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IRRIGATION APPROPRIATION URGED

CONGRESS ASKED TO EXPEND A SUM OF \$250,000,000.

Extension of Time To Settlers Frowned On.—Reclamation Congress Makes Recommendations

A resolution that congress be requested to appropriate at an early date the sum of \$250,000,000 or more for expenditure under the reclamation law as promptly as such money can be wisely expended, was adopted by the western states reclamation association, meeting in convention at Salt Lake City.

The meetings are being attended by representatives of 13 western states—Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and Texas—and all phases of semi-arid land problems are under discussion.

Other resolutions adopted follow:

"We re-affirm the original policy adopted by the western states reclamation association at its organization in 1909.

"We appreciate the fact that both the republican and democratic parties in their national platforms in 1920 advocated favorable reclamation of arid lands. We urge that the national convention of 1924 reaffirm that declaration.

"We of the west have seen the benefits of federal irrigation and the miraculous transformation of desert wastes into prosperous farm homes and communities, court the careful examination of its merits and value to the nation.

The death of President Harding's son, the west lost a sympathetic friend and reclamation an earnest supporter. We extend to Mrs. Harding our heartfelt sympathy and shall always hold in profound respect and veneration the memory of this truly great and good president.

The western states reclamation association looks with disfavor upon the proposed law to extend the period of payment by settlers of government reclamation projects an additional 40 years. Such extensions would be construed, although unfairly, by opponents of reclamation as an admission of the failure of government reclamation projects and with equal unfairness as a set in the attempted repudiation.

Meaning for practical, definite, immediate relief for those settlers covering a sufficient period of time to enable them to adjust their affairs, so as to meet their payments to the government are provided under existing laws and regulations, and extensions thereof is now tendered by the needful such relief. Moreover, the fact might be considered that failure of payment impairs the principal of the revolving fund to be applied to pending projects. This association urges settlers on reclamation projects to accept this certain relief as against the improbability of securing favorable congressional action at this time, or at any other time in near future.

"The western states reclamation association hereby extends its thanks to Honorable Hubert Work, secretary of the interior for his sympathetic and helpful attitude toward reclamation.

"We recommend that serious consideration be given to a plan whereby the government shall upon each transfer of ownership, receive a fixed percentage of the difference between the amount at which the land is sold and the agreed basic price of the raw land, plus the cost of improvements made thereon by the original settler and his successors, until the water right be fully paid."

COUNTY BEE KEEPERS ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

Membership Shows Increase of 25 Per Cent Past Year. Officers For Year Are Elected

Fourteen beekeepers attended the annual meeting of the Umatilla County Beekeepers Association held in the library November 19. During the past year the membership increased more than 25 per cent and totals at present 44 members, some of whom reside in other counties.

Two car loads of honey were this year handled by the association for its members, this representing a turn over of \$2734.33. No marketing of honey was this year attempted by the association.

The following were elected to serve as officers for the coming year. C. Bancroft, president; L. L. Penney, vice-president; L. L. Buhman, secretary and treasurer.

DRILLING OPERATIONS ARE RESUMED HERE

A. A. Durand Starts Contract on Oil Well

A. A. Durand, of Walla Walla, started drilling operations for oil at the well near this city last Wednesday. Mr. Durand is drilling under contract awarded him by the North-eastern Oregon Oil Exploration Company some time ago.

Under the contract a well for 2000 feet, or until gas or oil is discovered, must be drilled by the contractor. Mr. Durand is a driller of much experience, owning six large drilling machines. He has drilled in the oil regions and is familiar with the different formations and strata. The directors feel highly pleased with having closed the contract with him as it will give the assurance of a thorough test of the local structure. Heavier tools will be used and a double shift put on which will make drilling more rapid. At present the structure drilled through is hard basalt rock, the drilling going down about five feet a day.

BODY FOUND IN RIVER THAT OF EDNA ROGERS

Cold Springs Mystery Cleared and Body Found Identified as That of Former Umatilla Girl

The skeleton of the woman found in the Columbia river five miles above Cold Springs recently has been identified as Edna Rogers-Pitman, a former Umatilla girl. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Eagle Valley near Baker were here on Wednesday to view the remains and were quite positive in the identification of their daughter, who has been missing since December 9, 1922. She had written from North Powder to her parents saying that she and her husband were starting home and that was the last that had been heard from her. Shortly afterwards parties had been seen driving along the Cold Springs road answering the description of Edna Rogers and her husband and an article in a Portland paper of recent date telling of the finding of the skeleton of a woman decided the parents to investigate.

The identification is complete beyond any reasonable doubt, according to the prosecuting attorney and the coroner. The marks on which the identification depends include curved joints on the little finger and the little toes, a mark on the teeth, and an old scar on the shin bone of the right leg.

The body when taken out of the water was minus both hands and one foot was missing, but enough of the skeleton has been gathered together to show some of the marks.

She was 19 years old at the time of her death, the parents said. Her husband, whose last name was Pitman, but whose given name is not known, is suspected by Mr. Rogers of having killed his daughter. He threatened to kill her when the young couple were living near Echo. Mr. Rogers says, and she returned to the home of her parents.

Later Pitman came to the Rogers home in Eagle Valley, visited his wife and her parents for about a month, and then persuaded her to return to him and live with him. They worked for awhile near Huntington and on December 9, 1922, a letter written by Mrs. Pitman was received by her parents in which she said she and her husband were coming to Eagle Valley. That was the last word ever received from her.

Pitman is said to be six feet four inches tall, has piercing eyes, is erect in carriage and thrusts his chest out with a swagger when he walks. He is reputed to be part Cherokee Indian.

Mr. Rogers told the coroner that from his investigations made at Echo since coming from his home over the Blue mountains, he had found that Pitman made the boast that he was a bad Cherokee and that he was going back to Eagle Valley and make up with his wife and then kill her. This threat is said to have been made during the interval when Mrs. Pitman was living with her parents after her husband had threatened her life.

A search is being made for Pitman and several clues make it seem possible that he will soon be apprehended.—Umatilla Spokesman.

Smoker Is Held for Business Men

Last Thursday evening, November 15, a smoker was held by the directors of the Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers to the business men of this city. The purpose of this meeting was to talk over the plans of the hay growers in marketing and to list the active support of the business men. About fifty business men and growers were present. Different men were called upon for short talks. It is hoped by enlisting the aid of the business men that the campaign will be put over and a seventy-five per cent sign-up secured by the last of this week.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET WELL ATTENDED

SPEAKING AND MUSICAL NUMBERS COMPOSE PROGRAM

Over Two Hundred Were Seated at The Tables Which Was Spread on Main Floor of M. E. Church

Over two hundred men and boys attended the Father and Son banquet last Friday evening on the main floor of the M. E. church.

From a point of attendance it was the most successful event of its kind ever held in this city. The local Commercial club sponsored the banquet. The supper was prepared and served by the ladies of the M. E. church.

Those down on the program for short talks were Professors Day, Grapp and Guilford of the high school faculty. Mayor Todd, E. P. Dodd and Dr. F. V. Prime also spoke. A. E. Bensen gave an address for the grade schools and Earl Bensen and Hugh Walker replied. The main address of the evening was given by Rev. W. W. Davis. The musical numbers by Enos Martin, Paul De Mortimore and W. L. Hamm were well received.

It was indeed gratifying to the Commercial club to witness the interest displayed by those who attended. A get-together meeting of this nature brings about a mutual understanding between father and boy and both receive a great deal of good from them.

Community Club

The last meeting of the Community club held at the library Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 20, was fairly well attended and those present took a marked interest in the straw vote of choice for next president. Only the total votes of each candidate from the entire list of clubs will be given out. Mrs. Schilling gave a report of the legislative committee. Mrs. Day, Mrs. Schilling and Mrs. Brownson were appointed to conduct the book campaign. A box for the W. C. T. U. orphan's home at Corvallis will be placed in Sappers' Inc. so that anyone wishing to contribute to the Home may do so. Sheets, pillow cases, towels and clothing are acceptable. Mrs. J. W. Campbell read a splendid paper on "Representative Prose and Poetry Writers of Oregon." Mrs. Campbell's paper was both educational and interesting. Several important political questions were discussed and the club moved to go on record to endorse them. Election of new officers for the ensuing year will be a feature of the next meeting. All the club members are urged to be present at this meeting.

Library Board Appointed

At the last meeting of the city council this body confirmed the appointments made by Mayor Todd of those who will serve as members of the board of Hermiston's public library. The appointments made and confirmed were as follows: One year term, O. G. Sapper. Two year, Mrs. J. K. Shotwell. Three years, George Patterson. Four years, H. M. Schilling. Four years, Mrs. T. H. Gaither.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Secretary of The Interior Issues An Order Effective Jan. 1, 1923

According to an order issued by the Secretary of the Interior effective January 1, 1924, the Bureau of Reclamation will be organized as follows:

Under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, with offices at Washington, D. C., shall have charge of all work of the Bureau. The Commissioner shall report to the Secretary of the Interior.

Under the supervision of the Commissioner of Reclamation, the Chief Engineer, with office at a point designated by the Secretary of the Interior (now Denver), shall have charge of all engineering work, including reconnaissance, investigation, design and construction, and such other work as may be assigned. The chief engineer will report to the Commissioner.

Under the supervision of the Commissioner of Reclamation, the Field Commissioner, with office at a point designated by the Secretary of the Interior, shall have charge of the operation of reclamation projects, including delivery of water; lands; crop production, handling and marketing; improvement of farm conditions, industrial betterment, collection of water and other charges, and settlement of land. The Field Commissioner shall report to the Commissioner.

Under supervision of the Commissioner, Field Commissioner and the Chief Engineer, project managers, with offices at points designated by the Commissioner, shall have charge of the work of all kinds related to their respective projects. The project managers shall report to the Commissioner, Field Commissioner and Chief Engineer according to subject matter as indicated by this order.

Under supervision of the Chief Counsel, located at Washington, D. C., the district counsels, with offices at points designated by the Commissioner, shall have charge of the legal work in their respective districts and shall when called upon assist the Field Commissioner and the Chief Engineer and their forces. The District Counsel shall report to the Chief Counsel.

TO THE FARMERS

The one thing necessary to success in the hay growers' organization is more members.

Seventy-five per cent of the hay cannot be signed without every hay grower helping out.

The solicitors have gone over the whole district, and a lot of growers have not signed. Some are about ready to sign. All it needs is a neighbor to help out.

Now let's all work together. Let the hay office know who can be signed; bring him into the office for a contract.

If we don't put this over the market will break and the profit will be gone for this year and your opportunity for Oregon is gone. See your neighbor.

Do it now!!! Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers Hermiston, Ore.

For Thanksgiving, Fresh oysters. Order your turkey early. City Meat Market.—Adv.

FARMERS FORM CROP ASSOCIATION

DECISION REACHED AT MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Keen Interest Displayed in Production of Asparagus, Berries and Poultry Work.

A comprehensive program for the development of horticulture in the west end of Umatilla county on lands adapted to fruits, vegetables and specialty crops was presented to the farmers last Wednesday night at a meeting held under the auspices of the Hermiston Commercial club and the Columbia Farm Bureau.

Speakers included C. L. Long, Lee Lampson and Fred Bennion. Problems of fruit growers on the west end project was discussed by Mr. Long, fruit specialist of the O. A. C. extension service. Mr. Lampson in his talk considered some of the fundamental steps necessary in the actual production of both asparagus and strawberries.

Questionnaires were recently sent out to the farmers in the west end to ascertain their desires as to putting out acreage of grapes, asparagus, strawberries, etc. Forty-four replied to the questionnaire. The information received shows that 12 farmers are interested in producing new potatoes; 28 have intentions of putting in asparagus beds; 14 will have acreage devoted to strawberries. There were 29 who expressed a desire to develop their poultry flocks.

A committee composed of E. P. Dodd, Tom Fraser, J. H. Reid, Harry Straw, Otto Heintz, Sidney Barnard and Dr. Beletski were appointed to carry on the work.

About 100 were present at the meeting.

Hermiston Man on O. A. C. Team

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Nov. 22.—John Thomas Haddox, of Hermiston, is one of the men turning out regularly for the first year wrestling team. Haddox is showing up well in the 150-pound class. He is a freshman in commerce.

J. N. TEAL TO VISIT HERMISTON

Banquet Will Be Tendered Him by Commercial Club

J. N. Teal, of Portland, president of the Umatilla Rapids Association, will visit Hermiston today according to word received from Pendleton. Mr. Teal is making a personal visit to the rapids to observe the drilling work now under way. It is also his desire to meet Mr. Crocker who is the engineer of the government survey.

Mr. Teal will arrive in Pendleton from Baker and will leave immediately for the rapids. He will stop over in Hermiston and a luncheon will be tendered him by the Commercial club.

A number of the business men of this city will accompany the party to the rapids site.

An Episcopal meeting will be held Wednesday evening, November 27, at the Hermiston hotel. The speakers will be Rev. Tenbrook, Laughlin and Mrs. Wells, deaconess.

FOOTBALL TEAM WILL EAT TURKEY AT UNION

Thanksgiving Dinner Will Be Given Them by Local Commercial Club After the Game

Thanksgiving day the members of the Hermiston foot ball squad will not have a chance to partake of the roast turkey and pumpkin pies that mother makes for they are scheduled to play the Union high school at Union. But after the game they will be ushered into the dining room of the hotel at Union where a real Thanksgiving feed will await them. The Hermiston Commercial club as a token of appreciation of the record made by the team this season, will make all arrangements and will stand the expense of the banquet.

At the luncheon of the club Tuesday noon Superintendent Day stated that more money was needed by the school for athletic purposes. A committee was immediately appointed to go out during the afternoon and raise the money. In a short time over a hundred dollars was procured which will be turned over to the student body to be used for athletic equipment.

The business men of this city are proud of the team and the honors they have garnered and stand ready to aid them financially or in any other manner they are able to do so.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS ACTIVE

(By Gladys Whitsett)

Club work is well founded in Columbia district as is proven by the four industrial clubs this year.

Interest has been created which tends to enlarge the enrollment for next spring. The work has proven not only beneficial to the boys and girls but also an asset to the district as it has in other communities. Thanks are due to the four different club leaders who gave their time and help to the work. Those members completing their work and filling their final reports at Corvallis are:

Poultry Club—Gertrude Hall, Gladys Whitsett, Pearl, Geneva and Leroy Gusinger, Harvey and Donald De Moss and James Waugaman. This club was a one hundred per cent club as all members finished and therefore will receive a diploma of acknowledgement from Washington, D. C. It is already in possession of a charter from the above mentioned place. The members appreciate the help given by Mrs. Lulu Rhodes, their club leader.

Bees Club—Helen Bennett, Gladys Whitsett, Sherlock Stockard, Merrill Bennett, Gilbert Whitsett.

The members of this club are planning on a larger enrollment next spring. Their framed charter may be seen in the Columbia school house. Thanks are given the club leader Mr. B. H. Stockard for his help and interest.

Pig Club—Lowell and Sherlock Stockard, Tom Lenhart, Alton and Alvin Hooker, William and James Waugaman, Gilbert Whitsett, Carl Haddor, Sumner and Bryce Robinson, Tilford Stillings and Leon Norquist.

This club exhibited at Salem state fair and International Live Stock Exposition and brought home the bacon. A team consisting of the first three mentioned represented the club at the International. Henry Sommerer, their local leader, was a great aid to them in all their activities.

Calf Club—Gladys and Gilbert Whitsett, Carl Haddox, Walther Ott, Victor Addleman, Oscar Whitsett, William Waugaman, Gerald Haddox, Alonzo Lenhart, George Beddow and Loren Jackson.

This club was also a one hundred per cent club. Plans are being formulated for a purebred Jersey calf club and probably a purebred Holstein calf club next year. A team consisting of the first three members mentioned represented the club at the Salem state fair. The club leader, Henry Ott, is greatly responsible for the success of the club.

Postal Receipts Show Gain

Postmaster Skinner states the postal receipts for the time beginning October 14 and ending Nov. 14 were \$648.85. This is a substantial gain over last year.

Mr. Skinner stated that the farmers are realizing the opportunities offered them by parcel post shipments and are taking advantage of this method of transportation more and more each month. This he believes is responsible for the increase of postal receipts.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Sunday, Nov. 25—Sabbath school at 10 A. M. Classes for everybody. Morning worship at 11. Evening worship at 7 P. M. Special Thanksgiving services Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. You will be welcome to any or all of these meetings. Henry Young, minister.

HERMISTON HI OUT-PLAYS THE DALLES

VICTORS BY A SCORE OF 19 TO 0 SATURDAY

Local Boys Play a Brand of Foot Ball That Completely Baffles the Visitors

When you go out to watch the home town team play foot ball and you have heard a good deal about the visitors having a squad that was unbeatable, they claiming the championship of Eastern Oregon, and from the rumors you heard you believe the locals haven't a chance in the world to win, and then the home town boys grab the game with a score of 19 to 0—"Oh, man, isn't it a grand and glorious feeling!"

Those who attended the game last Saturday between The Dalles high and Hermiston high were treated to just such a thrill.

The news of The Dalles victories had traveled in advance of the team. They had met and defeated Vancouver, Washington, Dufur and others by large scores. The day before the game with Hermiston the Pendleton Buckaroos had gone down to defeat before them by a score of 21 to 0. Taking these things in consideration, the dopsters had it figured that the locals had the same chance as a flea at a bull pup's convention.

When the two teams trotted out on the field Hermiston's stock did not raise any. The Dalles team looked heavier by a good many pounds.

"Bill" Warner, the referee, blew his whistle and the game was on.

After a few minutes of play it was apparent that Hermiston had the better team. When The Dalles had the ball she was unable to make yardage while the locals made gains through center, around the ends and in every other manner that they so desired. Soon the boys began to realize that The Dalles was a monster in name only. With this realization they began to gain confidence and in a few minutes of play the ball was carried over for a touchdown. Longhorn kicked goal. The crowd went wild. The unexpected had happened. Hermiston had crossed The Dalles goal line the first time to accomplish this feat so far this season.

In the second quarter another touchdown was made by Hermiston. This time Longhorn missed goal. The Dalles had nothing in their assortment of plays that seemed to fool the boys. In a number of instances they nipped the man with the ball before he could move.

In the third quarter Hermiston scored again but missed kicking goal for the third time.

The Dalles only chance for a touchdown came in the last quarter. Hermiston tried to punt but the ball was blocked. It was The Dalles ball and only a few yards from Hermiston's goal line. The Dalles tried hard to put over the ball but failed. They lost the ball on downs and Hermiston punted out of danger.

Every man on the local team played almost perfect foot ball. It would be hard to pick the individual stars of the game.

When The Dalles beat Pendleton last Friday they laid claim to the championship of Eastern Oregon and their claim at this time was well founded. By winning from The Dalles Saturday Hermiston grabbed the Eastern Oregon high school championship.

The town is justly proud of the team. Much credit is due to Coach Gralapp for the showing made this year. He is an old Willamette player and was taught most of his foot ball by Mathews, who is at present coaching the University of Idaho.

Hermiston has one more game this season. On Thanksgiving day they will meet the high school of Union. Addleman, who was out of the game Saturday on account of injuries, will play against Union on Thanksgiving day.

Turkey Shoot and Raffle at Irrigon
The Irrigon Commercial club will have a turkey shoot and raffle at that place Sunday, November 25. They will have a complete set of targets and clay pigeons for both shotgun and rifle shooting. A lunch will be served from 12 to 3.

The Elliott Family Orchestra, Canada's favorite family of musicians, will appear at the M. E. church in a concert December 5. Further particulars will be given later.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer and daughter, of Hermiston, attended church in Irrigon Sunday night.

Pumpkin Pie

