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NOW WORK ON STATE HIGHWAY

Surveying Crews Getting Busy and Adams County Votes Bond—Idaho and Lewis Yet to Hear From.

Although pursuant to a plan to release all energies for the state food production campaign, actual state highway construction under the million dollar appropriation will be limited to completing existing contracts, yet in the long run the providing of the great system of roads planned will not be materially delayed as necessary preliminary work will steadily receive attention, and especially applying to the north and south highway.

That is the information brought to Lewiston by State Highway Engineer Eugene Booth, who is now in the north in connection with his duties. Mr. Booth explains that this preliminary and necessary engineering work can be carried forward without embarrassment to any phase of the food production campaign, and when the period arrives for awarding the contracts all will be in readiness. In the meantime prospective bidders can be securing necessary data so that contracts can be promptly awarded when the labor situation will have been relieved.

Mr. Booth states that at this time a large party of engineers on the north and south road is now working out of Weiser north. Another is working from Whitebird south, and within a week or ten days a third party will be placed in the field to work from New Meadows toward Whitebird. Engineers will also be put at work changing the survey out of Whitebird so that Grangeville will be reached.

A telegram received yesterday by Mr. Booth stated the Adams county bond issue at an election held Saturday carried by a vote in the ratio of 10 to 1.

Engineer Booth states that with Adams county voting a bond issue of \$100,000, of which sum \$80,000 will be devoted to the north and south road, it remains only for Idaho county to provide a fund of \$50,000 to complete the amount necessary to finish the north and south highway from Weiser to Grangeville. In this connection he explains that the estimated cost of that stretch of the north and south road is \$640,000. There is now available the sum of \$590,000 from the following sources:

State, \$280,000; United States, \$150,000; Washington county, \$80,000; total, \$590,000.

It will thus be noted that by Idaho county providing \$50,000 the complete fund will be available for the construction to Grangeville.

Mr. Booth further explains that the time has now been reached for the interested communities to arrange to do their part for the construction of the road from Grangeville through the prairie country of Idaho county and through Lewis and Nez Perce counties to a connection with the Lewiston Hill link. The Lewiston good highway district is preparing to start construction up the Clearwater on the state road toward Spalding and Arrow. The Lapwai Valley good highway district is financed for carrying the state road through the Lapwai valley. It is now up to the localities of Lewis and Idaho counties to act, either through county or good roads districts movements.

Mr. Booth desires to emphasize the fact that although it will be

the policy of the state highway department not to award contracts at a period that would interfere with the food production campaign by withdrawing labor, yet there is no reason whatever why the various interested counties or localities should not proceed with their financing to join with the state and federal government in the road construction work. The state and government cannot under the law join in any road construction that is not in part financed by the locality served and so the earlier the communities act the earlier they will share in the state and federal funds.

Mr. Booth estimates that with prompt action on the part of all localities it will require two years' time to build the north and south highway, so it is important that all the preliminary details of finance be carried out immediately. —Tuesdays' Tribune.

Big Land Deal

One of the biggest land deals ever closed in the Genesee country occurred last Saturday, when the Geo. Follett ranch of 1480 acres, eight miles east of town, was purchased by Platt Bros. for a consideration of \$55,500.

This is one of the finest farms in the country and is well suited to the purpose for which it was purchased by the Platt Brothers, namely, that of stock raising. The ranch had been in possession of the Follett family for the past 37 years, being owned by George Follett, Sr., until his death, when it came into possession of his son, George Follett.

Platt Bros. have been extensively engaged in stock raising in the Salmon river country for the past 21 years and have been very successful. They plan to still keep their Salmon river holdings but will place some of their purebred stock now on the Platt ranch near town, and on their recently acquired ranch. They also plan to bring their Salmon river stock here to finish for market.

Will Platt will remain in the Salmon river district to look after their interests there, while John Platt will remove with his family to the new ranch as soon as the crops are off the ground this fall. —News.

Band Plans Entertainment

The members of the Cottonwood band are working hard in preparation for an entertainment and concert to be given in the K. C. hall, Wednesday evening, May 30, for the purpose of raising funds for the support of the band.

This entertainment will be in the nature of a concert, with music by the band, vocal and instrumental solos and other features of a novel and entertaining nature, and the boys promise one of the best shows seen in the city for some time.

The band is making good progress musically and in the next few months will be an organization capable of holding its own with any similar organization on the prairie, despite the fact that it was almost shot to pieces by enlistment of a number of its best players when the first call came for volunteers. It is well worthy of the support of our citizens and the boys will undoubtedly be greeted with a crowded house.

Leon LeQuime, the Continental Oil company agent for this territory, was in the city yesterday from Lewiston.

A. W. Dodel purchased Otto Aichlmayr's Ford car the first of the week and will use it during the summer on his rural mail route north of town.



A Patriotic Creed

We believe in our country—the United States of America. We believe in her constitution, her laws, her institutions, and the principles for which she stands. We believe in her future—the past is secure. We believe in her vast resources, her great possibilities—yes, more, her wonderful certainties.

We believe in the American people, their genius, their brain, and their brawn. We believe in their honesty, their integrity and dependability. We believe that nothing can stand in the way of their commercial advancement and prosperity.

We believe that what are termed "times of business depression" are but periods of preparation for greater and more pronounced commercial successes.

And we believe that in our country are being worked out great problems, the solution of which will be for the benefit of all mankind.

Much Re-Seeding

More fall sown grain either rotted or was winter killed during the past long winter, than was ever before known in all the years that Asotin county lands have been farmed, and every day finds farmers coming to the warehouses in Asotin to secure grain for re-seeding purposes says the Asotin Sentinel. The greater number of those who are having to re-seed wheat are planting the Marquis or Early Bart.

Reports from the Palouse and Big Bend sections of Washington and parts of Montana are of the same nature and it is more than probable that the shortage of the winter wheat crop will be far greater than even government reports would lead us to believe. This shortage ordinarily would be made up by additional spring planting but with the backward season and shortage of seed in many districts, to say nothing of the high cost of seed grain, the country now faces a possibility of this year's crop falling below that of last year.

Late as the season now is, it is up to the farmers to plant every acre they can possibly sow and also grow a large crop of potatoes. Where the grain supply is short it must be made up by using other foods and spuds come nearer taking the place of grain than most any vegetable grown.

Frank Forsmann purchased Dr. Shinnick's Ford car late last week and is now navigating the boat like one to the manner born.

The government experts suggest the larger use of corn meal and corn bread as a means of reducing the high cost of living. All right. Pass the "Johnny-cake." If you prefer real good "corn-pone" here is a recipe for manufacturing it: "Make half a gallon of mush and cool with water until milk warm; add one tablespoon of salt, one pint of flour and enough meal to make quite thick. Set in a warm place and let raise until bubbles form on top. (It is best to set over night.) Just before baking, add three-quarters of a cup of sugar. Pour contents in a well-greased, piping hot iron kettle and bake in a moderate oven for two and a half hours.

Gun Club Now Operating

Several members of the local gun club got out Sunday afternoon and located the trap on the hill east of town and put in a couple of hours trying to slaughter the clay pigeons. Some of the boys had very good luck and showed evidence of graduating into good artists at the traps in time to come. Another meeting of the club will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and all members are requested to come out at that time and take part in shoot and familiarize themselves with the sport. Some of the Grangeville boys may also be over to help us get started off on the right foot and it is believed no trouble will be experienced in perfecting a first class gun club here during the coming summer. The club will provide plenty of sport for the members and will afford amusement for many who otherwise are prevented from getting much outside exercise.

Thrown Back Into The Public Domain

There is a possibility that 1,500,000 thousand acres of land now held from entry within irrigation projects in this state where the irrigation systems have never been completed, will be turned into the public domain and thrown open for entry in the near future. At a meeting of the state land board held Saturday the register was instructed to report on all irrigation projects now being withheld from public entry under Cary act segregations with a view of citing officers of companies to a pear and show cause why the land should not be cancelled.

Included in the list are the Blackfoot north side project, the Black Canyon project, the Gasmere project, the Grandview extension, the Bruneau and Bruneau extension. The representatives of the companies promoting the Blackfoot and Bruneau projects are cited to appear before the board May 23.

Some Potatoes

The Orofino Mercantile company picked up a sack of potatoes the other day out of the ordinary. There were 90 spuds in the sack, the total weighing 125 pounds. The price paid was 4 cents per pound, or a fraction over 5½ cents for each potato. The potatoes were grown on the farm of E. C. Chase of Ahsahka, and as Miss Nellie Chase took first prize last year at the Spokane interstate fair on potatoes, the Tribune will give the young lady credit for growing the fine ones sold in Orofino one day this week. Such evidence of what the soil in Clearwater county will do, should stimulate everyone to make an effort to raise something this year. —Tribune.

The Farmer Wins Again

Washington, May 12.—Bookkeepers and office assistants die youngest and farmers die oldest, according to a bureau of labor statistics report issued today. The average age of death among bookkeepers and clerks was 36 years and among farmers 58. Tuberculosis caused 35 per cent of the deaths of clerks, and heart disease was responsible for the largest number of farmers' deaths, 16 per cent.

Mr. Stonebreaker was in the city yesterday from Ferdinand.

John Jorgenson is expected home today from Lewiston where he has been for several months for the benefit of his health. He is reported feeling much improved.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Refreshed from Exchanges.

Asotin citizens have practically completed arrangements to pave five blocks in the center of that town during the coming summer.

Wheat passed the \$3 mark at Portland last Friday when a price of \$3.02 was offered for June delivery. This is the highest price ever quoted on that market.

By a vote of almost ten to one the residents of Adams county last week voted a bond of \$100,000 to provide funds for the completion of the north and south state highway through that county.

Lloyd Shawley, who shot and killed his wife on Wednesday of last week at Lewiston, died Saturday from uraemic poisoning due to his self-inflicted injuries when he tried to take his own life.

The Clearwater is on the rise and has been giving the boys at the mill some hard work landing logs, the past week. Tuesday night one of the boats got loose and went on a joy ride down the river. —Kamiah Progress.

Former governors James H. Hawley and Frank R. Gooding and former Supreme Justice Ailshie have announced their candidacy for U. S. senator from Idaho to succeed Senator Borah when the latter's term of office expires.

A big flour mill and elevator at American Falls was destroyed recently by fire which is thought to have been of incendiary origin. The mill had a daily capacity of 350 barrels of flour and the elevator held 50,000 bushels of grain.

Percy P. Puyear lost about twenty head of cattle from his herd last week and a portion of them were picked up at Kooskia and the general supposition is that cattle rustlers were in this section. He has recovered nearly all of them. —Stites Enterprise.

The big canning plant of the Oregon Packing company at Lewiston is now practically completed and will be ready for operation within three weeks. The plant will employ from 125 to 150 men and women during the packing season of more than six months and most of the time will be operated day and night.

Joseph Galles and Leo Bibbs, the young men recently found guilty at Lewiston of entering the house of William Nunn at Culesac, in company with Duncan McKenzie, and trying to rob him, were given suspended sentences late last week and will have to report to the sheriff of that county once a year for the next fifteen years.

Roy Robinette and Ivan Galager, two young men of the Kamiah section, were tried last week on charges of petty larceny and were bound over to the district court under \$200 bonds. The men were charged with having stolen a quantity of property from Helen Lawyer, an Indian woman 75 years old who resides in Lawyer canyon. Considerable other thievery has been going on in that locality during the past winter and several Indians claim to have lost property. Robinette's wife testified against Galager and most of the missing property was found in Robinette's cellar.

The classes at the Moscow university and Pullman college have been so depleted on account of young men leaving school to join the army and navy or returning home to assist their parents on the farm that the schools have become almost demoralized and many classes contain hardly enough students to justify the hearing of recitations.

To Organize First Aid Class

On next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at the K. C. hall, another meeting will be held for the purpose of trying to organize a First Aid class to affiliate with the local Red Cross society and it is desired that as many residents of this locality as possible will come out and familiarize themselves with the purpose of the organization and join the class if they so see fit. The joining of a first aid class does not in any way compromise the members and they cannot be called into active service even in case of dire necessity but the work is one that is of direct benefit to all persons in their daily life and is particularly beneficial to parents of families. The class can also assist the Red Cross society materially in its work and, with other towns taking such an active interest in this kind of work, it would seem that Cottonwood should not be backward in doing its full part. The lack of attendance at former meetings is thought to have been due to a lack of familiarity with the work in hand and it is hoped the meeting next Monday evening will enjoy a large attendance. Please arrange your affairs so you can be there at the hour named and jog the memory of some of your friends who ought to join the class but may forget the date.

Knops in Bad Runaway

While returning to their home north of town Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. John F. Knop experienced quite an accident and the former narrowly escaped serious injury. When near their home their team took fright and started to run. Mrs. Knop started to jump from the rig but her husband pulled her back and as he did so he was thrown from the rig and struck on his head, cutting a bad gash in his scalp and rendering him unconscious. A few feet farther the rig crossed a gully and the tongue came down and ran into the ground, overturning the buggy and catching Mrs. Knop beneath it. However, she escaped without a scratch and was soon back to her husband's side. Others arrived at this time and the injured man was carried to the house and a doctor summoned. His wound was dressed and after a day in bed he was able to be around again as usual, although somewhat the worse for wear. His escape from serious injury was fortunate and both are to be congratulated in getting out as luckily as they did.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jenny returned Wednesday evening from their trip to Boise where Mr. Jenny and F. A. Kelsey attended the state convention of Knights of Columbus last week. Mr. Jenny was elected treasurer of the order for the coming year and the next convention will be held at Genesee. After attending the convention they spent a week there taking in the sights of Boise and vicinity and having a general good time. They also visited the soldier boys from our town and found them enjoying good health, except for a few in the hospital with measles, and apparently well satisfied with soldier life. Mr. Kelsey went on to Portland for a short visit before returning.