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## ADVISES COUNTY TO DISPOSE OF THE POOR FARM

In filing its report with County Clerk Brown last week at the conclusion of its sessions, the grand jury recommended that the county poor farm should be sold and the inmates boarded or taken care of in some other manner. The report reads:

"The grand jury recommends that the county should sell or rent the poor farm to the best advantage of the county. It is evident that the manager who can be obtained at the present salary cannot give this farm proper attention and at the same time give the patients the attention they deserve. The appearance of the farm generally is that it does not pay financially to operate it under present conditions.

"The patients seem to be ordinarily well satisfied, but only fairly well cared for. Their bedding and clothing were found in poor condition. The food we were able to see was not good.

"The grand jury is of the opinion that it is possible for the county to arrange with the state hospital for the care of these patients for a reasonable monthly charge and in such way that they will not have to associate and live with the other inmates, we believe it will be better than they are kept at present.

"In the event this arrangement cannot be made, we recommend that the county court secure or build a suitable place in the city where the patients may be cared for."

## THEATRICAL COMPANIES RESUME ROAD TOURS

Owing to the war conditions which have prevailed for the past two seasons it has been difficult to secure high class road shows. As a matter of fact many managers of traveling companies have been reluctant to venture on the road or to distant territories and have confined their operations to the larger cities of the east. Since the war is over now the public in general is clamoring for amusement. This is especially true of the west, where diversion has so long been denied the theatre going public. Of course, there has been and always will be plenty of moving pictures but they grow more or less tiresome as a steady diet to the public in general. A few of the producing companies have heeded the call and taken to the road again. The first of the better class attractions to play thru this territory is the Frisco Follies company featuring the inimitable comedian Duke Westcott. This attraction, carrying a large troupe of play artists, will appear this Saturday evening at Pound's hall in Umatilla.

### Home From Navy

Geo. N. Whitford, who has been in the navy the past year and a half, during which time he served his apprenticeship at Mare Island and was then transferred to the U. S. submarine base at San Pedro, is home after receiving his discharge. At the conclusion of a visit here with his parents the young man will again enter the railway service, which vocation he followed prior to his enlistment.

### Why not Hermiston?

In all your travels is there a town like it? Do you know of a place you would rather live? Good homes for rent are unobtainable and maybe you are not fixed quite right to make the best of things but withal you wouldn't leave. You like it now and you know that the future has allurements here that you cannot discern elsewhere.

Forty thousand acres of land cannot escape contributing to its growth. These resources grow larger each year in increased acreage and productivity of the soil. Wealth and experience are increasing assets and the settled conditions of the farmers inspires the brightest hopes. It requires only a reasonable sense of prophecy to assure the final construction of the McKay reservoir and simple logic compels the conclusion that all these arid lands will be reclaimed—of which Hermiston is the logical hub and commercial center.

### Was a Grand Concert

Last Wednesday evening, April 9, the High School gave a concert in the Auditorium. There was a large appreciative audience. The program opened and closed by groups of selections by the band. The members of this band are from both the Grades and High School, and it must be said they are certainly doing fine work. Much credit is due to Supt. Voelker, who has worked so faithfully with them. The specialties of this number deserve mention. The soloists in the duet, and the embryo director amused and delighted the audience.

The High School Glee Club next sang three selections, "Italia," "Anchor" and "May Song," all of which were well rendered, showing much work and good training.

A number of selections were given by the Orchestra. We are all familiar with this delightful entertainer and they surely did not disappoint us that night. The community may well be proud of such an organization.

It will be remembered the High School was divided into the "Purples" and "Golds" during the W. S. S. campaign. At the concert each side put on a "stunt." The "Purples," a Chinese song and dance, "Ching Chong." Chinese maidens may not be attractive, but if our eyes deceived us not these were surely bewitching. Their singing, too, was "the concord of sweet sounds"—though very much Chinese.

A great deal of credit is due to Miss Frances Hinkle, who drilled these girls. The beautiful drill of the "Golds" was received with a burst of applause. This was an allegory of Spring. The eight pretty girls were dressed in white, carried garlands of spring flowers, and sang spring songs, while they danced an effective drill. Miss Dorothy Ross, who took the leading part in the dance, is surely an ideal "Spring Maid." Miss Lucy Martin, of the High School trained the girls for this number.

This is the only public entertainment the High School has given this year, but if we take this as a sample, we feel there is much talent among the pupils in the school.

### WOUNDED AND GASSED—STILL HE BATTLED ON

Henry Thompson, a rancher several miles north of town, has received a copy of the Deerfield News from Deerfield, Wis., in which is an article telling of the heroic work of his brother Chester in the late war, given in by Childs, a Y. M. C. A. man recently returned from France. Following is a reprint of what the article contains regarding the courageous actions of the young man in the war zone:

Chester E. Thompson, of Deerfield Wis., enlisted as a private in Co. G., 127th Bat. 2, on April 8th son was 118 times in line, and when 1917, as a volunteer, Private Thompson, W. R. Childs, returned Y. M. C. A. worker, saw him on Oct. 16th, 1918, he had been in the Chateau Thierry, Soissons and Themes battles. It is told of him that he was gassed Oct. 13th and wounded Oct. 15th in the Argonne battle, being wounded in the right shoulder by machine gun bullets. He was taken to the 126th Ambulance Co., 32nd Div., dressing station and refused to go to the base hospital. He insisted on returning to his company. During the terrible day's battle there were only fifteen men left in the original company. Mr. Childs states that when the brave lad was asked why he wanted to return when he had every cause to go to the base hospital in the rear, he replied:

"Do you think I want to leave my comrades up there as long as I can pull a trigger? Not by a darn sight!" and back he went in the fog and the rain. "He well knew he'd probably never return," said Mr. Childs, who says there were many brave hearts like this and that this was what won the war.

J. A. Rowan departed Thursday for a two weeks' visit to relatives in Santa Clara Valley, Calif.



### SCHEDULE OF COMING VICTORY LOAN PAYMENTS

Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, has announced the dates upon which payments will be required on the notes of the Victory Liberty Loan as follows:

Ten per cent with application on or before May 10, ten per cent on or before July 15, twenty per cent on or before August 12, twenty per cent on or before September 9, twenty per cent on or before October 7, twenty per cent on or before November 11, with accrued interest on deferred installments.

Payment in full can be made on May 20, the 10 per cent required with application having been duly paid on or before May 10. Payment can also be completed on any installment date with accrued interest.

### RED CROSS

At the election held Thursday Mrs. Thos. Campbell was elected chairman and Mrs. Winslow vice-chairman. There is plenty of work and knitting on hand. The work room is open each Thursday afternoon. Following is the honor roll for April 10: Mrs. Hitt, Mrs. McKeen, Mrs. Willets, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. West, Mrs. Parrish, Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McNaught.

### The Weather

It was 28 above zero one night this week, but this freezing point only lasted a couple of hours, and as a result all early fruit buds were not damaged. There was considerable rain the past seven days.

### At The Movie

Ambassador Gerrard's story, entitled "My Four Years In Germany," will be filmed at the Auditorium next Wednesday evening. Tonight Vivian Martin in "Petticoat Pilot" will be seen.

### Start Next Week

Work on the state highway will begin next week. Contractor M. Conley was here a few days this week making all preparation. It is understood he has sublet the dirt and rock work to the Newport Construction Co. and J. K. Shotwell of this city.

### Victory Loan Meeting

There is to be a rousing Victory Loan meeting Friday evening, April 18, in the Auditorium. The speakers are to be Roy Ritner, until recently one of the over seas captains of the Red Cross, and Sergeant Fred Stiever, both of Pendleton. All the boys that have returned from service will attend in uniform, there will be patriotic music and the Hermiston school band will participate.

F. B. Boyd, editor of the Athena Press, and one of the veteran newspaper men of the county, and W. H. Crary, editor of the Echo News, were welcome visitors at The Herald office last Sunday.

### BOOKS OF HERMISTON FARMER'S EXCHANGE AUDITED

During the past two weeks an audit was made of the books of the Hermiston Farmers' Exchange, the work being done by C. A. Gaylord and Josiah Richards of Spokane. Many organizations similar to the Exchange now have their books gone over annually so as to keep tabs on the standing of their business.

While the investigation showed the business to be solvent, yet it made clear the need of more working capital. The sales at the store will be for cash for a short time, the purpose of this ruling being to secure the settlement of the amounts due the Exchange and to make possible a more prompt payment of its obligations.

At a meeting of the board of directors held last Saturday, the resignation of F. A. Chezik was accepted as Treasurer and Manager effective April 30th. Miss Judith Kelly was engaged as bookkeeper and has entered upon her duties.

### What of the Highway

Suppose it misused us 10 or 20 miles? But we have it.

Suppose none or few of the great traveling public came this way. But they will and thousands of them.

Seeing is believing, and believing will result in investing and further development. Good roads, beautiful fields, and a pleasant town will attract attention and new and big enterprising men will soon be mingling in the affairs of Hermiston.

### Enjoyable Party

Miss Fanny Todd gave a party at the parental home on the West Side Monday evening in honor of her brother James, who departed the following day to resume his duties in the naval service after passing a pleasant furlough here. A large number of young people participated, and all enjoyed the evening playing Five Hundred. The affair concluded with the serving of ice cream and cake.

### How's Your Teeth

There's going to be a new tooth paste on the market pretty soon, and it's going to be manufactured right here in this county. "Oro" is the name that will make it famous as a tooth and mouth wash powder, and the company that has been organized to produce it is composed of Dr. F. V. Prime of this city, Drs. M. S. Kern, L. D. Idlemann and R. B. Robbins of Pendleton. Associated with the above dentists is A. C. Koepfen, also of Pendleton.

### Waiting For a Homestead

Leo Root was here from Boardman Wednesday. The young man landed there last October to take up a homestead, but found them all gone. He says he's going to take a homestead, and intends to stay in Boardman until there is another land opening.

## DESIRABLE PROPERTIES IN THIS CITY SELLING DAILY

### Small Fire Tuesday

Fire caused some damage to the clothing, furniture and the interior of the bachelor apartments of O. Comegys and H. Coyne Tuesday afternoon before a small blaze was extinguished by residents who seen smoke issuing therefrom. On arrival the house, which is located near the blacksmith shop of J. L. Stork, was found to be dense with smoke on the inside, and the supposition was that a bad fire was raging in the interior. But a few well directed buckets of water subdued the flames, which had not gained much headway. The only way the fire can be accounted for is that matches in the pocket of a vest that Mr. Coyne had taken off and laid on a trunk had become ignited when the door had swung back by the wind and struck the pocket in which the matches reposed. After laying aside the vest Mr. Coyne donned his painting jacket and proceeded to work, and therefore knew nothing of what had happened until his return in the evening.

### Buhrmann Family Arrive

Mr. and Mrs. A. Buhrmann and family, with their household effects, arrived Tuesday from Wasco to take up their permanent residence on the ranch west of town that the gentleman recently purchased from G. A. Cressy.

Mr. Buhrmann was not in the best of humor on his arrival, and stated that the reason for this was that it had taken 32 hours to make the trip with his car of stock and household goods. The distance traveled was less than 100 miles. He said that he could not see where government ownership of the railroads was going to get anywhere if this is a sample of how the traffic business is handled, for aside from the long time it took to make the journey, incompetency was shown by the fact that instead of being routed via Umatilla to Hermiston his car was shot over the cutoff and with it he landed up in Echo, and from there had to back-track to Hermiston.

If you should ask him now, Mr. Buhrmann would tell you that he does not believe in government ownership of railroads.

### Lay Buys Residence

Again demonstrating his faith in the town of Hermiston, L. D. Lay has bought the Wm. Kennedy residence on Ridgeway avenue, opposite the public school building. There are six lots, all in lawn, fruit and flowers, which, with the beautiful cement brick house, has long been one of the show places of this city. The house was built by W. T. Irwin, one of the pioneers of the project. Mr. Lay also secured three lots on Main street, one block east of the garage.

### Grange Meeting

There will be a regular meeting of the Hermiston Grange Wednesday evening, April 16, in Mack's hall.

### Why is it?

Visitors in Hermiston say that land in alfalfa on the Twin Falls project is sold at \$300 to \$400 per acre. Others from California name the same prices in the Golden State. All say that such lands do not produce more per annum than our fields produce. Similar lands are higher in the Yakima Valley and around Walla Walla.

Perhaps their's are older and better organized districts. Probably they have better roads. Maybe they have more money, because where money is plentiful prices are higher; probably they have less cheap raw land which usually depresses the price of improved land.

Let the facts be as they may and the reasons therefor what they are, the undoubted assurances are that we will overtake any of them in conditions and values. The man on this project who faithfully builds well need have no fears of the results.

The sale of the Newport properties is progressing and will be continued until every parcel is sold.

The office building on Main street is now owned by three Hermiston citizens, C. S. McNaught, who bought three rooms, has sold one to J. W. Warner, and Mr. Warner, who bought the room occupied by the tailor shop, has sold it to Sam Rodgers. Mrs. Millie Deck now owns the concrete restaurant building. B. Haneline has bought and will soon occupy the seven room home on the corner of Fifth and Main street, and John Schimke has moved into the four room house which he bought on the corner of Third street and Newport avenue. G. A. Cressy has moved into the Ross Newport home that he bought several days ago. Omer D. Burgess has bought the big house and six acres on Fourth Street, now occupied by Carl Helm, and will take possession as soon as the Helm's can secure another home. J. L. Stork bought one lot alongside his blacksmith shop. John Schimke bought three business lots East of the telephone building and on the opposite side of the street. L. D. Lay bought a lot and a half east of the Mumma residence on Main street. Arthur and Gordon Beasley bought three lots near their parents home on Main street.

It is very probable that the old Newport home will be sold in a few days, as two sales are in progress, also the warehouse on Hermiston avenue is now under an option. A number of smaller deals of Newport lots are also about to be consummated.

The selling of the Newport property has started other business. The Kennedy home near the school house was this week bought by L. D. Lay. The Ransier home near the old Skinner property on Ridgeway was sold to W. A. Correll. Dr. Kern has bought the Russell Brownell lot alongside his store building on Main street. P. B. Slescel sold his home near the library to G. A. Cressy. All of these sales have been consummated during the last three weeks and have resulted in awaking interest in Hermiston property such as has not been known for years. People who have been renting are forced to buy in order to hold a place to live in and there is a great deal of inquiry and guessing as to acquiring a suitable location before prices commence to rise. There is no boom, and such a thing it is hoped will not take place, but values are firmly established and will increase. Hermiston seems to be getting the reaction from the sale, and settlement of the past three years of the irrigated lands round about the town and the feeling of the contract for the Columbia Highway has added to the suddenness of the activities.

### HERMISTON PEOPLE VIEWED INTERESTING TROPHY TRAIN

About 30 people from Hermiston motored down to Umatilla Sunday evening to go through the trophy train that was due there at 11:40 p. m.

Four flat cars were loaded with captured German machine guns and shells of all sizes. One car that drew the most attention of the visitors was the huge tank. Two men were supposed to have been killed in it, and part of the shells still remained in the holes that were bored in the big machine. There was one car of small articles, such as German and French swords, sabers, small machine guns, rifles, German uniforms, etc.

There was some handicap on account of there being no one on hand to start the dynamo for the lights, so most of the exhibit was seen by flashlights.

No discontent was evident on the part of the crowd when it was found on arrival that the train was one hour late, for most of them made merry at Murphy's restaurant and partook of noodles and chop suey.

About the same number of people went to Pendleton from here the following day and examined the trophies on the arrival of the train in that city.