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NORTHERN TRAFFIC SHOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH IRRIGATED LANDS

Build Wallula Cut-off To Help Settle Farms on Umatilla Project

The state is preparing a big program of road building and there is renewed talk about the Wallula Cut-off. It has been peacefully sleeping for two years but suddenly has come to life with a bigger demand than ever for its construction. Many of the roads have been completed and new new roads are being proposed. The Federal government has designated the Wallula Cut-off as part of its future program and the time for more than this has arrived.

During the past two years other roads have been built into the Walla Walla, Wallula, Pasco and Kennewick section all of which land at almost a common point without an outlet into Oregon or any of the towns along the great Columbia highway. The traffic is routed northward to Seattle and Puget sound and the state of Washington is building up a road from its first contact with travel from Eastern points. Thousands of people go into the Yakima Irrigation project and are impressed with its grandeur who would see the Umatilla project if they could pass through the gap, and would locate here to the benefit of this locality, county and state. Hermiston has laid off and made no effort to secure some of these settlers but was not blinded to what it was losing. One of the great purposes of the people of these irrigated communities in their early efforts to route the Old Oregon Trail through the irrigated sections was to advertise the territory and now it wants all the people to come this way that all possible road connections can be made. We need 1000 farmers more on the irrigated lands that are soon to be opened for settlement.

The Wallula Cutoff connects at small cost two great highway systems over either of which hundreds of thousands of people travel each year. The northern railroads are advertising extensively throughout the east. One thousand cars a day passed over the Columbia highway through here last year and more will come this way this year and the years to come. As many more will take the northern routes and a large number of them will take the short cut to the Columbia highway through these irrigated districts and on to the scenic views of the Columbia gorge and Mt. Hood.

We believe that this road should be built at once and while new roads are in the making that this one be taken out of its mere designation on the map and made an actual fact.

FREE WATER FOR IRRIGATION.

Directors of the Hermiston Irrigation district, in order to stimulate early irrigation, passed a resolution that there be no charge for water this year used up to and including April 30.

PICKLED SMELTS

In view of the fact that smelt are now plentiful and cheap, the following recipe, may prove of interest to many:

Clean and wash the fish in three or four waters. Soak over night in strong salt water, wipe dry with a cloth and pack in jars.

To one gallon of vinegar add eight heaping table spoons of ground mustard; three fourths tablespoon of cayenne pepper; one tablespoon whole cloves; three tablespoons allspice. Put the spices in the vinegar and let boil for three minutes, then pour over the fish. Put on the covers and rubbers loosely and cook in the boiler for three hours. Remove and tighten covers, turn upside down to test.

Salem—\$130,000 appropriated for development of Crater Lake park roads.

NEW POSTAL RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 15

Letters, government postals and other first class mail, same as at present. Private mailing cards, 2 cents, old rate 1 cent. Single newspapers and magazines, sent by other than publishers or news agents shall be 3 cents for each 2 ounces for weight not exceeding 8 ounces. Present rate is 1 cent for each four ounces.

Money order fees have been raised from 3 cents to 5 from 5 to 7, etc. The 18 cent fee remains the same, the 20 cent fee is reduced to 18, the 25 to 20 and the 30 to 22. The insurance rates are raised as follows: From 3 to 5 cents, from 5 to 8 cents. The 10 and 25 cent rates remain the same and there is a charge of 3 cents for a return receipt.

The old C. O. D. charge was 10 cents for collections up to \$50.00 and the new rate is 12 cents up to \$10.00, 15 up to \$50.00 and 25 cents up to \$100.00.

Registered mail rates for \$50.00 indemnity will be 15 cents minimum, 20 cents maximum, with 3 cents charge for return receipt.

Parcel post carries a service charge of 2 cents on each parcel, except those originating on rural routes.

Special handling charge on parcels will be 25 cents each. Special delivery fees will be 10 cents for each 2 pounds and under; 2 pounds to 10 pounds, 15 cents; over 10 pounds, 20 cents.

ASPARAGUS GRADE RULES ARE GIVEN

By United States Department of Agriculture. Some to be Shipped This Season.

U. S. No. 1 shall consist of clean, fresh stalks of asparagus which are not wilted or crooked; which do not show broken or spreading tips, and which are free from damage caused by disease, insects or mechanical or other means.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 10 per cent by count, of any lot may be below the requirements of this grade but not to exceed one-half of this tolerance shall be allowed for any one defect.

The Three Rivers Growers Association rules require 12 pounds of grass in the box. All stock must be at least 3/4 of an inch in diameter at the butt; showing not more than 1 1/2 inches of white. A tolerance not exceeding 10 per cent by count, below these requirements is allowed.

The horticultural law requires the growers' name, address and the net weight of grass in the box. Note: Spreading tips means seedy grass.

RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS ON PRODUCTION "MIKADO"

Mr. Linden Barnett, who directed the comic opera "Mikado," that was put on at Hermiston the 17th and 18th of this month, has received the following letter from the Whitman conservatory of music:

Walla Walla, March 26, 1925

Dear Mr. Barnett: Mr. Pratt wants me to send you congratulations on the success of the Mikado. He says it is indeed splendid for a small community to put on such, and that it should certainly foster a fine community spirit.

Yours truly,
Rosella Woodard.

Newport—Newport Journal, semi-weekly newspaper, starts publication.

LAMB FEEDING IS PROFITABLE

MEETING AT EXPERIMENTAL STATION FRIDAY WELL ATTENDED

According to Superintendent Dean the Lambs Have Made the Hay They Were Fed Worth a Little More Than \$20 a Ton.

A large number of farmers attended the meeting at the experimental station last Friday when the results of the lamb feeding experiment was made known by Superintendent Dean.

According to Mr. Dean the feeding of lambs on the project is a profitable means of marketing alfalfa hay. The lambs have not as yet been sold, but a valuation of 15 cents per pound, which was one cent less than the Portland price at that time was tentatively given on the lot and on this basis the hay that they were fed was worth a little more than \$20 per ton. This value of hay as a feed allows for the barley, interest on the investment for five months at eight per cent, labor costs, depreciation on equipment, salt, etc.

The lambs were fed for a period of 150 days and during the entire period was fed all the alfalfa they would eat. Each lot of lambs were fed a total of 75 pounds of whole barley per lamb. The amount of grain fed to the various lots were different, some being fed at the rate of one-half pound daily, three-quarters of a pound, one pound and one-half pound. The cheapest gains were made by feeding no grain for the first 75 days and then feeding one pound daily for the last half of the period. The cost per hundred weight of gain in the lot so fed was \$11.44. The highest cost per hundred weight of gain, \$15.49, was on the lot fed one-half pound of grain daily.

In addition to the inspection of the lambs by farmers and the report by the superintendent, talks on practical feeding was made by R. P. Bean of Prosser, Washington, station; by Prof. E. L. Potter, head of the livestock department of Oregon Agricultural college and Robert Withecomb, superintendent for more than twenty years of the experiment station at Union.

Prof. Potter stated that lamb feeding had an element of speculation in it and the feeder should be conservative and ready for a possible loss in any single season. Over a period of years feeding returns a reasonable profit and some years the returns are exceptionally good. The investment is comparatively higher, however, he pointed out, the feeding is over a short period, as compared to the sheep breeding business proper, and when lambs are prime they have to be sold whether the market has increased and made possible a profit or whether it has slumped and left the feeder a loser.

Running breeding ewes and producing lambs and mutton is on a different basis in that it is less speculative according to the speaker. To get into the breeding game necessitates good pasture, and this pasture must be assured before it is possible to get into the business, and the pasture must be something beside alfalfa. The ewes may be bought and the market decline, yet if they are

held over a period of years, the price may increase, and the speculative element in value will mean chances of loss than is true on the feeding end of the game, he said.

Good management is absolutely necessary with sheep.

"I think it may safely be said that 85 per cent of Oregon farmers can be depended on to manage hogs properly," Prof. Potter declared, "but I am confident that only about 15 per cent will take the proper care of sheep. With the proper management under Oregon conditions sheep will give as good returns over a period of years as any other livestock with the possible exception of good dairy cows."

If the beginner buys old ewes for his foundation stock he may expect a smaller crop of lambs, higher death loss and will have to feed more grain. He also stands to lose on his ewes if sheep decline in price, because old ewes cannot be held over a period of years. Prof. Potter advocated as a safe practice the purchase of good sound ewes even if they cost more at the start.

Supt. Withcomb, of Union station, dealt with practical problems of the flock management. The farm flock on the station farm was built up from a start that was selected with a carload of aged ewes, he said. The best quality of bucks have been used and today the flock has won much favorable comment on account of the quality.

The ewes should be thriving and on the best feed available at breeding time if a good lamb crop is expected, he said. At the station the percentage of increase usually runs around 150 per cent.

"In the fall we permit the ewes to run on pasture just as long as it is possible without permitting them to go hungry," he told his audience. "Then when we do put them on feed

we do not confine them to a corral. That is bad business. They should get all the exercise possible, and they should have plenty of water and salt at all times. Otherwise they may be expected to have more or less sickness. It is necessary to give the flock the best of care during the lambing season."

Docking should be done at an early age and ewes and lambs kept in a thrifty condition by the use of good feed.

Mr. Bean told of several tests that have been made on different rations at the Prosser station.

Interesting Community Club Meeting

The Community club held an unusually interesting meeting in the library Tuesday afternoon, March 24. After the usual routine of business Mrs. A. E. McFarland of Umatilla spoke on Muscle Shoals. Her talk was both interesting and instructive, making clear to formerly befuddled minds the transactions of the government and the legislation pending in regard to this important possession. Mrs. McFarland was thoroughly conversant with her subject and presented it in a most interesting manner.

Mrs. E. S. Severance of Stanfield, then read a paper on "Flowers of Field and Stream," which made a strong appeal to all who heard her. After telling of the many wild flowers of Oregon, California and Colorado, she spoke of the great need of protection of these lovely gifts of nature, many of which, notably the wild currant and dog wood in Oregon are in danger of complete extermination through the thoughtless acts of many so-called "flower lovers." Mrs. Severance followed her talk by showing slides of many of the wild flowers which added greatly to the enjoyment of the audience. Earl Carson donated his services in operating the machine.

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The declamatory contest held last Friday night was an immense success from the local view point since seven of the ten first honors were carried away by Hermiston contestants. Hermiston's showing in the contest is a great credit to Coach Gifford, who has spent much time working with the contestants.

The candy sale conducted by the P. T. A. at the declamatory contest netted a sum of \$16, which will be used for the furtherance of the next high school party. Many thanks are extended to those parents who aided in the candy sale.

The "Purple and Gold" is nearing completion under the competent direction of Anita Paulsen, acting editor. Nearly all of the pictures have been taken and the copies of the various departments have been handed in. The business men have kindly given us their support in the advertising department. We expect this annual to come off the press the best yet published by the Hermiston high school.

The cast for the high school opera "The Bandit" has been chosen and work is well under way. The date has been set as April 18. Watch for further particulars.

"Green Stockings" has been chosen for the senior play this year. The cast will be chosen and work begun immediately. Watch for further particulars.

The high school regrets to hear that Waugamans will leave for Belingham, Washington, about the middle of April. We regret to lose three such very fine students as James, William and Wilma Waugaman.

The flu has been playing havoc with the school attendance recently. From twenty to twenty-seven members have been absent from the high school daily during the past week, and around seventy-five from the entire school.

The high school was well represented in the Mikado, Hugh Walker and Wallace Reid taking leading parts, and Emory Cox, Bert Quick, Nell Reeves, Caryl and John Newell, and Margaret and Vernon Waterman working in the chorus. Members of the faculty, Miss Larson, Miss Gray, Miss Ferris and Miss Compton also helped in the production. Miss Compton taking the part of the heroine. Helen Upham, Wilma Waugaman, Orrell Campbell, Edna Gould, Lois Jackson and Gertrude Belsse represented us as ushers.

NEW CITY WELL READY MAY 1

PIPE IS BEING LAID AND PUMP HOUSE ERRECTED ON BUTTE

Test of New Well Shows That The Water is Pure and Free From Seepage.

Workmen are busy laying pipe and building a pump house on the butte getting ready for the installation of the new engines that will be used in connection with the well recently dug by the city.

At a recent meeting of the city council a pump was purchased. It is a deep well pump with a guaranteed capacity of 275 gallons per minute, driven by a 25 horse-power electric motor.

Some time ago a sample of the water was sent to be tested. The test showed the water pure and wholesome for drinking purposes. According to Water Superintendent Pankow the new well will be ready for use by May 1.

ROADS AND SETTLEMENT

The Greater Umatilla Project needs 1000 settlers. It has now and with additions under the McKay creek lands 1000 forty acre tracts that will make good farms and homes.

The flood of western immigration is on and most of it will flow along automobile courses. One thousand cars a day passed through the Umatilla project last year, or at least 3000 people a day for 100 days.

Through millions of dollars of advertising the traffic will be greatly increased. Why let a similar route with a similar flood of seekers for western life pass by our door because of lack of a few miles of road? The Umatilla Project should have five times the people and wealth it now has. This would nearly all be in Umatilla county. Let a large part of this travel pass up through the Yakima valley and to Puget Sound, and Umatilla county will be longer in settling and the state slower in building up.

New money is being spent for scenic routes and long distance connections of business points. Why not spend some to settle up Oregon? And since we have built scenic routes why not make it easier to get to the roads that lead to them? The railroads in March advertised to 20,000,000 readers in the east the agricultural, climatic, industrial opportunities and scenic wonders of Oregon. We believe we should open wide all gateways.

FARM REMINDERS

That general purpose Oregon hens should be mated one male to fifteen hens and leghorns or egg types mated one male to 20 hens is recommended by the experiment station. These figures are about right for individual matings, but if a larger flock is to be mated, the number of hens to one male bird may be increased to 20 per cent.

The black gooseberry borer, occurring as a large white grub in the roots and crown of the plants, appears to be rather widely distributed Oregon and is seriously injurious on many of the plantings, the experiment station has learned. Growers about to plant gooseberries should examine carefully their stock and take every precaution to avoid infested bushes.

For early Oregon potatoes, while the ground is still cold, the planting of whole seed is the best practice, reports the experiment farm. Such seed does not rot if the germination is slow.

Berry bushes are much less damaged if all pruning and trellising is complete before young buds are large enough to be broken off in the work. It will soon be too late in Oregon to prevent such breaking, so all incomplete trellising should be rushed, thinks the experiment station.

Sweet corn may be had throughout the Oregon season by planting varieties which mature at different times, the experiment station reports; Good gardeners in many sections are using Portland Market and Golden Bantam, and very often a variety for all use called Howling Mob. Much better yields are to be had by having the sweet corn plot as nearly square as possible. This provides better pollination and consequent better yields.

Klamath Falls—Pelican Bay Lumber company resumed operations on March 15, employing 280 men.

HERMISTON IS HIGH IN DISTRICT CONTEST

AWARDED 6 OF TEN FIRSTS IN DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Umatilla, Echo and Stanfield Also Win Firsts in Contest Held Here Friday Last For District.

Hermiston was fortunate enough to be awarded six out of ten places in the district declamatory contest held here Friday evening last. First place was won by Eugene Pierce in the humorous section of Division F; Eddie Bensei dramatic section of Division F; Mary Brownson, dramatic section of Division E; Ruth Bensei, patriotic section of Division E; Anta Paulsen, dramatic section of the high schools and Earl Bensei, without competition in the extemporaneous section of the high schools. These were all Hermiston pupils.

Edna Caldwell of Umatilla won first in the patriotic section of division F; Irene Bell of Echo, first in the humorous section of Division E, and Imogene Stine of Echo, first in the high school humorous. Frank Swayze of Hermiston was also first in the high school oratorical contest.

The contest was marked this year by an unusually large number of participants. There were 35 entrants in the grade school division, and twelve in the high school division. The grade contestants spoke in the school auditorium and the high school students at the Methodist church. The following schools were represented: Stanfield, Echo, Nolin, Umatilla, Columbia, Minnehaha and Hermiston.

The winners in this district will be eligible to compete in the county contest at Pendleton on Friday, April 3, in which gold and silver medals will be awarded to winners of first and second places, respectively.

AMERICAN LEGION TO GIVE DANCE FRIDAY

Posters are out announcing a dance to be given by the Hermiston post of the American Legion Friday night, March 27. An orchestra of merit from Pendleton has been secured for the occasion. The Ladies Auxiliary will serve the supper.

Henry Hitt left Thursday afternoon for Hot Lake. Henry has not been feeling well of late and believed that a few days at the lake would help him.

Dad West has moved into his new home recently purchased from Dave Cook. Tony Soneson is now occupying the house Dad moved from.

Jap Templeton is again making the rounds as assessor for this district.

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Monmouth—School gymnasium to be erected at cost of \$10000.

Roseburg—Douglas National bank building being remodeled.

Astoria—\$250,000 Hawkins building now under construction; plans under way for \$25000 hotel.

Medford—Oregon Granite Company to build new home.

Rainier—\$125,000 union high school building to be erected.

Glendale—Overland hotel changes ownership, extensive improvements to be made.

Newberg—Newberg Box Company to build new factory.

Corvallis—\$27,000 Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house to be built.

St. Helens—\$316,922 appropriated for road work in Columbia county during 1925.

Portland—Contracts totaling \$205,000 let for widening section of Pacific highway.

Oregon City—Baptists plan erection of \$100,000 church.

Corvallis—New water mains to be installed.

Columbia Valley Power Company to develop 20,000 horse power hydroelectric plant on the Deschutes river at cost of approximately \$20,000,000.

Hood River—Erection of \$175,000 union high school building planned.

Irrigation Baseball League Schedule

	At Stanfield	At Hermiston	At Umatilla	At Boardman
Stanfield		April 12 June 28	April 28 May 24	May 17 June 14
Hermiston	May 10 May 31		April 19 June 14	May 3 June 21
Umatilla	May 3 June 21	May 17 June 7		April 12 May 31
Boardman	April 19 June 7	April 26 May 24	May 10 June 28	

Along the Concrete



The HORSE-TRADER of YESTERDAY

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