

# The Oroville Weekly Gazette

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## CELEBRATION

### AND DEDICATION

OF THE

# WEST OKANOGAN VALLEY

IRRIGATION PROJECT

AT

## Oroville, Wash. WEDNESDAY June 7, 1916

Program includes addresses by prominent men of the state of Washington and of the Northwest.

### GOV. ERNEST LISTER

Mayor Hi C. Gill, Seattle  
Dr. E. O. Holland, Pres. W. S. C.  
Hon. Geo. A. Lee, Seattle

SIGHT SEEING SIDE TRIP VIA TRAIN through the scenic Similkameen gorge to the source of the water supply of the irrigation project, the route paralleling the large flumes and spillways running with water.

### Moving Pictures

will be taken on the trip as well as featuring other events.

Delegations from Spokane, Seattle, Everett, Bellingham, Okanogan and Wenatchee Chambers of Commerce and Commercial Clubs will participate in the ceremonies.

Formal Auto Procession Viewing Osoyoos Lake enroute to a point overlooking the valley and project, at which place will be held the

### Official Dedicatory Exercises

—OF—

#### THE WEST OKANOGAN VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Participating in these ceremonies there will be—  
Ralph Budd, assistant to the president, G. N. Ry. Ed. Leedy, General Immigration Agent, G. N. Ry. Judge F. V. Brown, Attorney, G. N. Ry. F. W. Graham, Western Industrial Agent, G. N. Ry.

Geo. I. Cole, E. Truax, M. K. Brown, directors; E. Riste secretary, D. C. Heney, district engineer and J. C. Stevens, engineer in charge of the Irrigation Project.

R. T. Hoffmark, D. T. Chamberlain, representing A. Guthrie & Co., the contractors.

Come to Oroville and spend the day with us and take home with you a realization of what the future has in store as a result of the completion of the West Okanogan Valley Irrigation Project.

Evening Smoker at Civic League Building for visiting delegates and all other guests.

WATCH NEXT WEEK FOR OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

#### LAND DRAWING PROCLAMATION.

Registration—July 5 to July 22 (Sundays excepted.)

Land drawing at Spokane—July 27.

Land entry—September 5 to October 18.

Reservation open to general settlement—October 18.

Residence must be established before May 1, 1917.

President Wilson's formal proclamation for opening to settlement the lands of the diminished Colville Indian reservation, was received from Washington.

The proclamation complete reads as follows:

1. Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by act of congress approved March 22, 1906 (34 Stat. L. 80) do hereby prescribe, proclaim and make known that all the non-mineral, unallotted and unreserved lands within the diminished Colville Indian reservation, in the state of Washington, classified as irrigable lands, grazing lands, or arid lands, shall be disposed of under the general provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and be open to settlement and entry and settled upon, occupied and entered only in the manner herein prescribed.

Provided, That all lands classified as timber or mineral, all lands within the following townships and parts of townships shall not be disposed of under this proclamation.

Townships 31, 32, 33, 34, north, range 35 east; township 30 north, range 31 east; township 31 north, range 30 east; north half of township 31 north, range 28 east; townships 32 33, and 34 north, range 28 east, south half and south half of north half of township 33 north, range 27 east; and fractional part north and east of Lake Onache of township 32 north, range 27 east.

1. A registration for the lands will be conducted at the cities of Spokane, Wenatchee, Colville, Wilbur, Republic and Omak, Washington, beginning July 4 and ending July 22, 1916, Sundays excepted, under the supervision of John McPaul superintendent of the opening. Any person qualified to make entry under the general provisions of the homestead law may register.

2. Any person who was honorably discharged after at least 90 days service in the United States army, navy or marine corps, during the civil war, the Spanish-American war or the Philippine insurrection, or the widow or the minor orphan children of such person may register either in person or by agent. No person shall present more than one application in his own behalf and one as agent.

Each applicant for registration must show the applicant's name, post office address, age, height and weight, and must be included in an envelope bearing no distinctive marks or any paper other than the application. No envelope shall contain more than one application.

3. Each applicant must himself sign and swear to his application on or before July 5, and not later than July 22, 1916, at Spokane, Wenatchee, Colville, Wilbur, Republic or Omak, Washington, before a notary public designated by the superintendent. Except a soldier's or sailor's application and power of attorney appointing an agent may be signed and sworn to by the applicant at any time after the date hereof and prior to the close of the registration, but the agent must sign and swear to the application during the time, at one of the places and in the manner herein prescribed for execution of other applications. After applications have been properly executed they must be delivered to the superintendent or to some person designated by him to receive them.

4. Beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. on July 27, 1916, at the said city of Spokane and continuing thereafter from day to day, Sundays excepted as long as may be necessary, there shall be impartially taken and selected indiscriminately from the whole number of envelopes presented, such number thereof as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this proclamation into effect, and the application for registration contained in the envelope so selected shall, when correct in form and execution, be numbered serially in the order in which they were selected, beginning with number one, and the numbers thus assigned shall fix and control the order in which the persons named therein may make entry of the lands.

5. A list of the successful applicants, showing the number assigned to each, will be conspicuously posted and furnished to the press for publication as a matter of news and a proper notice will be mailed promptly to each of these applicants.

6. Beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. on September 5, 1916 and continuing thereafter on such dates as may be fixed by the secretary of the interior,

persons holding numbers assigned to them under this proclamation will be permitted to select and enter the tracts they desire, as follows: A map-room will be established at such place as shall be decided upon by the secretary of the interior, where numbers assigned will be called in their numerical order.

When an applicant's number is called, he must at once select the tract he desires to enter and will be allowed ten days after the date of the selection in which to complete entry at the proper land office.

During such period he must file a homestead application at the land office, accompanying the same with the usual filing fees and commissions, and in addition thereto, one fifth of the appraised value of the tract selected. If the lands are in the Spokane (Wash.) land district entry must be made at the Spokane land office; if in the Waterville, Wash., land district, entry must be made at the Waterville land office.

To save the expenses incident to a trip to the land and a return to the land office, he may following his selection, execute his homestead application for the tract selected within the land district and file same in the land office, where it will be held awaiting the payment of the fees and commissions and one-fifth appraised value of the land. In that event the payment must be made within 10 days following the date of selection.

Payments can be made only in cash, by certified checks on national and state banks and trust companies, which can be cashed without cost to the government, or by post office money orders made payable to the receiver of the land office.

These payments may be made in person, through the mails or any other means or agency desired, but the applicant assumes all responsibility in the matter. He must see that the payments reach the land office within 10 days allowed, and when failure occurs in any instance where the application has been filed in the land office without payment, as herein provided for, the application will stand rejected without further action on the part of the local land officers.

In case of declaratory statements allowable under the opening, the same course may be pursued, except that the filing fees must be paid within 10 days following date of selection, the party having six months after filing within which to complete entry. Soldiers or sailors or their widows or orphan children making homestead entry of these lands must make payment of fees, commissions and purchase money as is required of other entrymen.

If such proof is made all the unpaid installments must be paid at that time. Where three year proof is submitted, the entryman may make payment of the unpaid installments at that time or at any time before they become due and final certificate will be issued, in the absence of objection, upon such payment being made. If any entryman fails to make any payment when it becomes due, all his former payments will be forfeited and his entry will be canceled.

7. No person will be permitted to select more than one tract, present more than one application for entry nor file more than one declaratory statement in his own behalf.

8. If any person fails to select the tract he desires to enter on the date assigned to him for that purpose, or if having made such selection he fails to perfect it by making entry or filing and payments as herein provided, or if he presents more than one application for registration or presents an application in any other than his true name he will forfeit his right to make entry or filing under this proclamation.

9. None of the lands opened to entry under this proclamation will become subject to settlement or entry prior to 9 a. m. October 18, 1916, except in the manner prescribed herein; and all persons are admonished not to make any settlement before that time on lands not covered by entries or filings made by them under the proclamation. All the said lands not then entered by persons assigned numbers hereunder will, at that hour, become subject to settlement and entry under the general provisions of the homestead laws and the aforesaid act of congress.

10. The secretary of the interior shall make and prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to carry the provisions of this proclamation and of the said act of congress into full force and effect and is hereby authorized to prescribe the time when and the manner in which lands in any or all the townships temporarily withdrawn from disposal, as herein provided, may be opened to settlement and entry.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 3 day of May, in the year of our Lord

one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and fortieth.

WOODROW WILSON,

By the president: ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State.

#### COMMERCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON.

There will be a special Commercial Club luncheon served in the library building next Thursday, June 1st. It is requested that all business houses close between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, so that everybody can turn out and attend the luncheon.

#### GOOD ROADS MEETING.

There will be a public meeting of the members of the Good Roads associations and all interested in better roads, at the library building at 2 p. m., Saturday. Let everybody turn out as matters of much importance will be taken up and considered.

#### MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

A musical entertainment will be given in the Lyric theatre next Friday evening by Trinity Guild, of the Episcopal church, for the benefit of the organ fund. A very interesting program will be arranged for the occasion. Admission, adults, 35 cents; children under 12, 25 cents.

#### PLANS FORMULATED.

As will be seen by the conspicuous advertisement on first page—where an advertisement was never before printed since the paper was established eleven years ago, and the privilege is granted only on account of the importance of the event—that Oroville is going to entertain and amuse the crowd of visitors expected here on June 7, when the opening of the irrigation system will be commemorated. The order was placed after the inside of the paper was printed, so the article on preparedness as published on that page has lost its savor.

#### EXPERIENCED MINING MEN.

R. R. Catching and Jesse Freeman, of Wallace, Idaho, spent Sunday in Oroville, and while here visited and inspected the O. K. mine on Kruger mountain, and also took the opportunity to look over the mineral showings in that neighborhood. They expressed themselves as very much pleased with the evidence of the presence of minerals in this locality, and stated that they were of the opinion from indications that deep mining on Kruger would result in making mines. An opinion from such a source has weight and should be encouraging to every claim holder in that neighborhood, for Messrs. Catching and Freeman have operated in a country where mining has made fortunes for scores of people simply because mining has been conducted on right principles. It would be a fortunate thing for this country if men experienced in mining in such districts as the Coeur d'Alene could be induced to come here, examine properties and then take hold and develop them.

#### A SPECTACULAR FIRE.

John Reed, of Loomis, returned Saturday from a sojourn of a week or ten days at Soap Lake, where he took the waters for rheumatism, from which ailment he has been a great sufferer for several months. In his case the medicinal properties of the lake water proved efficacious, and he returned home feeling fine and fit. Mr. Reed witnessed the recent wreck of a freight train at Soap Lake, on the Great Northern road, when property to the value of \$60,000 was destroyed. There were three oil tanks in the train. These tanks turned over, the oil ignited, destroying the other cars. According to Mr. Reed's account of the catastrophe it was a spectacular exhibition of fire works as explosion followed explosion and the oil burned fiercely.

#### DOING GOOD WORK.

Dell Hart returned last Friday evening from a business trip to Seattle. He reports that Fred W. Graham, immigration agent for the Great Northern railroad, is fairly swamped with inquiries regarding the opening of the Colville reservation. These inquiries come from all parts of the United States, and would indicate that thousands of people would take chances in the land drawing. Mr. Hart also states that Mr. Graham is working constantly to attract attention to this irrigation district, and through his exertions a large number of Seattle people will attend the opening celebrations to be held here and at Tonasket on the 7th and 8th of June. From a business point of view, according to Mr. Hart's observations, Seattle does not display any marked activity.

#### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The graduating exercises of the class of 1916 filled the large auditorium of the Oroville high school to capacity last Friday evening. Not only was every seat that could be crowded into the floor space occupied, but a fringe of humanity stood up in the south end of the room, while a number were compelled to be satisfied with a foot hold in the hall, where only occasional glimpses of the stage could be secured and a word now and then filtered through the open doors. The event proved to be a very happy, interesting and enjoyable close to a very successful school year. The platform was occupied by the graduates, the school directors and the teachers. There was a goodly display of flowers, the school colors, purple and gold, and the class motto "Deeds, not Words," hung above the stage. The following is the program of exercises:

Quartet—Aubrey McMahan, Theodore Johnson, Lawrence Dallam, Harlan Fuller.....  
Class History.....Goldie Mitchell  
Paper—"Farm Loans in New Zealand".....Garland Ethel  
Class Prophecy.....Theodore Johnson  
Solo.....Lawrence Dallam  
Class Will.....Bernice Desmond  
Class Poem.....Harlan Fuller  
Paper—"Irrigation"—Valdectory.....Chas. Cole  
Trio—Misses Louise Studley, Ruth McCammon, Hermene Grieger.....  
Address.....Rev. W. W. Strite  
Presentation of Diplomas.....  
Solo.....E. E. Parsons  
Solo.....Miss Elizabeth Graves

The various papers prepared by the pupils were excellent, showing much care in composition and close study of the subjects treated, the class poem by Mr. Fuller being exceptionally clever. The musical numbers were pleasing, especially the solo by Miss Graves. It was the first time the young lady has appeared in public here, and her cultivated and delightfully musical voice won instant recognition and appreciation. The address of Rev. Strite to the graduating class was a masterful effort, couched in choice language, carrying much cheer, encouragement and admirable advice to those who had just closed their high school career, and are entering upon the duties and responsibilities of man and womanhood. Mr. Parsons presented the diplomas with a few well chosen words of commendation and encouragement both to the class and the teachers. Altogether the graduating exercises proved to be a very enjoyable event and one that neither the participants nor the audience will soon forget.

In one of the class rooms spread upon a table a large collection of flowers and presents for the graduates, tokens of kind regards and wishes from relatives and friends, and none of the class were forgotten nor overlooked.

The graduating class of 1916 was composed of seven pupils, two girls and five boys, the boys predominating, which is rather infrequently the case among high school graduating classes. They are Miss Bernice Desmond, Miss Goldie Mitchell, Garland Ethel, Theodore Johnson, Charles Cole, Harlan Fuller and Lawrence Dallam, bright and promising young ladies and gentlemen, all of them making good records during the past year both in their studies and deportment. Most of the graduates have a desire for higher education, and several of them, if not all, will enter some college or university next fall. In this day and age an education is absolutely essential for success in life, and it is hoped that the class of 1916 will be able to go through the higher branches and in the end realize the ambitions they may entertain. It is a great credit to the local school that it has turned out so large a class of well equipped graduates so early in its career as an accredited high school, and it speaks well for the efficiency and ability of the faculty under which these scholars have been able to attain that end.

#### COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Oroville Commercial Club will take place in the library building next Thursday evening, June 1, at the usual hour. Make a note of the date, so that you need not put up the plea that you forgot as an excuse for your non-appearance. Business of importance will come before the meeting for discussion and action. Now is the time when a live organization can exert a great deal of influence for the welfare of the community. In unity is accomplishment made possible. Turn out, be there and lend your voice and aid in furthering any movement that has for its object the betterment of the town.

Residents of Oroville should secure extra copies of this issue of the Gazette and mail to friends in order to spread abroad the news of the big celebration that is to take place on the 7th of June.