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LOCAL LAND COMPANY OWNER OF BIG PROJECT

A ride this week over the holdings of the Western Land & Irrigation Co. which joins this project on the west showed us a vast stretch of irrigable land that no doubt will soon be in cultivation, as it is ideal for farming purposes, and needs very little leveling to put it in shape for irrigation. Even now many thrifty looking ranches dot the landscape just beyond the river a little way west of Hermiston, where wheat, alfalfa, rye, etc., is raised quite extensively.

The company has 14,000 acres in the west end project, which is watered by about 55 miles of main and distributing canals. After the construction of these canals and laterals in 1912, water was diverted through the company's headgate on the Umatilla river at Ebo, thus watering lower Butter creek in the eastern portion and carrying the life giving fluid to the western part of the project. Of course that portion situated in the Butter creek valley is way ahead of other portions in improvement, stacks upon stacks and acre after acre of alfalfa now to be seen there being mute evidence of the fact. Nevertheless, the western end of this vast domain has seen wonderful improvement since the water was turned on, and present indications are that it will settle up steadily from now on.

Westland, on the cutoff of the O. W. railway six miles from Hermiston, situated right in the heart of the project, is fast coming to the front as a producer of alfalfa, the tonnage shipped from that point during the past year amounting to \$10,800. A postoffice will be established there shortly, official notification to this effect having been received by H. T. Schroeder, who has received the appointment of postmaster, and who is now conducting a store there.

The directors of the school district in which Westland is located has let a contract for the construction of a new two room modern school building to be erected in the townsite recently platted at the above place.

CLAIMED THAT SMITH JUMPED HER CLAIM

Practically an all day session of a land contest case was held in the offices of Attorneys Hinkle and Warner Tuesday of this week in this city, Land Commissioner W. J. Warner taking the testimony in the case on instructions from C. S. Dunn, register of the United States land office for this district located at La Grande.

The land involved was a 280 acre desert claim in section 18, east of Stanfield, the contestant being W. P. Smith of Stanfield and the contestee Clara E. Hurd of the same city. Attorney Dixon of La Grande handled the case for the former and Attorney J. T. Hinkle of this city looking after the interests of the contestee, Miss Beaulieu McPherson being assigned the duty of taking the testimony of both sides in shorthand.

When this testimony has been transcribed and sworn to as correct by Attorney Warner the final hearing in the matter will be held at the general land office at La Grande on the first day of October next.

WILL IMPROVE HIS BOARDMAN HOLDINGS

A. J. Arnold, a constant reader of The Herald residing in Portland, after asking for information regarding well drillers in this section, kind of made our chest swell somewhat when he referred to the improved condition of the paper in the following letter:

"Will you kindly advise me names of well drillers in your city, as I wish to have a well drilled on my place near Boardman, but have not been able to get in touch with any drillers yet."

"Wish to congratulate you on your improved newspaper and also your timely article in the last edition on 'Preparing and Seeding of New Land.' I intend to take advantage of this and get all done possible this year. Am quite sure such articles as those meet with all subscribers' approval."

Edna Waterman gave a wicker roast on Hermiston butte Friday evening of last week in honor of her visiting friend, Clarabelle Kay.

PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL FALL FAIR

The Dairy and Hog show will be discussed at next Monday evening's meeting of the Commercial club. Whether and when the show is to be and what is to be done in advance of the time are important questions that must be settled Monday night.

The county fair board and county court have set apart \$500 for premiums. Shall this money be used to the benefit of the people of this part of the county? Also other funds must be raised and arrangements made for holding the show. What are you going to do about it? It is the duty of every citizen of the Hermiston country to be at the meeting.

YE OLD TIME EDITOR NOW BIG RANCHER

John J. Casserly, one of the old school of newspaper men whom it is always a pleasure to meet and converse with, was in town Saturday from his ranch one and one half miles northwest of Hermiston.

Years ago Mr. Casserly was a shining light in the newspaper arena in South Dakota, where he made history with his paper called The Enterprise for the city of Wentworth, in which it was published. Always progressive, both by nature and occupation, he wielded a strong influence toward the upbuilding of that town through timely articles appearing in his paper.

Eight years ago he sold the Enterprise, and later the lure of farm life overtook him, and hearing of the opening of this fertile project by the government he came west with his family six years ago and settled on the land embracing his up-to-date farm. Here his energetic ways won for him the same success in ranching as formerly experienced in the newspaper business, until now he is well fixed in worldly possessions and forging right along toward the goal where he can see the silver lining, fringed with a little gold, depicting for him a surcease from toil and a well-earned rest.

THIS CLIMATE FAR AHEAD OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting and Mr. and Mrs. Barramore, former residents of this city who motored from Orland, Calif., and spent eight days here visiting relatives and friends, left last week on the return journey. They came by way of Portland and returning visited at Klamath Falls and Crater Lake.

Mr. Barramore, who is a brother of Mrs. Harry Straw, and Mr. Whiting do not like the climatic conditions in California, and talked of again returning to Hermiston to reside. Both gentlemen were here when the government turned the first water on the project, and later became employees of the local reclamation service. About four years ago they were transferred to the Orland project.

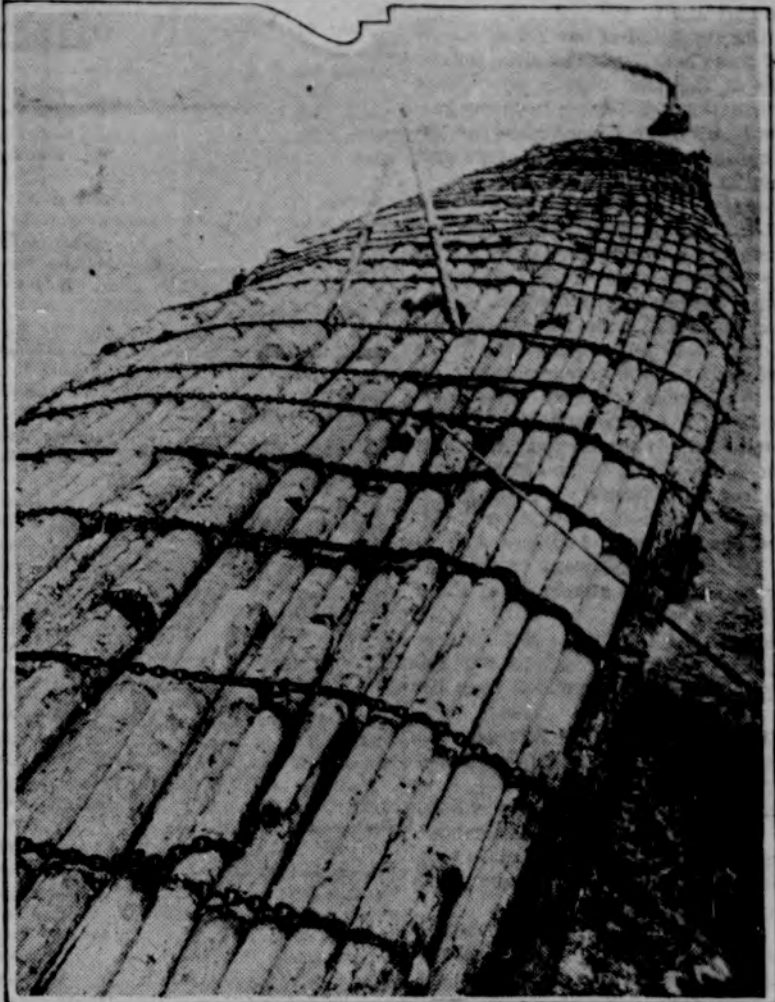
Mr. Whiting, who still owns an improved ranch here, thinks this climate far ahead of that dealt out in California, and therefore it would not be surprising to see himself and Mr. Barramore and their families alight in Hermiston again before long with the avowed intention of becoming permanent residents of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Straw came home Wednesday from their summer outing at the ocean beach beyond Portland.

The Red Cross will hold its next regular meeting Thursday, Sept. 6, at the rest room at 5 p. m. At this meeting the work for fall and winter will be laid out. Mrs. Strohm expects to have a good supply of sewing and knitting at that time, and hopes there will be a large attendance.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hood, former residents of this project, will be pleased to hear of the marriage of their daughter Lucille to Dr. Harry Titus, a prominent young dentist of Monroe, Ore. The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride in Portland August 28.

LUMBER FOR ONE OF NEW ARMY CAMPS



Millions of feet of lumber are being used in construction of the big new army camps throughout the country. Rafts of Oregon pine logs 800 feet long and 52 feet wide are towed 1,000 miles to San Diego, Cal., and made into lumber for use of the camps.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

F. Edmonds of Washington arrived Saturday to begin improvement on his homestead.

Mrs. R. Rands, C. C. Paine and Mrs. M. Voven visited in Hermiston Saturday.

The government engineers surveyed the grounds for the new school house Friday.

Work was begun on the new church Tuesday. D. C. Dillabough is superintending the work.

Mrs. Alta Howard came back from Pendleton Sunday.

O. H. Warner is putting up a small house on Mrs. Howard's 40.

John Ragan of Ione, arrived Tuesday with a carload of stock and farming tools to live on the Arnold place, which he rented. The family came in on No. 2.

Jesse Lower of Wasco spent Sunday in Boardman.

C. C. Paine made a business trip to Pendleton the last of the week.

Miss Marvel Blayden of Scotts Mills, en route to New Plymouth, Idaho, visited this week with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Paine.

Mrs. Carl Voven entertained Mrs. Sidney Mack, Miss Camille and Donald Blackman to dinner Friday evening.

Elden Paine made a trip to Castle Rock Saturday.

Mrs. Earl Cramer left Saturday for an indefinite visit in Hood River.

Mrs. C. P. Stanyan spent the week end in Irrigon.

Mrs. Doering, who has been visiting at La Grande and Enterprise, returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. Alex Wilson visited in Hermiston Saturday.

Miss Jennie Hango, who has been visiting her father, left Friday for her home in Hood River.

Mr. Love of Portland has accepted the position as operator at Messner, Mr. Thornton, former operator, being transferred to Seattle.

Mr. Heinz and family arrived Saturday from St. Johns, Ore. They will reside on their homestead south of town.

S. Mattoon spent Sunday with his family in Hermiston.

The case of the O. W. and school district No. 25, Morrow county, was concluded last Thursday, Judge Phelps issuing a decree whereby the Boardman people get their school house after the original plan, the injunction being set aside. Those attending the trial were: Mrs. Lena Soell Shurte, county superintendent, of Heppner, C. E. Notson, state's attorney, of Heppner, E. F. Williams and C. Richards of Portland, J. Marshall of Castle Rock, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Paine and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ballenger Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gibbons, W. N. Hatch, O. H. Warner, Mike Marshall, all of Boardman, and E. P. Dodd of Hermiston.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

George and Carl Caldwell returned this week from Waitsburg where they have been working in the harvest. They left again for Colfax to work in the warehouse.

Mrs. Oryal Dawson moved in from the country this week to the house recently vacated by the Walter family.

Miss Fern Corey left Saturday for Seattle where she will join her mother.

Mrs. J. E. Berry left for Lexington Saturday where she will spend a week visiting relatives and friends.

The Goodwin girls spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Doris Lane.

Mrs. N. Seaman and daughter Margaret made a trip to Portland the latter part of the week.

The Leach boys went to Imbler Saturday to visit their grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Graybeal.

Miss Lois Samson went to Hermiston Monday to have her finger treated for a felon.

Mr. Martin made a business trip to Hermiston Monday.

Farmer Smith is in town this week looking after the demonstration farm.

Miss Ida Samson returned home Wednesday from Milton where she spent a three weeks' vacation.

The Johnson children went to Dayton, Wash., Monday to join their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left some time ago to visit relatives and while there they decided to make Dayton their home.

G. W. Samson, Chas Samson and Harvey Wolfe were in town Sunday from Coyote springs where they have been the past week, clearing out the main canal of the project.

Henry Scott came over from Lexington this week after a load of fruit.

Mrs. B. B. Lane and three children returned to their home in Irrigon Friday after a short visit with Mrs. N. Christian in Hermiston.

Mrs. W. A. Jeppe and Mrs. Walpole were Irrigon visitors in Hermiston Wednesday. Mrs. Jeppe and family were formerly of Hermiston, and now leave Irrigon to reside in Pendleton.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

H. A. Hooker and family enjoyed a visit this week from his sister, Mrs. J. F. Hartley of Walla Walla, her husband and their children, all departing Wednesday in their auto for home. Mrs. Hooke's mother of Baker, Ore., is also a visitor, and expects to spend a couple of months here.

Columbia school starts next Monday. The corps of teachers are R. B. Spencer and Miss Hudson. It is reported that the attendance will be considerably larger than last term.

FEDERAL VS. PRIVATE IRRIGATED PROJECTS

BY THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR

There are but few people that have doubts as to which is the better. Both have their friends, and the friends of the first are just as sure that the friends of the latter are mistaken as the friends of the latter are sure that the friends of the first are mistaken. The friends of the private enterprise, on the one hand, claim that their friends, the enemy, have no grounds upon which to rest an argument, while on the other hand, those favoring the government enterprise are just as insistent in making claims that cannot be verified as are their opponents.

It is not my purpose to dig out the nasty things that could be said about either one of the enterprises, and say them; neither is it my purpose to correlate the good things that could be said of either of them for the purpose of embarrassing the friends of either; and again, I would hesitate to say that a person in the employ of the government was not just as honest, and just as conscientious, and just as capable, as the person in his own employ. But it is my province to say that the essential ground or intelligible essence of either are equal in every respect, so far as honesty and capability are concerned.

Business methods of individuals, of corporations, and, in fact, of the government itself, are similar, if success is the thing sought. Attention to detail is the essential that makes a business successful or unsuccessful. The larger the business the more detail to be worked out. This work must be turned over to experts and the experts employ laborers to bring the abstract principles he had in mind into the concrete. It can be readily understood why the larger the business the greater must be the efficiency in looking after the detail of the business. The "red tape" connected with enterprises of magnitude is for the purpose of preserving for the enterprise the detail of its business. Therefore, it might be said, the greater the attention given to the detail of a business, the greater the success of that business, or the more "red tape" the greater efficiency.

The United States government is a larger business concern than any other within her borders and the attention given to the detail of her business enterprises, would, to say the least, insure to those under government enterprises as great efficiency as could be had under private enterprises.

Private enterprises charge a certain rate per cent for doing business under their investment. The government makes no charge for the money used in making it possible to irrigate large areas. In the first instance, the interest accrued goes to the parties owning the enterprise, and in the second, to those working under the enterprise. In the first instance it is forever lost to the enterprise, and in the second it remains for the use of the individuals under the enterprise.

TRY TO ERADICATE DISEASES OF PLANTS

An attempt will be made by the U. S. department of agriculture and the Oregon agricultural college to cut down the heavy loss due annually in Oregon to plant diseases. The department has appointed H. P. Barrs head of plant pathology department chief collaborator for Oregon in the national plant disease survey and Prof. Barrs is asking farmers with a practical knowledge of crop conditions and other competent persons to volunteer as observers and reporters of crop conditions in their districts.

The reports are expected to give the extent and seriousness of the most important plant diseases, and will be made the basis for a campaign of eradication. Without this Oregon's response to President Wilson's appeal for the biggest crop in the history of the state cannot be realized for 1918.

Volunteers are wanted from every part of the state. Trained agriculturists, and especially O. A. C. graduates, are looked to for valuable service. Each will report on a small area only, and blanks with full instructions may be had on application to H. P. Barrs, O. A. C., Corvallis, Oregon. Although volunteers must serve without pay, enlistments are already beginning to arrive.

MAINTAIN READING ROOM, BY ALL MEANS

Shall the reading and rest rooms be maintained any longer is one of the questions to be discussed at the next meeting of the Commercial club.

The board of directors of the Civic Center association says that all dues must be paid to them more promptly and that the Commercial club in particular must pay up back dues and provide for future dues or they will close the doors of the institution.

Therefore everyone interested in the continuance of the reading and rest rooms should be present. These rooms have been a great benefit to the community for two years now and have had a fair trial. Shall they be maintained?

SCHOOL FLOWER SHOW DATE SEPTEMBER 8

The second annual Flower Show given by the school children of Hermiston, Columbia and Minnehaha districts, up to and including the eighth grade, will be held at the Civic club room in Hermiston Saturday, Sept. 8.

Following is a list for which prizes are given:

Annuals—Cosmos, pansy, marigold, snapdragon, aster.
Bulbs—Dahlia, canna, gladioli.
First Year Perennial—Rose, phlox, and hollyhock.

All exhibits for prizes should be at the Civic room not later than 12:30, and an exhibit of not less than three blossoms accepted in prize contest.

The Woman's Civic Club are giving \$10 to be distributed in prizes, first money and second ribbon, and an additional money prize for best general collection of all kinds of flowers has been donated. Judging of flowers will take place at two o'clock, after which the public is cordially invited to view the display grown entirely by the children of this community.

LOCAL PHYSICIAN HAS BEEN CALLED

Dr. C. O. Waincott received notification Thursday to at once report for duty at the Los Angeles military training headquarters to take up a course of instruction in military x-ray work.

In pursuance of this hurried call the doctor packed his grip and left today for the scene of his new labors. Mrs. Waincott will join him there after she has disposed of the household furniture and attended to other personal matters.

Dr. Reid of Stanfield has taken over the practice of the departing physician, and comes today to make this his permanent home.

PREPARE FOR SCHOOL MONDAY NEXT WEEK

Rain, shine or blow, school will open in Hermiston on Monday next, and the glorious vacation of older and younger scholars will come to a close then. In pursuance of this edict, it is the request of Superintendent Gunn that high school pupils stay away from the building until 10 o'clock on that day, and that the grade scholars report to the teacher of the rooms they were in last year at 9 a. m.

The high school instructors this term will be Superintendent H. M. Gunn, who will teach Latin and political economy; A. E. Beckman, science and mathematics; Miss Kate Barton, English and history. The grade teachers are Miss Elizabeth Teevans, Miss Floy Hummel, Miss Martha Klindt, Miss Blanche Diether, Miss Nola Magruder and Mr. Bessel.

Mrs. O. P. Brigham and daughter Janice are home again after spending the summer in Spokane, where Mr. Brigham is in the employ of one of the large railroads leading into that city.

W. A. Correll, who has been to Colorado Springs on a visit to the parental home and later in the employ of a railroad company at Rock River, Wyoming, since June, arrived home Wednesday.