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U. S. RECLAMATION DOING MUCH SUPPLEMENTAL WORK

The U. S. Reclamation Service is in a general way handicapped for funds. The sundry limit bill was not passed, neither did Congress take any action on the larger reconstruction measure, known as Secretary Lane's bill. This bill provided for \$100,000,000, and under it considerable new work was being contemplated. There is, however, a strong feeling among those in a position to know that when Congress does meet, some favorable action will be taken along the lines of reconstruction. So far as the Umatilla Project is concerned, only the most urgent and necessary work will be undertaken. The East Side system was opened for operation about March 1st. Owing to rains not a great deal of water was used till about April 1st. The Cold Springs reservoir is filling and will be full about May 1st.

Work on several supplemental contracts is in progress, but even supplemental work will have to be modified to keep within the limited amount of funds.

During March some much needed maintenance work was done on the main drain, north of town, principally in the vicinity of the railroad crossing. The crew was then moved to Irrigon, to accomplish some construction in connection with the furnishing of water to lands in that neighborhood.

Sluicing operations on the West Extension are nearing completion and have been a success. Nearly 40,000 cubic yards of sand have been removed. Banks have been ripped and sand fences built for protection. There is practically every assurance that the lands of the Boardman section will have a complete and satisfactory water delivery the coming season.

The investigations for the storage dam on McKay creek have been completed with the exception of the record of the seasonal runoff. The diamond drill borings reveals a satisfactory foundation site. The type of dam would probably be a gravel embankment with a reinforced concrete facing. A good spillway site is obtained beyond the west abutment. Gaggings are being maintained on the creek and with the record of this year's runoff available, the engineers will be in a better position to judge the feasibility of additional storage at this point.

Was No April Fool Joke

The lure of spending an enjoyable evening attending a Hawaiian troupe show in Echo Tuesday evening was the reason for a couple of Hermiston's charming young ladies and two prominent local young men engaging to make up a theatre party. At the appointed hour for departure the girls, all primed and dressed in their best raiment, sat in the parlor of the parental home—and there they sat for an hour awaiting the appearance of their escorts. Imagine their chagrin and consternation when the Beau Brommells appeared and informed them that they had been unable to secure an auto after having scoured the town for an hour in an endeavor to get one. The sorrow of the swains over not being able to fulfill their part of the agreement counted for naught with the once haughty young ladies, who at once surmised that they were the recipients of an April Fool's Day joke, and on the spur of an angry moment had the two crestfallen young men harken to the voice of wisdom and betake themselves from their presence. But they—the girls—are sorry now, for since then they have discovered that the penitents were telling the truth, and as a result steps are now being taken by a few matchmakers to have the dove of peace again hover over these couple of forlorn couples.

Club Meeting

The H. O. H. club met at the home of Miss Guivits Thursday and the first thing to greet their eyes was a large box of carpet rags. The ladies kept their needles busy blending colors together. Delicious picnic lunch was served at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Rowe was a guest of the club. The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Parks April 17th.

Somehow a creditor always has a better memory than a debtor.

Thirteen Little Piggies

Young Frank Swayze, a member of the local boys' pig club, is full of joy, for his registered sow farrowed 13 pigs Thursday night of last week—and never again will he believe that 13 is an ill-omened number. The litter is from blooded stock, the sire being Financial Chief, first prize aged boar at the Illinois State Fair, 1917. It is certain you will see these little piggies big pigs if you attend the Dairy and Hog Show here this fall, for the youthful Frank is even now making preparation to place a goodly number of them on exhibition at that time.

Ban on Cigarettes

Minors will from now on run chances of being arrested if they are caught smoking cigarettes. This is a warning issued by Chief of Police Crandall, who was instructed by the council at the meeting last Wednesday evening to enforce the state law after Rev. Gallaher had appeared before that body and entered complaint against allowing the continuance of this habit among the youngsters of the community.

RIVERTON-ON-UMATILLA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Arlie Mathison, who was on the sick list last week, has recovered and is again at work for Mr. Raney on Upper Butter Creek.

W. T. Botkins was spraying orchards in Riverton this week.

E. E. Davis, who has been working in the shipyards the past seven months, returned home Tuesday to resume work on his ranch.

Mr. Duncan, who purchased land in Riverton last fall, is leveling preparatory to seeding.

Last Sunday A. E. Benschel and family and the Misses Marian Stevens and Fern Wilson were at the "Beth Arabah" ranch.

Mrs. E. E. Davis entertained some ladies to dinner Saturday, the guests being Mesdames Illsley, West, Chezik, Botkins, Benschel and Gordon.

Mr. Smith has been discharged from his duties as guard at Lane Lake and the gatehouse is now occupied by the Irrigon ditch rider and family.

Conferred Degree

E. P. Dodd was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at a largely attended meeting of the local Masonic order Tuesday evening. Umatilla and Stanfield Masons were here in numbers to witness the work put on, and at the conclusion all were banquetted with a menu consisting of baked ham, potato salad, cakes, coffee, pickles and other good edibles.

The Movie

The Movie is offering tonight a very unusual show, "K." or "The Doctor and the Woman," featuring Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, formerly known as beautiful Mildred Harris.



This play is taken from the book "K," written by one of our most popular authors, Mary Roberts Rhinehart. The book is in our public library, and has been read by many people, all reporting it exceedingly good.

A meeting of the Civic Club will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the library. Election of officers will be held.

A STITCH IN TIME



Unite All Oregon

The following is an essay by Miss Fern Stephens, student in the Umatilla school: The people of Oregon are interested in a great movement which will better the commerce of the Columbia Basin. The greatest organization behind this enterprise is the Chamber of Commerce at Portland. Its main object is to create a unity of sentiment for all things beneficial to the State of Oregon.

The State Chamber of Commerce is much like that of a city commercial association except that its scope of activities are much larger and more important. A great many people are interested in this movement and those who are not probably do not realize the benefit to be derived from it.

The present plan of this great institution is to unite all the counties of Oregon and induce them to work together, thus building up our state and producing a bond of mutual interest. This will naturally draw many home builders to our shore.

The Chamber of Commerce is instrumental in encouraging better highways, ample markets for trade and due advertisement showing up our resources. The entire state of Oregon will benefit by these activities. At present the railroad has little or no competition. Its prices are exorbitant. Boat service will lower transportation rates. Good roads and sufficient truck lines will place the inland towns to a better advantage.

Umatilla county is situated so that it can benefit materially from increased shipping facilities. Umatilla is a seaport town that could be made a terminal for all the shipping in the county. Additional docks could easily be built to accommodate the section.

Past history shows that in the early days boat service made Umatilla a thriving city even with an inadequate road system. Boats made their runs on schedule time. Farmers living as far as fifty miles inland hauled their products with four and six horse teams to the seaport city, Umatilla.

This competition between Railroads and boats will mean better times and a reduction in the high cost of living. This movement will benefit not only Umatilla county but every county in the state of Oregon. Also the neighboring states of Washington and Idaho.

Twenty-three of the thirty-six counties of the state are represented in this Chamber of Commerce. The organization made up of delegates from the counties elected by a board of electors, in which J. V. Tallman of Pendleton represents the county of Umatilla. He is also chairman of the Chamber of Umatilla County.

Made Official Visit

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mable Settlemier of Portland paid her official visit to Queen Esther Chapter, O. E. S., Friday evening of last week. There was a large attendance, an excellent banquet and all enjoyed the talk delivered by her on the good of the order.

CAN YOU SEE YOURSELF IN YOUR OWN MIRROR

As you go to and from your home or place of business do you play skip, hop and jump with the broken boards in the sidewalk? Do you duck when an over-hanging branch shouts "low bridge?" Do you scratch your shins and your wife catch her Sunday gown in the young mountains of Russian thistles that beset your way? Do you walk like a drunken sailor to accommodate your equilibrium to the promontories of dirt that drift out upon the walks? Perhaps most of the boards, the thistles and the dirt are upon your neighbor's walks, but if you take a fine tooth comb to your own, then you can get out and brag and if you brag loud enough, oh, so quickly will your neighbor hustle up something so as to return your joy in an answering keynote.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Hall had a phone put in their home this week. Their number being 42-F15.

Miss Lillian Stevens of Echo was a guest at the W. L. Blessing home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Blessing and children and Mrs. Barham and Miss Stevens motored to Echo in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simmons had as Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Lou Brownell of Umatilla, Mrs. Hay and Miss Mary O'Rourke of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beddow and Ed. Beddow.

O. H. Hammer is pruning the Messrs. Haddox, Blessing and Briggs orchards this week.

Mrs. John Lucas and son have returned to their home in California after spending several weeks visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hannan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clark and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jene Skoubo and son motored to Boardman Sunday.

Mr. Thompson lost two cows and Mr. Belchic one very good cow, all from bloating this week.

Mrs. Jake Huffman has been quite ill the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell, (formerly Julia Franz) of Walla Walla, Wash., and Miss Lenora Franz of Pendleton are visiting at the home of their mother, Mrs. Franz.

Mrs. Geo Roberts of Pendleton and daughter, Mrs. Turner of Hermiston were guests of Mrs. Waugaman last Wednesday.

Messrs. Voelker, Parks, Sanders, Waugaman and Phipps, all Methodist minute men, took the preaching hour Sunday with their five minute talks.

Mrs. Udey and Mrs. Belcha were calling on Mrs. Heinl Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley of Portland have purchased the Watson place and are located there. They are remodeling the house and doing other improvements worth while.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS GUESTS AT NICE AFFAIR

High School Concert

The Hermiston High School will give a concert at the Auditorium Wednesday evening, April 9. There will be music of various kinds and a splendid entertainment is promised. The new school band which has been working faithfully for the past three months will make its first public appearance. The school orchestra will render several concert selections, the high school chorus will sing, and there will be a number of musical novelties. The proceeds will go into the Student Body treasury. Come, enjoy the evening and encourage the school in this line of activity.

Tourist Travel Begins

From all preliminary indications this year will be a record breaker in tourist travel to the Northwest. Last year the war reduced long distance auto travel materially but now conditions are changed, and besides tourist travel to foreign countries is virtually prohibited under government regulations. At the same time there are thousands upon thousands of easterners whose thoughts have turned to the Pacific Northwest through the wonderful record made by this section in war activities, patriotic drives, Red Cross work and kindred interests. Added to this is the further fact that so many eastern people have taken no vacations for two or three years. Now they have money to spend and with more autos available since the government allows full factory output the tide of northwestern travel has already commenced to flow.

Several towns along the lines of established auto routes have made special preparation to interest the tourist by the erection of suitable sign boards. Others are prepared to distribute informative literature. Hermiston should do likewise.

TAKE STEPS TO WIDEN AND CEMENT A LINE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Umatilla River Water Users' Association was held at Mack's hall on Saturday last. After the reports of the treasurer and secretary were read, President W. J. Dobler briefly reviewed the work of the board of directors during the past year.

A motion was passed directing the incoming board of directors to take steps looking to the formation of a district of the whole project for the sole purpose of getting the A line canal enlarged and cement lined by supplemental construction.

The following directors were elected: J. F. McNaught, W. J. Dobler, G. A. Cressy, W. J. Warner and Thos. Campbell.

BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Spring weather is at last on the Creek for good, that is to all appearance as the peach and apricot blooms are out, spring gardens are being planted and the alfalfa is about 4 inches high.

Mr. Kidd, Portland contractor who has his horses on the land between Gardner and Hinkles, has moved 40 head down on the river near the Sheridan ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Keel left Saturday for Seattle after a short visit on the Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Reep have gone to Wyoming to look after their business interests in that state, and intend to be gone about two weeks.

Mr. Cummins of Sand Hollow was on the Creek Thursday and took the A. I. Basey stock up to his place to pasture.

Glen Richards is doing his irrigating this week, and so far has not even got the road wet. Mr. Richards is using Butter Creek water and has a dam in above the Tillamook land.

Mark Freeman, a missionary from Malaysia had an open date Monday and he came unexpectedly to Hermiston. Plans were to give his lecture on the Methodist Centenary in the Parsonage. Later it was combined with the W. C. T. U. meeting in the Baptist Church Monday evening, when the state president of the organization, Mrs. Sneed, was here.

Last night at the Auditorium a free dance was held in honor of the soldier and sailor boys that have so far returned from their country's service. The affair was arranged by the mothers of some of the young men, who were ably assisted in making the ball a grand patriotic success by others who had no sons in the war, but who always had the welfare of the patriots at heart. It was a glorious event, and added lustre was given the occasion by every young man who had been in the service appearing on the floor dressed in uniform and with his lady partner dancing to the strains of good music from the Hermiston Orchestra.

Takes Hardware Position

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. O'Sullivan are new arrivals in the city from Stanfield. They will make their permanent home here, Mr. O'Sullivan having accepted a position as clerk in the store of the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. Prior to coming here the gentleman was for five years manager of the Stanfield Warehouse.

Lay-Mueller Nuptials

Announcement is made of the marriage of Phil L. Lay and Miss Louise J. Mueller in Portland, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Lay is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mueller, pioneer residents of Portland. Phil is one of the owners of Lays' Garage and has lived on the project for ten years.

The young couple are now visiting friends in Tacoma, leaving there Friday for California after which they will return to Hermiston and make this place their home.

Boardman Is Booming

E. D. Cramer, a leading general merchandise merchant of Boardman, was in Hermiston on business yesterday. He imparted the information while here that Boardman was experiencing a nice, steady little boom, several new residences being under course of construction and an up-to-date frame garage with a concrete floor being built by Cumins & Mack. Added to this is the building of the Columbia highway, the grading of which is now in progress in the town. Ranchers, he said, were also feeling better on account of lots of water being distributed to them this year by the reclamation service. As a result of this alfalfa is already six inches high in that neighborhood.

He informed us that there is to be a grand ball in Boardman tonight, which will be given in a new building just completed by J. C. Ballenger, and on this occasion the Commercial Club will serve a bounteous supper.

Accepted Position

J. E. Smith arrived Monday from Butte, Montana, and since that time has been working in the City Meat Market and Grocery, having accepted a position as block plan in the meat department of that institution.

Takes Mechanical End

C. H. Rehberger, with Harry McMillan as his assistant, has leased the mechanical department of Lays' Garage, which they will operate from now on. Mr. Rehberger and Mr. McMillan are well known to the auto owners of this vicinity, and therefore need no introduction, both having been for some time past connected as mechanics with the institution they have now leased. As is well known by this time, Mr. Rehberger is an expert auto mechanic, and it is equally well known that Mr. McMillan is rapidly developing the same trait.

Meet After 26 Years

Mrs. Anna Spencer and two grandchildren arrived Sunday from Lyman, Colo., and will visit here for a time with relatives. The lady is the daughter of W. A. McElroy and sister of Charles and John McElroy, residents of this project. On arrival of Mrs. Spencer there was a joyous family reunion, for 26 years had passed and gone since she had seen her father or brothers.

Dairy Meeting

There will be a meeting of the dairymen of the project in the library next Tuesday evening.