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## RAILROAD WILL BOOST FOR HERMISTON COUNTRY

"More corn, more silos and more livestock," is to be the slogan of the campaign that the O. W. R. & N. company will start, within the next few weeks, in the irrigated district around Hermiston in Umatilla county.

Expert agriculturists are to go into the territory and help the farmers to grow corn. They will encourage them to build silos to hold the corn after it is grown and advise them to get enough cattle and hogs to drain the silo after they are filled.

"We have demonstrated that corn can be grown successfully in nearly all parts of the Northwest," declared Frank W. Robinson, traffic manager for the O. W. R. & N. company upon his return from a trip over the line. "The old-fashioned theory that the climate of this territory is unsuited for corn culture has been exploded by our repeated successes wherever we have tried it.

"The country around Hermiston is particularly adapted to corn and we expect to make a particular effort to develop the industry here.

"Over in the Yakima country we have made a tremendous success of the work. Within the last three years more than 100 silos have been built in the Yakima valley. Each silo represents a herd of cattle and some hogs."

Nearly 100 farmers have settled in the Hermiston district within the present year, says Mr. Robinson. Most of them are farmers who have been operating in the Puyallup country in the past. The price of land is getting too high for them there. It is with the intention of aiding in the further development of the Hermiston district that the O. W. R. & N. company is about to undertake its campaign. Then it will get busy in another district.

On his recent trip Mr. Robinson also sought to impress business men of the Northwest with the importance of developing the car industry here. The Union Pacific's initial order for 200 cars placed last week with Twoby Bros. of Portland is but the beginning of an important industry, says Mr. Robinson.

"Maybe the people of Portland do not realize it, but our car order is the nucleus of an industry that is destined to have an important part in the future development of the city," he said.

The cars will be built in the Twoby plant at East Sixtieth street and the O. W. R. & N. Co.'s track. The first order represents an expenditure of \$300,000.

"Car building," explained Mr. Robinson, "is an industry that should come natural to Portland—particularly wooden car building. We have an abundant supply of native wood. We serve a two-fold purpose, therefore, in building our cars here at home—we aid an important industry and we help to develop our forest resources."

Mr. Robinson intimated that the Union Pacific system intends to place additional car orders in Portland. Twoby Bros. declare their ability to handle a large volume of this kind of business and their intention of equipping their plant so that they may engage in it permanently.

The Southern Pacific now is in the market for a large number of wooden box cars and Twoby Bros. are figuring on the contract. These cars are to be all of wood. The Union Pacific cars are to be steel under frame and wooden superstructure.

In this connection Mr. Robinson pointed out that by building cars in Portland the local railroads would do much to relieve the car shortage which has been a serious handicap to the lumber industry in Oregon for the last three or four months. Cars built here will be used at once for local loading.

The shortage on the lines of Western Oregon will be materially relieved, he declared, by the use of the steamer Northwestern, recently chartered by the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company—an O. W. R. & N. company auxiliary—for service between the Columbia river and California ports.

This vessel will be able to carry about 2500 tons of cargo each trip. It will relieve the railroads of just that much traffic that they are not able to handle now.

## PRIZE POSTER FOR PREPAREDNESS



Selected as the best descriptive poster of the preparedness bazaar to be held in New York city Dec. 14-21. Leading patriotic and relief societies are holding the bazaar

## PROPOSITION UP TO FORM FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

A movement has been started having for its object the formation of a National Farm Loan association in conformity with the rural credits law. M. E. Doble, of Irrigon, was up last Saturday and presented the matter to those attending the annual meeting of the Farmers Exchange. Mr. Doble says a number in his section desire farm loans but there are too few to form an association and it is their plan to form one large one to include all on the government project.

While at present the new rural credits law is not applicable to this project, it is expected the coming session of congress will make the necessary changes.

## BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

C. C. Paise went to Hermiston on No. 2 Monday.

Wm. Kennedy was in town between trains Saturday.

Edgar Doering visited a few days in Irrigon last week.

Fred Emberger was a passenger to Hermiston Monday.

E. W. Mack of Hermiston came over Sunday to visit his son and wife.

Carl Voyen moved his family out of the tent into the front of his office today.

Sidney Mack and wife spent Xmas in Hermiston the guest of E. W. Mack.

H. M. Straw and C. W. Kellogg of Hermiston were business visitors in town Friday.

L. C. Moore left for Hermiston Sunday having finished the leveling on the Arnold forty acres.

Miss Loyd of Lewiston, niece of Mrs. F. Cramer, spent the holidays here. Miss Loyd is attending the normal this winter.

J. C. Balenger, our lumber man, came in Sunday from Wasco. Monday he went to Hermiston. He expects to return to Wasco the last of the week.

Mrs. Margaret Cramer spent her vacation with her husband and his parents. She returned Tuesday to Holdman to take up her duties as teacher of that district.

## BAPTIST CHURCH SECURES PASTOR

At a meeting of the membership following the Sunday morning service, Rev. L. S. Cramer was elected pastor of the Baptist church and assumed his duties at once. Rev. Chapman

## STRONG ENDORSEMENT FOR CREAMERY AND DAIRY SHOW

The meeting at Columbia school Wednesday evening was well attended and very interesting. Those present were principally from the northeast part of the project, though some were there from other sections and town also. All matters up for consideration were freely discussed and the decisions seemed to give universal satisfaction.

The first matter to come up was in connection with the Hermiston creamery. The creamery management explained its position and what it was willing to do. The farmers with cows did not hesitate to make their opinion known and all favored the local concern. When put to a vote the question of pledging the Hermiston creamery the support of the meeting and the patronage of the dairymen was carried.

A committee consisting of Geo. A. Cressy, Frank Waugaman and F. P. Phipps was also named to confer with the creamery management from time

to time and look after the interests of the dairymen.

Next after the creamery the dairy and hog show was taken. Some splendid talks were made in favor of the show and many expressed themselves briefly in its support. A vote on the proposition was unanimous for its continuance and pledging all support possible from the section represented at the meeting.

At this time it was announced for the Neighborhood club that the ladies of that organization had endorsed the continuance of the shows and stood ready to assist in all ways possible.

Following the disposal of these matters a discussion of things in general was taken up. A desire was expressed for a greater unity and co-operation, both business and social, between the various sections of the country and also with the town. This received a general endorsement, as it was felt to do otherwise is to work at cross purposes.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Conner family is now living on the Craik ranch.

Hogan Miller moved onto the old Hibler place Monday.

Rev. Graham was calling in the neighborhood Wednesday.

W. A. Leathers has returned from a visit with relatives in Spokane.

Raymond Brassfield spent Christmas week with relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Spencer is making an extended visit in Seattle with her daughter, Mrs. Woods.

A meeting was held at the school house Wednesday evening to discuss the 1917 Dairy Show.

Mr. Haddock, Mr. Stillings and Mr. Waugaman motored to Stanfield Wednesday to the opening of the cheese factory.

George Roberts of Reith, has sold his ranch to the Caldwell brothers, of Pendleton. They will take possession in a few days.

At the Parcel Post social Friday night the people of the community decided upon the name "Wegota Park," for the Civic Center tract.

## PARENT-TEACHER TO ELECT OFFICERS

Next Thursday afternoon the Parent-Teacher association will hold its regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium. The business session will be largely taken up with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Dr. Waincott, who was unable to be present at the last meeting, will give a talk on first aid. In addition the program will include several musical numbers.

This meeting concludes the contest for the potted plant. The room showing the greatest number of parents registering at the December and January meetings wins.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The high school girls basket ball team went to Pendleton Friday to play the girls team of that city.

Gladys West and Durrell Murchie who represent the high school in the debating contest were at Stanfield last night for the first debate.

The high school boys and alumnae played basket ball at the Auditorium Friday.

A lecture by Mr. Benschel and demonstrating pictures on the latest current events given Tuesday of this week was very interesting for the high school and lower grades.

The proceeds from high school play amounted to \$85.50.

## INDUSTRIAL NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Buhl—Alfalfa seed industry here reaches 121,000 bushels for 1916.  
Salem to get \$60,000 addition to federal postoffice building.

Vale—Western Pacific Co. will sink well here for coal and gas.

Oregon legislature plans \$18,000,000 bond issue for rural loans.

Portland—\$1,750,000 Portland-Vancouver bridge complete over Columbia river.

Pendleton—\$30,000 road show theatre planned here.

Marshfield—Smith-Powers Co. ask franchise for railroad from Bunker Hill to Summit.

Salem—Attorney General demands \$38,320 to conduct his department on account of many laws enacted.

Flour mill at John Day to operate after February 1.

Oregon City—Woolen mills here shared profits with 400 employees.

Portland—Albina Engine & Machine Works has contracts for two 3300 ton and four 3800 ton steel steamships.

Medford defeated irrigation district formation to great detriment of sugar beet industry.

North Bend—Large dredging improvement to be undertaken on Pony slough.

North Bend—225 foot lumber carrier Florence Olson launched here.

Roseburg—Total tax levy of Douglas county for 1917 \$376,328 as against \$413,203 for 1915

Oregon valuations as equalized \$51,481,512 below 1915

Cushman—Logging railroad to be built up Bernhardt creek.

Salem—Spaulding Logging Co. purchases South Mill Creek water power and site for manufacturing plant.

Lane county budget cut by \$31,000 below estimates.

Prairie City—Flour mill here to be operated.

Coos Bay coal mines being developed as S. P. Co.'s new line in here has opened other markets.

Reedsport—S. P. Co. making extensive improvements here.

Portland—To reduce high taxes city and county government to be consolidated. School district and port district to be added to reduce overhead.

La Grande has largest packing plant in Eastern Oregon.

Haines—Work on chloride mine on Rich Creek to be resumed.

Bend, the boom town of Eastern Oregon, now has two daily papers.

Aibany will seek to develop flat industry.

New railroad, then sugar factory, new smelter and the Grants Pass snowball of progress rolls on.

Portland—Oregon hotel to be raised to 15 stories—cost \$750,000.

Salem erecting two brick stores.

Aibany—Furniture factory is in the market for 80 carloads of coast alder, maple and ash, cut in the following lengths, four feet four inches and eight feet and eight inches, cut in cordwood style.

Ontario—\$14,000 street lighting system to be installed here by Idaho Power Co. which is also given 10 year lighting contract.

State will spend \$160,000 in improvements and additions to state insane asylum, feeble minded institution and girls industrial school.

Hillsboro—First Washington County peppermint still now operating is beginning of new industry.

## TEN YEARS AGO

H. A. Jones has been appointed deputy sheriff resident at Hermiston.

The printing plant of the Hermiston Herald began to arrive Tuesday and is now being installed.

The following comparative showing of the postoffice business is interesting: Cancellation of stamps Nov. 1905, \$15.50; 1906, \$45.63; Dec. 1905, \$19.85; 1906, \$66.21.

Peter Nester left for Baker City Monday. He expects to have his plans for his livery stable completed within ten days, when he will return and ask for bids for its construction.

The vault safe, a Victor manganese steel, the highest type of burglar proof safes, arrived Wednesday and was placed in the vault in the bank building. The office fixtures are arriving and will be installed during the week.

Monday afternoon between 45 and 50 horses and the grading outfit of the Newport Land & Construction Co. arrived under the charge of Ross Newport, the manager. The outfit went into camp about three miles northeast of town from which point work will be commenced on the government contract for the construction of some twenty miles of laterals.

### Tips on 1907

That Harry M. Straw will eat his next Thanksgiving dinner at his home.

That the man who has lived in this section 25 years is a better expert of sage brush than of fruit culture.

That some of the "glory" boys will be browsing in other fields before the close of the year.

That Umatilla county officers will all know before 1908 that Hermiston and the Umatilla tract will roost high on the ladder of political influence.

## FARMERS EXCHANGE WILL REORGANIZE

At the annual meeting of the Farmers Exchange last Saturday a new board of directors was elected and steps

taken toward a complete reorganization of the Exchange and its business. The meeting was one of the largest ever held by the exchange.

The directors chosen for the coming year were M. Johnson, W. T. Sellers, H. J. Ott, F. J. Auseon and H. J. Stillings. H. J. Stillings was elected general manager and F. A. Chezik will be in charge of the warehouse and the selling end of the business.

It is the plan to add new lines, carry a larger stock, subscribe more capital and enlarge the present building. The stock of feed now carried by Stillings will be taken over. Stockholders will be made a very moderate price on all goods and a higher price charged non-members, thus making an incentive for farmers to own stock.

The Exchange expects to reopen for business January 15.

## CREAMERY TO MEET PORTLAND PRICES

Thursday, January 4, 1917  
The committee appointed by the farmers at a meeting held last evening at the Columbia school house, reports that the Hermiston Creamery Co., upon receiving word of the very harmonious meeting held and that the farmers who were in attendance had unanimously agreed to support this creamery, has now today advanced the price of butter fat to the price paid in Portland, thereby complying with its part of the agreement, before the farmers have had time to fulfill their part. The manager further stated to the committee that the creamery would not be sold at any time in the future to outside parties and moved away from Hermiston. That it is a project institution and would remain here where needed.

Now brother farmer it is up to us to make good. The company has willingly met us more than half way, and by patronizing this creamery we can help build up an institution that will insure profitable dairying here.

Geo. A. Cressy  
Frank Waugaman  
P. P. Phipps  
Committee