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DAIRY CATTLE AND LAYING HENS ARE PAYROLL MAKERS FOR PROJECT FARMERS

## HERMISTON TRIMS ARLINGTON SUNDAY

### LOOSELY PLAYED GAME ENDS 17-6

Lack of Pitching By Visitors Proves Handicap; Boardman Here Sunday.

Tri-County League Standing

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hermiston	4	0	1.000
Ione	3	1	.750
Boardman	2	2	.500
Echo	1	3	.250
Umatilla	1	3	.250
Arlington	1	3	.250

### Sunday's Results

Hermiston 17, Arlington 6.  
Boardman 11, Echo 1.  
Ione 8, Umatilla 5.

The Hermiston Irrigators kept the slate clean Sunday when they rang up their fourth consecutive victory for the season in the Tri-County league by defeating Arlington by a score of 17 to 6. A lack of pitching strength on the part of the visitors gave the Shovel Pushers an edge that put them over by a wide margin.

Arlington used three twirlers in an effort to stem the tide, but the local stick artists got to Parrish, Sylvester and Huston for a total of 11 hits. Arlington contributed eight errors while Hermiston players were committing seven. The Arlington pitchers also aided by allowing nine free passes to first on balls, one of which resulted in a forced run.

Boardman will play here Sunday, and the stiff brand of ball the team from there has been playing for the past two weeks gives promise of making the locals go their best to make it five straight.

Box score and summary:

AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Sylvester, ss	5	2	3	3	2	3
Rassler, 2nd	4	0	0	2	2	1
Huston, 3rd	5	0	0	3	2	1
Mathews, lf	4	1	1	1	1	0
Blackburn, rf	4	0	0	0	1	0
Wheelhouse, 1st	4	1	2	6	0	1
White, c	4	0	0	2	0	0
Douglas, cf	4	1	0	6	2	2
Parrish, p	4	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	38	6	6	24	10	8

Hermiston

Smith, ss, 2d	4	2	1	2	0	4
Shesely, c	5	3	2	6	2	0
Shibley, 2d, ss	5	2	3	2	3	4
Shook, cf	5	1	1	1	0	0
Mittlesdorf, lf	3	3	1	0	0	0
Phelps, p	3	1	0	1	3	1
Hiatt, 1st	4	2	2	10	0	0
Longhorn, rf	1	1	0	1	0	0
Shake, 3rd	2	0	1	5	2	2
Totals	36	17	12	27	13	7

First on balls, off Huston 2, Parrish 3, Sylvester 4, Phelps 4; left on bases, Hermiston 8, Arlington 5; wild pitches, Sylvester 2, Phelps 1; first base on errors, Hermiston 5, Arlington 7; two base hits, Smith, Shesley, Shibley 2, Todd; home runs, Sylvester, Wheelhouse; struck out, by Phelps 5, Parrish 1, Huston 2; passed balls, Shesely; hit by pitcher, Parrish 2.  
Umpire Matot; scorer, Warner.

### Locals Win Points

Hermiston athletes won seven points in the county track and field meet at Pendleton Saturday. Smith in the high school division took four points by virtue of his second place in the javelin throw and third in the shotput. Cox of the grades took second in the high jump and acquired three points. The two boys were the only representatives to compete for Hermiston.

## MITTELSDOFF LEADS LOCALS IN BATTING AVERAGE FOR ALL GAMES OF THE SEASON

Of the regulars on the local baseball team who have played in six games, Mittlesdorf, left fielder, has the fastest batting average, according to computations made by W. J. Warner, scorer. Shibley has the biggest mark of any player on the team, but he has played in only two games. The average for all the men who have played with Hermiston this season are as follows:

Player	Games	AB	Hits	Avg.
Shibley	2	9	4	.444
Woodward	5	12	5	.417
Todd	3	10	4	.400
Coyner	2	3	1	.333
Mittlesdorf	6	25	8	.320
Hiatt	6	28	8	.286
Phelps	5	18	5	.278
Voyea	5	23	6	.261
Shesely	6	27	7	.259
Shook	6	22	7	.218
Smith	6	29	6	.207
Newell	2	7	0	.000
Longhorn	3	6	0	.000
Mathers	2	4	0	.000
Shake	3	13	0	.000
Fehlen	2	0	0	.000

## Settlers Vote To Accept New Water Contract

### Vote in Saturday's Election Was 119 For and 23 Against Measure.

By a vote of 119 for and 23 against, land owners within the Hermiston Irrigation district Saturday voted to accept the new contract with the United States government for the district. The result of the election was about what local people had anticipated.

Confirmation proceedings will have to be held in Circuit court as the next step, according to W. J. Warner, secretary. A judicial examination of the contract will be made to determine its legality, and then will remain the formality of securing the signatures of the secretary of the interior and of the members of the district board to the document. Acceptance of the contract will call for the district taking over the operation and maintenance of the project. The date specified in the contract is December 31, 1926.

## COMMUNITY CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### Old Time Songs to Be Sung in Big Program to be Held at High School.

The Hermiston Community club will hold a concert of the "Songs of Yore," on the evening of Wednesday, May 12, in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. This musical is free to all. The following is the program arranged:

- Song, "Auld Lang Syne".....Community
- Paper.....Mrs. W. L. Hamm
- Solo group.....Miss Ruth Seyler
- "Last Night"
- "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms"
- "Comin' Thru the Rye"
- Guitar Selections.....W. L. Hamm and H. Polkey
- "Listen to the Mocking Bird"
- "Masses in de Cold, Cold Ground"
- Solo Group.....Mrs. J. D. Harrah
- "Ben Bolt"
- "Grandfather's Clock"
- Girls' High School Glee Club....."Long, Long Ago"
- "Jingle Bells"
- Solo Group.....Dr. F. V. Prime
- "When You and I Were Young, Maggie"
- "Little Annie Rooney"
- Dance—Minuet.....Direction of Mrs. F. Callahan
- Male Quartette....."Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny"
- "Polly Wolly Doodle"
- Solo Group.....Mrs. Roy Paulu
- "Silver Threads Among the Gold"
- "Robin Adair"
- Song.....Miss Seyler, Male Quartet
- "Love's Old Sweet Song"
- Ladies' Quartet....."Annie Laurie"
- "Darling Nellie Gray"
- Solo Group.....Enos Martin
- "Old Black Joe"
- "Kingdom Comin' "
- Solo Group.....Miss Watson
- "Last Rose of Summer"
- "O Dear! What Can the Matter Be"
- Song....."Good Night Ladies".....Community

## MUSIC LOVERS PLEASED WITH RECITAL FRIDAY

Music lovers of the community were given a treat last Friday night at the vocal recital presented under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher circle by Miss Ruth Seyler. She was assisted by Miss Grace Brown and W. L. Hamm, with Pauline Thoma and Miss Elizabeth Straw as accompanists. Miss Seyler proved pleasing in her interpretation of numbers, and the audience, while not large, was appreciative. Mr. Hamm played the "Cradle Song," by Hauser, very acceptably. Miss Brown gave Edgar guests' "Home" in a manner that won hearty applause from her audience.

## Quotas Half Filled

The summer training camp held for young men has taken firm hold in the northwest, and about half of the quota for the camps to be conducted this summer has been taken, according to information given out by headquarters of the 96th division. Infantry camps will be held at Vancouver barracks and Fort George Wright, Washington. The field artillery camp will be held at Camp Lewis, and the coast artillery school will be at Fort Worden, Washington. More specific information about the camps may be secured by writing directly to any of the camp headquarters.

## EARLY ALFALFA HARVEST IS IN PROSPECT THIS YEAR

The alfalfa hay harvest will be earlier this year than in ordinary years, according to present indications. Some farmers are planning to start cutting within a few days, and on the project as a whole may see a great deal of the first crop harvested.

Some farmers who have some cheat in their fields will cut extra early, and they are planning on starting their mowers within a few days. They expect to secure three full crops in addition to the first early cutting.

### Cleaning Shop Opened

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fleming, formerly of Gooding, Idaho, arrived in Hermiston the middle of this week and have opened the Imperial Cleaning shop which recently closed. They are experienced in dry cleaning work and will give their personal attention to the business.

## OMNIBUS BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

### BILL PROVIDES FOR WRITE-OFFS OF CHARGES

### Measure Referred to Senate With Prospects of Enactment in Near Future.

Deductions of charges amounting to \$98,632 in the Hermiston Irrigation district of the Umatilla project, and \$5,955 in the West Extension district, are provided in the omnibus bill which has passed the house and is expected to be considered by the senate within the next few days. News of the passage of the bill by the house was carried in the daily press, and a telegram was received by the Hermiston district board from Congressman Sinnott that it had been passed.

The bill, as it passed the lower house, provides that delivery of water may be made in 1926, notwithstanding delinquencies, at the discretion of the secretary of the interior.

The bill as it applies to the Umatilla project provides for the following:

"There shall be deducted from the total cost of said project the following sums: \$490,390, or such amount as represents the actual construction charges as found by the secretary of the interior against 4,830 acres found permanently unproductive; \$388,488 on account of error or mistake—excluded from district repayments on account of faulty construction; \$16,711 on account of error or mistake—loss on Hermiston lands; \$91,083 on account of operation and maintenance deficit prior to reclamation extension act of 1911.

"West Division, \$5,703, or such amount as represents the actual construction charges as found by the secretary of the interior against 59 acres found permanently unproductive; the water rights formerly appurtenant to all permanently unproductive lands on the Umatilla project shall be available to the remaining lands without added cost to the water users."

The bill also provides for temporary suspension of payments on construction charges on the east division of 610 acres temporarily unproductive for lack of fertility in the soil because of water-logging and on 530 acres, representing in amount \$37,100 and described as probable loss on Hermiston district lands; and payments on 3,422 acres in west division, temporarily unproductive because of inadequate water supply, and on 595 acres temporarily unproductive because of water-logging.

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## STRAWBERRIES PICKED ON J. S. DYER PLACE TUESDAY

The first picking of strawberries on the project this season, as far as has been reported, was made on the J. S. Dyer place Tuesday. Berries picked from the Dyer place were on sale in Hermiston this week. The berries were of good size, well ripened and of beautiful color.

The beginning of strawberry harvest this year is considerably earlier than in normal years. Mr. Dyer has the largest patch on the project. He has grown strawberries for a number of years.

## ASPARAGUS SEED SALES GROW AND PROSPECTS ARE FOR BIG VOLUME OF NEW PLANTS IN '27

That farmers on the project intend to increase their acreages of asparagus as rapidly as seems consistent is the inference made from their purchases of asparagus seed this spring. About 30 pounds of the seed has been sold locally, and orders are still being received.

A pound of the seed is usually estimated as good for from about 8000 to 10,000 plants, depending on conditions, care given, and other factors. Allowing for the production of 8,000 plants to the pound, project farmers should have 240,000 plants ready to go into permanent beds next spring, or enough plants to require about 34 acres.

About 50 acres are devoted to asparagus now, most of which is comparatively young plants. Indications are that more than 80 acres will be in crop in 1927.

Cutting on all except the older beds has been generally discontinued for this year, but from eight to 10 crates are being shipped daily. Pendleton has been proving an eager market for the quality grass grown here.

## Funeral Services Held

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Ellis G. Brower, who met her death near Pendleton in an auto accident early in the week were held Tuesday in Pendleton. A car in which she was riding with friends overturned, and her death resulted almost instantly.

## Card of Thanks

To those who by their acts of kindness and sympathy aided us in our time of sorrow we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Mrs. F. L. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Claris Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Groom, Cecil Kelly.

Wonderful success is being secured with Hungarian partridges and Chinese pheasants on the state game farm at Pendleton, according to Joe Hendricks, farm foreman, who was here Saturday. "We have more eggs now than we had by June 1 last year, and the birds are doing fine," Mr. Hendricks said.

C. A. Lyman, inspector in the bureau of reclamation with offices at Denver, arrived in Hermiston Monday. He is engaged at present in completing an audit of the accounts of the West Extension district, preparatory to the taking over of the operation of the district by the settlers. The audit probably will extend to the Hermiston district before Mr. Lyman leaves.

## LAND SETTLEMENT WILL BE STUDIED

### PENDELTON COMMITTEE ASKED TO COME

### Hermiston Commercial Club Gives Invitation to County Seat Workers.

An invitation to the land settlement committee of the Pendleton Commercial association to visit Hermiston and meet with the Hermiston Commercial club at the weekly luncheon to discuss land settlement problems as they affect the west end of the county was authorized to be extended Tuesday.

The committee on land settlement of the Pendleton association was only recently appointed, and preliminary work in various parts of the county has already been launched. Lester Hamley heads the committee.

In the discussion that preceded the passage of the motion asking the Pendleton committee to come here, it was suggested that a few local men be asked to take the visitors over the project during the morning to show what is being done by farmers on the old land.

President McKenzie appointed F. B. Swayze, H. T. Fraser and W. J. Warner on the committee. Secretary Warner was authorized to send the invitation to the Pendleton men.

## LEAD ARSENATE GOOD TO CONTROL BEETLES

Potato beetles will be controlled most effectively through the use of arsenate of lead, either sprayed or dusted on the plants as soon as bugs appear, according to R. F. Wilbur, assistant county agent. A second application two weeks later may be necessary to get those that are late in emerging from the ground.

If applied as a liquid spray four pounds of arsenate to 100 gallons of water will be necessary. If dusted, one part by volume of arsenate is mixed with 6 parts of some light material which will act as a carrier. Landplaster, where obtainable, will perhaps be found the cheaper, with hydrated lime a close second. Dust should be applied early in the morning, the heavier the dew the better, in order that it may adhere readily to the foliage.

Where patches are sprayed with Bordeaux for spud diseases, the arsenate may be combined with it, four pounds to 100 gallons.

## Gets Pheasant Eggs

Dr. Theo Beletski received a shipment of 600 Chinese pheasant eggs from the state game farm at Eugene which he will incubate in his hatchery. The baby pheasants will then be removed to the state game farm at Pendleton where they will be raised.

H. A. Pankow, city marshal and deputy sheriff, has recently added a musical touch to the equipment of his car. He got a new horn for the machine which has a deep tuba volume.

## Higo School Is Given Rating by Northwest Body

### Election to Association Means That Graduates Will Have Freshman Standing.

The Hermiston high school has been elected to membership in the Northwest Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, according to information received by Supt. Cherry this week.

The election of the local high school to membership in the association carries with it full freshman privileges to graduates of the high school in 21 states. The territory in which local students will be able to enter colleges without taking entrance examinations begins at the western boundary of Pennsylvania and extends west north of the Ohio river.

It also embraces those states west of the Mississippi and north of Oklahoma clear through to the Pacific coast.

## WATER SUPPLY HELD TO BE ADEQUATE FOR NEEDS

That the threatened drought for irrigation projects in the west will not affect the Hermiston district is the belief that prevails locally. Cold Springs reservoir is almost full, and water is still flowing through the feed canal. Quite a lot of irrigation has already been done. The reservoir has never been empty since it was put into use in 1908, and prospects are that 1926 will not see a water shortage.

Monday night rain measuring 1.6 of an inch fell, and there was slight additional precipitation on Tuesday, and some local men expressed the belief that some increase in the flow of the river might be expected as a result. Precipitation during both March and April was less than normal, and the possibility exists that the deficit may be made up during the next few weeks.

## SENIOR CLASS TO PRESENT PLAY SATURDAY, MAY 22

Saturday evening, May 22, has been designated as the date for the presentation of the senior class play, "My Irish Rose," a comedy in three acts by Walter Ben Hare has been selected by the class for presentation, and rehearsals are under way.

The play will be given in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock, and special music will be provided as an extra attraction.

## REPUBLICANS LOSE AND DEMOCRATS SHOW GAIN

A loss in the number of republicans and a slight gain in the number of democrats in Umatilla county since 1924 is shown by computations made by County Clerk R. T. Brown of the list of registered voters. The loss occurred in Pendleton where registered voters are 475 less than two years ago. In the county outside of Pendleton a gain of 41 registered voters was noted.

There are now 6,937 republicans registered in the county, as compared with 7,463 two years ago. The democratic registration now is 3,444 as against 3,354 two years ago.

Registrations for the primaries this year have been classified as follows: Republicans 6,537; democrats, 3,444; prohibitionists, 42; socialists, 53; independents, 160; miscellaneous, 59.

## Golf News

The score of R. A. Brownson in the tournament at Arlington a week ago was 61-65, instead of 63-65, as published.

The ninth green on the local course was recently enlarged and oiled by a couple of enthusiasts, and now is in excellent condition. A suggestion has been made that some of the other greens might be improved if they could be "adopted" for a course of work by other golfers.

## MINER WHO LIVED ON BUTTE WEST OF TOWN BEFORE PROJECT WAS STARTED PAYS A VISIT

Otto Wallace, old miner and prospector who has been all over the northwest, was a visitor in Hermiston Wednesday. He said that he lived here for a time before the railroad was here and before the project was started.

"My two partners and I had a cabin on top of the butte west of town more than 25 years ago," he said. "The cabin was torn down when the city water reservoir was built."

He was looking around for someone he might have known during his former residence but stated that he found no familiar faces. He recently did some prospecting in Klamath country.

## ALFALFA IS ONE OF OLDEST CROPS

### LEGUME PRODUCED ON NILE AT EARLY DATE

### Historical Side of Crop and Some Cultural Methods Discussed By Dean.

By H. K. Dean, Supt. Umatilla Experiment Farm.

In this rather brief article some of the less known but nevertheless important and interesting facts about alfalfa will be discussed.

Earliest written history records that alfalfa was an important forage crop. It was grown for pasture and cured for winter consumption by the first irrigation farmers of this world along the Nile river thousands of years ago in much the same way as we do it today.

In the Americas it was grown in Chili and Peru at the time white men first explored those regions. Its successful establishment in North America was due to the efforts of the Spanish Padres on the mission ranches in the south west. They brought the first seed north with them from old Mexico. Numerous attempts were made to grow alfalfa in the eastern portion of the United States soon after the settlement of the colonies. None of these plantings were successful and it is only within comparatively recent years that the seed and methods of cultivation from the west have made it a profitable crop in the east.

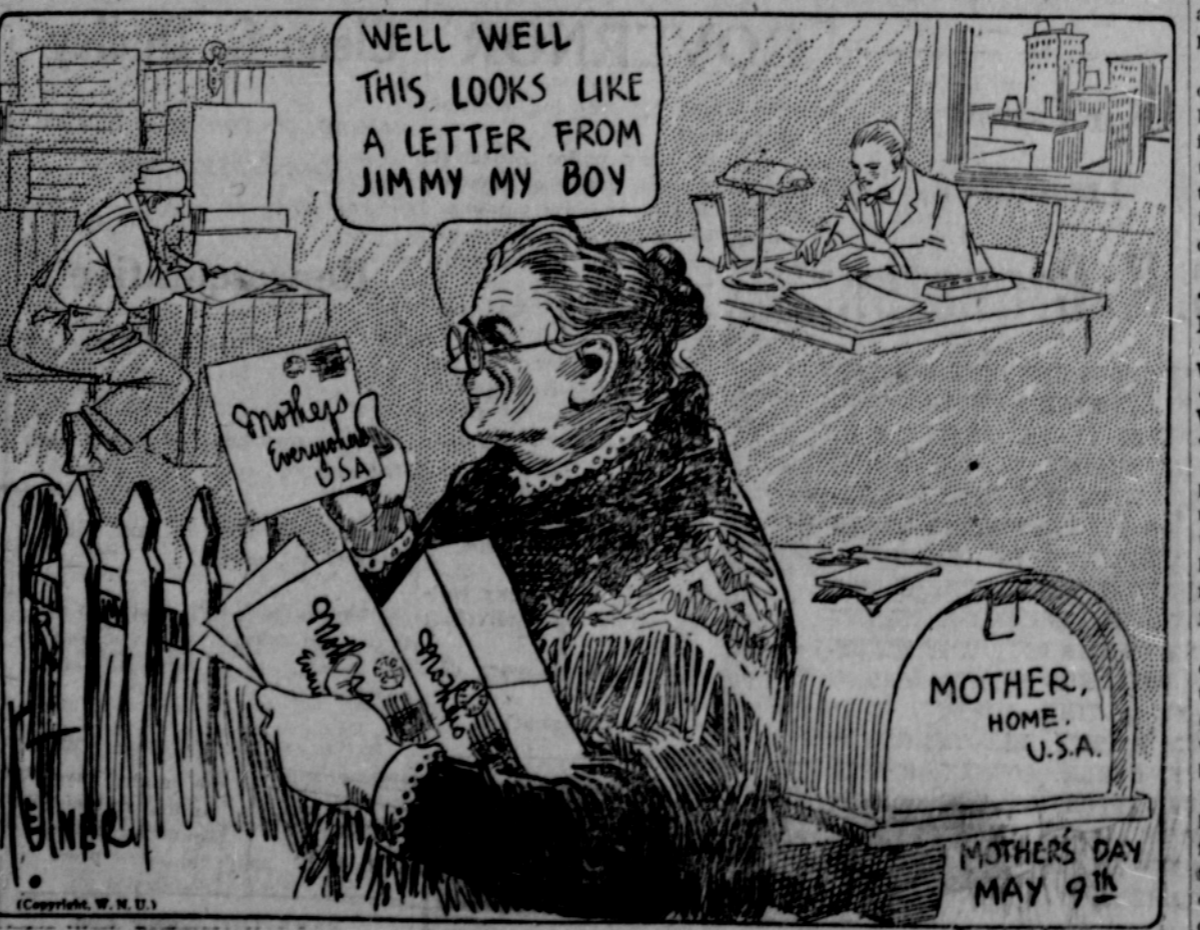
Correspondence between George Washington and Thomas Jefferson reveals that they were unsuccessful in efforts to grow alfalfa on their Virginia farms. Eastern soils are generally acid in reaction so the discovery that alfalfa grows best on slightly alkalic soils and the application of lime to acid soils have been of basic importance in establishing alfalfa east of the Missouri river.

Most of our alfalfa belongs botanically to the common purple flowered group technically described as Medicago sativa. During the past 25 years however another group which is best represented by the Grimm variety has become a factor in alfalfa raising especially where hardy varieties are required. This group is the result of a cross between the purple flowered strain and a yellow flowered strain from central Europe. Whether this was an artificial cross made by man or a natural one is not known. A small quantity of the seed was brought from Germany in the early seventies by Grimm. These early plants were subjected to severe conditions in Minnesota with the result that an extreme cold-resistant strain has been developed. Although the strain was inherently hardy through its yellow parent. The common strains have an erect habit of growth, purple flowers and generally but not always, a single deep tap root system. The hardy group had a rather recumbent habit of growth making cutting close to the ground difficult under some conditions, this being especially true of the first crop; flowers which vary from deep purple to yellow and even white, and a tendency to a branching root system. Many of the strains of common which are now being brought into the country as imported seed from South America are extremely subject to winter killing on account of growing under warm conditions in their native countries and should be avoided for our conditions.

The United States department of agriculture has recently had a man in South America to secure representative varieties of their strains. Many of these importations along with some new ones from Europe and South Africa will be established for trial on the experiment stations this year.

The chemical side of growing alfalfa is deserving of some attention. A ton of alfalfa hay takes from the soil 5 pounds of sulphur, 4 pounds of phosphorus, 24 pounds of potash and 50 pounds of nitrogen in the form of plant food. Of course we know that much nitrogen is taken from the air by the alfalfa plants assisted by the bacteria in the nodules on the roots and deposited in the soil in a form available to plants. Assuming that the soil did not contain these elements and that it was necessary to furnish them in the form of fertilizers at current prices we would find that the ton of alfalfa would cost \$13.80. Fortunately, however, the first three elements are present in our soils in sufficient quantities to produce hundreds of tons of alfalfa per acre and the last is present in the air in large quantities in such form that the alfalfa can use it. A five year trial of the application of commercial fertilizer to alfalfa has not shown sufficient increase in the yield to justify their use. However the application of barnyard manure has by certain direct and indirect effects been of material benefit in increasing the yield of alfalfa.

## Write Mother Today



MOTHERS DAY MAY 9th