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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION IS IN SESSION

The county judge, assessor and clerk, constituting the equalization board, began a 15 day session at the court house in Pendleton Tuesday of this week, during which time they will endeavor to adjust all complaints made against the assessment compiled by Assessor Strain.

Umatilla county's assessed valuation this year will be about 50 million dollars, exceeding that of last year by about two million dollars.

The increase in valuation is generally in the wheat lands of the county. It was made partly on account of general conditions, partly because it was deserved and partly because the state tax commission made a request that all property in the counties this year be assessed at its full valuation. Wheatland was raised in valuation over former years, ranging from \$150 to \$600 for 160 acres. A fairly large rise in sheep is also noted, the valuation having gone up from \$3 to \$4 per head to \$7. Cattle and merchandise came in for just a little higher assessment than formerly.

The land assessment in this part of the county remains practically the same as the year previous.

HERMISTON DAIRY COW MAKES RECORD

William Kik, a rancher living north of town a short distance, has no kick on a dairy cow he owns, and were it not for the fact that they do not give medals to animals that make a record like this one has, his bossie would now be wearing a metal insignia or a blue ribbon—not for the quantity of milk or the amount of butter fat she produces, but for her propagation propensities, as shown in the number of calves she has brought forth in less than a twelvemonth.

Eleven months ago this dairy animal gave birth to twin calves, and a few days ago she went one better by becoming the mother of triplets—all heifer calves at that. With the proven productiveness of this cow, there is no doubt that it would take a small fortune at this time of the great demand for food conservation to wrest her from the present owner.

BANK HAS NO CLAIM-ANT FOR DEPOSITS

Who do you suppose could be so absent minded as to wander off and leave \$3.61 on deposit at the local bank? It's preposterous to believe one could be so careless, but nevertheless it is a fact that those whose names appear elsewhere in a bank notice in this issue deposited amounts, all of which totaled the above sum, in the First National Bank of Hermiston and never withdrew or called for them.

Of course, these apparently absent-minded people will not lose a great deal if they never call or check the amount out—and lose them they will if demand is not made within a certain time after their publication, for under a law enacted in 1907 commercial deposits escheat to the state after remaining unclaimed for a term of seven years and saving deposits after twelve years.

Since the law went into effect thousands of dollars unclaimed by depositors in the various banks of Oregon have reverted to the state, last week a statement from Secretary Olcott showing that on July 1 of this year there were \$11,929 in unclaimed bank deposits. The First National bank of Eugene has the largest sum in unclaimed deposits, totaling \$1,902.93, and the Bank of Coquille the smallest, 50 cents.

UMATILLA ITEMS

Mrs. E. J. Withey went to Pendleton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and daughters, Ida, Edith and Rudy and Miss Minta Pike, left Tuesday to visit their sons who are at Vancouver barracks.

C. W. Sutton has the lawn and trees in very fine shape at the South High school.

F. C. Alton sold his entire first and second cutting of alfalfa to Albers Bros. of Portland for \$17 in the stack and there is still considerable hay for sale here yet.

Mr. Kerr and family have moved in from the Umatilla project for the winter.

The ladies of the old and the new council gave a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Starcher Thursday evening. The evening was spent in playing cards. Dainty refreshments were served at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Helen T. Duncan has been appointed mayor. Mr. and Mrs. Starcher will leave in a day or so to make their home in Prairie, Idaho. Their many friends regret to see them leave.

The show windows of Hitt's and the Oregon Hardware Co. would indicate thorough preparation for the opening of the forthcoming duck season.

Duncan Campbell who recently purchased a ranch near Fergus, Mont., expects to move and ship a car of immigrant goods there next week.

Next Wednesday afternoon the annual meeting of the M. E. Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Brownson in this city, at which time officers will be elected for ensuing year.

THREE FIGHTERS FROM THIS HOME



Photo by American Press Association.

A new flag authorized by the government which marks houses of men serving the country abroad. Each star means a man.

ANNOUNCEMENT

You are cordially invited to attend Percey's Millinery Opening Saturday, September 15th, 1917.

Very truly yours

PERCEY SISTERS

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Bessie Spencer returned Saturday from Los Angeles where she spent the greater part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes left Tuesday for McKay creek after spending a few days on their ranch in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beddow spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gentry up in the wheat section.

Mrs. Linder, mother of Mrs. Blessing, spent Thursday at Tip Top, guest of Mrs. Simmons.

Mrs. George Beddow returned last Saturday from Pendleton, where she spent the past week.

Mr. Tilton and daughter Elizabeth, father and sister of Mrs. Wallace Spencer, arrived Saturday from Stuart, Minn., with the expectation of making Hermiston their home. Miss Tilton is a high school student.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waugaman and family were dinner guests at the Sellers home last Sunday.

Mrs. Waller spent this week with her daughter, Mrs. Phipps.

Wednesday was Red Cross day and a good attendance was reported. There is plenty of work on hand and everybody interested are urged to attend. Meetings held every Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Phipps.

Several in this section made up a car of watermelons that were shipped to Pendleton Friday. That makes two carloads that have been shipped to Pendleton in the last two weeks.

The people of Columbia district are highly pleased that the conference has returned Rev. Graham to Hermiston.

Durrell Marchie is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Akers spent the week end with his family.

While investigating his silo last Saturday W. T. Sellers met with an accident, receiving a bad fall.

Floyd Holington of the Idaho National guard is spending a few days furlough with his mother, as he expects to leave for the east coast within the next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ganger from Pilot Rock spent a few days at the home of

her mother, Mrs. Hoisington, this week.

Several of the ranchers in this section were unfortunate enough to have their hay down during the rain storm.

Sam Caldwell and Billy Pearson motored to Pendleton last Saturday returning Sunday.

Mrs. Meyers had as her guest her sister, Mrs. Parks and baby, from The Dalles, for several days this week.

H. M. Sommerer is among those shipping peaches to The Dalles.

Mrs. Biddow, Blessing and Linder spent last Thursday in Hermiston, guests of Mrs. T. W. Sapper.

Little Margaret Sapper spent Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Otto Sapper.

Mrs. Geo. Miller spent several days this week at the Sommerer ranch.

Wallace Spencer, who has been working at the Beddow ranch during the past few months, has recently moved his family to the Spencer ranch.

The directors of the Columbia school district have now in operation a Republic motor bus that is used to carry the children to the Columbia school and also to the Hermiston high school. The bus takes the place of 3 horse driven vehicles and makes much better time, besides the expense incurred is considerable less. It has a seating capacity for 35 children and front entrance, making it impossible for a child to fall out. For cold weather the body will be fully enclosed and will also include a substantial heating system; all told it is the best equipped motor bus in the state. There is much credit due present directors for their progressive spirit, also road supervisor T. H. Haddox for putting the roads in passable condition.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Eugene Cumins has been very sick all week, but is some better at this writing.

Mrs. VanDyne and three children and Mrs. Fisher of Nollie, daughter and niece of Mrs. Cumins, were visitors over Monday.

Rev. Blackman met with us at vic's Sunday.

FORMER RESIDENTS RETURN FOR VISIT

J. C. Ballenger went to Portland Wednesday.

R. Rands was home over Sunday. He has been working in Pendleton all fall.

H. C. Harrison arrived from Astoria Saturday.

A. P. Ayres went to Lafayette Wednesday to bring his family and household goods.

Gladys Paine returned home after spending a month in Payette, Idaho, visiting her grandmother and relatives.

Mrs. C. P. Stanyan and Mrs. Warner drove to Irrigon Wednesday for fruit.

Miss Lea Dillabough and Mrs. Case, daughters of D. C. Dillabough, were here Wednesday from Portland.

Thursday all the men in the neighborhood turned out and shingled the church. At noon the ladies had a fine chicken dinner ready in Mrs. Paine's dining room. About 30 in all attended.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Briggs returned to her home in Portland Friday after spending the summer visiting her sister, Mrs. Sauerbauer.

Mr. Thos. Hawthorne and family left for El Paso last Saturday, where he has a position with the U. S. reclamation service.

Ross Laudenslager made a business trip to Hermiston Saturday.

Paul Finley of Lexington motored over to Irrigon Sunday.

Arthur Finley of Lexington motored over to Irrigon Sunday.

Mr. Orton of Pendleton was a guest of J. E. McCoy Friday.

Mr. Newell and family of Hermiston were in town Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Smith returned home Sunday from Hermiston where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. Chas. Johnson of Dayton, formerly of Irrigon, is here getting his furniture ready to ship to Dayton, where he has decided to live. Mrs. Johnson and children have spent the summer in Dayton visiting her mother, Mrs. Martin Mock.

HAS HE BEGUN TO PINE FOR THE WEST?

All the old-timers of the project and some of the later arrivals prior to two years ago will remember E. E. Littler, one of the early pioneers, who engaged in the hardware business in Hermiston with Tom Fraser about ten years ago. After severing his connection with the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. some time back he departed with his family for California, and later went to New York and entered business.

Of late it would seem that he had been thinking of the old stamping ground, for a letter received from him the other day by The Herald in which was enclosed a check for a year's subscription to the paper has made many of his friends here wonder if his feet are not becoming itchy to again tread on the fertile soil of this valley.

TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER PROJECT

R. C. Walber took his departure Tuesday evening for Newell, South Dakota, where he takes a position as chief accountant in the offices of the Belle Fourche irrigation project under operation of the government which are situated at the above place.

Mr. Walber was a comparatively old settler of this project, having come here six years ago and entered the local bank as assistant cashier. This position he held for two years, leaving there to take the position of head bookkeeper in the offices of the reclamation service in this city, which he has held creditably up to the time of his promotion to the Belle Fourche project.

The successor to Mr. Walber, who was expected to arrive here the first of the week, has been somewhat delayed, but it understood that he is to come shortly from Washington, D. C.

F. E. Payne and F. J. Thomas, who were business men in this community some years ago and are classed among the pioneers of this project, arrived early in the week for a visit to their old stamping grounds.

Prior to leaving here Mr. Payne was a partner with Thomas Campbell in the Hermiston Produce & Supply Co. store for three years, and after disposing of his interests in that concern to Mr. Campbell went to San Diego, California, where he led the life of a retired business man ever since. A couple of weeks ago he began to pine for a breath of the balmy atmosphere of this part of the state of Oregon, and last week he took train and landed in Hermiston early this week, where, since his arrival, he has hugely enjoyed himself visiting with his former partner and meeting his former friends.

Mr. Thomas, with his wife and daughter, came Sunday from Crane, this state. He was the pioneer barber of Hermiston, having located here in 1907, and conducted the institution up to 1911, when he sold to Frank Auseon. The gentleman also has the distinction to be among the first to file on a homestead in the first unit about three miles east of town when this project was thrown open for settlement by the government.

Residing in Crane for a number of years, where he followed his chosen occupation, he sold out recently. Being on his way to Portland, where Mrs. Thomas and daughter have gone after visiting here a day or so, he dropped off here for the purpose of letting a contract to have his ranch house painted and the balance of his land leveled and sown to alfalfa.

TO EDUCATE FOR FOOD PREPARATION

Miss Clara Murphy of La Grande, Oregon, member of the preparedness committee of the state of Oregon and in the employ of the United States agricultural department, met Tuesday with the local preparedness committee appointed last spring, at which time arrangements were made for the holding of a series of classes in this city which are intended to educate housewives on the proper economical preparation of foodstuffs, the necessary kitchen equipment, etc.

The local committee has selected Mrs. P. Jones as chairman and teacher, and all arrangements have been practically completed for the holding of a meeting the first week in October.

CANADA MAN PURCHASES 55 ACRES

Edward Parrish of Abilene, Alberta, Canada, who has been here for several days looking over the project, purchased fifty-five acres of unimproved land situated in the Columbia district from Dodd & Knapp on Wednesday.

Mr. Parrish will improve a portion of the tract this fall by putting in quite a number of acres to alfalfa, and hopes by this time next year to have it all seeded to that paying commodity.

Immediately after closing the deal Mr. Parrish wired for his wife and two sons, who arrived yesterday morning. Two other sons are still in Canada, but as soon as harvest is over in that country, they will join their parents here.

RAILROAD COMPANY ANSWERS THE CALL

The town and country people of the Hermiston valley now feel more grateful to the O. W. R. & N. Co. because of their promptness in answering the call to improve the crossings and grounds surrounding the depot at this place, which work was begun early this week when several cars of cinders came from the Umatilla roundhouse.

The company is even going further than anticipated, for after improving the depot grounds cinders will be distributed south along the right of way and a good, substantial wagon road built for the accommodation of transfer men, farmers and the McNaught hay baling concern so that they may have easy access to any part of the yards when engaged in loading cars.

CHILDREN'S FLOWER SHOW PRIZE WINNERS

The following is a list of prize winners at the Children's Flower Show held Saturday last, September 8, at the Civic Center rooms:

Gladia, 1st prize 50c—Clarice and John D. Watson.

Gladia, 2nd prize 25c—Clarice and John D. Watson.

Dahlia, 1st prize 50c—Mabel Brown.

Dahlia, 2nd prize 25c—Dorothy Hitt.

Canna, 1st prize 50c—Clarice and John D. Watson.

Aster, 1st prize 50c—Chester Pelmulder.

Aster, 2nd prize 25c—Dorothy Holland.

Pansy, 1st prize 50c—Frank Swayze Jr.

Pansy, 2nd prize 25c—Doris Swayze.

Cosmos, 1st prize 50c—Clarice and John D. Watson.

Cosmos, 2nd prize 25c—Isabel Dodd.

Snapdragon, 1st prize 50c—Marjory Pelmulder.

Hollyhock, 1st prize 50c—Dick Upham.

Phlox, 1st prize 50c—Isabel Dodd.

Rose, 1st prize 50c—Clarice and John D. Watson.

There were no exhibits of geranium or marigold and only one snapdragon, hollyhock, phlox and rose.

NEW GENTS' FURNISHING HOUSE TO OPEN

As soon as The Herald moves to its new home on Main street the store room now occupied by the paper will be taken by Messrs. White and Rayhill, who formed a partnership the first of the month and already have a complete line of gents' furnishing goods ordered and on the way. They will endeavor to give the grand opening of the new enterprise to the town and country people of Hermiston on October 1st.

With the formation of this new business firm by Jack White, the tailor, and George Rayhill, the tailoring, pressing and cleaning establishment heretofore conducted by the former has been absorbed by the co-partnership, and will be moved from the east side of Main street into this building and conducted in conjunction with the gents' furnishing store on its opening to the public.

THE HERALD TO MOVE SOON TO ITS NEW HOME

The contracting firm of Boynton & Longhorn are progressing with the work of erecting an office building on the west side of Main street to be used as the new home of The Herald. The building when completed will be 18x40, one story high. The contractors have secured Henry Ott to do the cement stucco and plaster work.

The building was designed for a comfortable printing office, and when this paper is transferred to the new quarters the latter part of this month it will be with the intent of permanently locating The Herald plant therein.