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POSTOFFICE BURGLARIZED

One of the burglars was captured Thursday afternoon by Sheriff Taylor and a deputy near Juniper. There were two men and the second escaped after an exchange of shots with the officers. The chase was kept up until dark and resumed early Friday morning. The man was then headed west, and is believed to have spent the night in that north and east of Cold Springs reservoir. He is a young man about 28 years old and weighing 165 pounds. He is dressed in a brown suit with green or drab macdonaw, black button shoes, gray or crab hat, blue eyes, sandy complexion.

The man caught is about 40 years of age, an expert at safe cracking and admits having done the work here while the younger man watched. He was taken to Pendleton. With him was secured all the stamps, about half the money and a watch belonging to J. H. Williams which was also in the safe.

After a respite of something like two years Hermiston was visited Wednesday night by burglars who effected an entrance to the postoffice blew the safe and secured about \$55 in cash and \$125 in stamps. Escape from town was made with a hood car and no trace has been found.

The first indication of the burglary was at 6:30 Thursday morning when A. S. Johnson brought the mail over from the early train. This he delivers to the rear door and Thursday morning on his regular trip he found the door open and a hole about six inches square cut in it at the side of the lock. Mr. Johnson returned at once to the depot and telephoned Postmaster Young. Mr. Young left the office at 10:30 Wednesday night. Further than that the work was done between that time and 6:30 Thursday nothing is known as to the hour. A wind was blowing all night and the explosion would have attracted no attention had it awakened anyone.

Tools used were secured at Mahaffey's blacksmith shop, entrance to which was easy. After opening the rear door of the postoffice a hole was drilled in the safe door just over the combination, after pulling the knob of the combination and the handle off with a large wrench. A charge of

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TEN YEARS AGO

John Williams expects to open his new hotel within a week.

The two story residence of H. T. Irvin has been raised and the roof is now being put on.

A brief delay on the brick block on Hermiston avenue has been occasioned by lack of materials.

Miss Pearl Barmore will return to Echo Sunday for a month's work in Attorney Morton's office.

Contractor Fred Russell has been making great progress on the new depot and has the building under roof.

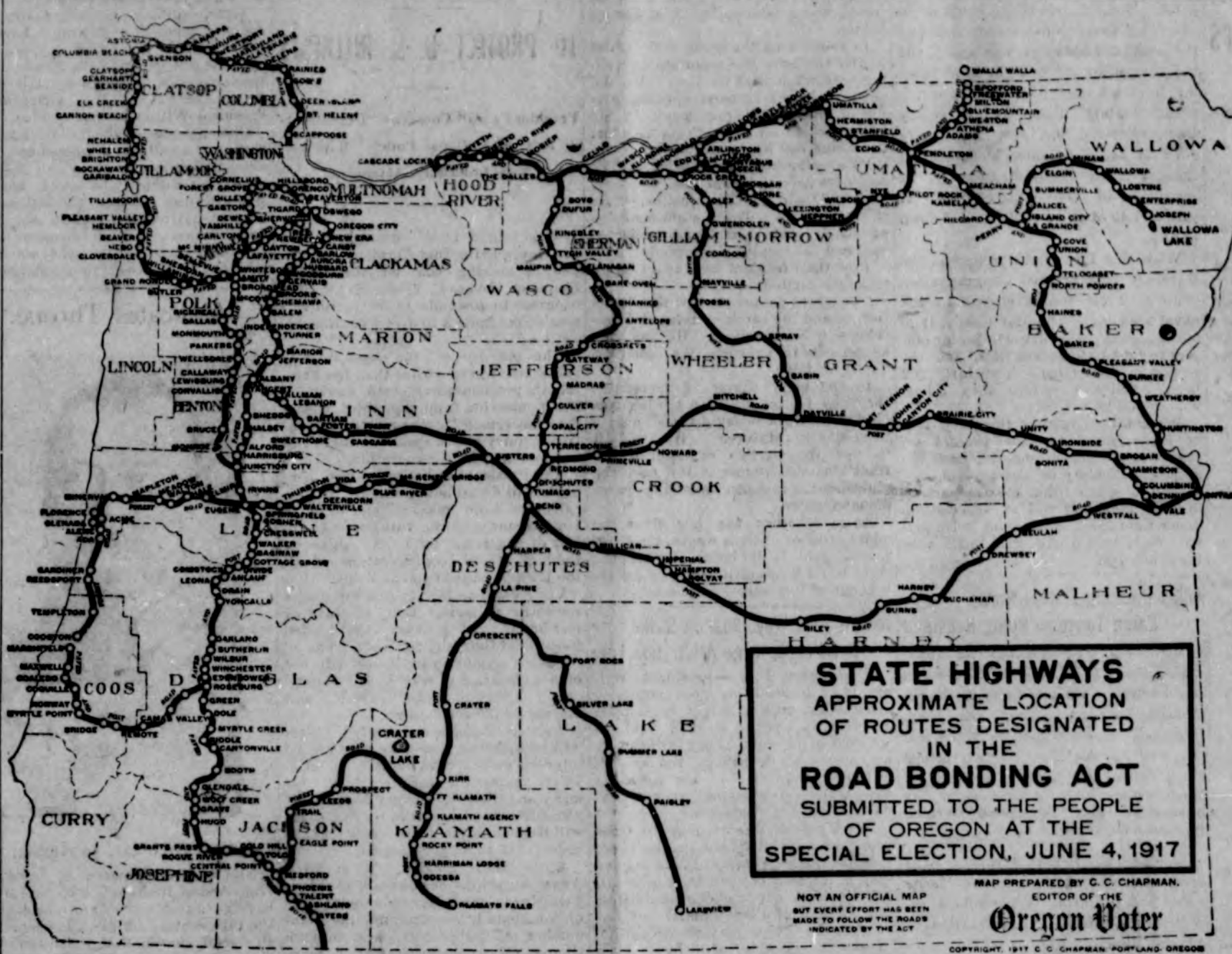
Street grading is one of the chief industries in Hermiston these spring days. Sidewalk building is another of equal importance.

The excavation for the cellar of the new Bland & Donovan building has been completed and work will be commenced on the structure within a short time.

Hermiston has a church, or rather a chapel car. The name of the minister is Hermiston, too. Rev. and Mrs. Hermiston will be here six weeks. Services will be held every evening except Saturday and on Sunday also at 11 o'clock. The car has a seating capacity of 120 and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

With a membership of 79 enthusiastic members Hermiston started off a Commercial club Thursday evening. H. T. Irvin was elected president, C. L. Morgan, vice president, G. W. Watering secretary and F. B. Swazey treasurer. H. G. Newport, John Rice and E. P. Dodd were elected members of the board of managers.

Colonel H. G. Newport has donated a block of ground from his addition to the city of Hermiston for park purposes. The park has been named by everyone as Newport park and is located at the foot of Main street near the government headquarters. Mr. Newport has had the land cleared and seeded and an association of women will be formed to raise money to fence the park and plant trees.



ROADS UNDER BONDING ACT

We present this week a revised map of the highway routes designated by the road bonding bill. This map corrects many of the errors made in the hastily prepared sketches that were published soon after the legislature passed the bill. It also shows the cities and towns along the state highways.

While this is not an official map it has been inspected informally by the members of the state highway commission. The commissioners are precluded by their official position from expressing any opinion as to exactly where the roads will go until such time as they hold hearings in the different counties and take such formal action as the law requires in locating and designating the highways permanently.

The kind of road contemplated in the bonding act is shown in small type. "Paved Roads" are those designated to be hard surfaced after the counties prepare the road beds. This simply includes grading. It does not involve the county in the county in the expense of cement or crushed rock foundation as part of the paving.

"Post Roads" are highways constructed in co-operation with the Federal government. Any designated highway over which mail is or may be carried is subject to classification as a post road. It is proposed to grade the post roads and put a suitable surface on same (not a pavement) the funds for this to come from the Federal government and the state bond issue.

"Forest Roads" are the same as post roads, except that they must be built within or leading to National forests. The expense is shared by the government, the state and the counties. "Paved and Post Roads" are roads which are to be paved by the state over such mileage as the counties may prepare ready for paving, the remainder of the mileage of those roads would be improved as post roads.

The bonding act confers full jurisdiction upon the state highway commission to make minor changes in location, and the commission has expressed its policy, which is to learn the facts in each locality before making final location, so each state road may be placed where it should be to serve the population of the counties traversed by it. Not until after these hearings have been held in all the counties will it be finally determined where all these state roads will be constructed, so there will be ample opportunity for correction of errors or changing of such local routing where same may be done to better serve the county population.

NEXT FRIDAY CLEANUP DAY

Next Friday is the annual spring cleanup day for Hermiston. It is an event that has been established for a number of years and one that should be generally observed by all. During the winter more or less rubbish accumulates in the streets, alleys and vacant lots. This rubbish is not only unsightly but unsanitary.

Residents are asked to burn old papers, weeds, etc., that have collected and cans and other material that will not burn should be placed in boxes, barrels or sacks at the alley line. The city will furnish a team to haul this away. However it must be placed where it will be easily accessible or it cannot be handled.

The Civic club has the cleanup campaign in charge and the ladies hope this year the most effective work of any spring will be done. Outsiders have made numerous comments on the unsightliness of rubbish on all sides and very little effort on the part of each resident would go far to remove this condition.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. Sturdevant spent the week end at the Sellers ranch.

Mr. Felthouse is baling hay this week at the Leathers ranch.

Miss Earl of Pendleton is spending a few days with Mrs. Leathers.

Mr. Leathers and Mr. Hannan are shipping baled hay this week.

Wilma Waugman has been out of school this week on account of illness.

Mr. Knopon had a relapse the latter part of last week, but is again improving.

Dwight Sellers returned from Ukiah Friday, where he reports three feet of snow.

F. W. Kehrli was out in this district the first of the week testing some of the dairy herds.

Mrs. Joerndt who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Jack Waller, leaves Sunday for her home in Seattle.

W. L. Blessing and Henry Sommerer attended the annual convention of school boards and clerks of the county at Pendleton Friday.

Callers noted during the week were: At the J. L. Waller home, Mrs. Leathers, Mrs. Fritts; at the Felthouse home, Mrs. J. L. Waller, Mrs. Joerndt; at the Waugman home, Mrs. Haddock, Mrs. Blessing; at the Loyd and Reidar home, Mrs. J. L. Waller, Mrs.

Joerndt, Miss Cochran; at the Wallace Spencer home, Mrs. Simmons; at the Blessing home, Mrs. Brunson.

Mrs. F. P. Phipps was called to Los Angeles by the serious illness of her brother. Mrs. Phipps had not seen the brother for 8 years but was with him all day Monday. He seemed much better all that day, but after eating supper and while Mrs. Phipps was preparing to leave, died very suddenly. The mother, Mrs. Waller, is staying at the Phipps home while Mrs. Phipps is away.

Neighborhood Club
H. M. Sommerer received a donation of 40 roses and some cedar trees from the University of Oregon for Columbia park.

The meeting held Saturday, March 17, at the school house was very well attended. A nice program was rendered all by local talent, except three readings by Mrs. Gunn of Hermiston. Those taking part were: Piano solos, Miss Laura Phipps, Miss Alice Hudson, Miss Hobbs; two solos by Miss Lambert who played her own accompaniment on the euklyle. After the program a lunch was served and a social hour was enjoyed. Two new members were taken into the club.

NEW COMMISSION GIVES ASSURANCE

Friends of the road bond issue all over Oregon are much heartened by the attitude of the new state highway commission. The commission has come forward firmly and stated that no undue preference will be exercised to favor one section of the state over another, or to favor one type of pavement over another. It has made it clear that it will co-operate with all the counties instead of with only a few. Also it states that if contractors' bids for paving and other road construction are too high, it will purchase the necessary machinery and construct and paving by day labor under the supervision and direction of the state engineers.

No selection of state highway engineers has been made, as the commission shows that it intends to cut its garment according to the cloth. A different type of engineer may be needed in the event the bonds do not pass as there would be little or no paving work to be done, and comparatively little money would be available for other highway construction.

Formal official statements of the commission's policy will be incorporated in the official argument in the state pamphlet to be sent by the secretary of state to all the voters prior to the special election. Copies of these formal statements will be published in advance by the state campaign committee, with copies of the bonding act

and such other official information as is needed to present to all the public the important facts of the case.

BOARDMAN NEWS

J. C. Ballenger went to Wasco Sunday.

W. A. Price went to Hermiston Wednesday.

E. P. Dodd spent Friday and Saturday in town.

E. W. Mack came down from Hermiston Thursday.

C. G. Blayden was a business visitor to Hermiston Monday.

S. C. Mack went to Hermiston Monday to help his father.

Frank Otte and J. Brundard are putting up new houses on their homesteads.

Chas. Hango came in from Hermiston where he had gone to buy spring farm tools.

Jesse Lower moved the tent and barn which he bought from Mr. Blayden out to his place on the edge of town.

M. C. Benoit and crew left last Friday having finished the survey through Morrow county for the Columbia highway.

A road meeting was held in the school house Saturday. All of the project farmers were in making Boardman look quite like a city.

The school children gave a surprise party Wednesday afternoon on Francis Blayden who leaves for Portland in a few days. Lunch and games were enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday evening the friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Blayden. They gathered in the hotel dining room and spent a social evening. Games were played and later lunch was served. We regret to lose the Blaydens from our small community and hope to see them back again in the near future.

NEW LOCATION FOR METHODIST CHURCH

Easter services of the Methodist church will be held in the Donovan hall and all Sunday services thereafter will be held in the new location. April 1st will be the last service in the present building, which will be communion service at 11 a. m.

The present building will be fitted up as a residence for the pastor as rapidly as possible.

La Grande gets a new laundry industry.

Cool Bay—During January this port shipped more lumber to San Francisco than any other harbor on the coast.

CAR OF HOGS BRINGS \$3000

Last Saturday the Jackson brothers, E. L. and C. M., shipped a car of hogs that brought the largest returns of any car ever shipped out of Hermiston. The hogs were sold to the Pendleton Meat Co. for a total of \$3112.02.

There were 97 hogs in the car with the average weight about 235 pounds. They were 7 to 9 months old. George Strohm had a few head in the car, but most of them were raised by Jackson brothers.

The hogs were raised on alfalfa pasture with a few artichokes. This was the only feed until the finishing when for about 35 days they were put on shorts, barley and corn.

CIVIC CLUB TO HAVE SCHOOL FLOWER SHOW

The Women's Civic Club announces its intention to make an annual event of the children's flower show started with such wonderful interest and enthusiasm last year. The date for the 1917 show will be the second week in September and the club itself will distribute \$10.00 in cash prizes to children in 1st to 8th grades, inclusive, in Hermiston, Columbia and Minnehaha schools. First and second prizes will be given in each of the following classes:

Annuals—Cosmos, snapdragons, marigolds, pansies, asters and geraniums.

First Year Perennials—Roses, hollyhocks and fox.

Bulbs—Dahlias, canas and gladiolas.

Typewritten lists of classification, prizes and instructions may be had of any of the following committees: Hermiston, Mrs. Hinkle, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Pelmauder and Mrs. Kennedy; Columbia, Mrs. Leathers and Mrs. Heint; Minnehaha, Mrs. Jackson.

It is to be hoped that the school children from every home in this locality will begin at once in preparation for this event. Aside from the show itself and the pride and spirit of competition, there is no field of endeavor offering greater pleasure and satisfaction for the expense and labor engaged. The child profits by knowledge of species and plant culture and habits. Each individual home is made more beautiful and attractive and the country generally more livable and lovable. Let children and parents alike put forth their best efforts for pretty flower gardens this season.

Appropriation has been made by the state for an armory at Marshfield.

EELWORMS MENACE OREGON POTATOES

Potato eelworms, the worst potato seed pest known, has appeared in Oregon and unless checked by careful attention to selecting uninfested seed and planting in uninfested soil, are likely to be distributed widely over the state, says a special letter from the Oregon Agricultural college. They are a serious menace to the potato industry and where once established can hardly be eradicated.

The eelworm is invisible to the naked eye, but its effects can be seen. Infested potatoes are likely to have wrinkled skins with irregular, sunken, grayish areas, here and there. Others can be examined only by breaking—not cutting—the potato into bits and searching for small brown spots with nearly centers just under the skin. The spots are not larger than half the size of a pin head, but may run into the potato for a quarter of an inch or more.

"Not one Oregon grower should plant his potato crop without making a careful examination of the seed for signs of the eelworm," says A. L. Lovett, whose O. A. C. extension bulletin, "The Potato Eelworm," will be off the press and ready for distribution about April 1. Every grower should have a copy of this bulletin to aid him in keeping crop and soil free of infestation. It is folly to plant potatoes on infested soil.

Seed should not be obtained from regions of infestation, which will be pointed out in the bulletin. A list of crops attacked by the eelworm, and a list not attacked, are also given.

Oregon City—Construction of \$5,500 auditorium at Gladstone assured.