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UMATILLA DITCHES WILL BE EXTENDED

Secretary Lane Brings Joy To The Settlers—Large Tract Will be Watered— Alkali Land to be Used.

At a meeting of the Pendleton Commercial Club on Tuesday evening, Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, gave positive assurance of the extension of the West Umatilla irrigation project, the fate of which has been hitherto problematical. He further indicated that he will do all in his power to push through the entire West extension of 50,000 acres just as soon as the initial unit of 10,000 acres is completed.

The plan is to enlarge the present project of 3,000 acres which will be irrigated from a division dam to be built just below Hermiston. The proposed site will cover only salt grass and alkali lands, which would be virtually useless.

The Secretary made three specific statements of prime importance to settlers.

First, that \$800,000, which he has set aside, would be spent as fast as needed on the first unit of the extension.

Second, that he would take care of settlers on deferred payments and would give them as long time as the limit of the reclamation act would permit.

Third, that he would send experts to investigate the question of water and would see that each settler got sufficient water.

Mr. Lane made these promises contingent upon the agreement of the large land holders to divide and sell their holdings in small units. He does not propose to permit big landed proprietors to receive the benefit of the Government's project development, but proposes to favor the homesteaders as against the speculators.

He furthermore said he would ask Congress to provide for an issue of \$30,000,000 of irrigation bonds to be used for the completion of the projects now under way because there is work ahead for \$75,000,000 and there is only \$30,000,000 available from the sale of Government lands and repayments on projects already built.

Oregon, said he, has not received a proportionate share of the reclamation fund and he proposes to see that this state in the future is treated fairly.

"Oregon has contributed about \$9,000,000 and has received little of the portion to which it is rightfully entitled," he said. "I intend to take care of you from now on."

Mr. Lane urged the people of Oregon to write to their United States Senators on the questions vitally affecting the state, "so they will know what the big mind is thinking and wants."

He also stated that he is a Westerner and proud of it, that all of his family is from west of the Missouri river and most of the men in his department are Westerners too, and the people of the West will get a square deal from them.

S. E. Van Vactor and family have returned from their outing at the Herren mill camp in the mountains.

Dr. Copeland, eyesight specialist, is now at the Palace Hotel, Heppner, where he may be consulted until Saturday, August 30, when he will go to Hardman so as to be there during the races. People in the southern part of Morrow county whose eyes need attention should see him at Heppner or Hardman during these dates.

J. D. Bauman and Olaf Berggren were in Heppner Tuesday completing arrangements for getting their thrasher started. They will begin threshing at once, and announce that if any of their neighbors have any grain to thresh they will gladly do the work providing it is brought to the house. These men will each harvest good crops of wheat this season.

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E. L. Padberg went up to Parkers mill Friday to visit with his family up there.

J. H. Bryson went up to the tall timber last Saturday to get a square meal with his family.

J. A. Waters and family were Heppner visitors over Sunday night, returning Monday morning.

J. H. Bryson's family returned from the mountains last Monday after spending a month in the pines.

Bill Burger was a passenger for the Pendleton country last Tuesday. We wonder what he went for.

Dr. McMurdo, who has been in Ione during the absence of Dr. Chick, returned to Heppner Wednesday morning.

Clyde Sperry went up to Hardman Saturday to attend the races that will be held up there in the near future.

E. L. Padberg's family returned from the mountains last Monday after a good outing, spent in the vicinity of Parker's Mill.

Dr. McMurdo reports the birth of a nine pound girl to Mr. and Mrs. Mont Brundy of Wells Springs. Mother and child getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. A. Briggs was a passenger last Monday for her new home near Baker where the Professor has a school for the coming school season.

Dr. Chick and family who have been on a two weeks vacation returned to Ione Tuesday night, having been over as far as Crater Lake. They made the trip in the Doctor's little gas wagon.

W. J. Blake and family and S. E. Moore and family returned from the tall timber Tuesday of last week after spending about three weeks chasing huckleberries and having a good time in general.

J. H. Wilt and family went up to the mountains last Saturday evening and joined forces with the Ioneites who already were there. They all went up to the opal mines last Sunday and spent a jolly good day.

There was an auto load of Gypsies stopped in Ione last Sunday night and there were several of the young as well as the old men who had their hands held by the pretty damsels as they told them all the good things that are in store for them.

For Rent.

The C. A. Rhea ranch on Rhea creek, consisting of 2,000 acres; either the whole tract, or divided in two ranches.

The J. P. Rhea ranch, also on Rhea creek, consisting of 2,000 acres. Call or write, E. D. Rood, Wm. Hughes, and T. J. Mahoney, Trustees, Heppner, Oregon.

HARDMAN

Mrs. E. E. Bleakman is reported quite sick.

Miss Vivian Allen is quite sick at the home of Stacy Roberts.

Geo. Bleakman returned from the mountains a few days ago.

There isn't much news this week. All you can hear is harvesting and horse racing.

Grandma Bates, who has been quite poorly for some time, is confined to her bed at present.

The boys are putting in a new floor and making other improvements in the Maccabee hall, which is being used as a club room.

Word was received here Sunday that J. A. Gibbons was sick in Portland with typhoid fever. Mrs. Cramer left for there Monday morning.

Guy Hadley, Creed Owen, and Eugene Chapel and their families left Monday morning for Independence to work in the hop fields. They expect to be gone about two months.

Blaine Stanley and Howard Lyman, two popular young men of Fossil, were Heppner visitors last night. They are camped on Brown prairie and had to come here to get jars for canning huckleberries.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT TO SEND EXHIBITS

Supt. Notson Urges Pupils Nearer Heppner to Prepare Exhibit for Fair.

On Tuesday, I visited the Burton Valley school. Mrs. Harriet Stephens is the teacher. There is an enrollment of 18 in this school, which shows that pupils can attend school in the summer time. However, attending school in a mountain district is different from attending at lower altitude.

Since my former visit, the interior of the building has been painted and brightened up. A new flag has been purchased recently. The windows have good shades and neat sash curtains. The decorations are tasty and attractive. The pupils have individual drinking cups. In the windows are a number of flowering plants.

The pupils of this school are enthusiastic about the fair. They are planning to send in a number of exhibits. It is time that some of the pupils who live nearer the County Seat are beginning to make preparations or they may be outdone by the pupils who are handicapped by great distance. Let me say again, do not delay; begin to get something ready for the fair. It will all help to make the fair a success, and you will be glad you tried even if you should not win a premium.

New Floors Will Be Laid.

Contractor Anderson is on hand to lay new floors in the new High School building. It has been reported that the school board had rejected the new building, which is not a fact, and the party spreading the report must have made it out of whole cloth. The board, however, were not satisfied with some of the work on the contract, and have been determined that the building should be completed in the manner called for in the contract. The floors were not satisfactory at any time as they were laid of lumber not properly seasoned, so it was put up to the bonding company to relay them before the building would be taken over and the balance of contract money due paid. This work will now be pushed as rapidly as possible and it is believed that it will be completed so that the building can be equipped and occupied at the opening of school on the fifteenth of September. There has been much speculation on the part of some of our citizens concerning this new school building but we believe that when it is finally accepted by the board it will be found that all delays have been profitable, and that we have a building well worth all it has cost.

Gonty Bros. make to order men's heavy shoes only. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Dr. Copeland, Eyesight Specialist, Palace Hotel till Aug. 30. Hardman during the races, Sept. 3, 4, and 5.

Gonty Bros. still have a small stock of shoes on their shelves which are going at bargain prices. Give them a call—you may find what you want and can save money.

Hon. Stephen A. Lowell will deliver the address on Pioneer Day of the fair. The Judge is acquainted with all the old pioneers, and he will deliver an address worthy the occasion.

M. E. Smead returned from the mountains Saturday and departed Sunday to resume his labors with the Portland Commercial Club. He cut his visit short at this time so that he might be able to come up during fair week.

A meeting of the Morrow County Poultry Association is called for Friday evening, Aug. 29, at the council chambers in Heppner. It is important that there be a good turnout of members and all those interested in poultry raising in this section. Shall we have a show this winter? This question is to be taken up and steps taken to put a show on its feet. It is now time to act. E. G. NOBLE, President.

CECIL BREVITIES.

Alf Shaw was a Heppner visitor over Sunday.

N. E. Lee and daughter Doris left Monday for a few days visit with Pendleton and Echo friends.

Pete White and wife spent Sunday with N. E. Lee and family. Mrs. White is a cousin to Mr. Lee.

Misses Leah Olsen and Ettie Logan left Friday for a ten days outing in the mountains near Ditch creek.

C. C. Clark, of Arlington, was a Cecil business visitor Wednesday. While here he purchased two beeves of Boyd Logan.

Elmer Montague, Gilliam county's genial sheriff, spent a few hours a week ago Thursday with relatives here, coming over in his Ford auto.

Henry Casteel of Pilot Rock stopped over night with his brother-in-law, Geo. Melton, while enroute home from Portland in a brand new 1914 car.

John Nash and family returned from their camping trip on Wednesday last. They report a pleasant trip but say their stay was cut short owing to the fact that someone robbed their camp of all the eatables during their absence after berries.

The first load of 1913 wheat to be brought in to this station was John Stender's, who resides some seven or eight miles east of Cecil and has a fine crop. Those who have seen it say it will average from eighteen to twenty-five bushels to the acre. Mr. S. is a thorough farmer, which we notice generally yields good results even in Eastern Oregon.

W. B. Ewing and family, C. E. Smith and Miss Vavra Farnsworth, returned home from a camping trip to Mt. Adams Sunday. They report a pleasant time and lots of fish, but no berries, owing to the fact that there were sheep in the forests. They climbed about half way up Mt. Adams and were far above the timber and snow line, but could not quite reach the summit.

LEXINGTON ITEMS.

Lexington can improve her streets by mowing down the weeds that have been allowed to grow. Try it.

Mrs. James Helms, who has been sick for some time and was very low is reported improving at this writing.

Mrs. Tom Lee was unfortunate in the loss of her pocketbook last Sunday while on her way home from Heppner on the train.

James Pointer will finish threshing on Wednesday. His wheat is turning out good making about 25 bushels to the acre which is considered good for this year.

Mr. Joseph Devine formerly a resident of Morrow county, who now lives in the Willamette Valley, was shaking hands with old acquaintances and friends at Lexington Friday. He still thinks there is no place like Morrow county.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Breshears and little daughter left on a brief visit to Walla Walla Friday morning. Mrs. Breshears mother Mrs. Wright accompanied them there. Grandpa Wright will have charge of the work while Mrs. Breshears is gone.

Mr. Stephen H. Doak who was one of our teachers in the school here last winter and who was recently married to Miss Nellie Hansen at Tillamook [Oregon] is visiting his brother here, accompanied by his bride. Mr. Doak has been chosen principal of the Stanfield school for the coming year.

PORTLAND Ore.—The close of the 1913 wool season in Oregon brings to light the fact that the clip was the smallest the state has produced in several years. This and lower prices resulted in the sheepmen of Oregon realizing less money from the industry than usual. But for the good prices obtained in the mutton market the year's operations would have made a poor showing.

The total clip of the state in 1913 is estimated at about 16,300,000 lbs., as against a production last year of 18,000,000 pounds and a clip two years ago of 18,900,000 pounds. The net value of this season's wool to the Oregon growers was about \$2,080,000; that of last year \$3,000,000; that two years ago \$2,500,000.

The family of Cashier Mahoney of the First National Bank, have returned from their mountain camp.

1st Annual MORROW COUNTY FAIR

SEPT. 25, 26, 27, 1913

AT

HEPPNER, OREGON

THREE DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT, AMUSEMENT ANDSPORTS.....

\$1500.00 IN Premiums for Agricultural, Horticultural and other Products of the famous Morrow county soil.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27—Pioneer Day. Every Pioneer of Morrow county expected to be present on that day. Prizes for the old men; prizes for the ladies who are well along in years.

Special Features will be School Children's Parade Auto Parade, Children's Exhibits, Pioneers Day, Baby Show, and many other attractions that will be named soon as arranged for.

Suitable prizes will be given for Articles not named in Premium Book.

NOW NOW NOW NOW

is the time to commence getting exhibits ready. Farmers of Morrow County must get busy and aid us by a good display of exhibits or the Fair cannot be what it should be.

W. W. SMEAD, Sec.

W. E. LEACH, E. R. HUSTON,
Pres. Director.