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## Congressional Party Sees Wonderful Valley

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SHOWN SITUATION

Arrive From Yakima at 5:33 and are Guests of Commercial Club at Breakfast—Spend Forenoon Looking Over Project, Being Shown Land to be Benefited by McKay Creek Dam—Luncheon at Stanfield

As per schedule the House Appropriations Committee arrived in Hermiston at 5:33 a. m. last Friday and were guests of the Commercial Club at breakfast at the Hermiston hotel at 8:30, and were taken on a four-hour tour over the Umatilla and Furnish projects, arriving at Stanfield at 1:00 p. m., where the ladies of that city served a delicious luncheon.

The visitors were tired from their many days of traveling and did not leave their cars, parked on the sidewalk until breakfast time. Because of their fatigue one part of their itinerary, the auto run through the Western Land & Irrigation company's buildings, was omitted, but otherwise the route covered was as originally planned by the local committee of Commercial Club.

Much praise is due the local committee in the efficient way the program was carried out, and many words of approval were heard from distinguished visitors on the way committee worked.

After breakfast at the hotel cars were brought around and the guests in charge of a man in each car it was thoroughly familiar with ground to be covered.

The first stop was at the Diversion dam, three miles northwest of town, on the Umatilla river. Leaving there the party was taken to the Experimental farm where a brief inspection was followed by a most interesting talk by Harold Dean, director of the farm, as to the importance of its work to the farmers on project.

From the Experimental station the cars were driven back to Hermiston where a stop made at the Reclamation building where cooling lemonade was served to the party, Miss Keck, government stenographer, serving. After a brief rest here, the party again left and left for the Cold Springs reservoir. A walk was taken a short distance along the embankment inspecting the reservoir, after which the party left for Stanfield, driving over the Furnish project. At Stanfield the ladies of that city served lunch to about 70 persons.

After lunch, Congressman Sinnott acted as toast-master, made a short address, and introduced Col. J. F. Naught. Mr. Naught spoke with a great deal of feeling of the work made by the pioneers who had risked against tremendous odds to claim the desert, and the help that government has given and could give to give settlers by the watering of arid lands.

P. Dodd was next introduced and spoke briefly but to the point on the general topography of the lands under consideration and the ways with which they could be watered and put under cultivation if special aid would be given by the government.

James Kyle, mayor, of Stanfield, made a short summary of the benefits that would accrue to the lands watered by the contemplated McKay Creek reservoir, and Roy Raley, president of the Pendleton Commercial Club, gave assurance of the interest of the west end of the county takes in the west end and their belief in the need for water on the land under discussion.

P. Davis, director of the Reclamation service, gave a most interesting talk on the character of the project, comparing it with that in humid regions, much to the advantage of the arid lands, and also spoke of the psychological effect of the character of the settlers on the growth of communities and projects.

Mr. Davis is president of the American Society of Civil Engineers. His office is the highest honor in engineering service that can be bestowed.

Mr. Davis' words and those of the other members of the Congressional

Committee that might have followed him, were interrupted by the message that the train that carried the special cars of the visitors was in the block.

While no expressions could be obtained from members of the party on their opinions relative to the furtherance of the McKay Creek plans, from the number and character of questions asked the guides, their interest was apparent.

The personnel of the party in Hermiston is as follows: Appropriation committee: James W. Good, Iowa, chairman; Jos. W. Byrnes, Kentucky, W. R. Wood, Ind.; J. M. Evans, Mont.; Burton L. French, Ida.; J. J. Egan, N. J.; L. C. Cramton, Mich.; Public Lands committee, N. J. Sinnott. Ways and Means committee, C. B. Timberlake. Reclamation Service, Director A. P. Davis; assistant Director J. B. Beadle. A. K. Barta, clerk of the Appropriations committee. A. Aya, representing the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Hetherington, the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

O. W. R. & N officials were Wm. McMurray, H. E. Lounsbury, H. W. Hicks and "Farmer" Smith.

Pendleton men making the trip over the project with the visitors and helping in their entertainment were Judge G. W. Phelps, chairman, J. Roy Raley, George Hartman, E. P. Marshall, R. Alexander, E. B. Aldrich and Fred Bennion. This committee entrained with the guests at Stanfield, went on to Pendleton with them and the eastern men were taken for a ride through the wheat fields of the surrounding country to Cayuse, where the special coaches were again met and the Congressional Committee and other officials went on to Boise.

The home men who helped materially to make the affair a success by donating their cars and services for the occasion were as follows: Project Manager, H. M. Schilling, C. S. McNaught, F. C. McKenzie, E. P. Dodd, F. V. Prime, Thomas Fraser, O. G. Sapper, F. B. Swayze, J. D. Watson, C. W. Cressy, Ralph Holte, and S. R. Boardman. Emerald Tilden, Robert Kennedy and G. L. Dunning drove as extras to take charge of passengers from any car that might have tire or other trouble.

### Going After Their Boy's Body

J. I. Agnew and wife left Saturday night for Seattle to make arrangements for receiving the body of their son, Benjamin Irwin Agnew, who was murdered at Matanooska, Alaska, near Anchorage.

Mr. Agnew, who was a farmer and living alone, was missed by friends after a few days and a searching party found his body in a creek on his own property.

Word received from the authorities at Anchorage is that a man named Edward Olsen has confessed to the crime. Olsen said that he was shooting at Agnew's chickens and when Agnew ordered him to stop he shot him.

### HIGH SPEED

"High Speed," one of those fascinating comedy-dramas, will be the attraction at the Auditorium Saturday, July 24, starting that winsome little actress Gladys Hulette. "High Speed" is one of the best films of its kind on the market, and is chuck full of interest all through it, and one of the nicest love stories you ever followed runs through all the reels. Don't miss "High Speed" and don't forget to tell your friends all about this wonderful picture.

Because of kitchen repairs the Oregon Hotel will serve their regular chicken dinner at noon instead of the evening Sunday, July 25 only. Special chicken dinner, 75c.

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### COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

The second cutting of alfalfa is now in full swing, some mowing, some shocking, others stacking. The crop is rather early, the hot weather maturing it rapidly.

The lawn social on the Henry Sommerer's spacious grounds Friday evening of last week was very successful. It was estimated that 250 people, including children were present, all enjoying themselves immensely. The refreshment committee had their booths arranged very prettily and under the many bright electric lights furnished by F. T. Baker of Pendleton, the effect was very beautiful. A goodly sum was realized from the sale of ice cream, cake and lemonade, the amount to be turned over to park improvements. The Neighborhood club wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sommerer for their kindness in offering their lawn for the affair and also to all who helped to make it a success.

The Neighborhood club met Wednesday at the school house and after the business meeting, painting of the park fence was begun by the ladies, but the stormy day prevented the work from continuing. It will now be done by volunteers and many have been doing their bit toward this end in the last few days.

Mrs. William Leathers is reported ill but is improving, according to late reports.

Measles have visited the community, the family of Mr. Fox being confined to their home with the disease. Mr. Fox was the last to be taken down. They are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Frits of New York are visiting at the home of their son Billie Frits. Mr. and Mrs. Frits may decide to remain here permanently and if so will secure a home in the community in the near future.

### UMATILLA ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Miss Laura Dunn, who is nursing on private duty in Pendleton, has returned to her case after a week's rest at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. R. Nugent.

The roof of the round-house blew off during the severe wind storm Friday evening, causing considerable damage.

The school board and the Ladies' Home Bureau are repairing the old school house and expect to make a community meeting place of it when finished. The Home Bureau ladies held a cooked food sale to defray part of the expense.

W. R. Nugent has left for Portland, and will go down to Salem for the Elk's convention in that city.

Since the visit of Sam Oldaker who had charge of the engineering of the city streets, it is expected that work along that line will go rapidly forward.

The Ladies' Home Bureau will start soon to give a series of fried chicken suppers for their treasury and to help meet the expenses of the Lyceum course they will hold this winter.

The Chautauqua is over and it was a great success. The efforts of local people to make it a prosperous event met with gratifying results. Those in charge of the affair wish to thank all who helped. Chairman Earl Brownell was untiring in his efforts to render every assistance in his power, and the large sale of tickets was helped materially by the work of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Nichols, Clifford Caldwell, Henry O. Thompson, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Nugent, and Mrs. Henry Edwards. Thanks are also due Mrs. Ed. Ronnick, who threw her home open for a dressing room for the entertainers.

Miss Gladys Nugent has been quite ill at her home this week. Dr. Gale of Hermiston has been in attendance.

Are you out of statements or bill heads? Better look over your stock and get a supply before the first of the month. Do it now!

## EX-SERVICE MEN NOTICE

The time rapidly approaches when those who were disabled in service during the World War can no longer make claim for Federal compensation.

Under the Act of National Laws, it is necessary to present this claim within one year from the date of discharge.

It is not necessary to claim compensation. That may be done within one year. But if you were disabled in the service, or have disabilities growing out of wounds, injuries or sickness, it is necessary to establish that fact now.

There are reasons to believe that there are a number of ex-service men who have not yet taken this action, but reason of not being familiar with the procedure.

The Government provides a set form for establishing disability. It is known as Form 526 and may be obtained by applying in person or writing to the State Vocational Officer, Department Headquarters, the American Legion, 226 Morgan Building, Portland.

All ex-service men are urged to bring this information to the attention of all "buddies" with whom they may come in contact.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON TUESDAY

Very little business was transacted last Tuesday at the Oregon hotel when the Commercial club met at their regular hour.

George A. Cressy reported on the rail road situation and the matter was left in the hands of the committee who are trying to secure better rail service for this city.

M. A. McGruder, special representative of the State Chamber of Commerce was a guest at the meeting and gave the club a very good talk concerning the Chamber's activities. Mr. McGruder told us that \$500 was the portion that Hermiston was expected to give toward the movement. Some of the members thought that amount a little high and it was finally decided that Hermiston's share should be \$350, and the club promised that amount.

No other special business on hand so the club adjourned.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR PROJECT?

Alfalfa raising is the principal occupation on the Umatilla project. Over 80 per cent of the crop area of the entire project is seeded to alfalfa.

In 1919, 1,828 acres of new land were put into alfalfa.

The average yield from fully matured fields is five tons per acre. The maximum is seven tons.

Four crops are cut in the growing season, though some farmers cut three and pasture the fourth.

Cost per acre for developing raw land varies greatly, according to the character of the land, ditching needed to put water over the tract, local labor conditions, etc. It may be estimated roughly at from \$35.00 to \$85.00 per acre.

Prices of land vary from \$50.00 per acre for raw land to \$200.00 to \$300.00 for well improved land.

Based on government figures for 1919, building charges, under the 20 year payment plan, are about \$60.00 and \$70.00 per year on the east side and \$92.00 on the west side. The increased cost on the west side is due to cement lined ditches and concrete construction in laterals. Cost of water for the season about \$5.25 per acre, operating and maintenance, \$2.75, figures obtained from the same source.

Nine hundred and seven car-loads of alfalfa were shipped out of the project in 1919.

The McNaught alfalfa mill, in 1919, had an output of 3000 tons of hay, 910 tons of chopped feed and 800 tons of alfalfa meal.

Watch next weeks issue for more facts about the project on which you live and what it produces.

Read about our special on next page. Sappers' Inc.

## BRIDGE FOREMAN ON HIGHWAY DROWNED

J. A. Hovis of Portland lost his life in Willow Creek near Heppner Junction July 13th.

Mr. Hovis was employed as foreman on the highway bridge being constructed by W. N. Rees, local contractor, and in some way lost his footing on the bridge and fell into the water below. Other workmen were on the bridge but Mr. Hovis had drowned before help could reach him.

It is thought that he was taken sick, as he was an excellent swimmer, having been across the Columbia several times while on the work.

Mr. Hovis leaves a son in Wyoming and a daughter in Portland. Burial was in Arlington.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Read about our special on last page. Sappers' Inc.

Walter Beasley went to Pendleton Wednesday on business.

Luther Roe is visiting relatives in Union, Oregon.

Mrs. Bert Haneline was in Pendleton Wednesday on a shopping trip.

Miss Lenora Franz of Walla Walla is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nora Franz.

Miss Stella Bloch is a week-end guest at the home of her cousin, Mrs. E. P. Dodd.

Miss Virginia Todd of Pendleton was a guest at the home of her parents over Sunday.

F. H. Patterson of Pendleton has been here this week assisting Mr. Peimulder with line work.

Mrs. B. S. Kingsley and daughter, Eldora, went to Pendleton for the day Tuesday on the motor.

Shelby L. Wiggins, traveling freight agent for the Union Pacific lines, was in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Roberts entertained Monday evening with a swimming party and dinner for several friends.

Harry L. Kuck, editor of the Pendleton Tribune, was in town Tuesday on business. While here he was the guest of Mr. Farley and Mr. Coon, who are old school chums.

C. E. Cowan of Los Angeles, Cal., wife and daughter, are visiting Mr. Cowan's cousin, L. Hedgecock, who is on the Johns place north of town. Mr. Cowan is looking over the country with a view to purchasing if suited.

Dr. H. F. Pemberton of The Dalles, district superintendent of the Methodist church, will conduct the fourth quarterly meeting of that church Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Pemberton will conduct the Sunday services at the local church and hold communion.

### MICKIE SAYS

YEP, THEY SCADS OF GOOD FELLERS AROUND THIS HERE TOWN, BUT THE BEST OF 'EM ARE THE FELLERS WHO BRING IN THEIR COPY AN' ADS EARLY SO WE AIN'T RUSHED TO DEATH GITTIN' OUT THE PAPER ON TIME! NO?

YOU SAID SOMETHING, MICKIE!



## HAYNES CAR TURNS OVER

W. C. E. Pruitt, automobile dealer of Pendleton, driving a new Haynes, was slightly injured and his car badly broken up Wednesday evening, when he failed to make the turn at the feed canal southeast of Hermiston.

Mr. Pruitt was driving from Pendleton to The Dalles, and drivers of cars that he passed attribute his accident to the high rate of speed at which he was traveling, most of them estimating it at about 70 miles an hour.

At the point where the road turns to run along the feed canal he lost control of his car, which turned two complete somersaults and finally landed on all four wheels, headed in the opposite direction from which he had been going.

That Mr. Pruitt was not killed or at least badly injured is surprising. When help reached him he was still sitting at the steering wheel and the wind-shield had been bent back until his head was coming through the broken glass. He was in a dazed condition, but when brought to Hermiston for medical attention it was found that his injuries were of a minor character, most slight cuts and bruises.

The car, which carried a dealers' license is in bad condition, one wheel completely broken up, top broken up, windshield bent and broken and fenders and hood smashed.

## BALL GAME SUNDAY AT UMATILLA—POOR CROWD

The game last Sunday between Hermiston and a picked team between Umatilla and Irrigon was not as good a game as the fans expected. After the Umatilla boys straightened out their line-up, they went after the Hermiston boys hard, but the damage had all ready been done and the game ended with the score 6 to 0 in favor of Hermiston.

A very poor crowd was in attendance, due to the very hot day. But the few made up in enthusiasm what larger crowds have lacked in other games.

Markham and Walpole are a mighty good battery and deserved an even break with the Hermiston team, but their support was very poor at the start of the game, while on the other hand Phelps and Hunt had almost flawless support all through the game.

### Gasoline Up 5c

Gasoline has been raised 5 cents per gallon and pearl oil 6 1/2 cents at the local filling stations. The reason for the change in price was explained by the Standard Oil representative who was here a few days ago.

The gasoline and kerosene for this section is normally supplied from California, but owing to the acute shortage in that state, it is impossible to get any more from that source, and the local supply is coming in from refineries in Wyoming, and Utah. Higher prices are being based on the higher freight charges on the product from those refineries.

A sufficient supply is assured to meet the full demand, contingent, of course, upon uninterrupted transportation facilities.

Miss Edlie Johnson went to Pendleton Monday for the removal of her tonsils at St. Anthony's hospital.

Helstead Moore, Bitter Creek rancher, was in town Wednesday on business, leaving during the day for Seattle.

Miss Marjorie Wilson of Prineville is visiting at the Payne home this week. She was accompanied over from Prineville by her mother, Mrs. E. J. Wilson, who returned home Saturday.

Rev. J. T. Dowell of Touchet, Wash., will occupy the pulpit for Rev. Mr. Hall next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Dowell has bought property in Hermiston and expects to bring his family here next month.