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TRUNK LINE OF HIGHWAY WILL CROSS WEST END

The main trunk or primary highway connecting Portland with the Idaho line and from there on east, will pass through Hermiston. This route has been definitely selected by Engineer Bennett and his crew is at work surveying and mapping the line. After reaching Echo Mr. Bennett delayed further advance until he could thoroughly examine all possible routes from that point to connect with the Columbia highway as now completed. This investigation was complete and his recommendation has been approved by the state engineer, according to reliable reports.

Leaving Echo the road comes through Stanfield on a much straighter line than the present road, thus eliminating many of the bad turns. At Stanfield, instead of crossing the track as at present, the new road will keep on the east side, eliminating two crossings. An easy grade up the hill has been found, at the top of which the road follows a perfectly straight course until the Umatilla project is reached.

The survey strikes the project just back of the old Monkman place where W. J. Giese now lives. From there it runs northwest, just touching one corner of the Sullivan place and coming down the hill through the Dodd orch-

ard and across the Fraser alfalfa tract, using the old Oregon Emigrant trail. This gives a splendid grade and eliminates three more sharp turns. The road strikes the present Fourth street in front of the Hanby residence and follows that street into town to Main street. Turning west the road follows Main street to its head and then goes diagonally across the alfalfa park, crossing the railroad practically at the depot crossing, which will be extended to the south.

After crossing the railroad tracks the road turns north, following the right of way until near the Brownell headgates just above Umatilla. Here the road will cross the Umatilla river and follow its west bank until the railway tracks are again reached and then turn west following close to the right of way to Arlington.

The exact route along the lower end has not yet been selected, but easy grades, low cost of construction and accessibility to all settlements through that section is assured.

Engineer Bennett has made arrangements for quartering his crew in this city and for work rooms for drafting purposes and will make Hermiston his headquarters for two weeks or more while completing the survey each way as far as practicable.

MILWAUKEE A TOTAL LOSS

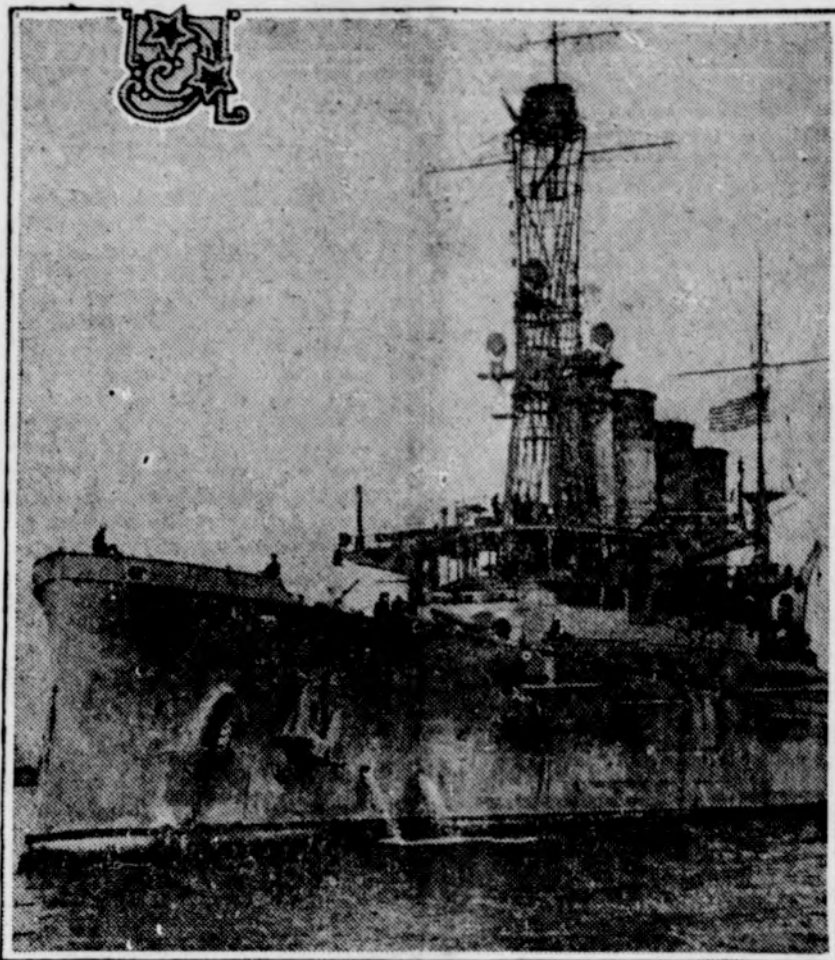


Photo by American Press Association. United States cruiser Milwaukee stranded on the Pacific coast in an effort to save the submarine H-3 and is now breaking to pieces.

COMMERCIAL CLUB SOCIAL VERY SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

The social Monday evening by the Commercial club was everything hoped for by the committee in charge. Those attending appeared to enjoy the evening fully as much as anticipated from the smiles on the faces of all. The committee felt sure the auditorium would be needed to hold the crowd and in this it was right. When it came to eating lunch no couples found a little corner to themselves. They couldn't had they been so disposed. Instead, however, it resembled one big picnic crowd, each one freely visiting with his neighbor.

The evening started with a number by the male quartette composed of M. D. Scroggs, W. N. Rees, John Leek and H. M. Straw. After responding to a well deserved encore G. A. Cressy gave briefly a few reasons why every farmer of the Hermiston country should belong to the Hermiston Commercial club. He also extended an invitation for them to become members.

E. P. Dodd followed with a brief review of what the Commercial club has done. Time would not permit more than a mention, but when all were summed up it was surprising how much the club really has accomplished; some very important things, too.

The next number on the program was the quartette composed of R. V. Chapman, Dorrell Murchie, Carroll

Reeves and Geo. Prindle. Following this was a talk on the Commercial club and the farmer by L. H. Pearson. Mr. Pearson was formerly a member but has dropped out. He knows the good the club is doing and promises to get in line again. M. D. Scroggs was next with a solo and the crowd would not be satisfied until he responded with another.

Rev. Graham brought out very forcefully why the church and club should work harmoniously. Each was dependent upon the other for the greatest good. J. H. Young had for his subject the Commercial club from the standpoint of the business man and brought out some very forceful arguments for the club. W. T. Sellers read a few extracts from a letter written by H. T. Irvin asking farmers to grow produce for the Portland market and insisting we produce an earlier and better grade of products. Rev. Chapman gave a solo in his usual pleasing manner.

Two reels of moving picture comice closed the program after which the men and boys formed two lines for the purchase of lunch boxes and the fun of hunting partners began.

As a result of the evening all had a good time, became better acquainted and the Commercial club will turn over about \$20 to the Neighborhood club for Columbia park.

TEN YEARS AGO

Ross Newport and family have become permanent residents of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are cosily settled in their new home at Second and Gladys.

The Newport Land & Construction Co. commenced yesterday the erection of an office building on Second street.

Miss Jennie Downing and F. B. Toner went to La Grande last week to make final proof on their homesteads.

O. P. Brigham has completed plans for a substantial residence and will let the contract as soon as bids are received.

Sheriff Til G. Taylor while in Hermiston last week purchased ten acres of land a mile and a half west of the depot.

J. H. Strohm, accountant for the Newport Land & Construction Co., will make Hermiston his home during the season.

E. I. Davis, assistant engineer of the reclamation service, has moved his family to the house erected for him at the reservoir site.

Take your hats off to E. P. Dodd of the hardware company and the Herald, both of which concerns have laid 10 foot sidewalks in front of their places of business.

D. R. Brownell & Co., butchers of Hermiston and Umatilla, who now delivered meat to Hermiston by wagon have the cement foundation in for a shop on Main street.

The platonic marriage of Griffin to Scroggs or Scroggs to Griffin, according to who is telling the story, took place early in the week and the couple have established themselves in the house recently occupied by E. I. Davis.

J. T. Hinkle was in our city Tuesday negotiating with Colonel Newport with a view of letting a contract for extending main and lateral ditches of the Hinkle Ditch company to cover several thousand additional acres of land. The land lies across the river directly west of this city.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Elmer Gibbs visited at the Sellers home Sunday.

F. B. Knapton this week purchased a Ford truck.

Team work started this week on Columbia park.

Mrs. Ott and children visited Mrs. Felthouse Wednesday.

Mrs. S. L. Carson, of west of town, visited at the Ott home Wednesday.

Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Kelley were visitors at the R. A. Stewart home Thursday.

A meeting is to be held at Columbia school house Feb. 17 to consider what crops to raise and the marketing of the same. Also to discuss the breeding of stock.

Mrs. Kelley visited at the Henry Ott home Tuesday. Mr. Ott is playing at the home of Bob Lewis in Echo.

T. E. Brassfield has purchased an autobus from Halls and is using it to transport the high school students back and forth.

The Neighborhood club social is this evening and a good program has been prepared. A valentine box has been arranged for the children. Everybody come out and spend an enjoyable evening.

SUIT STARTED BY WATER USERS ASSN.

Following instructions of the stockholders at the last two annual meetings, the board of directors of the Water Users' association has commenced suits for the collection of delinquent assessments of the association. The first suit filed was against John Thom. A bunch of papers in other suits are ready to file and action will be started in a few days.

It is the intention of the board, now that it has started, to file a suit against every delinquent stockholder in order to pay off the associations indebtedness. If all money due was paid the association would be out of debt and have money in the treasury.

Since the above was in type Mr. Thom has paid the assessment and the suit has been dismissed. To show others the difference between paying before suit is filed and after, the cost to Mr. Thom is given. There were five assessments of 50 cents each, a total of \$2.50. The clerk's charge was \$5 and the sheriff's \$6.50. Thus it will be seen the amount paid was \$14 and a like saving can be made by all others who pay before suit is filed.

NEW SETTLER IS PROGRESSIVE MAN

One of the recent purchasers in this section who will do things is L. A. Stone. Mr. Stone is formerly from Tacoma, though Wasco was his home before coming here. He has purchased the five acres in this city known as the Glen Williams tract. It is a splendid piece of land set to orchard.

Mr. Stone is getting to that age where he wants to make a permanent home and take life easier than in the past and has selected this city. The five acre tract was just what he was looking for. He will go in for poultry and is no novice. Already he has ordered his equipment of incubators, etc., and will at once build his poultry houses.

A little later, about the first of April, Mr. Stone will start construction of a modern residence and bring his wife here to share the comforts of his new home.

Frank Stone, a son of L. A. Stone, has also bought here, securing 55 acres near the Hesser place which he will at once start improving.

GROWING ALFALFA SEED IS GIVEN ENCOURAGEMENT

With the encouragement from what alfalfa seed has been grown here a number of farmers are considering engaging in the business on a commercial scale and in this connection have discussed the matter with Mr. Jones and Mr. Allen. Mr. Jones has taken the question up with the department of agriculture and both he and Mr. Allen will assist in every way possible should the farmers decide to go ahead. A part of a letter Mr. Jones has just received follows:

"The production of alfalfa seed may develop into an important industry on the project. The outlook for a good market for alfalfa seed is promising and there is good reason to believe that the climatic conditions on the Umatilla are reasonably favorable for seed production. As there has been so far practically no commercial production of alfalfa seed there, the industry must be regarded as in the experimental stage and all the activities in connection with the establishment of the industry should be shaped in recognition of this fact.

"If a considerable number of the water users seriously consider making an attempt to produce alfalfa seed commercially, it is advisable that they organize an association. Perhaps the three chief functions of an association during the first few years would be to assist in disseminating information regarding production; to own and operate recleaning machinery, and to market the output. The first of these three would be particularly important during the first year, when the experimental features of the industry would be especially prominent. The second and third functions would increase in importance as the industry developed. All three, of course, would be directed towards producing and selling a product which would bring to the project a good reputation as an alfalfa seed producing district, and the establishment of such a reputation would require much time.

"In the development of the industry it is important that certain elements of risk be fully recognized. The reason that alfalfa seed ordinarily brings a high price is that it is difficult to produce. The production of seed in any locality is subject to conditions over which the producer has little or no control. These conditions include hailstorms, torrential rains, high winds and the depredations of certain insects. Any one of these conditions may result in crop failure. To attempt to establish the industry without recognizing these facts would certainly result in disappointment. Because of the influence of these conditions over which we have little or no control, there has been developed no method of seed production which is absolutely sure in any locality. Even in such well established seed-producing sections as the Hagerman Valley of Idaho and the Yuma reclamation pro-

ject there are widely divergent opinions as to the best methods of seed production. One method is more successful than another one year while the reverse is true in another year.

"These facts make it necessary for the Umatilla farmers to regard this industry as being in the experimental stage and to set aside only a relatively small portion of their land for the experiment. This is particularly true on the Umatilla where the farm units are small. The problem of efficiently marketing the seed produced on these small units makes co-operation necessary." F. D. Farrell, Office Demonstrations on Reclamation Projects.

BOARDMAN NEWS

Geo. Thrall left for Portland Monday.

C. G. Blayden went to Arlington Monday.

Mrs. C. Voyer went to Hermiston Wednesday to help her father with his books.

Paul Jones and crew are here for a few days surveying getting ready for the next opening. Lester Goff, J. C. Kinery and Chas. Vinson, of Holdman, drove over in their car and spent the night at the Boardman hotel.

S. C. Mack and C. Voyer went up to Hermiston Tuesday. Mr. Voyer returned Wednesday morning while Mr. Mack stayed a few days to help his father in the drug store.

A social dance was given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Mack in their store building. About 40 were present. Lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. Everyone had a splendid time. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert invited everyone to a dance at Messner next Saturday evening, Feb. 10.

ORDINATION AT CHURCH WEDNESDAY

A meeting for the ordination of L. S. Chapman was held in the Baptist church Wednesday. State Secretary O. C. Wright, D. D. and Rev. Springston, D. D., of Portland, Rev. Clevenger and Mr. Penland, of Pendleton, and Rev. Williams, of Haines, were in attendance.

The meeting convened at 2:30 and at 5:30 supper was served. At 7:30 a song service was held led by Rev. Williams, and Rev. Chapman gave a solo. The ordination sermon was by Dr. Wright, the charge to the church by Rev. Clevenger, the charge to the pastor by Dr. Springston, ordination prayer by Dr. Springston. At the close of the service three were baptized by Rev. Chapman.

UMATILLA ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Fry, Jan. 29, a baby boy.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Harvey, Jan. 26, a daughter.

Miss Bernice Ducaan has returned to her home in Albany, Ore.

Earl Coutts of Pendleton, was down over Sunday on a fishing trip.

Mrs. Anna Means was acting mayor at Tuesday night's council meeting in Mrs. Starcher's absence.

Mrs. D. C. Brownell is reported not so well. Carl, Robert and Lew Brownell went down Tuesday night.

Mayor Starcher asks that every one decorate with flags and bunting to show loyalty to our president and country.

Capt. R. H. Baughman died in Lewiston, Idaho, of typhoid fever. He was master of the steamer Asotin and had only left here about five weeks ago.

J. B. Switzer has one of our national birds for a pet. Some one had shot it and broken its wing. Mr. Switzer is caring for it until it is able to fly away.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Reeves and Francis, Mr. and Miss Gwiwits, Miss Hummel and Miss Sucher, all of Hermiston, were callers at the Lambert home Sunday afternoon.

NEWLYWEDS HOME FROM EAST TUESDAY

Hermiston's newest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Sapper, arrived home from Erie, Pa., Tuesday morning and were given a rousing reception by a number of Mr. Sapper's friends. They were escorted to the T. W. Sapper home on a dray amid a shower of rice and plenty of noise from tin cans and horns.

Miss Marie Christine Herbst and Otto George Sapper were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Erie, Pa., Wednesday, January 31, at 7 p. m. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only the bride's relatives and an uncle and aunt of the groom being present. The ring ceremony was used and the couple was unattended. They left at 10:30 the same evening for Hermiston, stopping one day at Chicago for the auto show. Delayed trains enroute threw them 47 hours behind their schedule.

The bride was popular in her large circle of friends in Erie and in coming to Hermiston to make her home she is sure to receive a welcome from all the many friends of Mr. Sapper. Mr. Sapper is one of Hermiston's substantial business men.

Mr. and Mrs. Sapper will be at the H. G. Newport home until March 1, when they take the Briggs residence and will be at home to their friends after March 10.

BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

H. L. Stanfield was an Echo visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. P. F. Shaw visited Mrs. E. H. Gardiner Saturday.

John and Richard Thom were visitors in Stanfield and Echo Tuesday.

There are several cases of measles reported in the neighborhood but none are proving serious.

J. W. Messner of Hermiston is having a well drilled on his place preparatory to beginning leveling.

Mrs. C. H. Shaw and Mrs. C. H. Gardiner went to Stanfield Monday to visit their daughter and niece, Mrs. Clarence Berry.

M. M. Rial is erecting a two story house on his place. They expect to have it ready for occupancy by the middle of the month.

Water came down Butter creek Saturday night and the farmers are all busy irrigating. The W. L. & I. Co. also have water in their ditch.

C. J. Ward of Stanfield has two balers, one gasoline and one horse power, at work on the Glen Richards place. The hay is being shipped from Westland.

PENDLETON AUTO SHOW NEXT WEEK

The first annual auto show at Pendleton will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. The way things are turning out it will be bigger and better than even the dealers of the Round-up city had hoped. Nearly 40 pleasure cars will be exhibited as well as several trucks. The showing of accessories will in itself be an education to the car owners or one who considers buying.

The show will be held at the Happy Canyon and J. C. Rieg, who managed the Portland show, will be in charge.

METHODISTS WILL PUT UP BUILDING

At a meeting of the official board of the Methodist church Saturday night with the full membership in attendance it was unanimously decided to build a new house of worship. The present building will be fitted up as a parsonage, according to the plans when it was built.

Committees were appointed to investigate concerning materials and prices. Plans will be adopted soon and it is hoped the new building will be ready for occupancy by fall.

Crane—Several cars of ore will be hauled 35 miles from mine near Idle City on Trout creek to ship from here in spring. Ore runs \$75 to \$250 a ton in lead, silver and zinc.