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## TO PUT ASSOCIATION ON SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS

Since the recent election of the new board of directors of the Umatilla River Water Users' Association the members thereof have been busy endeavoring to evolve a plan whereby the organization can be put upon a sound financial basis. This has resulted in the issuance of a semi-annual address to the stockholders, which is given in full below:

At the first meeting of your new board of directors held on the second of this month they found, disclosed by the records, what seemed to them an amazing situation. It appears that the association has for a long time been carrying a large interest-bearing indebtedness, and that there is at the present time a balance of about \$1000 remaining unpaid, notwithstanding it has bills receivable, in the nature of non-interest bearing delinquent assessments amounting to a much larger sum. It also appears that a large part of the assessments, since the organization of the association, were levied to meet interest payments. There would have been no interest payments to meet had all the stockholders promptly paid their assessments. It will be seen, therefore, that an unfair burden has been placed upon those who have not only paid their share but have been reassessed to pay interest on that portion of the indebtedness remaining unpaid by reason of the delinquencies. It also appears that had it not been for so many delinquencies, and the consequent payment of interest charges, the annual assessments need not have exceeded 2 1/2 cents an acre instead of 10, and that if all the delinquent assessments were paid in there would be sufficient funds in the treasury to not only wipe out all of the associations' indebtedness, but to justify the directors in passing the assessments in toto for the next two years.

So, after a full consideration of the subject, the board of directors concluded that it was not only its bounden duty to collect these delinquent assessments, and thereby discharge the association's indebtedness, but that it is to the very best interest of the delinquents to make prompt payments and stop this interest burden, and release their lands from the liens they must eventually satisfy. The board of directors therefore have adopted this method of announcing its determination to enforce the collection of these delinquent assessments and beg that the stockholders, and especially the delinquent ones, seriously consider these facts and suggestions: First, that the Water Users Association is a corporation clothed with powers of entering into contracts and creating enforceable obligations. Second, that it has created an enforceable obligation. Third, that it has the power to levy assessments for legitimate purposes against the lands of its stockholders. Fourth, that it has, through its legally constituted board of directors, levied the assessments now complained of as being delinquent. Fifth, that these assessments are liens upon lands of the respective stockholders and are enforceable even to the taking of the lands, if necessary, to satisfy them. Sixth, that the directors have satisfied themselves that the obligations of the association are just and were created for legitimate purposes, and represent that the maintenance of the association must, of necessity, require an annual sum with which to meet legitimate fixed expenses, which can be raised only through this system of authorized assessments, and if these delinquent assessments are not promptly paid, another assessment will have to be levied to cover not only fixed expense charges but accumulated interest charges as well.

Dr. Gale has discarded his Ford runabout for a brand new latest model Overland touring car.

## HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT SOON

The high school commencement exercises have been set this year for Thursday, May 16, at which time the following will graduate: Gladys West, Nellie Davis, Laura Carson, Durrell Murchie, Russell Weinheimer, Louis Garner and Herbert Sullivan. The latter, who is now in the service of his country, will not be here to take part in the commencement, but on account of being a member of the graduating class when he enlisted he will receive his diploma with the rest of the members.

Guy E. Dyar, of the extension division of the University of Oregon, will be the speaker at the commencement exercises, the subject selected by him for the occasion being "The Biggest Hour."

## ANOTHER OCCUPATION OPENS FOR WOMEN

Women are to be taken on as rural route mail carriers all over the country as a war emergency measure, according to information given in the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General. The first examination to which women will be eligible will take place April 27 in all sections where there are vacancies and where men carriers are unobtainable. This is the first time since 1911 that women have been eligible for such posts, except in rare cases as substitutes. Previous to that time the service was opened to women for a short time, but while their work was satisfactory climatic conditions in the Northwest were such as to make it inadvisable to use them generally and the privilege of examination was denied.

## RED CROSS

In her talk Saturday Miss Stewart surely impressed upon us the great need for the hospital supplies which the American Red Cross is making. The need grows more urgent every day, for we must not only supply our own soldiers but our allies as well. Just at present our local auxiliary has a rush order for six dozen bed shirts. Everyone who can please come and help either in the workroom or learn how they are made and take some home to complete. If there are any of the members who have small children and they wish to come and sew there are a number of the Honor Guard girls who will be glad to care for the little ones free on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

There is a new branch of the Red Cross service to be taken up through the Parent-Teachers' association. It is the making of refugee garments. For the purpose of outlining plans the president, Mrs. Hinkle, has called a meeting of the organization for May 9th, at which all members are asked to be present.

The next "Superfluous Sale" will be held on May 2. A short business meeting will be at 2 p. m. sharp. Members of committee in charge are Mrs. Purdy, chairman, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. J. Pelmulder.

The Red Cross needs two more sewing machines and chairs.

## Get His "Goat" No More

Last Saturday J. D. Watson disposed of his herd of eighty goats, together with twenty-three head of young ones, to Frank Robertson of Portland, who after making the purchase from Mr. Watson had them shipped to a large farm he owns near Troutdale.

## Toast To Our Telephone Girls

An exchange aptly says that "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" has been sung in every land; the hand that clips the coupons is another hand; the hand that holds four aces you may play for all it's worth, but the hands that plug the switchboard are the hands that rule the earth—especially around Hermiston.

## GENERAL GORDON'S WIDOW REVIEWS TROOPS



"They are as fine a body of men as were our boys in the sixties," was the comment of Mrs. John B. Gordon, widow of the famous Confederate general, after reviewing the troops at Camp Gordon, Ga., named in honor of the Southern soldier.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

The bond issue for the Columbia school district was carried by a good majority. The improvements that will consist of a new room and furnace will undoubtedly be completed by the beginning of the next school term.

Columbia school will be represented at the declamation contest Friday evening in the high school auditorium by Miss Ruth Akers.

Prayer meeting was held Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phipps.

Miss Hudson, primary teacher in Columbia school, will spend this week end with her parents in Peedle, O.

Mrs. Jas. Bedale left Monday for her home in Erie, Pa., after spending several weeks looking after property interests in this district.

Wm. Bauchard sold his 10 acre tract and also the next 10 acres adjoining his land on the east owned by Mr. Speck of Portland to Mr. Banks. Mr. Bauchard has resigned his position as ditch rider and expects to join his family in Portland in the near future.

Last Friday was Arbor day and trees were voluntarily planted in Columbia park after which they all enjoyed a splendid program arranged by Miss Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Belcher are now located in their new bungalow that in appearance speaks for itself.

Mr. Tabor is preparing about ten acres of land that he expects to seed to alfalfa soon.

Otto Sappert has been ill with la grippe this past week.

Several from this section attended the county Farmers Union held at Holdman last Saturday.

Miss Ruth Gibbs from Los Angeles visited her father several days last week, returning to her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson from Hermiston are now located on the Erie-Oregon Fruit Co.'s ranch. Frank Boddow has employed Mr. Thompson for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ballenger from Boardman, were Sunday visitors at the home of her uncle, M. B. Murchie.

Mr. Bacon from Echo was demonstrating a tractor attachment for the Ford car Monday.

Mrs. F. A. Brunson entertained a few friends Tuesday evening at cards, auction bridge being played. Those present were Blanche Deltzer, Lee Tevans, Floy Hummel, Alice Hudson, Mrs. Wheeler, Childs Barham and Alfred Groom.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Rodgers, from Baker, Oregon, are visitors at the William Rodgers home.

Mrs. Wm. Bauchard and daughter Louise arrived Thursday from Portland to help Mr. Bauchard pack their household goods, thence return to the Rose City where they expect to make their future home.

Mrs. Berk Cole, formerly a resident

of this project, was a business visitor in this section Thursday, returning to her home in Portland Friday.

## BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

The mail man on Butter Creek can't be beat (because we have none.)

Gardiner boys have caught the lambing fever. They now have 23 lambs from "The White Horse."

Mrs. R. C. Canfield spent the past week visiting relatives and friends on Butter Creek.

A. W. Ferguson was a guest at the I. D. Bessy home this week while on his way to Cottage Grove from Canyon City. The gentlemen are long time friends, having owned adjoining homesteads in Crook county.

Mrs. N. B. Stephens still has her forms ready for new war bread, but can't find any that will set, as she did not receive many recipes.

Chas. Gardiner has over 400 turkeys hatched out. He also has near 500 chicken eggs set. Gardiners are going into the poultry business again.

E. H. Gardiner has let the contract to John Lewis for the building of his new house.

The last of the Smith and Lonegan hay was hauled from the Rodgers place Wednesday.

A. B. Vossler has purchased part of the Chas. Skinner place and has moved with his family to Hermiston.

R. E. Marks has been called to service, to report on the 26th.

J. H. Canfield reports coyotes thick on the Hermiston project, one being so bold as to invade the porch of the R. C. Canfield home and swipe a house cat therefrom.

The last Butter Creek dance was a big success, only rather hard on the ladies, for they were outnumbered by the men folks two to one. Hope the girls will turn out better to the next one and even things up.

## Discontinue Teaching German

At a recent meeting of the school board of Freewater schools the directors unanimously decided to discontinue the subject of German at the end of the term, supplementing it with a full commercial course.

La Grande has also abolished the study from its school curriculum.

M. C. Cropper of Pendleton was here the first of the week on a land buying expedition, and before he left he had practically closed a deal for a tract north of town on which he intends to locate permanently. The gentleman is a machinist in the employ of the Koppers & McCook Co. at Pendleton. He is also an old friend of J. S. West, at whose home he was a guest while here. During his stay Mr. West took delight in showing Mr. Cropper his various pens of Belgian hares and the scientific method he had evolved to water and care for them.

## CITY FATHERS EXTEND IRRIGATION BOUNDARIES

### BOARDMAN TO HAVE CIRCULATING LIBRARY

A. W. Cobb, one of the many boosters for the Boardman country, while in Hermiston on business a couple of days the latter part of last week, dropped into our sanctum Saturday to renew acquaintance and set his subscription to The Herald ahead another year.

In the general conversation that followed we learned from Mr. Cobb that Boardman is going to be up-to-date with a free circulating library, the funds for the establishment of which have already been subscribed by residents and ranchers alike. It is the purpose to locate this much to be prized addition in the new school building.

The town of Boardman and country surrounding is fast settling up with a progressive class of people, according to Mr. Cobb, and the beauty of it is that everyone seems perfectly satisfied. As spring advances the large carpet of alfalfa green is becoming pleasing to the eye. Development of large areas of land continues, H. C. Harrison having just recently finished seeding 160 acres of new land to alfalfa. Colonel Calahan is another man that swears by the Boardman country. He has a ranch one and three-fourths miles west of the town on which he has seeded 40 acres to alfalfa and is busily preparing more of his holdings for the reception of seed. When it comes time to harvest the first crop he is going to do the work in the most approved fashion, having purchased a complete outfit of the latest type of haying machinery, such as side delivery rakes, mowers and patent stackers.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLAY TO BIG AUDIENCE

Last Friday evening the auditorium of the high school was packed by an audience that thoroughly enjoyed the rendition of the old but still popular serio-dramatic play, "All of a Sudden Peggy," by members of the student body.

The part of the leading lady with the many moods was portrayed to a nicety by Miss Gladys West, and the acting of the respective parts taken by E. H. Waterman, Laura Phipps, Hattie Graham, Russell Weinheimer, Lawrence Bryant, Carroll Akers, Durrell Murchie, Louis Garner and Edward Hall was good.

At the opening of the play the audience arose and joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." The solos between acts by Jane Gunn, Emily Shortwell and Alfred Groom, the duet by Clarice Watson and Esther Graham and quartet songs by Carroll Akers, Durrell Murchie, Herbert and Edward Hall were all roundly applauded.

The director of the play was Miss Kate Barton, and the manager Herbert Hall, both of whom deserve credit for the able manner in which it was staged.

### CROSS CONTINENT TO VISIT HER HUSBAND

Mrs. E. E. Hitt left today on a journey to Garden City, L. I., to visit her husband before he embarks on a vessel that will take him to the scene of battle in France. Mr. Hitt is a member of the aviation corps in training there, and it is expected he will be called to active service within the next month.

### Weather Report

The maximum temperature for the week was 70 degrees and the minimum 25. A frost report was sent from Portland Thursday giving warning of a light frost Thursday night. No damage resulted from it here.

### To Reorganize Band

An effort is being made among the members of the former band now remaining to reorganize. They should be given every encouragement possible by residents of both town and country.

At the regular meeting of the council Wednesday evening an ordinance passed its final reading that has for its purpose the extending of the present city irrigation system to the residents of Newport addition. With the passing of the ordinance a new irrigation district has been created, which will hereafter be known as District No. 2. The boundary of the district embraces all of Newport Addition, the north line of which begins at the corner of Ridgeway avenue and Fourth street, thence east to Seventh street, thence south to Newport avenue, thence west to Fourth street, and north on that street to point of beginning. The elimination from water maintenance of the following parcels of land in the district have been mutually agreed on by the reclamation service and the city: Block 7, and lots 11 to 16, inclusive, in block 8; all of block 11, and lots 4 to 7, inclusive, in block 12. Most of this is seepage land and requires no water.

Before adjournment the council entered into a contract with Campbell and Carson for the excavating and laying of a two-inch domestic water pipe line under the supervision of the city engineer. The starting point will be at Main and Seventh street, south on Seventh to Newport avenue, thence east on Newport 2100 feet. When completed water will be available for all residents of the territory the pipe line runs through by conforming to certain regulations enacted in the contract entered into between the city and Messrs. Campbell and Carson.

### TOLD OF SUFFERING OF FRENCH IN WAR

To an audience that packed the Hermiston library building on the upper floor last Saturday afternoon Miss Helen Stewart, who is a member of the Red Cross of Victoria, B. C., that was on her way home after passing a couple of years in the war zone in France, gave a graphic account of how the French have sacrificed and suffered on account of the war. The young lady, who proved to be a good talker, related many of the pathetic scenes she had witnessed while operating a canteen close to the firing line while the battles raged. She cited one of the marvels of France as being the reconstruction and cultivation of devastated territory after the Germans fell back from their futile effort to take Paris shortly after the beginning of the war.

Having been with the French forces during her entire stay in France, the lady gave a splendid insight into the spirit, courage and aspirations of the French soldiers.

### CANDIDATES ARE BECOMING NUMEROUS

George Tonkin, game warden of this county, was here a couple of days this week securing signers to a petition in order that he could have his name put on the primary ballot to make the race on the Republic ticket for the office of sheriff against his Democratic friend T. D. Taylor.

Cyril Brownell of Umatilla evidently thought our townsman E. P. Dodd had too much of a walk-a-way for the office of representative, so he slipped down to Pendleton and filed his declaration of candidacy for a seat in the lower house.

As will be noticed by an advertisement elsewhere in this issue, L. J. Simpson of North Bend, Oregon, is making a whirlwind campaign for the nomination of governor at the May primary election.

### Death of Little Child

The four months old baby son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bessel died Wednesday from pneumonia, and the remains were laid to rest in Hermiston cemetery Thursday afternoon.