similar ribbon with the Odd Fellow colors. Many out of town guests were present to participate in the celebration, Drewsey lodge being well represented as well as out of town members of Harney lodge. Among those from a distance present were: Milt and Percy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miller, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Geo. W. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. John Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Detrick, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Riley, Miss Bruce, all of Drewsey; Mr. and Mrs. John Graves and daughter, Frank Ruh and his mother, of Lawen; Jack Darst, from the mines at Idol city; W. L. Best, Clyde Gibbons, Albert Johnson, Glen Hught and wife, from Silver creek; Mrs. P. F. Chandler of Canyon City. The several committees in charge of the celebration are entitled to much credit for the success of the affair and guests from a distance were lavish in their praise of the hospitality and fraternal spirit of the local members.

Mrs. O. J. Darst closed her term of school on Polson creek yesterday and will soon go to the mountain home to spend the summer with her husband.

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