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## SECOND UNIT OF WEST EXTENSION NOW READY

The Secretary of the Interior announces the opening to entry on March 6, at 9 o'clock a. m., of approximately 1,300 acres in the second unit of the west extension of the Umatilla, Oregon, reclamation project.

Persons desiring to acquire any of this public land must execute a home stead application subject to the provisions of the reclamation law which, with the required fees and commissions accompanied by a certificate of the Project Manager at Hermiston as to the filing of water-right applications and payment of water right charges, may be presented to the proper local land office, either La Grande or The Dalles, Oregon, in person, by mail, or otherwise, within the period of five days prior to the opening, on and from March 1, to and in-

cluding 9 o'clock a. m., March 6. Where there is more than one applicant for the same land a drawing will be held to determine the successful applicant. Unsuccessful entrymen will be permitted to amend their filings and apply same to other farm units which have not been entered.

The building charge is \$92 per acre, 5 per cent of which must be deposited with the Project Manager at Hermiston before application for entry will be received. The balance is payable in fifteen additional annual installments, the first of which will be payable December 1 of the fifth calendar year after the entry. The first five of such instalments will each be five per cent of the construction charge, and the last ten installments each seven per cent.

### TEN YEARS AGO

J. T. Hinkle, Pendleton attorney, spent Tuesday in this city.

Carl McNaught has completed a plat of the Curtis and Bland addition, which adjoins the town on the west.

The D. R. Brownell Co. market building is completed and the firm will open the shop the coming week.

The fine lumber sheds of H. T. and L. S. Irvin are completed and being filled with a stock of high grade lumber.

The brick foundations are in and the frame up, siding and roof on F. B. Swayze's residence on Gladys avenue adjoining the bank.

A larger pipe line is being placed on the Maxwell well to the tank in order to care for the increased number of consumers.

H. T. Irvin has completed grading his lot 120x150 on Furnas avenue and will at once begin what will be one of the largest and finest residences in town.

A chinook Monday night and Tuesday took off the snow rapidly. Out at the reservoir site the canyon was a raging torrent for a short time, but no serious damage was done.

Rev. Pope, who was injured last week by being struck by a train, was so far recovered Tuesday that he was placed on a cot in the baggage car of No. 1 and started home. Rev. Hall came down from Pendleton to accompany him.

The scene at the dam site is well worth the trip out. All buildings for the large crew are completed, offices, machine shops, etc., are ready and most of the equipment is on the ground. Actual construction will start soon.

Colonel H. G. Newport went to La Grande Monday and made final proof on his homestead. An official of the interior department stated that he was unaware of any final proof showing improvements of equal value—over \$3,000.

## PORTLAND WILL BUY HERMISTON PRODUCE

In a long letter to R. W. Allen the advantages of Hermiston country products are fully explained by H. T. Irvin, former resident of the project. Similar letters have been written others and in all of them Mr. Irvin feels confident our farmers can do well with their produce in the Portland markets. He enumerates those things we could best dispose of and in which there is the least competition.

Mr. Irvin is now conducting a market in Portland and has given the subject careful consideration. His idea is for Hermiston farmers to specialize on a few things to which the locality is especially adapted and branch out into others gradually. The Dalles and California would be the greatest competitors, but there is room for both The Dalles and Hermiston while California is at a disadvantage owing to distance and transportation cost.

Mr. Irvin believes egg plant should be the leader. Muskmelons would be good too, though it would be harder to place the regular cantaloupe. Casabas also appear as good. Other things Mr. Irvin believes could be disposed of easily and at good prices are asparagus, early potatoes, celery, possibly greeng corn, green peas, dry onions,

peppers, rutabagas, turnips, gooseberries, early apples, poultry, veal, hogs and beef.

He thinks watermelons questionable with a possible price of \$10 f. o. b. the boat at Umatilla. Every truck gardener can and does grow carrots, parsnips and beets. It is the same with strawberries. While great quantities of early peaches are sold, there are lots of them to supply the demand. Grapes will stand long shipping and competition would be strong.

In closing Mr. Irvin says the success or failure of our produce on the Portland market rests very largely with the producer. City people pay more attention to quality and once they learn a certain district is to be depended upon they will buy that line exclusively. He thinks every package sent out should be of a quality the producer feels proud to put his name on. Adopt a high standard of quality and keep up to it, placing on every package where it came from. In this way teach the consumer that Hermiston produce stands for all that is good.

## MOVIE BENEFIT MONDAY EVENING

The Parent-Teacher association has been planning for some time to arrange a special show for The Movie as a benefit to its finances. Things have not come just right until this time for various reasons. Now, however, a splendid film has been secured and the benefit show will be put on Monday evening.

For this occasion "King Lear," one of the greatest of the Shakesperian productions, has been secured. Such a play offers something entirely different from the ordinary and Monday evening will prove an opportunity longed for by many.

In giving its endorsement to the special show Monday evening the Parent-Teacher association does so for a number of reasons. The boys of The Movie have been very considerate of the association and lent its assistance on many occasions. A moving picture show under the supervision of our schools is far better than one conducted by an individual where little can be done by the school in determining the class of show. The boys have worked faithfully to make the show a success and while it has been this, enough money has not been cleared to pay for new equipment purchased at the beginning of school. As an asset to the community this equipment cannot be overestimated. On occasions like when State Biologist Finley was here there was no question as to its use. When something special is given at the school auditorium The Movie chairs are very convenient to borrow. Any number of such incidents might be mentioned where The Movie is made use of with but little thought of the source from which it came.

It is in recognition of all these things that the Parent-Teacher association has attempted the show for Monday evening. Those who feel like showing their appreciation can best do so by being present at The Movie Monday evening. The admission has been placed at 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children, a price the committee thought very fair in considering the character of the play. Many have already signified their intention of attending and a record house is hoped for.

Klamath Falls—Box factory to be started at once employing 50.

## NAMED AS NAVY MEDICAL DIRECTOR



Photo by American Press Association.

Dr. Cary T. Grayson, personal physician to Presidents Taft and Wilson, whom the latter has suggested for promotion as head of the naval medical service with rank of rear admiral.

## BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Pete Sheridan was an Echo visitor Friday.

Mrs. Rial is able to be out again after her spell of la grippe.

Wm. Rodda visited his family Sunday. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Vanetta Hamer.

Bob Lewis was out from Echo to look over part of Pete Sheridan's place with a view to buying.

Jas. Ware sold eleven head of cows to G. Boyer of Heppner. They are to be delivered at the Hines Branch in Sand Hollow Tuesday.

Mr. Shroeder, the Westland merchant, spent two days in the community last week in the interest of establishing a postoffice at Westland.

Postmaster Young of Hermiston circulated a petition last week to secure a rural route from Hermiston to Butter Creek along the west side of the river and return thru the Minnehaha neighborhood.

Rev. Fancutt of Stanfield preached at the Lower Butter Creek school last Sunday afternoon. He expects to be out again March 4 and all are urged to be present. Services follow Sunday school which meets at 2 o'clock.

## NORTH RIDGE NEWS

Earl Phelps and family moved back to their ranch Saturday.

Ed. Rowe is clearing forty acres of land for Mr. Stone who owns a ranch south of town.

Visitors at the Soneson home Sunday evening were Miss Ruth Hobbs, Hogan Miller and Mr. Keller.

Miss Burrell and Mr. Bell came up from Stanfield Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Olsen.

Mr. Embry is the first one on the hill this year to have some little chickens. He has nine and more are still hatching.

Mr. Ranney moved his hay baler to Stanfield last week. Mr. Ranney and family expect to remain in Stanfield this summer.

## HERMISTON DEFEATS ATHENA SCHOOL TEAM

Friday evening of last week saw two of the best basket ball games of the season on the local floor. The Athena high school boys' and girls' team came down for a return game.

In the girls game Athena won on a score of 11 to 2. At the end of the first half the score was even, but the Hermiston team could not hold out through the second half.

When the Hermiston teams went to Athena both lost by a big score and the visitors thought it would be easy picking again. They more than met

their match in the boys, though. At no time was the local team in danger of losing and the final score was 23 to 14. Every member of the team played all the time and it would be an injustice to say one was better than another for it was largely team work that won.

This leaves the boys' teams tied and it is understood Athena has refused to again meet Hermiston even on a neutral floor, which should give Hermiston the decision.

## UMATILLA ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. J. H. Cherry went to Pendleton Tuesday.

Alex Little returned from Portland Thursday.

Mrs. Lawrence Compton spent Saturday in Pendleton visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brownell drove to Hermiston Monday to attend lodge.

Mrs. E. McKenzie went to Portland to spend a week with Mrs. C. G. Brownell.

Mrs. J. H. Pound went to Irrigon to spend Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Susbauer.

Dr. Waincott was called early Wednesday morning to attend Mrs. Iry, who is quite ill.

Mrs. F. H. Reicks, Mrs. Jas. Ward and Mrs. Rand, went to Pendleton on the motor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Spinning attended the Community Festival and dance at Echo Monday.

The Umatilla Meat Market will open up under new management Tuesday with Roy Nerton in charge.

P. S. Tillson and W. B. Spinning, with several others, drove to Heppner Thursday to attend the Etks lodge.

## DISCUSS ALFALFA SEED WEDNESDAY

There has been a desire for some time by farmers of this section to learn more of the possibilities of alfalfa and sweet clover seed production, particularly the former. R. W. Allen and Paul S. Jones have taken the matter up with various sources to learn what they could and Mr. Allen has also taken steps to secure a man from O. A. C. to discuss the subject.

The meeting on seed production will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Civic Center room. J. E. Larson will be here from the college to talk on the subject and answer any questions relative thereto.

If time permits Mr. Allen will discuss the matter of increasing the production of hairy vetch seed. Should there not be time for this, he will take up the question at a later date.

Portland—Ship yards are humming. Big steam schooner to be built, owned and operated by Portland meg.

## CITY WILL REPAIR WATER MAIN FOR ENTIRE LENGTH

Council meeting Wednesday evening was one of the most important, from character of business transacted, for many months. After investigations covering every possible phase and experiments for several months past, it was decided to put a cement collar over the present wooden collar at every joint on the main pipe line from the city well to the reservoir.

This pipe line has been a source of continual expense from the day it was put down. The question of fixing leaks has been taken up with various manufacturers of wooden pipe with little satisfaction. Superintendent Salser has tried fixing the leaks various ways and after a thorough test has found that by putting a cement collar reinforced with wire netting around the joints no further trouble has been experienced. Some such joints repaired several months ago have been dug up and investigated.

To superintend the work A. F. Beisse has been employed and the work will be done by force account

with a crew of six to eight men. The work will be started at the reservoir and continued to the well. Mr. Beisse is now getting material and crew together and will be ready to commence operations the first of the week.

The city has succeeded in securing money to carry out much of this undertaking and hopes that leaks will be stopped sufficiently to take care of the remainder as necessary through a reduction of operation expenses. Soon after the pipe line is repaired it is believed enough more can be cut from the expenses to line the reservoir and thus stop further leakage. Should everything work out as the mayor and council have reason to believe it will, the water system, by the end of the year, will be on a paying basis for the first time in its history.

Another matter coming up Wednesday evening was government irrigation water for next year. A proposed levy of six cents a front foot was authorized, which is a reduction of two cents over last year.

## TIME FOR WINTER SPRAY APPROACHING

The time of year to apply the winter spray or dormant spray, will soon arrive. By the right combination of materials and by applying the spray at the proper time, a number of enemies of the trees can be quite effectively controlled by one thorough coating of spray.

The winter application of spray to fruit trees should be applied at the time in early spring when the buds of the trees begin to swell quite perceptibly, and it should be completed before the buds open. The proper time usually comes late in March.

The following enemies can be combated by this one spraying—San Jose scale and aphid on the apple, scale on the pear, scale and aphid on pears, cherries and plums, and peach twig miner, scale, aphid and peach leaf curl on peaches.

The spray used should be composed of lime-sulphur of some standard make diluted according to directions for use on dormant trees. To this should be added blackleaf 40 (nicotine sulfate) at the rate of one part per 1000 parts of the other spray.

All fruit trees should be thoroughly sprayed with this material to destroy these fungous and insect pests which must be kept in check to maintain the trees in a vigorous and productive condition.

The fungous disease, peach leaf curl, referred to above, has made its appearance in the district recently. It spreads rapidly and does great damage if not held in check by proper spraying. R. W. Allen

## IRRIGON ITEMS

Sam Oldaker, of Hermiston, was an Irrigon visitor Sunday.

J. K. Shotwell, of Hermiston, was a business visitor in this vicinity Tuesday.

Mr. Graybeal, of La Grande, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. M. McCoy.

Otis Hinkle, of Bend, and a former Irrigonite, was a visitor here Tuesday. Mr. Hinkle was accompanied by his father whose home is in the Willamette valley.

Final arrangements were made at the Commercial club meeting last Saturday for the Irrigon demonstration farm. The farm will be under the supervision of "Farmer" Smith.

The ladies of the Irrigon social club met at the Egbert and Wadsworth hall Saturday, Feb 17, for the purpose of reorganizing. Farmer Smith of the O. W. R. & N. was present and, after an interesting address, the work of reorganizing was taken up with Mr. Smith in the chair. It was favorably suggested that the club be called the Irrigon Civic and Social Improvement Club. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Castle, Pres.; Mrs. Seaman, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Suddarth, Sec. and Treas.; Mrs. Susbauer, Mrs. Hawthorne and Mrs. W. A. Walpole, executive board. The president and secretary, together with the executive board, were appointed as a committee to draw up the constitution and by-laws for the club, in order that a perfect organization may be had at the next meeting which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Martin Saturday at 2 p. m., February 24.

Portland—Tacoma ship yards place rush order for 4,000,000 feet lumber.