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In another column we print a communication from L. H. Householder of Emmett regarding the proposal of the government to adopt some system for leasing the public domain. Mr. Householder's letter outlines the proposition very comprehensively. As he states, the government is going to adopt a leasing policy and these meetings are being held in order that stockmen may get together and discuss the matter and decide upon the best plan to present to the government representatives. The sentiment is strong in favor of a long term lease, say 20 years. This plan has numerous advantages, but it also has the disadvantage of tending to limit the number of those able to obtain leases. It is desired that this and many other phases of the question be thoroughly threshed out before a plan is submitted.

There are a number of large stockgrowers in this section who are interested in this matter and they are urged to attend these meetings and help formulate a plan.

Surveying Road

A party of surveyors in charge of R. J. Newell are on the Owyhee surveying out a road site from Adrian to the dam site. The government desires to have the preliminary work out of the way so that when contracts are let supplies can be transported to the scene of operations without loss of time.

Kid Party

The Sunday school classes of Mrs. R. A. Thompson and Miss Georgia Dennis are having a party in the basement of the Methodist parsonage this afternoon. These classes are composed of the primary pupils, the "wiggies," and judging from appearances they are having the time of their young lives.

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Owyhee

Nelson, Maurine and Muriel Stubbs of Nyssa spent Monday afternoon at the Bob Elliott home.

The Owyhee Sunday school will have a Children's day picnic at Mitchell Butte hot springs this next Sunday and as this Sunday (June 7) is also "Fathers Day" we desire to make it a day of days and invite all the Christians and Sunday school members of our surrounding neighborhoods. We plan to each take our lunch, and each bring your own cups, as the Sunday school will furnish coffee, and meet at the springs at 11 o'clock on the Julien Lowe lawn in front of the cabin home of our dead soldier boy and have our Sunday school service, and anyone who can prepare a song to sing will be thankfully heard and it is planned to ask for volunteer speeches after lunch. Neighbors, you are invited.

Andy Hansen spent Tuesday with Oee Schweizers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Hite and family motored to Nyssa Monday.

Ray Cantrall and Lou DeGoede sold a load of calves in Nyssa Monday.

Mrs. Pete Glascock spent Saturday at Mrs. Bertie Bigelows.

Decoration Day was more fully observed at the big Owyhee cemetery this year than ever before and almost every grave was a mound of flowers. The wild flowers in the sage are the most beautiful for years, owing to the nice rains we have had, and the sego lilies that Zane Gray mentions so often in his books have grown in our sage in wonderful profusion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. A. M. Johnston and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fry made a party who motored to Payette for the Decoration Day services.

The Misses Ruby, Verna and Edith Dorehead of Boise spent the week end with Mrs. Gladys DeGoede and attended the graves of their dead in the Nyssa cemetery Saturday.

Mrs. Adah Schweizer went to the Roswell cemetery for Decoration Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Pullen and family took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pinkston and family and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Marvin Warren and family will join Mr. Warren soon at Bend, Oregon, where they will be located for the summer.

The Owyhee school election will be held the third Monday (June 15) and one director and one clerk will be chosen at that time.

Orville Bigelow finished his year's course at the Caldwell high school last Friday and Juanita Bigelow will finish this Friday a very successful year at the College of Idaho. All our young people will be home by Sunday, as Nellie and Rada got home Saturday from their school in Colorado.

Mrs. Tom Lowe, who has been suffering from a severely sprained ankle, is some improved.

Robert Overstreet and sister, Mrs. Maurice Judd, and Miss Emerson of Ontario and Miss Lilly May Hunt made a trip by Ford to Portland and back last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rackenbacker of Boise spent Tuesday night at the Lowe home en route to Spokane, Seattle and back through Helena, Mont., on their vacation.

Mrs. Andrew and Alvon McGinnis plan to spend the Fourth with home folks.

Miss Verdi Miller of Vale spent Friday with Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Smith and daughters of Ontario spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Evans and gave a talk at the Sunday school service.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fisher were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cantrall, Miss Bernice Martin was also a guest at Cantrall's and rendered a delightful solo at Sunday school Sunday morning entitled "God Will Take Care of You."

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kygar entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kygar and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Lou DeGoede Sunday.

Kenneth McDonald spent Saturday with Orville and John Bigelow.

Miss Dottie Cantrall is visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou DeGoede spent Saturday at the Bigelow home Ernest Burr of Ontario is working at the Evans ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott are enjoying a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Gruber, Mrs. Elliott's parents, from Las Animas, Colo., who have come to spend the summer here.

To Lease Public Domain

Payette, Ida., May 31.—Gate City Journal. Congress proposes to put the public domain under some kind of control. Probably nothing could be of more interest to the western stock man than the right solution of this problem.

Possible ways of Handling. There are four possible methods of handling these lands in the future. No. 1. Turn back to the states.

There has been a pronounced development of feeling in Washington in favor of turning all public lands over to the states in which they are located. The eastern representatives are growing more favorable to this idea and, as a result of their changed attitude, congress is sending a committee to the West this summer to investigate any matters relating to the public domain.

No. 2. Government system of leasing or sale by bids.

No. 3. Under the supervision of the department of the interior.

No. 4. Under the supervision of the department of agriculture. The principal argument for placing the lands of the public domain under the supervision of the forest service is that we have this large bureau at Washington with experienced executives in charge. There would be much less expense by having all the public lands under one head.

Hearings to try and form a crystallized idea on some one solution of question so that it can be put up to this committee from Washington will be held as follows:

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June 3.—Mackey.
June 4.—Shoshone.

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June 15.—Riggins.
June 16-17.—Lewiston.
June 20.—Payette.
In charge of H. L. Householder.
June 23.—Boise.
June 23.—Mountain Home.
In charge of F. S. Gadney.
June 25.—Twin Falls.
June 26.—Okley.
In charge of R. T. McNamara.
The meeting at Payette will be called at 11 o'clock at the Hotel Bencroft.

At a meeting at Twin Falls the following resolution was adopted:

It is hereby resolved that the public lands committee, the advisory board, and the board of directors of the Idaho Woolgrowers Association recommend that the public lands of the United States be brought under control of the federal government and that as a matter of economy it be placed under the supervision of the department of agriculture and administered by the present forest service, provided that—

1. A law be passed by congress restricting the fee to be charged on both the forest and the public domain to the actual cost of administration.
2. That a board of appeals similar to the interstate commerce commission be appointed by the president, which shall have authority to review all rulings of the forest service and complaints of the stock growers.
3. That the forest service be compelled to put thru its organization men not only well educated along animal husbandry lines, but experienced in the line of stock handling on the range.

Queer Human Nature

It does seem passing strange that the more you befriend some fellows the harder they know you when your back is turned.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Succor Creek Irrigation District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 22nd day of June, 1925, an election will be held, at the store of the Van Petten Lumber Company at Adrian, Oregon, for the purpose of determining whether or not the Succor Creek Irrigation District, heretofore organized under the laws of Oregon, and the boundaries of which are set forth in the order of the County Court for Malheur County, dated April 13, 1925, shall be united, merged and included within the Owyhee Irrigation District, and that at said election the qualified voters of said district shall be required to cast their ballots, which shall contain the words "Merger—Yes" and "Merger—No."

That at said election the polls shall open at 8 o'clock a. m., and that said election shall be conducted as nearly as practicable in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Oregon.

This notice is given pursuant to an order of the Board of Directors of said Succor Creek Irrigation District, duly made and entered at an adjourned regular meeting of said Board on the 20th day of May, 1925.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1925.
O. F. SELLE,
Secretary Succor Creek Irrigation District. m22j19

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