

COMMERCIAL CLUB APPROVES BUDGET

MEMBERS OPPOSE PROGRAM OF TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE

Vote is in Favor of Retaining County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent

The proposals of the Umatilla County Taxpayers' League for a drastic cut in the county budget were argued pro and con at the Commercial meeting Tuesday noon and a vote of approval was finally given the budget as submitted by the committee.

The proposals of the Taxpayers' league were that the budget be reduced \$156,000. To do this it would eliminate the office of county agent, county home demonstration agent, prohibition enforcement officer and would reduce materially the appropriations for several other county offices. It would curtail the work of the county library. The largest cut would be in the highway budget where more than \$100,000 was to be lopped off.

J. T. Hinkle Speaks
These proposals furnished the basis for discussion. J. T. Hinkle presented the views of the Taxpayers' league and several others argued pro and con on the questions. Most of the discussion was on the county agent and home demonstration agent offices.

It was Mr. Hinkle's contention that these jobs were unnecessary, that the taxpayers cannot stand the load and that it is their sentiment that the offices be abolished. The other side was presented mainly by J. F. McNaught, Fred Bennion, county agent, was present and defended the work of his office.

After considerable discussion a vote revealed the sentiment as almost solid for the retention of these offices. No express action was taken on the prohibition enforcement officer, though members expressed themselves as being strongly in favor of the enforcement of the law.

Whole Budget Approved
A general discussion of the county budget as a whole followed and a vote of endorsement of it as it now stands was given by the members. The club thus went on record as opposing the cuts recommended by the Taxpayers' league.

The attendance at Tuesday's meeting was almost a record breaker and there was hardly space in the Oregon hotel dining room to hold them all. Quite a number of those present were farmers.

The county budget will be discussed and finally adopted at Pendleton this coming Saturday. At that time the objections of the Taxpayers' league will be presented and considered. Members of the budget committee outside of the county court are Archie McIntyre of Helix, Carl McNaught of Hermiston and James Sturgis of Pendleton. Mr. McNaught was present at the Commercial club meeting but took no part in the discussion.

FAMOUS VILLAIN COMING IN "THE SILENT BARRIER"

Sheldon Lewis, who plays Mark Bower, the millionaire speculator and rogue in Sir Louis Tracy's "The Silent Barrier," coming to the Play House, says he always wanted to be a comedian instead of a heavy and wishes he had been born with a comic phiz instead of a serious one.

"It's a queer thing but true," remarked Mr. Lewis in discussing his villainous role in "The Silent Barrier," "that the man who writes funny stories or build comedies or farces, is a sad and serious soul to his friends. On the other hand, your chuckling, jovial chap gives birth to the most blood-curling drama.

"In my case I'm handicapped by nature for the laughing roles, despite the fact that I am a merry wight at heart. I'm cast in the dark mold that is associated so unreasonably with all the villainy in the world, but just the same I'll always be convinced that I'd have made a hit in comedy."

The annual library board dance will be an event of New Year's eve. The affair is held every year for the purpose of raising a part of the expenses of the city library. Tickets will be \$1 and will be on sale about a week before the dance. Mrs. J. T. Hinkle is chairman of the library board and is in charge of the affair.

NEWLYWEDS ARE VICTIMS OF 15 MINUTE CHARIVARI

Mr. and Mrs. William Instone Entertain Visitors; Couple Were Married Thanksgiving

15 minute charivari crowd was gathered by Edith Waddell, Elsie Parker and Sherman Wells about 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening for the purpose of charivaring the newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Instone. Mrs. Instone was Miss Leona Waddell until Thanksgiving day. After charivaring them for 16 or 15 minutes the crowd was invited into the house where they were served refreshments consisting of Cocoa and cake. The boys were treated with cigars. Roy Haddox received the piece of cake with the ring in it. All had a very enjoyable time.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS

MEETING TUESDAY FULL OF FUN AND BUSINESS

Plans Are Made for Basketball and for a Legion Show; Eats Prove Popular

Everything in the army line from "cats," to a crap game was enjoyed at the American Legion meeting Tuesday evening.

The occasion was the annual election of officers but that was only a part of the business in hand. After the boys had shaken dice until it seemed as if they never would stop the gathering was called to order by Carl Voyer, retiring Commander, and plans were made for an active post during the winter months. Earl Kingsley, adjutant of the post reported that the rifles to be loaned to the boys by the government will be here within a short time and will be available for drills and ceremonies.

Harry Kelley Commander
The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Harry Kelley, post commander; Raymond Longhorn, vice commander; Earl Kingsley, adjutant; Bernard Mainwaring, post correspondent and Dr. W. W. Hilsley, post chaplain.

There was some doubt about the latter office as the doctor wanted to resign, but so great was his popularity that his resignation was turned down with only one dissenting vote. The executive committee for next year will include Harry Kelly, Earl Kingsley, Raymond Longhorn, Hollis Percy and Clarence Carson. Ernest Waterman was appointed athletic officer and Floyd Ames sergeant at arms.

It was decided to have a legion basketball team and to try to schedule games with outside teams. It is certain that enough material will be available to make a good team possible.

The legion will give an entertainment some time in January and a committee to make the arrangements and promote the affair was appointed. It is possible that this will take the form of a vaudeville show as there is a great deal of good talent among the service men of the community.

Many Eligible to Legion
Names of all ex-service men living in this district are being compiled by the post with a view to bringing every man inside the local organization. It is thought that there are at least 70 men eligible to membership in Hermiston post.

At the call of "Come and get it," by mess sergeant Hilsley and head cook Todd the boys fell in line and got the coffee, hot dogs, pickles and buns that the commissary with the assistance of two or three K. P.'s had provided. After the feed there were army songs. Floyd Ames furnished the instrumental music.

The next meeting will be January 3 and an effort will be made to have every former service man opt.

Xmas Program Planned

The teachers of the Baptist Sunday school spent Tuesday evening in a meeting planning the "Xmas Cantata." Everyone present was bubbling over with Xmas spirit and everything points toward the best program ever. The program will be different from any ever seen here.

There will be a dance at the city auditorium Christmas eve. Tom Marxen, manager of the building announces. Bills will be out later.

SENIOR CLASS WILL GIVE PLAY DEC. 16

"THE TIME OF HIS LIFE" TO BE PRESENTED

Cast of Characters Has Been at Work More Than a Month; Mrs. Gunn is Coach

Those who attend the senior class play at the high school auditorium Friday evening of next week should have the time of their lives for that's the name of the play that will be presented by the students. It's "The Time of His Life," to be exact and the cast has been working hard on it for more than a month.

The cast of characters includes Doris Swazy, May Rogers, Aloha Hammer, Harold Waterman, Paul Stockard, Dewey Payne, Frederick Hesser, Gwyn Hughes and James Hall. They have been working under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Gunn of the high school faculty.

The play is to be given in the auditorium of the high school building at 8 p. m., Friday, December 16. The high school orchestra will play selections between the acts of which there will be three. The time of the play is in the neighborhood of two hours.

Admission will be 50 cents to adults. The ticket sale commences immediately.

The cast is as follows:
Tom CarterHarold Waterman
Mrs. Bob GreyDoris Swazy
Mr. Bob GreyPaul Stockard
Dorothy LandonMay Rogers
Mr. James LandonDewey Payne
Mrs. Peter WycombeAloha Hammer
Mr. Peter WycombeFrederic Hesser
Uncle TomHollis Gordon
Officer HoganJames Hall

UMATILLA WANTS CUT-OFF ACTION

COMMUNITY SEES NO REASON FOR DELAY

Cost is Held Small in Comparison With Tourist Trade Being Lost to the State

By Alice R. Nugent
Umatilla, Ore., Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the Home Bureau, the women went on record as champions of the Wallula Cut-Off. Several good ideas were expressed, and many questions asked.

We know that the expense of constructing this 27 miles of pavement, which would connect Umatilla and Wallula direct, would be small in comparison with the expense to the tourists who have to drive about 90 miles out of their way to get over the same territory. When tourists find out the round about the way they have to travel to get from Walla Walla to the Columbia Highway.

Many of them take the Yellowstone trail from Pasco over the mountains (which is definitely marked) and do not enter Oregon at all, because Oregon has made it hard and expensive for them to come in.

In order to complete the Columbia highway to the state line this span should be built and it's hard to understand the attitude of Pendleton if she is really an Oregon booster and not merely selfish in her motives. We are all naturally ambitious for our own locality but when the convenience and welfare of the tourist travel is an issue, we can even forgo our own ambitions.

We think if statistics were available showing the amount of tourists who go over the mountains from Walla Walla and Spokane to Seattle it would be surprising and we figure that this traffic had better be brought to Oregon.

All the west is new to most of them and they will go which ever way is easier and most accessible. This probably is one reason that Walla Walla, Spokane and Seattle are not anxious to see the cut-off built.

The late Phipps-Darnell road bill recently passed by congress provides for interstate roads when the highway commissioners shall designate their first or second in importance. Fifty per cent is the amount the federal government give to such highways. Can anyone who is unbiased and fair, see a better place to spend our money and at once.

This road is a dire necessity and we can see no good reason for not having this built.

U. S. BUDGET ALLOTS \$467,000 TO UMATILLA PROJECT; \$230,000 FOR M'KAY CREEK DAM

Umatilla News Items

The Home Bureau met on Thursday and transacted a great deal of business. Several committees had good reports to render. The Community Grounds committee reported their work finished. The Cemetery committee reported progress.

A complete resume of the work done on the Community grounds and the expense follows as everyone is interested to know just what the improvement cost. Wire fence \$28.82. Gate \$4.52, freight \$3.33, team and man (Carl Brownell) @ \$1 hour, \$13.50, putting up fence and seeding \$22.00, Carl Brownell, hauling manure \$4.00, Carl Brownell; lumber and posts \$13.50, labor \$22.00, nails and staples \$2.04, locks for wood shed and locker \$1.50, grass seed and incidentals \$15.49, making a total of \$130.69. Several men of the city donated work as follows: Mr. Renick, seeded part of the ground Mr. Nicols donated fertilizer, Mr. Nugent donated team and wagon for several days to haul debris and move the wood shed, and Mr. James loaned jacks and rollers for moving wood shed to place. The women are indeed grateful to these men as the expense would have been much greater if they had hired all of this done.

The committee on cemetery improvement has been very active and have made a good start toward cleaning up and beautifying the cemetery. On Saturday a call was issued to everyone in town to come out and a good many people responded. The Commercial club sent several men to help out. A large number of the older school boys also helped. At noon a free hot lunch was served and owing to the kindness of Mrs. James everyone had a warm place to eat, as she allowed everyone to come into her new house. There was a fire built and everyone rested and was warm. About 20 new posts were set in, all the tin cans and rubbish picked up and burned and all weeds raked and burned. The ladies are getting ready to white wash the posts and the men are building gates and stretching the wire and putting in new staples. As soon as all of this is done the grounds will be leveled and seeded and trees planted.

Every man in town is urged to be present at the Cemetery to help with the work. There will be trees to be planted, gates to build and wire to stretch and the women need help. They will appreciate help from as many men as can conveniently come out at 10 a. m. on Saturday.

The first card party of the winter series will take place on Thursday night, Dec. 8, at 8 p. m. at Community hall. Whist will be played. Prizes will be given and refreshments served. Six ladies will act as hostesses who will have full charge of the affair. The ladies in charge are Mrs. Palu, Mrs. Nerton, Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. Stangeby and Mrs. Bennett. Everyone is invited and a good time assured.

The Home talent play to be given by the Home Bureau is getting on very well and will be ready for presentation very soon.

Mrs. Nugent, president of the Home Bureau gave a talk to the members regarding the importance of the Wallula Cut-off and urged everyone to do his utmost to keep the matter before the people. She spoke of a letter written by Roy Ritter in the Portland Journal and she was authorized to answer same refuting some of his statements.

Sunday night, Dec. 4 a crowd of friends called at the home of Mrs. Burnett to remind her of the anniversary of her birth. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Five-hundred was played and delightful refreshments were served. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Paulu, Mr. and Mrs. Guereger and Mr. Salsbury of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lowellyn, Mr. and Mrs. Nugent and Miss Gladys Nugent, Mr. Burman and Mr. and Mrs. Burnett. A very pleasant evening was spent and all extended best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

Five ladies from the Echo Parent-Teachers association came to Umatilla

on Tuesday to get pointers on the method pursued by the Umatilla ladies regarding the hot school lunches. Mrs. Nugent met them and escorted them on a tour of inspection Miss Rix our cook, gave them a great deal of information and a copy of our menus. All important points were touched upon, and Mrs. Nugent told them the most necessary first steps to be taken and some obstacles there will be to overcome. The ladies left well pleased with their trip.

Mrs. Edith Van Deusen called on several ladies in Umatilla in behalf of retaining her position. The women here are all in favor of her being continued.

Herbert Lane who has been driving one of the school busses was arrested last week for not having proper brakes on his car. Parents of the children were instrumental in causing the arrest but Mr. Lane won the case.

An effort is being made to get the names of all persons buried in the Umatilla cemetery. Many were buried there before 1860 and some of the graves are not marked. Anyone knowing names of persons who have been buried here and whose graves are not marked will confer a favor by making the information known to Mrs. W. R. Nugent.

Baptist Notices
Rev. R. V. Ashmun, minister. Phone 32, residence first house east of library.

Sunday school 10 o'clock. The young married folks class is now meeting in its separate room in the basement. Adults from 20 to 45 are cordially invited.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. meets in the basement at 11 o'clock Parents are urged to let the children attend this meeting. Mrs. W. W. Hilsley and Mrs. Knox are in charge.

The senior B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30, topic "Points in our pledge we are likely to forget." The young people of the church and congregation are cordially invited.
Prayer meeting every Thursday at the church basement All are cordially invited.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.

LADIES AID TO HOLD COOKED FOOD SALE NEXT SATURDAY

The M. E. Ladies will hold their Christmas bazaar under the supervision of Mrs. Leathers and Mrs. Waterman on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Electric and Jack White building.

The De Marco Alstrup entertainers played to a packed house in the second lyceum number Wednesday evening. The program was both song and instrumental.

A Resolution of Endorsement

Whereas the ladies of the Hermiston Community club understand that the home demonstration agents' office is about to be eliminated; and whereas only 1-15 of a mill of our taxes goes to pay for this office therefore be it resolved that we do endorse the work of this agent and protest against abolishing the women's only source of help in order to reduce the budget of the county. And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the county court and be published in the newspapers.

Hermiston Community club by Mrs. I. E. Putman, sect. Officials of the Columbia Neighborhood club ask that they be placed on record as giving their endorsement to the above resolutions.

Mrs. Emma Johnson, Dealer in LADIES, MISSES and CHILDRENS WEARING APPAREL, extends the seasons greetings, and announces her new shipment of ladies, mens and childrens silk and wool hosiery. Ladies wool and silk mixed hose in popular shades. Georgette and Crepe De Chine waists, petticoats in Taffeta, All Jersey and Jersey with cotton or silk top Taffeta flounce. Satin Camisoles and bloomers, knit underwear also larra selection Ladies and Childrens Beads.

STYLE-SELECTION AND PRICE TO SUIT ALL RIGHT HERE IN HERMISTON. Shop early while selections are good.

Mrs. Emma Johnson 8nd house east Catholic church 13-1tp.

ACTION MEANS EARLY WATER FOR 35,000 MORE ACRES

Money May Be Available by Next July; Project Manager is Optimistic

The 1923 budget of the United States as submitted to congress Monday by the president's budget committee carries an item of \$467,000 for the Umatilla project. Of this \$230,000 is for the construction of the McKay creek storage dam.

This was the good news conveyed to the project by the papers of Monday evening and Tuesday morning. The development of this project, which includes many thousands of acres of tillable soil in the vicinity of Hermiston, has been held up on account of lack of water. About 30,000 acres are now in cultivation and this is a small portion of what can be cultivated if more water is made available.

Dam to be Built

To get more water the reclamation service has proposed to construct an immense storage dam on McKay creek a few miles back of Pendleton. This dam as planned will hold 75,000 acre feet of water and will provide for the irrigation of 35,000 more acres of land. The building of the McKay creek dam is the big thing in this community.

Therefore the joy at the inclusion of the item in the government's budget. People of the project should bear in mind, however, that this item will not take effect until next July when the fiscal year of 1923 opens. The budget allowed the project does not appropriate money, it merely authorizes the reclamation service to use money already in its funds.

The reclamation service funds are received from payment of charges due the government, sales of public lands and other sources. Due to depressed economic conditions this fund has been somewhat depleted and no money can come out of it for the project until it is built up.

According to H. M. Schilling, manager of the project, about \$4,000,000 should be paid into this fund by July 1. Mr. Schilling believes this project should begin receiving money very soon after July 1, though this is not a certainty.

Good Start on McKay Creek

Mr. Schilling says the \$230,000 authorized for McKay creek will make a good start. The site is appraised at about \$100,000. This will leave \$130,000 for purchase of machinery, establishing camps and making a start on the dam. Certainly Mr. Schilling says, it will make so much of a start that the government would be almost certain to put it through. The dam and the many miles of canals will be about a \$2,000,000 proposition.

Of the remaining funds allotted to the project \$50,000 is for maintenance and the rest is for new construction. Mr. Schilling says the action of the budget committee is highly encouraging. He does not feel that there is any doubt of the item passing congress as he says congress almost never changes the recommendations of the reclamation service.

Some Delay Expected

What he does wish emphasized is that it will take time for the money to become available for the work. The inclusion of the item for the dam and the project removes almost the last difficulty in the way of the construction of the dam and the addition of 35,000 acres to the Umatilla project.

BAPTIST LADIES AID TO HOLD FOOD SALE DEC. 24

The Baptist ladies aid will hold a sale of Christmas Goodies the day before Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 24 at Sappers' store.

All kinds of good things for Christmas will be displayed including fruit cakes, plum puddings, fancy layer cakes, small cakes and cookies, rolls, patties, mince, pumpkin and apple pies, whipped-cream, salads and fine homemade candies.

If you cannot attend the sale phone 32 anytime between now and Christmas and your order will have careful attention.

Chas. Webber was in Pendleton Saturday and Sunday.