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## CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE TIMBER CONTRACT

### Continuous and Diligent Work On Railroad and Millsite Required of Fred Herrick.

Word from the Chief Forester, W. B. Greeley, of his approval of the terms recommended by the District Forester under which an extension of time would be granted to Fred Herrick for the beginning of logging operations under his timber sale contract on the Malheur National Forest, has just been received by District Forester C. M. Granger.

The contract specified that cutting would begin on private or National Forest timber by April 1, 1925, and that in any event cutting on National Forest timber would begin by October 1, 1925. Mr. Herrick applied for an extension on these dates because of difficulties encountered in the construction of the railroad from Crane to Burns and from Burns to Seneca. The Forest Service will grant an extension of one year in the time for the beginning of cutting on National Forest timber until October 1, 1926, according to Mr. Granger.

Specific requirements as to amount of expenditures and completion of construction work on certain specified dates, July first, October first, and December thirty-first, 1925, and April first 1926, will be stipulated, and continuation of the contract will depend upon compliance with these terms, the District Forester said.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, D. C., March 2.—The conditions under which Fred Herrick shall have an extension of time for the completion of a railroad from Burns, Gr., into the Big Bear unit of the Malheur national forest have been definitely fixed. It was announced today by Colonel W. B. Greeley, chief of the United States forest service, today.

Herrick's contract with the government includes, besides the construction of a railroad originally from Crane, Or., via Burns, to the Malheur national forest, the construction of a large lumber mill in the forest. The contract was made in connection with his purchase of a large tract of government timber.

Colonel Greeley said he had acted upon facts brought out at a conference between District Forester Carter, Mr. Herrick and residents of the locality through which the railroad is to be constructed.

"The facts as brought out at the conference," Colonel Greeley said, "have convinced me that Mr. Herrick should have an opportunity to carry out his contract, but that any such extension such as he requests should be accompanied by requirements of continuous and diligent work on a scale which will assure the completion of the necessary railroad construction and other improvements by the time cutting must begin under the terms of the contract as modified."

"In drafting the requirements to be met by specific dates," he continued, "uncertainties as to weather and the time of year when certain work can be done most economically were given careful consideration."

"Briefly the requirements are that at least \$100,000 must have been spent on grade construction between April 1 and July 1, 1925; that by October 1, 1925, railroad grade construction must have been completed on specific sections of the route, totaling some 30 miles, and work on the sawmill foundations and log pond excavations must have begun; that on December 31, 1925, additional specific sections of the railroad grade totaling nine miles must have been constructed and the foundations for the sawmill and the excavations of the log ponds must have been completed, and by April 1, 1926 the railroad grade, including all cuts, fills, tunnels, bridges, trestles, etc., shall have been completed from Burns to a specified point near Seneca."

"This will leave available the summer of 1926 for the laying of steel on the railroad, the construction of the sawmill building and the installation of machinery."

Washington, March 2—(Washington Bureau of the Journal) The

terms under which Fred Herrick will be required to proceed in construction of the railroad from Burns to Seneca and in logging the Bear Valley unit of the Malheur national forest are outlined in a letter from Chief Forester Greeley to Senator McNary.

Greeley and his conclusions had been reached after studying reports of Assistant Forester Carter concerning conferences with Herrick and citizens at Burns. As a result, Greeley has authorized modification of the original contract by which definite requirements must be met July 1, October 1 and December 31 of the present year and April 1 of next year, and the railroad from the mill to the timber as well as the sawmill must be in operation in government timber by October 1, 1926.

Failure to meet these conditions Greeley said, will justify cancellation of Herrick's contract and resale of the timber.

Among the conditions are the expenditure of \$100,000 on railroad grade construction between April 1 and July 1 of this year; completion of railroad grade on specified sections aggregating 30 miles by October 1; completion of nine miles additional by December 31 and completion of the grade to a point near Seneca by April 1, 1926.

### PIONEER WOMAN PASSES AFTER WEEKS OF SUFFERING

The death of Mrs. Cassie Smyth, of Diamond, occurred last Tuesday, March 3, after an illness covering several weeks during which she suffered severely. Mrs. Smyth was operated on in January for cancer and her condition was found very serious and no hope was entertained for her recovery. Since that time she had suffered constantly and her death was not unexpected.

Mrs. Smyth was born in Green-castle, Missouri, Feb. 18, 1871. She came to Oregon with her parents and they settled in Harney county in 1886. On February 11, 1891 she was married to Geo. A. Smyth to which union one son was born, Fred, who survives her. Her husband died in 1917 from the same affliction from which she suffered. Mrs. Smyth joined Burns Chapter, No. 48, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1902 and was Matron of the Chapter in 1915. She always took an active interest in the lodge work and was very helpful.

The funeral service was conducted by the Eastern Star Chapter on Thursday afternoon, John W. Riggs offering the eulogy. Mr. Riggs stressed the cheerfulness of her character, her helpfulness and the pioneer spirit she displayed together with the sterling qualities necessary for the pioneer life. Of her community help in any way within her power and the warm friends she had as a testimony of the esteem in which she was held by the citizens of this county who had known her for so many years. The Chapter service was most impressive and beautiful with the floral offerings accompanying.

Mrs. Smyth is survived by four brothers, Harrison and L. M. Seaward, of Ontario, Lester Seaward of Payette, Idaho, Steve Seaward of Burns. One sister, Mrs. A. E. Brown who resides on the home ranch below Crane. Her son, Fred, of Diamond.

Since her critical illness has become known there have been many expressions of affection from many citizens of this community and the large number attending her funeral was a tribute of their esteem.

### RECHECKING AND CLEARING BLOCKS

The Burns Townsite Co., owners of the Brown Addition to Burns, is having the surveys rechecked and something like twenty additional blocks cleared. The engineering work is under the direction of M. V. Dodge and his assistants and when completed there will be some very attractive residence blocks ready for the market. This addition contains some of the most attractive residence sites in Burns and are sure to be popular, as they command a fine view of the entire Harney valley, have the advantage of drainage as well as rich soil. The proximity of the schools is another attraction to these blocks as a residence location.

F. B. Henry was among our visitors from the Catlow valley country during the week.

## TWO COUNTIES TO JOIN FORCES ON ROAD WORK

### Delegation From Deschutes and Harney Plan Meeting; Will Ask Aid on Burns-Bend.

There was a meeting of the executive committee of the Harney County Good Roads Club at the office of Wm. Farre on Tuesday night. The president, Archie McGowan, asked the committee to meet with him to discuss some future road activity and at this gathering Mr. McGowan told of his conference with members of the state highway commission while out, also his taking up the matter of road improvement between Burns and Bend with the secretary of the Bend commercial club with the result that the Bend organization is going to use its influence in getting action.

There is a move on foot to hold a joint meeting of Harney and Deschutes county road enthusiasts at the half way house in the near future at which representatives of the respective county courts will be present.

The particular object of such a meeting is for the purpose of jointly putting before the state highway commission the importance of making the necessary changes in the road around Glass Butte in order to eliminate a lot of bad climbs and curves, going to the north on a route already approved by the highway engineers.

### HOSTS AT AFTER DANCE SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Skogerson were hosts to a party of friends last Saturday night following the Tillamook Club dance at Tonawama. The supper was served at the Burns Cafe where plates were laid for twenty.

Mrs. Kirkham of the Burns Cafe had decorated the tables nicely and the guests were served by Miss Margaret Kirkham and Mrs. Rasmussen. Chicken sandwiches, fruit salad, pickles, olives, coffee and cake were served.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dillman, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Geor, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Welcome, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Franklin, Dr. R. C. Ward, Miss Gene Schwartz, Willis Rousevelto, Miss Wagner, Milton Brown, Miss Gladys Holland, Miss Annette Leonard, Mrs. R. V. Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Topp.

W. D. Huffman was in town from his farm home in the Andrews district during this week attending to some business matters.

## HARNEY HIGH DEBATE TEAM GETS DECISION

### Given Unanimous Vote in First Contest With Ontario; Local Boys Try Next Monday.

The contest between the debating teams of the Ontario high school and the Harney county high, held Thursday evening at the public school auditorium, resulted in the local negative team. The three judges all voting unanimously in favor of the negative side of the question.

The visiting team from Ontario who took the affirmative side of the question were Miss Celia Gallagher and Miss Mildred Conklin. The home school team who took the negative side of the question were Eleanor Welcome and Marian McCullough. Both teams being girls there was no advantage in respect to sex and the decision was rendered strictly upon the merits of the respective presentation of the question: "Resolved That the Policy of Granting Federal Aid to the States, Accompanied by Federal Supervision, Should be Abolished."

The judges were Robt. M. Duncan, M. A. Biggs, Wm. Farre, Charles W. Ellis presided at the debate.

The winning team was coached by Principal McDade of the Harney county high who will accompany his affirmative team to Ontario on next Monday morning.

The school scoring the most points in the dual debate will be adjudged winners of Southeastern Oregon, an honor which the Harney county high has won twice in four years.

Preceding the debate the Radiola from Weinstein's was tuned in and a fine radio program of a few selections were listened to.

### LEGION AUXILIARY GIVES SUCCESSFUL CARD PARTY

The American Legion Auxiliary gave a delightful card party at Tonawama hall on last Friday evening as a benefit, the proceeds being divided between the Veteran's Orphanage at Otter Lake, Michigan, the relief of disabled veterans in hospitals and the welfare of disabled veterans' families who do not draw compensation.

Each member of the Auxiliary acted as hostess for as many tables as she had invited guests and there were a total of 41 tables playing Five Hundred. It proved a very enjoyable affair with the players moving rapidly in progressing and at the same time all had an opportunity to be sociable. Many favorable com-

ments were heard from guests in remarking the pleasant manner in which the affair was conducted.

The high scores were made by Mrs. Frank Welcome and Mrs. Leo Miller with 3199 and 2600 respectively; the consolation for the ladies went to Mrs. Harry Z. Smith who found her score 200 minus at the close of the plays. For the gentlemen W. W. Gould and C. Culver Page had the high scores with 3230 and 2960 respectively; Charles Gow-an was awarded the consolation with 50 minus showing on his score card.

Salad and coffee were served by the hostesses following the playing and a social time enjoyed by all before taking their departure for home. It was a party that was "different" in that it brought a large company of congenial people together and under such circumstances as to create a greater interest in the work of the Auxiliary, besides being a social and financial success.

The members express their high appreciation of the generous patronage of the public.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be at the home of the president, Mrs. Ben Brown, on Friday, March 13, with Mrs. Geo. M. Shaw joining as hostess.

### WATER SYSTEM AT TERMINAL GROUNDS READY TONIGHT

The men in charge of erecting the big 50,000 gallon water tank at the terminal grounds expect to have it in readiness for service and attached to the penstock with the permanent engine and pump in operation tonight. The pipe has been laid to the several connections over the grounds and has been ready for some time but actual connection was delayed pending the arrival of a big valve and other attachments.

The depot and warehouse are now under roof with interior finishing going on. The same may be said of the other buildings, including the cottage for the agent, section men, tool houses, etc. The stock yards are completed.

Mr. Silbaugh, the contractor, has sent several of his men and some equipment to Lawen where they are now working on the necessary buildings there which will include section house, warehouse, etc.

The present weather is allowing the work to advance rapidly on the railroad terminal, also other improvements, including the Standard Oil Co. installation of a station to store their supplies.

Most of the stock in this vicinity have been turned onto the range after feeding on the lots during the winter. Sheepmen report the grass starting fine and stock should do well unless there is severe storms in the near future.

## WARNER GAME REFUGE BILL SIGNED BY GOV.

### State Legislation Heads Off An Attempt For Federal Reserve; The Stockmen Approve.

(Lakeview Examiner)

The Warner State Game Refuge Bill has become a law, according to a telegram received yesterday by O. C. Gibbs of this city from Governor Pierce in which he stated that he had passed the bill as referred to him by the two branches of the legislature. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Jay Upton of this district and read the first time January 21st. The bill provides for the formation of a State game refuge in the territory known as the Hart Mountain country lying between the Warner valleys and Guano valley.

Passing of the law in the Oregon legislature will, it is thought, preclude against the possibility of the establishment of a national game reservation, the agitation for which was the inspiration for the present State game refuge bill. The bill as passed was formed by O. C. Gibbs of this city for the Lake County Wool-growers' Protective Association in order that the grazing lands in the territory might not be put under the strict supervision of the government with the attendant collection of grazing fees, and the possibility of stockmen being driven from use of the area entirely.

The assistance of the Harney county stockmen was enlisted in the matter and members of the game commission made a special investigation of the problem with the result that the passage of the law was recommended by that body. Some opposition developed among Bend sportsmen as the misunderstanding that the Warner lakes were included within the boundaries of the Refuge, a matter which occasioned them some alarm in view of the attachment they have formed for the lakes during the open season on water fowl.

Under the State law, grazing on the area will not be affected, it being only unlawful to hunt and take game there. The law will block the formation of a national refuge which had it been formed, would have subjected stockmen to payment of onerous grazing fees and possibly have closed the area entirely to grazing. While stockmen in general recognize the fact that some means must be taken to control grazing on public lands, in view of the overstocked condition of ranges, still they were as a unit in objecting to the national refuge for the Warner area.

### OUR GIRLS WILL COMPETE

Five Burns high school students of home economies are preparing to combine their knowledge of this subject and their literary ability in an effort to carry off a share of the \$2,500 in cash prizes offered in the Second National Meat Story Contest. The contest is now being put under way by the National Live Stock and Meat Board which has headquarters in Chicago.

Miss Mildred Grant, home economies instructor at the Harney County High, has requested the necessary number of entry blanks for these girls and it is possible that other local girls may enter before the closing date, which is announced as May 1.

To compete a student must write a story or theme of 1,000 to 2,000 words on the subject of meat and submit with it three meat recipes. The Board has placed the national championship prize at \$200 and has apportioned the remainder of the \$2,500 into other attractive prizes, both national and state. The selection of winners will rest in the hands of a committee of prominent home economies specialists, according to the Board. Dr. Louise Stanley, Chief of the Bureau of Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, served as chairman of the committee in the first contest held last spring.

The Board announcement states that the contest is a feature of a national program of education and research on meat which has the endorsement of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, home economies instructors in universities, colleges and high schools, and others.

## TO OUR THIRTIETH PRESIDENT

