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JOSEPH T. HINKLE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

CALLED FATHER OF IRRIGATION IN OREGON

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Joseph T. Hinkle, one of Umatilla county's prominent citizens, and widely known throughout the state, died Sunday at 12:30 P. M. at his home near Hermiston. Mr. Hinkle had been suffering from an illness that covered a period of three years.

Mr. Hinkle was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, on November 2, 1866. He came to Umatilla county with his parents in March, 1882, settling in the northern part of this county in the Juniper district. Here he resided for several years. After his marriage to Miss Ada Cooper in Idaho in 1884 he returned to this county and taught school.

While a teacher in the public schools he took up the study of law and was admitted to practice at the Pendleton bar in October, 1897. At a later date he was admitted to practice in all the courts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho and the Supreme court of the United States.

Mr. Hinkle practiced law in Pendleton for several years. While in the above named city he became interested in irrigation and removed to the west end of the county. He made a thorough study of the state laws that govern irrigation and was known throughout the northwest as an authority upon the subject. He was the founder of the Oregon Irrigation Congress and was its secretary and president for several years.

In 1911-13 he served his county as representative in the legislature. While a member of this body he became known as the father of irrigation in Oregon. He won this name through the efforts he put forth towards the establishment of present irrigation laws and the revisions that followed them. He was an active participant in the councils of the National Irrigation Congress, he being a member of this body.

For several years before his death he was retained by the government as special counsel for the National Reclamation Service for the district of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The Hinkle ditch which bears his name was completed through his efforts. The different irrigation projects in Oregon owe much to Mr. Hinkle. Through his efforts and counsel they were established on a permanent basis.

At one period of Mr. Hinkle's life he was engaged in journalism. The scenes of his endeavors along this line was Denver, Idaho and Pendleton. In Pendleton he was editor of the Alliance Herald, published in the interest of the Farmers Alliance of which he then was a member.

His ability as an orator was recognized and he was always in demand at various gatherings. His friends claim he was the most eloquent speaker ever heard at the Pendleton bar.

He was one of the organizers of Aeria No. 28 Fraternal Order of Eagles in Pendleton.

He is survived by his widow, Ada Hinkle, and his son and daughter, Dale and Frances Hinkle. His mother who is 90 is still living. The living brothers are C. P. Hinkle, of Lewiston, Idaho; W. B. Hinkle, of Portland, Oregon; and A. C. Hinkle, of Hillsboro, Ore.

Funeral services were held at the home near Hermiston on Tuesday at 11 A. M., after which the body was taken to Pendleton where it was laid to rest in the Pledeto mausoleum at 3 P. M.

Mr. Hinkle was a member of the K. P. lodge for 25 years, Reclamation lodge No. 107 of Hermiston recently awarding him the gold medal that is given to members who continue in good standing during this period.

The pallbearers were selected from the Umatilla county bar association. They were Col. J. H. Raley, Will M. Peterson, James A. Fee, Fred Steiner, Homer I. Watts and W. J. Warner.

Baptist Church Hold Annual Meeting

The Baptist church held their annual business meeting last Thursday evening. There was a good representation of the members present. Officers for the coming year were elected. Reports from the various departments were very encouraging and the outlook for the work of the winter seems bright.

It was decided to hold special meetings beginning about January 1, at which time it is expected that State Evangelist Rev. Milo G. Bentley, will be here and will have charge of the meetings.

Pheasant Hunting Starts With a Bang

Last Sunday, October 14, ushered in the opening of pheasant hunting. All day Saturday and Saturday night cars came into Hermiston loaded with men, guns and dogs. The fame of the Umatilla project as a hunting ground for pheasants has traveled far and hunters from various sections of the state were in town Saturday night for the opening of the season.

There were a few who returned Sunday night claiming that they had bagged their limit. Others came in with a disappointed look upon their countenance blaming their dog or giving various other reasons for their failure to bring home the bacon. A small number made a clean breast of the affair and admitted that their poor marksmanship was responsible for the empty hunting bag. Quite a number of Portland men were hunting on the project Sunday and Monday.

Chief of Pumpkin Center Cranks His Truck in High Gear

Pumpkin center has a prominent resident whose name we offer for membership in the Poison Ivy club. He is the self-styled mayor of the above named little community. The stunt that he pulled is worthy of the club and no doubt when he is admitted they will vote him the fur lined can-opener.

Last Monday he drove into the warehouse here with a load of hay. He unloaded the hay and started to crank the truck preparatory to making the return trip. He reared upon the crank and gave her a twist. In response there was a wheeze from the engine that would lead one to believe the old bus had a touch of the asthma. The mayor gave her more gas and threw in a word for good measure that Sunday school superintendents never use in their conversation. This time she started and he made the mistake of leaving the truck in gear. She made for him like an angry bull. Now if it had been a bull instead of a truck there would be a different story to relate. He could wrestle a bull and throw him with ease. For as everyone knows the mayor of Pumpkin Center is one of the best "bull" throwers in seven precincts. The mayor's chances looked slim. He was trapped between the truck and the side of the warehouse. There was a crash as both the official from Pumpkin Center and the truck went through the warehouse. Those who witnessed the performance shuddered. They had visions of picking up his remains with a blotter. When the truck was finally stopped it was found the mayor was none the worse for his experience. He was too hard boiled. It never even dented him. It is rumored that he is contemplating taking a course from some correspondence school on how to drive a truck.

Under the System in the Reclamation Service I Have Been Unable to Get Figures that Appear to be Dependable as to the Cost of Individual Projects or the Total Money Expended on All Projects.

"It is represented, taken from the records, that the government's total investment to June, 1923 in round numbers is \$181,000,000 and its total receipts to about \$46,000,000, leaving a balance invested and unpaid of \$135,000,000.

"The reclamation service for which this department is responsible apparently requires reorganization. Annual reports of some projects indicate their insolvency and pending failure. Out of the 28 projects only one has met its obligations as they fell due. Long extensions of time for payments due are being urged individually and by projects. The original twenty year period for payment is expiring on certain projects and an additional 20 years must be granted."

In event such extension is to be preceded by a five year moratorium.

"Reclamation of arid lands by irrigation heretofore practiced on a majority of projects as a business expenditure, and must be promptly re-adjusted as to methods of reimbursement for funds appropriated for the purpose of securing the settler a permanent home."—East Oregonian.

FARM PRICES INCREASE

Department of Agriculture Reports Gain in Month.

Washington, D. C. — Farm prices trended upward during September and on October 1 the index figure of prices paid to producers for the principal farm crops was 27.3 per cent higher than a year ago; 25.6 per cent higher than two years ago, but 11.3 per cent lower than the average of the last 10 years on October 1.

These statistics were announced by the department of agriculture, which said the price level increased about 2.2 per cent during September, while the level for the last ten years decreased about 4.2 per cent during that month.

Change of Venue is Given Sinclair.

South Bend, Wash.—When Percy L. Sinclair, state senator, goes on trial on the charge growing out of the disastrous failure of the Southwestern Washington bank of Ilwaco, of making out a false statement to the state bank examiners, it will be in Chehalis, Lewis county seat. This was the decree handed down in superior court by J. T. Ronald, judge of the superior court of King county, who came here to hear the case against Sinclair on invitation from H. W. B. Hewan, the local judge. Judge Ronald granted the defendant a change of venue.

Two Persons Killed in \$1,000,000 Blaze

Los Angeles, Cal.—Two dead, scores slightly injured and property losses estimated at upwards of \$1,000,000 resulted from the brush fires which swept over ridges and canyons near the suburbs of Montrose, Eagle Rock and Glendale north of here.

RECLAMATION WORK HELD ENDANGERED

BY CONDITION OF MANY OF THE LARGER PROJECTS

Secretary Work Points Difficulties Encountered in Many of Important Projects

The entire scheme of government reclamation development is endangered by the present situation of the more important projects, Secretary Work declared, opening the initial session of the fact finding committee appointed by him to formulate a new reclamation policy. Reorganization and improvement must be effected, he said, if the settlers are to be protected from loss and the government's interests safeguarded. Complaints from various groups vitally interested in development of arid lands began to reach him soon after he assumed office, Secretary Work told the committee, the complaints covering almost every phase of activity.

"The complaints include charges," he said, "that in many of the projects the original estimates under which settlers were induced to go upon the projects were from 50 to 100 per cent too low, and that the actual cost has been so great that it is impossible for the farmers to pay out within the time and manner fixed by law or even at all, that mistakes, engineering and otherwise, had been made, which added materially to the cost of constructed projects; that others had been undertaken that should never have been started; that the overhead costs of the service and many of the individual projects all borne by water users were burdensome and excessive."

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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Silverton is to have a new railway bridge crossing Silver creek.

The enrollment of the Gaston schools shows an increase over last year.

Drilling for oil is under way at the Crane farm, four miles from Scappoose.

The Community church of Brookings, Curry county, has been incorporated.

Building permits issued in the city of Marshfield during September numbered 37.

A shortage of cars for the shipping of livestock exists in the eastern part of the state.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, for the month of September aggregated \$402,750.

More than 50 per cent of the canned goods put up in Oregon is processed in Marion county.

A reward of \$2500 each was placed on the heads of the Tunnel 13 train robbers by the Southern Pacific system.

Acting postmasters have been named for Oregon as follows: Arthur C. Wahl, Banks, and Willis L. Cady, Beaverton.

Fire destroyed the prune drier and sixteen and one-half tons of prunes belonging to O. P. Bond, four miles east of Salem.

Portland's wheat clearances last week totaled 1,592,133 bushels, a record for any similar period in the history of the port.

The First Presbyterian church of Portland ranks sixth in size in that denomination in the United States, with 2653 members.

George P. Euston of Prineville was appointed deputy state bank examiner to take charge of liquidating the defunct LaPine State bank.

More than \$500 was contributed by University of Oregon faculty members to Japanese relief, following the appeal from the Red Cross.

City Manager Kratz appointed Harry Entlers as chief of the Astoria police department. Entlers has been acting chief for several months.

Fire completely destroyed Finnish Socialist hall, a three-story frame structure which was the largest building in the Uniontown section of Astoria.

W. A. G. Handford, Corvallis dentist, was severely shocked and burned when he touched a live wire while repairing X-ray apparatus in his office.

General Joseph Haller, commander of the armies of Poland, will be a guest in Portland October 24 of the American Legion and the Polish societies.

The report of Chief of Police Jenkins of Portland for September shows that 1446 arrests were made by his men during that month, all but 160 being men.

At a meeting of the Silverton city council John Porter, a retired farmer, was chosen city mayor to succeed Mayor L. C. Eastman, who resigned a few days ago.

Petitions are being signed at North Bend asking the school board to submit to a vote of the people a proposition to float a bond issue of \$35,000 for a permanent school building.

Charles Weber, Brownsville farmer and breeder of Percheron horses, entered four horses at the state fair this year and returned home with six ribbons—four firsts and two seconds.

Nearly all the stock of the new Citizens' State bank at North Bend has been sold and the institution will open for business December 1. J. F. Gardner of Hillsboro has been chosen cashier.

Election of W. E. Van Allen of Redmond as a director, and defeat by a narrow margin of the proposed \$120,000 bond issue were the results of the Central Oregon irrigation district election.

By unanimous vote the Portland city council awarded the contract for the construction of the third Bull Run pipe line to the Willamette Iron & Steel works, the lowest bidder, at a price of \$2,571,403.65.

Marion county lays claim to the only real "dirt farmer" county court in the state of Oregon. All members of the court, including the county judges and the two county commissioners, are genuine dirt farmers.

A premature blast near Shaniko killed Robert Hodge and Charles Rogers, workmen employed on the Cow canyon section of The Dalles-Columbia highway. The explosion threw both men 100 feet in the air and mangled their bodies beyond recognition. Hodge was a former sheriff of King county, Wash., while Rogers was a Portland man.

Salem—Per capita expense of the state institutions except prison and tuberculosis hospital reduced.

Roseburg—Oregon-California Power Co. files application for permit to develop power of North Unquaga.

COMMUNITY CLUB GIVES LUNCHEON

MRS. SADIE ORR-DUNBAR IS THE GUEST OF HONOR

An Interesting and Well Rendered Program Was Thoroughly Enjoyed By All

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, more than fifty members were in attendance at the Community club luncheon and enjoyed an interesting session. The luncheon was given October 16 at the Hotel Oregon.

The usual reports were given. Mrs. Purdy represented the finance committee. Mrs. Schilling announced the passing of the income tax act at the thirty-second legislative assembly of Oregon. Discussions followed for and against the proposed measure.

The Misses Shotwell and Compton, graduates of Whitman college, sang three beautiful selections entitled, "The Cradle Song," "Sweet and Low" and "Juanita." Mrs. E. P. Dodd gave a talk about Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upham, one of the most noted women of America. Mrs. G. W. Day then read a splendid paper, "A Trip to Old Virginia," dwelling upon the most interesting places visited as Mt. Vernon, the tomb of Martha and George Washington, etc. The program was concluded by a stirring address by Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Dunbar's address principally explained the cause, motives and departments of women's clubs. She lauded the fairness and ability as a presiding officer, stating that the departments of women's clubs have been confined to seven decisive departments, namely: American Citizenship, Applied Education, Fine Arts, Legislation, Press and Publicity, Public Health and International Relations. That if these various departments were properly applied, would be a constant benefit to all. The shortness of time prevented Mrs. Dunbar from entering into details, but made many lasting impressions. All present certainly appreciated the pleasure of having had the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Dunbar.

The other guests were Mrs. W. R. Nugent, president of the Umatilla Women's club and Miss Mulheron, public health nurse for Umatilla county.

SHOTWELL-LAMBERT

Jesse Gordon Shotwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Shotwell, of this city, and Miss Mary Alice Lambert, who at one time was a resident of Hermiston, were married at Cheyenne, Wyoming, Wednesday, October 17. The wedding was a quiet affair, only relatives of the bride and groom being present. After an extended honeymoon the couple will return to Casper, Wyoming, for a short time after which Mr. Shotwell, who is an employe of the Warren Construction Co., will be transferred to Oakland, California.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of the Hermiston high school, the bride graduating from O. A. C. last year.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Those on the sick list this week are Mrs. M. Lopp, Mrs. Guisinger, Gertrude Hall and Velma Stubblefield.

Glady Whitsett was a guest at the home of Wilma Waugaman Tuesday night.

The Neighborhood club will meet with Mrs. Brooks next Wednesday. This will be an all day get-together meeting for the members and their friends.

The hard wind last Tuesday did considerable damage in the way of blowing over derricks, telephone poles and flumes and uprooting trees.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank those who offered their sympathy and aid when the angel of death came into our home and took from us our loved one. The courtesies you extended us were greatly appreciated and we stand ready in the future to repay you when called upon to do so.

Mrs. J. T. Hinkle
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Francis Hinkle

In the awards printed last week of the Hog and Dairy Show in division B swine the 1 year boar and over of which the credit of first prize is given to C. C. Mason should read T. W. Tilden.

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Portland—Willamette Iron Works awarded \$251,403 pipe line contract.

Cottage Grove cannery packing 8 tons of prunes daily.

Dallas to spend 50,000 on sewage system.

La Grande to spend \$66,234 on paving.

Cooos county to vote on \$300,000 road bond issue.

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The citizens of Beaverton voted \$45,000 water bonds for Bull Run water at the special election. The water will be piped from Portland, and a big reservoir built immediately on the hill one mile east of town.

The city of Astoria tax budget, as submitted to the county tax commission totals \$579,935 against \$283,240.46 provided in the 1923 budget. Its final adoption would raise the city tax from 25.09 mills to 34.64 mills.

District Attorney Rawles Moore of Jackson county has filed with the supreme court an application in a quo warranto proceeding to test the constitutionality of the law under which the governor is authorized to appoint special prosecutors.

Wayne Whealdon of Portland was elected president of the Funeral Directors' association at its convention in Portland. Lloyd Rigdon of Salem was chosen vice-president, Fred Walker of Springfield secretary, and Carl Whitlock of Klamath Falls treasurer.

Claude W. Barrick of Tillamook was elected grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon at the grand lodge, in session in Portland. Jay Upton of Prineville, president of the state senate in the last session of the legislature, was elected grand vice chancellor.

A fight is to be waged against goiter in the Roseburg schools. A canvas of the schools of the county is in progress to determine the number of pupils affected by goiter. As a preliminary step, Dr. Houck examined 22 Roseburg high school students and 15 of those examined had goiters.