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## MANUFACTURE ALFALFA MEAL IN HERMISTON

A new manufacturing industry will soon be in operation in the Hermiston valley, for the first of this week witnessed the breaking of ground preparatory to the construction of an alfalfa meal plant in this city. This long sought and much needed acquisition is to be launched by the C. S. McNaught Co., and it is hoped by that corporation to have everything ready and the plant in perfect operation to handle the first cutting of the new crop of alfalfa early in June.

The plans and specifications call for the construction of a building 52x140 and 40 feet in height, located on the vacant ground on the railroad right of way at the head of West Main street. The building will be substantially constructed from corrugated iron on a cement foundation and there will be installed modern machinery for the manufacture of alfalfa meal for stock and chicken feed packed in 100 pound sacks.

When completed it will provide storage for 100 tons of baled hay and 100 tons of sacked alfalfa meal. In addition to this there will be storage room for 75 tons of loose hay which will be unloaded from the wagons with a power hoist. This loose hay storage and power hoist will do away with all delay that has heretofore been unavoidable when running the chopper in loading box cars with chopped hay. In the new plant a farmer can bring in a load of hay and have it unloaded and be on his way again in about five minutes instead of waiting for the load to be chopped out. This feature will mean a great saving in time for the farmers and will provide a convenient cash market for alfalfa hay in any quantity from 100 pounds to 100 tons or more. This cash market feature is of unestimable value to the alfalfa growers in this vicinity.

The company will continue its baled hay business and the chopped hay loaded in bulk into box cars but will as rapidly as possible work up markets for the sacked meal. The principal markets at the present time are in the Puget Sound country near Seattle which are being supplied from Yakima points. It is the idea of the company to make a start in the Seattle market and compete with the Yakima mills, relying on the fact that the alfalfa grown on the project lands is freer from weeds and grass and will make a better grade of meal than that grown on the old fields in the Yakima valley, and for that reason will find favor with the feeders. The freight rates are somewhat against Hermiston in this market but the superior quality of the product will largely offset this difference in freight.

## SKILLED FARM HANDS CAN BE EXEMPTED

According to M. S. Shrock, county agricultural agent, farmers who have skilled farm hands of draft age can get deferred classification for a time, provided such men are indispensable to the maximum production of the farm.

The United States Employment Service announces that in the new draft for 90,000 men shortly to be called, farmers with experienced help should file with the Local Draft Board an affidavit supported by two witnesses who will say under oath that they are acquainted with the farm hand whose services are asked to be retained and that he is experienced and indispensable to the maximum production of the farm on which he is employed. Do this at once before a Notary Public and file with the Local Draft Board.

This is not intended to help slackers or near slackers to avoid for a time the draft. It is for the sole purpose of increasing production. Farm hands of draft age should be made to understand this. As soon as they are not so employed, the exemption is removed.

**Lectured on Camp Lewis**  
Rev. Paddock, Episcopal bishop who has been at Camp Lewis, Wash., for some time gaining information about army life there, delivered a very interesting address to a large audience in the Baptist church Monday evening. His talk was chiefly on how the boys were trained at that big army station and the treatment they receive, which he declared excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Buchholz were Stanfield visitors to this city Thursday evening, coming overland in their auto.

## MASONS GIFT IS EMBLEMATIC RING

Last Tuesday night Mack's hall was packed with members of the Masonic order and Queen Ester Chapter and their friends, the occasion being a farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Skinner, who departed with their family this week to make their future home in Carrolls, Wash.

It was a most enjoyable affair, and the climax of the evening came with a grand luncheon, at which toasts were given in behalf of Mr. Skinner and his estimable wife, and hope expressed that they would meet with unbounded success in their new home. At the conclusion of the banquet Mr. Skinner was presented with a handsome and costly ring with the emblem of the Masonic order thereon in token of the esteem in which he is held by members of that fraternal organization.

## CITY COUNCIL HAS SPECIAL SESSION

Monday afternoon the city council met in special session for the purpose of selecting a water superintendent and chief of police to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of C. C. Salsler, who leaves soon to go farming in the western part of the state.

There were four applications for the job, namely, Levi Reeder, R. C. Todd, Paul Mamma and Ross Laudenslager. The latter landed the plum, and is now on the job becoming acquainted with his work under the direction of Mr. Salsler, who leaves the city employment tonight.

Mr. Laudenslager is from Irrigon, where he was in the employ of the reclamation service. He is well known in Hermiston, however, having formerly resided here. With his mother he moved from Irrigon to this city Monday, and will probably secure the residence to be vacated by Mr. Salsler. The application of Don Campbell, Earl Carson and others for an extension of the water mains to their respective places was favorably passed on, with the proviso that the applicants go about 50-50 with the city in the cost of construction, it being felt by the council that the burden of expense on the city to serve so few would be too great to bear alone at this time.

**Four Minute Men**  
Attorney Hinkle, who is chairman of the speakers' committee for this part of the county, has selected his four minute men as follows: Rev. Graham, Father Butler, Rev. Chapman, F. B. Swayze, E. P. Dodd.

Rev. Chapman was the four minute talker at the Movie last Saturday night, and tonight Father Butler will address the audience. According to Chairman Hinkle, the speakers are available for any meeting in the district surrounding Hermiston, and will, upon call, supply in western Umatilla and northern Morrow counties.

## RED CROSS

The next business meeting of the Red Cross April 4 will be the most important of the year. We will have our election of officers for the coming year as well as important business to transact. Meeting called for 2 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Ted Sapper and Mrs. A. S. Johnson are the members of committee for Superfluity Sale. The sale will not take place until after business meeting.

All the ladies who have worked in the surgical dressings will work both afternoons each week until April 16. All members of classes are urged to come regularly. We have an immediate request for 550 absorbent pads. These must be in not later than April 16. Please be on hand for this work as it is very important.

E. W. Mack is modernizing the building in which his Racket Store is located by installing sinks and lavatories. This will be a great convenience to the lodges of the city, all of which organizations utilize the upper story for meeting purposes, as does also the Methodist church congregation.

## NEW BROWNING RIFLE AND RAPID FIRING GUN



Recent tests made of the two types of the Browning machine gun before high government officials, members of the senate and house military committees, and American and allied army officials at the Congress Heights range, near Washington, proved their worth, both functioning perfectly. The light gun—the Browning machine rifle, which Senator Wadsworth of New York is shown firing—is handled as easily as the ordinary rifle. The gun may be operated as an automatic or a semiautomatic arm. The gun weighs 15 pounds and may be fired from the shoulder or hip position in bursts of 20 rounds or by single shots. The Browning heavy machine gun shown in the other photograph is fired from a tripod. This gun is fed from a belt of 250 rounds of cartridges. The gun weighs 34½ pounds with the water jacket filled.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Rev. Graham, wife and son from Portland visited at the home of his brother, E. E. Graham, Wednesday.

Ed Hornby is visiting his sister, Mrs. Mathews.

Harry Murchie from Boardman is spending a week on his ranch in this section.

Wayne Akers returned from Wasco last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney and daughter from Pendleton were guests at the Frank Beddow home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lay were delightful hosts to a dinner party last Sunday. Besides the family the guests were Miss Hudson, Miss Elizabeth Leek, Mrs. Henderson and two children.

Mrs. Mathews expects to leave this week to visit at Spokane for a short time.

Mrs. Frank Knappson was a Pendleton visitor one day this week.

Born—March 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Straesser, an 8 pound son.

Columbia district War Savings committee did remarkably well, having bought \$500 worth of stamps. Every child selling \$50 worth or more has the honor of being put in the Rainbow division.

R. J. Roberts of Reith underwent an operation at St. Anthony's hospital a few days ago. Mr. Roberts is well known in this district, having formerly owned the Sam Caldwell tract.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lloyd were Pendleton visitors the first of the week.

Mr. Phipps and F. A. Brunson are chairmen for Columbia district for the third Liberty loan drive. The captains are Messrs. Otto Sapper, W. J. Warner, Otto Heintz, Henry Sommerer, Frank Waigaman.

Walter Davis has received a temporary exemption.

Alfred Groom drove to Pendleton Saturday with a truck load for the Red Cross.

The Colored Suffragettes played to a good house at Boardman last Saturday night and all had a perfectly delightful time.

Geo. and Ed. Beddow were Pendleton visitors Monday returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bloom and daughter, Mrs. W. Wheeler, were dinner guests at the W. L. Blessing home last Sunday.

Mr. Hammer, expert pruner who has been pruning in this district, left Monday for his home in Spokane.

Mrs. Howard Reid was the participant of a merry little surprise Thursday when about 12 ladies called to spend the afternoon.

## BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Not much doing on the creek this week—everyone is working for themselves or some one else and don't have time to go visiting.

E. T. Canfield is spring tootinging for B. J. Nation on account of car shortage at Westland, where he was hauling baled hay for Wm. Leathers.

B. J. Nation was called to the high line on account of a break washing out a drop box and tearing out part of the flume. He was unable to get any men to work the day of the break, but he had it all fixed the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Basey and son and Mrs. N. B. Stephens went to Heppner this week on a visit.

J. H. Canfield and E. Thrasher took a trip to Sand Hollow, where Mr. Thrasher looked over the land where he used to run "wild" in his boyhood days 29 years ago.

Mrs. Shaw's youngest married daughter was a visitor on the creek this last week from Reith.

Well, the 17th of Ireland has come and gone and the Easter bunny is hopping right along. The Irish hop was a dandy. Many newcomers at B. C. H. Another dance March 30. Be sure to come and wear your Easter togs.

Ranney's chopper moved onto the Creek Wednesday and is located near the A. I. Basey's house. Mrs. Stephens will again cook for the chopper crew.

Our school "Dad" don't always come now with smile.

Cattle are moving and about to be moved off the Creek rapidly. R. G. Clark & Sons moved cattle Tuesday, C. P. Helmick will move in ten days, E. L. Thrasher is down from Ukiah to move in a week or ten days, and a large herd of cattle belonging to Stanfield went to Stanfield Wednesday.

Mrs. E. H. Gardner and Mrs. R. G. Atteberry were visitors at the Marilyn Gardner home last week.

M. M. Reith is up and around again. At present he and A. D. Smith are unloading a car of gravel for the new school house.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. and I. D. Basey spent Sunday over on Wm Roberts place visiting Mrs. A. V. Wright and R. L. Stewart of Oregon City. Mr. Stewart is the father of Mrs. A. I. Basey and Mrs. Wright and is here looking for a location.

Cars have been coming in rather slow for the Leathers hay on the Teel place, but they have started again, three coming in Wednesday.

There is not much trouble on the creek at present, and the most of that is spring fever.

## RIVER BOATS SHOULD NOT BE DISCONTINUED

### OLD LANDMARK TO BE TAKEN AWAY

The Hermiston livery stable building, that can be classed as an old landmark, is to be razed and carted away shortly by the owner, Peter Norquist. For ten years it has adorned the west side of town, where in days gone by a thriving business in the livery line was done by the owner. But with the advent of the more modern means of transportation afforded by the automobile, people began to discard the once enjoyable livery rig rides until the business no longer became a source of income to the owner.

Realizing that the "horseless carriage" had invaded his field to such an extent that it was no longer useful to cope with it, Mr. Norquist turned his attention to farming. He bought 70 acres east of this city and by diligent work he will raise a crop of alfalfa from 40 acres this season. He is still hammering away clearing the other 30 acres, which he will also seed to alfalfa.

The tearing down of the huge barn will be no loss to Mr. Norquist, for he is going to take the lumber, which is of the finest quality, to his ranch and there erect a five room modern bungalow. With ample material left he will also construct a barn to hold 16 head of stock.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS TOMORROW

Beginning tomorrow all clocks in the United States will be turned forward one hour to correspond with the "daylight saving" bill passed recently by congress. The time will remain that way until the last Sunday in October, when clocks will again be turned to normal.

It's going to be hard for some to get used to this daylight saving proposition, but as we are all falling in line willingly with every move of the government that will tend to win the war, so should we fall right in with the new regime by due observance of the time law.

### FEDERAL FOOD AGENT WILL LECTURE HERE

Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, federal agent of the food administration, will address the people of Hermiston at the Baptist church next Friday evening, April 5th, her subject being "Over the Top."

Mrs. Kemp is a platform speaker of ability and prominence and Hermiston people should make it a point to hear her lecture. Her talk is not exclusively on food conservation, but deals with what civilians behind the lines—and women especially—may do at this present moment to help win the war. Special patriotic music and songs will be arranged for in connection with the event.

### Good Show Tonight

Tonight The Movie will stage at the Auditorium in film the wonderful story written by Jules Verne, entitled: "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." To arrange this story in film cost the promoters many thousands of dollars, as those who attend this much talked of and highly appreciated movie play this Saturday, evening will readily see.

### New Telephone Book

Miss Gertrude Simmons, manager of the Hermiston office of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., has been busy this week compiling names of subscribers for a new telephone directory to be issued soon by the above company.

### Gave Them Rice Bath

Ralph Hiatt and Blanche Chamberlain tried to evade the usual rice shower by slipping away to Pendleton Monday to be married, but the girl friends of the young lady were equal to the occasion, for they boarded the 3:30 passenger train here and went to Stanfield, where the couple had gone by auto. They decorated the trunks and showered rice on them on arrival there until the train took its departure.

The private interests that operated boats out of Portland on the upper Columbia and Snake rivers the past two or three years have given up the ghost, and it now looks as if there would be no river traffic this year. This is going to work a more severe hardship on shippers this than any other one year on account of the car shortage, and every effort on the part of commercial clubs and kindred organizations in this and other parts of Oregon should be made to induce Portland people to continue the service.

That there seems to be just one chance in many to have this service re-created is gleaned from the visit here the first of the week of Harold A. Rands, traffic survey engineer for the Port of Portland commission, who is making an inland trip of investigation to ascertain the fact as to dockage needs in connection with proposed boat lines on the Columbia river. He says the Port of Portland will establish boat service on the Columbia if private capital does not do so. He is also looking into the matter of roads to the river and of the needs for establishing port districts to handle dockage facilities in connection with a steamer line.

### BUILD SILO ON FARM GET SEED CORN FREE

While in this city Wednesday Farmer Smith, known far and near as the expert corn man for the Southern Pacific system, who is now operating an experimental farm on O. W. ground at Irrigon, informed us that the offer of free seed corn made last year by the company to every rancher who would build a silo on his place holds good this year also.

In a general conversation he also informed the editor of The Herald that the 16 boxes of prize winning apples that he bought at the fair last fall, part of which came from the orchards of A. W. and Fred Prann, were taken by him to Chicago and placed on exhibition there at the annual National Railway Development League meeting last November, where they were viewed and admired by thousands of people.

### AMERICAN NURSE HORRIBLY TREATED

A horrible story of unspeakable German atrocity, the victim of which is a young American nurse, has been received by W. V. Cowan, secretary of the state council of defence, from Jay Dougherty, a four-minute speaker of Santa Cruz. The story is told by Dougherty in the Sacramento Star as follows:

"You have heard stories of German atrocities and barbarities until they pall you. I am going to tell you of one incident that will bring the thing right home. "Shortly after the outbreak of the war a young woman trained nurse stationed in northern France was captured by the Germans. For eighteen months this woman was kept in the officers' quarters, never allowed to leave the three rooms in which she was confined. She was of a proud, spirited race and fought valiantly for her honor.

"Every time she was attacked she tried to scratch out the eyes of the officers. They soon found a way to cure her of that. She will never scratch out the eyes of any more German officers. They cut off both her hands.

"This woman is not 6000 or 7000 miles from here, where her story would be hard to verify. When her condition became such that the Germans no longer cared for her, they sent her back to France. From there she was brought to the United States. She is now in the hospital in San Jose, with her hands off, waiting to birth to a child that she doesn't even know the father of, except that it is some hyena that calls himself a German officer."

### Bee Man To Meet

There will be a meeting of all the bee men of the neighborhood embracing Hermiston, Butler Creek and Stanfield at Stanfield next Thursday evening, April 4, at which time Professor Foster, expert apiarist of the O. A. C. will be present and give a talk on the bee business in general.