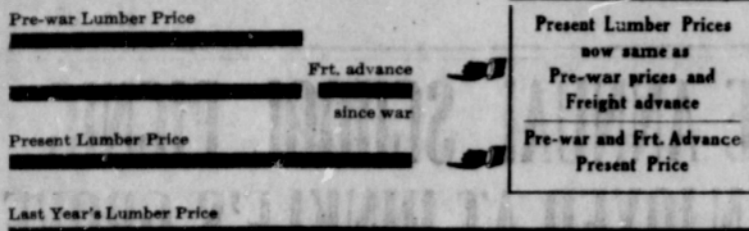


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HERMISTON IS KNOWN

Next to Bend, Oregon, Hermiston is perhaps the best advertised little city in the Pacific Northwest. As proof of this fact, we will tell an incident that happened to a local business man recently who was transacting business in one of the large cities on the coast. An interesting citizen of the large city asked the local man the population of Hermiston, and on being told that the census man gave us 655, he gave a gasp and said that he thought at least Hermiston was 5,000, he heard so much about the place. Our local booster then informed the inquisitor that the city had in the neighborhood of 1,000, stating that the enumerator didn't gather all the names in the city at the time of taking the census. It is a safe prediction that if Uncle Sam decides to take another census in 1925, Hermiston will show an easy 2,000 population, and this is a very conservative estimate.

Hermiston gets its best publicity from the crops that come from the project. Our alfalfa, fruit and honey do the trick. Hermiston's alfalfa goes all over the Northwest, and is known as the best produced. The fruit is the same, and our honey has been stamped the best in the United States, even being superior to the world famous white clover honey of California.

We can truthfully say that our local citizens are altogether too modest about talking up our country when away from home, and we wish they would call at the Herald office when contemplating a trip outside the city, as we have a special brand of "PEP" tablets that will make you talk your head off about Hermiston and the Umatilla project.

THAT SLACKER LIST

Including the names of valiant ex-service men among the list of slackers leads unbiased people to suspect that the persons who kept the records should head that list.

The lists sent out by the war department have been found to be so unreliable the press of the country hesitates to publish them until the records of each man has been carefully traced.

If the records of the war department and the draft board have been so loosely kept as to be largely unreliable, then the editorial fraternity is quite justified in refusing to publish the names of alleged draft evaders until information can be supplied from a source that is dependable.

It is better to let a hundred guilty men escape than to publicly humiliate one innocent veteran.

WHAT DO WE GET?

What are we going to get out of that \$25,000,000 this government is to pay the government of Columbia?

By consenting to this payment we tacitly admit that this government was in a measure instrumental in the secession of Panama. It is within this seceded territory that General Goethals performed the greatest engineering feat of history by constructing the Panama canal, which we own.

Central and Southern American republics are never quite at ease regarding the United States. There is always a lurking suspicion that we entertain ulterior designs toward them, with the possibility of extending the folds of the American flag to cover the entire continent at some future day.

But we have no such intentions. We have troubles enough of our own without assuming those of an alien race whose habits, customs and inclinations are not in harmony with our own.

Is this government so great that it is willing to admit a mistake of the past and make restitution to the extent of \$25,000,000?

Or is it a cold blooded effort to purchase that brotherly love that we all know does not exist?

Or what is it? \$25,000,000 is a lot of money. It means much to Columbia.

But where do we come in? Do we simply cough up and forget, or is there a hidden string to the deal?

One of the best read columns in the Herald is the Classified column. Do you make a practice of reading what is for sale, or rent, or who wants something? If you don't, you should, for you will find many bargains listed in that column. Folks in our parts know the value of this column and work it overtime. The Herald's classified columns contain more live classified ads than any other paper of the same size in the state.

Thrifty buyers on the project read the ads in the Herald and save considerable money by doing so. Our local merchants are alive to the fact that advertising in the Herald pays. Read all the ads, look them over carefully, and compare the prices quoted with other towns, and you will find that you can do better in Hermiston.

The hot weather the last few days is making the alfalfa and small fruit grow to beat the band. Local strawberries have been on the market several days, and if the weather will only stay hot, all the fruit and vegetables on the project as well as the alfalfa will be over normal. Here's hoping we all sweat some.

William J. Bryan hit the ball the other day when he declared that "no drunkard should be appointed to enforce our prohibition laws because they can not decide between their oath of office and their appetite."

The daily papers announce several restaurants in the east and some in the west have reduced ham and eggs to 25 cents. From the returns our farmers get from their hogs and eggs it ought to be 10 cents.

General Leonard Wood advises teaching the people of the Philippine Islands obedience to law and order. But if we can't do a better job of it there than we do at home we had better stop before we start.

Governments are like people. If they persist in carrying chips on their shoulders some one is sure to knock them off.

UMATILLA COUNTY SALARY BILL

At the special election, June 7, every voter will be called upon to vote yes or no upon a bill passed by the last legislature fixing the salaries of Umatilla County Officers. The bill as passed by the legislature fixes the salaries of the county officers as follows: County Judge \$2400. per year, Treasurer \$2000., Recorder \$2000., Superintendent of schools \$2400., Assessor \$2400., Sheriff \$3000., and Clerk \$2400. The salaries now received by the same officers are: County Judge \$1800., Clerk \$2000., Treasurer \$1500., Recorder \$1800., Superintendent of schools \$1800., Assessor \$1500., and Sheriff \$2500. The salaries now received have not been raised, except in one or two cases, for about 25 years. The present value of all taxable property in Umatilla county is \$58,000,000 while 25 years ago when the salaries were fixed the value of all taxable property in the county was \$7,017,473, or eight times less than it now is. During this period of twenty five years the work of the above officers has increased five fold, the cost of living at least three fold while the officers has been compelled to devote all of his time to duties of his office at a salary not in keeping with the increased work or living costs.

The total raise of all of the salaries as provided by the legislature amounts to \$3700.00 per year, which computed upon the taxable value of all property in Umatilla county, to-wit: \$58,000.00 amounts to six one-thousandths of a mill upon the \$1.00 valuation. A taxpayer paying taxes upon a valuation of \$1,000 would be required to pay 6 1/2 cents more taxes on account of the county officers receiving enough salary to make a fair living out of instead of the pittance now paid them. The great Rail Road Corporation operating in Umatilla county pay one-fifth of the total taxes so that the actual cost of this small raise in salaries would amount to practically 5 cents upon the \$1,000 valuation. The average taxpayer pays taxes on less than \$4,000 worth of property, and in the event the salary bill is adopted by the voters it would not increase his taxes more than 25 cents per year on his \$4,000 worth of taxable property.

The County Treasurer paid over \$2,000,000 last year for schools, permanent roads and other county institutions, yet she receives only \$125.00 per month for this responsible position.

The Assessor receives only \$125.00 per month, yet he must assess the \$58,000,000 worth of assessable property in the county. A position and responsibility for too great and important for the small salary of \$125 per month.

It would be our opinion that the voters should vote for this bill and enable our county officials to be more efficient.

Ladies Shirt Waists, just 5 to close out, priced up to \$3.50, just a few of these at\$1.00

6 Muslin Combination Suits. Good muslin at\$1.00

Ladies Light Percalé Bungalow Aprons, worth \$2.00 to \$2.50, just 1 dozen at\$1.50

3 Middle Waists, formerly prices \$2.50 to \$4.00, to close out \$1.50 This is all reasonable merchandise. No exchanges or returns.

Ladies Fancy Tan Hose worth 75c while they last25c

A lot of Fancy Hose worth 75c at25c

We are making special prices on Mens Sailor Straw Hats worth from \$1.50 to \$3.5050c To close out this is a bargain saver. No returns or exchanges.

Mens Clutt Shirts with cuffs attached, not new style, but good quality shirts worth today \$3.00 while they last\$1.50. No exchanges or returns.

Mens Monarch Shirts, good patterns with cuffs attached, worth \$2.50 at\$1.25 No exchanges.

Mens Work Shirts, good chambray, gray and blue, a real bargain for\$1.00

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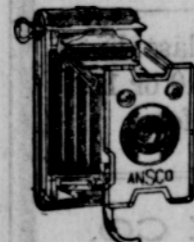
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