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IRRIGATION CONGRESS ACCOMPLISHES MUCH

JOHN DAY DELEGATES RETURN PLEASED WITH RESULTS

Portland Financiers, After Getting First Hand Information Agree To Get Behind Project

F. R. Brown and F. A. McMenna returned from Portland Sunday evening after attending the three days session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress which closed Saturday evening, as representatives from the John Day Irrigation District.

Mr. Brown, when interviewed by a representative of the Herald Monday morning, reported that the congress was a highly interesting session from start to finish the attendance being good from nearly every section of the state. As a straw showing just how the irrigation wind is blowing Mr. Brown referred to the report made by Messrs. Hinkle and Gaard, who recently attended the interstate irrigation conference at Salt Lake. The report set forth that it was no longer a matter of surprise to them that Oregon has so long lagged behind other states of the northwest in the way of getting federal support for irrigation projects for the reason that it was evident at the Salt Lake conference that Idaho, Utah, Washington and other western states were represented by strong delegations composed of their biggest and strongest men and that nothing was overlooked in promoting their several irrigation projects, while Oregon was represented by two delegates who did not even have the consciousness of having the financial, commercial, and agricultural interests of their state behind them. Mr. Brown even went farther and made the same application to the situation in Heppner, the capital and metropolis of Morrow county being represented only by Mr. S. H. Boardman, who was borrowed for the occasion from the Boardman Commercial club. "Not but that Mr. Boardman ably and efficiently represented Heppner, Mr. (Continued on Page Eight)

PORTLAND COMES OUT VICTORIOUS IN CASE

CONTENTIONS ARE UPHOLD AND REDUCTIONS ANNOUNCED

Present Rates From Points South of Snake River Prejudicial to Portland

WASHINGTON.—Portland came out victorious yesterday in the main issues of the Portland rate case as decided by the interstate commerce commission. Summoned up briefly there were five separate findings in the decision:

First—The inland Empire shippers' league case was dismissed.

Second—The rate on classes and commodities from points in the inland empire to Portland were found not unreasonable.

Third—Rates on classes and commodities from points in the inland empire north of the Snake river to Portland were found not unjustly prejudicial.

Fourth—Rates on classes from points in the inland empire south of the Snake river to Portland and Vancouver were found unjustly prejudicial in so far as they exceeded rates to Astoria, Seattle, and Tacoma reduced by the following differentials: Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and A, B, D, E, on which the corresponding reductions in cents are 10 cents, 5 cents, 7 cents, 5 cents, 5 cents, 5 cents, 3 cents, 2 cents, and 2 cents.

This finding means that whatever first-class rates may be made from points south of the Snake river to Seattle, the rate to Portland would be 10 cents less, the second class rate 5 cents and so on down to class E.

Fifth—Rates to Portland on commodities from points in the inland Empire south of the Snake river were found unjustly prejudicial in so far as they exceed 50 per cent of the rates on light commodities to Astoria, Seattle and Tacoma. It follows therefore, that what ever commodity rates are made from this territory to Seattle, the rate to Portland will be ten per cent less on the same commodities.

CIVIC CLUB TO MEET TOMORROW

Mrs. Ada M. Ayers, president of the Civic Improvement club authorizes the announcement that there will be a meeting of the club held at the Council Chambers at 2:00 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, January 14. Business of importance will come up for attention, chief of which will be the matter of needed support from the club to the Heppner Public Library.

The park improvement committee will also make a report and plan for additional work along that line will be made.

Every member of the club and every woman in Heppner who should be a member is expected to be present on this occasion.

BOARDMAN POLITICS CONTINUES TO BOIL

JOHNSON MAN TAKES CRACK AT HOOVER BOOSTER

Citizens of Banana Belt Metropolis Evidently Not All of One Mind

(Received too late for last week) Editor Heppner Herald, Heppner, Oregon.

Dear Sir: I notice in last week's issue of the Herald two letters from the pen of the versatile Sam H. Boardman, father of the Town of Boardman, on unduly divergent topics, one being a call to save the banana crop here and the other a call to save the country.

Both are praiseworthy appeals. Both are also man-sized jobs even for the redoubtable Mr. Boardman.

If the hours of leisure afforded to Mr. Boardman by reason of the recent cold spell have allowed him to successfully plan the salvation of these two paramount issues we shall feel we did not freeze in vain. We are glad that S. H. was warm, even if the poor banana trees did shiver in the blast.

The native ingenuity of Mr. Boardman will no doubt be able to find a way to conserve and protect one of Boardman's main staples, though he be evidently alarmed as shown by his action in taking up the matter with County Farm Agent Hunt and then with the horticultural authorities in an endeavor to secure a banana plant which is guaranteed to be absolutely frost proof.

If the fertile brain of S. H. fails to find a remedy, it is not wise to expect it from other sources. This being a slippery subject we will pass to the next in order, which is this frovee boom just talked out around the warm stove afore-mentioned.

Before Sam Boardman dragged the unwelcome candidate out and vociferously announced him to be his choice for president, we had heard nothing to lead us to believe Mr. Hoover's hat was in the ring, and though we had great respect and even admiration for our recent Food Administrator, or, still we knew but little of his outside of his work. Of course we are willing to look with favor on a man whom Mr. Boardman would favor with his approval, but we have known S. H. for some time and know he is always wanting to start something, he is a natural trouble maker.

It has been said of him that he is a most kind man to those who have trouble, and if they don't happen to have any trouble he will see that they get some.

He was here in Boardman first and thinks he is a dictator and wants to tell others what to do.

He will probably be at that Jackson Day Dinner at the Benson hotel in Portland January 8, hotnoblar with Mr. Hoover, who is expected to speak there and will invite him to bring the national democratic convention to the metropolis of North Morrow.

It is also quite a mark of distinction to be known as the original Hoover man. Also Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hoover are both engineers and no doubt rather clannish.

That there is concerted effort is, of

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DUTCH QUEEN OPENS STATES GENERAL



The queen of Holland opening the states general at The Hague.

HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUR TOWN

The attitude you maintain toward your home town—its business men and its institutions—is reflected in the success or failure of the same.

The success and happiness of every citizen in any community lie in the interest he takes in that community and the good work he can do to assist in its upbuilding. EVERYTHING YOU DO TO HELP IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF YOUR OWN COMMUNITY YOU DO JUST THAT MUCH TOWARD YOUR OWN PERSONAL SUCCESS. No man can live and prosper unto himself alone, for you are independent, and, realizing this, as good citizens, you should unite and pull together for the common good, and, doing this, you will prosper as a community and as individuals.

NO TOWN CAN STAND STILL. IT MUST EITHER GO FORWARD OR DECLINE, AND IT IS UP TO YOU TO SAY WHICH IT WILL BE.

Some towns hustle and grow—that is, the people hustle and the town grows. They get the habit of boosting until every citizen becomes a booster, and pretty soon its reputation spreads and it becomes known far and wide as a good town, while others lapse into a state of innocuous desuetude—an easy rock-along manner—that soon classes that place as a dead one.

If you are knocking and complaining, stop it. Nothing hurts a town more. If you cannot say anything good, don't say anything, and, above all, don't knock. If you are not a booster become one.

Now, one of the greatest injuries you can do your home town or community—to the business men who are dependent on your patronage—is to order your goods from mail order houses or patronize merchants in other towns. Every dime sent from your community to mail order houses is removed entirely from local circulation.

Money sent away from town to pay for merchandise never comes back to the man who spends it or to anyone else in his town. It is gone forever. On the other hand, when money is spent with a local merchant a part of it, at least—that part which is represented by his gross profits—is kept at home and is not taken out of local circulation. The merchant puts this money back into circulation by paying salaries to his employees, rent or taxes on his building and in numerous other ways. The money may eventually come back to the very person who spent it with the merchant in the first place. When money is sent away from town to the mail order houses in the cities it helps to keep up those cities. It is used by the mail-order man to help pay the taxes which keep up the schools in the cities. It does not help to keep up the schools or other public institutions of the town from which the money comes.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY ARE BEING SENT TO MAIL ORDER HOUSES FROM THIS COMMUNITY, THUS DEPRIVING HOME MERCHANTS OF THEIR RIGHTFUL PATRONAGE.

Any yet, no matter how much the home merchant is dependent on the patronage of his home people, he is supposed to give and to aid in every work undertaken for the material betterment of the town, and he does, being often coerced into giving by the demands of his customers, fearing to offend them because of the fear of loss of their patronage.

UNLIKE YOUR HOME MERCHANT, MAIL ORDER HOUSES PAY NO TAXES OR PRIVILEGE LICENSE TO DO BUSINESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY. NEITHER DO THEY CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, PUBLIC ROADS, CHARITIES OR ANYTHING ELSE, AND ABOVE ALL, THEY GIVE NO EMPLOYMENT TO ANY ONE IN YOUR FAMILY OR HOME TOWN.

You want your schools kept up, your churches supported, your streets kept in repair, your town property policed and protected by a good fire fighting equipment, etc. In other words, you want your town to prosper, be well run and the people to be happy and contented. YET IF YOU ARE SENDING YOUR MONEY TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS YOU ARE DEPRIVING THE VERY OBJECT FOR WHICH YOU STRIVE.

Now, this town building is a serious matter—a great big proposition—and if you are not treating it—its business men—fairly, you are not treating yourself fairly. You are undermining the very foundation of your well-being.

LIBRARY FUND BENEFIT AT STAR

A benefit performance for the Heppner Public Library will be given at the star this evening in which Vivian Martin will be seen at her best in "Mirandy Smiles," that would be given a S. R. O. crowd.

There will be a splendid musical program interspersed with the film scenes and nothing will be omitted to make the entertainment one of the very best ever given in Heppner.

The Heppner library is understood to be in urgent need of financial assistance and this opportunity should not be lost of helping a worthy cause.

Admission will be 25c and 50c.

BRODIE NOT CANDIDATE FOR STATE SECRETARY

REFUSES TO QUIT JOURNALISM FOR POLITICS

Newspaper Business of Greater Dignity and Service Than Holding Office

Oregon City, Ore., Jan. 10.—E. E. Brodie, publisher of the Morning Enterprise, announced Saturday that he would not be a candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state at the primary election next May.

"My many friends among the newspaper editors of the state," said Mr. Brodie today, "were the first to propose my name in connection with the office of secretary of state, and I have already received, without my solicitation, the endorsement and promised support of more than 30 papers throughout the state.

"This, of course, is extremely gratifying and flattering, and I am deeply appreciative of the kind things that have been said about me. This is the first time that I have ever been even a prospective candidate for public office, though I have been honored by election and appointment to non-salaried positions in the state, and have been for four years chairman of the republican county central committee for Clackamas county, which gave a plurality of 1015 to the republican nominee for president four years ago, and a clear majority for Mr. Hughes of 227 over all other candidates for president.

"After long reflection, I cannot separate myself from a profession with which I have been connected since boyhood. The publishing of a newspaper, in my opinion, is of greater dignity and service than holding a public office. The true newspaper man may be tempted by visions of easier tasks and shorter hours, but if he is true to the calling of his own choosing, he will stick and resist the temptation to forsake a legitimate business wherein he should be a leader in influencing public opinion with." (Continued on Page Eight)

CONTRACTS LET FOR GRAVITY WATER LINE

MANY BIDS SUBMITTED SHOWING CLOSE COMPETITION

Three Kinds of Pipe Chosen. Construction Contract Landed By Pendleton Firm

Every loyal resident of Heppner will rejoice to know that the question of an ample supply of pure mountain water to be brought to the city by gravity has finally been settled and settled right.

After several protracted sessions of the city council lasting from Monday evening until some time Friday the matter was settled and contracts were awarded.

Bids were formally opened Wednesday evening when the council met in the banquet room in the Odd Fellows building the large room being filled almost to capacity by interested taxpayers and citizens.

When the bids were opened Engineer Burns took the several proposals and retired for an hour while getting the aggregate amounts of each bid together for the consideration of the council. The lowest bid on wood pipe came from a fir pipe concern of Portland but it was made plain that the mayor and councilmen were not favorably disposed to that material. As a matter of fairness, however, the fir pipe men were both given a hearing on the merits of their product, but failing to convince the council the fir checks were returned and they were given an opportunity of getting away the following morning.

The Redwood pipe men were then given their hearing and it appearing the merits of the two products were practically identical the bid of the Pacific Tank & Pipe Co., being some \$500 lower, it was accepted.

The lowest pipe bid submitted was that of the Coast Culvert & Flume Co. for a 24-inch sheetiron pipe but as this product was admittedly a new proposition and something of an experiment the council did not feel like going up to it except for the Ditch Creek division line.

Following are the bids as finally accepted and signed up:

Pacific Tank & Pipe Co., of San Francisco, 3 miles Redwood 8-inch pipe, \$14,250.

Concrete Pipe Co., Walla Walla, 10 miles 18-inch concrete pipe, \$23,455.

Coast Culvert & Flume Co., Portland, 1 mile 8-inch iron pipe, \$2,151.

General construction, ditching, laying pipe, back filling, etc., Geo. Hoos, Pendleton, \$24,527.50.

It is understood that the delivery of pipe will commence soon as the contractor is ready to commence and that ditching will begin as soon as the weather permits. It is expected that the entire system will be completed and ready to start delivering water to Heppner by July 1, 1920.

Mike Marshall, a pioneer and prominent citizen of the Boardman country, came up Friday evening for a day's visit. Mr. Marshall is one of the big land and sheep owners of the county but unlike some of his neighbors on the Boardman project, he pays less attention to presidential candidates than he does to sheep and alfalfa.

AMERICAN LEGION LAW ABIDING BODY

NATIONAL COMMANDER WILL NOT COUNTERMINE UNLAWFUL ACTS

Organization Stands For Americanism, Warning Sounded Against Members Taking Law in Own Hands

The American Legion is not fighting unlawful acts by taking the law into its own hands. The position of the National Organization of veterans is expressed in a statement just issued by Franklin D'Olier, National Commander.

"We must always clearly bear in mind that any disposition on the part of individual members of the legion or of local posts to take law into their own hands, to regulate by force or demonstration of forceful intent what is contrary to our interpretation of one hundred per cent Americanism, or to act as self-constituted vigilance committees in disregard of lawful and properly constituted authority, is not only subversive of the principles and ideals of the American Legion, but will weaken and tend to destroy our influence for good in this country," he declares.

"In our efforts to assist in the maintenance of law and order, the American Legion must, itself, set an example of lawful and orderly action. The American Legion has become so strong that we need fear no force from without—but let us be sure that no overzealous, or thoughtless, or unfair act of our own occur to weaken our influence for national betterment or alienate the support of true Americans."

In a letter recently sent William Howard Taft, in reply to an editorial written by him, interpreting the spirit and purposes of the American Legion, our national commander, Franklin D'Olier, pointed out a threefold purpose by the great body of ex-servicemen now enrolled in the legion.

First: He said, mutual helpfulness

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