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PROPERTY CONTINUES TO CHANGE HANDS RAPIDLY

During the month of April Hermiston property has changed hands more rapidly than at any time since the palmy days of the beginning of the town two years ago. It is apparent on every hand that Hermiston has come back. When the first building boom struck the town 12 years ago last fall, hundreds of lots were sold and nearly one-half million dollars were invested within less than two years time. During that period not an acre of ground was developed throughout the irrigated district tributary to the town. It was soon found that the town could not thrive without agricultural development nearby. Property values within the city limits came to a standstill. Scarcely a sale was made for years, in fact, few sales were made by the sheriff. But the country for miles around has been developed into prosperous farms and has finally grown beyond the town as far perhaps as the mushroom period grew beyond the country. Conditions in Hermiston have been improving greatly for two or three years, but this spring has witnessed the most positive developments toward the future building of the city, which was hoped for years ago. Not only has farm development added to the resources of the town but the building of the Columbia Highway, on which work is now being done on both sides of Hermiston, has added materially to the confidence of the city's future.

Dr. M. S. Kern broke ground Wednesday for his new \$10,000 garage on the corner of First St. and Gladys Avenue. He is just completing a \$5000 addition to the Oregon Hardware store building and has bought the Russell Brownell lot adjoining, on which he will erect another building at an approximate cost of \$6000. The Masonic Order has bought the Kingsley store building including 75 feet of Main street fronting and is making plans for an elaborate building in the near future. C. B. Hay has bought the Newport homestead, including H. G. Newport's home and 12 acres of ground in alfalfa, for \$5000. Omer D. Burgess purchased a part of the original Newport holding with a large residence on Fourth street, for \$3200. Reeder brothers have bought three lots from B. F. Knapp near the railway station on which they have commenced construction of a shop for the building of hay stacks, irrigation gates, drops and flumes. August Beisse has bought two lots in the rear of the First National Bank on which he will erect a concrete office for his contract business, and probably a shop. Frank Reeder has bought a home on the west side of the track and two additional lots which he will improve. Llewellyn Brownell has sold his home on the west side of town to a man from John Day, who will soon occupy the place. J. S. Mattoon sold his home on Main street to J. F. Elliott for \$1700. Peere Bokish has bought two lots from H. G. Newport on Main and Fifth and will build a home thereon. L. D. Lay has made several purchases of town lots, both residence and business lots. Bert Haneline has sold his home and bought another home. In the old Bland addition, which was sold by F. B. Swazey, were the following lots: One lot to B. F. Parson, three lots to Minnie Reeder, four lots to William Brown and two lots to G. A. Cressy. James Wishart has bought nine of Newport's lots adjoining his own on Fourth street and Newport Avenue. Many other sales were made the past month which have already been named in the columns of The Herald. Plans for three or four homes are now being made.

Among the farm sales recently made are the following: P. P. Sullivan has bought Dr. Cole's 40 acre tract southwest of town, which is all in alfalfa, for \$7500. J. H. Strohm and Geo. C. Howard bought 46 acres from H. S. Paddock two miles north of town near Lake Lane for \$4000. F. O. Noble of Vancouver bought from the Umatilla Farm Lands Co. 39 acres near the Brunson orchard. The old W. T. Sellers place was sold by Mr. Williams to a man in the western part of the state, who has already taken charge. S. H. Christianson has sold his place on the

North hill for \$2500 to S. J. Gould, and W. Prizner purchased the Parlee Bishop place of 20 acres on the north side of the project.

Ordered to Retrench

Notification from headquarters was received at the local reclamation offices recently by Project Manager H. M. Schilling to cut expenses for the months of May and June 35 per cent. This will cut out all supplemental construction on both the east and west extension for the time being, but the operation and maintenance part is taken care of by an agreement reached at a meeting of the officers of the Water Users' association and the project manager. Money comes to the reclamation service from two sources, namely, the sale of public lands and repayments. Within two months of the end of the fiscal year the service finds itself without funds, thus the call for retrenchment.

In view of there being no use for the government pipe yards for the present, they have been leased to the Newport Construction Co., which firm will operate them in connection with state highway work and also for commercial purposes.

In Hyman's Bonds

An interesting and beautiful wedding ceremony took place at the local Catholic church last Wednesday morning, when Mr. Ebner Mossie and Mrs. Edith Brown were united in holy wedlock, the Rev. Father Butler officiating, assisted by Rev. Father Killian. The church was profusely decorated with flowers for the occasion. The wedding march, "I love You Truly," was played by Mrs. F. A. Chezik, and "The Rose of the Cross," was rendered by Miss Marguerite Watson. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Hotel Hermiston.

The groom is a Portland policeman who owns property here and the bride the mother of Mrs. Ell Winesett. Here the romance that has culminated in the marriage began while Mr. Mossie visited occasionally to look after his ranch. The happy couple, after a short honeymoon trip, will go to Portland to reside permanently.

Better Mail Service

Once again a change for the better has been made in the mail service out of Hermiston, and, as of yore, motor car No. 15 carries mail out of here to Umatilla, where it will be distributed east and west. This makes of the service a good one, and means that those wishing their mail to depart from this point 12 to 24 hours earlier than heretofore in mind that they must have their letters in the local postoffice on or before 5 p. m. each day except Sunday.

Eighth Grade Exams

Mrs. Walter Loyd has been selected to conduct the eighth grade examinations in the Hermiston school district. These will be held in the school house in this city some time this month, the exact date of which has not as yet been given out by the county school superintendent.

He Will Remain

A rumor that had gained much credence the past ten days, which was in effect that Rev. Casimir Butler would soon be removed from this to another missionary district, resulted in voluminous petition being sent to the head of the mission in this state by his admirers here and elsewhere in the county which has evidently had the desired effect, and it is almost certain that he will remain here.

For nearly ten years past Father Butler has labored among the Catholic communities of Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston and Umatilla, during which time he has been instrumental in paving the way to build the churches of the denomination in these towns and from the great number of signatures attached to the petition sent in it can readily be understood that during that time he has endeared himself to all—of all religious faiths—with whom he has come in contact.

THE PRICE OF VICTORY

By FRANKLIN K. LANE, Secretary of the Interior

What is Victory worth? What would we have given this time last year to have been assured of Victory? What pledge would we have not made? And now that our men have won will we hesitate to pay the bill? They paid, those boys of the Argonne, in blood and life. They will pay, many of them, through all their long lives in suffering and in weakness. Every soldier that we see is a challenge to our hearts and to our pockets. They will not be a reproof. Their eyes will never say that we are, what they never were, quitters. We, too, can carry on. Generous they were and generous we will be. Our pride we will prove by thanksgiving, not in words but in dollars loaned to Uncle Sam to pay for bringing the boys back, for the guns that were never used, for the ships that were not sunk, for the care of the men who did not die, for the rebuilding of the men who almost "went West."

All the wise men said it will be the fall of '19 before the Kaiser will be driven into his own country. Our money would have gone throughout the year to make that hope good. But the Hun was driven back. He lost heart and cried "Kamerad!" a year before the promised time. And the Kaiser fled, a fugitive from a beaten nation—and so short a time since he had been in partnership with "Gott"! How many Victory Bonds was it worth to hear the news? Victory is not ours until we have earned it, paid for it and got the receipt in the peace treaty, with a guarantee that we shall hold what we have won—the right to live in peace. Your Liberty Bond paid for the gun that drove him into exile. And your Victory Bond will make sure that he will not come back.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE

TO THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY

The White House.

I could tell you what the sacrifices you have made have meant to the world. I could tell you what history for all time to come will say of you and of the sufferings you have experienced on your great crusade. But these things other men will tell you.

I prefer to remind you that the wounds you bear are the noblest badges of honor any man has ever worn; that they exalt you to a supreme place in the minds and hearts of your countrymen and of all the world. I prefer to assure you that America realizes that she has no more solemn obligation, no more patriotic duty than to express in practical terms the gratitude that every American—man, woman and child—feels for every one of you. America will not forget.

—Woodrow Wilson.

Back up that statement. By practical terms the President meant money. The Victory Liberty Loan will supply it. The President was counting on every American, rich and poor, when he made that promise. Subscribe.

MEMORIAL DAY COMES ON THE 30TH OF THIS MONTH

The following is from the pen of Isabel Worrell Ball and appeared recently in the National Tribune. It is most interesting, and is given in full herewith:

Every newspaper you pick up these days advertises some kind of sport that "will start May 30." Why May 30? What on earth makes all the ball players, fist fighters, tennis champions and golf fiends want to start on May 30.

Some fool women in New York have a new fad. They want to have a parade of broken-down work horses on May 30. A lot of those sporty, gnat-brains come right out and say "on Memorial Day." We will be glad and don glad rags and root for our favorite fad in sports.

All this is deplorable. Not the sports themselves, but the tendency to fasten in the minds of the American people the idea that Memorial Day, May 30, which is a legal holiday in 40 States in the Union, is established for a joyous holiday, much play and more eating. We have about 20 joy days; I guess more when you sum them all up, so why seize upon the most sacred of all our holidays to start the sporting season.

May 30 has come to be recognized in every State but the eight really Southern States as the National Sabbath of Patriotism. A day when men, women and children should pause and gather in social centers to tell tales of heroism of the men who wore the blue and to reflect on what that heroism means to us who are living today.

The day was established by the Grand Army of the Republic, May 30, 1868, for the purpose of commemorating the ideals of the dead of the Union Army, a day that has been held in such tender respect that 40 of the greatest States of the Union have gravely incorporated it into their laws, not for "sports," but that the people of the state might pause for a day and think of their mighty dead.

But for the four years of awful fighting, when the Nation's life was in balance, there would be no nation today. We would be in condition of the wretched little nations controlled by banditti overseas. The right won at a cost in lives and money that staggered the Nation. The United States Government did mightily little for the returning veterans compared with what is being done today. There were no triumphal arches in enduring marble, no pensions commensurate with the perils endured, no waiting jobs, no soft berths for returning soldiers. The returning armies passed in review in "ragged regimentals," an army of tramps, in appearance, and

went home in that plight. The fires were dead in the forge, the farms had grown to weeds, the carpenter's tools were rusty, and the boys were too old to take up the dog-eared school books they had left in the knife-scarred desks. There were no "vocational" schools, no schools for blinded soldiers. The shell-shocked went on in that condition or died in insane asylums.

Yet out of all this riot of ruin the men who made the Union rose supreme, and for more than 40 years after the war were the guiding element in the Nation. They opened the great West and followed the sun to its setting out over the Pacific. They penetrated the forests of the North into the gold fields of the Yukon. They builded great factories in the East, and made the Middle West the granary of the world and gridironed it with railroads, with telegraph and telephone wires.

There were two and a half million men in the Union Army, and only a little over half of these came back.

For these men, dead and living, Memorial Day was established. It's the very least that any of us can do to let the world slip out of sight for a little while—just a day—and remember for that one day all the honors, all the material wealth, if you will, that these two million and a half have brought to us and ours? The Spanish-American War laid tribute at the feet of a reunited country. Over in Arlington I saw one day 200 flag-draped coffins, beside 200 open graves. They were the dead of the Maine, and I had the honor to be one of five who held the first commemoration exercises over the Maine dead.

And the dead of this war? They are as blades of grass for number, over 9,000,000 sleeping here and overseas and "neath the ocean's waves. Fully 100,000 of them sleep because America bade them do or die.

And in spite of all these millions of dead, whose names the people of the country will honor in their hearts on Memorial Day, the miserable, short-sighted, unpatriotic, sport-drunk men and women will "open the sport season" on Memorial Day.

I remember one President of the United States who declined to visit Arlington on Memorial Day, and who went fishing instead. His name was held up to scorn and obloquy. The country never forgot or forgave.

Isn't there enough real honest-to-goodness patriotism in this country to call off these dogs of sport and permit the country to get back to the spirit of the elder days.

Mrs. J. J. Casserly, who has been quite ill the past ten days, is reported to be slowly recovering.

GOOD ROADS WILL UNITE EAST AND WEST OREGON

Club Will Meet

Monday night is the regular meeting time of the Commercial Club, and every member and their friends have got to be there, for the reason that now is the time and opportunity for all of us to pull for a greater Hermiston and surrounding country. There are things to be done right away, and the initiatory for accomplishing them will be taken at the meeting. Besides there is going to be cats—and cats in plenty—after the meeting, so be there.

Adds Music Room

E. W. Mack, proprietor of the Hermiston Drug Co., not content with the installation of a handsome marble soda fountain recently, went a step further this week by having Contractor J. W. McDermid build a very much needed music room in the rear part of the store. This is filling a long felt want, and will no doubt be well patronized by music lovers of the community.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sink of Wasco, Ore., were visiting their daughter Mrs. Joe Udey and family last week. Mr. and Mrs. Udey and Florence returned home with them to spend a few days.

The Rev. W. E. Armfield of Spokane, Wash., will preach at Columbia school house this Sunday at 3 P. M.

H. J. Stillings took a carload of cattle and hogs to the Portland markets last Saturday, returning home Tuesday morning.

Thos. Sink and Joe Udey went to Walla Walla to take in the Tractor demonstrations held there recently.

The following telegram was received by E. E. Graham from Puyallup, Wash., on Monday: "I arrived on April 26 at 6 p. m. Mother and I are doing fine. Signed Evangeline Alma Utterback." Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Graham upon the arrival of their first grandchild. Mrs. Utterback was formally Miss Ruth Graham.

Mesdames Phipps and Waugaman spent last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Voelker in Hermiston while Messrs. Voelker, Phipps and Waugaman went to Umatilla and made five minute speeches.

Chas. Belchee went to St. Anthony's hospital at Pendleton on Monday, where he will take osteopathic treatments.

Miss Wilma Waugaman took first place in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade declamatory contest held at Stanfield last Saturday, and went to Pendleton on Friday to compete in the county contest.

Miss Danner of Pendleton is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Cassidy.

Mrs. Newcomer spent the day Tuesday visiting at the Heim home.

Mrs. A. F. Warriner and children of Ft. Wayne, Ind., arrived here Wednesday morning to make this their home. Mr. Warriner having come some time ago to take charge of the Ft. Wayne Fruit Co. orchard.

Prof. Van Holderbeck of Spokane, Wash., was here on Tuesday inspecting the orchards of the Ft. Wayne Fruit Co., Erie-Oregon orchard and Heim tract.

Mrs. Jene Skonbo went to Portland Wednesday for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sapper were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Anna Sapper.

Altar Society Dance

A grand ball will be held at Auditorium hall in this city Friday evening of next week under the auspices of the ladies of the Altar Society of the Catholic church. Good music fine waxed floor and delicious refreshments are the things in store for those who will attend. Already many tickets have been sold for this social function, which insures its success.

Are You a Member

No club has advantages larger than your Public Library. Interesting books are there free for old or young.

Two sections of Oregon that are separated by a great distance geographically on account of two barrier mountain ranges are figuratively joining hands for a united drive on the ballot boxes at the special state election in June. That great stretch of empire known as Eastern Oregon is enthusiastically working to give the coast counties of Oregon the Roosevelt highway; the seven great coast counties comprising one-seventh of the area of the state are just as enthusiastically working to develop the irrigation projects of the East Oregonians.

An apt illustration of the friendly spirit that is animating the coast counties is a rally held at Gardiner on the Umpqua river recently when settlers came by the hundreds to boost for the Roosevelt highway bond issue. Some of those in attendance came from points miles distant in boats. More than a thousand gathered at Gardiner to hear President S. C. Pier of the Roosevelt Highway Association explain the wonderful possibilities that will be the greatest scenic boulevard in the world.

The assemblage not only endorsed the highway project, but it went on record with a unanimous resolution favoring the passage of the Gallagher bill whereby the State is given authority to lend its credit to irrigation projects approved by a special commission consisting of the state superintendent of banks, the state engineer and the attorney general.

Letters and telegrams endorsing the Gallagher bill are pouring into the headquarters of the Roosevelt Highway Association at the Imperial Hotel from the chambers of commerce and other public-spirited organizations all over the coast. Similar endorsements for the coast highway are reaching the association by the score from the irrigation belts of eastern, southern and central Oregon.

The two bills are of kindred importance. The Roosevelt Highway if built will bring millions of tourists to Oregon. These tourists will not only view the unparalleled scenery offered by the highway, but they will seek opportunities to invest their money and make their homes in Oregon. The great stretches of land in the irrigation sections offer the best kind of chance for investments. People of Eastern Oregon and other sections that are looking to their future development through irrigation are only too well aware that anything they do to insure the construction of the coast highway will be therefore to their own interest. For this reason they have been glad to get behind the highway movement.

A Grand Affair

The Eastern Star Dance which was held last Friday night in the Auditorium was a grand success. About one hundred couples enjoyed the fine music furnished by Fletcher's Orchestra from Pendleton. Supper was served at midnight and toward 2 o'clock the illuminated Eastern Star commenced to wane and the strains of "Home Sweet Home" brought one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season to a close.

Deserving of Praise

H. M. Schilling is one man that has proved himself capable of taking pride, both in and outside the limits of the city, in the appearance of the property of the reclamation service, for as project manager he has made a decided improvement in the aspect of the surroundings of the head offices of the government in the eastern part of town by having had all dilapidated buildings that have been eyesores for years removed from that locality.

Let the good work proceed until all other shacks and tumble-down buildings in that and other portions of the project have been razed, and thus make both city and country more beautiful.

Red Cross honor roll for May 1st: Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Parrish, Mrs. MeKeen, Mrs. Campbell. There is quite a little work on hand, and we would like very much if more ladies would come and help.