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## BURNS HAS FIRST TRAIN IN TOWN LIMITS TODAY

### Tracklayers Reach the Highway Crossing at Noon; Workmen Treated to Refreshments.

The tracklaying crew have entered the city limits of Burns and for the first time in its history a railroad work train is an actuality. The rails will be laid to the highway crossing at the southeast part of town by noon today and several of the ladies backed by a few enterprising and enthusiastic men, have arranged to give the crew a treat at noon which will include ice cream and cake. It is expected that the laying of the last few rails on the Union Pacific track will be witnessed by hundreds of our town people who will give it a noisy welcome.

The tracklaying has progressed at record speed and the track is now connected with Crane and the outside world. Why shouldn't old timers like the manager of this great religious weekly, Ben Brown, Skip Whiting, "Auntie" Clarinda Frye and dozens of others be happy after waiting half or even more than half their lives, hoping, boasting, using every effort within their means to bring about this development?

Another reason for jubilation on the part of the writer, is the fact that John Creasman will have to pay his subscription to this paper and the writer indicated in his oft repeated utterances that Burns was to have a railroad. It has been long deferred—but she's here!

## HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS SELECTED

The Harney County High School Board held a meeting on Friday afternoon of last week and selected the teachers for the coming year. D. M. McDade continues as principal and three of the assistants of last year are also to re-act: Miss Mildred Grant, Miss Elmer Walker and Miss Leah Wagner. Miss Gene Edwards, a former student of the school and just graduated from the University of Washington, at Seattle, will be one of the faculty and Miss Susan Baumbach will have charge of the commercial department, succeeding Clarence Dalton. Another teacher is to be selected to take the place of Miss Jeanne Cook, who has resigned to accept a position in the Hospital, Washington high school.

Harney County High will open on September 15 with additional instructors and bright prospects for a greater enrollment than ever in the history of the school. Some new desks have been added and an additional class room prepared in anticipation of this growth.

Harney County High has had a steady growth from year to year and it is fast taking its place as an educational institution recognized all over the state. It is certain to receive added impetus with the general development of the country and it is the intention to keep it up to meet the requirements of the times. Mr. McDade has been in charge of the school for five years and his success is reflected in the high standing of the school and the class of graduates it turns out.

## HARRY RILEY OPENS SERVICE STATION

Harry Riley, the local representative of the Oldsmobile, has leased the stone building recently vacated by the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. and is remodeling it for a garage. It will be known as the Electric Service Station. Mr. Riley will conduct a general repair shop in connection with the business carrying a supply of auto parts, tires, etc. He will specialize in electrical work.

The writer took a short ride with Mr. Riley in one of his demonstration cars the other evening and was surprised at the wonderful performance of the Oldsmobile and the fact it is capable of doing in the way of showing power. The mechanism was minutely explained but not having a mechanical mind we refrain from attempting to go into details. However, we climbed the steepest hills that could be found around town, places where cars are not expected to go, in high and the good qualities of his car were conclusively demonstrated to the satisfaction of the passenger.

## Result of 60 Hour Continuous Pumping Plant Test

(By Obil Shattuck, Supt.)  
In order to get accurate data on the fuel consumption, amount of lubricating oil, and flow of the well over a long period of continuous pumping, a test was started at 4:08 A. M. the 12th and continued until 5:32 P. M. the 14th. Two stops were made to oil the engine and adjust the pump, the first 16 minutes and the second, 20 minutes. With these two exceptions the engine and pump ran continuously for 60 hours and 12 minutes.

In this run of 60 hours and 12 minutes, 68 3/4 gallons of Pearl oil and 4 one eighth gallons of Zerilene No. 7 were used for lubrication, this includes internal and external lubrication. The average consumption of Pearl Oil per hour was one and one tenth gallons (1.1), and that of lubricating oil, .068 gallons per hour.

The average flow of water for the period over a one foot weir was four inches or 260.4 gallons per minute, or a total of 9,701,599 gallons for the 60 hour run.

On starting the plant this morning following the 60 hour run the flow was normal, or 1/4 of an inch above the average for the run.

For the information of our new settlers the following history of this plant is given.

The well was drilled in 1917 to the third flow, a depth of 218 feet. The water raises to within six feet of the surface of the ground when the pump is not operating. The well is eight inches in diameter and is cased about 120 feet. The water is sandily by a 4 inch Byron Jackson horizontal, centrifugal pump installed in a pit eight feet below the surface of the ground. The pump is not attached directly to the casing of the well but has a 20 foot intake pipe, six inches in diameter that extends down into the cased well. No foot valve is used on this pipe. The plant is now operated with a 15 H. P. Fairbanks, Morse Type "V" Semi Diesel Oil engine.

From 1917 to the spring of 1919, 16 acres were partially irrigated with this plant. Since the writer took charge in 1919, 30 acres more have been brought under irrigation, which the plant has handled in first class shape for two seasons, and plans are being made to add 20 acres more by fall irrigation, bringing the total up to 60 acres for the 1925 season.

## RAILROAD CELEBRATION DISCUSSED ON MONDAY

### Executive Committee, Round-up Association Give Attention To Plans For Events.

There was a meeting Wednesday night of the executive committee recently appointed by President Hibbard of the commercial club on the railroad celebration which is to occur on September 24. It was a joint session with the Round-up association and plans for financing the two were discussed and a basis of properly applying the funds settled upon. The finance committee will go out with a subscription paper next Monday to see what the business men will contribute and this will be followed by a meeting on that evening to further discuss the celebration and Round-up and to appoint sub-committees. This will include a committee on invitations, housing, entertainment and other details.

The time is approaching for the big event and those taking an active interest in promoting it are desirous of getting down to details and be in readiness. There is every reason to expect the largest crowd ever assembled in Burns and the problem of taking care of the people and furnishing them with proper entertainment is one that requires careful plans. We have always lived up to our reputation as hosts and this will be no exception. In fact Burns should make the celebration of railroad day the biggest thing that it ever put over.

Many prominent men from all over the country will be present. High officials of this and adjoining states are to be invited and the railroad people are coming in numbers to see what we have for the future and will give their assistance to aid in the new development.

## GOOD BASEBALL GAME SCHEDULED TOMORROW

### Central Oregon Championship Team From Bend to Cross Bats With Local Team.

The baseball fans of Burns got together the other evening and decided to organize a real ball team and go out after some games with outside teams. Bend has been induced to come to Burns for a game tomorrow afternoon at the Mace field and the local team is to be picked to play against the visitors.

At the meeting E. J. Bruns was elected as manager of the ball team and Clarence Young was made captain. It is the intention to select the best players from the Fred Herrick Lumber team and those who composed the town team to cross bats with Bend tomorrow. The field will be put in better shape with a backstop and so arranged that cars may be parked around the diamond in order that all may witness this game. A small admission charge will be made.

The Sunday games for the past three weeks between local teams has had the effect of stimulating interest in the national game and has developed some good players, or at least has disclosed the making of an excellent team. They lack team practice at the present time and are not altogether confident of defeating the Bend aggregation as the latter were the champions of Central Oregon and played in four-team leagues throughout the season, but the home boys are ready to put up a good showing and it is right that the home people should turn out and give them encouragement.

With the permanent organization started now we may expect some good games during the remainder of good weather this season and real well next season.

## FORMER RESIDENT VISITS US

J. L. Gault, formerly connected with the First National Bank of this place, but now holding a responsible position with the Benton County Bank at Corvallis, is spending a portion of his vacation in this vicinity. He is accompanied by Dr. E. M. Harney, a member of the Oregon Agricultural College faculty. Earl Conner of the First National Bank joined Mr. Gault and Dr. Harney in a trip to the Alvord and the southern part of the county, the party leaving here yesterday morning with the intention of stopping at the Malheur cave and also visiting the Alvord desert en route, returning by way of Catlow valley and the P ranch.

During Mr. Gault's residence of some eleven years in Burns he had never visited that portion of the county. The party were equipped with fishing tackle and other necessary paraphernalia to making the best of the trip in the way of sport or recreation.

## Complete Details Masonic Picnic on August 23-24

Last Sunday delegates from the Burns Masonic and Eastern Star lodges met delegates from the Orders at Canyon City at the Jack Craddock ranch home in Slivies valley and perfected plans for the big Masonic picnic to be held at Snowshoe on August 23-24.

The picnic is restricted to Masons, Eastern Stars and sojourning members and their immediate families in Grant and Harney counties. This will bring many people connected with the organization together and tend to cement the fraternal spirit and advance the interest in Masonry. Committees have been authorized from the several lodges and chapters to submit plans and resolutions having for their purpose the organization of a permanent association.

Invitations have been sent out to every Mason and Star member within the two counties and each lodge has sent an invitation to the Grand Master and Worthy Matron to be present and in case either cannot be there to appoint a representative. According to the tentative plans there will be a short formal program at some hour on Sunday, August 24, but aside from this the gathering will

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## STATION PUMPING PLANT STANDS LONG RUN TEST

### "Endurance" Run of 60 Hours Demonstrates An Adequate Water Supply in Well.

Supt. Shattuck of the experiment station has made his "endurance test" of the station irrigation pumping plant and it has stood the test. Read the report of the 60 hour continuous run just made which is published in this issue of The Times-Herald. It is accurate and proves the feasibility of irrigation by pumping. It proves the underground water in Harney Valley is equal to the task of furnishing moisture for profitable crops in the driest season ever experienced in this territory. What more proof is necessary? Why doubt the advisability of installing a pumping plant where gravity system is not available? Why ever again doubt the fertility of the soil of this big level country when you can see what has been done at the station this year?

Mr. Shattuck has invited those interested to come to the station tomorrow afternoon and inspect the field crops and see the advancement in growth since Field Day on July 20. He has set the hour up to 1 o'clock instead of 2 as was advertised last week, in order to give those who desire to see the station and return to the Mace field in time for the ball game. Just have your lunch a little earlier tomorrow and go to the station before the ball game. It will pay you. It will give you the satisfaction of further stimulating your faith in your country and make you feel you are living in a section that is going to develop into the greatest agricultural region in the entire northwest. All we need is farmers with faith and energy, who are not afraid to devote the proper attention to their actual production of products in an intelligent way.

This demonstration emphasizes the suggestion made by Mr. Girard of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co., in an interview in these columns recently when discussing the Harney Valley Irrigation District, when he said that the impounding dam should be constructed with the view of developing power for pumping on lands that are not within the district and furnishing cheap means of getting the shallow underground water to the surface for irrigation purposes.

We have the soil, we have the climate, we have an almost unlimited supply of underground water to add to the flood waters of the stream to make Harney valley the greatest producing section of the entire north west. We now have transportation to the outside markets. There's no longer any legitimate excuse for delay in going forward. The end justifies the necessary means to accomplish this result. The expense is negligible compared to the benefits. Take advantage of what has been conclusively demonstrated and no longer doubt—but act.

## Annual Flower Show on Saturday, August 30th

The date of the Fourth Annual Flower Show has been set for Saturday, August 30. The exhibition will be held in the Tonawama in the afternoon and is open to competition to the entire county as in former years.

The premium list is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution the fore part of next week. Mrs. W. M. Sutton and Mrs. Grace B. Lamphire are the executive committee again this year and the general rules governing will be practically followed, the only exception will be that Dahlias other than collections will be exhibited in pint jars with the back of the blossom resting on the neck of the jar, a single blossom.

The annual flower show has resulted in stimulating the growing of blossoms in the yards all over this vicinity and the varieties and quality improves from year to year with more competition. It is one of the attractions that should be encouraged and one that tends to make the homes more beautiful.

Buck Smith and Bill Robinet of Paisley were registered at a local hotel yesterday.

## Democratic Candidate for U. S. Senator Visits Burns

Hon. Milton A. Miller, democratic candidate for United States senator, was a visitor in Burns over Sunday. Mr. Miller is well known in Oregon where he has spent his entire life. He has been prominent in politics for years and has held places of trust at intervals in this state, his last political position being collector of internal revenue at Portland under the Wilson administration.

This was Mr. Miller's first visit to Harney county and he announced in a short address at the Liberty Theater on Saturday night that he had just discovered Oregon as he could not conceive of this great big valley being left out here in the interior, covering so many fertile acres and having so few people. He rejoiced with us on the development now under way and promised to keep in closer touch with this part of the state.

Mr. Miller did not give a political address on the occasion of his talk at the Liberty as he had not been announced and the crowd gathered was there for entertainment.

The gentleman spent that evening and the following day meeting with the people informally and left for Grant county the following day. Mr. Miller is an able man and one who would creditably represent this state in the U. S. senate. He has firm convictions on subjects that are issues in the coming campaign and should be able to overcome the big majority of the opposition party and become our representative he would work conscientiously for the state. He promises his best efforts toward Oregon's receiving its just share of money for irrigation purposes and is fully in sympathy with the reclamation of the arid sections. He also pledges his support to agriculture, realizing the present situation and intolerable conditions under which the farmer is now burdened. His views on taxation are sound and he has the stamina to back his convictions and the energy to carry his cause to the last.

Mr. Miller found many old time friends in this vicinity and these men know him are giving hearty support.

Dr. Smith operated on Chas. W. Loggan on last Monday morning for appendicitis. Mr. Loggan's condition was rather grave, we are informed, at the time of the operation but he is recovering satisfactorily.

## THE IRRIGATION PROJECT DIRECTORS DEFER ACTION

### Wide Difference of Opinion as to What Unit Receive First Attention Causes Delay.

There was an adjourned meeting of the directors of the Harney Valley Irrigation District directors held last Saturday afternoon. Directors Olsen and Thompson being present. Mr. Hanley the other director was not in this vicinity.

After discussing the proposition of starting some work on the project this season the two directors finally decided to defer any action until the character of the work to be done should be decided upon by the land owners. There was such a divergence of opinion as to which unit should be given first consideration and no real crystallized plan meeting the approval of any appreciable number, it was felt the directors would not be justified in taking official action.

In discussing the district plans with one of the directors a representative of this paper found he was reluctant to start any work that would not be of equal benefit to the entire district. This attitude is well taken. The entire district must have consideration in any plan that has for its purpose the disposal of bonds that the entire district is responsible for. The interests of each individual land owner in the district as well as the effect upon the lands in the lower county as well as the higher, should be given attention and what work is done should be to the benefit of all.

J. C. Smyth of Andrews, was visiting with the Donegans and other relatives and friends in Burns this week.

## RAILROAD MAN FAVOR- ABLY IMPRESSED WITH US

### Union Pacific Publicity Representative Sees Crops; Visits The Experiment Station.

E. E. Larkin, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Union Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Boise spent yesterday in Burns and was taken on a short tour of the farming section surrounding. He is very favorably impressed with the big dairy possibilities and stated when asked to express himself on the subject for publication that he hesitated to give a free expression of his feelings as it would reflect upon the industry of our citizens. The fact is, Mr. Larkin cannot understand why the agricultural resources of this big valley have been so long neglected when it was plainly shown to him that we can successfully raise profitable crops.

Mr. Larkin was in Burns a short time ago as the representative of the traffic department of his railway in the matter of arranging for the excursion train to Burns for the railroad day celebration set for September 24. At that time the subject of publicity was brought up and the gentleman said he might be able to interest the railroad in such a plan. He returned to Burns for that purpose. He held a conference with members of the executive committee of the Commercial Club and had with him samples of literature gotten out by his railroad system to exploit territory that are being opened up by extension of branches of the Union Pacific lines. It is the intention of the Union Pacific to get up similar literature respecting the resources of Harney valley in connection with the railroad extension and it was for the purpose of securing data for this literature that brought him to us.

The club had some material that he could use to an advantage in this work but it was suggested that he be taken out over the country for a short drive and personally inspect farms. He was taken up the river for a short distance and then out by way of Poison creek to the experiment station. That's where Mr. Larkin had his eyes opened to the possibilities of this big country. He personally saw the growing crops and had actual government records of former yields. The visitor came back to Burns thoroughly "sold" on Harney valley as an agricultural country and enthusiastic over the opportunity to develop this as a dairy section.

Mr. Larkin stated to a representative of this paper that he was going to induce some one connected with their agricultural department to come here to see what we have and would be glad to have it arranged to have this representative talk to the farmers. The gentleman was assured of every cooperation in this effort and it is sincerely hoped this may be done.

Mr. Larkin went to Crane yesterday evening to take the train out of there this morning. He has sufficient data for the literature he will put out and the Union Pacific will use its excellent system in distributing this information where it will accomplish the most good for this country.

## TOWN TEAM AGAIN VICTORIOUS

The town team won its third successive baseball game last Sunday in a contest against the tractlayers. As usual there was a good crowd to witness the game and there was much sport. The writer did not learn the score but there were plenty of runs on each side.

The town boys are getting more or less "swelled up" over their continued success and with the selection of a new manager they are going to go up against a fast team from Bend tomorrow afternoon which will give them a real contest. There are some good players on the team and while they have had but little practice together they'll make a creditable showing even though pitted against the champion team of Central Oregon.

Considerable interest is being shown in the contest scheduled for tomorrow and it is expected a record crowd will be on hand to witness the game.