

## SENATOR McNARY VISITS HERMISTON

### INSPECTS THE UMATILLA RAPIDS DAM SITE

#### Local Business Men Lunch With Him At the Hermiston Hotel

Last Friday Senator McNary paid a visit to Hermiston. Accompanied by local business men he visited the site of the Umatilla Rapids. While there he conferred with E. R. Crocker, the engineer in charge of investigations asking him a number of questions concerning the proposed project. At noon he was tendered a luncheon at the Hermiston hotel, at which time the senator gave a brief address. He told those present that he was "sold" on the idea of irrigation. He stated that he realized its possibilities and the bright future that was in store. "But I have to go back," he continued, "and convince the other fellow."

Senator McNary demonstrated by his address that he had made a study of irrigation and displayed a keen knowledge and insight in regards to the subject.

Those who were privileged to meet the senator were favorably impressed with the man and he made a number of friends by his visit. He left Friday for Stanfield where a dinner was tendered him by the Commercial club of that city.

#### Methodist Church Notes

We get in tune by a good night's rest when we are tired, by a stimulating book along some new line when we are mentally fatigued, by music and pictures and friendship when we need a stimulus to our sense of good, beautiful and true; and by a service of worship with our fellows when we need to put our moral and spiritual natures in tune again with the ways of God in our human life. Please be on time at the services next Sunday morning. In the absence of the pastor who is scouting with the Scouts this week at Lake Wallah, Mr. Graham, a kindly layman, will preach. Special music by orchestra. Sunday school as usual. Harry A. Wann, pastor.

#### Shower Given Bride

The Misses Lucile Sullivan and Margaret Neary were hostesses on last Saturday night to a miscellaneous shower for Leta Thomas, whose wedding was an event of Monday.

The affair which was held at the Neary residence was in the nature of a surprise. The bride-to-be received numerous useful articles, along with the hearty best wishes of her many friends for a very happy married life.

The invited guests were Mrs. Earl Boyntan, Mrs. Vane Boynton, Mary Addleman, Mrs. Lyle Tilden, Zona Bessel, Edyth Reeves, Carroll Matthews, Ruby Scott, Viola Bennett, Lila McMillan, Hazel Sutherland, Grace Skinner, Eida Buhman, Melba Callahan, Mrs. Harry Kelley, Mrs. Ursel Hiatt, Mrs. Herbert Shesley, Bernice Jackson, June Stokes, Miss Cole and the honored guest and hostesses.

#### Loses 120 Chickens Sunday Night

For the last eight weeks Bill Sutherland has been rearing with the utmost care a flock of little chicks. He had visions of them netting him a tidy little sum later on. But last Monday morning when he visited the hen-house he realized that he had been "blowing pretty bubbles in the air," for 120 of them were piled up in a heap and as dead as that fish of the briny deep that they call the mackerel.

Bill believes that a leaky roof and the rain Sunday night was responsible for his loss. They huddled up against each other in an endeavor to keep out of the rain and in doing so smothered to death.

#### Honey Men to Compete for Prizes

Local honey men will compete for prizes this year at the Hermiston Dairy and Hog Show. Prizes will be offered for honey and bees. Owners of local apiaries are requested to save specimens and enter them at this time.

#### POULTRY DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD

On Tuesday, August, 28 at the W. A. Rhodes ranch near Hermiston, there will be held a culling demonstration. The meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Mr. Crosby, Oregon Agricultural College Extension Specialist will be in charge of the demonstration work. It is hoped that all poultry raisers will attend this meeting. You will profit by so doing.

## M. F. WHITE GATHERS HISTORICAL DATA

### Submits Article the Theme of Which Is "Who Saved Oregon"

Hermiston, Oregon, August 23. To the Editor—

Who saved Oregon or who first brought a wagonload of folks and their household belongings down the western slopes of the scenic Rockies into eastern Oregon, or thence on over grand cascades to the beautiful Willamette valley?

Geo. H. Himes in an interview which appeared in Sunday's Oregonian August 12, gives some interesting data of early settlement. Mr. Himes says on account of none of the contemporary pioneers in their writings or diaries mentions Captain Lenox he seriously doubts the Lenox narrative. Recently I wrote an article that appeared in the Oregonian, in which I made the statement that Peter H. Burnett, who was chosen captain of first overland expedition, "the covered wagon of 1843," resigned the captaincy shortly after starting.

This statement was the cause of my receiving several anonymous communications protesting this statement. It could not be corroborated by early contemporary writers or by those who had left diaries; was ridiculous, one synonymized with me, I was honest but had been reading a narrative written by an old man from memory long years after the incident occurred, etc., etc.

In M. Himes interview he admits the fact of Burnett's resigning the captaincy. Other writers may have made this same statement before, yet if they did so I have overlooked reading it. A recent correspondent to the Oregonian says that J. M. Shively was very instrumental in organizing the expedition. A great many of the members of the covered wagon of 1843, who have now practically all passed on over the other divide, left records or statements that the excitement in connection with the settlement of Oregon was caused by reports from men at Fort Leavenworth about the Linn bill (this bill was to give 640 acres of land to the head of every family that would settle in Oregon) and the public address of Peter H. Burnett. In fact at the close of M. Burnett's last address at Platte City he said: Now gentlemen as many of you as would like to go walk right into my store and put your name in the book I have there. Do you know who the first man was to sign? It was then settled and conclusively so in Burnett's grocery store (Mr. Burnett conducted a grocery store as a side issue to his law practice) that as soon as arrangements could be perfected they would start across. There appears to be no doubt or question that, in connection with the interest being caused by the Linn bill, Peter H. Burnett is entitled to the honor (if there is any) above any single individual in organizing that now memorable covered wagon expedition of 1843.

Day by day ox teams and mule teams were gathering on the east side of the Missouri river at a place then known as the Westport Crossing. As the day was drawing near when they were to start an election was held and Peter H. Burnett elected captain. John Gantt was engaged for the sum of \$800 to pilot them as far as Fort Hall, that being as far as Capt. Gantt was acquainted with the trail. I would call attention that all writers in writing relative to the covered wagon of 1843 say that Burnett was captain. True, yet it is a fact that Mr. Burnett resigned the captaincy very soon after starting, to be exact it was May 22. I will relate here a statement made by William Beagle of Pendleton, Oregon, several years ago. It was after an address given by a Mr. Geo. H. or Geo. K. Himes. This address was given in Frazier's opera house on Court street and after its close small groups were standing talking. I heard Mr. Beagle relate about the resigning of Mr. Burnett and the election of David T. Lenox as captain. Mr. Beagle said he had not gone very far when he came to a small gulch, it had been raining and there was quite a lot of water that had swollen the stream and made it very difficult to cross. The teams were ordered changed from the manner in which they were traveling. The ground being soft several teams got stuck. Teamsters became angry and complained about the manner in which they were being placed. Burnett said, "well gentlemen, I threw up the job and you are at liberty to choose whom you like." They got together and talked the matter over a few minutes only, when Daniel Matheny moved that D. T. Lenox be the captain. Mr. Beagle said that he seconded the motion and Mr. Lenox was elected unanimously. (This statement of Mr. Beagle's is practically the same as recorded by Mr. E. H. Lenox.)

My mother, who crossed in the covered wagon of 1843 and is still living, was raised at North Plains, six miles north of Hillsboro, Oregon, says there were quite a number of

## HAY GROWERS PLAN NEW CONTRACT

### HAVE ANOTHER YEAR TO RUN UNDER PRESENT CONTRACT

#### Meeting Held in Hermiston Saturday to Discuss Plan to Better Fit Conditions

The Oregon Cooperative Hay Growers, who have one year more to operate under their present contract, are planning to submit a new contract in Oregon based on a 75 per cent sign-up of the alfalfa hay and to run concurrently with the Washington contract.

A number of hay growers who have so far not united with the Association met with the committee of members at the Hermiston library Saturday evening to discuss certain changes in the operation plans which would more accurately fit Oregon conditions. It is probable that a larger meeting will be held in Echo in the near future, at which the feder situation will be given particular attention.

It is generally realized by alfalfa growers who make a practice of selling to feeders that even for their market stabilization is very desirable.

The new arrangements which have been completed for finance with the Intermediate Credit Bank at Spokane make it possible to finance a carry-over of hay with no serious inconvenience to the grower. With the present outlook for prices it is realized that some systematic effort must be able to secure better than cost of production.

It is not planned that this campaign will be put on until the results in Washington have been pretty well established.

the emigrants settled at North Plains and during the time she lived there they all spoke of Mr. Lenox as Captain Lenox and that she has always known that he acted in that capacity in crossing the plains.

While the ones I have mentioned were not pioneer writers and possibly kept no records who will say they are statements made fictitiously; if so, why? What could be their reason? No, they are not that sort, and those who have had the pleasure of their acquaintance hold them in the highest esteem. There is a possibility that quite a lot of misunderstanding as to incidents that has been recorded by early diary keepers is that consideration has not been given to the dividing of the train. No there was no trouble that caused the dividing. On account of the large bands of cattle owned by David Waldo, Lindsay and Jesse Applegate so delayed them in the morning start as it was around 10 o'clock before they could get started, so it was amicably agreed to divide the company. Thirty-three wagons chose to go ahead with Capt. Lenox. Mr. Himes says Wm. Martin was a captain and no doubt here is where Mr. Martin became captain of the slower-moving and larger section of the expedition.

Dr. Marcus Whitman had joined them in May and had intended to assist in piloting them the entire way, but was compelled to leave them at or near Fort Hall.

On the evening of August 28 he said to Capt. Lenox: I have just received this letter from my wife by

## ROUND-UP MAN VISITS HERMISTON

Thousands of tourists from California and Western Oregon will be passing through Hermiston September 20-22, to attend the fourteenth annual showing of the cowboy classic, Arthur S. Rudd, advance man for the Umatilla presentation of the world's greatest Round-Up was in town recently and talked to a number of the local business men. The famous poster cowboy of the Pendleton show is again a familiar sight upon the streets of Hermiston as the result of his visit.

Rudd has been touring the entire west in the interest of the show and reports that crowds will be greater than ever before. The Shrine ceremonial is attracting wide attention, he found.

The booster arrived fresh from a conference with Round-Up association officials. He promises the best Round-Up in history for this year. The large \$2500 Roosevelt Memorial trophy will bring more contestants than Pendleton has ever seen, indication says.

"The Round-Up is Umatilla county's big amusement offering to the world and we want Hermiston to feel that it is your show as well as ours," he told the Herald, while here. Considerable benefit is derived by all the towns along the line because of the number of people that pass through on their way to the cowboy mecca, he pointed out.

#### SCHOOL STARTS SEPT. 3

Hermiston public schools will open Monday, September 3. The superintendent, Mr. Day, will be at his office at the school building Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 10 to 12 to talk over the work with any pupil or interested parent.

All positions are now filled except that made vacant by the resignation of Miss Yonney a few days ago.

the hand of an Indian. The Indians have burned my mill and she was afraid they would murder her and she wished me to hurry home, so I will leave you at five in the morning. Sit down and I will make a plat for you with camping places marked and I will send Sticous, a Christian chief, to meet you and pilot you across the Blue mountains. From the way-bill given them by Dr. Whitman they traveled from Fort Hall without a pilot until they came in view of the beautiful Grande Ronde, where they were met by the promised pilot Sticous; not only Sticous but also by his wife and two daughters who at evening time sang beautiful Christian songs.

After making a side trip to Whitman's mission where they rested three days, they journeyed on. Thus the vanguard, the entire thirty-five teams arrived safely at The Dalles November 1, 1843, where they practically disbanded, some going down the Columbia in large chinook canoes, others in various kinds of canoes, and yet others on rafts, there not being canoes available for all, while others drove their stock overland, crossing the Columbia fifteen miles below The Dalles, swimming them over two at a time beside a canoe steered by an Indian, thence to Fort Vancouver where they again crossed the Columbia river and onto Oregon City.

I have not attempted to record any incidents of the later and larger section of the 1843 immigration. I have confined myself to setting forth who brought over the first wagon-

## PROMINENT YOUNG COUPLE WED

### HAROLD McKEAN AND LETA THOMAS MARRIED IN PENDLETON

#### After A Short Honeymoon Spent In Portland They Will Reside In Hermiston

Last Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Lockwood, pastor of the Episcopal church in Pendleton, united in marriage Harold McKean and Leta Thomas, two prominent young folks of the project. Only immediate relatives of the family were present at the ceremony. Harold is the son of Mrs. H. A. McKean one of the early settlers of the project. Leta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thomas who live near Hermiston. She attended the local high school this year and was very popular in school circles.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Portland and Willamette valley points where they will spend their honeymoon after which they will return to Hermiston to reside.

#### Hoosiers

Remember the picnic to be held on Sunday, August 26, at the W. W. Felthouse home. Bring the well filled basket as usual and don't forget plates, cups, etc. You will find the place by going west on Hermiston avenue past the Catholic church until you come to the Hoosier sign.

load of folks with their household belongings. It has been asserted quite recently that Edward Henry Lenox, the author of "Overland to Oregon" in the tracks of Lewis Clark, had written the book after he had become an old man and from memory. Such statements are in error. Mr. Lenox to my personal knowledge corresponded between twelve and thirteen years with those then living that had come in the expedition of 1843, corresponding with people of both sections of the train. He also had two letters that had been written by Captain Lenox, one in 1844, the other in 1845 addressed to Geo. Swan, then living at Rushville, Ill. These letters corroborated many of the incidents.

Mr. Himes says that Mr. Lenox obtained a list of the names from him. That is true. He desired to have his narrative true and correct. I have the data how the list was originally made, but I shall not go into detail about that at present. Mr. Lenox was sixteen years old when they crossed, drove the lead or ox team the entire distance, and after twelve to thirteen years corresponding with the then members of the expedition, was able to write facts which his book contains without any question of doubt.

M. F. White

Mrs. F. L. Simpson and children left Saturday for Portland where they will spend a few days visiting relatives.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews and Mr. Bean came from Spokane Tuesday.

Mrs. Marvin Watson and son Earl joined her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Shea, and sister Mary Tuesday morning on an auto trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kellar gave a picnic on the river Wednesday in honor of Mr. Kellar's brother, Frank Kellar.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waugaman and Mrs. Ralph Foster and two children parents and sister of Mr. Frank Waugaman, arrived here Friday from Washington for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. C. J. Davis of Portland, has accepted the principalship of the Columbia school for the coming year.

Miss Sinton who returned with her brother, Mrs. Oron Felthouse and wife from Wallowa Lake, will visit here awhile.

Miss Doris Lambirth was a guest at the home of her cousin, Ruth Bennett, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Addleman and R. H. Stockard made a business trip to Echo Tuesday.

## EXCHANGE OF RECIPES

Sweet Cucumber Pickle  
Choose small even-sized cucumbers. They must be fresh. Pickle first for three or four weeks in a brine strong enough to bear up a fresh egg. The cucumbers must be kept under the brine with a weight. In about four weeks soak in fresh water for twenty-four hours. Prick each cucumber with a silver fork or pickle docker to avoid shriveling. Prepare a syrup in the proportion of 3 cups vinegar to 4 or 5 cups sugar. Add one cup mixed pickling spices to 5 gallons of pickles and heat to boiling point and pour over cucumbers. Repeat this every other day for 10 or 12 days. Add a little vinegar each time if necessary to cover the cucumbers. These may be sealed or will keep without sealing.

Mrs. J. G. Lawler

## ATTENTION FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

A business meeting of the Farm Bureau will be held at Columbia school house next Saturday, August 25.

F. P. Phipps.

#### Boy Scouts Leave for Outing

The Boy Scouts under the leadership of Scoutmaster, Rev. H. A. Wann, left Tuesday morning for a weeks outing at Wallowa Lake.

Duncan Campbell, Ralph Evans and H. A. Wann furnished cars as means of transportation for the boys.

The scouts who made the trip were: George Campbell, Harvey Adams, Morse Adams, Joe McNaught, Oscar Mikesell, Lester Carson, Forest Campbell, Douglas Smith, George Davis, Loren Wann, Albert Kenneys, Vernon Waterman, Johnny Nastine, Marion Evans and Erwin Thomas.

## ATTEND BEE MEETING AT YAKIMA

Jens Skovbo and L. D. Buhman returned Wednesday from Yakima where they had attended a meeting of the Yakima County Beekeepers Association. This meeting was called for the purpose of organizing an association to market the honey of the Yakima County Beekeepers.

The gentleman report a light crop in that part of the country, they having considerable trouble with spray poison and foul brood.

The Yakima Association is asking 12 1-2 cents per carload lots for their honey while the local price is 9 1-2 cents.

Hogan Miller expects to leave the middle of the week for Portland where he will make his future home. His wife left some time ago for the city and has rented a house that they will move into as soon as Mr. Miller arrives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rogers, of Glendale, Cal., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jay Pelmulder.

## BIG ANNUAL PICNIC THURSDAY

### EXPERIMENTAL STATION SCENE OF GET-TO-GETHER MEETING

#### Commercial Club Sponsor a Sports Program for the Occasion. Stores Will Close During Afternoon

Plans for the big annual get-together project picnic at the Experimental station on next Thursday, August 30, are rapidly taking form.

During the morning session, beginning at 9 o'clock, each member of the boys clubs will judge classes of 4 dairy cows, 4 sheep and 4 pigs. The best stock available will be obtained for the boys. The dairy cows will come from several herds, the sheep will be from the pure-bred Hampshire flock of Hampton and Gullford at Stanfield and the pure-bred pigs will be from the Experiment Station feeding tests. While this program is primarily for the boys a number of men have expressed their intention of attending and it may be that they will learn some of the finer points of stock selection from the boys.

The afternoon session starting at 1:30 will be given over to current are merely used to talk over matters and nothing comes from them but it is believed that this will be one of action also. A very general feeling has developed recently that the systems of farming usually practiced on the project are wrong basically and not profitable in that more hay should be fed on the farms and more diversified cash crops grown. This meeting will be to talk over freely among ourselves the various possibilities and after each is discussed a committee will be selected to carry that particular program into definite action. The time is ripe for a change and it is only necessary for some interested persons to put the programs through. In every instance these changes require that enough people get into them so that the products can be marketed profitably.

Considerable interest has been manifested lately in farm flocks of sheep. At Boardman for 2 or 3 years a number of farmers have profitably kept farm flocks or fed old ewes during the winter. The outstanding experiences of these farmers will be given. Mr. Dean will present the results of lamb feeding at the station last winter and point out the possibilities and pitfalls in feeding.

Not less than 20 farmers have come to the conclusion that they want to put in small acreages of prunes. To make a prune program successful all must plant the same variety and enough to justify shipping in carload lots. These men will act as a committee of the whole to formulate their plans.

The Hermiston Commercial Club is developing a plan to foster a diversification project which will include such small crops as melons, strawberries and asparagus. Their plan will be presented. As a part of this plan is a caravan trip to Kennewick at some later date to secure direct information from the growers there. The date will be determined and plans for the trip made on Thursday.

At 3:30 everyone will forget their troubles for awhile and participate in an entertainment and sports program sponsored by the Commercial Club. They promise a real time with new and original stunts. The Boy Scouts are planning a booth.

Business houses will be closed from 1 to 5 so that all may attend the picnic.

The following is the program that the committee appointed by the commercial club have planned.

Thirty-five yard dashes for girls under 12 years, boys under 12 years, girls over 12 years and boys from 12 to 14 years

Boys three-legged race.  
Boys centipede race.  
Egg race for women.  
Pie eating contest.  
Nail driving contest for women.  
Barrel boxing contest.  
Bolster fight, for men.  
Tug-of-war for women.  
Town women versus country women, eight on a side.

#### How Times Changes

The hired man was tinkering around the farm yard. The patent churn man gave him a cheap cigar and asked him how things were coming along.

"Different times," growled the hired man, "different times."

"What's the trouble?" asked the churn agent.

"I used to enjoy giving an apple to a horse."  
"And now?"  
"Well, I suppose the tractor is glad to see the oil can, but it never whinnies with joy."—New York Sun.

## Diversified Farming

