

HEPPNER'S GUESTS.

The business men of Heppner are alive and enterprising, and they want all of Morrow county to enjoy the Fourth. They have freely subscribed the cash to pay the expense of entertaining, and they invite all the people of the county to come to Heppner on the Fourth and enjoy their hospitality. One of the best orators in the Northwest will deliver the oration.

MAIL CONTRACTS.

There is one matter in which this great and good government of the people, by the people and for the people should take speedy steps to protect the people of the far west.

It is in the matter of mail contracts.

The government has hosts of officials and many men willing to become officials, and if it will detail some of them to rigidly investigate the actual workings of mail contracts and report the facts, much good will result if needed reforms are instituted.

Capitalists in the east take mail contracts in the west and without expending a dollar sub-let them at rates below the cost of running the routes. The victims who take the sub-contracts in the hope of making a few honest dollars, make other victims by securing credit for feed and supplies for their lines, and in striking an average almost everybody gets cinched except the government and the eastern contractor.

The government can and should regulate this matter by knowing all about the actual cost of running each mail route and refusing to let a contract at less than the cost of carrying it out in such a way that the people who furnish supplies will be fully paid. Under the present system the government becomes an accomplice in aiding to cinch the people.

In the old stage days when Hon. John Hailey had the mail contracts through the Heppner Hills the people got their pay. But by almost every stage mail company running through here since, the people have been bilked, and it is time the great and good government set its expert thinkers to work to devise a way that will prevent people being bilked in connection with its work.

When Walter Thompson had the mail contract between Heppner and Canyon City at about \$6000 a year, he ran behind. Two years ago the contract was let to Mr. Stillings, of Kentucky, at \$3500, and he sub-let it to Mr. Miller, of The Dalles, for \$3200.

Heppner business men are always ready to extend credit to any legitimate enterprise, and they did so to this stage line, and it now owes them several hundred dollars. As no money seemed to be forthcoming, Binns Bros. this week attached the horses and stages used between Heppner and Monument, and the line was tied up. Postmaster Vaughn had to hire the mail carried for four round trips to Monument, 104 miles, at contract price, \$10 a trip. Mr. Miller and the bondsmen came up from The Dalles, and yesterday a redelivery bond was given, and the stage stock released from attachment, and the stage went out as usual this morning.

The bondsmen are Messrs. Kelsey, Bolton and Haight, of The Dalles, good men who as an accommodation went on the bond. Geo. Gray says that they offered to give him the contract, the horses and stages, and a bonus of \$500 if he would finish the remaining two years of the contract, he to give a \$4000 bond to do so.

The bondsmen returned to The Dalles today, and intimated that there would be some sort of an adjustment soon. Mr. Miller said that he and D. E. Gilman would start today to inspect the line, and it may be that the latter gentleman will conclude to take the contract and adjust the claims.

It looks as though the people at The Dalles had been getting what cash there was coming from the mail contract, while the Heppner creditors were getting nothing.

It seems that the time has come when people along western stage lines should extend not a cent's worth of credit to such mail lines or else the government should either guarantee payment for supplies or invent stages that will run without grease, horses that will run without feed, drivers that will run without wages.

NORTHWEST MAGAZINE.

This picturesque publication has issued a mid-summer fiction number which surpasses any of its previous efforts. It contains many excellent sketches pertaining to the great northwest, and is well filled with a general array of entertaining reading.

GONE EAST.

Prof. Sibray, after being re-elected principal of the Heppner school and having his salary raised from \$85 to \$111 a month, received an appointment in the census bureau at Washington. He therefore resigned his school position here and has started for Washington. It is thought that the work he has been detailed on will last five years.



HEPPNER WILL CELEBRATE

Be sure to come, for Heppner is going to have a grand celebration.

The preliminary steps were taken Saturday evening, when a public meeting was held at the opera house.

A five-and-drum corps consisting of Judge Bartholomew, J. T. Galloway and Messrs. Blackman and Clarke made music, and the way Judge Bartholomew weited the base drum and hit it on both sides at the same time was an artistic surprise to his friends.

Judge Bartholomew was called to the chair, and Councilman J. R. Simons moved that Heppner have a celebration.

The motion was unanimously carried, and patriotic speeches were made by Mr. Simons, Judge Bartholomew and others. Mr. Simons outlined a regular old-fashioned barbecue, dance and literary exercises to take place on the athletic lot on May street, in a most convenient part of town. Everything to be free, and the whole county to be made welcome.

The meeting got right down to business, and appointed the following finance committee to raise funds: Dr. Hunlock, Geo. E. Whites, Geo. Swaggart, E. M. Shutt and J. W. Redington.

The committee went to work Monday and in a few hours raised \$464.25 to pay the expense of the celebration.

The contributors to the fund were as follows:

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the fund, including McAtee & Swaggart, Chas. Telfer, Joe Luckman, A. G. Bartholomew, E. J. Slocum, M. B. Galloway, J. R. Simons & Son, Beck & Bathows, Hullock & Hart, Noble & Co., Frank Roberts, N. S. Whetstone, J. W. Morrow, J. B. Natter, Binns Bros., Henry Heppner, P. O. Borg, Minor & Co., T. R. Howard, Beal & Co., B. F. Patterson, B. F. Laughan, Ed. R. Bishop, D. O. Justin, M. C. L. & T. Co., Wm. Gordon, Arthur Smith, A. C. Giger, The Fair, W. P. Scribner, W. R. Ellis, Sam Meadows, S. P. Garrigues, E. M. Shutt, Heppner Gazette, Heppner Transfer Co., First National Bank, Foster Adams, Conser & Warren, M. Lichtenhal, Thomson & Thomas, J. L. Gibson, Pearl Jones, J. W. Matlock, Arthur Clarke, J. L. Yeager, C. J. Matlock, Shooting gallery, H. A. Gunn, A. M. Gunn, Tom Matlock, G. W. Phelps, J. E. Sharp, Mrs. L. J. Estes, J. J. Wells, E. R. Swinburne, Mollie Reed, L. V. Gentry, Kinsman & Proebstel, Geo. Thornton, O. E. Farnsworth, J. W. Cowins, J. M. Hager, C. E. Redfield, J. W. Shipley, A. Abrahamsick, E. R. Hanlock, Vawter Crawford, Wills & Patterson, Gilliam & Bisbee, Cash, A. Andrews, Light & Water Co., Rhea & Welch.

Total \$464.25

An adjourned meeting was held Tuesday evening, Judge Bartholomew in the chair, Vawter Crawford secretary.

Following selections were made: Executive committee—S. P. Garrigues, Oscar Minor, G. W. Swaggart, James Hart, J. B. Beal.

Treasurer—Dr. E. R. Hunlock. Committee on Music—Vawter Crawford, M. B. Galloway, Mrs. G. W. Phelps.

On Decoration—Geo. Thornton. On Program—Judge Bartholomew. On Sports and Amusements—E. M. Shutt, Frank Natter, A. Clarke.

On Printing—J. W. Redington, G. W. Phelps, H. W. Bartholomew. On Invitation—Frank Gilliam, Geo. Conser, L. W. Briggs.

On Entertainment—W. R. Ellis, E. R. Bishop.

The committees are all at work, and a grand celebration is assured.

HOME FOR SALE.

A nice house, 6 rooms, well located, lot 50x150, only \$1100. Apply at Gazette office.

SEWING.

The ladies of Heppner are hereby notified that I am prepared to do all kinds of sewing. On Main street, 3d door south of Palace Hotel.

Mrs. A. L. STEELE.

RANCH WANTED.

An experienced sheep man wants to buy for cash or rent a ranch, and range of about 1000 acres, not too near the timber. Leave word at the Gazette office, Heppner.

Make your calculations to come to Heppner on the Glorious Fourth, and you will be glad you came.

BADLY HURT.

J. W. Ambrose, whose home is at Sugarloaf mountain, near the Middle fork of the John Day, is in Heppner suffering severely from the effects of an accident at Biggs station last Saturday. In coming up on the train he got off at Biggs to talk to an old neighbor, and as the train started up and was getting under way he jumped onto one of the car steps. Some well-meant warnings from the trainmen caused him to lean outwards to hear what was said, and thus he struck against a pile of trucks and trunks. He was knocked off the steps, but managed to cling to the trunks until the train had whirled past. A railroad man jumped up and held him there, otherwise he might have fallen backward under the wheels.

The train was stopped and Mr. Ambrose was taken aboard and made as comfortable as possible, and with the help of a Long Creek physician was enabled to reach Heppner. It is thought that some of his ribs are crushed in.



Heppner people were surprised this week to see some lordly gentlemen Indians carrying sacks of flour on their backs, while the lady Indians strolled along unloaded. The kind of pioneer pack-trains formerly seen here looked like this:

WOOL.

The Heppner wool market has not yet opened up, although three prominent buyers have been here for weeks. The only sale reported this week was that of 12,000 pounds of Monument wool at 13c. Most Heppner growers seem to be firm holders at 15c.

In Boston demand continues slow. Bids of lots of fine territorial with staple out were made on a secured basis of 50c, but the offers did not tempt holders.

Territory; secured basis—Montana and Dakota, fine medium and fine, 18c and 19c; secured, 53c@55c; staple, 56c@57c; medium and fine, 18c@19c. Utah and Wyoming, fine medium and fine, 17c@18c; secured, 52c@53c; staple, 58c.

Australian, secured basis, spot prices—combing, superfine, nominal, 82c@87c; good, 80c@82c.

Advertisement for 'Some Reasons Why You Should Insist on Having EUREKA HARNESS OIL'. It lists benefits like 'An excellent preservative', 'Reduces cost of your harness', 'Never burns the leather', 'Efficiency is increased', 'Secures best service', and 'Stitches kept from breaking'. It also mentions 'HARNESS OIL' and 'OIL' with 'Standard Oil Company' logo.

Advertisement for 'The Favorite Line to All Points East' by 'The Mutual Warehouse Co. of Portland'. It describes 'Broad, vestibuled, up-to-date trains between Pueblo and Denver, and Omaha, Chicago and Kansas City, making direct connections in Chicago with all morning trains east'. It also lists 'First class Pullman sleepers, Library Buffet cars, between Denver and Chicago; the most perfect dining car service in the world "la carte"; through first class Pullman sleeper every day between Salt Lake City and Chicago via the scenic line. Personally conducted excursions in ordinary Pullman sleeping cars once a week from Portland and San Francisco to Omaha, Chicago, Buffalo, Boston and New York, via the great Salt Lake Route without change to Chicago. No annoying transfer in Chicago. These cars are provided with all week's periodicals for free use of our patrons. For further information, maps, folders, etc., call on your nearest ticket agent, or address A. E. COOPER, Gen'l Agt. Pass. Dept. Portland, Ore.'

Advertisement for 'The Mutual Warehouse Co. of Portland'. It states 'Was organized to meet a distinct demand of the grain trade. It is to afford facilities to store and concentrate wheat or other cereals at their chief market, Portland, so as to be ready to dispose of them at short notice and command the fullest competition when ready to sell.'

Advertisement for 'PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION'. It says 'Let us send you our booklet, "Wheat and how to handle it," which may interest you. Free.'

Large advertisement for 'HEPPNER Invites Everybody to become its Guests on Wednesday, July 4, and Enjoy a Celebration of the Glorious Fourth.' It lists activities like 'Anvil Salutes, Oration, Stirring Strains of Martial Music, Free Dancing Day and Evening, Athletic Sports, Firemen's Tournament, Etc., and a Big Barbecue Dinner, Free to All!'. It also mentions 'Come and be Heppner's Guests on the Fourth. Her business men have subscribed nearly \$500 to pay the expense, and you will be made welcome.'

Advertisement for 'Gordon's Feed and Sale Stable'. It says 'Has just been opened to the public and Mr. Gordon, the proprietor, kindly invites his friends to call and try his first-class accommodations. Plenty of Hay and Grain for Sale. Stable located on west side of Main street between Wm. Scribner's and A. M. Gunn's blacksmith shops. For the ladies—a fine horse and lady's saddle.'

Advertisement for 'Nothing so Good' as 'J.B. Natter's beer'. It says 'as a pure malt beverage to refresh one after a hard day's work has ever been discovered. And there is one malt beverage that is better than others—that is J.B. Natter's beer. It goes right to the spot, and is served up at Natter's Brewery on upper Main St., Heppner, where an ice-cool cellar in the solid rock keeps it always cool.'

Advertisement for 'Take Slocum's Sarsaparilla'. It says 'Signs of Spring convey a warning that certain ailments, general debility, rheumatism, liver complaint, etc., need attention. There isn't anything equal to SLOCUM'S SARSAPARILLA for the above ailments. It is honestly and carefully made of the best drugs, like everything else we make, and we give you a bottle one-third larger than you usually get for the same money else where. Slocum Drug Co., Main Street, Heppner.'

Advertisement for 'Heppner Candy Factory'. It says 'Wholesale and Retail Ice Cream and Candy Manufacturers. Nuts and Fruits, Lunch Goods, Stationery, Trinkets, Toys, Tobaccos and Cigars. Agents for the world winner Rambler Bicycle Bicycle Suits and Sundries. Second hand wheels bought and sold. Beal & Co.'

Advertisement for 'Russell Engines'. It says 'Traction or Portable, Simple or Compound, Wood or Straw Burners.'

Advertisement for 'Cyclone Threshers'. It says 'Automatic Stackers, Wind Stackers, Horse Powers, Threshermen's Supplies of All Kinds. WRITE FOR CATALOGUE AND PRICES. PORTLAND, ORE. GILLIAM & BISBEE, Agents, Heppner, Ore.'

Advertisement for 'THE MORROW COUNTY LAND AND TRUST COMPANY'. It says 'Is always in the field for Business, and extends all modern advantages to the farmer and the stockman. Its warehouse is located right on the railroad at Heppner. It handles WOOL AND GRAIN and engages in Storage and Forwarding. The Wool Growers' Warehouse. Owned and operated by the Wool Growers of Morrow County. Highest Cash Price Paid for Hides and Pelts. Agents for Black Leaf Tobacco Dip and Little's Fluid Dip. The only reliable prepared dips on the market. Feed and Seed Grain always on hand. Wool Sacks at cost to patrons. Advances made on Wool and Grain in Store.'

Advertisement for 'Henry Heppner's WAREHOUSE'. It says 'GENERAL WAREHOUSING WOOL and GRAIN. Cash Advances made on Wool and Grain. Highest Price Paid for HIDES and PELTS. Feed and Seed Grain always on hand. Wool Sacks and Grain Bags For Sale. Little's and Black Leaf Sheep Dips.'

Advertisement for 'Simond's Cross Cut Saws Sewing Machines Sanitary Stills Boss Washers Hose and Sprinklers Lawn Mowers'. It says 'At Ed. R. Bishop's.'