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VIRGINIA MAN BUYS BIG ALFALFA RANCH

While land seekers have been invading Hermiston in large numbers for some time past, and while many of them have bought or traded other holdings for land here, none of the deals assumed very large proportions. But this was all changed when one day last week a home seeker from the state of Virginia dropped off the train and announced that he was in the market for a good sized alfalfa ranch.

No, he didn't want no orchard—alfalfa was his hobby, and in his droll southern brogue he stated what he was willing to pungle up in coin of the realm if this was secured for him pronto. He said he did not want to look at no insignificant tracts of alfalfa—he was halter broke and desired to be led right up to the choicest large alfalfa ranch on the project that could be purchased.

In his perambulations he ran across E. P. Dodd of the Umatilla Farm Lands Co., and there and then met his Waterloo and incidentally secured what his heart most desired—a simon pure alfalfa ranch. Without much parley the two wandered off to the Ross Newport ranch of 160 acres a mile east of town, and after making a careful scrutiny of the place the gentleman said that was just the kind of plantation he wanted, asked the price, came back to Hermiston, paid the money, said to be around \$18,000, and the deal was closed.

It was literature on this country's possibilities that brought Eli Winesett, for that is the gentleman's name, from his home in Galax, Virginia, to look up a new home in this part of Oregon, and by that same token he said there were others in his neighborhood getting a touch of the western fever.

Mr. Winesett left Sunday for his Virginia home to dispose of stock on a dairy ranch he has there, after which he will return with his wife and six children and take possession of the Newport ranch. As is known, Don Campbell has been operating the above ranch for some time, and during his tenure had put the place in excellent shape. As yet he has not decided on his future movements, but is ready to give possession to the new owner of the place on his arrival.

While here Mr. Winesett was a guest of his old friend, P. F. Ward, who is a recent arrival that formerly lived in Virginia.

SIMPSON IN RACE FOR GOVERNORSHIP

L. J. Simpson of Coos Bay, Oregon, has announced himself as a candidate for the nomination of governor on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held May 17 next. His platform contains many good



planks. He believes in the greatest possible advancement of the moral, social and economic prosperity of the people of the state, and through an ever increasing development of its tremendous resources keep Oregon at the top in the vast fabric of national life. He believes in nation wide prohibition and the adoption of equal suffrage in the state and nation.

WEATHER REPORT

The weather conditions during the past week have been for the most part clear and somewhat cool. From Thursday night of last week up to Thursday night of this the maximum temperature was 55 degrees and the minimum 10. The precipitation was .15 of an inch.

BOARDMAN'S NEW HALL DEDICATED

The new public hall recently erected in the progressive town of Boardman by Messrs. Ballinger and Murchie was fittingly dedicated Friday evening of last week, when all the residents, both old and young, for miles around assembled and danced and listened to excellent music furnished by Akers orchestra of this city, which had been secured to play for a Valentine ball, given to commemorate the completion of the building.

Boardman's hospitality was shown on this as on many former occasions, for no charge was made for dancing, and the supper served under direction of Mrs. C. O. Paine was delicious. Mingled with the folks of that community at the dance were quite a number from outside towns, among them being Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Sisco and her sister, Miss Akers and her brothers Wayne and Carroll, James Smith, Joe Udey, E. P. Dodd, Paul Miller and the Herald scribe, from Hermiston.

The hall will prove a great boon to Boardman, for it is intended to be used for all community gatherings. It is fitted up with a nice stage on which sits a brand new piano, while the body of the hall contains 150 modern opera chairs.

SECURING OF FEDERAL LOANS SEEMS REMOTE

The possibilities of securing federal loans for the project through an amendment to the reclamation act, permitting the federal loan banks to secure the loans by first mortgage, seems to be doubtful. The special committee of the Hermiston Commercial Club addressed a letter to Congressman Sinnott on the matter and Wednesday received the following reply:

"Yours of February 9th received this morning. I regret to say that the legislation you mention was voted down by the house the other day. I appreciate the force of what you say and have striven both in committee and on the floor of the house to get relief along these lines but the opposition on the part of those not familiar with our conditions has so far been able to defeat us. With all good wishes, I remain, yours very truly, N. J. Sinnott."

This leaves the matter as it has been without perhaps hopes of change, at least during the war. The government holds a first mortgage for water rights and the federal loan banks refuse to loan money except on first mortgages, or on lands within an irrigation district. The department has urged the formation of irrigation districts on all irrigation projects and has set forth as an inducement to form districts the ability under them to secure the federal loans. It is claimed in some localities that the desire of the reclamation service to create irrigation districts has doubtless resulted in lack of support of the measure just defeated, if not in indirect opposition.

RED CROSS

The output of our Red Cross work room from Feb. 7 to Feb. 21 consists of 60 pairs pajama pants and 40 coats. Besides these garments 12 more sweaters were turned in.

The Honor Guard girls made 2 dozen slips for the ambulance pillows which the Minnehaha school will fill and complete. No more of the pillows will be made at present.

A class in surgical dressing was started Thursday night for those who are unable to attend the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon classes.

A number of things have been donated for our Superfluous Sale. Among them 2 boxes Winesap apples, sack of potatoes and some canned fruit.

Bring in a picture of your soldier or sailor lad to add to the collection that adorns the wall of our workroom. These pictures stimulate our interest and enthusiasm in our work.

B. F. Knapp returned Monday from a week spent in the Richland valley on the Washington side of the Columbia looking after a large improved ranch he owns there.

FIRST PICTURE OF THE "RED GUARD"



The first photograph to arrive in this country of members of the bolshevik "Red Guard," about which much has been heard during the overturning of the provisional government.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Vivian from California, who has been working for Frank Waugaman, has rented the Bone ranch for the summer.

T. H. Haddox returned Saturday from a short visit to Prosser, Wash.

Jennie Simmons spent Thursday with her parents at Tip Top.

Ethel Graham spent the fore part of the week in Hermiston, guest of her grandmother.

Mrs. Frank Beddow has recovered from a slight attack of gall stones.

Mrs. Meyers has returned to her home in Wallula, after a week's visit with her niece, Miss Jones, who is domiciled on the Beddow homestead.

Mr. Catron's family are ill from measles.

Mrs. James Bedale, of Erie, Pa., formerly a resident of our project, arrived Monday and is looking after property interests here.

Mr. and Mrs. Belscamper have moved to the ranch formerly known as the Monkman ranch.

Mrs. Stippach, daughter of Madame Belscamper, left Monday en route for Portland and other coast cities.

Mrs. J. C. Barham and son Childs have arrived from Erie, Pa., where they spent the last three months. They report very cold and disagreeable weather conditions in the East and are very much pleased to be back among Hermistonians again.

Agnes and Ada Soneson have returned from a visit of several weeks in the Rose City.

Mrs. Akers returned from Wasco Tuesday after spending a few days visiting her husband and friends.

The Parrish family have moved from the Bohn house to the Dodd ranch near Hermiston.

Mrs. Henry Ott spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Attebury on the Waterman ranch.

Little Wilma Waugaman is reported quite ill again and was removed to St. Anthony's hospital Tuesday. Later reports say she was operated on Wednesday night for appendicitis. Mr. and Mrs. Waugaman are at her bedside.

Gertrude Simmons spent Friday with her parents at Tip Top ranch.

Mr. Mathews left Saturday for Spokane to resume his position with the railroad. Mrs. Mathews, her mother and Milton propose living on the ranch this summer.

Frank Beddow is having five acres of his homestead leveled and seeded to alfalfa. W. O. Sutherland is doing the work.

Mr. Hammer, the expert pruner that has been pruning for the Fort Wayne Fruit Co. the past two weeks, is now pruning on the Phipps tract.

A rehearsal of the "Colored Suffragettes" was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Phipps. Did you say when? Oh, we have not decided just yet as to the date—it's pretty hard for those colored girls to decide. But say, you should see that George Washington Rufus Horatius Johnson. He is some janitor, but really we all think he makes a better butler to Mrs. Simon Pure, for his manners are superb. Then there are the suffragettes that

make an afternoon call on Mrs. Pure including Miss Fine-an-dandy, Miss Rosie Red, Miss Lillie White, Miss Jan-a-lac, Miss Hap, Miss Cue, Miss Take, Miss Cloud D. Weather, Miss O. Kay, Miss MacIntosh, Miss N. Strong, Miss Pan N. Ola and Miss Kodd Fish. Keep watch for the date. Oh, no, it won't cost much, and anyway it's for the benefit of the Columbia park.

BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Say, did we see your shining face there. Well it's no matter—we have dances here at B. C. H. whether you folks all come or not. They are regular, too, once every two weeks, only on special occasions.

Mrs. Jas. H. Ware is home from the hospital and says she didn't know that "home" was so much till she was shut in a small room.

Raney's chopper has laid its help off indefinitely until more work comes.

Well, we go to school in style again, for "Uncle Marion" has his car, and, O my, but we do spit to and from school. We all look at "Uncle" fondly for he says he is going to join the U. S. in something if he can get rid of his 16 kids and all other property. Be careful "Unk," don't try to fly.

John Spencer was a very much surprised host at a birthday party in his honor. Every one had a fine time, whether all the old folks were there or not.

C. P. Helmick returned from around Ukiah Sunday with 9 cattle, and says there is only about 7 or 8 inches of snow. Says it is not so cold—it has only been 23 below—that's all. We hope that is enough.

The Gardner boys have been plowing when the frost allows and the acres are flying by. About 50 acres are ready for seeding again.

E. T. Canfield was in La Grande Monday on urgent business.

Brighton Greeves of Stanfield has been on the Creek recovering from the last dance.

This freezing weather is hard on our cats and dogs, but easy on Hoover.

A Washington wheat farmer is much taken up with Butter Creek and was looking for a location Tuesday. It seems Butter Creek hay has a reputation.

We will be looking for you at the next dance, so be there.

Chautauqua at Echo

Elsewhere in this issue is a page advertisement of the big Chautauqua to be held in Echo February 27 and 28 and March 1 of next week. It is going to be a grand event, and all who can should go from here to attend it.

G. C. Blyden, a resident of the bustling little town of Boardman who is superintending the building of the handsome new school house being erected there, visited with friends in this city Monday and Tuesday while on his way home from a business visit to Pendleton.

William Shaar passed Wednesday in Pendleton undergoing examination for service in the army.

LABOR, CROP AND SEED SURVEY NEXT WEEK

BECOMES BRIDE OF MINNEHAHA RANCHER

At 10 o'clock Wednesday in Pendleton was solemnized the marriage of Miss Bessie McPherson to C. M. Jackson at the home of the bride's parents in the above city, Rev. H. H. Hubbell of the Christian church officiating. Neither bride or groom need any introduction to the people of this project, for by long residence they are well known and universally respected and esteemed. Relatives and friends of both attended the wedding ceremony, among those from here being Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jackson and son Donald, Mrs. Jennie Jackson, Mrs. W. J. Jackson, Mrs. G. Rayhill, Mrs. H. D. Newell, Mrs. J. D. Watson and Mr. S. R. Oldaker.

The happy young couple have taken up their residence in the beautiful home just completed on the ranch of Mr. Jackson in the Minnehaha district a short distance southwest of Hermiston. Felicitations being in order, The Herald joins with their host of friends in wishing them unlimited success and happiness.

CAR SHORTAGE HAS STRUCK HERMISTON

While the cry of a shortage of freight cars was going on all over the country some time ago, Hermiston had no cause for worry, as this point on the O.-W. has nearly always had an adequate sufficiency in which to ship the produce grown here to market.

But it's different now, for the shortage of cars is becoming shorter every day. This is shown by the fact that C. S. McNaught, extensive shipper of baled and chopped hay to Portland and other markets, has been compelled to ship the product in gondolas now, it being impossible to get box cars for that purpose. This change in the procedure of loading cars has been quite expensive, but Mr. McNaught says he will supply his customers with alfalfa even though he is compelled to put a boat on the Columbia and ship by water in place of by rail.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

C. G. Blyden went to Pendleton Sunday.

The Valentine dance was well attended. Several visitors from out of town were here. The music was good, the floor was fine and everyone had a good time.

Miss Treat of Biggs spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Mead.

Mrs. Ernest Brown visited her parents in Waiatsburg last week.

Col. Newport of Hermiston was in town Tuesday.

R. E. Allen of the Hermiston experimental farm, was busy on the project Tuesday.

Walter and Orrel Harper, sons of Wm. Harper, have arrived from De Moss Springs, Mont.

A Hoover social will be given by the C. E. the 22nd. Everyone invited. Read the poster in the P. O.

Sam Boardman went to Heppner Monday.

Jim Bradley, son of Mrs. Jenkins, returned from New Plymouth, Idaho, the first of the week.

Mrs. Warner entertained at dinner Wednesday Mrs. Howard and father, Wm. Lower.

H. Casebolt, brother of Mrs. E. Brown, and H. Arnold, a cousin, of Waiatsburg, Wash., are visiting the Browns.

W. A. Murchie of Wasco spent the night at his daughter's, Mrs. J. C. Ballenger, going up to Hermiston in the Ballenger car Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Grace Coburn went to Pasco on the early morning train Wednesday.

Bought Fine Tract

W. A. Shawver is now owner of the W. L. Pearson improved five acres on the south side that Frank Ausson traded for last week, having bought the tract from the latter a few days ago. Mr. Shawver and family will take possession the first of March.

A farm questionnaire is to be filled out by every farmer in Umatilla county during the first four days of next week, February 25 to 28. Local committees have been appointed in every community and the government expects every citizen to assist in this work.

The purpose of the survey is to assist our government in more efficiently handling the food situation and to assist the farmers in handling the labor and seed situation. So important does the government consider this work that it has provided a penalty for anyone who willfully refuses to answer a government survey of this kind. The facts gathered in this way are confidential, except as to labor needs and seed wanted and seed for sale.

Much seed was bought and sold as a result of the survey taken last May, and even better results are expected this year. If you cannot give exact figures as to crops, give the best estimate possible. In reporting labor needed, signify the actual number of men required and not the number that could be used.

When the war began Germany knew exactly how much of every commodity was in the empire and who had it. They knew how much could be produced each succeeding year and how much labor it required. We have been so unused to war that no attempt was made to know these vital facts until necessity compelled it. Let us make this survey so complete that all facts will be secured and democracy perpetuated.

Every postmaster will be asked to post a list of the committees appointed to take this survey. This is not a drive for money but for service. Volunteer by offering your services to your nearest committeeman.

The new county agricultural agent, under whose direction the survey is to be taken, has named the following committeemen for the Hermiston and neighboring districts:

Hermiston, E. P. Dodd; Columbia, Henry Sommerer; Umatilla, Bertha Cherry; Butter Creek, B. J. Nation; Upper Butter Creek, Otis McCarty; Stanfield, Ralph Holte; Echo, Louis Scholl; Juniper, George Strand; Vandyke and Stanton, Carl Eggdahl; Hellix, Carl Kupers; Toward Echo on Telephone Road, Fauchier Bros.

DODD POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE

From the following clipped from a recent issue of the Pendleton Tribune, we take it that our fellow townsman, E. P. Dodd, has become inoculated with the political bee, and, of course, while it is a little early yet to tell whether the virus will do its work, nevertheless all his friends in the county are anxious for him to make the race. Here's what the Tribune says: "Visitors from the west end of the county say that E. P. Dodd of Hermiston may become a candidate for the legislature before the Republican primaries. It is claimed that the populous and prosperous west end should be represented on the ticket and that Mr. Dodd, who has been identified with the development of that part of the country for 10 years, is always interested in public matters. He was formerly editor of the Tribune and is familiar with the affairs of the entire country. He is a strong advocate of strengthening the agricultural and industrial resources of the state in support of war, and says that he would be in favor of sidetracking all other legislation."

Fire Department Called Out

For the first time in many months the fire bell sounded an alarm Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, to which the city volunteer fire department answered promptly by assembling hook and ladder and hose carts at the home of R. A. Brownson, manager of the Inland Empire Lumber Co., from where the alarm was turned in. On arrival there, however, it was found what might have been a fire was obliterated, and Mr. and Mrs. Brownson, with the help of the firemen, soon had all the household goods that had been removed from the house in a hurry back in their respective places again. While all were pleased that there was no fire, sentiment was that the practice given the department by the call done the members much good.