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UNPATENTED LANDS TO GO ON ASSESSMENT ROLLS

The proposition of bringing unpatented lands in this part of Umatilla county to the taxable point was brought up again at the Commercial Club luncheon at the Hotel Oregon Cafe Tuesday. As a result the committee on this met with Project Manager H. M. Schilling at the local reclamation offices Tuesday evening, when a list of unpatented lands on the project was compiled and later sent to County Assessor Strain for entry on the tax rolls.

Members of the Club talked about telephone matters, and this brought about an expression of opinion to the effect that the commercial organization must help the country people, who it was claimed were getting the worst of it from the telephone company, inasmuch as no apparent effort is being made to give the ruralites adequate service. It was pointed out that many applications had been made for installation of country phones, and that the company has utterly ignored these requests.

The next thing taken up was the modification of the city charter in order that the city council could be authorized to issue warrants in sufficient amounts to take care of the proposed street and sidewalk improvements to be inaugurated here this spring and summer. This work, as now contemplated, will necessitate an expenditure of approximately \$7500, and will include much street and sidewalk building on both the East and West Side. This expense, of course, must be borne by the property benefited, but the payments will be easy, as they will be arranged to extend over a certain period. The Club went on record as being in favor of calling a special election to change the city charter to conform to the foregoing, and further, that the Club support forthcoming action by the council in this movement.

The hospital said that it had no report to make, but hoped to have one for next meeting.

WATER USERS' MEETING WELL ATTENDED

There was a large gathering of farmers at the annual meeting of the Umatilla River Water Users' Association held in Mack's hall last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Col. J. F. McNaught, president of the association, who in his annual address spoke for over an hour on conditions relating to the project at the present time. He conveyed to the assemblage statistics furnished by Secretary W. J. Warner which showed the total indebtedness to the government to be well up in the thousands, and stated that this deficit must be wiped out by entering into a proposed contract between the directors of this irrigation district and the government to guarantee its payment. When this is done the way will have been paved for access to federal loans by farmers desiring them, and when that time comes the project said he had visions of the project going ahead by leaps and bounds.

During the meeting it was pointed out by the presiding officer that the reclamation service was in sore straits on account of being unable to secure help to do concrete work on the canal that is being remodeled at the Cold Springs reservoir, and said that unless the water users helped out at this particular time water could not be turned on until the first of May. Volunteers were called for, and this met with hearty response among those present, with the result that the work is now going merrily on, and it is now conceded it will be nearly finished on schedule time.

The final act before adjournment was the election of officers for this year. This did not take long, for a motion prevailed that the old board be re-elected, and this carried unanimously.

Weather Report

The maximum temperature during the past week was 84 degrees above and the minimum 30. Precipitation .07 of an inch.

Looking for Movie Show Location

Mrs. Flora Powers and daughter, Miss Marguerite De Puer of Portland have been visiting in this city this week. Mrs. Powers is an experienced operator of moving picture shows, and her mission here is for the purpose of looking the field over with a view to establishing a movie house in this city. The lady expressed herself as being favorably impressed, and intimated that if certain negotiations now under way prove satisfactory she will establish a first class moving picture show in this city.

Has Secured Land Map

Miss Virginia Todd, one of the officers of the Umatilla County Red Cross with headquarters in Pendleton, visited with her parents in Hermiston over Saturday and Sunday last. The young lady recently received a map showing the Oregon land that will shortly be opened to homesteaders. The land will favor soldiers and sailors, as ex-service men will be allowed sixty days on which to file claims before the land is formally opened to the public.

Wind Cut Funny Capers

The March winds that have been blowing almost continuously the past two weeks prior to the first of April is said to have been the worst in many years. One day, the day the wind blew the strongest, the local weather observer said the sun had been blown back fifteen minutes. One local man whose name we will not mention had a jug of hard cider blown inside out and not a drop spilled. He was lucky after having aged it since last fall. But the greatest miracle of all was when the wind blew a kid's nose that had never been blown before.

Death of Mr. Dexter

George Berr Dexter died of pneumonia at the home of his daughter near Umatilla last Saturday morning. He was born in Michigan June 30, 1853. For thirty years he resided in Oregon, and at the place of his last illness only about a month. Five sons and three daughters survive him, of whom two sons and two daughters reside near Umatilla and Irrigon. The body of deceased was laid to rest in Irrigon cemetery. Rev. D. Hall of Hermiston officiating.

BASE BALL SCHEDULE FOR SEASON ARRANGED

Representatives from Echo, Hermiston, Umatilla and Irrigon met in Umatilla Monday night and organized the Irrigation Baseball League of Umatilla and Morrow counties. This league is to play a series of 12 games, according to a schedule approved by the directors of the organization.

Earl Kingsley of Hermiston was elected president of the League, C. E. Glasgow of Irrigon vice president, O. S. Stangeby of Umatilla secretary and R. B. Stanfield of Echo treasurer.

Each club is to elect one director, who shall be its representative and have full power to act. These directors will provide a pennant, which will be presented to the club winning the series.

The single umpire system is to be adopted, and the salary of umpires placed at \$10 per game, they to pay their own expenses.

Following is the baseball schedule for the season:

	At Irrigon	At Umatilla	At Hermiston	At Echo
Irrigon	1	May 2	May 9	Apr 18
Umatilla	April 11	9	April 25	May 16
Hermiston	May 16	April 27	2	May 2
Echo	April 25	May 9	April 11	0

Admission: Adults 50c, children, 10 years to 16 years, 25c. All League games to be called at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Town Barometer



Easter at the Churches

Easter Program

The following program will be given at the Hermiston Baptist church next Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30.

- Prelude.
- Anthem, Christ is Risen, Choir.
- Easter Scripture Reading, Supt.
- Prayer of Invocation, followed by Lord's Prayer.
- Vocal Solo, Miss Mumma.
- Greetings, Elsie Reeder.
- Recitation, "My Easter Lily," Edward Benschel.
- Exercise, "The Children's Offering," Primary Class.
- Coronet Solo, Henry Shelleday.
- Recitation, "Eva Skinner."
- Recitation, "Message of the Eastertide," Nell Reeves.
- Exercise, "The Harbingers of Spring," Junior Girls.
- Duet, Tina and Ruth Benschel.
- Recitation, "The Stone Rolled Away," Florence Skinner.
- Exercise, "What Jesus is to Me," By four girls.
- Carol, "Breaks the Joyous Easter Dawn," Junior Class.
- Recitation, Zona Benschel.
- Clarinet Solo, Herbert Haneline.
- Reading, "The Dawn of Hope," Miss Ward.
- Hymn, "Christ Arose," Choir.
- Exercise, "The Easter Story," Intermediate classes.
- Address, The Victorious Christ, Pastor Hall.
- Offering, "To help give the World to Christ."
- Recessional Hymn, "Hark Ten Thousand Harps and Voices," Benediction.

M. E. CHURCH

James Martineau said: "We do not believe immortality because we have proved it, but we forever try to prove it because we believe it." Victor Hugo said: "The nearer I approach the end of my life the plainer I hear the immortal symphonies which invite me." Jesus said: "Because I live ye shall live also."

"Everyone goes to church Easter," and those who go to Mack's hall tomorrow will not be disappointed in the following program:

The Sunday school meets at 10 o'clock for study, a special offering for missions and a program with an orchestra. The sermon at 11 o'clock with solo by Mr. Voelker and Miss Mable Brown. The Epworth League meets at 7 p. m., Jack Irwin leader. At 8 p. m. Jack Irwin song will be rendered as follows: Hymn by Congregation—"He Arose" Solo—Mable Brown Duet—"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Herbert Hall-Laura Phipps Cello Solo—Paul Miller Accompanied by Mr. Adams Duet—"Lead Kindly Light" Miss Short, Mr. Voelker Duet and Chorus—"Songs that Mother Sang," Misses Gunn and Phipps.

Solo—Miss Kathryn Short Doxology and Benediction

Catholic Church

There will be high mass at the local Catholic church Easter Sunday at 10:30 a. m., for which the choir has prepared special music. Everyone is welcome.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Jean Scovbo, well known apiculturist, is enlarging his business considerably, having recently purchased 450 more hives of bees, and has aparies now located at different desirable points between Hermiston and Boardman. He has just ordered a two ton truck, which he will use in the business. Mr. Scovbo has also improved his home by the installation of a water system, the water being obtained from a hill close to his house, through which seepage water flows from the Cold Springs reservoir.

Willard Felthouse is just completing the work of seeding to alfalfa the 80 acre tract of land east of his farm residence which was owned by a Mr. McMillan, a former resident of the project.

R. C. Challis has moved to his new ranch home recently purchased from the Murchies, and will try his luck raising alfalfa.

S. E. Wallace, who comes from Attalla, Wash., is building a house on his farm, purchased lately, near the Bloom place. When complete his family will join him and take up residence there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lopp have moved to their new home, which they purchased last week from H. J. Stillings. The ranch is part of the Jean Dubois property, which was sold to Mr. Stillings this spring and which consists of 14 acres, 8 of which is in alfalfa. The consideration was \$2250. Mr. and Mrs. Lopp are formerly from Montana and lived on the Waterman place the past year.

Instead of the regular Sunday school classes at the school house Sunday there will be Easter exercises by the children, also special baptismal services. Considerable preparation is made for the children's recitals, etc., and a large crowd is desired.

On account of much windy weather the past few days workmen on the A line, the main outlet from the reservoir, had to cease laboring. The work, however, is now progressing rapidly, and water users are anxious to see it completed.

Roscoe Fisher, who returned from California a short time ago, is now engaged on the highway near La Grande as transit engineer.

Alfalfa raisers of the community have succeeded in organizing after various meetings at Hermiston and Columbia. Officers and promoters have secured several signers to work to the interests of the farmers in the handling of the hay crop for the current year.

The Neighborhood Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Phipps Tuesday, April 6th. Miss May Harmon will be present and demonstrate the cleaning of different textiles. As the instruction is very useful a large attendance is expected.

Mrs. S. D. Thomas is reported as being very ill at her home in Columbia District.

Purchased Home

Last week Geo. Mathay purchased from J. H. Reid a house and lot just south of the Catholic church on the West Side. This necessitated the moving of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sutherland, the occupants, who immediately rented and moved into the Cressy residence, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, who recently rented and moved into the P. B. Doherty home on East Main street. There they will remain until the return of Mr. and Mrs. Doherty from Freewater late in the summer.

Mrs. F. L. Jewett was a visitor in Pendleton Monday of this week.

BEE-KEEPERS WANT COOPERATION OF FRUIT GROWERS

Run Over by Truck

Henry Allen, 17 year old son of Mrs. Heath, was accidentally run over by an auto truck owned by W. O. Sutherland Friday afternoon of last week. Mr. Sutherland was giving the boy a lift to his home two miles east, and had slowed down to let him off. After alighting he must have slipped, with the result that a hind wheel of the truck passed over him. After first aid had been given Dr. Adams was called. Examination showed a broken right thigh at the hip and a bone cracked in his left thigh lower down from the wheel having passed over him diagonally. The patient is now receiving medical attention and good care in the local hospital, where he is getting along nicely. The injury was purely accidentally received, and no blame attaches to the driver of the truck.

Attended Lodge in Pendleton

Monday night a party of nine Knights of Pythias in two automobiles went from here to Pendleton, where they visited Damon Lodge No. 4, K. of P., and enjoyed a nice program and a huge banquet after the regular meeting of the order. These festivities were a climax to the initiation of a large class of candidates by Damon Lodge. Those in the party from here were C. B. Percey, P. B. Sisco, F. N. Whitney, Wm. Shaar, Henry Notz, Frank Gulwitz, Harry McMillan, Hollis Percey and M. D. O'Connell.

Passed Away at Seventy-Nine

David Taylor, father of the county sheriff, died at his home in Athena Monday morning of this week. Mr. Taylor was 79 years old at the time of his demise and was one of the oldest citizens of this county. He came to Umatilla county in 1867. He had been a sufferer from asthma, and his death was brought about by this disease, together with heart trouble and complications. The funeral was held Wednesday at Athena. At one time Mr. Taylor served as assessor for Umatilla county. He was well known and respected all over the county.

To Help Little Folk

Miss Janet Pendegast of Portland will be in Hermiston and vicinity next week in the interest of the Pacific Coast Rescue-Protective Society and will meet the women of the community at the Library Monday afternoon at 2:30. On Tuesday she will attend the Commercial Club luncheon. On the evening of Tuesday she will speak to the Neighborhood Club at the Phipps home. Wednesday evening she will address a public meeting in the Baptist church. Thursday she will speak in the old school building at Umatilla.

WILL PRINT MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY

The Umatilla Project Experiment Farm keeps daily records of the weather conditions, closely related to the agricultural industries. These records include the precipitation, the evaporation, the wind velocity and the temperature. These have been kept for nine years, so that the normals are indicative of the weather conditions which may be expected.

Hereafter H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Farm, will summarize the records monthly for publication in The Herald.

The month of March was very nearly normal with the exception of wind movement. The total wind movement was 4704.1 miles, which was the most windy month on record. In November, 1911, the total wind was 3322 miles, which was an average of 5.5 miles per hour, as compared with 6.5 miles per hour in the month just closed. The highest hourly average for 24 hours was 16.7 on the 31st. The precipitation was exactly .55 of an inch, or exactly equal to the normal. The mean temperature was 45.5, being slightly above normal, which is 43.5. The maximum temperature was 70 on the 20th and the minimum 15 on the 17th.

As the season approaches for spraying the bee keepers in this vicinity are becoming uneasy over the prospects of losses sustained during past years through the spraying of fruit trees when the bloom is on, and cite many authorities that the practice is quite useless and often decidedly destructive to the young trees.

If it is administered when the petals are out bees are almost sure to be poisoned, much brood will be killed and many times valuable queens will be lost. About the first thing one notices during fruit blooming time, if trees are sprayed while in bloom, is that a good deal of the brood dies, until the bee keeper begins to wonder whether his bees have foul brood, black brood or pickled brood, unless the truth dawns on him that they have been carrying in poisonous liquids from the trees that have just been sprayed.

Various experiments have been conducted along this line and are very conclusive, and irrespective of any interest of the bee keeper, the fruit grower himself can not afford to spray during fruit blooming time, because spray liquids that are sufficiently strong to kill insect pests are decidedly harmful to the delicate reproductive organs and to the pollen of the flower as well.

Some spray fluids are not poisonous, as for example the lime-sulphur washes, the kerosene and other emulsions of crude oil, but even these should not be sprayed when the trees are in bloom. Helibore or any of the Bordeaux mixtures, especially if they contain paris green or any of the arsenates, will be poisonous of course, but such fluids are also too strong for the delicate pistils and stamens of the flower.

The idea of the bee men is to get the fruit growers to cooperate with them in the matter by being careful with their spraying, and in turn the bees supply the necessary agent to the proper pollination of fruit blossoms, and to realize that their industries are mutually dependent one on the other.

COUNTY CONFERENCE CHURCH MOVEMENT

The Umatilla county conference of the Interchurch World Movement will be held in Pendleton M. E. church on April 11th, all day, the first session starting at 9 a. m., according to Rev. J. M. Cornelson, who has the local arrangements for the conference in charge. This is one of the conferences which will be held in every county in Oregon during the early part of April. According to present arrangements the conference will include representatives from each of the Protestant churches of the county associated with the Interchurch World Movement and any other church members or friends who may wish to attend.

The team of speakers who will have charge of the program at this conference were trained at a speakers' training conference which was held in Portland on Friday, March 26. They will have complete stereopticon equipment and will present the same slides that were used in the state pastors' conference in Portland in March.

At this conference, which is an outgrowth of the state pastors' conference, an organization will be perfected for financing and improving the local churches and to mobilize the Christian forces for their part in the campaign to raise Oregon's quota of the budget to be secured during the united simultaneous campaign April 25 to May 2. To carry out this program in its many details there will be set up a county church organization. This will be headed by a county advisory committee, composed of the pastor, a man and woman worker from each church in the county and chosen representatives of the forward movements of each denomination.

Sixteen Little Piggies

Saturday night of last week a two year old sow owned by C. P. Adams farrowed sixteen pigs. The animal is of the Orion-Pathfinder breed.