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RAILROAD CELEBRATION DATE IS SEPTEMBER 24

Event Held in Connection With Annual Round-up; Excursion Train for The Occasion.

It has been definitely settled that the railroad celebration will be held on September 24, the day preceding the annual Round-up.

A representative of the passenger department of the Oregon Short Line Railroad was in Burns Wednesday evening to confer with the executive board of the Commercial Club and a meeting was held at the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. offices where several of our citizens, including officers of the club discussed the subject with Mr. Larkin, the railroad man. Mr. Larkin announced that the railroad would do its part in the way of making up an excursion train and from expressions of those present it appears there will be no question of a large number of people taking advantage of the occasion to visit Burns and take part in the celebration of the completion of the railroad.

A meeting of the club was held at the court house on Thursday evening to ratify the decision of the meeting with Mr. Larkin. There were less than thirty present at this meeting but there was a dissenting vote against holding the celebration on the date suggested and it is taken for granted the citizens of Burns are satisfied.

At this meeting an executive committee was authorized appointed by the president, consisting of two members of the club, two members of the city council and one member of the county court. A finance committee of three is to be appointed by the president to secure funds for the purpose to be used jointly in taking care of the railroad celebration and the Round-up. President Hibbard did not announce the personnel of either committee at the meeting as he desired a little time to make the selection.

According to present arrangements the excursion train will leave Ontario at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 24th and the run to Burns will be made by about noon. The excursion train will be held subject to the wishes of those making the journey, going back after remaining here 24 hours or more if all are willing. Otherwise, Mr. Larkin stated the tickets on the excursion would be honored on the regular trains and those desiring to remain over longer and take in more of the Round-up program would have that privilege.

Just the nature of the railroad celebration program has not been determined, as it will be handled entirely by the executive committee to be appointed and depend to some extent upon the amount of finances at the disposal of the committee. However, it is sure that many people will be present and will include members of the Oregon congressional delegation, also, it is hoped, Col. Graeley, chief forester of the United States, Mr. Larkin announced that the subject had been discussed among the business men of Boise as well as the commercial club and he was sure a sleeper would be chartered at that point for the excursion.

James Girard, engineer in charge of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. activities in this section, announced that he was quite sure there would be in the neighborhood of 100 or more in the delegation that will come from northern Idaho and Spokane, also several will come from Seattle and Tacoma.

Secretary James Donegan has received information from Portland people who contemplate junketing tour of portions of the state about that date and there is sure to be several cars in the train from Portland.

With these prospects, together with large delegations from neighboring towns and communities, as well as the usual attendance of the Round-up, it is going to be about the biggest gathering of people Burns has ever seen and one that will tax her in entertaining.

It was suggested at the meeting Thursday night that a personal representative of the commercial club be sent as far as Salt Lake and intervening points to extend a personal invitation to commercial organizations to come to Burns on this occasion. In addition to this advertisement matter will be sent out all over the Pacific northwest and invitations extended to take part in the celebration. The railroad will assist in advertising the event and the Round-up association will also include the railroad day celebration in the general advertising broadcast.

Hundreds of people from all over Harney and adjoining counties will be here to give the coming of the railroad a welcome and rejoice with Burns in the event.

At this time very little more can be said of the affair. As soon as the executive committee has been appointed and begins to function more of the details may be given out.

James Donegan tendered his resignation as secretary of the club at the meeting Thursday night and Chas. B. Foley was elected to succeed him.

Still Have Camping Privilege In Forest

Prineville, Ore., July 24, 1924
To the newspapers at Burns:

I am writing this letter as a matter of information to the people of Burns and vicinity. I do not know what the situation is on the Malheur Forest, but presume the fire danger is very great, as it is on the Ochoco.

You have probably been advised that there is a new departmental regulation, making it possible to close any portion or all of a national forest against campers, tourists, etc. If the fire danger appears sufficiently great. Naturally, a supervisor does not wish to recommend the closing of any area against the use of the public unless he has indisputable reasons for doing so. On the other hand, we do want to keep the number of fires to the minimum, and also the burned acreage to the minimum. In order to do this, the Forest Service must either close the forests against the use of the public or else have the whole-hearted cooperation of the public if the forests are kept open. The responsibility for doing the right thing has been properly placed on the shoulders of the supervisors. They are the men on the ground and ought to know what is sensible to do.

So far as the Ochoco is concerned we have a really serious situation confronting us in the form of low humidity and high temperature as a usual thing, which is a bad combination. We have had some extremely serious fires already, two of which have occurred on Dry Mt. in the Snow Mt. district of this forest. These fires have both been expensive from the standpoint of extinguishing them and from the standpoint of timber actually destroyed, which is certainly a distinct economic loss as well as a direct loss to the local community, as it will probably not be many years before the big percentage of the yellow pine timber in the vicinity of Burns will be placed on the market.

It has been decided by this office to not recommend the closing of the Snow Mt. district even with the above mentioned conditions confronting us, since we have a sufficient amount of confidence in the people living in Burns and adjacent territory to believe that they are going to cooperate with us to the fullest possible extent, and that any fires we will now have will necessarily have to be lightning fires.

We will appreciate any cooperation you or your people can give us either in preventive measures or in connection with putting out any fires that may occur.

Yours very truly,
VERNON V. HARPAM,
Forest Supervisor.

DREWSEY RESIDENT HERE FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION

Sam Williams, one of the pioneer residents of the Drewsey section, is in town this week receiving medical attention and visiting with Joe Williams, a relative. Chas. Dunten, who brought Sam down last Sunday, reports that his brother, B. E. Dunten, who is well known in Ontario, is just recovering from a serious attack by a bull which broke several of his ribs and left him in a very serious condition.—Ontario Argus.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller were here from their home at Suplee the first of this week.

FRED HERRICK LUMBER CO. WANTS IRRIGATION

Position Neutral as to Reservoir Site; Mr. Girard Suggests Power Possibilities.

In the general discussion of the irrigation project the rumor has gone out that the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. was partial to the Silvie reservoir. Mr. Girard, engineer in charge of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. activities in this section, has given out the following statement in connection with the position of his concern in respect to irrigation:

"Rumors have reached me that the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. favors the Silvie valley dam in preference to the lower dam. This company is as much interested in irrigation and the agricultural development of Harney valley as anyone, but our position with reference to the construction of reservoirs is strictly neutral.

"It seems to me, however, that the logical thing to do is to construct a dam that will give full control of the flood waters, store the greatest amount of water and in addition develop a lot of cheap power to pump water for areas outside of the present irrigation district.

FRED HERRICK LUMBER CO.
By JAS. W. GIRARD."

PLANNING PICNIC GATHERING OF MASONIC ORDERS

Mrs. I. S. Geer, Worthy Matron of Burns Chapter, No. 40, O. E. S., spent a few rays of this week in Grant county conferring with the Star and Masonic orders of that county on a plan for a big picnic to be held some time the latter part of this month in which the lodges of Canyon City, Prairie City and Burns will take part. Details have not been completed but it is expected the affair will be one of the most enjoyable fraternal gatherings ever staged in this section. It will include a large membership of the affiliated lodges of the Masonic fraternity and of a character that will be most attractive.

Details and definite date will be announced in the near future.

Mrs. Alex Hanley has gone to Portland. Last Saturday a telegram announced that her sister, formerly Miss Anna Brown, had lost one of her little children the previous evening and another that morning, the cause of death being pronounced as bronchial pneumonia. Another child, the youngest, was also ill.

LOCAL MEN PURCHASE LEVENS HOTEL BUILDING

J. R. Gould and Sons Take Over Property at Once; To Make Changes on Second Floor.

J. R. Gould and his two sons, M. J. and W. W. Gould, have purchased the Levens Hotel from Mrs. Anna Haines, and have taken charge of the premises. This property consists of a two story stone structure 50x100 feet and is occupied on the lower floor by the Home Drug Co. store, the Pastime pool hall and Club Cafe. The second floor is used for hotel rooms. The rear lot 50x100 feet also goes with this property and faces the street on the south as well as the east. It is one of the best corners in Burns.

George Cawfield has been conducting the Levens hotel but the new owners have taken active charge of the place and Mrs. Lena Varlen is placed as hostess.

It is the intention of the new owners to make some extensive improvements in the near future. The upper floor will be rearranged more suitably and later no doubt the rear lot will be used for an addition to the present structure. This is an ideal location for a large hotel of modern structure and the present building may be made a part of it. Burns needs a hotel to accommodate a larger number of people and with the present start the Levens could be made to fill this need.

Mr. Gould and his sons have been residents of Burns for many years and are well known. They are substantial citizens and their friends are pleased to see them make this investment and hope to witness additional that will be a credit to the town and a profitable investment to the purchasers.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Horton were here over the week end from their home at Bend, visiting with relatives and friends while Dr. Horton looked after some of his business interests in this city. Upon their return home they were accompanied by Mrs. Lee Caldwell who will spend a few days with them.

STEAM LAUNDRY TO OPEN ABOUT AUGUST 4

Tedd W. Patterson is getting the steam laundry in shape to open for business on Monday, August 11th. The building and machinery is being completely overhauled and put in first class condition. The roof of the building has been newly covered, the floors cleaned, the machinery thoroughly gone over and put in the best condition.

PROMINENT STOCKMAN MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

John Evans Succumbs to Heart Failure While in Bathing at Warm Springs Sunday.

John Evans, one of the prominent sheepmen of this county, was a victim of heart failure while in bathing at the warm springs near Crane last Sunday morning. He and his wife, with several friends, went to the spring early Sunday morning for the purpose of bathing. Mr. Evans had held of his wife's hand but a moment before he was missed as he disappeared very suddenly and no one of the party saw him go down.

This spring is very hot in portions and it is concluded that Mr. Evans was near one of the hot water holes and the heat weakened him to such an extent that he was immediately overcome. His body was taken out about half an hour after he went down by using a drag as the water was too hot to permit his companions diving for it.

The distressing circumstances surrounding the untimely death of one of our well known and respected citizens cast a gloom over the entire country where he was so well acquainted. Seeming in good health and out with a party of friends to take a plunge and for the enjoyment of his wife, it was a shock to his immediate family and friends to have the unexpected happen.

Mr. Evans was born in Wales in 1834 and came directly from that country to Harney county in 1905. He had associated himself with the Davies brothers in the sheep business first upon arriving here and later was a member of the firm with J. W. Davies and James Young. Later he had been engaged in the same line independently. He owned some valuable ranches and range land in addition to his flocks.

He was married to Mary Douglas, sister to James Young, on November 29, 1922. Besides his wife he is survived by his mother and a brother, both in Wales.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at Crane, the service being conducted by Rev. C. A. Waterhouse of the Baptist church of this city. The funeral was largely attended, being one of the largest ever conducted in Crane, showing the high standing of Mr. Evans among the people of that section. Many citizens of Burns also attended the service as a mark of respect for a friend that had passed.

The expressions of sorrow and sympathy are general. The wife is bereaved for a second time, her first husband having been lost in the world war and she came from Scotland with her three sons to be with her brother, James Young, some four years ago. Mrs. Evans is a very charming lady and her numerous friends sympathize with her deeply.

ACCUSED OF ASSAULT
Ralph Turpin was arrested by Sheriff Bingham of Grant county at Canyon City the other day on a warrant sworn out in this county by Wm. West, accusing Turpin of assault. A hearing was being held before Justice Monroe yesterday afternoon but at the time this is written the case had not been completed.

Both men say they are from Kelso, Washington, coming in the same car. They were at Andrews when the trouble was had. Mr. West claims his companion refused to take him any farther in the car and ordered him out. West admits he was going toward Turpin with a knife when the latter picked up a rock and hit him on the head.

The men admit they had secured a bottle of moonshine whiskey at Andrews and had been drinking.

Dr. W. C. Brown and his family took their departure Tuesday afternoon for a motor trip to Willamette valley and coast points. They choose the McKenzie route over the Cascades as Doc had not made the trip across that route since he was a boy and he was looking forward to it with much pleasure, even having selected his camping place on the summit. They will visit with relatives and friends in different parts of the state and also spend some time at the coast, being absent about all of this month.

