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\$5000 LIBRARY BUILDING FOR HERMISTON

It is expected that within a short time from now a magnificent library building will materially add to the appearance of our progressive little city, plans for which were drawn some time ago by a Portland architect, and to consider bids for its construction the local directors of the branch of the Umatilla county public library established here met at the rest rooms Tuesday.

On being called to order by Mrs. J. T. Hinkle, chairman of the board, Secretary M. D. Scroggs was asked to open the bids. Upon reading them it was found that A. F. Beisse, the well known contractor of Hermiston, and Lorenz & Powers of Portland were the lowest bidders, the first named putting in a bid for \$4946 and the latter for the sum of \$4750. Mr. Beisse's bid in one sense was higher than that of the Portland people, this being caused by the fact that he figured on stucco on metal lath, while Lorenz & Powers' bid was only for stucco on wood lath. As everyone knows, there is a very material difference in the price of metal and wood lath, so that in reality, figuring the added cost of metal lath over the wood, the bids were about even.

After some deliberation the board decided to hold the awarding of the contract in abeyance for a short time until the bids could be thoroughly gone over to ascertain if they fully conform to plans and specifications.

The new library is to be built on the corner of Gladys avenue and Second street on the ground embracing four lots donated for that purpose by Attorney J. H. Raley of Pendleton. The library will be a one story structure 30x50 in dimensions, with a basement room to be used as a lecture room and other purposes, and on the upper floor will be the reading room and library proper.

For its construction \$5000 is available from the Carnegie library fund, and its maintenance is partly provided for by the raising of \$500 annually by a city tax levy.

It is expected that the library board will meet again shortly, and that at that time the contract will be let for the construction of this much to be desired building.

Later—Word has just been received that Contractor Beisse was awarded the contract to construct the library building by the county court, with the stipulation that the structure be completed in 90 days.

NEW TAX ON PARCEL POST PACKAGES

Postmaster Young has received instructions from the department to the effect that a 1 cent documentary stamp will be required on each parcel post package, the postage on which amounts to as much as 25 cents, and 1 cent for each additional 25 cents postage or fraction thereof. This tax on fourth class matter becomes effective December 1, and is not applicable to parcels on which the postage amounts to less than 25 cents. Special revenue stamps must be used on the taxed parcels.

CIVIC CLUB TO GIVE THANKSGIVING BALL

Preparations are being made by members of the Civic Club for a dance to be given under the auspices of that organization in the Auditorium on the evening of Thanksgiving day, November 23. Inasmuch as the members of the club help in a marked degree to support the local rest rooms by contributing \$7.50 monthly, it is no more than fair that everyone should buy a ticket to the dance, whether they attend or not, and in this way show appreciation of the kindness the Club bestows upon this community by helping to keep up an establishment that has been of such benefit and convenience to all of us, and one that towns the size of Hermiston can seldom boast of.

The Pendleton Orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music, and to provide amusement for those who do not indulge in dancing card tables will be provided. The price of tickets to the affair has been placed at \$1.

WESTLAND LANDS MAY BLOOM WITH ALFALFA

This week a three page circular letter containing a detailed report of all the transactions of the board of directors of the Westland Irrigation District since its formation was printed at this office. These circulars were later mailed to every property owner in the district by Secretary J. H. Strohm.

The report embodies, among other important things, the findings of the board with regard to the building of a flood water storage reservoir in either Alkali or Lyle canyons so as to insure for all time an adequate sufficiency to water all the land within the district, it being found that this cannot be done under the arrangement of the present storage or feed canal systems.

It is shown in the report, upon the authority of a competent engineer, that a reservoir located in Alkali canyon or Lyle canyon would be ideally situated as regards the Western Land & Irrigation Co's. canals, which would have to be used to deliver the stored water to the district lands. The main canal of the company now diverts water from the Umatilla river at the mouth of Alkali canyon within 1000 feet of where the Alkali dam would be located.

The report goes on to show that if any great benefits are to be derived by land owners within the district there must first be assurance of plenty of water for irrigation purposes. Seemingly the only way to bring this about would be to bond for a sum of money adequate to construct a storage reservoir at the point designated.

After a perusal of Secretary Strohm's report it may be that a majority of the ranchers in the district may decide on calling a meeting to discuss the matter of bonds. Should they do this and a vote to bond carry, it is our opinion that it will only be a matter of time until vast fields of alfalfa are in bloom all over the Westland Irrigation District.

DILAPIDATED SIDEWALKS HAVE TO GO

It having been forcibly brought to the attention of the city council that the sidewalks of the residence and business portion of Hermiston were, in many instances, becoming broken, rotten and full of holes, it has been decreed by that body that they must be repaired forthwith.

Complaints that many of the sidewalks are unsafe to travel over by reason of the deplorable condition in which they have been allowed to become through neglect of property owners to repair them have been coming in thick and fast. These complaints have stirred the council to action, and in its decree that the walks shall be made more comfortable for the accommodation of pedestrians and at the same time conform to the city ordinance, the mayor and council have shown a determination to obviate this retarding influence on the city's progress by bringing about this much needed improvement at once.

Therefore if you happen to discern a "Notice to Repair Sidewalk" posted on your property in the near future, you will know that the city engineer has called on you to do your bit toward improving the appearance of the town. After reading the notice, if you do the right thing, you will immediately endeavor to become imbued with the spirit of progression that has evidently been dormant and begin the work of repairing the walk surrounding or in front of your residence or business property. If you show no inclination to do the right thing within a certain period of time, then the city engineer will do it for you by ordering the walk rebuilt or repaired, as the case may be, and charging the expense incurred against your property.

In other words, the city ordinance has got you going or coming in this instance, and it is a good thing it has, for it is not right nor just that one property owner should go to the expense of having a good serviceable walk in front of his place while others nearby are allowed to remain in a state of dilapidation.

WATERLAND RECHRISTENED THE LEVIATHAN



The first photograph of the former German liner Waterland, which the United States government took over and rechristened her Leviathan. The picture was made "somewhere in American waters." The Stars and Stripes is floating from the stern of the vessel.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. G. Akers left Tuesday for Wasco, where she will visit for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sapper had Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Strohm as their dinner guests Sunday evening.

Mrs. Phipps has been on the sick list this week.

Miss Alice Hudson and William Pearson were among those that enjoyed the dinner party Sunday evening given at the home of Miss Eudith Kelley in Hermiston.

Bill Downer was a county seat visitor Friday of last week.

Little Wilma Waugaman is reported on the sick list.

Ray Robinson and Clarence Green left Tuesday for the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes from McKay Creek visited their ranch in this section one day this week.

Frank Waugaman is leveling a 4 acre tract, and expects to seed as soon as possible.

The County Court visited at the Tom Haddock ranch last Saturday.

Mr. McCormack of Pendleton was a visitor in this section Wednesday.

Bob and John Lewis and their families came Sunday evening from Echo and called at the H. M. Somerer ranch.

A new pump and pipe was installed at the Columbia school Monday, the work being done by Walter Blessing and Henry Somerer.

Mrs. Haddock and baby are domiciled at the home of Mrs. Waterman in Hermiston while the little one is undergoing treatment from Dr. Gale.

Mrs. Waller Sr. is reported as much improved.

Rev. Graham, Mr. Kingsley, Otto Sapper, Frank Beddow, Henry Somerer, Fred Brunson and Frank Waugaman formed the committees for the Y. M. C. A. drive in this district. They report very good results.

Rev. Graham and wife were dinner guests of E. E. Graham Monday night.

Mr. Yudy from Wasco visited his ranch (formerly the A. Johnson ranch) last Saturday. They contemplate moving here at an early date.

Mrs. Simmons was a delightful hostess to a lovely birthday dinner Sunday, it being the occasion of Gertie's birthday. Covers were laid for eight. The guests besides the Simmons family were Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brownell, L. Brownell and Wm. Sanders.

Le Nora Franz is home from Pendleton after spending several days there with her sister Julia.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry from Holdman were callers at the Frank Beddow home Wednesday night.

Mrs. Frank Beddow was an all day guest at the T. W. Sapper home in Hermiston Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blessing were dinner guests at the F. A. Brunson home Friday evening.

Mrs. Taylor from Ft. Wayne, Ind., was a visitor in this section Monday. Mrs. Taylor has interests in the Both

company and while here called on several Ft. Wayne people.

T. E. Brassfield and Spencer and son are among those leveling land.

Mr. Cantwell, state game inspector of migratory birds, left Saturday for Caldwell, Idaho.

Mesdames and Messrs. Frank and George Beddow spent Sunday in Echo.

Mrs. Bauschard and Louise left Thursday for Portland where they will live for the winter. Mr. Bauschard expects to go later.

Jack Gorham has returned to the project and is working for W. A. Leathers.

Mrs. Rodgers has moved into her new home located near the Columbia school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Keller are now domiciled in their new home on their homestead.

Alfred Franz and bride visited at the home of his mother Mrs. Franz, last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Franz are on their honeymoon.

Eric, Pa., papers contain death notice of Emma Barham which occurred Nov. 10 and burial Nov. 13. Deceased was a sister of the late J. C. Barham, and spent the summer here.

LARGE INCREASE IN ALFALFA ACREAGE

The annual crop census of the project is being compiled by Charles Taylor of the reclamation service, and at the conclusion of the task he will have data covering practically everything raised on the farm by every rancher on the project, together with additional acreage put in this year and intended improvements.

In his canvass thus far his report shows that the increase in the alfalfa acreage over last year is astonishingly large, with the prospects strong for even a greater increase a year hence.

The census report will show that the vegetable production was large this season and that dairying and hog raising has increased wonderfully among the ranchers.

The only shortage he has found thus far in any crop is that of honey, which is not by a long way up to the standard quantity of last year. This is attributed by bee men to lack of nectar due to the exceptionally dry season just passed.

DRY FARMER SEES THINGS OVER HERE

A. J. Woodward of Gateway, Oregon, was thrilled with the sight of an up-to-date irrigated project when he landed here Wednesday after spending years making nothing out of dry land farming over in the Deschutes country. He had heard so much about Hermiston that he thought he would come and look it over. He was pleased with what he saw, and the odds are long that soon he will acquire property in this fertile valley.

BURNS PROVE FATAL TO HERMISTON WOMAN

NATIONAL STATESMEN HERMISTON VISITORS

At different times during the week Hermiston was honored with the presence of two statesmen representing Oregon at the national capital, they being Congressman Sinnott, who was here Sunday and Monday, and the other Senator McNary, who remained all day Thursday.

Both were taking a little fling over Eastern Oregon to gather data on momentous matters pertaining to different sections, chief among which was to take observations and personally view the proposed site for establishment of an army training camp in the vicinity of Hermiston, inquire into the wheat situation and gather important information on irrigation—all this in anticipation of developments at the next session of congress.

Both gentlemen expressed themselves as believing the camp site would easily come up to all requirements, and left the impression that all indications pointed to the establishment of the cantonment here, providing, of course, that the government needs another training camp.

On the arrival of Mr. Sinnott here Sunday a committee of business men accompanied him in auto over the proposed site. While here he was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hinkle.

Senator McNary was taken over the ground in the same manner on Thursday, and later went to Pendleton.

The committee in charge of cantonment affairs kind of looked forward to a visit from Senator George Chamberlain, but that gentleman not appearing they decided that if the "Mount" would not come to Mohammed then Mohammed would go to the Mount. In pursuance of this a committee composed of J. T. Hinkle and Thomas Campbell went to Portland Thursday to interview Mr. Chamberlain as to how he stood on the matter of the establishment of an army training camp in this part of Oregon.

It is more than likely now that the senator will come and take a look over the ground before going to Washington shortly, and no doubt we will then be informed as to how he feels regarding the local site.

DENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PUPILS

The board of directors of Columbia school district are to be commended on the action taken by them at a recent meeting to have all children undergo a dental examination. In furtherance of this very laudable move on their part they have secured the services of Dr. F. V. Prime, dentist of this city, to make an examination of the mouth of every pupil enrolled, and compile and forward a detailed report of any defects to the teeth to the board and also to the parents of the children so affected.

Everyone will readily agree that this is a step in the right direction, as the health and progress of a child in school dwells chiefly in having good teeth, together with a clear eye and sound ears and throat.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

C. G. Blayden made a trip to Hermiston Monday.

Mrs. Sada McKane and two children of Wasco visited since Saturday with her sister and father.

Mrs. S. Mattoon came down from Hermiston Wednesday.

Mrs. Ina Dickenson was called here Sunday to nurse her father, S. A. Barnes, who is sick with typhoid. Tuesday the lady took her parent to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, where he can have good care.

S. C. Mack visited in Hermiston a day or two the first of the week.

Lyle Blayden came in from Portland Monday.

W. N. Hatch and C. C. Paine went to Hermiston Wednesday on business

On Friday afternoon of last week Mrs. J. A. Reeves, who had been in poor health for some little time, became momentarily insane, and during that period poured kerosene oil over her clothing and set fire to the saturated garments. At the time of her attempt at self-destruction she was alone at her home in the southeastern part of town, with the exception of her youngest child, the other three having been sent away on errands. Mr. Reeves, who is a rural mail carrier, left home at the usual time that morning and was wending his way over his devious route when a courier who had hastened to apprise him of the awful happening overtook and broke the sad news to him.

Quickly Mr. Reeves hastened home, only to find that it was even worse than he anticipated, for he found his wife bordering on death as a result of the frightful burns she sustained. She was conscious, however, and in her right mind when he arrived, and to him she deeply repented of the rash act. It seems that after setting fire to her clothing Mrs. Reeves regained her mental faculties, due no doubt to the searing of the flesh, and rushed out into the yard. Neighbors hearing her screams quickly hastened to her rescue, but too late, for the clothes were all but burned off her body and it was found her suffering was most excruciating. The angel of peace seemed to come to her that evening for she quietly passed away at 10:30.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church Sunday morning, and during the eloquent and fitting sermon preached by Rev. Chapman the sympathy of the large congregation went out to the bereaved husband and the four young motherless children. The casket purchased at A. W. Prann's undertaking parlors was wheeled before the altar and over it was strewn a galaxy of beautiful flowers, gifts from friends of Mrs. Reeves and the family. At the conclusion of the services the funeral cortege began the journey to the local cemetery, where all that was mortal of the deceased lady was laid to rest.

Mrs. Reeves' maiden name was Annie Elizabeth McGill. She was born May 3, 1884, at Centerville, Tenn., and at that place was united in marriage to J. A. Reeves in 1904. She leaves a husband and four children here to mourn her loss, and in the home land an aged father, three brothers and three sisters.

BADGERS PREY ON FARMER'S POULTRY

The wily colored man and the sly fox, both being great lovers of yellow-legged fowl, are exempted from suspicion of having anything to do with the loss of chickens from their roosts in the hen house of J. M. Prindle, a rancher residing two and one-half miles northwest of Hermiston, who in the past thirty days is minus twenty-five nice fat hens from his flock. The aforesaid colored man and the fox are noticeable by their absence from this particular part of Oregon, but the badger that is always with us, has turned out to be a predatory cuss that has of late developed their instincts.

One badger in particular that has made his home for some time in a hole he dug close to the chicken coop Mr. Prindle would like to see in the open for about three minutes, and what he would do to him in that time with a shotgun would nearly recompense him for the known loss of the chickens by the animal.

Badgers have always been held to be harmless creatures in a way, and in a measure have been looked upon as friends to the ranchers in the way of killing ground squirrels and other pests about a farm. But it would seem now that instead of being a benefit they are a detriment, and that stringent methods will have to be taken to exterminate them.

Foot Note—Since the above reports of badgers killing chickens has become current "Dad" West has been diligently trying to wish his tame pet of the above species on to some one, but no one seems to want to take chances on losing their chickens, even if the gentlemanly owner does guarantee that the animal has no appetite for the toothsome fowl.