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Where There's a Will—

AN ENLARGED administrative headquarters for the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest to be located at Heppner seems imminent.

The matter of providing a site has been progressing slowly for some time. When it was first learned that such a headquarters development was possible here if a site were provided (it being against federal governmental policy to buy sites for any purpose within the limits of any city) interested persons went to work on the matter.

With no definite knowledge at hand as to the amount of land required, there were selected certain tracts which had been taken off the tax rolls for non-payment of taxes. These were inspected by representatives of the forest service, who, after considerable time, selected the site that would meet their needs.

All of the selected tract, with the exception of one privately-owned lot, was made up of tax-foreclosed parcels. An agreement was reached between the city and county court whereby the tax-foreclosed parcels would be turned over to the government on payment by the city of \$250, and just this week agreement was made with the owner of the private lot to obtain it for an additional \$250. This latter amount is now being raised by popular subscription.

There should be no criticism of the individual who is asking \$250 for the one lot. This person paid \$1600 for the lot, with small building, a good many years ago. The building was razed in the fire of July 4, 1918, but taxes have since been kept up on a valuation base of \$500. In addition the owner paid \$260 to have a concrete sidewalk laid along the front of the property. The sidewalk was compelled by city ordinance, and has been mainly a convenience to the public. It is this cost that the owner feels should be salvaged from what has been anything but a paying investment.

The government is footing the cost of guaranteeing title to all the property.

A willingness has been shown by stockmen using the local forest district and by businesses of the city to contribute toward the purchase of the private lot. The consensus of opinion is that the forest administrative headquarters, which in the ultimate will include a capital outlay of some \$50,000 in buildings and improvements by the government, and which will concentrate transactions of all local district business at this place, will bring benefits far overshadowing the comparatively small cost in providing the site.

A few legal technicalities have arisen in the manner of transferring the property to the government, and in clearing up title. These are being

NELSON BARTHOLOMEW RETURNS TO OLD HOME TOWN AFTER 33 YEARS

Nelson Bartholomew was a lad in his teens when he left Heppner in 1904. That was 33 years ago.

He was back for the first time last week end, a third of a century older, but mighty enthusiastic about the old home town, though the interim carried him into far parts of the world.

With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bartholomew, he went to Portland on leaving here, and three years later graduated from a Portland high school. Employment with Honeyman Hardware company for four years after graduation put him in line for his next position, that as manager of the sporting goods department of the American Hardware company in the Philippine islands. He was in the islands until 1918, when he returned to the mainland to enlist in Uncle Sam's army. Serving throughout the war on home soil, he was commissioned a second

lieutenant. He married, and with his bride shipped by army transport to Russia. Then to China, Japan, and again the Philippines. His last work in the islands was in the insurance business. He returned to the states about a month ago and is now connected with an insurance company at Portland.

Mr. Bartholomew accompanied Cyrus Aiken, Charles Corder and son, Charles, Jr., from Portland, and was a guest at the home of Mrs. Lillie Aiken while in the city.

He evidenced extreme pleasure at meeting many old-time friends here. For many years he has had two main desires for returning to the states, one to see his son and mother at Portland, and the other to visit the old home town.

"If I had the means of livelihood here, there is nothing I would like more than to spend the rest of my days in Heppner," he told one of his old-time friends.

ironed out. It is hoped that everything may be cleared up as soon as possible, for there is promise that work of clearing the site and, possibly, erection of some of the buildings will be put under way just as soon as the property can be transferred.

Public Library is Educational Facility

Libraries offer the least expensive and most generally used form of recreation. One good book in a free library can give pleasure and profit to scores of readers.

The name of Andrew Carnegie has been closely and rightly linked with public library development in America. Realizing the responsibility of great wealth, he devoted himself to the work of providing capital for social and educational advancement. Among these the provision of public libraries in the United States, Great Britain and other English-speaking countries was especially prominent, his method being to build and equip but on condition that the local authority provided site and maintenance. The following quotation gives this great man's opinion of the value of public libraries:

"The result of my own study of the question, 'What is the best gift which can be given to a community?' is that a free library occupies the first place, provided the community will accept and maintain it as a public institution, as much a part of the city property as its public schools, and, indeed, an adjunct to these.

"I choose free libraries as the best agencies for improving the masses of people because they give nothing for nothing. They only help those who help themselves. They never pauperize. They reach the aspiring and open to these the chief treasures of the world—those stored up in books. A taste for reading drives out lower tastes. . . . I prefer the free public library to most if not any other agencies for the happiness and improvement of a community."

A public library is not a luxury for the benefit of privileged cities; it is a necessary part of the educational and recreational equipment of every community where a library can be maintained. Every man may go there—it is open to all.

Are you interested in your public library? Do you visit it? Use its books? Are you overlooking the advantages offered by this organization?

TEA TOWEL SHOWER SET

Members of Ruth chapter 32. O. E. S., will shower the chapter with tea towels at the regular meeting at Masonic hall tomorrow evening. Each member will bring a towel and the social hour will be spent hemming them, announces Mrs. Virginia Turner, worthy matron.

GIVEN BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Vallis Jones, bride-elect, was honoree for a shower given by friends at the Church of Christ last Saturday afternoon. Her marriage to Mr. Norman Washburne of Milton is announced for Sunday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones of Heppner flat.

Give G. T. Want Ads a trial.

Briggs' Attend Rites For 50-Year Couples

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs were numbered among golden-wedding celebrants who attended the special annual service at Sunnyside Methodist church in Portland Sunday evening. The service this year was attended by an estimated 300 couples who have had fifty or more years of wedded bliss together. The oldest couple present had been married 72 years, and this couple with three other couples who had been married 68, 67 and 63 years respectively, were honored by gifts of bouquets presented by five 1937 brides in bridal array. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs report a wonderful program.

Leaving home at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, they were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Opal Briggs, and two CCC boys, Fred Briggs and Forest Martin, who assisted with the driving. The CCC boys who were about to return to their homes in Massachusetts wished to see the Columbia river highway and the Pacific International Livestock exposition before going east. The party arrived home about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Briggs, county treasurer, said he was able to get the monthly reports cleared out of the way Saturday evening in order to make the trip possible.

PINE CITY NEWS

Pine City Activities Varied for Week

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Young of The Dalles are the parents of a baby boy, born Monday.

James Daly and son Charley were Heppner visitors Saturday.

Fred Rauch and family attended church in Echo Sunday.

Tom Healy, who has been working at the John Kenny ranch, returned to his home on Butter creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wattenburger were callers Sunday at the Otis McCarty home.

Mrs. Ollie Neill and daughter, Mrs. Dale Akers, of Heppner were visitors Wednesday at the Lon Wattenburger home.

Rev. O'Rielly, pastor of the Hermiston Catholic church, called at the James Daly home Wednesday evening.

Fred Rauch and Jake Bowman of Stanfield went deer hunting Monday.

Mary Daly was in Lexington and Heppner Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and daughters, Betty and Frances, were Pendleton visitors Monday.

Tom Boylen of Pendleton was a caller at the ranch on Butter creek Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamer were visitors at the Fred Rauch home Sunday.

A proposed initiative measure designed to purify Oregon's streams is rapidly nearing completion according to State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, president of the Oregon Stream Purification League which will sponsor the measure. State Senator Byron G. Carney of Clackamas county is assisting in drafting the measure.

Oregon Potato Growers Vote for AAA Goals

Oregon commercial potato growers who took the trouble to vote in the recent referendum election called by the AAA are in favor of establishing goals under the 1938 farm program, although a comparatively small percentage of them took the trouble to vote. The unofficial total was 303 yes and 178 against, in the 18 Oregon counties which are classified as commercial potato areas.

In general the western Oregon counties were more in favor of the plan of setting up voluntary goals than were those in eastern Oregon. Among counties voting favorably were Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Hood River, Lincoln, Washington, Yamhill, Linn, Baker, Malheur, Mar-

ion, Multnomah, Umatilla and Union. Voting against the plan were growers in Klamath, Lane and Crook counties, although the latter by only a one-vote majority.

The vote has been reported to Washington where returns from other producing states are being compiled. The AAA has announced that if a substantial majority is in favor of the plan it will be included in the 1938 agricultural conservation program. It would apply only to growers producing three acres or more and would be on a voluntary basis for them.

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