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H. G. HURLBURT, PIONEER OF EARLY DAYS, PASSES

Monday afternoon, February 12, H. G. Hurlburt passed from this life after an illness of nearly all winter. Part of the time he was able to be around, but became gradually weaker and for the past two weeks had not been out. His mind remained clear to the very last. The funeral was held Wednesday at 1 o'clock from the Methodist church, Rev. Graham conducting the services. Many beautiful floral offerings covered the casket as a last tribute to one with a host of friends. Interment was in the Hermiston cemetery.

H. G. Hurlburt was born in Texas in 1847. Early in life he went to Iowa and there studied as a civil engineer and followed this profession many years. In his chosen line he was one of the best of his day. He first came west in 1870 as an engineer when the railroad now known as the Southern Pacific was building from Portland south. At Roseburg he met and married Lydia R. Burnett. She passed on to the other life in 1888. To them were born three children, all living, Thomas of Butter Creek, Mrs. H. R. Newport of this city, and Mrs. Mollie Scott of Bronx, Wyo. One sister in

Pendleton, three sisters of Portland and a brother also survive.

In 1891 he married Anna McCorkle, of Sumner, Wash. The two children of this union are both dead.

As an active engineer deceased was chief engineer of the O. W. R. & N. when that line was built from Portland to The Dalles. Later he located the line when the same company built from Walla Walla to Spokane. When the Northern Pacific was rushing its line across the country Mr. Hurlburt was chief engineer of the work and at times had as high as 10,000 men under him.

Leaving railroad work Mr. Hurlburt located at Arlington in 1886 and engaged in stock raising. After about 10 years there he came to Umatilla county where he had since resided.

As a resident of this section Mr. Hurlburt surveyed a greater part of the country. In this connection it was not infrequent that he was called to give expert testimony from his old field notes in clearing up disputes as to land titles. He saw the first irrigation work and took an active interest in its development.

NEW AREA OF SEA DANGER



Mine area proclaimed by Great Britain to further bottle up German raiders and submarines. New area shown by black lines.

SINNOTT SUCCEEDING WITH BILLS BENEFITTING WEST

Congressman N. J. Sinnott of Oregon has been successful in the first step towards passage of each of his twin bills for permitting entry on reclamation and power site withdrawals subject to the right of the government to retake the lands, or such parts thereof as it may later be necessary to use for the purposes for which originally withdrawn. The committee on public lands of the house of representatives authorized Mr. Sinnott to report for it favorably on both these bills and they are now on the house calendar awaiting their turn to be considered on the floor of the house.

In his report on H. R. 7532, providing for a homestead entry on water power sites the congressman called attention to the desirability of giving relief to hundreds of settlers throughout the country who had entered upon lands in good faith when the records of the local land offices did not at the time of entry show the withdrawals. He stated that many of these settlers have spent their time, money and labor on such entries, and done so before being informed that they had been withdrawn from entry. Further, that his bill would enable the Secretary of the Interior in his discretion to allow such entries to be perfected, reserving the right to the United States to retake the land whenever necessary for power site purposes.

In commenting on section 10 of the Ferris water power bill which covers

substantially the same ground as the Sinnott bill, Secretary Lane said:

"Section 10 of the bill is also important, in that it will permit in many instances a dual use of the land, or a part thereof, providing that the Secretary of the Interior may in his discretion, allow entries or claims under appropriate land laws for areas reserved for water power sites where the water power development will not be injured thereby. There are many cases where the dam, reservoir or conduit will occupy only a part of a legal subdivision, and this will permit the agricultural use of the balance. There are other cases where there is now timber upon the surface, which may be disposed of under appropriate law, cut and removed before the land is required or utilized for power purposes."

The report on H. R. 170.85 permitting homestead and desert land entries on land withdrawn for reclamation purposes endorses such bill for similar reasons.

Realizing that the passage of these twin bills will be of great benefit to many parts of his district, while in no way restricting the ultimate development of any of its resources, Congressman Sinnott will use every effort to get action on them as soon as possible. Owing to the congested condition of the house calendar and the short time remaining before adjournment it is doubtful however if they can be reached during the present session of congress.

TEN YEARS AGO

Miss Bessie Coffman was married last Sunday at Pendleton to Robert M. Endicott.

Work has been commenced on C. L. Morgan's house on Third street west of the hotel.

Rev. W. B. Pope conducted church services at the school house Wednesday evening.

C. C. Wellington and wife have bought the Hermiston cafe on Main street from William Coffman.

A dance will be given at the Hotel Hermiston Saturday evening, February 23, by the Chevaliers of Hermiston.

The Irvin lumber office has been completed and occupied during the week as has also the office of the Newport Land & Construction Co. on Second street.

Hermiston now has a physician. Dr. Siroecker arrived from the East Thursday. He has charge of the government medical work and will do general practice.

Papers have been filed for the incorporation of the Western Umatilla Mutual Electric company with chief offices at Hermiston and the object to supply electric lights and power to the territory under the Umatilla government project.

At the school meeting Saturday Mrs. Grace Furnas was chosen one of the school directors of this district to succeed to the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. W. H. Sayer. The other members are Swan Peterson and H. G. Newport.

Rev. Pope, Baptist missionary for Oregon, was seriously injured at the O. R. & N. station Thursday morning about 3 o'clock. He was struck by the train his right arm broken, his back bruised and strained and a deep gash cut in his head. Rev. G. L. Hall, Baptist minister from Pendleton, came down and cared for him until the afternoon train.

FEBRUARY NAMED AS POISON MONTH

The executive committee of the National Wool Growers association designated February as poison month and asks everyone living where there are coyotes to put out poison. In this connection it might be well to mention that the legislature is passing a law increasing the coyote bounty to \$3 for all killed during 1917 with an increase of \$1 per year thereafter on females.

The best method of preparing poison as secured from the U. S. Biological survey is to mix equal parts of lard and sugar. Place outside to cool and mold into balls about the size of a walnut. With some instrument make a cavity in the ball and place therein 2-3-4 grains strychnine and close the cavity. When thoroughly cold place in small paper bags and close the top by twisting tightly. Care should be taken not to handle with the hands to avoid the taint left thereby.

Place the poison balls in and about carcasses and on trails 20 to 100 feet from them. In placing the bait it is

best to ride a horse and drop the bait from the bags without dismounting, thus leaving no sign of human presence. Trails may be made by dragging a carcass and then dropping an occasional poison ball a few feet away. Do not use large poison baits as there is where accidents occur. Dogs may be trained to leave the poison balls by feeding them the pellets filled with ipecac instead of poison.

DO NOT OVERLOOK IMPROVEMENT CLAUSE

Section 8 of the act of congress of August, 1914, extending the period of payment under reclamation projects, provides among other things:

"That the secretary of the interior may require the reclamation for agricultural purposes and the cultivation of one-fourth the irrigable area under each water right application or entry within three full irrigation seasons after the filing of water right application or entry and the reclamation for agricultural purposes and the cultivation of one-half the irrigable area within five full irrigation seasons after the filing of the water right application or entry and shall provide for continued compliance with such requirements. Failure on the part of any water right applicant or entryman to comply with such requirements shall render his application or entry subject to cancellation."

The secretary has elected to carry out these provisions and water right holders should be careful to see that they comply.

BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

Dick Shaw was a business visitor in Hermiston Friday.

Mrs. Elwin Basey visited at the Alton Basey home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Attebury visited friends in Stanfield Sunday.

Mesdames P. F. and C. H. Shaw were trading in Stanfield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gardiner spent Sunday at the home of their son, E. H. Gardiner.

Miss Irene Rhea who has been quite sick with the measles is reported much better.

Dr. Wainscott was called Tuesday to attend Mrs. Geo. Hoyt who was quite ill. She is able to be about again.

Mrs. M. M. Rial has been quite sick with la grippe since Friday. Mrs. Olita Fryerear is taking care of her.

H. G. Hurlburt, a pioneer of this vicinity, passed away at the home of his son Thomas, Monday p. m. Death was due to old age. He had been quite feeble for some time.

Mrs. Rodda has a tent house in the school yard and will spend the remainder of the school term here. She brings with her the three children, two of whom will enter this school.

Thon Bros. threshed their barley Thursday. Jess Richards who lately purchased a tractor engine for his farm work brought down Pete Nelson's separator and equipment and furnished the power.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. McKeen is still on the sick list. Mrs. Brunson has been sick this week.

Mrs. Simmons is recovering from a sick spell.

Mr. Ott has commenced plastering for Mr. Phipps this week.

Monday Mr. Strasser had the misfortune to lose a good mare.

Mrs. Stillings' father of Garfield, Wash., is visiting with her.

Walter Blessing had the misfortune to lose a good cow last Monday.

Mrs. Frank Waugaman is just recovering from an attack of quinsy.

G. R. Roberts of Pendleton, was a visitor in this section the middle of the week.

Mr. Caldwell has returned from Pendleton and vicinity after disposing of his hay crop.

Mrs. W. F. Hannan was on the sick list this last week. Miss Florence was very sick also.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Knapton spent Saturday and Sunday in Pendleton with relatives.

Mr. Haddox brought a crowd out to the school house Saturday evening in his auto truck.

Floyd Hoisington, who has been with the Oregon troops on the Mexican border, is home.

Mr. Stubbs has sold his ranch and will move away. Their friends are sorry to see them go.

Among the visitors at the school this week was L. J. Allen who spoke on industrial club work.

Paul Miller is helping Mr. Brunson prune his orchard and will be there all season helping to care for the trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Roads were guests one day this week at the Knapton home. Mrs. Roads and Mrs. Knapton are cousins.

J. Wallace Spencer went to Pendleton Wednesday and Thursday expected to be married to a young lady from Florida.

Bob Neimever is suffering from an affection of the eyes called pink eye and several others are suffering from the same trouble.

George Beddow, of Pendleton, is staying with his brother Frank while looking after the grading of the land he recently bought.

Don't forget the farmers meeting at the school house this evening to discuss matters in regard to the growing and marketing of crops.

Mrs. Spencer has returned from Seattle where she has been visiting her daughter. Mrs. Woods and two children accompanied her home.

A turkey dinner was enjoyed at the parental Anna Sapper and Miss Albrecht home by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sapper, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sapper and little daughter Margaret Anna.

Henry, small son of D. C. Connor fell last Sunday and dislocated his arm at the elbow. Dr. Wainscott was called and set the injured member. This is the second time for the same arm as three years ago the little fellow fell and broke it. An X-ray

picture taken Monday showed a fractured bone also.

Prof. Von Holderback, of Spokane, visited the Hehl, Bohn and Brunson orchards Monday and Tuesday of this week. While here he pruned a few of the Barham trees to show how they should be handled when bearing. Among those taking notes were Frank Beddow, Adolph Skovbo, Paul Miller and Mr. Smith from town.

Neighborhood Club News

Friends of the members of the club from the Atlantic to the Pacific are offering roses and shrubs for the park and there will be little if any nursery stock purchased.

From four to eight teams have been at work for the past four days on the park and a portion of the ground finished is being seeded and strawed. Each day members of the club served hot coffee to the workers.

Don't forget Saturday, February 17. Come out and hear a short program prepared for that date. We anticipate a talk on "First Aid" by Dr. Wainscott if he can possibly be there, he will give same talk he gave to the Parent-Teacher association in Hermiston.

Program rendered at social February 10 was unusually good. Cello solo, Paul Miller, Otto Sapper, accompanist; vocal solos by June Hoisington, Gladys Smith, Mrs. Correl; instrumental solos Clarice Watson, Esther Graham; reading, Mr. Barham. The ladies cleared between \$21 and \$22.

This week has seen the installation of the irrigation system for Columbia park and in consequence there is great rejoicing among the ladies of the Neighborhood club. This system consisting of 800 feet of concrete pipe was completed by Leo Clark of the U. S. R. S. which is in itself a guarantee that the work is perfectly done. Mr. Clark was assisted by Childs Barham and Philip Ley and to these three young men the ladies are extending their heartiest appreciation.

CLUBBING OFFER EXCEPTIONAL ONE

The clubbing offer now being made by The Herald is without doubt one of the best ever offered by any paper. The Herald, Western Farmer, Better Fruit and Household are priced at \$1.90 for the four. This means only 40 cents more than The Herald alone.

Better Fruit is recognized as the best there is in the fruit line of magazines. Its editor, E. H. Shepherd, has lived at Hood River for years and made a close study of his subject. He is an authority on no one questions.

Western Farmer is known favorably in this section. Mr. Faville, its editor, attended the dairy show two years ago and gave a very interesting address. He fully expected to be here last year but was detained at the last minute. No better farm magazine is published.

Household, as the name indicates, is for the home. It is good and will complete the family reading.

This offer is good for a short time only and should be taken advantage of without delay. New or renewal to any of the four get the same rate.

IRRIGON ITEMS

Peter Susbauer and Prof. Suddarth were business visitors in the Morgan district Wednesday.

A number of carloads of 24 inch pipe have been unloaded at Irrigon the past week for government use.

C. W. Caldwell returned home Tuesday morning from Eugene where he has been visiting relatives during the past few weeks.

B. B. Lane is now busily engaged in the erection of a blacksmith shop. The building is to be 25x50, located on the corner of 7th street and Oregon avenue.

Farmer Smith of the O. W. R. & N. was in Irrigon Sunday and put up a very favorable proposition for an Irrigon demonstration farm before the Commercial club.

Mr. Strader of Wallace, who recently purchased an Irrigon five acre tract sight unseen was in Irrigon last week and reported that he was very well pleased.

A bridge crew of the O. W. R. & N. is here under the supervision of H. E. Dodson, who is now tunneling under the track and making arrangements for government pipe lines and ditches.

The greatest social event for Irrigon this year was a card party given by Mesdames Susbauer, Suddarth, Castle and Lester in the Egbert & Wadsworth ball last Saturday. Everyone present reported of having an excellent time.

Among those who attended the Columbia highway special meeting of the Irrigon Commercial club last Sunday were Chief Engineer Bennett, E. P. Dodd, Sam Oldaker, M. D. Scroggs and F. R. Reeves, of Hermiston; S. H. Boardman and J. C. Ballinger, of Boardman; Robert Crooks jr. of Peters and H. H. Weston of Castle Rock. Mrs. Dodd and Isabel and Mrs. Reeves and Francis were in the Hermiston party, visiting friends during the meeting.

UMATILLA ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. E. E. Starbuck left for California Thursday.

R. V. Brownell returned from Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Chappelle went to Portland on a business trip.

Richard Yerxa jr. of Kameia is spending the week with his parents.

P. H. Buchholz and J. C. Hoskins of Stanfield stopped at the Duncan Monday.

Mrs. W. F. Turnbow, of Cosmopolis is spending the week here with friends.

Miss Betty Baker of the Spokane

Press, spent Monday here interviewing the lady officials.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Switzer and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hull motored to Horse Heaven to a masquerade dance.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

J. C. Ballenger went to Hermiston Sunday.

C. G. Blayden returned Sunday from The Dalles.

S. H. Boardman went to Irrigon Sunday to attend a road meeting.

Mr. Hango's father in law is here from Hood River and expects to locate.

A big crowd enjoyed the social dance given at Messner by Mr. and Mrs. Calvert.

Mrs. Carley, of Carley, Wash., came over Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. Coykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Paine entertained the Klitz family to dinner Monday evening.

Chas. Hango left for Hood River. He is going to drive back and bring an extra team to help with the spring work on the ranch.

NORTH RIDGE NEWS

Mr. Savage's sister, Miss Savage of Chicago, came last Friday and will make her home with her brother.

Miss Agnes Soneson spent Wednesday and Thursday at the Erikson home.

Miss Ada Prann and Janice Brigham were visitors at Nob Hill ranch Saturday afternoon.

J. T. Embry and Mr. Hood are clearing forty acres of land over in the Columbia district for Mr. Beddow, of Pendleton.

INDUSTRIAL NEWS NOTES OF THE STATE

Klamath Falls—Special train of 32 cars Klamath and Lake county lambs shipped to San Francisco.

Sutherlin—Actual construction of big sawmill to begin soon. Eight miles of logging road graded.

Salem—First line linen factory in United States may be built here.

Oregon's entire bank deposits total \$164,596,980 of which Portland has 48.3 per cent.

La Grande—Imbler state bank increases from \$90,000 in 1915 to \$140,000 in 1916.

Pendleton—Three quarter section wheat land sells for \$30,000.

Salem—Prune pool of season nets highest price to growers for 7 years.