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HUNDREDS ATTEND ANNUAL PIONEER REUNION

Enjoyable Program Consisting of Speeches, Music, Rendered; Hanley Sends Greeting.

Harney county pioneers in large numbers gathered in this city last Saturday for their regular annual reunion. It proved another good time as usual, although the registration did not equal former gatherings.

In the absence of President William Hanley James J. Donegan presided at the formal program in the forenoon, also acting as master of ceremonies during the entire day. Mr. Donegan makes a good presiding officer.

The program as printed in last week's issue of this paper was carried out and was enjoyed by the old timers. Generous applause greeted each number and several had to respond to hearty encores.

Immediately after Mr. Donegan's opening remarks and the invocation by Mrs. E. B. Reed, Judge Grant Thompson was recognized by the presiding officer and proposed the following telegram be sent to Mr. Hanley, the president of the association, who was detained by illness in Los Angeles:

"Col. William Hanley, Los Angeles, California:

The Harney County Pioneer Association, in annual reunion, miss you today. We send you greetings and wish you a speedy recovery."

Just after the picnic dinner Mr. Donegan received a response from Mr. Hanley which he read:

"Harney County Pioneers, Burns, Oregon:

"My sincere regrets that I cannot be with you today. We as pioneers must not content ourselves with living in a dream of the great future of our country, but must organize with a working body to get back of the new construction plan for development. Best wishes for this day.

WILLIAM HANLEY."

Mr. Hanley addressed a letter to the association which he expected would reach Burns for the reunion but it was not received until the following day.

He writes:

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Of all the days since our last meeting, the 14th of June is the one I most wanted to spend in Burns; but indisposition makes this impossible. I first want to express my appreciation of the honor of having been your president for the past year. I know in my absence that the vice president, R. J. Williams, with his record of long years of pioneering, will ably take charge; and if he should slip a little, I'll guarantee that Aunt Nell will be there to uphold him, and you will be properly served, as far as the presidency goes.

As things get scarcer they become more valuable; and nothing is as scarce nowadays as the type of people who in their youth adopt a dream that looks at a country's big and little valleys from a hill, and sees their future, and then serves all their years to make the dream come true. We all thought in those early days that the wonderful values would make a quick-coming future.

We had the promise of railroads, and with the hills and valleys covered with grass, and the hidden wealth we believed that all the world needed to do was to find out about it,—that the people of cities and older settlements would quickly break away and rush in to grab what we had discovered. We have waited long but at last the dream is coming true.

Now, that we must begin to turn over our country and our service to the newer pioneers, who will see in it, compared to other countries that are modernly developed, as much of a new country as it seemed to us when we first came, we must not feel that we can entirely let go. With our broken ranks, our losses and our sacrifices, we must still make ourselves into potent factors in this newer development. We must continue to be the directing influence even as all these years we have been the custodians of its problems. This is by no means a selfish suggestion, as the stored-up knowledge gained from long experience in a country is the greatest stored property that a country has, and will so prove when it comes to solving problems that

progress brings, without loss of energy and capital.

I therefore suggest that we form ourselves into a real working organization to further the development of Harney county and South Eastern Oregon,—always with the idea of developing the entire country, for as the whole country prospers, will each individual prosper. Railroads, canals, drainage, irrigation,—all this must come rapidly and securely, and we must be a power to help in this second era of the country's growth, even as we took the lead in the first—coming in over the mountains in covered wagons and with our trail worn stock.

Whatever the general sentiment of the gathering of pioneers, and the deliberations while in session, I am with you, as brothers and sisters in the service of our country—as I hope to be with you in the flesh before long.

Yours,
WILLIAM HANLEY.

W. D. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce gave an excellent address during the forenoon. Mr. Dodson has been identified with the development of Oregon for many years and has given the subject much thought and time. He outlined the plans of the Portland Chamber in the work of bringing about better conditions in this state and admonished the citizens of Harney county to organize for the upbuilding of this community. He pointed out that not only was Harney county backward in development but the entire state was behind sister states in the way of population and production. Mr. Dodson called attention to the millions of acres in the Willamette valley and western Oregon that yet needed intensive development and asked that the entire state get together and not be selfish.

He took as his subject publicity, co-operative marketing and land settlement. Mr. Dodson reviewed his activity in giving aid to irrigation; the efforts of the citizens of the state in getting a better organization for marketing and the campaign to secure more people on the land. The bigness of Harney valley impressed the speaker and he visualized what a great future it has with proper distribution of the water for irrigation and intensive cultivation.

Mr. Dodson was taken for a short tour of the territory surrounding Burns during the afternoon and spent a part of Sunday conferring with some of our prominent citizens and getting acquainted. He was accompanied up from Portland by his wife and children who were guests at the home of his half-brother R. J. Williams, on Silver creek, during their stay. Mr. Dodson found it necessary to return to Portland on Monday owing to urgent telegraphic advice to the effect that his presence was desired there.

Judge Grant Thompson was also one of the speakers on the program and he gave a good talk to his neighbors. Judge Thompson made the best talk he ever attempted on this occasion. H. M. Horton was also on the program with his usual sound advice.

James Girard of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. was drafted and made the announcement that the railroad was coming. The contract for laying steel having been signed and calls for completion to Burns on or before August 29. Mr. Girard was greeted with cheers when he made this statement.

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CRANE WILL CELEBRATE THE 4TH

Dodgers have been distributed in this city announcing that Crane is going to have a celebration on July 4th. The big program of this occasion will be held on Saturday, the 5th with a patriotic program in the forenoon followed by a free barbecue and sports during the afternoon.

Several of the Crane citizens were up Monday night and state the celebration will be attractive as sufficient funds have been raised to provide for some good prizes and purses for horse races, auto races, foot races, baseball games, etc.

There will be a display of fireworks on the evening of July 5 and this will be followed by a big dance. Will Flaer has turned over his big new warehouse for the use of the occasion of the program and barbecue dinner where excellent shade and comfort will be provided.

Citizens of Burns and vicinity are extended a special invitation to go to Crane and participate in this big event.

CHAUTAUQUA ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED

Quiet, Slightly Location for Tent Selected; Wm. Farre Takes Charge of Ticket Sale.

There was a meeting of Chautauqua guarantors at the Liberty Theatre on Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing for the coming Chautauqua week of July 7-11, inclusive.

The same officers were drafted for this season, W. M. Sutton, president; Robt. M. Duncan, vice president; Julian Byrd, secretary; E. H. Conser, treasurer.

The grounds committee consists of Simon Lewis as chairman and he is to select his own aids. The grounds selected are the most attractive we have had for a Chautauqua tent. It will be located on a grassy plot on the corner south of the Creamery in the rear of the Homer Reed residence property, facing the Sweek residence. It is an ideal place, away from noise and does not interfere with any business. The old location across the corner from the Tonawama is now occupied by a service station. It was close in an inconvenient but the noise from passing cars and traffic, besides the busy business places in the immediate vicinity, has been annoying to those who desired to hear what was on the platform, made it undesirable.

Wm. Farre is in charge of the ticket sales and will begin an active campaign at once, selecting his own assistants. The tickets will be placed in several of the business houses for sale besides a house to house canvass will be conducted. It is likely the Mothers Club will be enlisted to take charge of the children tickets as the Ellison-White Bureau have furnished some prizes for the first 49 boys and the same number of girls who buy season tickets. The season ticket sale should appeal to Chautauqua goers as it gives them advantage of a cheaper rate by buying from the committee, besides thus they are aiding the guarantee.

The usual reservations are to be followed this season. An additional 50 cents will be charged for reserved seats, 5 cents for each performance, and this insures one the same seat throughout the week. No reservations may be obtained until a certain date, the tickets being purchased before may be taken to the place designated on the date and secure the reservations—not before.

The management will not reserve all the most desirable seats, giving those coming in late or buying single admissions an opportunity to secure desirable seats. There will be sections in the tent open for any during the entire week.

SKAGGS STORES OPENS IN BURNS

F. D. Clark, supervisor of the Skaggs United Stores for Idaho territory, has been in this city since early in the week arranging for the opening of the store in its post office building today. He will remain until some time next week getting the organization in full working order before leaving.

Manager H. E. Topp, with his family, and E. M. McLeod, his assistant, arrived Wednesday evening and have since been busy arranging the stock preparatory to opening. These two gentlemen will be in charge of the Burns branch store. Mr. McLeod brings his bride with him and is spending his honeymoon doing full time in the store.

These gentlemen are looking for residence accommodations and are here to make their homes and become a part of Burns.

A NEW CREAMERY LADY

On June 10th there was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rasmussen a daughter. Mother and daughter do ing well. Mr. Rasmussen is operating the local creamery and is fast building up a substantial business. We are glad to welcome the new Miss to the community and congratulate her in selecting the future metropolis of Central Oregon as her birthplace.

D. L. Rosenfeld, the hat man, is in this week calling upon his customers.

LAYING RAILS BURNS-CRANE LINE STARTED

Full Crew and Work Train Now Pushing Extension Rapidly; Complete in August.

The work train and crew to begin laying the rails on the railroad between Burns and Crane arrived Thursday and the work is actually under way.

A representative of this paper visited Crane Thursday afternoon and found things moving. The work train and engine was in the yard with the men loading rails which were brought out yesterday morning to begin spiking them into place making the first link in the connection. Teams were hauling out ties and these had been put in place for a considerable distance in advance of the track laying. It was learned from W. B. Skogerson, engineer in charge of equipment, that the ties will be thus distributed the entire distance, teams taking them from the cars as the work advances and hauling them ahead of the tracklaying where they will be put in place ready for the rails.

Mr. Skogerson stated that the work would progress rapidly and it was his opinion the track would be put in place a distance of from three-fourths to a mile each day. The gentleman predicted the completion to Burns not later than the second week in August.

The newspaper party stopped at the tent city west of Crane where the camp proper has been established and found the place well organized with a number of tents for sleeping quarters, also a large mess tent and kitchen. Some shop equipment was also in evidence. The party did not enter any of the tents as it was just at meal time for the men.

The tracklaying apparatus was viewed but not inspected closely as there was no one at the car. It is mounted on a flat car and consisted of a long crane with cables. The writer is not familiar with this method of tracklaying and could not pass judgment—his railroad building has consisted of paper roads covering a period of over 30 years, which is entirely familiar to him but now he is to witness the real "article" after advocating the railroad line into Burns for all these years.

The number of men at work was not ascertained. Several were seen loading cars with rails and other equipment and several teams were hauling ties.

Contractors are now at work finishing the grading in the Voegtly field, the only portion of the road remaining to finish before the ties are placed in position.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Board to Distribute Question Blank among Patrons

(Contributed)

The Library Board is sending out, within the next week, through the local merchants, letters in the nature of question blank, the object of which is to ascertain what kind and class of books the readers most desire. It is intended to ask the local merchants to include one of the letters along with each package wrapped. The blanks may also be secured from the Librarian.

While the funds with the Board for purchase of books are very limited, yet the information to be derived from the letters returned will enable the Board to more nearly meet the needs of the library patrons, not only in purchases of books, but in borrowings from the State Library.

The patrons of the library, or any interested, are asked to designate first, second, and third choice from the following general classes of books; viz:

Fiction, History, Biography, Science, Nature, Literature, Poetry, Essays, Art, Music, Domestic Art and Economy, Travel, Sport, Philosophy, Religion, Education, Political Science Children's books are not included for the reason that the Board does not intend to advance any class of books before those for the children.

So as to allow the Board to more clearly interpret the designations from the general classes, those returning the blanks are also asked to write on the back of the blank or letter the names and titles of any

books which it is deemed should be placed in the library. Such particular titles will tend to make more certain the subdivisions of the general classes which the readers are most interested in.

The Library is very limited as to funds for the purchase of books, and while it is not promised that the requests of those returning the blanks will be met, yet the Board does intend to tabulate the information returned, and be guided by it in buying books and in borrowing them from the State Library. By statute all small public libraries in Oregon must purchase books mentioned on library lists of approved standing. This makes it impossible for the Board to purchase any books not on these lists. However, in filling out their returns, it is hoped that those mentioning titles will state their preferences as though the Board had the right to purchase any volumes. The Board seeks to find out what the library users want to read.

With the coming development the Public Library will be asked and will have to extend its usefulness. The Board has been sort of marking time, and its purchases have been very limited. The Library Club has made donations which comprises practically all of the accessions. The shelves of the library contain many volumes which probably will have to be taken from the shelves. The so called popular fiction has a short life, and the Board would like to be able to purchase fiction of the class which endures, but on the other hand it is not overlooked that a library is to serve the reading needs of a community as well as to try to get the more enduring class of reading to that community.

While the blanks will probably be circulated in Burns only, yet it is the wish of the Board that out of town people also express their preferences, and blanks will be gladly mailed to any out of town persons writing for them to the Secretary of Library Board. Out of town people can use the library.

SCHOOL MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The annual school meeting held at the school building last Monday afternoon brought out a good attendance. The cause for so much interest was the discussion of a twelve-months school, it turned out. This proposition had been discussed more or less for a few weeks and it was thought by many that an attempt would be made to try it out in Burns during the coming year. It transpired, however, that to such intention was under consideration at all the matter having been discussed only casually by the board. Principal Sutton made this explanation when the subject was suggested indirectly by a speaker. Mr. Sutton predicted that it was not likely that the older generation would live to see such an innovation.

The election of a director brought two candidates in the field. Capt. A. W. Gowen, who was the retiring member of the board, was placed in nomination for re-election and Capt. Robt. M. Duncan was also placed in nomination. The result was decided by one sided as Capt. Duncan received 69 votes and Gowen 25. W. E. Huston was the unanimous choice for clerk to succeed himself. Mr. Huston has held this position for many years and is one of the best officers ever acting on the school board in Burns.

The budget as published for the coming school year was adopted after a little discussion.

Burns is going to require greater facilities for schools in the immediate future. The coming of the railroad and establishment of the sawmills will add many people as residents of this community and it will be necessary to provide for taking care of possibly double the number of pupils within a year. This calls for careful administration of the finances of the district.

ENGINEER HERE IN INTEREST OF WATER AND SEWER

J. W. Cunningham of the engineering firm of Baar & Cunningham of Portland, is in Burns making a preliminary estimate of the proposed water and sewer system for bonding houses that are interested.

Baar & Cunningham were the engineers who made the survey and estimate of the Harney Valley Irrigation District project. They are a well known firm and are not strangers in this section.

RAILROAD DAY CELEBRATION DISCUSSED

Date Dependent Upon When an Excursion Train May Come Over Track Being Laid.

The meeting Thursday evening at the court house called by the Commercial Club to discuss celebrating the completion of the railroad to Burns was not as largely attended as had been hoped. It seems many did not know of the meeting, although dodgers were placed in all the business houses about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

It was found there is a decided sentiment favorable to a celebration but its character and date will depend upon circumstances.

A committee was authorized by motion, to be named by the president, to see what could be done in the way of financing the celebration. The secretary, James Donegan, and Engineer Girard of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. were asked to write General Manager Platt of the Union Pacific to see whether it would be possible to get an excursion train, that being the one essential thing to the success of such a celebration, and pending the reply from Mr. Platt nothing of a definite character will be done. However, it is safe to say that Burns will celebrate the occasion of the completion of the railroad to this place in a fitting manner.

Several present at this meeting desire an elaborate affair that would cost considerable to finance, while others believed it should be a less pretentious program confined particularly to matters pertinent to the occasion with less entertainment of purely amusement character. Business men have expressed their preference for an affair that will bring the big future possibilities of this territory to the attention of investors, colonizing with a view of placing people on the land and furthering the irrigation projects.

Such a celebration will bring many people to Burns. It will necessitate preparations to feed and house the guests in addition to entertainment, but this may be done without a financial outlay that would work a hardship on the business interests. A barbecue will be a feature of this festival and one that can be handled well here.

It is the intention to invite the Oregon congressional delegation, Chief Forester Greeley, Mr. Fred Herrick and the railroad officials, all of whom have been active in bringing about the development. Ben Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, assured friends while he was here last Saturday that many of the prominent men of Portland would attend such a meeting and it is further assured that many of the citizens of Boise and other parts of Idaho will attend. People living all the way along the present line of the Oregon & Eastern will come in numbers, besides representatives of the commercial bodies of many towns in Eastern Oregon will be present.

It is up to Burns to make this an event that will be a credit. Many will recall entertaining the Oregon Development League here in 1911, as well as the Cattle & Horse Raisers Association later. Both these affairs were well handled and as the railroad day celebration will be along the same lines, it is sure that we can "put it over" in a way that will impress our visitors favorably.

President Hibbard of the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club will call another meeting next week to take definite steps toward working out the details of a railroad celebration. This will be done immediately upon hearing from Mr. Platt of the Union Pacific as to the railroad's pleasure in running an excursion train.

THANK YOU

The refreshment and eats committee of the Harney County Pioneer Association desire to publicly express their appreciation of the excellent co-operation given them by pioneers and citizens of Burns in serving the picnic dinner on Pioneer Day, especially to the old timers who brought such generously filled baskets.

BELLE HAYES, Chairman.