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## OREGON HAY GROWERS SUBMIT NEW CONTRACT

### SYNOPSIS OF NEW CONTRACT BEING SUBMITTED TO GROWERS

Mr. Hull, of Board of Directors Prepares Statement of Functions of New Organization

(By Mr. Hull, Director)  
The Oregon Cooperative Hay Growers are submitting a new contract to old and prospective members.

The contract provides that grower may retain any amount of hay for feed for his stock or stock to be purchased and that this hay is exempt from any charge for operation under the contract.

The grower agrees to do what he can to encourage feeding of hay locally. The more the hay fed the better the market for hay sold. Growers of hay will ordinarily get more benefit out of the crop by feeding than by selling. The object of the association is to secure the largest benefit to each member. Should all the hay be fed by producers we would have no excuse for a marketing organization. But as long as hay is grown for sale it is necessary to maintain a marketing agency.

No hay can be sold to feeders by members except at or above the minimum price set by the association. But a member has a right to sell hay to feeders and make collections and keep the money, and pay the association 25 cents per ton to cover proportionate overhead of the association. The contract says that feeders must be approved by the association, but one can take it for granted that consent to all sales for this purpose will be given freely, as there can be no time when the association would compel a member to do otherwise than sell to feeders if it is his desire to do so. It is the duty of every member, however, to keep posted on feeder conditions and notify the association at the earliest possible moment if he considers it necessary that his hay be baled and shipped, and it is the duty of the association to keep the members informed on the feeder situation and advise members whether to hold for feeder sales or bale. Neither the association nor the member shall neglect keeping each other informed as to conditions of the market.

The contract provides that 75 per cent of the hay of the main hay growing districts must be signed up before the new contract can be declared effective. There is still a question as to whether this can be secured. Every member should do all he can to acquaint the non-members with the purposes and benefits of the association. Unless this is done it may be impossible to secure the sign-up and in any event will make it more costly to secure the percentage required. There may be doubt in the minds of some as to the necessity for this organization being put over, but if you will tell your unsigned neighbor that the men who have studied every phase of this economic situation relative to the organization of growers into their cooperative marketing institutions, consider this as a vital necessity and not an exploded theory, you may impress them sufficiently to secure their cooperation and sign up on a contract. Refer these to their bankers. Bankers all over the state have united on a policy of advocating the formation of growers cooperative marketing agencies. The only bankers opposed to it are those who private interests are naturally against the better interests of the growers. When a banker is engaged in the marketing business as a branch line or his heavy stockholders are men whose interests are opposed to cooperative marketing, you will find the banker opposed to the grower signing up. However, bankers big enough to lay personal interests and line up the movement for the benefit of the community interests.

These are the men who really stand out as leaders and for whom we advise the grower has great value. He can secure 80 or 90 per cent of the hay if everyone will do his part. We have cooperating in the easier it is to have a marketing organization. No restriction is placed on the grower in financing his operations. He can borrow freely on his crop and has the additional advantage of belonging to a corporation of large borrowing capacity. A big sign-up will enable the association to secure adequate money at lower rates of interest; it will bring money from the Federal banks into the communities at a less rate of interest, which will stimulate local business, put more money into local banks at harvest time when the local banks are pressed for money; will give the grower longer time for repayment and thus

provide the means for holding the product where it should be held and to dispose of it on the market gradually, thus keeping the product from breaking the market at harvest time and preventing the speculator from breaking the consumer when the harvest is over.

Bankers now see that instead of being a detriment to their business it is of great benefit to them when the growers are able to secure adequate harvest and market financing from other and cheaper sources.

One of the things most difficult for the grower and business man to understand is the pooling of proceeds of sales. To avoid this, many methods of handling the product has been devised and used, but they have all failed. Now it is plain to see that where the product is sold by the grower it is impossible to sell each grower's product at a time to be determined by the grower, and in such quantities as would be determined by the grower and would make it impossible to withhold the product from a glutted market or to give the advantage to each and every grower that he so earnestly desires. There could be no order to the business of marketing, no stabilization of prices and no uniformity of prices received by the grower. Such a condition results in breaking the market, breaking the grower who was ill advised as to the time of sale and the creation of inequalities and prejudices among the members that in every case breaks the association.

Some growers think that because the association markets the product, it prorate among the members of a certain pool of hay that there is too great a delay in payments to the grower. But this is not true. The grower is fully protected as to early payment in the fact that practically all the money the hay is worth is available as soon as it is ascertained as to the amount and grade of the hay. And this is not a statement of a supposition, but of a fact that everyone knows about who has had any experience with a properly organized and managed cooperative.

Adequate financing is a minor problem with a large cooperative, but an insurmountable problem with a small one.

When money is advanced to the grower for production purposes, he must pay interest on the advance. Those financially able to carry themselves are under no liability for the money loaned to members.

The proceeds of the whole crop pooled is divided prorata among members having contributed hay to the pool, but instead of each grade of hay bringing to the grower his share of the net proceeds of the sale of the pool of any one grade, he receives his pro rata share of the net proceeds received from the sale of all the hay on a differential fixed by the board of directors. If the proceeds of the sale of the whole pool of standard grade of hay exceeds in price per ton that received for the No. 1 grade, the No. 1 grade hay pool will still receive the higher price per ton. This should be right; otherwise it might in some season be placing a premium on lower grade hay. Often it happens that the No. 1 hay moves on the early market at low opening prices, and a scarcity of hay later in the season raises the price of a lower grade to rise above what was received for a large part of No. 1 grade. In such cases the price returned to the producer must be a proportionately higher price for the No. 1 than the standard, irregardless of the amounts actually received by the association for the hay. This matter of establishing a proper differential is one that has come about by experience in cooperative business and is an improvement on the old method of remittance to growers.

In remitting to growers the practice in all well regulated associations is to distribute the money as fast as sufficient is received to warrant distribution. In the course of the year it is found that this pays to the grower the total proceeds of the crop as fast as it would otherwise be received, and there is not the usual loss to growers that comes by giving undue credit to the word of a dealer as to payment.

The grower should go over the contract carefully and note the details mentioned as to reporting the crop harvested and state the estimated tonnage to be sold as feeder or baled hay. The association provide blanks for this purpose and they should be returned properly filled promptly. Many growers neglect this duty, but if each one realizes how essential it is to know the things to be reported on and what a difference it makes in the economy of handling, no one would hesitate to report as accurately and as soon as possible.

No restriction is placed on the sale of the land and it does not in any way bind the purchaser or lessee to deliver the hay. But the sale or lease must be made in good faith and not

## HERMISTON QUOTA \$300 FOR RED CROSS

### RED CROSS DRIVE WILL START WEEK OF NOV. 19 TO 24

#### Henry Hitt Appointed Chairman for Hermiston District. Will Name Committee of Assistants

Henry Hitt has been appointed chairman for Hermiston in the Annual Membership Roll Call of the American Red Cross for this year.

He will very shortly name a committee of assistants. Three hundred dollars has been assigned as the quota to be contributed by our community as its share in the support of this great national and local humanitarian work. In accordance with the custom established since war time, Armistice Day, which this year falls on the day designated by President Coolidge as Red Cross Sunday, opens the Annual Roll Call.

The actual drive in the Hermiston district will be put on during the week from November 19 to November 24.

President Coolidge in his tribute to this organization says: "Our country could secure no higher commendation, no greater place in history, than to have it correctly said that the Red Cross is truly American."

The American Red Cross is the national channel through which our people give relief to suffering caused by such disasters as flood, fire and earthquake. In addition, our local chapter is continuing its splendid war time record in a peace time service to veterans and to needy civilians. During the past year 1372 cases throughout the county, of which 779 were ex-service men, and 593 were civilians, received service or aid from the Umatilla County Chapter.

## SHERIFF AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES

Special deputy sheriffs will start next week to collect delinquent personal taxes under instructions that have been issued by the county court. The authority to collect the personal taxes and the added help necessary to do the work have been authorized, according to Mrs. Nona McFaul, deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections.

A tax turnover of \$108,772.19 was made Saturday evening by the sheriff's office to the county treasurer. Of this amount, \$106,024.30 represents current taxes and \$2,747.89 delinquent taxes. The turnover is all of the money received to date with the time limit, for paying taxes before they become delinquent, expired.

The sum of \$251,731.25 on the 1922 tax rolls is delinquent, according to Mrs. McFaul. This is a greater delinquency than occurred last year by \$100,000.

Portland—Rose City Park to get new \$10,000 library.

Hood River—Butler Banking Co. to erect new building.

Eugene—Work on new Parson creek bridge completed.

Marshfield—Methodists to build a fifty bed hospital here.

## Hay Growers Hold Meeting at Boardman

Men who have the local hay growers' campaign in charge journeyed to Boardman Tuesday night to be present at a meeting held in the school house the purpose of which was to explain to the growers of that district the contract and the aim of the organization.

W. A. Goodwin, president of the Boardman Commercial club, acted as chairman of the meeting.

A. L. Lovelace, who is representing the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Hull, president of the Yakima Farm Bureau, were the principal speakers of the evening. Both men made a strong plea for the association.

Quite a number of growers attended the meeting.

## BODY FOUND NEAR JUNIPER CANYON

### EVIDENCES OF FOUL PLAY ARE FOUND

#### Sheriff and Coroner Believe the Remains to be That of a Woman Who Wore Outer Clothing of a Man

A body thought to be a woman was found Sunday morning in the Columbia river about 15 miles east of Umatilla.

County officials who went to the scene of the discovery declare that a fracture of the skull on the left side indicated that there had been foul play and the victim was then placed in the river to hide the crime.

The body was discovered by A. Gibbs and John Fehlen, two ranchers of that district. They drove their car to the river to replenish the water supply in the radiator when they made the ghastly find.

The head, although under water, was visible and the stub of one leg could also be seen.

Sheriff Houser and Coroner J. T. Brown were at once notified by phone and went to the spot to investigate. The body was found close to a rock which slopes down to the water and was in a back eddy between a rock and an old log which is partially buried in the sand. Rocks had been piled on the body and the action of the water had worn away the flesh on the skull, hands and legs, leaving the torso only partially whole.

Most of the clothing was gone but enough remained to make it appear that the body had been dressed in a mackinaw, a blue vest and overalls with women's garments underneath. The skeleton indicated that the person had been large and heavy. Small pieces of lead pencils, an old razor and a small pocket mirror were the only things found in the clothing. The teeth were in good condition, but whether the teeth were removed before death or by the action of the water since the body was placed in the river, the coroner declared he could not form an opinion. The age could not be determined.

The body was buried on the banks of the river not far from the place where it was found. A jury called by the coroner gave as its opinion that the unknown person had come to death at the hands of persons unknown by violence.

It is believed that the body had been in the water for a period of six months or possibly ten.

## HERMISTON MEN WIN FIRST PRIZES

### McNAUGHT AND STROHM HAVE BEST HOGS

#### Other Entries at Stock Show From This County Not As Yet Heard From

According to a telegram received here J. F. McNaught and George Strohm, hog raisers of the Umatilla project, grabbed two first prizes at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition held in Portland. Mr. McNaught won first prize for the best carload of light weight hogs and Mr. Strohm for the heavy weight carload of hogs.

A number of other hog raisers from this district were exhibitors at the exposition but as yet no word has been received concerning their luck at the show. It is believed that when the final results are obtained other men from this territory will be among the prize winners.

## MEETING TO BE HELD AT COLUMBIA SCHOOL

This Friday evening at 7:30 the Columbia Farm Bureau and the Hermiston Commercial club will hold a joint session at the Columbia school house. The purpose of this meeting is to further discuss diversified farming and to ascertain how many farmers of the project are willing to sign up for a specified number of acres.

The subject of cooperative marketing will also be discussed at this time.

The two representatives of the Farm Bureau who were sent to Kennewick went into conference with those in charge of marketing for the Kennewick district and were informed by these gentlemen that they would be glad to handle the marketing end for this territory. This matter will also be discussed at the meeting.

This meeting is of vital interest to every farmer on the project and a large attendance is expected.

## Methodist Episcopal Church

Sunday, Nov. 11.—Sabbath school at 10 A. M., with classes for all ages. Geo. C. Patterson, superintendent. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Special father and son service. All men and boys of the community especially invited. Come and bring your boy. If you have not got one borrow one for the day. Epworth League at 7 P. M., Miss Wilkinson leader. Evening worship at 8 o'clock. Special meeting of the Ladies' Aid Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Weekly prayer and bible study Thursday evening at 7:30. We are glad to announce that we have to increase our seating capacity. The Sabbath school is growing and interest in all the branches of the church work is steadily increasing. Henry Young, minister.

## Local Dentist Honored

Dr. F. V. Prime, of this city, was elected president of the Umatilla County Dental Society at their meeting in Pendleton last Saturday. Dr. D. B. Hill, of Pendleton, was elected vice president and Dr. W. B. Leach, also of Pendleton, secretary.

Beaverton—\$75,000 contract is awarded for dormitory for St. Mary's home for boys.

## SON OF HERMISTON MAN ENDS HIS LIFE

### Ill Health is Given as Reason For The Act

Charles (Jack) Woodard, son of John Woodard, who lives in the Columbia district, committed suicide on October 9th near his homestead in Idaho, by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun.

He had resided at Nyssa, Oregon, for a number of years where he was engaged in the sheep business. Recently he sold his large flock on account of the condition of his health, he never having fully recovered from an attack of influenza several years ago. He owned a homestead on the Idaho side of the Snake river and while visiting the claim he seemed to have conceived the idea of committing suicide. Taking his gun he went several miles across the sagebrush flat and fired the fatal shot. He was missed and a search instituted, the body being found only a few days ago. The remains were brought to Heppner Monday where the funeral was held on the same day under the auspices of the local Odd Fellows lodge.

His father was expecting him to come to Hermiston to spend the winter.

## RECLAMATION TO HAVE NEW START

Following a two day conference at Denver with leading engineers of the United States reclamation service, Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work announced a reorganization of the reclamation service on what he termed a "railroad basis"—putting the actual construction work of various projects under the supervision of a chief engineer with headquarters in Denver, and continuing the operation phase of the work in the bureau at Washington.

Secretary Work announced that a complete "house cleaning" program has been going on within the service and the reorganization scheme will be effective immediately. The secretary said that the position of director of reclamation has been abolished and some 25 employees in the Washington bureau dismissed, which will result in the annual saving of \$20,000.

"Under the new plan," Secretary Work said, "construction and operation will be entirely separate. When a project is constructed, it will be turned over to the operating department for maintenance."

Sec. Work declared, "conditions in the reclamation service have been really serious," and expressed the belief that under the reorganization the "reclamation service will be put on its feet."

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Niemeyer of Touchet, Washington, have been guests at the home of their son Bob Niemeyer this week.

Mrs. Augusta Linder returned on Tuesday from an extended visit in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Graham accompanied their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Hazen, to Portland, where they will be guests of Mrs. King Bundy, formerly Hattie Graham.

Mr. C. J. Davis, principal at Columbia, made a trip to Walla Walla Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. Jessie Tabor, of Wallace, Ida., has been visiting his brother, James Tabor, this week.

The two upper rooms of Columbia school were closed Tuesday on account of the election.

The young folks of Columbia enjoyed a werner roast last Wednesday in celebration of Halloween night.

Cooperative Poultry Ass. Formed  
The capital stock of the Farmers Union Egg and Poultry association organized in Spokane is placed at \$300,000 according to their articles of incorporation, filed recently with the secretary of state. The incorporators are Fred Boyd, O. O. Groh and John Lynch, who have organized under the cooperative marketing act to deal in poultry products and sell supplies to members. Everything is in readiness for the opening of the association headquarters soon.

Portland—Jantzen Knitting Mills building \$20,000 addition to mill.

Astoria—Improvement work at Bradley Park being rushed.

Salem—\$1,352,266.08 expended under Oregon Soldiers, Sailors and Marines educational act; \$39,267 is paid ex-service men attending Willamette university.

## COMMUNITY CLUB BOOK CAMPAIGN

### OTHER MATTERS ARE UP FOR CONSIDERATION

#### Regular Meeting Tuesday at Library. Retiring President Presented With Gift

The regular meeting of the Community club was held at the library Tuesday afternoon, November 6. The meeting was enjoyed by all as it proved to be an unusually interesting session. One of the business features of the meeting was the Book Campaign. A committee has been appointed to carry on this work, to get books and raise funds for the replacement of books in the library to be used by the school children, especially for those in the lower grades. At the proposal of Good Housekeeping the club will go on record for straw vote for ballot. Mrs. T. G. Winter, president General Federation of Women's Clubs, strongly urges all clubs to take part in this preliminary vote as it is sure to have some bearing on the choice of candidates for the next president of the United States.

The program consisted of a paper by Mrs. Gale on "The Little Theater Movement," and one by Mrs. Rena Waterman on Judge Florence E. Allen. On January of this year Judge Allen, of Cleveland, Ohio, took her place on the supreme court of the state of Ohio. She is the first woman in the world to occupy that office. Before the adjournment of the meeting Mrs. Schilling made a shirt speech of appreciation in behalf of the club to Mrs. Root, and at the close presented Mrs. Root with a gift as a token of esteem. Mrs. Root has been president of the Community club for almost two years and has devoted unlimited time to the betterment of the club. Mrs. Root is leaving for Portland and the club wishes her success in all her undertakings. After the meeting a surprise tea was given in honor of Mrs. Root and a social half hour followed. Mrs. E. P. Phipps will be the next Community club president.

## IRRIGON SCHOOL AND TOWN NEWS

Mr. Lyle Seaman spent the week end here attending the carnival. He returned to Portland Monday.

Mr. Adams and family motored to Portland where they will spend the week with relatives.

Ethel Knight was absent from school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week on account of sickness.

Walter Warner and Leola Benefield were absent from school Monday.

Ethel Knight and Gertrude Gray-beal were absent from school Tuesday.

Mrs. Lyle Seaman was absent from school Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Norcross spent Sunday with the Smiths.

The crowd at the carnival was large, nearly all of the local people being present. It was not nearly so large as the two years previous on account of the lack of visitors from neighboring communities. All the ice cream, hot dogs, candy, pies and cakes were sold and a nice return was yielded.

Robert Smith is the only student in high school who has had perfect attendance this year.

The new section house near the school is beginning to take on the appearance of a house, now the concrete work on the basement is finished.

Jewel Payne third grade and Howard Payne first grade, started to school on Monday of this week. They were former students of the Hermiston school. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are working for the state highway commission.

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## Fermenting Time



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