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## LOOKS LIKE HUGE RECLAMATION BILL HAS CHANCE

Tuesday of this week, according to advices from Washington, D. C., the \$250,000,000 reclamation bill being fostered by the delegation of western governors chosen at the recent irrigation congress held in Salt Lake City was submitted to the senate by Senator McNary, and hopes are now being entertained that it will meet with favor and finally be passed by both houses. Should it be it will mean much for this and other irrigated projects in the western part of Umatilla county.

This measure was finally agreed on by the governors' delegation at a meeting held in the Capital City last Monday evening. The bill provides for the issuance of bonds as needed for the construction of projects under the present reclamation act. The bonds would run for a period of not more than 50 years and draw interest not exceeding 4 1/2 per cent a year. Construction charges collected from settlers under the project would liquidate the bonds, and no appropriation from the treasury therefore would be required.

No delegation going to Washington from any part of the country has had the attention from congress that this one has received. No delegation made its fight before so many committees, and this delegation has broken all precedents by getting a hearing before the steering committees of the senate and house, the first hearing of the kind in the history of congress. The plan of getting a hearing before these committees was devised by Representative Sinnott of Oregon, chairman of the house public lands committee.

One of the governors told the committee that the reclamation of the west will never be finished because the possibilities are endless. He also said that the federal government must aid because the federal government holds the water which is necessary for irrigation.

### Meeting Monday Night

As a result of the discussion of having something definite done in this city in the matter of street and sidewalk improvement at the Commercial Club luncheon at the Oregon Cafe last Tuesday noon, the city council will hold a meeting in the chambers at the library Monday evening for the purpose of arriving at some definite conclusion regarding this important matter. Already a tentative improvement district that would extend from the eastern city limits west on Main street to intersection with First street, up First and west on Gladys avenue to intersection with Hermiston avenue, and west on that thoroughfare toward and near the western city limits, has been outlined. Added to this would be several blocks in the heart of the city on the east side of the railway track. Every person owning property in the proposed improvement districts should be present at this meeting to voice their sentiments, and thereby help the council to arrive at a decision.

### Farm Bureau to Meet

Friday of next week the Farm Bureau organization meeting will be held in Pendleton at 10:30 a. m. The following committeemen from around this neighborhood are now making preparation to attend: Hermiston—Col. J. F. McNaught, A. W. Agnew, E. L. Jackson, E. P. Dodd, G. A. Cressy. Columbia—Frank Waugaman, H. Sommerer, F. P. Phipps, Henry Ott. Umatilla—W. A. Ford, A. E. McFarland, F. L. Jewett.

### American Cafe Open

The American Cafe, located one door east of the bank building, opened its doors to the public on Saturday last. The interior is fitted up in regulation city style, and already Mr. and Mrs. Miles, the proprietors, are enjoying a fair patronage.

### Weather Report

The weather the past week has been for the most part mildly cold and cloudy. The maximum temperature for the seven days was 57 and the minimum 29 degrees above zero. The precipitation during that time was .17 of an inch.

### Near Accident at Crossing

What might have been a fatal accident occurred Sunday when an automobile driven by Charles Spencer stalled on the track just as a through freight eastbound was rapidly approaching. Only by the quick wit of the occupants and the pushing powers of themselves and a few bystanders in removing the car from the track was a tragedy averted. This is just another little instance of too much hurry on the part of motorists in crossing railway tracks. The narrow escape will, however, no doubt serve as a lesson to Charles to hereafter "stop, look and listen" before he undertakes to cross this or any other railway track with an automobile.

### Embroidery Club Entertained

Fifteen members of the Embroidery club were delightfully entertained by Miss Edlie Johnson at dinner Tuesday evening of this week at the Hotel Hermiston. From there they went to Percy Sisters' millinery store, where the party passed a pleasant evening, with Miss Johnson as hostess.

### Bought Unimproved Land

H. E. Kloock and Ray Fisher have purchased the 40 acres know as the Bell tract in the east end of the project. It is unimproved, but will not be that way long, for the new owners are getting ready to begin extensive improvements on the place, and expect to begin next week preparing it for seeding to alfalfa.

## EVERYBODY JOIN IN HUGE RABBIT DRIVE

A rabbit drive that is hoped to have the attendance of all interested in ridding the country of this destructive pest will be held in Columbia District tomorrow, January 25. The meeting place of the hunters is to be at the Frank Krause place, one-half mile east of the LaBarre ranch. If a sufficient number—and that means 100 persons or more—turn out it is planned to cover a wide scope of territory, and as the animals are numerous in that part of the project a goodly number should go down for the eternal count on that day.

The meeting time is 10 o'clock sharp, and as quickly as possible thereafter the semicircle line will string out and the march on the enemy begin. No dogs or guns will be allowed or used in the drive, clubs being the weapons chosen to dispatch the rabbits after being herded into a wire-winged enclosure to be built for the occasion.

Let no one be a slacker—all turn out tomorrow from both town and country to help the ranchers get rid as far as possible of a pest that costs them hundreds of dollars yearly in damage to their crops.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Smith gave a delicious chicken dinner last Friday in honor of her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wright of Portland, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Willhite, the lady's parents. Mrs. Anna Sapper went to Pendleton Monday to see her new granddaughter and the little lady's mother, Mrs. O. G. Sapper.

The Neighborhood Club met Tuesday afternoon at the Waugaman home with a good attendance. Mrs. Fisher was elected president and Mrs. Waugaman vice president for the ensuing term. Mrs. Voelker gave a very interesting talk, which was appreciated by all members present. A vote of thanks was tendered the lady and she was elected to honorary membership in the club. Four other newcomers to the district also became members.

Pastor Hall will preach a sermon to parents next Sunday morning and a sermon to the young people in the evening.

## Collective Bargaining



## THEY STOPPED THE HANDS OF THE CLOCK

Representative E. P. Dodd came home Wednesday morning from Salem, after stopping in Portland a day or two to recuperate from the strenuous week's session of the legislature. He said he had hoped to get home early Monday morning, but realized this would be impossible when the legislators ordered the senate and house clocks stopped on Saturday last in order to prolong the session so they might deliberate and pass a few more bills. For a time it looked as if all would have to stay in Salem this week, so intense had a movement become on the part of the lawmakers to railroad through pet measures they had been withholding until the last grand finale.

After a hard fight on the part of Mr. Dodd and other legislators, who could see nothing but added expense to the people by prolonging the session, the concurrent resolution to adjourn Saturday was finally adhered to Sunday morning, when adjournment came and the hands of the clocks began to move again.

When it was all over and summed up it was found the legislature had passed a total of 94 bills and an assortment of memorials and resolutions. By Thursday the governor had used his veto power on 37 of the bills, all of which goes to show that it was a wise thing for adjournment to have taken place when it did. A notable feature was that every measure the governor suggested as an emergency upon which he based his call for the extra session was passed.

Here are the constitutional amendments and other measures that are to be submitted to the voters of this state for their adoption or rejection at the special election May 21 next:

Extending road limitation indebtedness from 2 to 4 per cent.

Relating to debts and liabilities of counties. Enabling counties to fund their debts.

Relating to succession to governorship, providing president of senate succeeds.

Restoring capital punishment. Providing additional tax levy for operation of soldiers' sailors' and marines' educational act.

Levying annual tax of 2 mills for support of public elementary schools.

Levying special tax for erection, equipment and maintenance of institution for blind.

Providing tax of 1.2 mills for support of University of Oregon, agricultural college and Monmouth normal.

Relating to acquiring private lands for public purposes.

### Patriotic Verses

The Herald has completed printing a booklet containing patriotic verses, the author of which is Frank A. Doble of Irrigon. The verses were written by him while corporal in Co. M, 23rd Infantry, in France, and are the outcome of his experiences in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. The booklet, which contains a picture of the author, is very interesting and patriotic. His eulogy, "God Bless Mother," appearing on the last page, is a tribute to his filial love, and is certainly a gem that will be read and treasured by his many friends and comrades in arms.

### House Warming Silver Tea Party

Last Thursday about 50 ladies of Hermiston and surrounding country joined in the spirit of a house warming silver tea at the new home of hospitable Mrs. C. B. Hay. During the afternoon a pleasing and delightful lecture on a well chosen subject was ably given by Mrs. A. C. Voelker. The hostesses, Mesdames Hay, Taylor, Patterson, Kelley and Waterman, were much gratified at the response to their efforts for a pleasant afternoon.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION MAKES ATTITUDE CLEAR

The national commander of the American Legion has issued the following statement from national headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., regarding the attitude of the Legion toward organized labor, a copy of which has been received by the local American Legion organization:

"The attitude of the American Legion toward organized labor is exactly the same as its attitude toward all groups of American citizens who are interested in a square deal for all in the maintenance of law and order and the protection of the institutions handed down to us by our forefathers.

"The preamble of our Constitution expresses very clearly the purposes of the American Legion. The purpose of the American Legion is twofold—service to our comrades and service to our country. Under the head of 'service to our comrades' we will exert all of our influence and all of our strength to the end that the ex-service man especially the disabled man and his dependents and the dependents of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, shall receive that just and fair treatment which they have reason to expect from a patriotic and liberal country.

"In serving our country we shall endeavor to keep alive that spirit of service which induced us all to respond to our country's call in the time of her need, even to the extent of being willing to pay the supreme sacrifice. And this we propose doing by assisting in the maintenance of a hundred per cent Americanism, based on fair play and a square deal to all.

"The members of organized labor are patriotic American citizens and the members of the American Legion are patriotic American citizens who have proven their loyalty and their patriotism. Consequently, on the purposes of the American Legion both they and we are in accord. All ex-service men who are members of organized labor have proven their loyalty and their patriotism to the country and now appreciate their responsibilities as citizens, and we therefore hope it will not be long before they all are active members of the American Legion."

J. C. Ballenger, live-wire hard-lumber merchant of Boardman, Ore., was here Monday and Tuesday on business. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ballenger, who, during their stay in this city, was a guest of her friend, Mrs. P. B. Siseef.

## 305-ACRE TILLAMOOK RANCH HAS BEEN SOLD FOR \$52,000

### Liberty Bakery Bread

In a few days the Liberty Bakery will have in full operation an institution that Hermiston has long felt the want of, and which should be patronized liberally to the exclusion of all foreign bakery goods. Everything is practically in readiness for the grand opening, and an expert baker will be on the job to supply the public with Butter Crust bread of such a delicious flavor that all Hermiston and surrounding country will likely become steady patrons of the institution. The bread will be labeled and wrapped in the most sanitary and modern style. Mr. Hamm, the proprietor, having ordered and received a Miller sealer with automatic folder attachment for this purpose. Besides manufacturing the bread, pastry of every known kind and variety will be baked and kept constantly on hand.

### Starts Anti-Hanging Crusade

Since it has now become a fact that the question of whether or not the practice of hanging is to be restored in Oregon will be referred to the people at the special election in May, an Anti-Capital Punishment crusade of statewide significance has been inaugurated in Portland. Noticeable among the members of this new organization is the name of one of Boardman's most prominent men, Col. Emmett Callahan, who has been named on the lecture board and will tour the state in the interests of defeating the measure drafted by the legislature last week.

## "RED MEN GETTING A LITTLE TOO GAY!"

The above is the caption to a letter received this week from H. J. Stillings, well known east end rancher and raiser of Poland China hogs. Evidently he refers to articles in this paper containing recent news of activities among owners of Duroc Jersey red hogs, and proceeds in the letter to show them fellows that they don't stand ace high when it comes to the sale of thoroughbred swine for breeding and stock raising purposes. Here's what he says:

"Some time ago I received an order for five hogs to go to Alaska on the first vessel sailing in April. Advices received by me are to the effect that the Alaskan trade alone will take all the hogs I can turn out. One mail recently brought orders to me from various parts of the north-west for seven Poland Chinas. The Poland China breed is making a greater growth than any breed in existence today."

We imagine that last sentence in Mr. Stillings' letter will make the "Red Men" scratch their heads—and we doubt if they will swallow it verbatim or without a comeback.

### Held Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the First National Bank of Hermiston was held in this city last week, Vice President R. Alexander presiding. The following were elected to the directorate for the ensuing term: F. B. Swayze, R. Alexander, J. R. Raley and Chas. E. Opel.

The officers of the bank chosen to serve during the next twelve months are: F. B. Swayze, president; R. Alexander, vice president; A. L. Larson, cashier, and O. Ulshagen, assistant cashier.

The annual report showed the bank to be in good condition.

### Settling Uncle's Estate

Deil Schiltz of Butter Creek returned the latter part of last week after an absence of nearly a month, which was passed at Dale, Oregon, in the John Day country, settling up the estate of an uncle, who died there a few days before Christmas. His relative was an old pioneer of the John Day country, and at the time of his demise was operating a store at Dale and was possessed of many head of cattle and horses. He was a bachelor, and Mr. Schiltz being his nearest known relative he was called on to settle up the estate.

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The big Tillamook ranch containing 305 acres that borders on and is partly in the north and west portions of the city of Hermiston, was sold last week in two divisions for the sum of \$52,000.

C. W. Tilden, who has been managing the farm for the Tillamook interests, figures in the deal to the extent of 218 acres, having purchased all the holdings of the company situated east of the O.-W. railroad. Included in this is the residence on Ridgeway avenue in which the Tilden family now reside. Of the 218 acres that he bought one-half is in alfalfa.

The remaining 87 acres, which lies west of the railroad track, was purchased by M. Abplanalp of Tillamook. This acreage is also highly improved and contains a substantial residence house. The new owner will continue to reside in Tillamook, having leased the tract to B. L. Beals of this city.

This huge acreage that is now cut up is the one that was owned and operated for many years by L. W. Furnas, and at the time of its sale by him something over a year ago to the Tillamook people was over half in alfalfa. Since then many more acres have been leveled and seeded to this paying fodder, thus making of it at the time of the present sale a highly improved tract of land.

The Tillamook Co. is still a heavy land holder in this part of the county, having large improved tracts on Butter Creek. These it will hold on to, so as to insure fodder for dairy cattle owned by different members of the corporation in the Tillamook valley when it is found impossible to harvest a hay crop there on account of wet weather during some seasons.

### Horseless Carriage Now

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Camp were in Hermiston Monday, enjoying an overland trip from their home in a new Ford car equipped with self starter and electric lighting system that Mr. Camp purchased in this city a few days before from the Hermiston Auto Co. Now that the slow process of travel by team has been eliminated, Mr. and Mrs. Camp say they will visit Hermiston more often now in their more agile horseless carriage.

## UMATILLA ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Ladies Home Bureau of Umatilla had a most successful dance on January 19, which added materially to their treasury for the hot lunch proposition. Last Friday afternoon they met at the home of Mrs. Staughtey to sew, and had an attendance of 23 ladies. Delightful refreshments were served. Yesterday they held their regular business meeting, and on January 30 they meet at the home of Mrs. Cherry to sew. Their first hot lunch was served in the school last Tuesday, Miss Riels doing the cooking and Mrs. Conlin the buying. The women deserve much credit for promoting such an immense enterprise in such a short time.

Frederick L. Dixon, manifest clerk in the employ of the O.-W. R. & N. Co., spent the week end in Portland on business.

Mrs. Fred McCune left for Portland Monday, to be gone several days.

W. R. Nugent was a visitor in the valley several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Llewellyn were Pendleton visitors last week, looking over business possibilities here.

Miss Laura S. Dunne, nurse, was called to Pendleton last week to attend Mrs. Otto Sapper. Mother and babe are doing well.

Mrs. Ed. Rennie spent several days the past week in Portland visiting with her mother.

Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Correlle, Mrs. Nugent, Miss Ida Powell and Miss Ina Bullock were in Hermiston last Saturday purchasing equipment for the hot lunch.

The first hot lunch was served on Tuesday, with 85 children present. All voted it the best ever. Nearly every child has paid a month in advance.

### On Eastern Visit

Alderman J. D. Watson left Sunday on a business trip that will take him to Chicago and Detroit. On the return journey he will be accompanied by his mother, Mrs. F. D. Colton, who will join him at Chelsea, Michigan.