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## COMMITTEE BUSY WITH RAILROAD CELEBRATION

### Plans Taking Shape Under The Direction of Competent Men And Women Chairmen.

There was a meeting of the executive committee for Railroad Day Celebration of the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club held last Monday evening, following a partial canvass of the business men of Burns by the finance committee. The committee reported good progress on securing funds to defray the expense of the Railroad Day celebration to be held here on Wednesday, September 24.

At this meeting other committees were appointed and asked to begin active functioning on their respective assignments. Among those appointed were Charles W. Ellis as chairman of the invitation committee; Wm. Farre, barbeque; Sam Mothershead, transportation; Ernest Smith, seating; Mrs. Archie McGowan, housing; James J. Donegan, program.

Chairman of the committees were given the privilege of selecting their own assistants and in this way there is assurance of competent help and that each committee will work harmoniously.

The plan is to have autos to meet the excursion train which is scheduled to arrive at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The guests will be taken to headquarters where they will register and be assigned rooms. Following this those who have not lunched on the dining car en route will be given time to get lunch and then the entire gathering will be assembled on the court house lawn, at 3 o'clock, where the formal program will be given. It is expected several prominent men from all over the northwest, including members of the Oregon and Idaho congressional delegation, Col. Greeley, head of the U. S. Forestry Department, prominent railroad men, representatives of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Bebe, Spokane and other places, also officials of the railroads will be on the program. Mr. Fred Herrick, the man who is putting Harney county on the map in the way of development, is also to be present.

Following the program the big barbeque dinner will be served, the food being prepared adjacent to the court house lawn, and served in cafeteria style. All visitors are to be treated alike in this novel manner. The ladies of Burns and Harney county will add to this "feast" in the way of cakes, cookies, doughnuts, salads. The coffee, potatoes, pickles, etc., being provided by the committee including bread and butter.

Harney county folks are asked to provide their own knives and forks. The committee will have a lot of these implements on hand but home folks should help out as much as possible by bringing their own knives and forks. Plates, cups, spoons will be provided by the committee.

There is every reason to expect the largest gathering of people in Burns on this occasion in its history. The event is the most important in the life of the town and means the beginning of the development of this big country. Not only will home folks be present to share in this celebration but train loads are coming from a distance to see what this big section is like and give us an inspection. Our neighbors are coming from adjoining counties. They're coming in numbers and we are going to entertain them with the best we have—show them the frontier hospitality.

The three days following the celebration will be given over to the fourth annual Round-up. Those three days will be filled with entertainment that will be thrilling to those who admire the wild and hilarious entertainment provided by the broncos and buckaroos. The program at the Round-up grounds is full of exciting contests and stunts. There will not be a dull moment for the three days. Carnivals, dances, amusements, airplane exhibitions, a band.

The new grounds are being put in shape for the occasion and many new features are in evidence. The grand stand has been enlarged with boxes in addition. The track for speed contests is getting in shape and the big arena where the wild horses, bulls, steers and riding con-

tests will be exhibited is so arranged that everything may be witnessed from the seats occupied by the guests.

It is expected many of those who come on the excursion train will remain over for one or more days of the Round-up. Provisions will be made for such visitors to have their return tickets honor on the regular train service.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 1

Principal Sutton of the public school of Burns states that the school will open as usual the first Monday in September. That being Labor Day no actual sessions will be held but the pupils will come as in former years for registration and their assignments of studies.

Mr. Sutton desires that all new pupils who have attended at other places in former years and expect to enter the Burns school this fall for the first time, to come to the school house on the preceding Saturday, August 30, between 9 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, with their credentials, as this rush time will be saved and they can be properly enrolled and assigned to the respective rooms without confusion.

## TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS TO GIVE CONCERT

Music lovers of Burns and vicinity are delighted to learn that a concert is to be given at the Liberty Theatre on Thursday evening, September 11, by three talented young musicians. The concert is sponsored by the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church.

Miss Gwendolen Lampshire, violin; Lewis Niven, tenor; and Arthur Hicks, pianist are the artists to appear on this program.

Miss Lampshire is a Burns product. She first took violin lessons from Mrs. M. V. Dodge and in her girlhood was a member of the famous Seagrush Orchestra that toured portions of this state; for the past several years she has studied in the school of music at the University of Oregon, being a pupil of Mr. Rex Underwood, who is a member of the University Symphony Orchestra which tours this state every year. Miss Lampshire has also been an instructor in the school of music at the U.

Lewis Niven received most of his vocal training from Miss Alma Peyton, one of the leading teachers of Baker, and also from Howard E. Pratt, head of the Whitman College Conservatory of Music, where he spent the past year. He is tenor soloist with the Whitman College Glee Club and is also a soloist in the First Congregational church at Walls, Wash.

Arthur Hicks studied for two years in the School of Music at the University in Eugene under Mr. George Hopkins and spent last year at Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, under Mr. Alexander Sklarovick. At the latter institution he received a teachers' certificate in piano. He has appeared at concerts both in Baltimore and at Eugene.

These young musicians are capable of giving the citizens of Burns and vicinity a finished program and the selections will cover a wide scope in character. It is certain to be a popular entertainment and one that will bring music lovers of Burns much enjoyment.

## REINEMAN BUYS SUBURBAN TRACT

A. A. Reineman has purchased a tract of 48 acres of land from Homer Mace just across the river from Burns. This tract adjoins the Paul Well lumber yard and extends north. This will be a valuable building site for homes when the town grows. In fact it is one of the attractive places under present conditions for suburban homes where one desires an acreage in connection with the home. Mr. Reineman is well known in this vicinity, having been a resident of Harney county for over thirty years but in recent years he has spent a part of his time in California, retaining his interests here. He has secured a valuable holding and one that will bring him good returns for his money.

There will be a meeting of Plute Encampment, No. 38, I. O. O. F., on next Tuesday evening. Members are urged to attend as there will be a feed and some good entertainment—James Richardson, Scriber.

## CITIZENS OF BURNS VOTE FOR WATER AND SEWER

### Special Election Carries By Big Majority; Water Supply To Be Tested Immediately.

The special election in Burns last Saturday on adopting a new city charter which carried provisions for bonding the town for water and sewer was almost unanimously adopted, the vote being 176 to 4 in its favor.

The light vote shows the confidence the people had in the adoption of the new charter and indicates that our citizens have perfect confidence in the future of the town. However, one reason for the light vote was the interest shown in the railroad, as several hundred were at the terminal grounds for most of the afternoon watching the tracklaying crew put down the last rails that binds Burns to the outside world.

The new charter provides for issuing \$200,000 in bonds to install a water and sewer system. This is the estimated cost of such improvements and it is expected some work will be done within a short time. The first thing will be prospecting for a water supply which must be from wells. It was the intention of the authorities to sink wells on the hill near the school house as this would give an advantage of a higher elevation and better pressure with less tower, but the Burns Power Company has indicated its readiness to provide the power and with wells at the plant the expense of upkeep and care would be lessened materially and it is possible the wells will be sunk there. At either site the flow may be found good and pure.

The prospecting for water at this time is considered important as with the exceptional dry season just passed an adequate flow now would mean an abundance at all times.

The election last Saturday decides definitely the installation of an adequate water and sewer system and Burns will be a much more sanitary town and attractive to home builders. It means that modern business buildings may now be erected with the assurance of sewer advantages. Lack of such improvements has been a drawback to advancement along this line.

The bond election has been properly canvassed and the following proclamation is issued by the mayor confirming it:

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN AND FOR THE CITY OF BURNS, OREGON, ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1924.**

State of Oregon, County of Harney, City of Burns, ss:

WHEREAS, by virtue of a resolution of the common council of the City of Burns, Oregon, duly adopted, a special election was lawfully called and duly held in said City on Saturday, the 16th day of August, A. D., 1924, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the city for their approval or rejection the question of the adoption of a new charter.

AND, WHEREAS, the returns of said election have been duly made and canvassed and a written statement thereof filed in the office of the City Recorder, from which canvass it appears that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of the adoption of a new charter, in accordance with the question so submitted at said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, I, Walter E. Huston, the duly elected, qualified, sworn and acting Mayor of the City of Burns, do hereby declare said charter amendment so submitted at said special election held on August 16, 1924, to have carried, and do hereby proclaim and declare the same to be in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand in Burns, Oregon, this 18th day of August, A. D., 1924.

(Signed) WALTER E. HUSTON, Mayor.

J. R. Thompson left last Sunday morning for Portland. We are informed Mr. Thompson has severed his connections with the Weinstein Mercantile Co. and intends to open a general furnishing establishment in this city at once. We are informed he has gone to Portland to buy the opening stock for this new enterprise.

## PETITION ASKS FOR CONSTRUCTION SILVIES DAM

### Landowners in Harney Valley Irrigation District Want to Start Work on Unit.

Geo. Fry is circulating a petition addressed to the directors of the Harney Valley Irrigation District asking that the Silvies valley dam be constructed. The petition will be presented to the board at the regular monthly meeting held on Sept. 2.

The proposition is receiving favorable consideration by the land owners, there being between 35 and 40 signatures already attached to it and Mr. Fry expects several more of the local owners to sign before the time of presenting it. Many of the land owners are nonresident and these cannot be seen before that time.

While there is a difference of opinion as to just what unit of the irrigation project to take up first, it being concluded that this is not the time to start construction on the entire undertaking, the disposition is general among the landowners that something should be done. Two of the directors are favorable to putting in the distribution system as the first unit, but this did not meet the approval of a majority and as a consequence the directors deferred further action pending a more unanimous advocacy of some plan.

It is pointed out by some that the Silvies reservoir will not take care of the early flood water. This is a problem that is more or less vital to the lands intended for cultivated crops. On the other hand, a partial control by a 74,000 acre foot dam at the lower site will not hold the water, but might take care of the early run off to such an extent that when the later water comes it could be handled.

At any rate, several have signed the petition, circulated by Mr. Fry because they feel that the complete storage will require both the upper and lower dams and as the Silvies offers the cheapest construction at this time they will favor it.

The Times-Herald desires irrigation development. It feels that too much time has already been wasted in hickerings and delays. This is not intended as a reflection upon the directors of the district, as this paper believes they are sincere in their desire to further the development, but circumstances have worked at variance with their plans. On the broad plan of real development the Times-Herald wishes to advocate any unit that will start the work and bring results. We all see the advantages of controlled water for irrigation and if we can get it without working a hardship on the land owner it should be heeded.

The petition to be presented to the directors reads:

**PETITION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARNEY VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT:**

GENTLEMEN:— WHEREAS, there has heretofore been held in the above named district an election which authorized the issuance of the bonds of the district in the amount of approximately \$1,235,000.00 for the construction of a dam in Silvies river below the mouth of Emigrant creek, with a reservoir capacity of 140,000 acre feet and which is hereinafter referred to as the canyon dam and reservoir, and approximately \$965,000.00 for the construction of a distributing system for the district, or a total of approximately two and a quarter million dollars for both, and

WHEREAS, the above named dam and reservoir is only one unit of the whole Silvies river irrigation project as finally contemplated, and such project has included within it another unit further up stream known as the Silvies Valley dam and reservoir, and

WHEREAS, on account of the present conditions respecting the demand for land and its products and the prices therefor, it seems impracticable for the land owners of said district to expend so great a sum as the authorized dam and reservoir will necessitate, if constructed, and

WHEREAS, it has been suggested that a portion only of the above said canyon dam and reservoir and a portion only of the said distributing system be constructed, at an approximate cost for the two of \$1,320,000, and

WHEREAS, the whole of said distributing system can be omitted at the present time and still the land owners of the district can irrigate their lands by means of ditches of their own construction, and

WHEREAS, the said Silvies Valley dam and reservoir can be constructed at a cost of less than one-half of the amount to be expended in the partial construction of the said canyon dam and reservoir and at the same time store 20,000 acre feet more water than the said partial dam and reservoir, and

WHEREAS, it is generally conceded by the land owners of the district that some portion or unit of said project should be constructed so that eventually it will fit into and become a part of the whole contemplated system;

NOW THEREFORE, We the undersigned land owners in said district and legal voters therein, believing that the time has come for a commencement to be made on said project, and believing that the said Silvies Valley dam and reservoir is the proper unit and portion of said project to initiate at this time, and believing that no distributing system should be at this time constructed, excepting as hereinafter mentioned, do most respectfully petition your honorable body to cause the necessary steps to be taken to the end that the said Silvies Valley dam and reservoir and that portion only of the said distributing system hereinafter mentioned be immediately started, and that the same be completed as rapidly as the circumstances of the case and the economy of the situation will permit.

IN AS MUCH AS there has been in the past considerable complaint and controversy as to the lands in the lower or lower end of said district not receiving the waters belonging thereto for the reason that there has never been any direct means of passing such waters on down to said lands, now in order to overcome such controversies and to equalize the distribution of all the waters of the district in the proper proportions and to the proper lands, it is hereby recommended that all of the waters belonging to the lands in the lower or lower end of said district be taken out of the said Silvies river and allowed to flow unmolested down to said lands by means of either one of the two following methods, whichever one, in the judgment of the Board of Directors and the voters of the district, would prove to be the most economical and effective, to wit:

1. By way of Foley Slough into a canal to be constructed at the lower end thereof into the upper end of Embree Slough, and thence on down through the said Embree Slough to the lower end of said district, or

2. By way of Foley Slough into Poison Creek Slough, thence by way of a canal to be constructed connecting said Poison Creek Slough with Embree Slough into the latter and thence on down said Embree Slough to the lower end of the district the same as in the method first above mentioned.

Believing that immediate steps should be taken to initiate construction work on the said project, we most respectfully recommend and petition that your honorable body commence construction of the unit and plan above mentioned at the earliest possible time.

## PICTURE HAS WIDE RANGE

A picture with a wide range of scene and a story of great human interest is "His Children's Children," Sam Wood's Paramount screen version of Arthur Train's successful novel which will be shown at the Liberty theatre Sunday, August 31. The cast is an extraordinary one and among the featured players are Bebe Daniels, Dorothy Mackall, James Rennie and George Fawcett. The principal supporting players include Mahlon Hamilton, Warner Oland, John Davidson and Joe Burke.

The story, which deals with the foibles of modern society life, high finance, and parental neglect of children, gives wide scope for sympathetic and picturesque treatment. Scenes in the picture range from Wall street to the Denver freight yards with many others, including Long Island homes, English mansions, Broadway cafes, subways, elevated roads, beaches, Greenwich Village, and Long Island hunting lodges. Director Wood asserts that the picture gives a more complete view of New York City and its life as a background for the gripping story than any production ever filmed.

## COMPLETE LAYING STEEL TO BURNS ON SATURDAY

### Mrs. Chas. Cronin Drives Last Spike While Vast Throng of Neighbors Cheer Her.

The last spike on the Union Pacific extension of its line to Burns was driven on last Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Chas. Cronin, she being the oldest in point of residence present on the occasion. Mrs. Cronin came to this spot in July 1880.

The tracklaying train entered Burns in the forenoon and as it neared the terminal point where it connects with the Malheur Railroad, the Fred Herrick line that is to be extended on into the Bear valley timber belt, a large crowd of people gathered to see the rails laid. By the time it reached the highway several hundred people were on hand and it was decided to make the driving of the last spike a ceremony. No formal speeches were made, the crowd simply gathered around Mrs. Cronin and cheered while she drove the "golden" spike. Mrs. Cronin showed she knew how to wield a hammer and Photographer Heck caught her with the camera in the act.

Following this ceremony the workmen of the train crew were given a treat of ice cream and cake by the ladies of Burns as a token of appreciation. This was an informal affair without ceremony and the boys voiced their appreciation of the courtesy extended them.

The tracklaying machine is now at work on the terminal grounds laying sidings and also a spur to the Hansen gravel pit where a steam shovel is installed to get ballast for the grade. This gravel will be used almost the entire distance between Burns and Crane, as well as used for the same purpose on the Malheur Railroad line on toward the timber. The terminal station buildings will soon be under construction and after the completion of the sidings, spurs, etc., necessitating some 6 miles of track at the terminal, the same machinery will be used to lay rails on north of Burns to the timber.

The contract for hauling the ties for the new road and stringing them along the 12 miles of grade already completed, has been let, so this paper is informed and this work will progress as rapidly as circumstances permit.

## U. P. ENGINEER HERE YESTERDAY

Assistant Chief Engineer Armstrong of the Union Pacific Railroad spent a short time in Burns yesterday, having come in to confer with subordinates in the work now being done in laying the steel and making improvements at the terminal grounds.

Mr. Armstrong discussed the work with a representative of this paper and was asked the kind of depot would be put up at Burns. The gentleman said it was the intention to build a depot on the same plan as others along the line. However, when it was stated the citizens of Burns would like to see a building of native stone the gentleman said we would have to get busy as bids would be submitted at once for the depot and other improvements necessary at the terminal grounds. Mr. Armstrong said that upon recommendation from citizens of Burns they would submit the proposition of a stone building to contractors and get an estimate as to the difference in cost.

Several citizens of Burns have expressed their preference for a native stone structure. An expression of this kind should be forwarded to the railroad officers at once in order that it be given consideration.

Mr. Armstrong had but little time as he had an appointment in Nampa today and had to take the train out of Crane this morning. He expressed the hope that the street to the depot site would be opened and graveled before the excursion train arrived on September 24 with a string of pullmans. He was assured by the newspaper man that the matter would be attended to. He said the depot ground would be graveled by the date of the celebration.

Victor Cleveland and Miss Agnes Mueller were over from the Van section on Thursday.