

## UMATILLA'S EARLY HISTORY REVIEWED

### LAST SUNDAY'S JOURNAL HAS INTERESTING WRITEUP

#### History of County's Oldest Town is Sketched; High School Students Get Prominent Place

Oregon Journal

It is a far cry from 1865 to 1922. In 1865 a thriving, bustling city stood upon the shifting sands of the peninsula formed by the conjunction of the Columbia and Umatilla rivers. This town was chiefly a trading center. It was a Mecca for the long pack teams steadily plodding over the long, hot, dusty trails that led from the Oregon mines.

Millions of dollars worth of supplies stored in great warehouses, were handled and sold there annually. Gold was plentiful from the mines, and nearer from the sandbars of the Columbia and Umatilla rivers, where "panning" was profitable. There was an abundance of dance halls, saloons and all sorts of romance in this frontier town.

#### Fights Frequent

Gambling was a popular amusement. Saloon floors were usually covered with cards, thrown there by dissatisfied players, when they called for new decks in hope of better luck. Fights and even killings were not infrequent. It was not unusual to have "a man for breakfast."

The surrounding country was filled with warlike Indians. They did not have the courage to attack the town itself, but if they met any straggling travelers it was a different matter.

Long before the town of Umatilla was founded (1861) the Indians were wont to camp on the site of the town. Indeed, the word "Umatilla" is Indian for "shifting sands." Anyone who knows Umatilla will not deny that the savages knew what they were talking about.

#### Population Moves

But even in this rough pioneer town, squatting on the hot, white sand dunes, there were things practical as well as things romantic. In a town with 3000 population there are bound to be some children. In order that the children of Umatilla might not be neglected educationally, a school house was built in 1865.

Umatilla reached the height of her glory soon afterwards. Her star of fortune began to set. Railroads came and new towns sprang up. Little by little the business of Umatilla moved away, taking large numbers of the transient population with it.

The school showed no signs of departing. It would be hard to imagine what sights that old building must have witnessed.

#### Bullet Holes Remain

Even now bullet holes can be seen in the wall, relics of a time when the townsmen took refuge in the building in a small skirmish in which one Indian was killed.

As the town decreased in size and importance, the surrounding country became more thickly settled. In 1889 a school district was incorporated, so that one school building could serve for both country and town pupils.

Umatilla dwindled until, at last, it was little more than a village, kept in existence by the railroad company, which maintains a junction there. School was actually held in the original schoolhouse during all the years until 1913. By that time the number of pupils had so increased that it seemed wise to erect a new structure.

#### New Building Erected

A fine cement building which now threatens to be inadequate, was put up just outside the city limits.

There had never been a high school in the old days, but as time went on some of the pupils reached the high school period in their education.

After the first two years in high school they were compelled to go to other schools or quit, for the Umatilla school was not standardized and consequently could not graduate pupils.

Such a number of prospective high school students were coming on that the district deemed it wise to standardize the school in 1920. As a result the first class was graduated May 19, 1922, 57 years after the first schoolhouse was built, and 33 years later than the incorporation of the district.

#### Class Small

The class was very small, consisting of two girls, Ruby Powell and Lotys Davis. Neither of these girls started in the original class in the first grade in 1910. Miss Powell came to live in Umatilla when she was in the fourth grade. Miss Davis entered school in 1912, but caught up with the other class.

Miss Davis spent the first school year in the old schoolhouse. Miss Powell also attended there for a

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## W. J. WARNER RE-ELECTED TO 3 YEAR TERM AS DIRECTOR

Annual School Meeting Held by Voters of District 14 Monday; Brownson Re-Elected Clerk

W. J. Warner was re-elected director for a three year term and R. A. Brownson was re-elected to a one year term as clerk at the annual District 14 school meeting Monday.

The gathering was held at 2 p. m. and was attended by a large number of voters. Mr. Brownson read the financial report of the district which showed \$17,000 of outstanding warrants, which however is offset by \$10,000 in warrants due No. 14 from the union district.

The cost of running the district during the past year has been about \$22,000, the report showed. The report was accepted and nominations for director called for by F. B. Swayze, who as chairman of the board, presided. The following were nominated: Dr. W. W. Hilsley, Miss Clara Hall, W. J. Warner. Mr. Warner was elected, 104 votes being cast.

Mr. Brownson and Dr. Prime were nominated for clerk, but when the latter declined to serve, the election of Mr. Brownson was made unanimous.

The large attendance and keen interest shown was very encouraging to all who are interested in the welfare of the schools.

## W. H. GILBRETH IS CHOSEN BOARDMAN SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Cost of Educating High School Pupils Reduced Considerably; Radio in School House Favored

Boardman, Ore., June 19.—The annual school meeting was held in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock on Monday. The clerk read the annual reports and the report of the auditor. Special features shown by the figures were reduced in cost per pupil for high school instruction from \$250 to \$160 per year due in part to increased attendance and in part to the fact that the salary charge was divided because two of the teachers did part time work for the grades in manual training and domestic science.

The vote for a director for three years was closely contested, the candidates were Leo Mead, station agent at Messner and W. H. Gilbreth farmer on the east side. Gilbreth won by 5 votes. L. V. Root was chosen clerk. Votes of thanks were extended to the retiring clerk and chairman, Mrs. H. H. Weston and W. C. King respectively.

The sense of the meeting was unanimously in favor of the placing of a radio outfit in the auditorium for school and community use.

## GOODING COLLEGE, IDAHO, OFFERS FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

The editor of The Herald has been asked to announce that the trustees of Gooding College have awarded a fifty dollar scholarship to the honor graduate of the local high school for the year beginning September 11, 1922.

In addition to being a good student the applicant must have the unqualified endorsement of the superintendent of principal under whom he did his work and submit a complete record of his studies and student activities. In order to hold the scholarship, he must live clean, maintain his record as a student and uphold the ideals of the college.

Though organized less than five years ago, Gooding college had an enrollment of 173 this past year, took first place in the inter-collegiate track meet and in the oratorical contest of southern Idaho an d graduated six students with the bachelor's degree. In addition to a full liberal arts course, it offers freshman and sophomore work, the same as is given in the best colleges and state universities, to those intending to major in engineering, medicine, law, agriculture and similar subjects.

## METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

There will be no preaching Sunday morning at 11. Instead the children of the Sunday school will present their annual children's day program which was scheduled for two weeks ago but which had to be postponed.

The high school class in the Sunday school is planning a picnic next Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Voelker teaches the class.

Dr. Leech will preach here both morning and evening a week from Sunday, July 2. He will also preach at Columbia in the afternoon. Dr. Leech is district superintendent and was here for the dedication this spring.

The ladies aid held an all day service at the church yesterday. Work was done for the fall bazaar. A dinner including ice cream was served at noon.

The Baptist ladies aid had an all day meeting Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. A. E. Bensef. A splendid picnic dinner was served at noon. There were about 30 ladies present.

## UMATILLA TAKES DEFEAT AT ECHO

### STANFIELD FORFEITS GAME TO HERMISTON BOYS

Umatilla and Echo Are Now Tied for Leadership; Echo to Play Here Next; Two More Games

Sunday's Results

Echo 13, Umatilla 9.

Hermiston 9, Stanfield 0. (forfeited.)

#### Present Standing

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Echo	7	3
Umatilla	7	3
Hermiston	6	4
Stanfield	0	10

Hermiston was idle last Sunday. Stanfield sent word shortly before the time set to commence playing the game that she would not arrive and the game was accordingly forfeited. Since the news arrived in time to allow the local fans to go to Echo for the game there nobody was particularly sore.

Echo defeated Umatilla again, the score being 13 to 9. The crowd was one of the best of the season, nearly all of the irrigation league fans of all the towns being there.

#### Four Pitchers Used

The contest was characterized by hard hitting throughout, two pitchers being used by each side. King and Schwartz were moundmen for Echo while Rocky of Ione and Blakey worked for Umatilla. Echo got a two run lead in the first which was overcome and the score stood six-all in the sixth. Then Echo got three and Umatilla one, and then Echo brought in the runs that gave her the game.

The result is that Umatilla loses, for the time being at least, her lead of the league. She is now tied with Echo for that honor. Each has won seven games and lost three. Hermiston is right behind them with six wins and four losses, while Stanfield trails far to the rear with 10 straight defeats and the prospect of two more.

Echo comes here next Sunday and Umatilla goes to Stanfield. Unless Stanfield is bolstered up considerably the result there is almost certain. In fact Umatilla should have rather easy sailing in both of her remaining games which are with Stanfield. But, again, Stanfield may import some outside ball players so you can't tell.

#### Fast Game Certain Here

It is a cinch that the game here will be interesting and it will have a lot of bearing on the final result. If Echo loses she may count herself out of the pennant race if Umatilla wins. If Hermiston can beat Echo twice she will win second place and if Umatilla got beat once by Stanfield would then tie for first.

Most any of these possibilities are likely to happen except the one that Stanfield will beat Umatilla. That is pretty hard to imagine and it is Stanfield's weakness which makes it look like Umatilla's pennant this year. But its too early to say for sure.

As mentioned before, Echo comes here next Sunday and Hermiston goes to Echo for the final game on July 2. Umatilla plays in Stanfield next time and Stanfield goes to Umatilla for the final show on July 2.

## COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERS HAVE LUNCHEON AT HOTEL

Fifty-Eight Seated in Dining Room of Oregon Hotel; Talks and Music Mrs. Kellogg Reports

The Community club luncheon was held at the Oregon hotel on Tuesday. The President, Mrs. C. W. Kellogg gave a very interesting report of the state convention at Tillamook, which she attended as delegate from this club.

Mrs. Leathers led the current topic discussion. Mrs. Voelker gave a delightful description of the play, "The Wayfarers." Mrs. Correll, Mrs. Chezik and Miss Phipps gave piano solos which were much enjoyed. Miss Betty Beasley sang a charming solo. Dorothy Shotwell gave a reading. Fifty-eight members and guests enjoyed this meeting which marks the closing of the club work until the fall.

## J. B. MINER DEMONSTRATES NEW BLOATLESS HALTER

Bend Man to Introduce Invention to Farmers Here; Tests it on Mr. Pumphrey's Jersey Cow

Something new was introduced to local dairymen early this week by J. B. Miner of Bend who brought with him a new patent halter which he guarantees will prevent cattle from bloating from alfalfa pasture.

The halter fits snugly around the jaws of the animal, being adjusted to the individual cow. This only permits the animal to eat slowly, and she will therefore masticate the grass well before swallowing it. If this is done there is no bloat.

The theory sounds attractive but local dairymen who were sounded out on the question were skeptical. Z. Pumphrey was approached. He had one cow which was very susceptible to bloat and offered to bet \$50 that it would bloat in 20 minutes even if it wore the halter.

Mr. Miner didn't take the bet but agreed to pay \$125 if it killed the cow. Mr. Pumphrey informs us that the cow didn't bloat or even belch. A similar demonstration was held at Boardman. Mr. Miner has used the halter before and has been offering to pay for cows if they bloated from the alfalfa when using it.

O. C. Young is resident agent for the halter which will be manufactured at Bend and will be on the market in a few days. Mr. Miner is an old acquaintance of Mr. Young.

## MRS. R. A. STEWART ATTENDS O. E. S. MEETING IN PORTLAND

Mrs. R. A. Stewart attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Star chapters of Oregon in Portland last week. The convention lasted three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

All delegates of both the Eastern Star and Masonic lodges were taken to Forest Grove Wednesday afternoon to witness the dedication of the new home for Masonic and Eastern Star members. The home cost \$50,000 and is open to all members of the two orders who may be in need.

August Belse and C. H. Skinner attended the dedication as delegates from the Masonic order here.

## FREE METHODISTS NOTICE

Sunday school 10:00. Preaching at 11:00 followed by class meeting.

All are invited to attend these services.

Preaching at Irrigon in the evening.

## MONTANA MAN TO HEAD OUR SCHOOLS

### GEORGE W. DAY ACCEPTS SUPERINTENDENCY HERE

New Man Has Excellent Record in Executive Positions; Will Be Here About August 1

George W. Day of Phillipsburg, Montana has been elected and has accepted the position of superintendent of the Hermiston schools and principal of the union high school to succeed A. C. Voelker who resigned to accept the superintendency at Helix. His salary is to be \$2700.

The board received more than 100 applications for the position and had a heavy task in sifting them out and trying to find the man best fitted for the work here. They finally selected five men to whom they would offer the position in order if the one named should decline. Mr. Day was first on the list.

#### Record is Given

Mr. Day was graduated from the Montgomery county high school at Rockville, Maryland in 1905. The following year he attended business college in Washington, D. C. In 1906 he entered Randolph-Macon college at Ashland, Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1910 with the degree of bachelor of arts.

From 1910 to 1912 he was instructor of science and athletic coach at the Grand River institute at Austintown, Ohio. From 1912 to 1914 he was principal of a grade school at Huron, South Dakota. From 1914 to 1917 he was superintendent of schools at Belfield, North Dakota and from 1917 to 1919 he held the same position at Bottineau, North Dakota.

For the past three years he has been superintendent of schools at Phillipsburg, Montana. This is a city of 1700 people and is the county seat of Granite county. It is located in the south western part of the state.

#### Mr. Campbell Interviews Him

T. P. Campbell of the school board went to Phillipsburg on his recent trip and interviewed Mr. Day. The new superintendent is said to have a very attractive personality. He is rather a large man physically, being five feet nine inches in height and weighing 180 pounds.

He is 38 years of age, is married and has one child. Mrs. Day is a graduate of Oberlin college. Mr. Day's references from each of the schools where he has worked are highly complimentary and show that he has been able to get a better position each time he has made a change. The board of education is very happy to have secured his services.

## SCENE ABOVE AND BELOW OCEAN IN "DEEP WATERS"

Thrilling episodes both above and below the Atlantic feature "Deep Waters," Maurice Tourneur's picture production which is to be shown at the Play House next Wednesday. The story was adapted from a novel by F. Hopkinson Smith. One of the exciting scenes is where a steamer founders on the rocks and sinks. The first body which he recovers is that of the young man with whom West's young wife has run away.

Barbara Bedford, Jack Gilbert, and Broerker Christians play the leading roles in "Deep Waters," and the picture is a Paramount.

## K. E. ERICKSON MEETS MISS ALICE ROBERTSON OF OKLA.

Presidential Representative at Portland Rose Festival Speaks at Chamber of Commerce

K. E. Erickson who returned from Portland Tuesday morning was one of the few who had the pleasure of being introduced to Miss Alice Robertson, congresswoman from Oklahoma and personal representative of President Harding at the rose festival.

The occasion was the Portland chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon at which Miss Robertson was present and spoke. Mayor Baker also gave a talk in which he welcomed Miss Robertson to the city. After the program a number of the members and guests were introduced to the distinguished visitor.

Mr. Erickson describes Miss Robertson as a very kindly appearing old lady, perfectly common, not much of a speaker, but with a personality that left a very pleasing impression on all who saw and heard her.

In her talk she joked frequently about being an "old maid."

## FOURTH JUNE WEDDING IS SOLEMNIZED WEDNESDAY A. M.

Miss Milhelmina Kik Becomes Bride of Seattle Man; Service is at Wm. Bell Home

The fourth June Wedding of this year for Hermiston occurred at the Wm. Bell home Wednesday morning, June 21 when Miss Milhelmina Kik became the bride of Eugene T. Beckett of Seattle.

The service was a private one, only a few relatives being present. It occurred at 8 p. m. Rev. Harry Wann officiated. The ring ceremony was used. At 8:30 a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. The young people left on the forenoon train for Portland. From there they will go to Seattle where they will make their home.

Miss Kik is a sister of Wm. Kik and also a sister of Mrs. Wm. Bell. Mr. Beckett is one of the firm of Beckett Bros., owners of the University garage, one of the finest in Seattle.

## HOUSE ON ELI WINESSETT FARM DESTROYED TUESDAY

Building Was Occupied by Thrall Family; Loss is Total with No Insurance; Piano Burned

A house on the Eli Winesett farm which was occupied by the Thrall family was destroyed by fire about noon Tuesday.

The blaze was due to an explosion in the oil stove. The flames spread quickly and the house and contents were a total loss. The furniture and clothing were nearly all burned.

The loss includes a piano. Some of the property was in the cook house adjoining. This building was not badly burned.

It is reported that no insurance was carried, either on the house or its contents.

## COMMUNITY FOLDERS ARE OFF PRESS; GET A FEW

The community folders which the Commercial club is having printed are now off the press. They will be delivered to those who ordered them either Friday or Saturday afternoon. A few extras were printed for sale to those who were not seen by the committee of the club. Orders can be left with S. C. Lochrie, O. C. Young or at the Herald.

## PARROT IS CAUSE OF FUN IN PICTURE "NOT GUILTY"

A lowly, but not humble, parrot is responsible for many highly humorous scenes in Sidney A. Franklin's production, "Not Guilty." Director Franklin managed to get the bird into the spirit of the picture, and the bird's curious expression which the camera caught as he watched the actions of the players are said to be very laughable. Watch for his appearance Sunday at the Play House.

## ASSISTING IN OFFICE

Miss Maude Cline-Smith of Hermiston arrived in Pendleton yesterday. At present she is assisting in the office of Court and Avritt attorneys. Miss Cline-Smith expects to spend the summer here.—Tribune.

## DINNER PARTY IS GIVEN

The Misses Luchie Sullivan and Margaret Neary entertained informally at a delicious luncheon at the Neary home following a no-host theatre party last Saturday evening. A beautiful bouquet of roses centered the table at which covers were laid for Edyth Reeves, Phyllis Dyer, Arlourne Robinson, Roy Silvey, Harold Waterman, Dan Winesett, Orval Silvey and the hostesses.

## OREGON FARMER WRITER VISITS

### GEORGE ANGELL STRONG SUPERVISOR OF DAIRYING

Figures Quoted Show Milk Producing Section Most Prosperous; Hopes to Return Later

"Hermiston is to be congratulated that the dairy industry is coming back in this district as indicated by recent importations of dairy cows and calves and by receipts at the local creamery," says George N. Angell of the Oregon Farmer who was here last week. "The old dairy cow is the animal which made such districts as Tillamook, as your fellow citizen and dairy booster, T. S. Townsend, pointed out to me today, and the dairy cow will make Hermiston if given half a chance." Angell stopped here last Thursday and Friday for calls at the experiment station and on local farmers, while on his way back to Portland from the Union Livestock show. The latter he said was a surprise to him, not from the splendid quality of the beef cattle and horses exhibited, because he expected to see them in a range country, but from the number and quality of both grade and purebred dairy cows.

One contest for grades, in which the prize for the best cow was a purebred Holstein calf offered by Dr. W. T. Phy of Hot Lake, brought out 19 entries, all good, and the tops of exceptional worth. Dr. Phy's offer was renewed for next year, and it is possible that a milking contest will be a feature of the 1923 show.

#### Dairy Section Prosper

Speaking further of the value of dairying to a community, Angell said: "According to census figures compiled by the western office of the U. S. dairy division, six towns in Washington, Idaho and Minnesota, averaging 13,443 population, where dairying is developed as the principal branch of agriculture practiced, averaged \$17,325,140 bank deposits, or \$1,288 pr capita, while six towns in the same states where grain, sugar beets and fruit are principally grown and where dairying is considered a sideline, averaging 21,420 population, had bank deposits averaging \$10,360, an average of only \$479 per capita. Soil and climate conditions were about equal.

"Six months later, after a period of distress in different sections of the country, of scarcity of capital to carry on operations, and of low prices for farm produce, deposits in the same six towns where dairying is developed showed a total increase of \$60,520, while those in the other six towns had decreased \$717,160. Mt. Vernon, Wash., and Nampa, Ida., are the northwestern dairying centers referred to.

#### Figures Are Quoted

"Similarly, 1920 census figures show that western Washington counties where dairying is an important industry made the greatest percentage increase in value of farms and farm lands of any in the state during the last decade. Snohomish county, for example, increased its farm land values from \$11,807,689 to \$22,922,111, or 94.6 per cent; Whatcom county 94 per cent, Grays Harbor county 77.4, Island 74, Lewis 73.7, Kitsap 72 and Clallam 66.1; while Yakim and Douglas were the only grain or fruit growing counties which ranked among the first 10 in percentage increase. These figures merely substantiate what is a generally accepted fact, that dairymen have survived the period of depression better than any other class of farmers with the possible exception of poultrymen.

"Farmers around Hermiston evidently have discovered that they can always find a good market for their hay through feeding it to dairy cows, and that the monthly cream check provides a regular income. Along with hog-raising and the poultry industry, which work in splendid with dairying, they can establish beyond question the permanence of agriculture here. It is the one form of farming about the results of which there is no doubt, and it should be encouraged here in every possible way."

#### Hopes to Return

While in this vicinity, Angell learned that a district Duroc-Jersey futurity has been secured for the Hermiston Hog & Dairy show this fall, and said he hoped to return in the fall to see the exhibition, which has the reputation of being one of the best in eastern Oregon. He left Friday for The Dalles, to attend the Wasco county field day at the Moro experiment station Saturday.

A baby girl arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bensef Monday, June 19. The Bensefs live about two and a half miles north of town.

## Planning the Summer Campaign

