

**CARELESS FIRES A CRIME**

Some cities in this country have taken the advanced ground of adopting ordinances fixing criminal responsibility upon persons who carelessly cause fires.

The careless fire is just as much of a social crime as a neglect of sanitation. It visits its loss upon the just and the unjust.

The fire hazard in America is many times greater than it should be, and much greater than that in any European country. This is due largely to the carelessness of the people with respect to prevention. A majority of forest fires are started by people who leave live embers behind them to be fanned into blaze by the wind. The accumulation of rubbish in the cities, and the careless use of matches and cigarettes, account for a great number of city fires. A law which would make a man both civilly and criminally liable for the starting of a careless fire would probably work wonders in reducing the needless loss.

It is not alone for the sake of a saving in rates that fires should be prevented. The social loss from fires represents a direct reduction of the national wealth. It adds to the cost of living and reduces the capacity for production. One mill burned down means not only the loss of the mill, but also the loss of all the goods it might have manufactured had it not burned. No one escapes the penalty imposed by criminal carelessness.

Ottaman Hamale, succeeding Will R. King as chief counsel for the United States Reclamation Service, was in Hermiston the first of the week looking after the legal end of the service here. While in town Mr. Hamale was the guest of W. J. Warner, who is an old school chum of Mr. Hamale.

Mrs. P. F. Ward and daughter Miss Lena Ward, left Wednesday for an extensive visit to Virginia where they will visit relatives and friends. They will first go to Billings, Montana, where they will visit Mrs. Ward's brother for a short time. Mr. Ward expects to leave later for a visit to his mother in New Mexico.

Peter Castric entertained a number of his friends very pleasantly with a birthday dinner and musicale Tuesday evening at the Rowe ranch. His guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Callahan and family, W. Finn, T. Drolshagen and Edward Rowe.

**PROPERTIES  
-FOR-  
SALE**

**-Buy-Sell-Trade-**

**Fall Business Activities  
in Real Estate Commencing**

20 Acres mile from town, all in alfalfa, good fence, land well leveled for easy irrigation and good stand.

25 Acres mile and half from center of town, all improved, buildings, stocked, terms.

80 Acres unimproved two miles from Hermiston, good soil, easy terms, well located, cheap.

60 Acres, nearly all in alfalfa, close in, buildings, terms.

80 Acres, good locality, some cleared, some pasture, good stock or dairy ranch can be made, price right and terms.

35 Acres, 20 alfalfa, good buildings, some terms, stocked, worth the money.

80 Acres, about 60 in alfalfa, near town, buildings, stock.

40 Acres, 30 in alfalfa, balance in crop, good buildings, good land.

Some Portland houses to trade for land here.

640 Acres wheat and stock ranch with buildings and year round water, to trade for land in this locality.

A few unimproved tracts with small cash payment and easy terms if land is improved.

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**E. P. DODD**

**Alfalfa Growers**

Of Echo, Stanfield, Butter Creek, Umatilla, Meadows, Irrigon, Boardman, and Hermiston

**Your Urgent Attention**

Preliminary steps have been taken towards the formation of an Alfalfa Growers Association in two meetings held recently at the Hermiston Public Library.

A by-laws committee is at work and plans are to be presented at a meeting in the Public Library, in Hermiston

**Tuesday Evening,**

**September 14**

at 8:00 o'clock. The promoters of such organization believe that NOW is the opportune time for an Association of Alfalfa Growers of West Umatilla County to be started, and that great benefit can come from close cooperation in productive harvesting and marketing the crop.

**It Is Hoped**

that each and every Alfalfa producer in above mentioned districts will come to this important meeting and help in getting the organization started right and with a strong membership.

This is an open meeting. There is NOTHING CUT AND DRIED. One man and his opinion, is as good as another.

The composite judgment of Alfalfa Growers is wanted NOW.

**LODGE DIRECTORY**

**QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER No. 101, G. E. S.** meets second Tuesday evening of each month at 8:00 sharp in Mack's hall. Visiting members welcome. Emma S. Johnson, W. M. Kathryn L. Garner, Sec.

**HERMISTON LODGE NO. 138, A. F. & A. M.** meets in Masonic Hall on First Tuesday evening of each month. Visiting brethren welcome. C. W. Kellogg, Secy. A. W. Prann, W. M.

**VINEYARD LODGE NO. 206, I. O. O. F.** meets each Monday evening in Odd Fellows hall. Visiting members cordially invited. W. R. Longford, Sec. G. H. Myers, N. G.

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**FIELD DAY**

**Basket Picnic**

**Speeches**

**Music**

**Judging Contests**

**Races--Games**

**UMATILLA EXPERIMENT FARM**

**SATURDAY**

**Sept. 11**