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TO MAKE DAIRY AND HOG SHOW PERMANENT EVENT

If there is anyone who for a moment has any misgivings regarding lack of astuteness on the part of the Hermiston Commercial Club, they should be cast aside from now on, for the meeting held Monday evening by that organization for the purpose of deliberating on matters of vital importance to the onward progress of this wide awake community showed a good attendance and lots of enthusiasm from start to finish.

The chief topic of discussion was as to whether Hermiston should continue to annually hold the Dairy and Hog show, and on motion being put to ascertain the opinion on the subject it was found that among the large audience there was not a scintilla of dissension against making the fair a permanent event.

After stating that question, they went further and cinched the holding of the annual show for all time to come by the formation of a committee to look up a suitable site for the holding of the fair, with a view to either purchasing or taking a long-time lease on the grounds. Then another committee was appointed to raise money with which to fence the land and build cattle, hog and poultry pens thereon.

It may be too, that ere the year rolls around, a stock company, to include all farmers, citizens and others who so desire, will be formed, it being the idea that with such an organization more interest would be aroused the fair would expand comparatively and include everything raised on the project, and the incentive would not be lacking for stock and vegetable raisers to come in competition from all over the county on account of the larger premiums that could and would be offered if it should merge into a stock company.

The club's time was not all taken up by discussion of the Dairy show, for short talks were made by the members on road improvement, and interesting reports were made by the committee engaged in looking after the establishment of an army training camp here and the one that is leaving no stone unturned to have the state highway routed through Hermiston and down the Columbia river, as was designated when the vote on bonds for building state highways carried.

NEW POSTAL RATES ARE CONFUSING

Owing to the fact that there is some misunderstanding relative to the new rate of postage which went into effect November 2 on first class mail matter, Postmaster J. H. Young gives the following information for the guidance of patrons of the local postoffice by stating that all first class mails for other postoffices than Hermiston is three cents per ounce or fraction thereof. All drop letters for the local postoffice—this includes the town of Hermiston and all points served on the rural route out of this city—is two cents per ounce or fraction thereof. All postal cards, regardless of town or destination in the U. S. A., are two cents each.

This information is timely, and will serve to allay the confusion to many caused by the change of the postal laws.

APPRECIATE HELP GIVEN BY FRIENDS

S. L. Carson, who has been laid up since the first day of September from injuries received when his horse slipped and fell with him over an embankment on the Umatilla river southwest of town while he was engaged in looking after some of his stray cattle, is able to be out and around again, though still feeling somewhat the effects of his misadventure.

While he would like very much to call in person and extend thanks to the neighbors and friends who rendered him such everlastingly service during his illness by cutting and stacking his hay, cutting his corn and succoring him at the very time when he needed their friendship most, he must forego the pleasure on account of still being weak from the injury. Therefore he takes this method of showing his appreciation to those people for the many kindnesses they have bestowed upon him, and assures them that they will never be forgotten by himself and family.

ANOTHER BIG LAND SALE TAKES PLACE

Monday of this week witnessed the sale of another large block of irrigated land in this valley, when the First National bank sold forty acres in "Cottonwood Bend" in the Umatilla project to Christian Seitz of Echo.

Mr. Seitz, who is a wheat farmer on Butter Creek, purchased the land for the purpose of having an alfalfa ranch that will give him plenty of fodder for use while working his wheat lands, and in furtherance of this he is going to get busy right away clearing and leveling so as to have the tract all ready for spring seeding.

HE'S LONGING FOR LETTER FROM HOME

There are two things the soldier boy wants more than anything else in the world—a letter from home and a copy of his old home newspaper. The first brings him the love he craves, the other the news he longs for. Sunday, November 11, has been set aside as a day when everyone is asked to write a letter to a soldier boy and to send him a copy of his home paper.

The home tie is the strongest that the soldier knows. Keep it intact. Help the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. in this respect. It is established in every camp, at every cantonment and follows or greets the soldier wherever he goes. It is the nearest thing to home he knows. A great national drive for \$35,000,000 to secure funds to continue and extend this work will be made between November 11 and 17. Let the soldier know that you are helping in this for it means a great deal to him.

MOST PROLIFIC IS HIS NEIGHBORHOOD

J. T. Embry, the well known North Ridge rancher, called at our sanctum Saturday last, and after advancing his subscription to this paper a year for himself and a relative in the east, made the statement that if all localities were as prolific as his neighborhood the food problem during this world war would soon be solved. In substantiation of this he cited the fact that recently one of his neighbor's cows gave birth to triplets, and then along comes a turkey hen owned by Mr. Lacey, who has the Dobler place leased, with a brood of young turks on the last day of October. He said he could tell a lot more about the productivity of his locality, but would have to postpone it till some other time as he was in somewhat of a hurry to attend to pressing business matters before going home.

OUR APPORTIONMENT ONLY RUNS TO \$187

The next call for war funds is for \$35,000,000 for the Y. M. C. A. organization in the United States, of which Hermiston's apportionment of this vast amount only comes to \$187. To raise this the committee will call on you Tuesday, November 13, so meet them with a smile. If you are not going to be at home on that day, leave your check for \$1 for the committee.

At the same time the committee will raise \$30, which is our proportion of the fund now being raised for Christmas boxes by the Red Cross for the soldier boys.

RANCHERS COME FROM JEFFERSON CO.

A. L. Luce and family and Ed. Johnson and family, ranchers from Jefferson county, Oregon, arrived here Monday to become permanent settlers in this valley. The gentlemen recently purchased tracts in the Minnehaha district from the Umatilla Farm Lands Co., and since their arrival have begun outlining improvements on their respective places.

GERMANS SHELLING RED CROSS STATION



German shell exploding on advance British Red Cross dressing station. Despite the distinct Red Cross flag which must have been seen by the German bombardiers, the station was shelled until totally destroyed. Several wounded men were killed while others were rescued with great difficulty.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

J. H. Reid is building a barn 52x52.

Gertrude Simmons, chief operator at the local telephone exchange, left last Friday for North Yakima, where she was called in the telephone operators' strike. She returned Monday and reported the strike settled.

Mesdames Sommerer and Brunson spent Wednesday in Pendleton.

Mrs. Knapp came down from Pendleton Sunday, where she is taking treatment, and spent the day with her family.

Jane Skovbo is contemplating moving into the house formerly occupied by the Ruddick family at the reservoir.

Mr. Hall is building a fine barn on his ranch in the canyon 30x50 feet.

Mr. Tabor is among those having apples hauled to the warehouse in Hermiston.

Lenora and Julia Franz left last week for Pendleton where they both have positions.

Miss Cochran, sister of Mrs. Jack Waller, is reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Joerndt from Seattle, is a guest at the Waller home.

Mr. Birch was down from Pilot Rock one day this week.

Mrs. Summerville and little daughter arrived Tuesday from Vancouver. During the time her husband is in military training she will be a guest of her mother, Mrs. Franz.

Rev. Thoroughman spent Tuesday with his nephew, W. A. Leathers.

Mr. Bone and family moved to Spokane for the winter. During their absence Mr. and Mrs. Meyers will occupy their house.

Mesdames Strohm, Spencer and Miller were dinner guests of Madame Belcamper Thursday.

Eleanor Fischer is convalescing rapidly after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy and little daughter were callers at the Blessing home last Sunday.

Mr. Cantwell, state game inspector of migratory birds, is spending several days in this section. While here he is at the Simmons home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beddoe and son are here after spending a few weeks in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritts and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beddoe were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sapper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heini and son Lawrence arrived home Tuesday from Terre Haute, Ind., where Mrs. Heini has been visiting the past 4 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family and Joe Craik were dinner guests at the Fischer home Sunday.

A committee of men consisting of Brunson, Haddock, Hannan, Downer and Waugaman spent Thursday in Pendleton consulting the county court. Geo. Bradley of Pendleton was looking after his ranch in this section Wednesday.

Several searching parties have been on the lookout for Bert Sutherland who is reported as missing. Up to the present writing there has been no clue.

Mrs. Waller is reported as much better.

The Neighborhood club held its regular meeting Saturday last and four new members voted in. The next meeting will be held Nov. 17 and the executive committee is planning a small program. Every member is urged to attend.

L. B. Pearson is remodeling his barn and mill.

Several in this section attended the dance Monday night in Hermiston given in honor of the boys that enlisted in the navy.

The infant son of T. H. Haddock has been on the sick list several days.

Mrs. Ott and two children arrived home the first part of the week from Jefferson City, Mo. She reports very stormy weather in the East and expresses her appreciation of our climate very much.

Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Hooker and daughter visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. Attebury.

Columbia school roll of honor: Henrietta Akers, Kathryn Rogers, Val McDade, William Waugaman, Louie Hooker, Gertrude Hall, Alvin Hooker, Merle McDade, Laird Donaison, Mary Neadeau, James Hall, Clyde Hall.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Paul, the little son of Lee Mead, has been quite sick, but is reported some better.

O. B. Olson and family arrived last week from Alberta to visit his relative, Chas. Hougo.

C. D. Lawrence of Kennewick, Wash., was a land viewer here the first of the week.

H. C. Harrison and wife returned Wednesday from Portland.

Wm. Lower of Bolivar, Mo., arrived Tuesday to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Alta Howard, and his son Jesse. On the trip out he stopped off in Montana and visited a son. He has a daughter in Wasco and one in Portland he will visit while here.

The church ladies gave a very successful Halloween social at the church last Friday evening, quite a crowd attending. The Gypsies were a delight, and amusing contests and songs, and a lunch of pie, cake, sandwiches, coffee fittingly ended the affair.

R. Long of Portland, the contractor for the new school house, was here a day or two this week making arrangements for the work.

C. G. Blayden and wife have arrived from Gaston, Ore., to make their home here this winter.

A. C. Curtis and wife of Kennewick, Wash., came down on the boat last week to visit with their daughters, Mesdames Jenkins and Packard.

Mrs. R. Rands entertained at a 500 party Wednesday evening as a farewell to the government men, who have broken camp here on account of frost. Delicious refreshments were served in Mrs. Rands' usual good style.

S. C. Ballenger and S. C. Mack drove to Hermiston Thursday in J. C.'s car. Wonder if they had to hike any on the trip?

Carl Vojen is at home for the winter, having been released by the government from guarding the bridge near Westfall.

C. Blackman, father of Mrs. S. G. Mack, returned to his home in Richland, Wash., Wednesday after a short visit here.

CITY COUNCIL COMPILES THE ANNUAL BUDGET

JUDGE BRUNK PRAISES LOCAL SWINE EXHIBIT

Among the things neglected to be mentioned last week in connection with the Dairy and Hog show was the statement made by Thos. W. Brunk, judge of the swine, that the hogs on exhibition would rank side by side with the best he had ever passed judgment on, and many were fit for a place in the International stock show at Chicago. The breeds were Poland China and Duroc Jerseys. H. J. Stillings being the largest breeder of the former and C. P. Adams of Echo and George S. Robinson of this city of the latter.

Superintendent Allen and his assistant Mr. Dean, of the local experiment farm, had a miniature farm at the show depicting the results of irrigation experiments and how land should be leveled to retain moisture. Charts explained the proper amount of water to be used to get the best results. Altogether it was a fine exhibition from an educational standpoint.

The display of well bred poultry by F. C. Parks drew much attention, as did also those exhibited by Laura Phillips, Elinor Briggs and Durrell Murchie.

The four year old 5230 pound Holstein bull owned by Wm. Sanders was a fine animal. Another was the Short-horn bull exhibited by Lacey and Dohler, which showed class at 11 months old.

A large crowd witnessed the bee juggling act of George Shafer and listened attentively to his lecture on bee culture.

The school children of Misses Hummel and Klindt's rooms certainly did yeoman's service for the Red Cross selling the little letter seals during the fair. They cleared \$11 during the two days.

A couple of mistakes were made in the names of winners of premiums at the Dairy show, and these we take pleasure in correcting at this time. In the best general collection of canned goods it was Mrs. H. M. Gunn that won first prize and Mrs. A. S. Johnson second, and for display of the best five jars of vegetables Mrs. Gunn received first prize and Mae B. Guivits second prize.

The local girls' Honor Guard are deserving of mention for the way they helped the Red Cross cause by selling thimbles and flag pins at fair time.

FIVE MORE PATRIOTIC YOUNG MEN

Believing that the time was propitious for them to offer their services to their country, five young men of Hermiston left Tuesday evening for Portland for final examination before entering the navy. They were given a farewell reception at the Auditorium by friends and admirers Monday evening, and on Tuesday Thomas Marxen had them as his guest at a big dinner at his restaurant.

Disappointment was in store for 3 of the patriotic young men, for they failed to pass the examination, and as a result have returned home. The two who passed were Logan Todd and Herbert Sullivan, those failing being Urael Hlatt, Russell Weinheimer and Gregory Finnigan.

LOCAL ODD FELLOWS ROYALLY ENTERTAIN

The "Home-Coming" event staged by the local order of Odd Fellows in their hall Saturday evening of last week proved a most successful affair, for it drew members of the order here together once more, and brought visitors from the lodges of Standish, Echo, Umatilla and Irrigon to join in the festivities incident to the occasion.

Many good talks on Odd Fellowship were made during the evening, which brought all into closer union. A happy and delightful climax came when the doors to the buffet were thrown open, banquet tables placed in the lodge room and the ladies of the Rotunda order put the good things to eat in them which they had prepared for their brothers. Sunday evening at the Baptist church Rev. Chapman will deliver an address on Odd Fellowship, taking as his subject "The Man That Came Back," at which time it is expected all members of the order will be present.

At the regular meeting of the city council Wednesday night, after transacting city business of a routine nature, the work of compiling the annual budget was taken up. Property valuations have lowered during the past twelve months some \$20,000 in the town of Hermiston, and the rule being general that the lower the valuation the higher goes the rate of taxation, the council had to do some close figuring, with the result that by a process of retrenchment it has probably succeeded in making the levy still lower instead of higher than last year—all of which will be good news to the overburdened taxpayer.

The water system is now on almost a self-sustaining basis, and the cost of maintaining will be lower still when some needed repairs are made to the reservoir and pipe mains, allowing the aldermen to make a noticeable cut on this item in the budget.

By ingenious maneuvering they have not striven the funds in any of the department, but have brought the levy down to what is actually needed for road improvement, the water system, payments on bonds, etc.

A look at the budget appearing elsewhere in this issue will give the taxpayer an idea of how much money it will take to run the city next year and the different departments to which this money is apportioned.

SAVINGS OF PEOPLE WILL WIN THIS WAR

France came to our aid when we were struggling for liberty and now we are making ready to help lift the burdens of this great world war which have fallen so heavily upon her, says Miss May Murphy, emergency home demonstration agent.

From every school district in this great state of ours comes the victorious results of the Hoover food pledge card campaign, many districts giving 100 per cent. And the window cards are giving out their glad message from every home in the rural communities as well as in the towns and cities. These are homes shielded with patriotism; a patriotism which will sacrifice gladly in this great crisis.

The savings of our people will in the aggregate not only be represented by the millions of dollars in liberty bonds but more materially represented by the great reserved food supply laid by because the American housewife has seen the wisdom of substitution. We must decrease the use of these four foodstuffs, wheat, red meats, sugar and wheat flour to the minimum. But we cannot limit the use of these foods without adequate substitution in food values.

Our soldiers and allies are greatly in need of the red meats and as a nation we have depended largely upon meats as a source of protein, i. e., the building food. Eggs are expensive because of the high cost of feed and it is therefore necessary for fish, milk, cheese and tissue building vegetables to figure prominently in our menus as a substitute for meat and eggs.

The familiar term "war bread" means bread prepared by combining a minimum amount of wheat flour with other suitable materials for bread making, such as cornmeal, buckwheat flour, cooked rice and potatoes. On every hand is heard the demand for good reliable recipes using substitutive foods. Our agricultural colleges and state food chemist have just turned out three bulletins: War breads and cakes; The use of dried fruits and vegetables; and Substitutes for meat, containing over 80 splendid recipes.

If you belong to the home study club conducted in this district, you will receive these bulletins if you write to Miss Murphy's office at La Grande. They may be had for the asking.

The purpose of the home study club is to efficiently train the housewife in substituting food values, the needs of the body and how to meet these needs.

In addition to the local prize offered at the Dairy show for the best canned vegetables grown the winner will receive an additional \$5 offered by the National Emergency Food Garden Commission which was included in the premiums. This is given as a reward of merit by the above commission for the best canned vegetables grown in war gardens.