

Coolidge Station Inactive.

Coolidge side track, across from Irrigon, was once a teeming little town. It was built by Drumheller interests of Walla Walla thirty years ago, with a pumping irrigation project. It failed to last because of the cost of the lift of water from the Columbia. Beautiful homes were built, the town was laid with water mains, orchards were planted, but defeat followed and time has erased all these improvements.



J. B. PERRY
FOR
County Judge

J. B. Perry, a candidate for County Judge for Umatilla County, Oregon, was born in Mercer County, Missouri, and came to Oregon when a boy. His father, Morris Perry, was County Judge of Mercer County for two terms.

He was admitted to the Oregon Bar by the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon in 1902, and is now an active member of the Oregon Bar.

SLOGAN—"Economy and the Townsend Plan."
(Paid Adv.)

UMATILLA RAPIDS YEARS STRUGGLE NORTHWEST ACTIVE

Agitation of Open River Carried on Four Decades.

A history of the efforts made to induce the government to build a dam at Umatilla Rapids cannot be given here except in barest outline. The damsite is at the almost exact geographical center of the Pacific Northwest. The swift rapids with rocks and whirlpools and all dangerous hazards to navigation are impassable barriers to economic navigation by any commercial type of barge or steamboat. The cheapest power in great abundance is there and only limited by the height of the dam. Irrigation by power pumps and gravity of 250,000 acres or more is immediately available. The drowning out of 40 miles of other rapids would be accomplished, and the Columbia made navigable for 110 miles further up stream, and the opening and development of the Snake would be made feasible. Above the Umatilla Rapids is produced 85 per cent of the tonnage of the great Inland Empire, and more than half of the people of the Pacific Northwest live and would be benefitted directly by the building of the dam. The last contract for completion of suitable channel to the foot of Umatilla rapids has been let, and boats may come 300 miles inland, but 50 to 300 miles trucking distances from the great volume of heavy tonnage still remains.

Yet through many causes the 20 year fight for this dam has been defeated. Many strong skirmishes

have taken place, and on several occasions the demanding forces thought they were going over the top. But the power of the opposition, intrigue, treachery, loss of strength, lack of political power, the scattered forces of the army, substitution of local interests, discouragements through long fighting have yet withheld the day of authorization of this tremendous asset of the Pacific Northwest.

Forty years ago Sam Jackson, editor and owner of the Pendleton East Oregonian, waged a continuous warfare for improved navigation of the Columbia, and lower freight rates for the wheat of the Inland Empire. In this he was supported by J. N. Teal of Portland, one of the ablest men Oregon has known. In those days what was known as the open river association was maintained. In 1911, at one of this association's meetings at Pendleton, Captain S. V. Winslow, in a strong speech advocated a dam at Umatilla Rapids. Captain Winslow is still living. He was then operating a government drill boat at Umatilla Rapids, and blasting out a few rocks in an effort to improve the river for stern wheeler steamboats during short stages of the river.

He then discovered the futility of such efforts, and the waste of government funds. In addition to the benefits to accrue from slack water navigation and the drowning out of many other rapids to the mouth of the Snake, he discovered and investigated the benefits possible through the development of power and irrigation. From that time on interest in the dam began to be aroused, by individuals, and navigation companies, pilots and newspapers.

A mass meeting was at length called at Umatilla in 1920, by D. C. Brownell, Judge G. W. Phelps, the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce and others, and the Umatilla Rapids Association was formed. Its first officers were D. C. Brownell, temporary president and O. G. Stangby temporary secretary, and Judge G. W. Phelps, president, and C. I. Barr, secretary, as permanent officers.

The Pendleton Chamber of Commerce took active leadership, and expended during the succeeding several years the sum of \$15,000 in behalf of the enterprise, through funds derived from the successes of the Happy Canyon feature of the Pendleton Roundup.

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Hermiston Irrigation Dist. Formed In 1906.

When the construction of the Umatilla project was recommended the owners of land under it were required to subscribe to one share of stock in the Umatilla water users association for each acre of land. This association was incorporated in 1906, with a capital stock of \$1,320,000, being \$60 per share, or \$60 per acre for a water right. But the payment of this water charge, or cost of construction, also included payment for the stock.

The association was the representative of people on the project, but they had no actual authority in the management. The stock subscription contract contained a lien on the land for operation and maintenance and construction costs to be assessed by the association, and paid to the government. The \$60 per acre was to be paid in installments of \$6 per acre per year, which was the estimated cost of the project. Operation and maintenance was then assessed at \$1.30.

As the years passed, the cost of construction was increased, with betterments of the system, and extensions of the distributing canals. Time for payment was lengthened to something like 80 years. These facts are matters of record at the local district office for anyone who desires to go farther into the subject.

The first officers of the Umatilla River Water Users association were H. T. Irwin, president, J. F. McNaught, vice president; A. C. Crawford, secretary; and H. G. Newport, treasurer. W. H. Skinner was a director. Later directors were C. S. McNaught, L. D. Lay, W. J. Dobler, G. A. Cressy, T. H. Haddock, L. H. Pearson, Thos. Campbell, W. J. Warner, A. E. Bensel, H. M. Sommerer, W. A. Leathers, F. B. Swayze, M. Dishon and A. E. Robb. George H. Upthegrove became secretary.

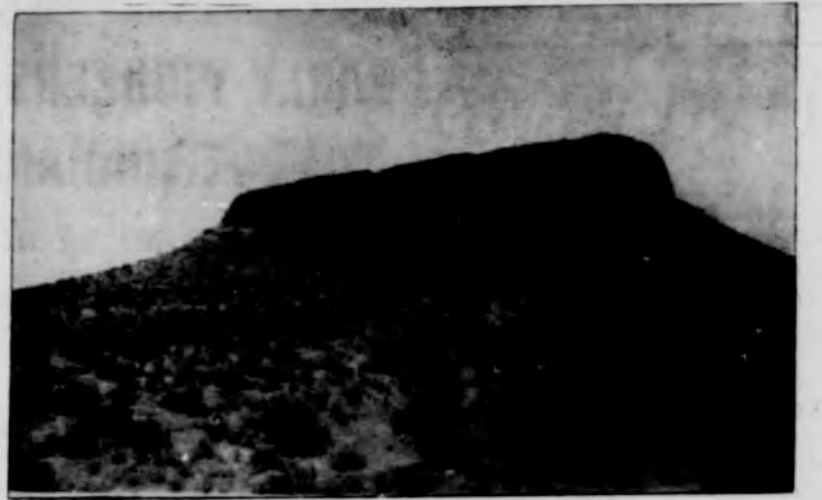
In 1921 the Hermiston Irrigation district was formed which took over the irrigation system and began its operations. The water users association was disorganized and released its liens against the land.

The district has continued the operation of the irrigation system under E. D. Martin as manager, and Chas. Taylor, as chief clerk and accountant. W. J. Warner served as secretary of the district from 1913 until 1922, when the duties were assumed by E. D. Martin.

J. P. McNaught served as president until 1928, or until his death.

Other directors have been New Madison, T. W. Bodkin, Frank Waughman and Geo. Strohm. The present board is E. L. Jackson, president, Jasper Templeton and H. J. Stillings, who is a former president.

HERMISTON BUTTE LANDMARK.



Hermiston Butte was known in early history as Rattle Snake Butte. On its summit now is located a 250,000 gallon capacity city water reservoir.

GORHAM'S

GROCERIES AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS

— Terms Strictly 30 Days —

In Business in BOARDMAN for 16 Years.

(Paid Adv.)

Raley Peterson

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE for the office of

District Attorney

Umatilla County

Congratulates the Hermiston Herald on its
30 Year Anniversary.

With one more term for Roosevelt, the Umatilla Rapids Dam will be built. The west end of Umatilla county will become the garden spot of Oregon. We will have a greater prosperity than we have ever known in this county, and the Herald will become a daily newspaper.

WIN AGAIN WITH ROOSEVELT

(Paid Adv.)

Vote For Wm. R. Meiners

Democratic Candidate
for
County Commissioner

[Present County Commissioner]

General Election, November 3, 1936.

— "Continued Square Deal to All Concerned" —

(Paid Adv.)

R.E. 'BOB' Goad

Democratic Candidate

for

SHERIFF

Honest and economical law enforcement, with courteous treatment to all and special privileges to none. A man that has proved himself for Umatilla County and its people. If re-elected, I will continue the duties of the office as in the past.

(Paid Adv.)

Avenue Scene.



Avenue of trees in Hermiston looking east with Hale's Confectionery float in the foreground. Fourth of July parade, 1936.

Herald Covers All.



Herald float appearing in Fourth of July parade, 1936.

THE FIRST BANK OF HERMISTON.



This picture was taken 30 years ago. In the door is F. B. Swayze, president. On his left are the late Col. H. G. Newport, and Mrs. H. R. Newport. A. C. Crawford and F. M. Folsom. On right is J. B. Beebe, an unknown man and W. Glascoe.

Vote 304 X Yes

on Nov. 3, 1936

TAX LIMITATION CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
HAVING 100,000 POPULATION

Enables School District No. 1 (Multnomah County) to have the same Home Rule other districts in Oregon already enjoy. Eliminates special levies and the cost of special elections. Let Portland handle its own school affairs. Does NOT affect taxes outside school district No. 1.

VOTE 304 X YES!

ENDORSED BY—

OREGON STATE GRANGE
STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR
DEPARTMENT of Oregon American Legion
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
OREGON FRATERNAL CONGRESS
PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS; and others.

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