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SECRETARY WORK ORDERS SURVEY

GEN. GOETHEL'S ADVICE MAY BE REQUESTED

New Secretary of the Interior Has Accepted Invitation to Inspect Project This Summer

The new Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Hubert Work, announced that he had directed the reclamation service to investigate the Columbia basin and Umatilla rapids projects. Assistant Secretary Goodwin and Director Davis, of the reclamation service, will advise their chief as to the engineering, water, legal and other matters pertaining to the survey.

Major General Goethels, now retired, made a preliminary study of the Columbia basin project for private interests and it is believed that he will be called upon to advise in the Columbia basin and Umatilla surveys.

According to a telegram received in Spokane from Washington, Dr. Work has accepted an invitation to make a personal tour of inspection of the Columbia basin project this summer. He will no doubt avail himself of the opportunity to also inspect the Umatilla rapids project at this time. An invitation will be extended to him to meet with project workers at Pendleton and elsewhere. Congressman Sinnott will be in Pendleton the latter part of March where a conference will be held to discuss details of the survey.

TIME LIMIT ON BONUS EXTEN- DED RED CROSS LEARNS

A special letter from the State Bonus Commission to the local Red Cross, contains new legislation relative to the Bonus Law of special interest to Oregon ex-service men. The present legislature has extended the time limit for filing applications for the cash bonus to December 31, 1923.

Loan application blanks for city and farm property may be completed as late as June 30, 1927, although the first application for a loan must be filed by December 31, 1923.

"Any person who has taken the cash bonus and who at the time desired the loan but accepted the cash bonus by reason of misapprehension as to his right to elect for a loan may, upon refunding the cash bonus with interest thereon at 5 per cent, obtain the loan; provided, that the applicant can satisfy the commission that he desired the loan at the time of receiving the cash bonus."

The local Red Cross is now handling from twelve to fifteen bonus claims a month, and is prepared to take care of transfers from cash bonus to loan as well as new claims to be filed under the extended time limit.

Evening of Fun for Everybody

Come one and all to the Main Street Carnival to be held by the Ladies' Aid at the M. E. church parlors on Wednesday evening, March 21. Begins at 6 o'clock p. m. and lasts until 11. All kinds of eats from hot dog to ice cream.

Come and bring your neighbor and his friend. This was to have been a St. Patrick Carnival but was postponed until the 21st.

SEATTLE ASKS INFORMATION CONCERNING UMATILLA RAPIDS

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce has requested information concerning the Umatilla project from the Pendleton Commercial association, congratulating the local organization for the progress already made on the project. R. S. Bowles, an ex-president of Seattle chamber of commerce is a member of the executive committee of the Umatilla Rapids Power Site Association. C. I. Barr, in a letter sent Wednesday, asks the cooperation of Seattle in future activities.

Cultivation Saves Moisture

The fact that moisture can be conserved when summer arrives by a thorough working of the soil in the spring has been learned by the most successful vegetable growers of the state. A fine top surface of the garden makes it easier for the seeder to operate and produce a uniform germination and later an even stand of plants. A fine surface soil also acts as a good dry mulch and is valuable when fertilizer is broadcasted before seeding or transplanting. The successful growth of many vegetables, such as cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and tomatoes can invariably be traced to the thorough spring preparation of the soil as an important factor.—O. A. C. Exp. Sta.

Roseburg—Sutherland valley to have 50,000 feet per day capacity sawmill.

COLUMBIA FARM BUREAU TO HOLD DAIRY FEEDING MEET

F. P. Phipps, chairman of the Columbia Farm Bureau announces that arrangements have been made for the holding of a dairy feeding meeting next Saturday night. N. C. Jamison, O. A. C. dairy specialist will discuss the question of balancing rations for increased milk production. Recently the dairymen of Hermiston district have taken on a new realization of the importance of producing as much of their own dairy feeds as possible and purchasing that which is necessary at the least possible cost. In planning the spring plantings dairymen desire to take into consideration the importance of growing the right crops to produce a ration which will give them the greatest possible milk production.

Henry Ott and other dairymen in the Columbia District are pushing silos to the utmost of their ability. They are convinced that a silo is necessary for profitable dairying on a permanent basis and the quicker everyone erects a silo the better it will be for the community. Henry Ott has devised a form which can be used for the erection of a concrete silo at a very low cost.

Sidney Barnard, secretary-treasurer of the Farm Bureau, will report on the present status of cooperative buying. Other committees will make their reports and the regular business will be transacted.

The Neighborhood club will have charge of the social part of the program, which insures its success and increases the popularity of general community meetings.

Community Club Card Party

The Community club will hold a card party at the Hermiston Hotel on Thursday evening, March 22. Bridge and 500 will be played. All invited.

Methodist Church—Sunday school at 10 o'clock, morning worship at 11. Special music, Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8. Plan to attend the Sunday school institute April 18-20, by state leaders.

The Farm Bureau will meet at the Columbia school house Saturday evening, March 17, at 8 o'clock, the Neighborhood club furnishing the program and refreshments. All are invited.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT HAS BAD FIRE

Dwelling on Walter Lloyd Ranch Is Burned to Ground Friday Last

Early last Friday morning the family of E. O. Hunt had a narrow escape from injuries and probably death when the house in which they were sleeping caught fire and burned to the ground. The fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered, the five Hunt children losing all their clothes in the fire. The cause of the fire has not been determined. The house was situated upon the Walter Lloyd ranch in Columbia district. Mr. Lloyd, the owner, resides in Pendleton.

There was no insurance either upon the building or contents.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Albany—Wood products company here takes entire output Sweethome sawmill.

Wallowa—Sixteen room hotel resort and 25 cottages to be built on Lake Wallowa.

Astoria has \$175,000 hospital. La Grande plans \$200,000 paving and sidewalk improvements for 1923 rebuild the old Baxter hotel.

Eugene cooperative fruit growers association to build addition to cannery.

Cannon Beach to have \$75,000 natatorium and many new cottages. Bend is planning \$125,000 street improvements.

Union Pacific payrolls at Pendleton average \$47,000 a month. Winchester power plant to be doubled in capacity. Cost \$200,000. Monmouth requires 50 new homes at the Normal city.

Chain of tourist hotels proposed by Portland capitalists.

Klamath Falls—S. P. Co. promises early construction of Matron cutoff. City of Portland to sell 3,000 lots for delinquent taxes.

Astoria to have brick plant, capacity 65,000 per day. Roseburg cannery pays 8 per cent dividend.

Bend—Contractor to begin building 60 new houses.

St. Helens Lumber Co increases wages 8 per cent.

Lane county cuts men working on their tractors to \$10 per day.

Hood River box factory doubling its capacity.

Good indications of oil have been found in Jackson county.

Eugene—U. of O. erecting six Forest service offices \$80,000 feet of timber in the Walheur forest. No bidders.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS STORMY SESSION

COMMUNITY CALENDAR QUES- TION RESPONSIBLE

Opposition to Certain Restrictions Placed Upon Business Houses in Issuing Calendar Heard

If there be one among you who entertains the idea that the Hermiston Commercial Club lacks "pep" and fighting spirit, let him labor no longer under this illusion, for the club produced an alibi for such an erroneous idea at their regular noon day luncheon last Tuesday.

There was never a hint of the impending storm, due to break before the meeting was over, as the members seated themselves at the long table preparatory to satisfy the demands of the inner man.

After the dessert chairs were pushed back and the deck was cleared for action.

The president arose and addressed those present as follows: "Gentlemen you have not as yet decided as to the feasibility of duplicating our method of last year in printing and distributing the community calendar. What is your wish? Some one made a motion that the club continue to foster the issuing of said calendar and that the method in vogue last year as to finances, etc., again govern its issuance this year. The motion was seconded. The president then asked: "are you ready for the question?"

There seemed to be a good many not only ready but eager for the question.

At this juncture a business man of this city asked recognition of the chair. This was granted. "Mr. president," he began, "I do not wish to convey the idea that I am in any way opposed to the community calendar idea for I believe it has merits and I pledge myself to work for it in every way that I am privileged to do so, but I do believe there were certain restrictions placed upon the business men of Hermiston last year in this connection that are unfair and ask the motion be amended, leaving out this objectionable part. I refer to the pledge which we were asked to make, promising to refrain from distributing calendars as individuals."

Another business man took the floor stating that by striking out this part of the club would be ignoring one of the fundamental reasons responsible for the community calendar. "For," he continued, "the community calendar of last year meant a saving of hundreds of dollars to the business men of Hermiston." "We promised to spend the money that we heretofore set apart each year for our own individual calendar, in printing and promoting the community calendar."

"This was done and the results obtained were very satisfactory." If one man breaks the rule and issues a calendar of his own others will believe it is their duty to do the same thing. If it be encouraged the cooperation that the community calendar received last year will be lacking. The old method of each business house sending out a calendar resulted in a good many of them finding the waste basket. Only the most attractive ones secured a place in the household."

Another interrupted. "Mr. Presi-

dent," he stated, "I believe that a man has a right to spend his money for advertising in any manner that he sees fit." Then the fun started. Men began to argue pro and con on the subject. A few disregarded rules of order to state their opinion.

The president arose and interrupted the debate. "Gentlemen," he said, "I have always craved action, but at present I believe I am getting a little too much. Therefore we will adjourn this meeting and call another some time during the coming week, the purpose of which will be to decide whether or not we as a club are in favor of the community calendar."

After the adjournment groups of calendars and anti-calendars gathered, arguing and discussing, in a friendly manner, the question. A meeting no doubt will be called in the near future to decide whether or not the Hermiston commercial club will sponsor another community calendar.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Miss Lella Adleman visited at her home Sunday. Miss Lella is residing in town.

Mr. Rubner and son Arthur were week end visitors at the Bob Neimeyer home.

Mrs. Shockey is improving after a long attack of illness.

Miss Alice and Verna Locke arrived here last Saturday from Walla Walla to visit their father, B. F. Locke. They will probably remain a month.

Miss Wilma Waugaman was a week-end visitor at the home of Gladys Whitsett.

Miss Hattie Gens and two brothers began school at Columbia last Tuesday. The Gens family are living on the former Skovbo place.

Mr. Robinson, principal of the Columbia school, has been ill the past two weeks. Mrs. Robinson is substituting in his place.

W. J. Warner and family took Sunday dinner at the Frank Waugaman home.

Mrs. Matthews has been visiting at the Sommerer home the past week. Mrs. Matthews resides at Spokane.

Notice to Members of the Jersey Breeders Association
The one dollar assessment levied against each share of stock is due and payable April 1st, to Secretary C. M. Jackson.

H. J. Ott, President

AMERICAN LEGION BENEFIT

The American Legion picture "Cardigan" will be presented at the Playhouse Friday night under the auspices of the local Post. This is the first great American historical production taken from the novel by Robt. W. Chambers. Special musical program has been arranged. Prices 40 and 15 cents. Show at 8 P. M.

There will be a St. Patrick's dance at the Butter Green hall Saturday evening, March 17. Good music is assured and lunch served.

HAY GROWERS PROPOSE CHANGES

BALLOT SENT OUT TO SECURE SENTIMENT

Last Year's Local Market Prices in Hermiston Exceeded Those of the Yakima Valley

This week the board of directors are sending to all members of the association advisory ballots to secure the sentiment of the organization regarding proposed changes in operating plan.

There has been some discussion of dividing the annual pool into three pools, which would permit earlier settlements, closing these pools every 90 days and giving each grower an opportunity to select the pool in which his hay would be sold.

The second is to continue the annual pool as at present, but to underwrite to make advances to growers near November 1 of around 60 per cent of the stack value of the hay. Such an advance would give growers earlier money than is possible under the present operating plan.

The directors feel that from several angles the association has vindicated itself during the past year and because of the experience gained in two years operation is now justified in undertaking business practices and advancing money to growers in ways which were not advisable the first year of the organization.

Last year local market prices in Hermiston exceeded those of the Yakima Valley through the entire season, but this is the first year that Hermiston hay has continuously outsold Gardner hay of the Walla Walla valley. At no time have local prices anywhere in the Northwest approached those paid for hay in the Hermiston-Boardman vicinity, the difference ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Authentic reports from the Yakima valley reveal the fact that a very large number of the largest dealers in that valley have lost heavily this year in speculating in hay. The hay growers' association last spring and summer requested these dealers to assist them in getting the farmers a fair price for hay and to endeavor to see that no hay started at less than \$14. This cooperation was refused in spite of abundance evidence produced by the association that dairymen on the coast were willing to pay this price.

It now develops that these dealers continued during the summer the practice of selling short on the coast in an endeavor to hold prices of hay down.

The hay growers' association, realizing the farmers' necessity, did everything possible to get before their minds accurate statements as to the hay situation which they contended justified a considerable higher price. In carrying out this endeavor they have had the active support of two or three hay dealers, but were decidedly opposed by the majority. It is claimed for the organization by its sponsors that this activity of the association in endeavoring to raise the price of hay, as the opposing factor to the dealers' combination to bear prices, has made a difference of several dollars per ton for the entire Northwest.

LOCAL CONTRACTING CO. IS AWARDED \$15,000 CONTRACT

The J. K. Shotwell Contracting Co. of this city, was on March 1 awarded the contract to re-surface the Pendleton-Echo section of the Columbia Highway.

This section of the highway since its construction has caused the highway department trouble. A two inch coating of fine crushed rock will be laid over the present gravel road, filling up the ruts and binding the harder gravel now forming the surface.

It is believed by highway experts that when this is accomplished the highway can be maintained where the dirt filler blows out in the hot months, leaving much loose gravel which has been dangerous in the past. The award is a \$15,000 contract.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walpole of Pasco, Wash., are visiting with Mr. Walpole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walpole.

Mr. and Mrs. Graybeal and Mrs. Steward spent Saturday and Sunday in Hermiston visiting friends.

Mr. Madden of Hermiston filled the Irrigon pulp mill Sunday evening.

Shirley Hendrick and Ethel Knight were absent from school last week on account of illness.

A number of people from Patterson attended the dance Saturday night. Everyone had the usual good time. Several of the Irrigon people will attend the dance at Cooldge, Wash., Saturday, March 17.

Guy Benefield of Pendleton, visited his sister, Mrs. D. E. Ricketts, Sunday.

Ouida Hendrick has been absent from school this week on account of illness.

Ms. Geo. Hendrick left Irrigon on Sunday afternoon for a business trip through Eastern Oregon.

Beecher Lewis left Sunday morning for The Dalles and returned early Monday morning.

Ray Lamoreaux has accepted the position of cashier in the Stanfield bank.

Christine Bray was absent from school Monday morning.

Glen Rider has purchased the Overland formerly owned by Charles Dempsey.

Mrs. W. B. Howard has been seriously ill with the la grippe.

James Warner and son Harvey drove to Umatilla Saturday.

Ralph Lamoreaux has taken the place of Ray Lamoreaux and will drive the school bus the remainder of the school year.

Dale Albright was in Irrigon Monday evening.

Mr. Gordon of Hermiston, has been visiting at the W. B. Howard home this week.

C. F. Grover was in Hermiston Saturday.

Miss Ouida Hendrick went to Hermiston Sunday morning to have some dental work done. She was accompanied by Beecher Lewis.

C. L. Smith was an Irrigon visitor Sunday and Monday.

W. T. Eggleston of Pasco, Wash., spent the week-end in Irrigon visiting his wife. He returned Sunday afternoon by way of Patterson, Wash.

Miss Carris Skells and Snow McCoy were in Umatilla on Sunday.

A number of young people of Irrigon held a dance in Wadsworth's hall Saturday evening.

Bess, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lamoreaux swallowed a large number of quinine tablets by mistake Sunday and gave the family a bad scare. She mistook them for candy.

Mrs. Lizzie Bell McCune has returned after several months' visit with friends and relatives in Seattle and other points.

Mr. Munnah recently purchased the farm belonging to Farmer Smith.

Mr. Graybeal is erecting a building on his property which will be used as a wood shed.

HOG RAISING BY USE OF WASTES

OREGON PRODUCING THIRD FEWER HOGS THAN IN 1915-16

Cost of Imported Grain for Feed Is Greater Than Cost of Imported Pork Products

"The large number of hogs brought into the northwest from the corn belt in the last two years has caused considerable comment," says E. L. Potter, head of the animal husbandry at the O. A. C. Experiment station. "Fear is expressed that the hog industry in Oregon must be in rather a bad way. It is true that production is at rather a low ebb but indications are that it will probably increase as fast as conditions warrant and there seems to be no cause for serious alarm."

Oregon is producing about a third fewer hogs than in the boom years of 1915-16 and but little fewer than in the years preceding. This decline was due to two or three chief causes.

The year 1916 marked the climax of a period in which Oregon produced more hogs than could properly be fed and more than the market absorbed at profitable prices. Having had their fingers badly burned the farmers hurried to get out of the game and are reluctant to come back.

The price of wheat and hay has been relatively higher than feed grain prices so there has been in the last ten years a 40 per cent increase in wheat, a twenty per cent increase in hay, and a 15 per cent decrease in feed grains. The net result is that in spite of the decrease in number of hogs every bit of feed produced in the state was used and corn and oats were shipped in from the corn belt and barley from California.

The high price of these grains makes their extensive use for pork production unprofitable, but hog production here is based largely on feeding waste products such as skim milk, stubble, waste fruits and garbage. These wastes, especially stubble, are not as well utilized in some districts as they should be and dairy by-products in other districts. An increase in production of food grains may reasonably be expected, especially in irrigated sections.

"These conditions offer some possibilities of increasing the number of hogs," Professor Potter says. "On the other hand any attempt to increase hog production by greater use of imported corn would mean that the state would have to send out more money for corn and freight than is now sent out for hogs. But while hog production based wholly on purchased grain is not profitable we do need the hogs very badly and every farmer in the northwest should study his operations very carefully to see if he does not have some skim milk, butter milk garbage, cull fruit, potatoes, stubble, damaged grain or other waste that hogs might turn to a profit and thus bring greater prosperity to himself and the community."

Winners in Declamatory Contest

A large and appreciative audience was in attendance at the declamatory contest held last Friday evening in the high school auditorium.

The contestants in the various divisions displayed unusual talent in the delivery of their subjects. It was a hard task for the judges to decide the winners.

In the third and fourth grades Louise Root received first and Mary Brown second. Fifth and sixth, Jane Warner first, Frances Paulsen second. Seventh and eighth, Isabelle Dodd first, Dorothy Shotwell, second. High school division: Dramatic, Anita Paulsen; Oratorical, Frank Swayze; Humorous, Pauline Morris first and Howard Reid second.

Potato Blossom End Best

The blossom end cutting of potatoes proved satisfactory in those cases where tried last year and those farmers who saved the blossom end cuts for planting on disease free ground in most cases greatly reduced the amount of wilt. It is believed that by following the station methods of examining the stem ends for wilt and saving the blossom ends for special seed patches and careful summer roguing that the wilt troubles may be to a considerable extent eliminated.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

Lettuce Set Out Now

The earliest head lettuce is grown to a state of solid heading in a cold frame. This crop, usually called frame lettuce, is much in demand in the spring and fall. The plants invariably make fine solid heads. The time of setting the young plants in the field is usually in late February. The crop will begin to mature on about April 15.—O. A. C.

Locals

Joe Sykes is now one of our leading advocates for building a hard surface highway

LOST AND FOUND
FOUND—A piece of hard coal on Main street. Will return same if ownership proved. Box 177962.

RADIO NEWS
Mr. and Mrs. Winklebee were elated yesterday on receiving a code message from Station COOP.