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INTERIOR ESTABLISHES GRAZING DISTRICT

350,000 ACRES SOUTH UMATILLA PROJECT

A large grazing district has been set out by the Department of the Interior in Umatilla and Morrow counties south of the irrigation district canals from Echo to Boardman and Willow Creek. An item from Washington, D. C., December 28, says that "The Interior Department issued today an order establishing as grazing District No. 7 an area of approximately 350,000 acres lying south of the Umatilla Reclamation project in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Of the total area 20,000 acres are public lands, unreserved and unappropriated and the remainder private lands."

It is understood that this action has been taken under the Taylor Grazing act. The new district will be controlled much the same as forest reserves. Excessive grazing will be prevented, and the sand blows now being created in many places will be arrested as much as possible. It is supposed that no summer grazing will be permitted. The range will be used part time in winter and for the lambing season early in the spring. The regulations as to all private lands will be arranged and published in the near future, it is stated. About 25,000 acres belong to the Northern Pacific Railroad company, and Morrow county owns something over 50,000 acres, and Umatilla county a large acreage. All such holdings will receive some income from the rentals collected by the Department of the Interior.

The district comprises approximately 550 sections of land, and will be approximately 40 miles in length, with a width varying from three to 20 miles. It is still uncertain as to how the action will affect local sheep men who have been leasing and using a large part of these lands with considerable freedom. The time of remaining in the sagebrush will be cut short and they will have to secure mountain allotments instead. It is stated that in any event, the range will be protected and aided in all possible ways, to a return of better grass and prevention of drifting sands, caused by excessive pasturing.

WEST END MASONS HOLD INSTALLATION

ECHO, Dec. 28—Officers of the Echo Masonic lodge were elected at the annual meeting Tuesday evening and were installed in a joint installation with Stanfield, Hermiston and Umatilla immediately following. Sixty Masons were present for the ceremony. Fred E. Schmidt, past master of Pendleton lodge, acted as installing officer and John Campbell, also a past master of Pendleton, was marshal. An oyster supper was served after the installation. Echo officers elected were: Jack Teel, master, Brian Branstetter, senior warden; W. M. Marbut, junior warden; N. D. Bard, treasurer; W. H. Cray, secretary; Claude Meyers, senior deacon; Jesse Arnold, junior deacon; Ray Smith, senior steward; Ed Liesegang, junior steward; T. G. Smith, chaplain; Otis McCarty, marshal and Stephen Spicke, Tyler.

Officers of Stanfield lodge No. 173 are: Wm. Haggman, master; Vernon Waid, senior warden; James Hoskins, junior warden; James Lane, treasurer; L. Jounnaul, secretary; Donald Child and Charles Holman, deacons; H. L. Hebrick and R. F. Evans, stewards; J. W. Heckman, Tyler.

Hermiston Lodge No. 138 officers installed were: C. Seitz, master; Dave Mittleldorf, senior warden; John Clarke, junior warden; Tom Fraser, secretary; R. G. Saylor, junior deacon; Gerald White, senior steward, and Curtis Simons, Tyler.

Tuscan Lodge No. 136 had the following officers installed: Thos. Tucker, master; James Springer, senior warden; Earl Cherry, junior warden; H. B. Hull, treasurer; Earl Shaw and Ralph Yoder, deacons; Jeff Stephens, chaplain; Walter Bullard, steward.

Judge Returns to Work

County Judge G. F. Hodges was back on the job Monday morning after a two weeks' vacation caused by mastoid infection, which required a major operation at St. Anthony's hospital. The judge, although still weak from his illness, says he feels a great deal better.—East Oregonian.

MRS. LAWSON BURIED AT PRINEVILLE

Funeral services for Mrs. L. Rose Lawson were held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Hermiston Methodist church. She passed away at her home here Thursday, December 24th. Interment was in the Prineville, Ore., cemetery Sunday. Pall bearers at the funeral were J. A. Reeves, H. T. Campbell, O. O. Felthouse, M. L. Watson, P. F. Ward, and C. A. Paul of Pendleton. L. Rose Miller was born at Silverton, Ore., September 8, 1858, where she spent her early girlhood. In 1873 she was married to John Lawson, who preceded her in death in 1891. To this union were born six children. In 1878 Mr. and Mrs. Lawson moved to central Oregon, and after Mr. Lawson's death, Mrs. Lawson made her home near Prineville, Ore., until 1918, when she moved to Hermiston where she resided until her death.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Una Dinwiddie of Brownsville, Ore., and Mrs. Harvey Payne of Hermiston; one son, Gilbert Lawson of Prineville, Ore.; five great grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Julia Frances Miller of Portland, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Lister of Portland, and Mrs. Susan Robinson of Monument, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews.

ALPHA CHRISTLEY PASSES WEDNESDAY

Alpha Christley passed away Wednesday morning at his home in Columbia district at the age of 69 years, after a lingering illness of several weeks. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from Prann's Undertaking Parlors, and interment will be in the Hermiston cemetery.

He leaves his widow and one son, Dell, in Hermiston and two sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Kellogg of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Clara Laughlin of Chicago, and three brothers, Carl Christley of Orland, Cal., Floyd Christley of Williamsport, Indiana, and Everett Christley of Tiffin, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Christley came to Hermiston in 1927 when they bought the W. A. Leathers ranch of 120 acres. They had previously lived at Baker, Oregon, for 14 years where Mr. Christley was engaged in the automobile business, and later farming. They formerly lived at Boswell, Indiana, where they were married 47 years ago.

Since coming to Hermiston the Christleys have operated a large dairy. They own approximately 100 head of high grade cattle, many of which are registered Jerseys of the best strains in the Northwest. Mr. Christley was regarded as one of the best citizens in the Hermiston district and had many friends wherever he has lived. He was one of the men who successfully weathered the storms of the depression and gradually improved his business operations. In his passing the community has lost one of its most successful men.

MRS. P. F. HABERLEIN BURIED AT IRRIGON

Funeral services for Mrs. P. F. Haberlein were held at Irrigon Monday, December 29th, from the Full Gospel Mission with Rev. Crawford giving the service. Interment was in the Irrigon cemetery.

Beryl Kutch was born August 10, 1888, at Yamhill, Ore., and passed away at Pendleton, December 25, 1936. She was united in marriage to Paul Haberlein of Yamhill, Ore., November 21, 1921. To this union two children were born, Dolores June and Paula Elina. Besides her husband and children she leaves her father, Eldon Kutch of Yamhill, four sisters, Mrs. Ruby Bahenski of Palmer, Nebraska; Mrs. Ida Dillon of Emmett, Idaho; Mrs. Addie Pouts and Mrs. Zola Yates, both of Yamhill; one brother, Don Kutch of Cushing, Nebraska. There are also fifteen nieces and nephews and many friends who will mourn her loss.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation and thanks to our many friends for their loving services and beautiful floral tributes to our mother and grandmother during her long illness, and to us in our bereavement.

Mrs. Louias Payne
Mrs. Una Dinwiddie
Mrs. Lillian Payne

STANFIELD ECHO CHRISTMAS EDITION

A very appropriate and well designed Christmas greeting cover appeared on the Stanfield Echo mimeographed and released by the Stanfield CCC boys. On the second sheet is a poem on "Friendship" by Clinton Barnes, followed by an inspiring Christmas editorial by Herbert G. Schreiter, educational adviser.

The entire issue is filled with punch and cheer for the boys of the camp, and also the outside reader, and is closed by "A Happy New Year" greeting on the back sheet. It is a creditable edition with a touch of color on the cover.

MORROW COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

The Morrow County Pomona Grange will meet with Greenfield Grange at Boardman, January 2, 1937. The business meeting will be held in the forenoon and the Pomona contest will be held with the "Ceres" charges in all four degrees being given by contestants from the Morrow County Subordinate Granges. A program, to which the public is invited, will be given about 1:30. It will consist of songs, agricultural and cooperative talks, plays, music by the Irrigon school band, and other numbers by the county granges. Dinner and supper will be served and the visitors from other granges are to bring food for dessert. Business will be resumed in the evening.

Property Transferred

E. L. Hooker has leased his 40-acre east of town for one year to J. L. O'Neil and also his cows to Mr. O'Neil. Mr. Hooker plans to go into the trucking business.

Another transaction was the purchasing of the E. L. Barnett 20-acre, one mile south of town, by Harry W. Kelley. Mr. Kelley plans to extend his turkey ranch and Mr. and Mrs. F. Smeltzer will live on the Barnett place and assist Neil Boynton with the turkeys on the place which is adjoining.

Other construction is being done on the five acre plot at the artisan well west of town where Alton Hooker is building a house. He has leased the property from Dr. A. E. Marble with the privilege of building and hopes to have the house completed in the near future.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
December 23	62	41
December 24	53	37
December 25	43	31
December 26	42	27
December 27	37	20
December 28	37	32
December 29	42	28

Precipitation was .57.

MRS. BLAYDEN WILL LEAVE FOR SEASIDE SOON; OTHER BOARDMAN NEWS

C. C. Paine of Seaside, Ore., arrived Monday to join his wife who has been with her mother, Mrs. C. G. Blayden, since the death of her father three weeks ago. Mrs. Blayden plans to arrange her affairs so that she may return with them to Seaside.

The Dalles basketball team played the home town team here Tuesday.

Roller skating was enjoyed by several people Tuesday evening in the Grange hall. The hall will be open for skating every Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James and sons and Allan Chaffee visited this week at the A. B. Chaffee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Krom and son left last week to be with T. E. Broyles, who is quite ill.

Miss Cathleen Marshall spent the holidays with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cox, Irene and Jesse, visited at the aBlrow home over the week end. They left for their home in Seattle Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Klitz, Miss Maxwell, Noel and Mr. Klitz of Portland, were Christmas guests at the Frank Klitz home.

Mrs. Roberts of Seattle and sisters Mrs. Royce of Stayton, and Mrs. Ida Harlow of Spray, visited at the Guy Barlow home during Christmas. Mrs. Roberts is Mrs. Barlow's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Courtright left Tuesday for Molalla where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lay will move onto the place vacated by them.

HEPPNER WOMAN HEADS TEACHERS

Mrs. Lucy Rogers of Heppner, superintendent of schools for Morrow county, automatically ascended to the presidency of the Oregon State Teachers' association, which is in session in Portland this week. J. A. Yeager, Umatilla County superintendent of schools, was elected as a member of the board of trustees.

Other officers were H. D. Gould, Eugene, vice president; J. T. Long, Oregon City, C. R. Bowman, Jackson county, to the board of trustees.

Couple Married Here.

Mrs. G. E. Hart of Gervais, Ore., and Wm. Nelson of Prairie City, Ore., were married Sunday morning at a nine o'clock ceremony performed by Rev. R. R. Finkbeiner at the Methodist parsonage. Mrs. Hart is Mrs. Vane Boynton's mother and has been here during the Christmas vacation. Also her daughters Mary and Martha, and son Henry who is from Yakima, spent the Christmas vacation here.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Clark A. Paul of Pendleton announce the engagement of their daughter Emogene May of Hermiston, to Mr. Edward Neil Boynton, son of Mrs. W. S. Boynton of Hermiston. The wedding is planned for early summer.

Townsend Club Meeting.

There will be a Townsend Club meeting Tuesday, January 5. The entertainment for the evening will be a fish pond, and all members are requested to bring a small gift wrapped and tied. The Townsend quilt, now on display at Smith's Grocery, will be given away. All members and friends are urged to come and have a good time. Meeting begins at eight o'clock.

There will be a 10c fish pond and a 25c fish pond, and members are asked to bring packages for these. Mrs. C. R. Moore, Press Agent.

CLARK-LINDNER

Miss Ruth Lindner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lindner, became the bride of Hallie F. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Clark, in Walla Walla, Wednesday, December 23rd. The ceremony was performed in the Methodist parsonage by Dr. Joseph Adams. The young couple were attended by the bride's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dunning of Hermiston. They will make their home in Columbia district on the Furnish ranch.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation for the kindnesses shown us during the loss of our wife and mother, and for the many lovely floral offerings.

P. F. HABERLEIN and family.

PUTNAMS BUILD FARM HOME

A house has been built on the 20 acre farm south of the Hermiston Butte by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Putnam and they moved into it two weeks ago. The house is 20 by 24 feet and is in a location where it will make a very attractive home within a few years, with the butte as a background.

The Putnams purchased the property from the county this fall and commenced building operations immediately. They lived south of town for the past two years. Mrs. Putnam came here because of her health and has greatly improved in that time.

They expect to plant ten acres of alfalfa in the spring. They have two boys. Forest who is a senior in high school, and Bob who is in grade school.

PROGRAM PRESENTED SUNDAY NIGHT

The Christmas program which was given at the Union church Sunday night, December 27th, portrayed the Christmas spirit and carried out the story of the coming of Christ. The program was given after Christmas because of conflicting dates the week before.

The program opened with a story of the "Busy Christmas Fairies" played by the little folks. Those taking part were Alta Byrnes Barlow, Betty Jean Myers, Beverley and Patsy Berg, Billie and Carolyn Barlow, Beatrice Smith, Jimmie and Johnny Taylor, John McMullen as Santa, Louise Saylor and Robert Barlow, Margaret Clarke and Opal Stockard directed the play.

Maribell Clarke, Ethel Clarke, Donna Saylor, Alta Byrnes Barlow, and Betty Morehouse sang "Star of the East" and were accompanied by Wanda Moore. Robert Barlow gave a short reading entitled "Santa's Cake." Mrs. J. A. Clarke read a letter from Mr. Ware at Oregon City telling of the use of money received from the church for missionary work. The orchestra which is composed of Margaret Clarke, Nina Rae McCulley, Edith Clarke, Marie Skovbo and Allan Clarke, played two numbers.

A pantomime, "The Nativity," was presented and directed by Mrs. O. L. Barlow and Opal Stockard, assisted by the choir and by Miss Marie Skovbo who furnished piano accompaniment. Character parts were taken by Clarence Buhmann as Zacharias; Pauline Stoop as Mary; Chas. Duval as Joseph; Joyce McCulley as Gabriel; Esthe; McMullen as the angel; Allan Clarke, Eldon Saylor and Albert Skovbo as wise men; Jesse Moore, Hugh Neil and Ralph Neil as shepherds; Wanda Moore, Maribelle Clarke and Donna Saylor as the angelic host.

The benediction was given by Rev. C. Warner.

4-H Club Secretary.

Helen Jendrzejewski, freshman in home economics at Oregon State college, was appointed secretary of the campus 4-H club recently. This is an organization of 800 former 4-H club members throughout the state who are now attending Oregon State college.

A.A.U. REINSTATES BOARDMAN BOXER

Dave Johnston of Boardman, Ore., promising heavyweight fighter, who was suspended by the registration committee of the Oregon Association of the Amateur Athletic union because of his having signed a contract to engage in professional fights, has been reinstated and will undoubtedly be seen in action in local rings within the next month.

Johnston's case was reviewed by the national registration committee at the Houston, Tex., meeting. It was recommended that the Oregon association committee be requested to reinstate Johnston because of the evidence presented, which showed that while Johnston did sign a contract to engage in professional fights he never competed under the terms of the contract nor has he engaged in any professional fights at any time. It was further stated that Johnston has not competed since he was suspended.

The national registration committee also listened to evidence in the case of a former Portland boxer who accepted money for competing in boxing bouts and who since has retired from the ring game but who now desires to compete in handball activities. His request for reinstatement was denied.—Oregonian.

RAPIDS NAVIGATION ATTEMPT FAILS

HIGH POWERED BOAT TURNED BACK

The Mary Gail tugboat with its barge load of gasoline failed to climb the Umatilla rapids last Thursday. Three attempts were made against the strong current at the foot of the first rapids but to no avail.

The tugboat was built with special equipment for navigating on the Columbia as far as Attalia where tanks had been built for discharging cargoes of gasoline. The boat had a 500 horse power engine and both the power boat and barge were lined with quarter inch steel. The barge was loaded with 45,000 gallons of gasoline.

After making the first trial on its own power, Kirk Thompson, the owner, engaged the use of a 200 horse power launch from the dredge contractors at Seven Devils rapids a few miles below Umatilla, and this was found insufficient for further headway. The boat and barge were then turned down stream and landed at Plymouth on the north bank of the Columbia where the load was transferred to gasoline trucks and shipped to Spokane and other points.

Thompson had a trained crew on the boat, and two of the best pilots on the river. They stated that they had no trouble below Umatilla through the channel now being built by the government except at Devils Bend where some large rocks had been blown into the channel by the contractors which had not yet been removed. It is rumored now that Mr. Thompson will move his Attalia tanks to Plymouth and truck gasoline into Spokane over the Horse Heaven hills to the Kennewick-Pasco territory, a distance of 25 miles, instead of trying further the rough river of 40 miles to the same destination.

The Seattle Times yesterday reported that further facilities for service on the upper Columbia had been ordered by Kirk Thompson as follows: "Four more steel gasoline barges and another tug will be ordered immediately as a result of the success of the Mary Gail tugboat in reaching Umatilla with a loaded barge of gasoline. By negotiating Biggs, John Day, Squally Hook, Rock Creek and Seven Devils Rapids a tug of unusual design equipped with the latest high speed Diesel engines surprised river boat experts."

The attempt of the Mary Gail is heralded as the final blow to other attempts to navigate the Umatilla Rapids without the construction of a dam and locks at that place. The powerful Mary Gail could not get past the first waters, with three miles of similar waters above and the worst place at the middle rapids.

The Mary Gail also proved the feasibility of the new channel from Celilo to Umatilla, on which five barge outfits are now working with three crews each, and which will be completed within the coming year. It also puts a wet blanket on the attempt of The Dalles and lower river points to have the next dam built at The Dalles rapids. Interest is now being aroused at Walla Walla and other inland places in more active work for the Umatilla dam. A hearing is arranged at Lewiston for the near future for argument for the Umatilla dam and the Snake river developments. Navigation being successfully proven to Umatilla when the new channel is completed and no further, is supporting the contention that has long been made by Umatilla rapids dam enthusiasts that the Umatilla dam must be built if the river is made useful for navigation, and the heavy tonnage of the Inland Empire is reached by water transportation.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Spencer of Stanfield announce the arrival of a baby boy named Sloan Ray, at the Hermiston General hospital December 26th.

W. H. Shepherd of Umatilla is a medical patient in the hospital.

Vernon, the six weeks old baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Adams, of Irrigon, is seriously ill in the hospital from pneumonia.

Alton Kingsbury has been confined to bed for the past three days with a severe case of the flu.

Mrs. E. F. Neff, mother of Mr. Kingsbury, is visiting at the hospital this week. Mr. Neff spent Christmas here but returned to Portland Sunday.