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FIRE SWEEPS THRU NORTH HILL DISTRICT

BLAZE FANNED BY A FORTY
MILE WIND

Section Crew and Volunteers Fight
Flames on Big Front. Barn
Hay Derrick and Crops
Burn but no Homes
Destroyed.

A fire as started Wednesday afternoon supposedly from the afternoon freight. It began burning near the gravel pit and followed the ridge of the hill above the experiment farm and with a strong wind blowing it traveled about 40 miles an hour burning a strip about one-half mile wide and three miles long.

No homes were burned although it came very close to several. The Gould barn was burned as well as a California stacker but the chickens and stock were saved. The John Leek place barely escaped. Mr. Leek collapsed and had to be taken to the house.

The riding hay and flume was burned.

The fire stopped going north at the old Phelps place and went due east. The A. P. Smith house and sheds barely escaped the fire going entirely around them. Fortunately however, the most of their turkeys were on the gather place and they were able to save those at the house.

The fire was finally checked by back firing near the Theo. Beletski place.

The section crew aided by a number from town fought the fire.

The Union Pacific claim adjuster will be here today.

MRS. EDWIN PARRISH DIES WEDNESDAY AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Edwin Parrish passed away at the Hermiston hospital Wednesday night.

She is survived by her husband and four sons, Raymond and Earnest of California, Howard of Portland and Clarence of Pilot Rock, all of whom were with her at the time of her death.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

CLUB MEMBERS PUT ON BENEFIT BALL GAME

Memorial day at the ball park was staged an interesting game of ball between the single men and the married men. The final score for the game was 10 to 14 in favor of the married men. This game was arranged to raise money to send a club member to the annual summer school at Corvallis June 11 to 23. Club members all over the project sold tickets. Walther Ott was in charge of the ice cream booth. Club leaders are leased to announce the clearing of \$25 by this means.

Enos Martin Jr. as elected by the club members at a meeting Wednesday evening, to represent the club at summer school.

The Stanfield clubs took an ice cream social as the means of raising funds to send their representative to summer school. Each club put on a demonstration of their work. This is the first year Stanfield has done any club work and the community is back of them. Approximately \$25 was raised and Stanley Green is to represent their clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Biggs and sons returned Tuesday evening from a trip to California. They were in San Jose to help Mr. Biggs' father and mother celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Biggs went on to Los Angeles to visit her uncles, and on their return trip they stopped at various places including Sacramento, Calif., Salem, Albany and Portland, visiting friends and relatives. They all agree they're glad to be back in Oregon.

NATALIE HAMMOND



Miss Natalie Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond of Washington, has received word of her election to the famed Royal Miniature society of London. Miss Hammond received this much coveted honor by having four of her art exhibits accepted by the society.

BAKER APPOINTED TO THE WORLD COURT

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has appointed Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, secretary of war in the Wilson cabinet, as the fourth United States member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague. Secretary Kellogg, in announcing the appointment, said Mr. Baker has accepted.

The president appointed Mr. Baker with the idea of having two democrats and two republicans as members of the permanent court which was established under the convention signed at The Hague in 1899. The other United States members are Elihu Root, John Bassett Moore and Charles Evans Hughes. Their appointments are for six years and are renewable.

CANADA APPROVES OFFER

Will Become Party to War Renunciation Treaty.

Washington, D. C.—Canada is the latest of the British dominions to accept the American invitation to become a party to the proposed "renunciation of war" treaty.

In a note which was in reply to the invitation sent May 22, Canada endorsed the war renunciation principle as affording "to the peoples of the world a new and notable opportunity of ensuring lasting peace," and said it would "have pleasure in cooperating in future negotiations with a view to becoming a signatory to a treaty such as is proposed" by the United States.

PLANS BEING MADE FOR PICNIC JULY 4

MEETING HELD SATURDAY TO
ARRANGE CELEBRATION

Farm Bureau Will Sponsor Picnic to
Be Held in Columbia Park.
Committees Named.

A meeting of the committee which is arranging the details for the 4th of July picnic was held in the assistant county agent's office last Saturday at 8 P. M.

The meeting was presided over by H. J. Ott, general chairman, who, after calling the meeting to order, asked each sub-committee to meet separately and later submit a report to the meeting. Later each committee reported and a tentative program was arranged.

Plans for the picnic are progressing in fine shape and it is thought that the affair will be a great success. The picnic will be held in Columbia park and the Stanfield, Irigoin and Boardman granges will be invited as guests. Not only grangers and Farm Bureau members are invited, but everyone who may care is invited to join in the celebration. A suitable program is being arranged, a picnic dinner will be enjoyed, and all athletes will have an opportunity to perform in the afternoon.

POULTRY MEN ARE OFFERED PRIZES

COMMERCIAL CLUB AND FARM
BUREAU CO-OPERATE

Open to All Poultrymen With Flocks
200 or Over. Three Awards
To be Made.

The poultry industry as it now exists on the Umatilla project has been developed since 1920. The agricultural depression following the war forced many of the farmers to depend on some other means of revenue than they then had and the poultry business became popular as an added source of income.

There is now and has been since 1926 approximately 20,000 hens on the project. Natural conditions here are better than average for poultry raising and an egg can be produced here as cheap as in most poultry districts. More eggs are now produced than are needed for local consumption but we are fortunate in having a good outlet for the surplus.

At the present time individual shipments to the statewide marketing association in Portland is necessary. The cost of marketing the eggs can be reduced when further expansion justifies the shipment of car lots collectively from the district.

Because of the natural conditions on the Umatilla project which favor the poultry industry, of the greater experience the poultrymen have gotten in the past few years, of the adequate and cheap source of poultry feed, and of the advantages which can be gained in marketing greater number of eggs, expansion in the poultry business should be encouraged.

It has been said that a prize should be offered to the poultrymen who make the greatest expansion this year. On more careful consideration the stimulation of better poultry management looms up as the important thing, as this will automatically expand the industry. In order to stimulate better management of poultry plants and bring about a greater production of eggs which is necessary in order to market the eggs cheaper than is now possible, the Hermiston Commercial Club in cooperation with the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau are offering a prize for the poultry plant which is in the best shape to go into the winter this year.

This award will consist of three prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00, respectively, and all poultrymen who have 200 hens or more may compete. The poultryman entering this contest must enter all his flock. Regular entry blanks will be provided with a copy of the score card which will be used in judging so that each poultryman entering may exactly what points were considered in judging. These entry blanks can be secured at the assistant county agent's office. All flocks competing must be entered on the regular blanks not later than June 15, 1928, at the above mentioned office.

The score card which will be used when the poultry plants are judged this fall about October 15 by an outside person, follows:

A—Condition of the Flock, 40 per cent.	
1-Maturity, uniformity.....	20 per cent
2-Condition as to flesh, health, activity.....	15 per cent
3-Freeness from vermin.....	5 per cent
B—Housing and Equipment, 35 per cent.	
1-Sanitation.....	10 per cent
2-Location, ventilation, condition litter, overcrowded drafts and dampness.....	20 per cent
3-Supplemental equipment.....	5 per cent
C—Management, 25 per cent.	
1-Feeding system (time of feeding, etc.).....	15 per cent
2-Records kept (accurate but simple).....	5 per cent
3-Labor and convenience of operator.....	5 per cent
	100 per cent

Nyssa Celebrates Opening of Bids.

Nyssa, Or.—Plans are practically completed for a big celebration in Nyssa June 9 to commemorate the opening of the bids for construction of the Owyhee irrigation dam, which is destined to be the largest of its kind in the world. Waters from this great reservoir will irrigate 140,000 acres of land, lying in her immediate vicinity in Malheur county and in Idaho. The dam will be of gravity arch type of construction, 850 feet in length, 390 feet high.

RECLAMATION MEN VISIT WEST END

THE STANFIELD AND WESTLAND
PROJECTS OBJECTS OF VISIT

Will Later Submit Plan to Directors
of Districts Looking to the
Betterment.

P. W. Dent, assistant commissioner of reclamation, George Kreutzer, director of economics, A. Debler, engineer for reclamation bureau, George I. Stoutemeyer, attorney for reclamation bureau, from Portland, arrived in Pendleton the evening of June 1. Saturday, June 2, they met with the land settlement committee of the Pendleton commercial association, also attended by others including G. M. Rice, resident of the First National bank of Pendleton, County Agent Walter Holt and W. G. Ide, manager of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. The officials outlined the object of their visit to Oregon in connection with the Stanfield and Westland projects, stating they came for a thorough survey of the situation with intention of assisting the projects if possible in a construction program enabling them to use water from McKay reservoir.

They were given assurance of every possible assistance by the Pendleton delegation as well as by the local people.

After the conference a trip of inspection of the McKay reservoir was made, going from there to Stanfield.

They remained two days in Stanfield carefully inspecting the land and the canal system. At a meeting of the board of directors they announced they would recommend a plan to the commissioner of reclamation, upon their return to Washington for rehabilitation of the district but would give no details at this time.

Tuesday was spent in going over the Westland district accompanied by the board of directors and Mr. McKittrick of the federal land bank. Upon returning to Hermiston they met in conference with the board. The result was that they would take it up with the commissioner of reclamation for assistance.

They left Wednesday morning for Yakima.

At the Hermiston Commercial club luncheon Tuesday noon W. G. Ide acted as chairman and short addresses were given by Judge Dent, Mr. Kreutzer and others.

House at Reservoir is Moved

The house at Cold Springs reservoir occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mikesell has been moved about 300 feet from where it was, the work of moving having been finished last week. The house is one built and first occupied at the time when the Cold Springs dam was constructed, a number of years ago, and since the operation of the dam has been the home of the caretaker at the dam. Because of seepage conditions in the ground about the house it was considered advisable to move the house to higher ground.

Wilsey Bros. of Pendleton had the contract for moving the house, and the Mikesells lived in the house and had telephone connections while the work was going on.

John L. McNab to Nominate Hoover.

Kansas City, Mo.—James W. Good, convention manager for Herbert Hoover, announced definitely that John L. McNab of California would place Hoover's name in nomination at the republican national convention.

Tate of Tennessee is U. S. Treasurer.

Washington, D. C.—Theodore Tate, of Tennessee, was given a recess appointment by President Coolidge to be United States treasurer.

MAJ. GEN. F. T. AUSTIN



Maj. Gen. Fred T. Austin is the new chief of field artillery of the United States army. He succeeds Maj. Gen. William J. Snow.

APPROPRIATIONS BY CONGRESS HEAVY

Washington, D. C.—The cost of federal government has gotten back to a better than a \$4,500,000,000 basis, the 70th congress having appropriated the staggering total of \$4,642,293,897 to carry on affairs in the next fiscal year. This exceeded the appropriations for this year by \$627,304,961.

Of the grand total \$1,388,753,735 will go to cover annual fixed charges, such as interest on the public debt, leaving \$3,253,540,162 for carrying on the active departments and agencies of the government. Of this sum, however, \$200,936,668 represent deficiencies which occurred this year, the urgent deficiency bill having failed in the filibuster which marked the close of the last session of the 69th congress.

Despite this increase in expenditures, congress has slashed federal taxes \$222,495,000 for next year, with corporations getting the bulk of the reduction. This sum is slightly in excess of what Secretary Mellon said was a safe reduction based on present estimates of revenue, plus the added costs that must come with the working out of the Mississippi river flood control program, extending naval construction and other added government activities.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

While the republican national convention determines the fate of his candidacy for the presidential nomination, Frank O. Lowden, Illinois ex-governor, will be in a Kansas City hotel.

The Irish Free State and New Zealand have accepted Secretary Kellogg's invitation to participate in the negotiation and to become original signatories of the proposed treaty for the renunciation of war.

Observance of Memorial day in France this year proved that it has become definitely an international manifestation. There were more French than Americans present at the numerous ceremonies.

United States Senator Guy D. Goff of West Virginia, republican, and Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, democrat, won over Hoover and Reed in the West Virginia primaries for presidential preference.

Directors of the Chrysler corporation have approved a plan to acquire the entire property of Dodge Brothers corporation, including its subsidiaries in this country and abroad, through an exchange of stock.

Banker and Woman Aide Sentenced.

Kansas City, Mo.—Walter Craven, head of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land bank, was sentenced to six years in the federal penitentiary and fined \$25,000, and Miss Alice Todd, secretary of the bank, received a year and a day, both having been convicted of misappropriation of funds of the institution.

C. M. Howell to Nominate Reed.

Washington, D. C.—Charles M. Howell, a Kansas City, Mo., lawyer, was designated by Senator Reed of Missouri to make the speech placing his name in nomination for the democratic presidential nomination at the Houston convention.

George Newell is driving a new Chevrolet about town.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE CHAPTER ORGANIZED

ORGANIZATION STARTED WITH 17
CHARTER MEMBERS

Charter Will Be Held Open for Sixty
Days for Additional Members.
Officers Elected.

The Hermiston chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America was organized last Friday evening by J. A. Cushman, national field representative.

Henry Hitt was elected president and Frank Bilderback secretary. There were seventeen charter members and the charter will be held 60 days for additional names. The dues are \$3.00 a year, \$1 of which stays in the local chapter, the remaining \$2 going to national headquarters. The Outdoor American magazine comes to all paid up members.

The following is taken from the constitution and states the purpose of the league.

Suggested form of constitution and by-laws:

Hermiston chapter Izaak Walton League of America organized at Hermiston, Oregon, June 1, 1928.

Constitution

The name of this organization shall be the Hermiston chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. The constitution and by-laws of the Hermiston chapter shall at all times in principle and purpose, be in strict accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Izaak Walton League of America, and of the Oregon division of said organization.

The purpose of this organization shall be to band together and create a fraternal spirit among the citizens of this and surrounding communities who are interested in helping to safeguard the future of our outdoors, and thereby develop and promote by precept, example and the moulding of strong public sentiment the following objects:

1. The development of greater opportunities for the enjoyment of our outdoors as an essential part of the character building and the physical and spiritual development of our people, especially our boys and girls.
2. To assure a copious supply of pure water, and safeguard the public health and conserve aquatic life by the elimination of pollution and floods.
3. To encourage a more universal appreciation of the aesthetic and economic value of and the protection and restoration of our forests, wild flowers and wild life, especially our fish, game, valuable fur bearers and wild birds, and prevent indiscriminate drainage.
4. To prevent forest and grass fires and secure strict observance of the laws protecting wild life; also urge the protection of the property of others.
5. To educate the public, especially the young, to the imperative need of these objects, unify the activities of all persons therein interested, and encourage and work for legislation designed to accomplish these purposes.
6. To restore and transmit to posterity the outdoor America of our ancestors.

NORTHWEST LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY TO BE CELEBRATED JUN. 15

Northwest Livestock Field Day to be celebrated Friday, June 15, from 10 A. M. to 4:30 P. M., at Rothrock Hercules Farm at Sprague, Washington, will undoubtedly be the most outstanding of any which has ever occurred in the Inland Empire.

The principal event of the day will be the dedication of a bronze tablet imbedded in the rimrock of the highway at Hercules farm, commemorating the notable achievement of their first herd sire, Gainford Perfection, whose get to the fifth generation are known all over the Pacific slope; this sire having had a greater influence on the upbuilding of the livestock industry, probably, than any other animal of recent times.

Prominent speakers will include Governor Ronald Hartley, Pres. E. O. Holland of the late college of Washington and Director E. J. Iddings of the University of Idaho, as well as noted breeders of Shorthorns, Herefords, Angus and of the dairy breeds from all parts of the country.