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PROJECT FARMERS TO ORGANIZE JAN. 22

ORGANIZATION TO BE PERFECTED AT THIS TIME

Meeting Will Be Held in Library Following the Commercial Club Luncheon of That Day

January 22 is the date that has been set for a general meeting of farmers in the west end of the county who are interested in growing special crops which will be introduced this spring on the irrigated farms. An organization will be perfected at this meeting, contracts will be signed and orders for plants will be pooled.

Farmers have already indicated an intention of devoting more than 50 acres to small individual acreages of asparagus, strawberries, early potatoes and grapes. It is estimated tht 100,000 asparagus plants will be needed for the spring planting of beds, and a large quantity of strawberries will also betransplanted.

Indications point to between 75 and 100 acres of the crops being signed up before the organization date.

The decision to hold the meeting January 22 was made Tuesday at a meeting of the committee in charge of the preliminary work.

FARMERS FACE NEW YEAR WITH BETTE RPROSPECTS

(By Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture)

The industry, courage and faith evidenced by the farmers of the nation during the past three years are slowly bringing their reward. Improvement in agricultural conditions continues—not as rapidly as desired or needed, nor as rapidly as deserved, but nevertheless it continues. The promise of the year has been fulfilled.

So we come to the end of the third year of post-war depression with a feeling of greater confidence born of better times already realized and with justified hope of still further improvement in 1924.

In general the crops of 1923 were good. Considering money return we find that the values of most crops are greater than in 1922. The total value of all crops is 12 per cent greater.

It is difficult to measure the productive vale ouf livestock during the year, dependent as it is upon crops marketed in that form. In general, it has been a prosperous year for sheep growers, fairly good for dairy men, less satisfactory for producers of hogs and discouraging for growers of range cattle. Cattle feeders, however, have done very well on the whole.

There are discouraging conditions still to be overcome. There is the burden of debt. There are heavy taxes to be met. The cost of production and of what the farmers buy remains high. Farmers in the spring wheat territory especially are in sore straits from conditions largely beyond their control.

Experience gained during these years of depression, however, together with progress already made, warrant a hopeful attitude for the coming year. Gradually crop acreage is being better adjusted. The domestic market continues strong. The children keep coming and that means a steadily increasing number of mouths to be fed. Those who stay by the farm and do good farming can look forward to better times as a reward for their years of toil and hardship. Those whose businesses depend directly upon farm purchases can find decided encouragement in the growing gross income of the farmer, for he will buy as his income expands.

The year 1924 comes with the promise of continued improvement in the material prosperity of the farmer, and the farmer continues to be the material and spiritual backbone of the nation.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Hold Joint Installation

Last Monday evening the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this city held a joint installation. The affair was opened to the public.

The new officers was installed with impressive ceremonies. After the work of the lodge was dispensd with a program of entertainment was carried out.

An orchestra composed of Miss Wenworth, W. L. Hamm and Paul Miller furnished the music for the dancing. The old fashioned square proved to be the popular dance of the evening. George Strohm acted as master of ceremonies for the dance.

Refreshments were served.

C. A. Keller left Friday for Hot Lake sanatorium where he will take treatment for several days.

TO THE PUBLIC

Owing to the prevrlence of contagious diseases it behooves us all to use all means in our power to protect the community We are trying to get our school clean, and as health officer I ask the cooperation of all the teachers and each father and mother to immediately report any contagious disease. Measles seem to be the most prevalent at present, but there may be any other at any time. Where there is a contagious disease in any family and no physician in attendance, the parents are requested to report the case to the health officer so that proper quarantine may be made and the report made to the State health board.

If each teacher will give a list of names of families where children are absent on account of illness it will greatly aid in getting a proper line on things. Please bear in mind that we must work together to succeed.

Dr. Francis F. Adams,
City Health Officer.

Plans for Farm Shop Instruction

One of the largest and most significant movements for the development of farm shop is now under way in connection with the school of vocational education in the Oregon Agricultural College, in connection with the practice instruction given in the department of agriculture of the Corvallis high school.

The plans provide for the organization and equipment of a farm shop in connection with the department of farm mechanics at the college which will be used as a practice department by students studying agriculture in the Corvallis high school. The instructions will be immediately under the direction of H. H. White who is in charge of the department this year, but the technical instructions will be given by Mr. Jensen of the college department of farm mechanics. The college is providing the equipment but later this may be taken over by the Corvallis board of education. The object of the establishment is clearly to train prospective teachers of agriculture in the giving of instruction along farm shop lines. Technical instruction will be acquired in other departments but the method of imparting this to students will be worked out in connection with this model farm shop. This shop will also be of great value to those attending summer school and special courses will be arranged for their benefit.

FARMERS ARE REPAYING WAR FINANCE LOANS

The annual report of the War Finance corporation shows that since it was given power to make agricultural and livestock loans, which power became effective August 24, 1921, it has approved loans in the sum of $467,508,000 for agricultural and livestock purposes. On this amount $287,740,000 had been actually advanced to November 30, 1923 $169,708,000 to banking institutions $80,096,000 to livestock loan companies and $37,936,000 to cooperative marketing associations.

To November 30, 1923, there have been total repayments aggregating $211,345,000, or 73 per cent of the amount originally advanced. Of this amount $126,006,000 was repaid by banking institutions, $50,601,000 by livestock companies and $34,738,000 by cooperative marketing associations, leaving a balance of $43,702,000 due from banking institutions, $29,49g,000 due from livestock companies, and $3,198,000 from cooperative marketing associations.

The War Finance corporation has also actually loaned $38,654,000 to finance exports. Of this $28,469,000 went to banking institutions, $7,547,000 to exporters and $2,638,000 to cooperative marketing associations.

Straw Will Serve as Member of Dairy and Hog Show Board

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Hermiston Dairy and Hog Show in the public library, the election of a board of directors was the principal order of business. Harry Straw was the new member elected, taking the place of H. T. Fraser, who has served in this capacity for some time. The list of directors include C. M. Jackson, A. W. Agnew, H. M. Stillings, P. P. Sullivan and H. M. Straw.

McGuire Of The Mounted

This is the title of the picture coming to the Playhouse next Saturday and Sunday. It is a Northwest Mounted story and teems with action from the word go. Wm. Desmond, the popular screen star, takes the leading role and is ably supported by a cast of prominent players.

RECLAMATION SURVEY SHOWS PROJECTS TO BE UNPROFITABLE

Costs Vastly Exceeded Estimates, Irrigable Area Decreased and Arrearages Run Into Millions

Secretary of the Interior Work has made an analysis of the financial status of the 28 irrigation projects constructed by the United States government. In issuing the analysis Secretary Work said:

"This intensive study of reclamation as a business is the first ever made. It should have been made ten years ago. Agriculture, the only resource for the return of the money expended by the government, running into some $141,000,000, has not been treated as essential to reclamation, nor its development encouraged as it should have been.

The compilation shows the original estimated cost of the 28 projects to have been $93,435,641, while the net construction cost was $141,787,005.

The original estimated irrigable acreage of these projects was 3,056,427. The actual acreage irrigated is 1,202,130.

The original estimated cost per acse was $30.57. The cost per acre for area actually irrigated is $117.

Of the net construction cost only $15,592,842 have been paid to June 30, 1923, leaving a difference yet unpaid of $126,194,163. Of the 28 projects, 18 have been in operation 15 years or over, and all but one have been in operation over nine years. Comparatively little has been paid on the construction costs of those which have been in operation the longest.

The total operation and maintenance costs up to June 30 have been $17,059,231. The total operation and maintenance receipts up to the same date have been $11,370,744, leaving a deficit in maintenance and operation of $5,688,487.

All told, there is an amount unpaid by the water users on these projects of $132,062,788, which is due on construction costs, operation and maintenance and water rentals. Three of the projects have been abdoned by the government.

Dewey Payne Has Poem Published

Dewey Payne, who was until recently a resident of this city, is the author of a poem appearing in "The Lariat," a western magazine published at Salem, Oregon, by Colonel E. Hofer. "Way Out West" is the title of the poem. Dewey is a graduate of the local high school and is at present in the east where he is employed as a teacher.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Week of January 13: Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11. Epworth League 7 P. M. Evening worship at 7:30. The Ladies Aid will meet in south room Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. Weekly prayer and Bible study Thursday evening at 7:30. Henry Young, minister.

Real Estate Man Here

F. H. Blake, of Portland, was in Hermiston last Friday and Saturday. He was here to clean up the deal recently made with Eli Winesett. In exchange for his property here Mr. Winesett received land located near Dallas, Oregon. Mr. Winesett contemplates moving his family back to North Carolina, his native state, where he will engage in the bee business.

Community Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the Community club will be held in the library Tuesday afternoon, January 15, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. H. M. Schilling will give a talk on current events which will be followed by a discussion.

Attend Quarterly Meeting

Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Mumau, J. G. Lawler, Mrs. Harry Lester, of Irrigon, J. H. Tabor, Mrs. W. B. Beasley, Ralph Evans and W. H. Ogden returned the first part of the week from Walla Walla where they had been to attend the district quarterly conference of the Free Methodist church.

Mr. Weisner and children are confined to their home with measles.

Operetta "The Fairy Rose"

Presented by the grades Thursday, January 17, at 8:15 P. M. at the high school auditorium:

Characters

Frederick, a little boy.....Rodney Davis
The Little Green Man, an elf of the tree tops.....Harold Pace
Sunshine and Shadow, the twins.....Mignonne Daivs, George Imrie
Grasshopper.....Eddie Bensel
Butterfly.....Mary Brownson
Firefly.....Louise Imrie
Hummingbird.....Bertha Meade
Queen of the Fairies.....Shirley Brownson

Synopsis

Frederick is searching the forest for fairies to ask of them the Fairy Rose, since its fragrance is the only thing that can cure his ill grandmother. He is lost but the Little Green Man comes to his assistance. He offers to hide Frederick near the fairy ball room and himself ask for the rose, since Frederick, a human being, runs the risk of having a spell cast over him if seen by the fairies. At sight of the ball, however, Frederick is so entranced that he claps his hands and is discovered. The Fairy Queen grants him her rose but casts over him a spell which turns out after all to be a happy one, namely—that his heart shall be always young.

Community Calendar Mailed

Following again the custom of last year a calendar put out by the community interests of Hermiston has been mailed out to the different settlers on the project and those living in town. The calendar has a picture of the Diversion dam on the title page and contains valuable information and charts. The idea originated two years ago and instead of the diferent business houses putting out individual calendars finances are clubbed together for the issuance of this calendar.

Owing to the cold weather the government has quit work on all projects now under way.When warmer weather starts the work will be resumed on the drainage ditch.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Misses Ethel Knight and Freida Seaman were absent from school Wednesday on account of sickness.

The town boys basket ball team will play basket ball with Arlington Friday night at Arlington. There will be a game with a team from Shotwell's camp Saturday at Irrigon gymnasium. A dance will be given after the game and a good time is anticipated by all.

The young people have had several skating parties on Rand's pond.

The eleventh and twelfth grades who are taking two years Latin in one year will have finished the first year's work and will begin on Caesar's Gallic wars next Monday.

Mrs. Chas . Markham got a large sliver in one hand Saturday. The sliver went under the nail and came out at the second joint of the finger. Soon after the accident she was taken to the doctor to have it cut out.

A party was given at the C. F. Fredricksen home Saturday night by a number of their friends. Card playing and dancing were the chief amusements of the evening.

Miss Marthaler, teacher of the intermediate grades, spent the weekend with her sister at Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Madden, of Hermiston, spent Sunday with the Chas. Stewart family of Irrigon. Mr. Madden filled the pulpit Sunday evening during the absence of Rev. Mumau, who was at Walla Walla attending conference.

Mrs. Harry Lester returned from Walla Walla Tuesday where she and Hermiston friends had been attending the Free Methodist quarterly meeting.

The Irrigon people were pleased when three out of four of their boys that boxed in the exhibition at Boardman Monday night won a decision, with only one adverse encounter. Boardman can not claim all the honor of Ray Dempsey's easy victory because Ray got all that punch while he was going to school at Irrigon. That kid has a future. He has a pugilist's name. Just ask Frank if he does not believe Ray has a pugilist's punch.

Evelyn Hite, who is living out by the Shotwell rock crusher, has started to school here in the third grade.

Mr. W. B. Howard has had visitors from the East here for a few days.

MUSHY?

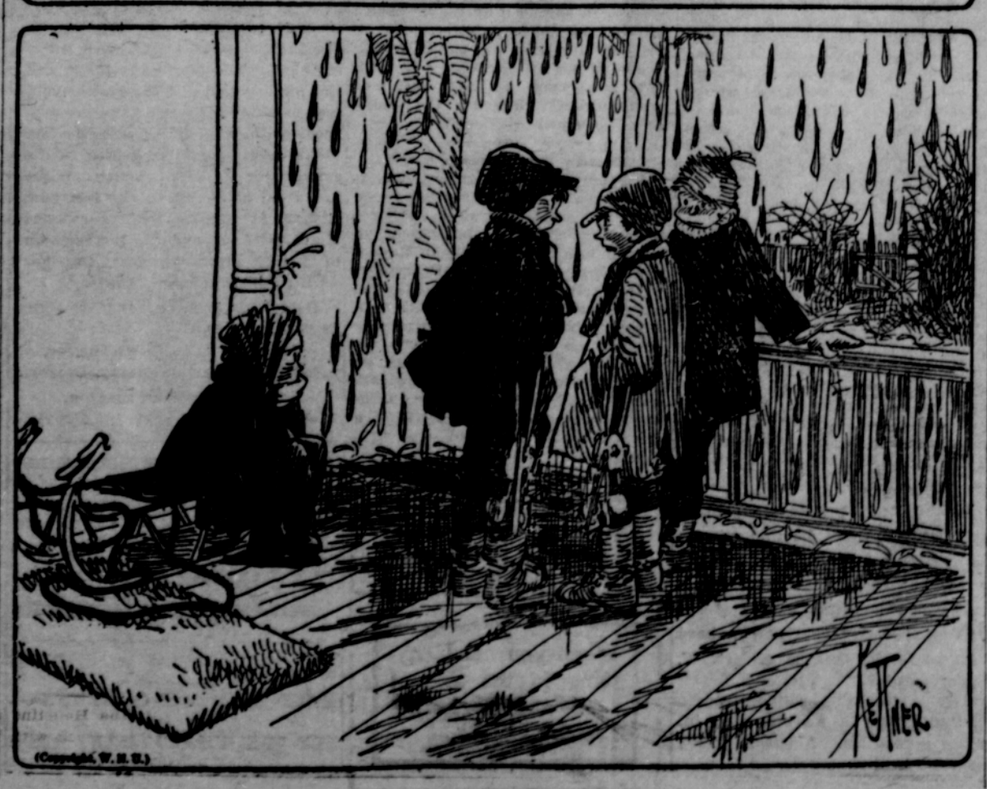
Sweetheart, Zenia whispered as she
smoothed his coal black hair,
Looking in his handsome eyes, saw
love-light shining there,
Put her one free hand around his
neck and held him close,
While her ear-bobs flopped around
and banged him on the nose.

From the sky the moon looked down.
(The moon so legend tells
Is a Tillamook cheese as green as
Mr. Wadsworth's sells.)
Romantic was the yellow light the
moon shed every place—
Shining brightly on his features and
her powdered face.

Stop! Please! Zenia cried at last,
your whiskers tickle so.
Darling, won't you mind me dear?
It's getting late you know.
Quit! Please quit! Let go my hand!
or father will be sore.
Towser dog, be good, or I'll not pet
you any more.

Boone Watson, special tax collector for Umatilla county, was in town Monday and Tuesday of this week. He had his headquarters in E. P. Dodd's office and a good many delinquent taxpayers were invited to call on him for an interview.

January Thaw



COMING UP!!

53 3/4 ACRES

In Diversification of Crop Program

Notice—January 22 is the day set for a meeting of those signing-up when the organization will be perfected, officers elected, etc. Those who may wish to sign up acreage, but who have not done so, can sign at any of the following places: Oregon Hardware Store, Sidney Barnard, Columbia District, C. L. Upham, Hermiston Herald.

Following is the signup to date among project farmers in the diversification of crops program sponsored by the Farm Bureau and Commercial Club. They include asparagus, early potatoes, strawberries and grapes:

J. H. Reid—1¼ acres asparagus, 2 acres grapes.
T. H. Botkin, ½ acre asparagus.
B. Hutchinson, ¼ acre strawberries, ½ acre potatoes.
D. E. Seaton, ½ acre asparagus, ½ acre potatoes.
Wm. Ogden, 1 acre asparagus.
T. Beletski, ½ acre asparagus, 1 acre strawberries.
J. W. McMullen, ½ acre asparagus, ½ acre strawberries.
A. N. Raymond, ½ acre asparagus, ½ acre potatoes.
Chas. Unke, ½ acre asparagus, 1½ acre grapes.
F. M. Guiwits, 1 acre asparagus, 1 acre grapes.
Mr. Foreman, ¾ acre asparagus.
E. I. Davis, 1 acre asparagus.
S. H. Barnard, ½ acre asparagus, 1 acre potatoes.
Otto Heinl, 1 acre asparagus.
F. P. Phipps, ¼ acre asparagus.
G. R. Robinson, ½ acre asparagus, ½ acre strawberries.
Joe Dyer, ½ acre asparagus, 2½ acres strawberries.
C. L. Upham, ½ acre asparagus.
Chas. Keller, ½ acre asparagus.
C. M. Jackson, 1-8 acre asparagus.
C. P. Barnett, ½ acre asparagus.
Wm. Rhodes ½ acre early potatoes
Thomas Haddox, 1 acre asparagus.
Roy Sullivan, ¾ acre asparagus, ½ acre early potatoes.
Jens Skovbo, ½ acre asparagus, ½ acre strawberries.
W. E. Potter, ½ acre asparagus.
Frank Stone, 1 acre asparagus.
Frank Silvey, 1 acre asparagus.
P. P. Sullivan, 1 acre asparagus.
R. E. McFall, 1 acre asparagus.
W. H. Quick, 2 acres asparagus.
Chas. McElroy, 1 acre asparagus.
W. L. Swan, 1 acre asparagus.
Sid Bowman, ½ acre asparagus.
Jas. Scott, 1 acre asparagus.
Ed. Jackson, ½ acre asparagus.
M. B. Whitford, ½ acre asparagus
F. Waugaman, 1 acre asparagus.
E. E. Davis, ½ to 1 acre asparagus, 2 acres strawberries.
Wm. Kennedy. 1 acre grapes.
S. L. Carson ¼ acre asparagus, 1 acre strawberries, 1 acre grapes.
W. H. Simmons, ½ acre asparagus, ½ acre early potatoes.
R. C. Canfield ½ acre early potatoes.

The following signers have been added since last report:

C. W. Tilden, 2 acres asparagus.
R. H. Stockard, ¾ acre asparagus, ¾ acre strawberries.

SITUATION IS PITABLE

Oregon Methodist Bishop Appeals for Aid for Starving German Children.

Bishop W. O. Shepard of Oregon, with headquarters in Portland, is a keen sympathizer with and supporter of the efforts now in progress throughout the state and nation to collect a fund of money for the relief of starving German children, of whom there are several millions. Bishop Shepard is a member of the Oregon committee which is endeavoring to raise $100,000 in this state and is giving it his personal attention.

"I can readily appreciate the situation in Germany," said Bishop Shepard. "With others, I made quite a study of conditions in Europe, including Germany, in 1920. It was then apparent that just such a situation as now exists would develop. That millions in Germany and elsewhere would enter the winter without sufficient food was news that did not surprise me at all. It is a pitiable situation, one which deserves deep sympathy and response from those who are able to help, for it should never be that little ones who have had no possible connection with what has happened over there should suffer thus. They are paying a terrible penalty for something they knew nothing of. It all goes to show how terrible is war."

Hermiston Hi Defeats Umatilla

Hermiston high defeated Umatilla high in a basket ball game last Friday played on the home floor. Next Friday the locals are scheduled to play the Athena team here.

Mrs. Martha Haneline spent New Years at Pilot Rock with her uncles, John and Joe Royer.

CREDITORS BID IN LOCAL GARAGE

JIM PEARSON WILL ACT AS THE MANAGER

Stock and Equipment Brings $200.00 at Sheriff's Sale. Buyers Assume Mortgage Against the Business

Last Saturday morning the stock of the Neil & Barker garage in this city was sold at a sheriff sale.

The creditors of the firm bid in the garage for $200 and assumed the indebtedness on it. On Monday morning the establishment was re-opened and ready for business.

Jim Pearson, who has been connected with the Echo Auto Company for some time as car salesman, will act as manager. It is understood that he assumed the management with the understanding that he was at liberty to purcahse the place at any time in the future.

Dick White who was with the old firm as a mechanic will continue in the emplo yof the new owners.

Action Is Taken Concerning Bridge

A rousing meeting was held in Wadsworth hall, Irrigon, Saturday evening, December 29, for the purpose of taking action to force early construction of the Columbia highway bridge at Umatilla. The meeting was joint with the Umatilla Commercial and Woman's club and Irrigon Farm Bureau and Commercial club.

The present bridge was declared a disgrace to the county, the state highway and dangerous and impassable some of the time each year. The bridge was all right for its day when only cowboys and sheepherders traveled on horseback and this cheap makeshift answered the purpose.

Resolutions have been drawn by a committee of five appointed therefor, and this committee is to serve and act until the construction of a new bridge is assured. A committee of four was also named for circulating a petition in this connection. D. C. Brownell and B. S. Hughes of the Umatilla Commercial club, Mrs. Alice R. Nugent of the Umatilla Woman's club, F. C. Fredreckson and N. Seaman of the Irrigon Commercial club were named as the resolution committee, and Theo. Parks, C. E. Glasgow, H. W. Grim and Mrs. Llewweyn on the petition committee. These committees are now at work and will not let up until the matter has been settled.

A number of photographs are in possession of Umatilla people showing the present bridge almost completely submerged when the Columbia river backs up the Umatilla, and pictures have been taken of accidents that have ocurred at the bridge on account of the sharp turn and poor approach. It has been suggested that these photographs be put on post cards and given appropriate titles, such as "Scenes along the road to the Round-Up," and similar titles to fit the photo. These post cards would be stamped and handed to the tourist who daily expresses his opinion of the bridge and he could write his ideas on the card and mail it to the highway commision and the Umatilla county court that they may know how this sort of disgrace appeals to the traveling public. It is hoped it will not be necessary to resort to this plan, but the people are going to back up the committee financially to any extent necessary to accomplish the end in view—and in the immediate future.

The excuse that the county has to put up its share or the state has to pay all will not be accepted any longer. The state can go ahead and charge this work up to the county and stop all other work until same is paid for as has been done in a number of other cases. The estimated sum of $59,000 as the cost of a new bridge is not as unreasonable amount to put into a serious missing link in the great Columbia highway.

Copies of the resolutions will be sent to the state highway commission state chamber of commerce and state. Other meetings will be held in the near future at Umatilla and all along the line if necessary.—Boardman Mirror.

Revival Meetings

Rev. Milo Bentley, the evangelist who is conducting revival meetings at the Baptist church, delivered a sermon last Sunday night on Hell. He is above the average as a speaker. He stated he believed Hell was a place of fire and brimstone, and not a myth. "One of Hermiston's greatest needs," said Mr. Bentley, "is a revival that will save souls." The meetings will continue throughout the coming week.