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Church Announcements.

Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

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WILL PASS HOUSE

Future of Checkerboard Bill Bright—Means Much to Oregon.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Jan. 8.—Representative Moody has completed his report on the bill recently indorsed by the public lands committee, providing for the exchange of even sections for odd sections of land within the limits of railroad and wagon road land grants lying in the arid and semi-arid sections of the West, and will tomorrow submit the same to the House.

The bill, as originally introduced, applied only to railroad grants, but Mr. Moody was able to have it enlarged to apply also to lands within wagon road grants, as the latter provision will benefit settlers who have purchased lands within the grants to the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountains and the Dalles military road companies in Eastern Oregon, the former grant embracing 843,000 and the latter 473,365 acres. The other wagon road lands in Oregon will not be affected, as their grants do not lie in the arid region. In fact, wagon roads in no other state will be affected by the bill. Settlers on the Willamette Valley lands west of the mountains will not be affected.

Incorporated in the report is a strong letter of indorsement from Secretary Hitchcock, who says that the checkerboard land system was never suited to lands in the arid region. There small holdings are practically worthless under this checkerboard system. Large tracts of arid land which are fit only for grazing are now divided in ownership and naturally much friction resulted because of trespass. It is estimated that from 25 to 50 acres of such land is needed annually to pasture a single horse or cow and in single sections such pasturage is practically valueless. The Secretary strongly urges the adoption of the pending bill as it tends to consolidate private holdings in tracts of sufficient size to give their value and at the same time increase the value of the Government lands.

The bill is drawn to prohibit any unfair exchanges, for lands selected must be of the same arid character and the same area as the tracts relinquished. Under no circumstances is an exchange compulsory, nor will it be possible to acquire timbered or mineral lands or tracts valuable for reservoir sites under the bill. No settler or claimant to public lands will be disturbed. No roaming right of lieu selection is given. All exchanges are limited to public and private lands within the limits of the grants, and lands relinquished must in every instance be in the same county as lands required, thereby maintaining the taxable area in each county. Strong efforts will be made to pass the bill this session.

An attempt will be made at the coming session of the legislature to pass a two-mile limit law, such a statute as is in force in Idaho. The Baker County Sheep Association has delegated W. G. Ayre of Express to represent the interests of the sheepmen of this section and he has departed for Salem. It is not probable that such a law will be passed.—Huntington Herald.

Judge W. B. Heyburn of Wallace has been chosen as the republican candidate for United States senator from Idaho

FAVORS SCALP BOUNTY

Representative Test Thinks It Folly to Repeal the Law.

"It would be folly," said Representative Test to an Oregonian reporter last week, "to repeal the scalp bounty law. Half of the coyotes are gone, and we can practically exterminate the pest by keeping up the bounty. Repeal of the law now would mean that the state would lose all it has spent up to this time towards killing off coyotes. Since Idaho enacted a bounty law two years ago there has been no inducement to send scalps to Oregon from that state. I do not mean to say that scalps ever were shipped across the state line for redemption. There was some complaint that this was going on, but since the Idaho bounty law was enacted this has ceased.

"Jackrabbits are easily disposed of and even if they do increase with the extermination of coyotes, this presents no serious problem. Wire fences about 18 inches high will keep jackrabbits out. Many miles of such fences are now in use. The fact is that as the country is settled and as the land is cleared the jackrabbits retreat, and the problem thus solves itself.

"We shall work in the Legislature for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the Ontario salmon hatchery. Ontario is a very fine place for a hatchery, the best I know of."

KIMBERLING CAPTURED.

Escaped Horse Thief Held in Portland.

Grant County News: Sheriff P. Laurance received a dispatch from the Portland authorities yesterday morning, stating that Emmett Kimberling had been arrested there and asking if he should be held, awaiting the arrival of a Grant county official. The sheriff replied, asking that the prisoner be held, and this morning he starts for Portland to bring him back.

Kimberling was arrested early last spring for the larceny of a mare. He was tried before the circuit court at the May term and convicted. On the 29th of May he, together with Willie Robinson, awaiting trial on a charge of stealing five geldings, escaped from the county jail, where he was awaiting his sentence. A search was made for the prisoners but to no avail.

During the summer word was received from Pendleton that Kimberling was in that city but it turned out later that the officers were mistaken in their man.

Kimberling will be placed in the jail here on his arrival next week and held to receive sentence from Judge Clifford at the next term of court.

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FAVORS SMALL PLATS

Hydrographer Newell Opposed to Large Schemes.

Portland, Jan. 5.—Much interest is being taken in Portland in the question of irrigation by the federal government in the various arid districts of the state of Oregon. The state association recently organized is following up the work inaugurated by the convention held during the early part of the winter and it is believed that results will be obtained.

In an interview today with A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N., who has just returned from the east, that gentleman stated that he had a personal interview with Chief Hydrographer Newell of the interior department while in Washington. Mr. Newell is anxious the experiments be tried in Oregon under the recent irrigation act of congress. As yet no specific proposition has been received in Washington from Oregon. Press reports have led Mr. Newell to believe that propositions would be submitted. At the recent state convention a number of the counties in the arid district of the state presented plans for irrigation by the government, but some of the counties asked for more time to complete their data. The secretary of the state association could not be seen today, but it is understood that general plans have not been forwarded because of the delay of some of the counties in submitting their maps and specifications.

Mr. Craig stated that he gathered from Mr. Newell's conversation that the government was not desirous at present of undertaking the largest enterprises, which would mean the outlay of big sums of money. The department is inclined to erect irrigation works on a smaller scale and more in the way of an experiment. Mr. Newell is emphatic in his statement that the government will undertake no irrigation work where the lands to be covered are largely private and to which there might be question of title or controversies and legal complications raised. In other words, if the larger portion of the lands to be irrigated are already held under private title the owners of the land must in advance enter into an associated agreement between themselves and the government that they will pay the pro rata per acre cost of the installation of the irrigation works, the same as would be taxed against lands to be irrigated; the title to which is now in the government and now open to general entry. The government in adding the cost of the irrigation works to the price per acre of government lands spreads the payment over a series of years so that the entryman is not seriously inconvenienced. For instance, government land which can now be had for \$1.25 per acre, if irrigated under the new law, would perhaps have \$30 per acre added to the purchase price, but the payments for the same would be spread over a period of 10 or 20 years. So private lands by initial agreement can share in this great project of the government, but first the owners of a body of land must get together and file their propositions and agreements with the chief hydrographer.

Baker county is one of the few counties in the state, and the first county so far as known, to organize a local irrigation association. It is suggested and urged, that, as the time is rapidly approaching when the government engineers will be put in the field to examine

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irrigation schemes for operation under the new law, that Baker and other counties, through their local associations, send their completed data, propositions and arguments direct to Mr. Newell. This will save time and it is hoped will secure the beginning of the work by the government before the semi-annual meeting in June of the state association to be held in Baker City.

A delegation of Klamath Indians is in Washington favoring the ratification of a recent treaty with the government whereby the reservation of the tribes, situated in Klamath county, would be thrown open for settlement. Opposition to the treaty has developed because of the appropriation which it carries to recompense the few remaining Indians who will be obliged to leave the reservation if the agreement is officially confirmed. The measure has already passed the senate.

E. H. Test, representative from Malheur and Harney counties, passed through town Tuesday night on his way to Portland and Salem. Mr. Test's pet measure in the legislature will be a bill to change the county seat of Malheur county from Vale to Ontario.—Huntington Herald.

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