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CELEBRATION COMMITTEE COMPLETES ALL DETAILS

Railroad Day in Burns Attracts Many, According to Advice; Program in Readiness.

Preparations for the railroad celebration on next Wednesday have been perfected so far as possible. There was another general meeting of the committee with the executive officers on Thursday evening and everything was gone over. The program committee is not certain as to the number of speakers on the program as this will be governed largely by who arrives for the celebration on the excursion train and by automobiles. According to present information it is quite probable the excursion train will be one of the largest ever run on an occasion of this character in the west. In fact it is possible there will be two sections if present indications are to be taken as a criterion. More people are coming from Idaho points than had been expected, according to information given by traveling men who were in Burns this week, and if Portland should send out the delegation now planned, together with those expected from Spokane and northern Idaho and eastern Washington points, there's going to be some crowd.

There is a move on to arrange for the excursion train to remain in Burns for another day, that is leave Burns the evening of Sept. 25 instead of in the morning as had been suggested, in order that visitors may have an opportunity to attend at least one day of the Harney County Round-Up. This would prove a real exhibition and entertainment for visitors for the Round-Up is one of the best exhibitions of frontier days that one can find anywhere, with no exception. We have the real thing in Harney county without the frills, perhaps, but some real wild west stuff.

The excursion train will likely be met at Crane by several members of the reception committee and escorted that far on their way to Burns. At the terminal grounds automobiles will be provided to bring the guests to headquarters where they will register and be assigned rooms. If they desire a room. After this is disposed of the matter of lunch will be looked after and then the visitors are to be escorted to the court house yard where a program of speaking and music will follow.

At the close of the program the barbecue dinner will be served right on the grounds. This feature is well taken care of and will provide all that is necessary for a meal. After the barbecue the visitors will be turned over to the Round-Up boys and friends to do as they please for the evening. Entertainment will be provided for them in the way of street carnivals, dancing at the open air pavilion in the Burns Garage camp grounds, or at Tonawama. There will be a picture show at the Liberty.

No doubt there will be other diversions where the visitors may find amusement, but at any rate they will be given the freedom of the town and every courtesy extended them during the time they are with us.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the names of some of those who are coming from Portland. It is expected several officers of the Union Pacific Railroad will be present; U. S. Senator Robt. M. Stanfield is also to be here and deliver an address. Congressman Nick Sinnott, who also took an active part in the railroad and timber development we are celebrating, had intended to be here but his visit of last week may so change his plans that he will not be able to be back. However, he told friends while in Burns last week he was going to try to get back for the celebration.

There is general regret expressed because of the inability of Col. W. B. Greeley, chief of the Forestry Service of the United States, to be present. Col. Greeley had expressed a desire to come in on the first train but circumstances have arisen preventing his coming to Burns to take part in the celebration of the achievement which Col. Greeley had so much to do with.

Fred Herlick will be on hand with friends to take part in the events of the week. Many are coming by auto from adjoining counties, Grant,

Crook, Deschutes, Lake and Malheur counties are going to be represented and Harney county will be out in force.

AUSTIN GOODMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Last week The Times-Herald started a fund with which to erect a suitable monument to the memory of Austin Goodman, the Harney county sheriff who lost his life while performing his duty. This fund is by volunteer contribution from friends of the murdered sheriff who desire to aid in such a memorial. At present The Times-Herald is taking the subscriptions but as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers have contributed an organization will be formed to take over the funds and dispense them.

New subscriptions have been handed in this week. The Times-Herald started the fund with a contribution of \$5.00.

This week the A. E. Brown family added \$5.00. Roy McGee has subscribed \$5.00. Archie McGowan \$1. E. R. Cryder, of Silver creek, contributes \$1.00. Chas. E. Dillman, county clerk, adds \$10.00.

I. Weinstein has given us a check for \$25.00 toward the fund and announces he will add five per cent of the total raised on the subscription regardless of the amount. When the fund is completed and ready to be invested in the monument he will add five per cent of the amount raised.

Many others are willing to subscribe, several having mentioned it to The Times-Herald but who have not designated the amounts. Let's get busy with this and give such amounts as we feel we want in order that the fund may be completed and the monument ordered. Remember this is for any one who desires to have a share in the memorial to Austin Goodman and small amounts are just as welcome as larger ones.

ALL DAY SERVICE INAUGURATED BY POWER CO.

The Burns Power Co. have installed all day service with the electric plant which means a great convenience to users. At present they haven't a very heavy power service for the day load but this will be added to from time to time and in a reasonable time it is expected many local concerns that require power will be connected with this convenience until it will be a paying proposition.

The Times-Herald office will hitch on just as soon as the concern can get the machinery in the office assembled to connect with efficiency. One motor is on hand for the heavy work and the Mergenthaler will also be attached within the next week or ten days by a specially constructed motor that is attached to the machine.

The Burns Power Co. are deserving of the patronage and support of the citizens of Burns. They have made a big investment in our city and are equipped to give us all necessary service in the line of electric light and energy. They are running during the day time at present at a loss. Every one who needs energy should get busy and give this deserving enterprise aid.

ESTREMED WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. Rose E. Thompson died at her home in this city on last Saturday, Sept. 13, after an illness covering many months, the past few months being of intense suffering, as she had a cancer.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Marion, Iowa, on June 2, 1860 and was brought by her parents across the plains to the Willamette valley in 1862. She was married to Mr. Carter in 1875, her husband dying in 1888. To this union two children were born, Chester Carter and Mrs. Maude Harkley, both of this city. She was married to J. W. Thompson in 1890 and came with him to Burns in 1896 where she had since resided. Her husband died in March 1923. She is survived by her two children mentioned above also by one brother, Guy Shaver, of this city and another brother Clyde Shaver.

The funeral was conducted from the Nazarene church on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Stuart delivering the service and interment was made in the Burns cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson was a fine christian woman who was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. Her death is mourned by many outside the family.

DONEGAN SAYS FOLLOW KLAMATH'S EXAMPLE

Harney County Has Resources Similar and Concerted Action All That is Needed.

James J. Donegan was one of the Harney county delegates to the Irrigation Congress at Klamath Falls recently. Upon his return he stated to a representative of this paper that he had never experienced a more profitable gathering since the inception of the irrigation meetings.

Mr. Donegan was particularly impressed with the advancement made in Klamath since a former visit of a few years ago. He found the country greatly improved over that of a few years ago and found it was through the organized efforts of its citizens in bringing about development. In a comparative short time a transformation has been accomplished in that section.

On his former visit Mr. Donegan found Klamath county disorganized and more or less demoralized because of difference of opinion and factions. Today its irrigation project is an accomplished fact; its swamps are drained, its towns modernized with water, sewer and electrical power service. The agricultural lands have been colonized, the large holdings cut up and thrifty families are found on each 60 acres, which is the average. Dairy cows have taken the place of the large beef herd and the creamery and cheese factory is in evidence.

Klamath Falls has 38 sawmills surrounding it and the manufacture of lumber amounts to four hundred million feet of timber per annum. The country is prosperous and going.

Mr. Donegan remarks the similarity of Klamath county to Harney in the line of every resource. We have the same lakes and marshes, the same altitude, the same soil, climate, timber, etc. We have the same opportunities of development as Klamath and every reason for advancement. He says it is a pity we have been so long delayed in the development of this big country and open now with transportation completed to Burns through this big rich valley that we may advance rapidly. He hopes to see some plan decided upon for irrigation and that it will be advanced without delay. Jimmie was particularly impressed with the wonderful electrical power developed in the Klamath section and sees a wonderful future here for the use of such power as it can be developed cheaply and used to assist in the irrigation of land that is not under a gravity system.

TO VOTE ON ROAD BONDS AT NOVEMBER ELECTION

Organization of Taxpayers Will Sponsor Issue; Forest Funds Pledged to Retire Bonds.

At a meeting of several good roads enthusiasts held at The Times-Herald office Thursday evening a Harney County Good Roads Club was organized. The organization was not perfected at this meeting, a president and secretary being elected and a committee appointed to take up the proposition of getting a bond issue for road building on the ballot for the November election. This was the important matter before the gathering and it was decided to get a working body first and take up the details of the organization later. Archie McGowan was made president of the club and S. R. Bennett secretary. Another meeting will be called in the immediate future when other officers will be chosen, by-laws adopted and the organization perfected.

The immediate activity of the Good Roads Club is the proposition of asking the voters of Harney county to approve a moderate bond issue to improve and build some roads that are of immediate necessity. The primary road in this program is the Burns-Silvies Forest road that has been advocated by several for some time and one that the Forest Service is much interested in. It is a road that will put Harney county directly on a highway to Portland and the coast by way of the John Day Highway. It is also an important link in the Jaquin Miller highway from Pendleton south to a connection with the Lincoln highway.

Another deserving and important trunk line road that is to have the attention of the club is the Crane-Well Hill market road which should be surfaced for at least a portion of the distance between Princeton and Crane. The other road improvement before the club at this time is the Burns-Narrows road and a connecting road between Narrows and Lawton north of the lake.

Petitions are being prepared asking the court to place a bond issue of \$65,000 on the ballot at the November election to be used on the roads outlined above. These petitions will set forth the manner in which the bonds shall be retired, the future receipts of the National Forest being pledged to retire the bonds and the expense will not incur one cent of direct taxes from Harney county.

It will be the purpose of the Good Roads Club to sponsor this bond issue and place before the taxpayers

and voters of the county the merits of the proposed improvement and the advantages of taking up the projects at this time.

MR. RUIH WANTS MORE INFORMATION

Lawen—(To The Editor:)—I notice in your issue of August 30 that the Committee of Ten and Mr. Shattuck of the experiment station are going to exploit the Harney country again in regard to the underground water and what might be done with it.

I agree with Mr. Fred Kegler; Shattuck should give more information in regard to cost of producing grain and alfalfa, etc., as his reports certainly will attract people back on the land they left a few years ago; they might experience more failures as in former years unless they are fully advised. If the idea is only to get people back to make a few dollars out of them go ahead, but the human side of the question is can they make an honest living—I think not, as the cost will be more than the work, and not all can get help to pay bills from the government.

I'm making an experiment with artesian wells and have no failure as yet, but it is a costly undertaking and only the future can show the results whether it is worth the effort and expense or not.

I would ask your Committee of Ten to consider some questions: Will electric power be cheaper than gas engines? I think from what I know, it will not be much less. Would the underground water hold out if lots of pumping plants were installed I think not, as I have this year drilled four more wells to three times the depth of my former wells, and found no more water.

As to the Irrigation District, will say, I wish they would let it alone as it is for at least three years, then we may know whether we have any water to store or not; the last three years did not show any water to store and if the next three years should be a repetition of the former and no water to store, I see no reason then to dissolving the district.

Now, Mr. Shattuck, please come out more plainly with your work and give more data so the people may know the truth.

Respectfully,
HERMAN RUIH.

Roe Buchanan and family drove over from La Grande the first of this week, having come in upon learning of the death of Lute Mace, to attend his funeral. Roe is connected with the sales department of a garage and boys left here yesterday morning very satisfactory sales during the past season. They are returning home immediately but expect to return to Burns next month to make a longer visit, Roe finding it necessary to be here for circuit court.

ROUND-UP IN READINESS FOR STARTING BELL TAP

Last Detail Completed For Big Wild West Show; Advance Reservation Sales Good.

The Harney County Round-Up is all in readiness for the opening day. Every detail is worked out to a finality and there is absolutely nothing left undone to start the big exhibition off with a bang.

Nollie Reed informed a representative of The Times-Herald yesterday evening that the grounds are ready, the track in shape, the barns full of horses for the speed contests, the bucking horses are in readiness with more of them arriving. The advance sale of reservations are beyond what was expected and the riders are coming in numbers.

Round-Up visitors this year will find the grounds all on a new location with additional facilities for comfort and convenience. Additional seating is provided with a new grandstand. The arena is enclosed and situated right in front of the reserved sections of the grandstand with bleachers on each side.

The programs arranged are better than last year and there will be something thrilling going on continuously from the time the program starts in the afternoon until the last event on the card. And in the evening there are carnivals, street shows, Indian war dances, band concerts, dancing on a big platform built especially for the Round-Up week. Concessionaries will be found all over the town and streets, moving pictures, and other diversions.

The Round-Up association is taking an active part in the Railroad Day celebration and will aid in entertaining visitors on the day preceding the opening of the Round-Up.

Everybody from all over the country will be here for the big wild west show and railroad celebration.

WHO WILL BE QUEEN OF HARNEY COUNTY ROUND-UP

The question of who is going to be queen of Harney County Round-Up and Railroad celebration is a hard one to decide owing to the fact that we have received nominations of eighteen of the most popular girls in the county who are going to work hard to sell Queen votes at one cent each, and the girl selling the highest number of votes will be elected Queen and awarded a New Tudor Ford Sedan equipped with bumpers and motorometer.

The following girls have been nominated, and if they will kindly get in touch with Mr. Reed, Bardwell or Thompson the Round-Up committee immediately they will see that T. W. Dyer the contest manager will supply them with votes.

Nominations: Violet Terrill, Frances King, Opal Downs, Hazel Hibbard, Belda Schwartz, Roselle Reed, Ruby Hayes, Helene Loggan, Beryl Hotchkiss, Jessie Shepard, Edna Cawfield, Lucille Gould, Mary Welcome, June Dalton, Dorothy Kenney, Katherine Farre, Eleanor Welcome, Pauline Neal, Rose Whitmarsh, Georgie McPhosters, Miss Louel Reed.

PIONEER RANCHER DIES

Horse Lute Mace died at his ranch home just above town last Monday night after an illness covering some time. He was suffering from a bad heart that gave him trouble at intervals for many years. He had recently contracted an attack of flu and this hastened his end because of his heart not being able to withstand the extra strain upon it.

Lute Mace was born on January 8, 1884, on the old Whiting ranch a mile from Burns. He was the only son of Horace Mace and Lona Lizzie Whiting-Mace. He was married to Mrs. Ora Baker in 1909. He is survived by his wife, his mother, two half brothers, Thomas Johnson, who is here, and Floyd Baker, who resides in California; also a sister, Mrs. Ivan Wells, of Vale, who was here for the funeral. Lute is also mourned by many other relatives which included the Whittings and the Maces, all pioneer people.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at the ranch home, the service being conducted by Rev. C. A. Waterhouse. Interment was in the Burns cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by his many friends.

