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U. S. ENGINEERS ASK FOR IRRIGATION DATA

Harney Valley District Receives Consideration; Action Upon What is Recommended.

According to information given out by Secretary J. M. Harney, head of the Harney Valley Irrigation District, the government reclamation service engineers have this week asked for irrigation data covering this district and upon inspection and study of this information will depend the recommendations to the commissioner. The data has been forwarded and now we must wait for action by the engineers.

It had been expected that government men would come here for a personal inspection and investigation of the district, but since the government has a more or less record of the character of the project from an extensive investigation made by John Whistler several years ago, the phase of the project may be studied from the data already gathered. However, to comply with the requirements under the plan of Commissioner Meade, it will be necessary to make a personal inspection of the situation as applies to private lands, their character, present status of production and other such information.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The meeting of the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club held at the court house last Tuesday evening discussed the proposition of moving the time up from Pacific standard time to conform to railroad time but nothing definite was done, as it will be considered a little later when the train service is increased to every day, the changing of the mail to come by train and the consequent necessity of changing time by the post office. The matter will then be adjusted.

At the meeting the annual election of officers was held and the old officers were re-elected with the exception of secretary, Robt. Bennett being elected in place of Chas. B. Foley who announced that he could not possibly take care of the position. Dr. L. E. Hibbard was again made president with Robt. M. Duncan vice president and E. L. Smith treasurer.

NEW BRUNSWICK RADIO PHONOGRAPH

The Weinstein Mercantile Co. have just installed the latest thing in radio sets in Burns. It is combined with a Brunswick phonograph, all enclosed in one case, requiring no outside or ground connections. Just simply connect up the battery, turn on the tubs and start. The machine can be placed anywhere in a room and has a Brunswick phonograph too, giving one a wide range of music attractions.

This is decidedly the finest radio apparatus that has come to the attention of the writer and should be popular. The machine was received at the store Wednesday evening and when removed from the shipping box and the batteries attached at once gave a demonstration of the simplicity of arrangement by the operator immediately picking up station after station on the coast and in Canada.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. J. J. Lampshire on Friday afternoon Jan 16. Mrs. Ben Brown the newly elected president presided. Mrs. Augusta Graham assisted Mrs. Lampshire.

The committee who had charge of the raffle for the disabled veterans reported that \$44 had been realized from the raffle of the two wool scarfs and the linen set. This money had been sent to the three boys at the veterans hospital No. 77. A letter from Miss Stone, the Department chairman for Hospital relief, acknowledging the receipt of the money and expressing the appreciation of the boys, was read by the committee.

It was the unanimous desire of the Unit that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Ben Brown for the in-

terest he took in helping to dispose of the scarfs at a profit to the boys. The Unit voted to send \$10 to the Department child welfare committee to help children of disabled veterans in our state.

After the usual business had been transacted and the guests had been served delicious tea and wafers the Unit adjourned to meet with Mrs. Hull Hotchkiss on Friday, Feb. 13 at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Mary Skiens will act as joint hostess. All members are eligible to membership and are cordially invited to attend.

HOSPITAL IN CHARGE OF EXPERIENCED NURSE

The management of the Valley View Hospital has recently been taken over by Miss Hill, an experienced graduate registered nurse, who has been at the head of the institution for some time for the owners. Miss Hill is not only an experienced and competent graduate nurse but also has with her two other graduate nurses who are giving the patients in the institution exceptional care.

The writer was taken over the hospital on an inspection tour when visiting the place the other day. It is one of the best equipped and managed institutions of the kind in the state and a credit to this county. Every facility necessary to the care of patients is found there with the proper help. There are private rooms with bath, also wards, fully furnished and in readiness to receive patients. The surgery is prepared with a standard X-Ray machine in the building.

The new management is entitled to the support and good wishes of this county and the institution should prosper so far as circumstances may warrant.

H. C. H. S. NOTES

Final semester exams were held this week. Report cards will be handed out Monday. Just a few failures are recorded, with a general average which indicates that a majority of the students is really working hard.

A course in Elementary Economics will follow the semester course in Social Problems.

Hattie Green formerly of Weiser High has enrolled as a junior.

William Poujade will be absent for a while, attending duties at the ranch.

The attendance is now 110, distributed as follows: Seniors, 18; Juniors, 20; Sophomores, 35; Freshmen, 37.

Rehearsals are being held regularly on "Polished Pebbles." This charming operetta will undoubtedly score as big a hit as the former successful attractions presented by Harney H.

The sophomore class debate will be held next week, with Frederick Reid, Alfred Brown, Beryl Hotchkiss, Anna Varlen, Helene Logan, Alose Wenzel, Jesse Foley on the squad. From this list four will be picked to meet the junior senior team.

Mrs. William Wisemta is guardian of the "fresh" unit of the Camp Fire Girls.

The following was clipped from the O. A. C. Barometer.

"Eight men were selected for the freshman intercollegiate debate squad at the tryouts last night in Hucary 100. They were Harry Logan, John James, Carl Sanford, Elmer Larson, Grant McMillan, Thurston Weed, Charles McConnell, and Delbert Stokesbury. Varsity material will be developed from this group to strengthen next year's squad is the belief of the coaches."

Charles and Harry were H. C. H. S. debaters and gridiron warriors graduating last year. Their many friends are gratified to see that they are already beginning to be heard from.

RAILWAY CLERK HERE ON INSPECTION

A. D. Lawrence, chief of the railway mail clerks of this division, was up from Pocatello on Tuesday night making an inspection of the route and discussing the mail service. He was investigating the proposition of the mail coming up by train from Crane but so long as there are but three times a week trains it is not practical as the people would not be satisfied with such a mail service after a daily mail for all these years.

EXTENSION ASKED, GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATES

U. S. Commission to Report on Mr. Herrick's Request For Time to Cut Timber.

Washington Bureau of the Journal—Fred Herrick, Idaho lumberman, who obtained a contract for cutting timber and for railroad construction in the Malheur forest from Burns, Or., is asking an extension of time for cutting, and the forest service is sending a commission to investigate conditions.

It is said his request will be considered on the basis of good faith shown and work performed, but it will be impossible to waive the requirements for completing the cutting of 60,000,000 board feet by June 1, 1925. Modification as to the cutting may be granted.

It would be impossible to comment upon the above dispatch at this time with any intelligence. The action of the government in sending a commission to investigate is sufficient evidence of every interest having consideration.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

(Contributed)

The Missionary Circle met at the home of Mrs. E. B. Reed, Wednesday afternoon of last week with Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Barber as joint hostesses. Following the regular business meeting, a very interesting program was rendered.

A reading entitled Jehova's Will, was given by Mrs. S. N. Bolton, and was heartily enjoyed by all present.

A paper entitled The Soul of Lily Sligh, was read by Mrs. R. E. Drake.

A solo entitled In Jesus was rendered by Mrs. Howard.

Mrs. E. N. Jameson presented a paper entitled Treasure.

All present reported a most enjoyable time.

The next meeting will be held February 11, at the home of Mrs. Grover Jameson, with Mrs. Shattuck as joint hostess. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRIBUTES TO NEAR EAST RELIEF

The voluntary contributions of the pupils of the grade school of Burns to the Near East Relief was quite encouraging and commendable. A total of \$12 was contributed as follows: First grade, \$2.75; second, \$1.50; third, \$1.00; fourth, \$1.00; fifth, \$1.25; sixth, \$1.50; seventh, \$1.00; eighth, \$2.00.

ORDERLY MARKETING TO BECOME EFFECTIVE

Perfecting Plans by Selection of Zone Committeemen; Local Growers Approve Plan.

Forest Jones, of Juntura, was in this city Thursday to meet with local cattlemen to further perfect the inauguration of the orderly marketing plan recently advocated by the State Cattle and Horse Raisers Association.

The meeting Thursday was for the purpose of selecting a committeeman from this vicinity to serve with two others for this marketing zone which consists of the main line in Malheur county and the branch leading to Burns, including intervening shipping points and also Blilves valley. Mr. Jones had been selected as the committeeman for the Juntura district. Mr. Emerson for Ontario and Rodney Cozad was made the member from this district. These men have charge of the marketing from this zone and will handle the shipments.

Several stockmen were present on Thursday who had not signed up to abide by the orderly marketing plan but they immediately saw the advantage of it and Mr. Jones left with several additional signed members.

GOVERNMENT FIELD WORK IN FORESTRY

(By Wanda Spencer)

The following was written by a Harney county high school girl as a part of her every day school work. It was brought to the attention of Forest Ranger Blake who suggested that it be published:

When the first settlers came to America they found themselves confronted by what seemed to them limitless forests. The forest seemed to them a real foe because it lumbered the tilable soil. That the trees furnished logs for their cabins, rats for their fences and fuel for their fires seemed incidental in the conquest of land for tillage.

During the two centuries required to make the March of civilization from the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi River, the conquering of the forest was one of the greatest items. They felled the trees and burned all except what was needed for immediate use. Before the settlers had begun the removal of the forest to make fertile fields, there was a forest area of about 850,000,000 acres. This has been reduced to about 463,000,000 acres or nearly one-half.

To-day the Government has special reserves set aside in which no tim-

ber is cut down or stock allowed to be grazed without special permits.

The Government causes look-out stations to be placed high on the crests of mountains, where men designated as forest rangers are kept all of the time to look out over the surrounding country to watch for indications of fire.

For many years, probably since the industry began, it has been the custom in this country to handle sheep in close herds all day and drive them to a corral or bed-ground at night, in so doing, when they were herded in the forest they trampled down and ate the young trees until a great many were destroyed. Now the Government has caused them to be herded by what is known as the "loose-herding" and "bedding out" system. By this method they are scattered out over a large area when they are grazing and do not trample down the young trees thus killing them. They are also bedded in a different place each night and as a result the young trees and forage plants are not destroyed by trampling as is sure to happen where the stock are repeatedly returned, night after night, to the same bed ground.

The use of the range by livestock helps keep down fires because they eat down the grass and weeds, through which if left standing the fire travels at a rapid rate. The stock trails make effective fire-breaks.

The Government is also taking steps towards reforestation and preserving of forests. That is plant two trees for every one cut down, or cut out the mature trees first, leaving the younger trees to reach maturity, utilizing every part of the tree, careful felling of trees etc.

Lumbering industries cannot be maintained unless a continual supply of raw material is obtainable. Continued supplies will be obtainable only under a definite and comprehensive system of forest management including necessary forest planting and adequate forest protection.

LOCAL BRANCH STANDARD OIL WINS TROPHY

Manager E. D. Aspinwall of the Crane station of the Standard Oil Co. is the proud possessor of the silver cup trophy given by the Walla Walla division of the company in a sales contest during the past year. The local branch recorded the largest percentage in sales for the period of the contest and was the only station in the division that showed the greatest gain in two consecutive months as well as for the year.

Mr. Aspinwall confirms the report that he will move to Burns on or before March 1st and begin the installation of the plant of the Standard Oil at this point.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

T. J. McDonald Residence With Contents Burned; Building Was Partially Insured.

The residence of T. J. McDonald was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon with practically all its contents. The origin of the fire is not known but likely a defective flue was responsible as the flames were first discovered at the ceiling.

Mrs. McDonald had been ironing and closed the stove, going with her little son to the home of Mrs. Fred Williams just across the street, the other two boys were also playing outside.

There is some insurance but the loss will be severe because of so many things in the home that were not covered by insurance or that could be replaced. Very little contents were saved as the building was almost entirely enveloped in flames and smoke before any help could arrive.

BUILDING ADDITION TO SHOP

Geo. M. Shaw is having a big addition to his blacksmith shop erected at this time and is making preparations to install some power machinery in order to have his place equipped for the work he has to do. Mr. Shaw is one of the dependable workmen of this community and enjoys a good patronage in his line of business. A modern shop of that character is a convenience and necessity to a growing community. Electric power will be installed.

THE TERMINAL GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

A representative of the Times-Herald visited the railroad terminal grounds yesterday afternoon and found the improvements had made progress during the week. By this evening there will have been completed the concrete foundation for these buildings. The pipe line had been laid and is ready to connect up with the 50,000 gallon water tank when it is ready for use. The tank is completed and is being roofed and as soon as the frost protecting box surrounding the pipe leading up from the well is completed the big penstock will be set and attached for use.

ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON

Mrs. Samuel Harris, assisted by Mrs. W. M. Sutton, entertained the boys of her Sunday School class Wednesday from three to five.

Mrs. Sutton gave a reading, which was thoroughly appreciated by the boys and the rest of the time was given to discussion of class affairs and games.

Refreshments were served and all had a most enjoyable time.

SPECIAL MEETING MASONIC LODGE

The Times-Herald is authorized to announce that there will be a special meeting of Burns Lodge A. F. & A. M. on next Tuesday evening, January 27, at the Masonic hall which will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 o'clock. The object of this special meeting is to discuss the forming of a Masonic club.

Sojourning members of the fraternity are extended a fraternal welcome on this occasion.

INCOME TAX

During the six weeks beginning February 2 and ending March 14, of Clyde J. Huntley, collector of experienced deputies from the office of the principal revenue, will visit the principal cities and towns of the state for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in the preparation of their federal income tax returns for the year 1924. This assistance is given gratuitously by Collector Huntley's deputies and taxpayers are urged to avail themselves of the service. When calling upon their deputies, taxpayers are requested to bring with them the income tax blank forms they will have received through the mail.

These deputies will be in Burns February 2 3, Crane February 4-5,

THE SPRING HATCHING

By SATTERFIELD

