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The Times-Herald has heard some comment upon the proposition of starting work on the Harney Valley Irrigation District distributing system during this season. This was brought out after reading the article on the subject published in our last issue. One land owner has expressed his views on the subject in a communication in this issue. It should have the attention of interested parties. The Times-Herald would like to have expressions from other land owners on the subject, especially as to the reservoir in Silver valley first in preference to the distribution system. This paper had been led to believe the distribution system was of more importance at this time than the reservoir but may be misinformed. Land owners in this project are invited to use these columns freely in discussing this important subject and thus it is possible to arrive at some conclusion as to how best to proceed. At any rate let's give the matter consideration.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

(From our files of July 11, 1894)
The hay crop of Harney county this season is immense.
The whistle at the Burns sawmill greets us every morning at 6 o'clock.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Martin Byerley, last Friday a girl.
The Odd Fellows at their last regular meeting installed the following officers: N. G. I. S. Geer; V. G., J. E. Martin; secretary, W. C. Byrd; treasurer, H. M. Horton.
The grass hopper and crickets up to the present time have done little damage in our county. The grain crop, according to acreage is excellent and the yield, no providential hindrance, will be very large.
We are getting some (through mail now, but the great strike is not yet finally settled. Disapproval of the arrest of Delba and other leaders of the A. R. U. is making a big stir and the consequences are yet to

be seen.
A movement is on foot to connect this town with Ontario by telephone, and we hope it will be brought to successful consummation. We have no estimate of the cost but if we can put up the wire with the convenience, and satisfaction of having such communication with a point on the railroad will richly pay us for the outlay.
Last Friday or Saturday—we are not informed as to the exact date—an accident occurred on the Burns and Ontario road near Joe Buchanan's 25 or 30 miles from this place, in which a man lost his life. From the most reliable information we have received up to this date, the man killed was Mr. Jap Smith, a resident of Diamond. He was driving a six-horse team loaded with will several of the horses being unbroken broncos. While going down a steep hill his brake gave way. Smith is said to have jumped from the wagon but it overturned and caught him under the load resulting in almost instant death.
Mrs. Harkey informs us she is expecting her daughter, Lena, who is employed in Portland in a large mercantile concern, at home in a short time on a visit.

CRANE CELEBRATES NATIONAL BIRTHDAY

Many citizens from all parts of Harney county assembled at Crane last Saturday to take part in the 4th of July celebration. The crowd was orderly and seemed to enter in to the spirit of the occasion during the entire day.
In the forenoon patriotic exercises were held on the platform of the depot where a stand was arranged appropriately decorated with the national colors and where a short program was rendered.
Dewey Robinson opened the program with a piano solo and this was followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner with Mrs. Sam Timbrell presiding at the piano. Mrs. Quier delivered the invocation and Mrs. Nollie Reed rendered a patriotic vocal solo and graciously responded to generous applause with Red White and Blue.
A male quartet with Dr. Brown, bass; R. V. Hopper, baritone; Geo. M. Shaw and Julian Byrd, tenors, rendered a selection and responded with a second number.
J. E. Loggan acted as president of the day and following the musical numbers introduced Capt. Robt. M. Duncan who delivered a fine oration. Capt. Duncan departed somewhat

from the usual 4th of July oratory to bring some excellent thoughts before his hearers and he did it in a masterly way, making everyone within the hearing of his voice swell with pride at the achievements of this big country of ours.
The program closed with the singing of America by the assemblage.
The barbecue dinner was a feature that brought much praise from the many visitors. The beef was well cooked and tender and the coffee, bread and butter, pickles, ice water and other things all were free to the guests who thoroughly enjoyed it. Most of those present from a distance had brought some lunch with them and with the barbecued beef and coffee made a fine repast that satisfied and at the same time gave the picnic atmosphere. There was a lack of shade and seating accommodations but this was unavoidable. Crane had many more visitors than it had planned for but the food was plenty.

Before the lunch was served there were several contests on the street for the boys and girls, foot races, bicycle races and other diversions, for prizes.
Following the dinner there were horse races on a track to the north of town and some good contests were seen. An auto race that started at the corner of the Crane State Bank the main street to the depot grounds the course leading the racers down then west beyond the end of the tracks to the highway and back, the race being for two laps, proved a thrilling contest between a car driven by Dave Irving and Marvin Curry. The turns were sharp and the way the drivers made them caused one to hold their breath. Dave won in a close finish.
There was a big dance at night, also a display of fireworks. The latter attracted much attention as they were displayed on the high bluff south of town and could be seen for a long distance.

ferred to the people by the legislature and the other is a referendum by the people on a legislative act prohibiting traffic in milk and butter substitutes.
The measures referred by the legislature require a literacy test for voters, providing for the condemnation of roads and waterways for the transportation of materials beneficial to irrigation and drainage and amend the state soldiers' bonus and loan law extending its benefits to veterans of the Spanish American war.
The four initiative measures that will go on the ballot are:
Providing for a board of natural-rathic examiners; making operation under the workmen's compensation act compulsory; repeal of state income tax act; and a bill to abolish the state public service commission.

OREGON BALLOT TO HAVE REFERENDUM MEASURE

Salmon—The Oregon ballot at the November election will contain four initiative and four referendum measures. Yesterday was the last day for filing completed initiative petitions with the secretary of state. Of the referendum measures three are proposed constitutional amendments re-

SAM SHIPS LOT OF CATTLE
Sam Jarvis, the live stock commission man, left Crane Monday morning, with 692 head of cattle which he shipped to Ogden. The stock was gathered from several growers in this vicinity and consisted of beef steers, dry cows, some breeding stock and others. It was a fine bunch of stock and seemed a pity to see them leave this big country.
Waldo Geer accompanied Mr. Jarvis on the trip and they intended to be absent about two weeks.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Archie and Hyman Weinstein made a trip to Bend on Tuesday taking their sister, Mrs. Jack Vines, and her two children, also the little girls of Mr. and Mrs. Redding, who had been guests at the Weinstein home. The visitors took the train at Bend for Portland and the boys were initiated into the Elks lodge while there.
M. S. Davies was in from his ranch home for a few days this week making the acquaintance of the new daughter that recently arrived in the family. Mr. Davies told a representative of this paper that he had received returns from his wool sale and that the price was quite satisfactory.
Miss Virginia Magness, a former teacher in the Harney county high school, has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith for a portion of this week. The young lady is on her return from a tour of the Yellowstone National Park and came in this way to visit with her friends for a short time.
Mrs. R. C. Buerki and little son Bobbie arrived here last Saturday from their home in Madison, Wisconsin. They are guests at the Holland home and have been having a delightful time visiting with old time friends who were glad to welcome them. Dr. Buerki was too busy to accompany them on their trip to Burns but expects to come in later for some hunting and fishing with some of his old "cronies." Mrs. Buerki will remain here for a couple of weeks at least.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday services as follows:
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
The lesson is on the Boyhood of Christ which should be of interest to everybody.
The Sunday school will continue its work throughout the summer months. During the absence of the minister, it will be in charge of the teachers. The interest and attendance is good.
Worship at 11 A. M.
Sermon theme, "Making a Living and Making a Life." What are we doing about it? The church will help you to make a life. Most people are quite capable of making a living but are too apt to neglect the life.
The minister will be absent on vacation after this coming Sunday, he will leave on the 14th and not return till the last of August.
During the interim, he will attend the meeting of Synod at Eugene.
SAMUEL HARRIS, Minister.

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