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JOHN DAY PROJECT BACKED BY CONGRESS

Irrigationists in Portland Are Unanimous in Their Support of West's Largest Project—Committee Will Go East to Work for Huge Fund.

The John Day Project received the unanimous endorsement of the Irrigation Congress which met in Portland last week. The project was represented at the congress by F. R. Brown and F. A. McMenamin of Heppner, S. H. Boardman and Col. Emmett Callahan of Boardman and Clay C. Clark of Arlington.

Mr. McMenamin states that the campaign for recognition of the John Day Project was opened Thursday noon at a luncheon which was attended by some of the biggest business men of Portland. Among those present were Messrs. Brown, McMenamin, Callahan and Clark of the project and Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, C. C. Colt of the First National Bank of Portland, J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National Bank, William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O-W. R. & N. and H. L. Corbett, a Portland capitalist. These big men were given an outline of the magnitude of the project and what its development will mean for Oregon and the city of Portland. The men were so impressed with what they learned that they informed the irrigationists from Morrow and Gilliam counties that in the absence of immediate federal aid, the project may be financed through the sale of bonds and signified their willingness to back up the project and work for its success. Another conference with these men has been arranged for some time in February.

The following resolution was passed by the congress after it had been introduced by C. C. Clark, president of the John Day Irrigation District.

RESOLUTION.

That, WHEREAS, the real property owners interested in the development of the John Day Irrigation Project have organized an irrigation district pursuant to the laws of the State of Oregon, and

WHEREAS, by its natural geographical location the John Day Irrigation project is most favorably situated with reference to low altitude, character of soil, climatic conditions, nearness to markets and transportation by open Columbia river to the sea, two main continental trunk lines of railway, Columbia River State Highway system thereby making this an ideal project,

WHEREAS, the future development of the State of Oregon largely depends upon the merits of the various irrigation projects that have the ability to make good, and

WHEREAS, the definite knowledge now available as to the possible production and possibility of the John Day Irrigation District Project has been demonstrated as practical from an agricultural, financial and engineering standpoint.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oregon Irrigation Congress in its ninth annual session hereby unqualifiedly pledges its support to the fulfillment of the ultimate completion of the John Day Irrigation District Project, and that this congress, further recommends that a committee of not less than three members be appointed as a special committee to take in charge the work of the completion of this project by securing aid from the State of Oregon and the United States Reclamation Service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fritsch and son Bobbie were visitors in Ione last Sunday.

High School Societies Arrange Interesting Program.

The two literary societies of Heppner high school are planning a big program to be given Friday, January 16. The program will start at 7:30 sharp and an admission charge of 15 and 25 cents will be made.

Program.
Violin solo, "Tamerai"
Bernice Githens, Elizabeth Phelps, accompanist
Reading, "My double and How He Undid Me"
Roland Humphreys
Indian Club Drill
By six girls
Evolution of a Freshman
Cyrone Lianallen
Piano solo, "Valse Chromatique"
Mary Clark
The Great Medical Mystery, (diagnose)
Philomathians
Song
Girls' Chorus
Reading, "So Was I"
Kathryn Pattison
Virginia Reel
Cleronians
Reading, "Introducing the Speaker"
Duck Lee
Song
Boys' Quartet
Living Advertisements.
We expect everyone to be present.

Farmers Union Will Hold Meeting on January 31.

The Morrow County Farmers Union will hold a big meeting in Heppner on Saturday, January 31, according to the plans as announced by the secretary, R. W. Turner. Some big men in farming affairs will be here, among them being W. W. Harrah of Umatilla county, one of the foremost growers of wheat in the Northwest. This meeting gives promise of being one of the biggest of its kind ever held in Morrow county. Officers of the Union are urging every farmer in the county to attend.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. C. W. Shurte has returned from a brief visit to Arlington.

B. F. Sorenson of the Central Market, made a business trip to Ione on Tuesday.

R. W. Munkers of Lexington is spending the day in Heppner on business.

Jerm O'Connor, well known sheepman, was in the city on Wednesday attending to business matters.

Mrs. Walter C. Cason left this morning for Ione where she will visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hale.

Homer Green and Dick Swift, prominent Eight Mile farmers, were business visitors in Heppner on Wednesday.

I. F. Bedsaul and family were in Heppner on Wednesday. Mr. Bedsaul is a farmer of the Hardman section.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Connell were in the city for a few hours on Wednesday from their farm home in Spring Hollow.

Chris C. Morrison, Underwood typewriter representative, is spending a few days in Heppner this week, from Portland.

M. R. Mathew, well known Portland salesman, spent Monday in Heppner interviewing members of the local trade.

Oscar Keithley, president of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, was in the city on Tuesday.

C. A. Minor, prominent local stockman, arrived the first of the week from Portland and is spending a few days here on business.

Hon. C. E. Woodson, representative for Umatilla and Morrow counties, left last Saturday for Salem, where he is attending the special session of the state legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Cox spent a few days the first of the week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvie Young at Eight Mile. They returned to their Heppner home Wednesday morning.

Sherman Tucker, young son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Tucker of Lexington who recently sustained severe injuries to his knee cap when he fell from the roof of Frank Moore's new home on Willow creek is recovering satisfactorily, according to the report of his attending physician, Dr. C. C. Chick.

William M. Ayers and Lula A. Beck were married in this city last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, Judge A. L. Cornett performing the ceremony. The wedding was a quiet affair, with S. E. Nosen and Mrs. R. J. Howard as witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Ayers will make their home in his residence just east of the court house.

Campfire Girls Had Ceremonial Meeting.

The Campfire Girls held their monthly ceremonial meeting at the home of Miss Willetta Barratt on Saturday evening. Important business was transacted and the advisability of electing new officers was decided upon. Delicious refreshments were served after which those present were favored with a glimpse into the future by the famous Sybil of Cumnea. After a delightful social time the party adjourned, voting that Miss Barratt and her mother were royal entertainers.

City Homes Sold.

E. M. Shutt reports the sale of the past week of the following city property:

J. H. Cox, the carpenter, has sold his residence property on the West end of Baltimore avenue, to Jack McCullough at a consideration of \$3,250. Mr. Cox and family will continue to occupy the house until about the middle of March when they expect to move to Pendleton.

W. G. Moore, the sawmill man on Willow creek, has bought the lot of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Campbell, on Chase street, in the burnt district, at a consideration of \$800. Mr. Moore is planning on erecting thereon a fine, modern residence next spring for himself and family, so that his daughters may have the advantages of the Heppner schools. If Mr. Moore's example will result in others building homes in that locality he will surely have proven himself a public benefactor.

Episcopal Church Services.
Dr. George B. Van Waters of Portland will hold services both morning and evening at the Episcopal church in this city next Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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CITY WILL GO ON CASH BASIS IN NEAR FUTURE

Refunding Bonds To the Extent of \$15,000 Will Be Issued To Take Up Street Improvement Warrants.

The city of Heppner is fast getting on a cash basis. At a regular meeting of the city council last Thursday evening, the refunding ordinance was read for the third time and was passed unanimously.

The new ordinance will go into effect after thirty days from the time of passage and the bonds will then be advertised and sold. The bond issue, which calls for the sale of bonds up to \$15,000, will be used in retiring the city indebtedness of a like amount incurred for street improvement. This will put the city's finances on a cash basis and the bonds will be retired in twenty years.

The council also passed an ordinance fixing the license of \$15 a year, on small trucks and delivery vehicles and \$25 per year on trucks and delivery vehicles of more than one ton. The ordinance carries an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Civic Improvement Club Elected Officers on Wednesday.

The Civic Improvement Club held a lively meeting at the council chambers on Wednesday afternoon, with about 15 members present. New officers for the year were elected. Mrs. Ada M. Ayers, who has served so efficiently as president, was re-elected to that office over her own renomination and Mrs. Phil Cohn was elected to the position of first vice president. Other officers are Mrs. R. J. Vaughan, 2nd vice president and Mrs. Richard Wells, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee is composed of Mrs. C. E. Woodson, Mrs. W. R. Irwin and Mrs. Roy V. Whiteis.

While the club has not been as active the past year as many would like to have seen it, there are a few things for which the club must be given credit for putting over in a satisfactory manner. The library has been brought to life again and kept going largely through the efforts of the club and its cooperation with the library board. The public park and camping grounds also materialized from efforts of the club members.

Among the many things which the club will work for the coming year, is a bigger and stronger club itself. To that end, the town will soon be canvassed for new members at \$1 each, and the membership may include active or associate members at the same fee.

The club meets every second and fourth Wednesday in each month at the council chambers in the Roberts building.

FARM BUREAUS WILL BE FEDERATED SOON

At a conference of agricultural department's lead of extension of the people held in Berkeley in the latter part of December at which representatives from Washington were in attendance as well as representatives from all the eleven western states; it was the united opinion expressed that the National Federation of Farm Bureaus was here to stay and that it was the biggest single advancement made in the agricultural interests in the history of America. The final organization of this movement will be effected on the 3rd of March, 1920. It had been hoped that Oregon could be represented at this time. However, it seems that this is at present impossible. It is thought that the State of Washington will probably be represented. If that is true all the rest of the western states with the exception of Oregon will be in the game. There is not a man in connection with the Agricultural Department either state or national, who is not absolutely and unqualifiedly in favor of this movement. Not only will it stimulate production and make possible better educational methods but it will also make possible a more definite study of real costs of production and cost of distribution than are possible at the present time and these practices should be worked out by the man who is on the ground, the man who knows all the real conditions. Following this conference, the conference of the State Agricultural Agents was held in Corvallis, at which representatives from Idaho, and three representatives from the National Department of Agriculture at Washington D. C. attended, as well as one representative of the Oregon Agricultural Agents, who was sent by this organization to attend the conference in Chicago in December. Everyone is impressed by the real work that is being done by the farmers' organizations in the middle states and in other places where they are really on the job. It was hoped that this organization could be brought into the State of Oregon in time for the national meeting at Chicago; however, after careful consideration of the situation in the various counties it was found that only three or four would be in position to form a definite organization to affiliate with the state organization before the first of March. In some counties the difficulties of travel in the winter time is quite severe and the conditions demanded by the National Organization are somewhat different from those anticipated. It developed that Morrow county, Walla, Klamath, Josephine and Deschutes were practically the only counties in a position to affiliate with the State organization at the present time. It was the desire of the office of the state leader that this organization be created by March if possible, but after further consideration it was determined by everyone concerned that this would not be a practical plan. The farmers would not really understand the workings of the system and the organizations could hardly be worked out in that time. It was finally determined however, that if possible such an organization as is now being adopted by the farmers of other states would be put in effect in the State of Oregon before October of next year. The various counties are proceeding to organize on this plan during the spring months. It is somewhat gratifying to know that Morrow county is in line for this development. It is worth considering also that where the state Farm Bureaus have become organized and where the best work is being done that the organization work is being maintained without the assistance of the County Agent; that the County Agents are working under the direction of the farmers themselves but that the farmers and not the Agents are the ones who are taking care of the organization of the various localities. We commend to every farmer and every business man in Morrow County a careful consideration of the plans and methods of the State and National Farm Bureau Federation to the end that when the time comes, the people of Morrow County may be in a position to act intelligently and wisely upon this proposition.

LOCALS MEET DEFEAT IN FIRST GAME OF SEASON.

The Heppner town five went down to defeat before the fast Ione team at the Exhibit Hall last Friday evening in the first basket ball game of the season to be played here. It was conceded to be one of the cleanest and fastest games ever played on a local floor.

Ione started off with a rush at the first toss up and two or three swift passes and the ball had passed into the net. The score at the end of the first half was 15 to 10 in the visitors' favor. However, the locals perked up and came back strong in the last half and fairly played the Ione lads off their feet. Sperry, Ione forward, carried a horse shoe with him all evening and missed but one throw out of nine from the foul line. This was the cause of Heppner's defeat, as the locals gathered in more goals from field than did Ione. The final score stood 25 to 22. Heppner was seriously handicapped by the loss of three of the regulars, Anderson, Sims and Van Marter. As it was, the team was virtually a high school team.

A return game will be played in Ione about the 7th of February, according to present plans.

Expert Machine Man Chooses Heppner for His Home.

Another family is coming to Heppner. J. H. Lang, recently of the Corvallis Motor Car Co., of Portland, who is an expert on welding and machine work, has taken a partnership interest with Ira W. Thornton in the Heppner Garage and Machine Shop. Mrs. Lang will arrive later.

Mr. Lang was in the employ of the Marine Iron Works in Portland during the war, where he had some 75 men under his department. The Marine Iron Works made steam engines for some of the largest ships built in the Portland yards. He was previously in the employ of the Union Iron Works in San Francisco.

In announcing Mr. Lang's connection with his firm, Mr. Thornton says, "we are branching out in order to care for a line of business in the auto trade which has heretofore been neglected at home. With the growing demand for auto parts and the increasing delays in being able to get those parts, more and more of the old parts have to be worked over and we are now ready to make those repairs requiring the skill of expert machinists."

Entertained With Dinner Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Akers on Center street was the scene of a delightful dinner party last Sunday evening at 5 o'clock when the local phone operators were hostesses to a number of young men who have been doing construction work here for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Akers, Miss Alma Akers, Miss Norma Frederic, Miss Flossie Barlow, Miss Opal Briggs and Miss Olive Cox and Messrs. O. E. Hill, S. Armstrong, J. Coryell and M. L. Triplett.

Jas. Sheridan Home Is Scene of Enjoyable Birthday Party.

On Tuesday, January 6, a thoroughly enjoyable and enlivening evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sheridan on lower Sand Hollow, when a party of friends and relatives gathered to wish Mrs. Sheridan a long and happy life, the occasion being the latter's birthday. The party was small and entirely informal, but nevertheless there were few dull moments.

The early part of the evening was devoted to games, music and lively chatter. As midnight fell more closely, dancing was indulged in. At midnight a delicious turkey lunch with many attending delicacies, was served. Despite the strategic efforts of each to outdo the other in partaking of the fare, dancing was not long delayed. Three a. m. a foolish rooster, perhaps he too was celebrating, began crowing the heralds of the dawn, and the revelers awoke to the fact that alas it was time to go. After a lively "Home Sweet Home" they departed, each vouching that the evening would not soon be forgotten and that Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan's hospitality and entertaining deserves much praise and commendation.

RECENT BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ole Ferguson of Heppner on December 19, 1919, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Ring of Lexington on December 18, 1919, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John T. Parker of Lexington on January 3, 1920, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Stubblefield of Lexington on January 12, 1920, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Keeler of Lexington on January 13, 1920, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Hunt of Heppner on January 13, 1920, a daughter.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR WATER JOBS

Concrete Pipe Company Gets Big End of Work While Pacific Tank & Pipe Company Will Build Three Miles of Redwood.

The Concrete Pipe Company of Walla Walla was awarded the contract for building 10 miles of pipe for Heppner's new gravity water system, last week. The contract calls for 8 inch concrete pipe and will cost the city \$28,455. This part of the line extends from the forks of the creek down to within three miles of town. The remaining three miles will be of red wood 8 inch pipe.

The Redwood contract was awarded to the Pacific Tank & Pipe Company of Oakland, California. Their bid was \$14,250 for the three miles, and was about \$500 cheaper than the bid submitted by the Redwood Manufacturers Company of San Francisco.

For the diversion pipe line from Ditch creek, a mile in length, the city accepted the offer of the Coast Culvert & Flume Company of Portland. This pipe, which is of galvanized iron, 20 gauge, 8 inch pipe, will cost the city \$2,131.

The general contracting job which includes ditching, laying of pipe and back filling, as we announced last week, was awarded to Geist Brothers of Pendleton for \$24,527.50.

The contract between the city and the Concrete Pipe Company has already been signed up and the others will be ready for signing within a few days.

The city expects to complete right of way and get the work of construction started at an early date, in order that the new system will be ready for water by early summer.

Neighbors of Woodcraft Held Installation on Monday.

Maple Circle, No. 259, Neighbors of Woodcraft, installed officers at their regular meeting last Monday evening. Mrs. Elsie Stevenson was installing officer. The following officers were installed: Guardian Neighbor, Frankie Luper; Past Guardian Neighbor, Nora Moore; Advisor, Kate Swindig; Magician, Mary Lunstford; Clerk, Rosa Richardson; Banker, Cora Crawford; Attendant, Margaret Cox; Inner Sentinel, Polly Church; Outer Sentinel, Luella McCarty; Musician, Dora Starkey; Captain of the Guards, Lula Handy; Guards, Linnie Thorton, Nora Rasmus, Louise Ritchie, Clara Sprinkel, Mattie Adkins, Mary Stout, Elma Moore and Edith Hughes; Bag bearer, Hesse Kinney; managers, Elsie Stevenson, Polly Church and Luella McCarty. Refreshments were served following installation.

White Mule With the Regular Kick Is Real Thing Out at the R. W. Snider Ranch.

There is white mule and then again there is "white mule." In dry years the "white mule" has been a common animal with a certain class of the drinking fraternity but it has remained for R. W. Snider, Black Horse farmer, to come forth with the announcement that he has the real thing out at his ranch.

The white mule, which is a rare occurrence in the breeding and development of mules, arrived at the Snider farm about a week ago. When the news first reached Lexington, it is reported that deputy sheriff W. G. Scott was preparing to start an investigation, but it later developed that the white mule in question was being mothered by one of Mr. Snider's big bay mares, and was not in reality, of the drinking variety of "white mule."

Little Girls Entertain.

Lexington, Ore., Jan. 14.—The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMillan was the scene of a joyous party, Friday evening, January 9, the occasion being the ninth birthday of Claudia McMillan and Joyce Bennett. After the little girls had played several games, a program was rendered, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and recitations, which were enjoyed by all. Then the girls were taken to the dining room where a table was set attractively. Two large birthday cakes, each with nine candles, adorned the center of the table. The evening came to a close all too soon, but each one was glad to get to their little beds and dream of the lovely time they had.

Those present were: Mary Slocum, Velle Ward, Bertha Tucker, Eva Rose Wilkin, Irene Morey, Ula and Freda McMillan, Gwendolyn Evans, Joyce Bennett and Claudia McMillan. The older persons present were Mrs. F. Bennett, Mrs. A. L. Williams, Miss Velma Brown and Mrs. J. F. McMillan.

APPRECIATION.

The Library Board want to take this means of expressing their appreciation and thanks for the wholehearted manner in which everyone supported the library benefit on Tuesday evening. The board wishes especially to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sigbee of the Star theater for their liberality and kindly dealing. The fact that the library will receive over \$80 as a result of the Tuesday evening benefit speaks volumes for the Heppner public and their desire to keep alive, one of our best institutions, the public library.

THE LIBRARY BOARD.