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## BARNES DISPOSES OF HOLDINGS TO FOLEY

### New Owners of Burns Suburban Property to Become Active in Developing It.

T. H. Foley, the Bend power and light plant manager, announced to a representative of this paper on Thursday that he and associates had purchased the real estate holdings of E. W. Barnes and his associates in this vicinity and that it was contemplated to begin active development.

Mr. Foley stated that it was their intention to assist in making a greater Burns, that they did not contemplate any revolutionizing methods, but they had the investment and desired to get busy. He said he desired to make the announcement at that time to set at rest any wild rumors respecting the new ownership of the lands.

The real estate which is now in the hands of the Bend man and his associates comprises considerable land situated between Burns and the Fred Herrick mill site at Warm Springs, also some lots and tracts within the city corporate limits; the Seethoff holdings, Harry Smith farm, Geer farms, Levens lands the former fair grounds and some of the vacant lands of the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. holdings.

With this announcement the citizens of Burns are assured of a concern financially able to develop the lands and with Mr. Foley's assurance that it is their intention to do this and that they desire to work with Burns for a greater town, we may now move forward on a definite basis and know what we are about. Mr. Foley has the reputation of doing things and that's the kind of men that Burns needs to make it grow. We are approaching an era of development and must keep pace with it.

D. G. McPherson was here with Mr. Foley and we are informed will return to Burns soon to take active charge of the real estate affairs. He stated the new owners had just filed papers of incorporation which have not yet been made public. We were given to understand the new firm would be known as the Burns Company.

Two engineers were brought over and have since been engaged in checking up the lands and making a general survey of the situation.

Mr. Foley and Mr. McPherson returned to Bend Thursday afternoon and were accompanied by E. W. Barnes. Mr. Foley will be here again within ten days.

## PROPOSED CHANGE IN MAIL SERVICE NOT POPULAR

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Fourth Assistant Post Master General in which he announces that it appears a material saving may be made in changing the present mail schedule from Crane to Burns by allowing the railroad to bring it up on alternate days and a three times a week service by auto. However, it stipulates that parcel post in excess of the maximum load of 800 pounds for the auto stage, shall be left at Crane and brought up by train on the following day.

It is plain that saving of expense take precedence over service in the postal service where it applies to the isolated districts. It will not be as satisfactory service as the present. The writer, as well as the post master at Burns and the present star route contractor protested such a change, as it was pointed out that within a reasonably short time the train service would be increased to six times a week and then all agreed the train should have the contract for carrying the mail. The contemplated change will certainly be confusing and result in much dissatisfaction we are of the opinion.

## COURT REMITS PENALTY AND INTEREST ON TAXES

The county court of this county on Thursday took advantage of the law passed by the recent legislature whereby it was made possible to remit all penalty and interest on delinquent taxes for the years 1921-1922-1923. This applies to all delinquent taxes that are paid on or before May 5th of this year.

## ROAD CONFERENCE GETS RESULTS

The delegation of Harney county good roads men, together with members of the county court, that met with representatives from Bend on Sunday, March 21, in connection with improving the Central Oregon highway between Brookings and the Gap ranch, accomplished quick results. The proposition of asking the state highway commission for a permanent survey of a route that would eliminate the Glass Butte section and give us a better route with less hills and away from the glass, was granted at a meeting of the highway commission last week. The survey on control section was promised.

Harney county promised to do its part toward repairing the present road for this season's travel and the court at its regular meeting this week provided for it. The repair of the road over Sagehen hill to Silver creek has been completed and the road machinery will be taken over to continue the work on the Glass Butte road as soon as the section between has been taken care of.

Bend showed a fine spirit in connection with this work and at once accepted the plans the delegations had settled upon and recommended.

## EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES

(Obil Shattuck, Supt.)  
Spring plowing makes a very good seed bed, but all land plowed should be disced or harrowed down the same day.

The roller is an excellent implement to use in the preparation of the seed bed where the soil has a tendency to run together. This type of soil should be double disced and rolled the same day. Where rough plowed soil lays for a day or two in the wind and sun it becomes very hard and cloddy and it is almost impossible to work it down into a good seed bed, especially if the land is heavy.

April first to 26th, is a good time to sow spring wheat and rye. April 25 to May 15 for oats and barley.

Cereals should be seeded deep enough to get them into moist soil. It is a good practice to sow them 3 or 4 inches deep in this section as the surface soil dries out rapidly. This is especially true where the surface soil is very rough and cloddy.

Field peas should be sown about the 25th of April. This crop likes a cool growing season and is very frost hardy. The crop does best on well sub-irrigated land. It makes excellent hay when sown with oats, barley, or wheat. It can be hogged or chucked off, thus saving the cost of harvesting. The mature peas are excellent for finishing pork.

The seed bed for alfalfa should be fine and firm. After the land has been thoroughly cultivated it should be floated or rolled prior to seeding. This firms the soil and brings the moisture to the top. The best method of seeding is with the drill and it should not be sown deeper than one inch. This crop should not be sown until late in April—except in sections where the moisture is very limited—as there is danger of injury by frost.

It is a good practice to treat all spring wheat varieties with copper carbonate at the rate of two ounces per bushel. This dust treatment does not injure or swell the seed and eliminates all guesswork in sowing. The dust disinfects the seed, sacks, drill and the soil in which the seed is planted. It also seems to act as a plant stimulant. Reasonable care should be taken not to inhale much of the copper carbonate. It is best to treat the seed in the open rather than in a room, using an old barrel churn or something similar. Each batch should be worked about 2 or 3 minutes to insure a thorough covering of each kernel.

It is rather interesting to note that much of the winter wheat survived the temperature of a minus 45 degrees at the Harney Branch Experiment Station, while the same varieties were entirely winterkilled in the Columbia River area.

## SEVERAL CARS OF CATTLE LOADED OUT YESTERDAY

The train was late getting out yesterday morning on account of a shipment of 350 head of cattle that had to be loaded before it departed. This is the first shipment of cattle from Burns, Gus Davis being the shipper.

## EQUIPMENT ARRIVING FOR RAILROAD WORK

### Steel and Wheels For Dump Carts, Compressor, Shovel; Contractor on Ground.

Two car loads of equipment for railroad grade have been received this week and more is en route. Mr. Arneson, the man who secured the contract for some heavy work in the mountains, has a portion of his equipment here, including some work stock and camp stuff. He is making active preparations to get out on the job.

Frank Klobucher arrived home from Portland last Saturday night. He made some purchases while there in the line of steel and trucks for dump carts to be used, also some camp equipment. This consignment also includes a compressor to be used in the rock work on the heavy grades.

Mr. Klobucher purchased a Bucyrus Daisel shovel to be used on this work. This shovel is something new in that line and travels on its own power, the tread being of the caterpillar type. This machine comes from Indiana and is not expected until some time next week.

When seen yesterday morning, James Girard, in charge of the Fred Herrick Lumber Co. enterprises in this section, stated he had not let any further contracts at this time.

Portland newspapers this week announced that the Union Pacific had set aside \$300,000 as the budget for improving the Crane-Burns line during this year.

## BOISE TO CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF MAIN LINE

This office is in receipt of an attractive special descriptive booklet issued by the Union Pacific Railroad in honor of the completion of the main line into Boise. This celebration is scheduled for April 15.

One of the citizens of Burns who recently visited Boise, states that it is the hope of that place that Burns would be represented by a special car of Harney county people to help in this celebration. They assure a royal good time which will include speeches, barbecue dinner, sports, a flag-battle between various units of the national guard, cow boy and auto races, water carnival at the Nataratorium. At night there will be a banquet by the Chamber of Commerce and dancing. Ten or more bands will be giving concerts throughout the day and evening.

## LARGE STOCK RANCH AT WAGONTIRE SOLD

### Mr. James Southerland Closing Out Active Stock Interests; New Owners Stockmen.

Mr. and Mrs. James Southerland recently disposed of their big land holdings in the Wagonfire country, which includes some 1300 acres of land. Some of this land is fine meadow while other parts are strictly grazing but so situated as to control the water.

Mrs. Southerland has long been identified with that section of Harney county, being one of the Hutton family who settled there in the early '30s. She and other members of the family had added to their land holdings from time to time until they owned a big lot. They have been engaged in the stock business for all these years and have made a success of it.

They retain their steers but disposed of the stock cattle to the men who bought the place. They expect to dispose of their beef steers and later spend some time travelling, finally settling down in their home at Los Angeles.

E. A. Emory and Link Woodrad, both cattle men of Silver Lake, are the purchasers of the lands. All parties interested were in Burns this week making the necessary arrangements for the formal transfer of the holdings. The new owners are practical stock men and are valuable acquisitions to Harney county.

## BIG CONCERN PAYS BACK TAXES

Drafts to the amount of \$95,524.80 were turned in to the sheriff this week by the Eastern Oregon Live Stock Co. in settlement of the back taxes which the company had protested and which had been pending for the past three years. This amount is in accordance with the settlement agreed upon last month. The treasurer is just in receipt of this big sum and is busy checking up the several accounts to which it will apply. Upon returns from the banks in connection with the drafts he then will be ready to make a call for warrants that will make a material reduction.

Phil Smith arrived home Monday from Ogden, Utah, where he had been for several weeks in connection with the sale of some beef cattle that belonged to several of the growers in this vicinity. Mr. Smith says after the deed had been paid on the stock there wasn't much to bring back to the growth.

## CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Judge Dalton Biggs of the circuit court arrived here last Saturday evening and has been holding court since Monday morning. This is merely an adjourned term and several matters in the line of arguments, motions, etc., have been disposed of incidentally to clearing the docket for next week when the regular April term begins.

The grand jury was in session for four days and on Thursday brought in a final report in which they returned three indictments and three not true bills of indictment. The grand jury consisted of Sam Motherhead, foreman; Chester Mace, J. H. Culp, R. E. Peabody, I. L. Poudjane, John Wintermeier and J. H. Anderson.

Two of the three criminal indictments have been made public, one charging Dean Huston, of Prineville of larceny of six cows and calves. A plea of not guilty was entered and the case was set for trial at the October term. The other indictment charges Virgil Moon with rape. Nothing had been done in this case up to yesterday in the way of setting for trial.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT FRUITLAND

Word was received here Tuesday of the death of Emory Hill at his home at Fruitland, Idaho, from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Mr. Hill was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill, of this vicinity, and was well known as he had resided in Harney county for many years prior to moving to Ontario and later to Fruitland. He was born at Paisley in this state and in 1900 was married to Ida Clark, a sister of Joe Clark of Harney and of Mrs. Jesse Alberson. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. Joe Lingle and a son. His parents, also two sisters, Mrs. Jay Gould and Mrs. Clifford Reed, a brother, George Hill, all of this place survive him and another brother, Ora, who is in Virginia.

Emory was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities, both lodges taking a part in the funeral which was held at Ontario on Thursday following a service in the church at Fruitland. Joe and Lee Clark, Mrs. Jesse Alberson, Mrs. Clifford Reed and two nieces, Mrs. Chas. Gowan and Mrs. Clyde Stahl went out from here to attend the funeral.

The many friends of the bereaved relatives in this vicinity sympathize with them in their loss, as Emory was held in high esteem where he was known.

Mrs. Hill will continue to make her home on the farm near Fruitland.

## UNDERGROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSED

### Public Meeting Middle of This Month With View to Start Actual Work on Wells

With a view of putting it to some practical use, the information and data recently gathered by Secretary Wm. Farre of the Committee of Ten in connection with the development of the underground water of Harney valley for irrigation purposes, a meeting will be held in Burns some time about the middle of this month.

Mr. Farre has gathered much data in connection with pumping water for irrigation. He has investigated the laws of the several western states in connection with such enterprises; he has gotten in touch with manufacturer of equipment, pumps, well drilling apparatus, cost of production under such methods of irrigation and other such information.

A. S. Courtright of the Ford Motor Co., who was recently here in the interest of his company in exploiting Ford irrigation unit, was much interested in the data Mr. Farre has gathered and has promised his aid in bringing about some practical work to demonstrate the possibilities of pumping water on the rich soil of this valley for the production of crops. Mr. Courtright has given this subject much study and has had a lot of practical experience.

The gentleman has promised his aid and will be back in Burns about the middle of this month with some concrete figures and facts to present to those who are interested.

The Committee of Ten will take charge of a meeting and investigations will be extended the general public just as soon as a definite date is fixed. It is expected that many of those who own land in the valley and have no other means of irrigating it will be present and that some plan may be formulated whereby a test may be made of the underground water supply is confidently expected. In fact already a number of men who are interested have signified their willingness to assist in a financial way toward sinking a well with the proper kind of equipment to give it a real test. This will no doubt come about soon.

Mr. Courtright has stated he would be in a position to encourage the bringing into the district at a reasonable cost a well boring apparatus that would bore a hole of sufficient size and depth to furnish water for such purpose, also the proper pumping equipment.

The Committee of Ten announce that they are going to prosecute this work to definite results and the public will be informed of all facts as they are.

## YOUNG MOTHER VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

Mrs. O. W. Randol died at her home in this city Tuesday night from the effects of influenza. She had been ill but a short time and her husband became ill, as did one of the children. She arose from her sick bed to care for the other members of the family and it proved fatal. Her death was quite sudden and unexpected.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Samuel Harris of the Presbyterian church on Thursday morning, the short service being read at the cemetery with a quartet rendering two hymns.

The Randols came to this vicinity about 18 months ago and spent last fall and winter on the Brown farm out near Sam Bolton's home. They had moved to town about a month ago and Mr. Randol had been doing work with his team.

Mrs. Randol was 23 years old. She leaves besides her husband a small baby girl, also a little boy by a former marriage. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway, of Caldwell, arrived here in time for the funeral. Mr. Randol had also been married before and had a little boy. All the children are less than 5 years old, the baby being but a few months old.

The sincere sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved relatives.

## TUNING FOR TOURIST TRAILS AGAIN BY SATTERFIELD

