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## HOOVER'S IDEA A HELP TO OREGON

### Schools Would Benefit By Federal Land Transfer To State.

Portland.—In the opinion of the Morning Oregonian, the transfer of the 193,000,000 acres of unentered homestead lands to the states in which they are located, as proposed Monday by President Hoover and made public before the western governors at Salt Lake City, would give Oregon unexpected the much needed support for its public schools and educational institutions.

Sales of public lands netted the federal government only \$700,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and all the money received went into the reclamation fund. Under state ownership the lands could be leased to stock growers and sold to people desirous of obtaining farms and made to work for the school fund. Under the policy now in vogue, the federal government obtains no rentals from the vacant lands and they are grazed at will by cowmen and sheepmen.

In Portland reaction toward President Hoover's proposal centered about his plan for continuation of the reclamation policy which the federal government has followed for more than 25 years.

His suggestion that the reclamation service build dams and reservoirs and permit the states to construct canals and ditches and carry forward the land settlement work aroused interest among those who have been active in getting the government at Washington to back Oregon irrigation projects.

Of late years the bulk of the money accruing to the reclamation fund has been derived from payments received from settlers on the water contracts and from royalties on oil lands. In some circles it is believed that the president anticipates that returns from oil royalties and the sale of power would pay construction cost of dams and reservoirs. At the reclamation service office in Portland it was said that cost of dams and reservoirs in proportion to total costs on western reclamation projects runs from 10 to 50 per cent.

The reclamation service has expended more than \$6,000,000 on irrigation projects in Oregon and will put another \$18,000,000 into the Owyhee project before it is completed. On the Owyhee the cost of the dam will represent about one-third of the total cost, it was said at the reclamation service office.

Agitation looking to the acquirement of all public lands, mineral rights, water resources and national forests by the western states has been going on for several years. In his statement to the governors at Salt Lake City President Hoover made it clear that he did not contemplate asking congress to give the western states any of the four resources, except the unoccupied homestead lands.

Failure of the federal government to obtain rental from the use of vacant lands, coupled with the fact that homesteading has practically ceased, is believed by many to have caused President Hoover to lay his proposal before the government at Salt Lake City. A large proportion of the revenues accruing to some of the western states for support of their schools comes from interest on sales of school lands and from grazing fees received from stockmen who use lands given the western states at the time they were admitted to the union.

### Liquor Carrying Charge

Members of the sheriff's force and prohibition officers arrested Neil "Moon" Mullins of Walla Walla, at Milton, Monday on the charge of transporting liquor. A quantity of whiskey was seized and the coupe he was driving confiscated. His bail was set at \$2,500.

### Want Ladders Returned

City officials want all ladders belonging to the fire department returned at once to the fire station at City Hall. The ladders have been taken from the station, and when the department answered the fire alarm Tuesday afternoon, they were found missing.

### Dr. Sharp Better

Dr. S. F. Sharp who has been seriously ill in a hospital at Walla Walla, is reported to be considerably better, and if he continues to improve, will be brought to his home in this city.

### Condition Remains Serious

The condition of Mrs. Thomas DeFrees, who is in a Walla Walla hospital remains critical, and it is reported that little hope for her recovery remains.

## Chase Garfield Doesn't Understand Mr. Kelly, His Former Ranch Hand

Chase Garfield frankly says that he does not understand his former hired man Kelly, who in Mr. Garfield's absence took a new farm truck and left it in Walla Walla, where it was recovered by officials. When Mr. Garfield went to the coast, leaving Kelly in charge of the ranch, he owed the man \$75 in wages. Kelly refused offer of money from Mr. Garfield, stating that he would not need it before his employer returned.

That Kelly was a hard working man is vouched for by Mr. Garfield, who states that he is the best worker he has ever had on the ranch. That the fellow seemed to have employer's interests at heart is recorded in an act in defending a team of horses from abuse at the hands of another laborer. Kelly vehemently remonstrated with the man for his unnecessary roughness in handling the team.

It is believed that Kelly was lit up with booze, when he lit out with the truck. At Walla Walla he is alleged to have passed bad checks there. He posed as a big farmer and had a stock owner bring a bunch of mules to town for his inspection, his alleged intention being to purchase them. The Garfield truck is in its owner's possession, having been returned to the ranch from Walla Walla. It is a new Ford truck, purchased at the beginning of harvest, and is none the worse for its recent spin to the garden city.

## Washington Farm Seeded By Plane In Fast Time

Bellingham, Wash.—Speeding at the rate of 95 miles an hour an airplane seeded 160 acres of land on Lummi island yesterday in an hour and 40 minutes, it was learned here.

Graham was assisted by W. A. Granger, owner of the land, who fed the seed to the air from a sack in a six-inch stream, using about 800 pounds of seed. The plane flew about 500 feet off the ground and seed was fed through an open door in the cockpit.

Granger said it would have taken him and his two boys 14 days to have done the job by hand, and he claims the airplane method was cheaper.

The quarter section was seeded with alfalfa, timothy, clover and orchard grass, Granger said.

### Believe It Or Not—

Under this head the East Oregonian publishes a story to the effect that a man and a 17-year-old boy cut 30 to 40 acres of grain a day and hauled 500 to 800 bushels to an elevator, 12 miles away. The man, O. W. Cutsforth; the boy, Donald Pointer; place, Cutsforth ranch, Morrow county. Young Pointer drove the tractor, tended header and looked after general working conditions of the combine, to which a 70-bushel bulker was attached.

### Ben Dupuis Is Dead

Ben Dupuis, well known to Umatilla county people, died in the United States Veteran's hospital at Portland, Monday, after a lingering illness. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Miss Maude Bryson of Weston; two brothers, Charles Dupuis of Adams, and Fred Dupuis of Weston; two sisters, Mrs. L. L. Rogers and Mrs. William Kupers of Pendleton. Mr. Dupuis grew to manhood in Weston. Of late years he conducted a cigar store in Pendleton.

### Will Hold Services Sunday

Charles A. Sias, who is returning to Athena after an absence of 39 years to again take up the pastorate of the local Christian church, is expected to arrive here today from Myrtle Creek, Oregon. He announces that he will hold both morning and evening services at the Church of Christ, next Sunday.

### Apple Harvest Soon

Apples are coloring slowly this fall, due to the warm nights, but will probably be ready to be picked by the end of the first week of September provided the usual number of cool nights and sunny days fall to Walla Walla's allotment, according to John W. Langdom of the Baker & Langdon orchards.

### Office Headquarters Changed

The headquarters office of the Continental Oil Company, of which Bryce Baker is the local agent, has been moved from Spokane to Butte, Montana. The office force at Spokane was transferred to Butte last week. The change is made to better facilitate distributing service by the company.

### Bean Harvesting

Harvesting the bean crop on the lower lands has been completed and this week the machines and crews are threshing on the uplands, south-east of Athena. The cleaning plant in Athena is working continuously and shipments of beans in carload lots have been routed to Indianapolis, Indiana.

### Rain Spoils Drouth

Rain came at last to spoil the record of a 70-day drouth in Eastern Oregon, Sunday evening. Practically all of Umatilla county was favored with a small rainfall, enough however, to clarify the atmosphere and improve forest conditions.

## Liverpool Police to Use Shields



Policemen of Liverpool, England, with the new shields presented to the force by Robert Gladstone, the inventor. The shields are intended for use in fighting armed bandits.

## Veteran Librarian



M. H. Douglass, who has just completed his twentieth year as the librarian at the University of Oregon. During his service the use of the library has increased until several sub-libraries have been opened over the campus and the main building is filled to capacity.

## Steve's Grocery Sold To Former Walla Walla Man

C. E. O. Montague, cousin of L. L. Montague, former Athena resident and present mayor of Arlington, has purchased Steve's Grocery store and has been in charge of the store since Friday of last week.

Mr. Montague comes to Athena from Walla Walla, where for two years he was in the grocery department of the Breier company. He has been with that company for nine years, and was at the Pendleton store before going to Walla Walla. Mrs. Montague and two children of school age will join Mr. Montague in Athena this week.

### Miller Family At Home

M. I. Miller, wife and two sons are home from Cheney, Wash., where Mr. Miller finished his normal course and received his diploma. The family spent the summer at Cheney, where the boys attended training school part time. Two weeks ago, accompanied by Mr. Miller's parents they made a 2000-mile automobile trip into Canada, where they visited all points of interest.

### Dog Show Attraction

A sporting dog show has been added as a new feature to the Walla Walla county fair to be held September 5, 6, and 7, according to Charles Baker, general secretary of the fair board. Charles Blumberg will be superintendent of this division of the fair which will be for pedigreed sporting dogs only, with the entries limited to English setters and pointers.

### Dinner Postponed

The dinner that was announced to be served next Sunday at the Christian church in honor of the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Sias, has been postponed to the following Sunday. At that time a potluck dinner will be served, when all members of the congregation and friends interested are invited to come and bring a contribution to the viands.

### Grand Jury Called

The circuit court has issued a call for the grand jury to meet at Pendleton September 9 to investigate pending criminal cases. The September term of circuit court will open September 30.

## Athena Schools Open Tuesday, September 3 For the Year's Work

Athena high school, and the grade schools will open next Tuesday to begin the year's work.

E. E. Coad comes from southern Idaho to take over the superintendency of the high school and to be the principal of the grade schools. He was at University of Oregon for the summer taking a special course there.

The high school faculty this year is comprised of Mr. Coad, Harold Fredrick, Miss Brodie, Mrs. Gurney and Miss Beulah Smith. Mrs. Gurney (Areta Littlejohn) is a graduate of Athena high school and the University of Oregon. She has previously taught in the high schools of Marshfield and Haines, Oregon. Miss Smith is a graduate of University of Oregon, and resides at Island City.

In the grades, Miss Bryant will again have the primary department. Miss Thorsen will instruct the third and fourth grade pupils again this year. Mrs. Rominger comes to Athena for her third year's work in the fifth and sixth grades. Milton I. Miller will have the seventh and eighth grades and will coach athletics.

Miss Mildred Bateman, member of the high school faculty for two years resigns her position here to accept social welfare work in Portland.

## United Quits Coupons, Use Newspaper Space

For years the United Cigar Stores Co., has used little or no advertising beyond the distribution of coupons redeemable in merchandise.

Recently the company announced it had discontinued the coupon giving and would start newspaper advertising as the result of an advertising experiment by which, through newspaper space, 200,000 customers were added on the Pacific coast in one month. On May 24 the new merchandising policy, with newspaper advertising, was put into effect all over the country.

"The result for the first week," said A. C. Allen, vice-president of the company, "was to bring in approximately 500,000 additional customers to the United Cigar Stores. The abolition of the coupon form of merchandising will result in a saving of approximately \$3,500,000 a year, part of which sum will be turned over to a permanent increase in the use of newspaper space."

### Receives Promotion

Miss Hilda Dickenson, who has given faithful service as chief operator in the Athena telephone exchange for several years, is in line for promotion to the position of chief operator in the exchange at Arlington. Miss Dickenson has been receiving special instruction in the Pendleton exchange for the past two weeks in preparation for her duties at Arlington. She will take charge of the Arlington exchange Monday. Miss Edna DeFrees will be chief operator here, temporarily, and Miss Phyllis Dickenson will become a full time operator.

### Ellen Henry Graduates

Miss Ellen Henry of Athena, teacher in the Boardman schools, graduated at Monmouth Normal school last night. Miss Henry, who was the honor pupil in her Athena high school graduating class, attended Willamette University for two years, and was at Monmouth for a two year course. She has been teaching at Boardman for two years and is going back for the coming year. After 14 months more of teaching, Miss Henry will be eligible for a teacher's life diploma.

### "Three Week Ends"

Clara Bow is coming to the Standard Theatre tomorrow and Sunday nights in Paramount's presentation of Elinor Glyn's "Three Week Ends." Miss Bow is supported in this superb photoplay by Neil Hamilton, Harrison Ford and Julia Swayne Gordon, with an excellent cast of Famous Players. News, sports reels and comedy are also on the program—an exceptionally good one, at regular admission prices.

### Milton Saw Mill Burns

The saw mill of the Milton Box company was partially destroyed by fire Wednesday, entailing a loss estimated at \$35,000. The plant is owned and operated by Harris Brothers, and logs for the mill are shipped from Gibbon. The engine room was saved and the box manufacturing plant was not burned. It is understood no insurance was carried. The mill will be rebuilt at once.

### Ducks on McKay Lake

Ducks are reported to be congregating on McKay Lake, a game preserve. A number of wild geese have lately come to the lake. The arrival of the water fowl in large numbers has led to predictions of an early winter.

## A Busy Season For the Farmers Grain Elevator Company Athena Plant

The season of 1929 has been a busy one for the Farmers Grain Elevator company plant in Athena. In anticipation of an increase over last season's business, the company constructed a new addition to the elevator, which increased storage capacity for bulk grain, 130,000 bushels.

According to Manager Lee Wilson, it is well that the storage capacity was increased to that extent, for the big plant was taxed to care for all the grain offered for storage there. On one or two occasions toward the latter end of the threshing season, the bins were saved from overflowing and consequently the laying up of machines in the field, by making shipments of carload lots to terminal points.

Mr. Wilson informs the Athena Press that there was received at the elevator a total of 427,000 bushels of bulk grain, 43,000 bushels of sacked grain, and that there is at the present time in storage at the elevator about 20,000 bushels of seed wheat.

The seed treating department at the elevator will be in operation early next month, when seed wheat for sowing this fall will be run through the treating machines for the farmers.

## Resolutions Passed At Local W. C. T. U. Meeting

The W. C. T. U. held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. L. McFadden, Tuesday, with Mrs. W. O. Reid, presiding in the absence of Mrs. Louis Keen. Fifteen members were present and the guests were Mrs. Sam Pambrun and Mrs. Velton Read.

During the business session, a number of interesting talks were given on ways and means of keeping school boys and girls from smoking cigarettes while going through their formative periods, also a resolution was passed condemning the use of girls and women's pictures on bill board ads of cigarettes, and the secretary instructed to write each representative and senator from this district, acquainting them of the passing of this resolution and asking them at the coming session of the state Legislature to support a bill making such advertising illegal.

Delegates were appointed to attend the county convention to be held in Milton, September 5th.

The members are requested to leave their articles for Children's Home Farm at Mrs. C. L. McFadden's home before September 1st.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Stella Keen on the last Tuesday in September.

## Annual Dress Parade And Round-Up Dance

Pendleton.—Put on your glad rags and come to Pendleton for the annual dress up parade and the big Round-Up opening dance Saturday night.

All Pendleton is preparing for the big event when the gaudy shirts are taken out of their hiding places and the ten gallon hats are brushed up for three solid weeks of wear.

E. C. "Ole" Olsen is making really elaborate preparations for the opening dance, which is to be the sixth annual affair he has managed. Ole, by the way, is just the chairman of the Round-Up dance committee.

Some 2500 square feet of floor space have been added to the great Happy Canyon dance floor and workmen are busy now putting the floor in shape for the cowboy shuffle.

Ole promises that there are several other dances to be pulled off before the Round-Up actually opens. Queen Kathleen McClintock will be introduced to an anxious public at the dance Saturday night.

### Back From Seaside

Mr. and Mrs. Flint Johns and children arrived home Monday evening from Seaside, Portland and Vancouver, Wash., after an absence of a couple of weeks. They were accompanied home by Mrs. M. M. Johns, who attended the national convention of the Christian church at Seattle.

### Hood River Has Fire

A disastrous fire swept through a portion of Hood River Monday, destroying seven buildings which caused property damage estimated at \$250,000. The heaviest loss was sustained by the Hood River canning company, which lost its entire plant valued at \$175,000.

### Fire Hazard Renewed

Renewal of torrid weather in western and eastern Washington put fire fighters on their guard again. Two small fires were reported, one southwest of Olympia and the other on Hood canal.

### Temperature Rises Again

The last week of August has been marked with a hot wave. The mercury went up around the 90 mark in Athena.

## BARLEY FROM EAST OFFERED PORTLAND

### Little of Product Is Now Raised In This Part Of the County.

Time was when barley was a major crop in this part of Umatilla county, but with the passing of horse and mule power on the ranches hereabouts, farmers have turned their entire attention to wheat growing.

The caterpillar has taken the place of mules and horses in farm work, and "cats" do not eat barley. In place of the rolled barley bin is now to be found gas tanks and oil drums. Even the hay-strip around the edge of the wheat field is no more on some of the ranches—all gone to wheat.

With the present conditions the barley market has also undergone a marked change. On the coast the market is quiet as the result of a dull export inquiry. The English market is weak with slow demand and prices generally lower. Domestic demand is only fair.

Few export sales were made at San Francisco during the week of the choicest types and cheap feed barley, reported C. F. Huffman of the Portland branch of the grain and feed division, bureau of agricultural economics. Inquiry from the poultry and dairy interests has reported fair, reflecting in part the relative cheapness of barley compared to other feeds. Few cars of eastern barley from Kansas and Colorado were received last week and were taken by rolled barley millers. Receipts for the week ending August 22 at San Francisco totaled 15,167 tons.

Offerings of eastern barley at rather attractive prices dominated the Portland market, No. 2 eastern barley was quoted here at \$1.58, No. 3, \$1.55 and No. 4, \$1.50 per 100 pounds in bulk. Willamette valley barley was nominally quoted at \$1.65, sacked, but supplies were very limited.

Eastern barley markets were weak with prices lower. Early receipts from the new crop from northern Iowa, southern Minnesota and southeastern South Dakota were of better quality for malting purposes than last year, the test weight was good with only a small amount weather stained. The balance of the crop in the Dakotas may be of fair to good quality, according to trade reports. The general lack of storage space and heavy movement of wheat has caused the northwestern railroads to place an embargo, effective at midnight, August 22, until August 31, on barley, oats and rye for the twin cities and points at the head of the lakes.

### Grain Growers Aided

An additional credit of ten cents a bushel on unhedged grain in storage, over and above any loans accorded on the same grain by Federal intermediate credit banks, was given grain growers of the United States by the federal farm board. Announcement of the granting of this additional credit was made by Alexander Legge, chairman of the board, in connection with the meeting at Chicago of the organization committee of the Farmers' National Grain corporation.

### A Trash Fire

A trash fire burning in the alley on the south side of Main street got beyond control Tuesday afternoon. A fire alarm brought one of the hose teams of the fire department on the scene. A stream of water from the fire hose soon put out the blaze, which was threatening buildings along the alley. Grass was also burning in the vacant lot south of the alley, the flames nearly reaching a couple of bean harvesters.

### Turned Back By Fire

F. B. Riddick, Fred Radtke and Herbert Parker, were turned back from their fishing trip to the Yaak river in Montana on account of forest fires in that section. Conditions were such that travel was excluded from the fire zone. The party returned to Athena and left later for the Little Salmon river.

### Water Supply Normal Again

The city water department reports a normal supply of water in the reservoir again, and there are no restrictions on use of water for lawn sprinkling. It was necessary to restrict use of water over last week-end after the reservoir had been emptied to be cleaned.

### Motored to Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeFrees motored to Portland this week.

### Dr. Geyer Ill

Dr. Geyer has been seriously ill at Walla Walla this week, due to a severe attack of tonsillitis.