

THE CITY OF HEPPNER PROSPEROUS

Being Centrally Located Transacts Large
Volume of Business.

METROPOLIS OF MORROW COUNTY

One of the Solid Towns of Eastern Oregon
With Natural Advantages to Make
Residence Desirable.

Heppner is the terminal of the Heppner branch of the O. R. & N. railroad, 197 miles east of Portland, and 45 miles from the Columbia river, and is the largest and best town between The Dalles and Pendleton, a distance of about 150 miles and covering three big counties of the State of Oregon.

Away back in the 60's a lonely settler by the name of Estes, took up the townsite of Heppner, which was then a big flat covered with tall rye grass, at the confluence of Willow and Hinton creeks.

In those days the country was inhabited with roving bands of Indians, who used the grade of Willow creek as a highway on their trips to the Blue Mountains in quest of game, to and from the Columbia river.

In 1869 George Stansbury purchased from Mr. Estes his right to the fine ranch, and the townsite of Heppner became known to the few settlers as Stansbury's flat. A few years later, among the settlers were the late J. L. Morrow, Henry Heppner, Thos. Quaid, Wm. and Thos. Ayers. Previous to moving to this country, Mr. Morrow was in the mercantile business at La Grande. Henry Heppner who was a pioneer packer, in traveling over the country, had noticed the natural advantages of Stansbury's flat for a townsite and as a future trade centre.

A partnership was formed between Henry Heppner and J. L. Morrow. In the fall of '72 Heppner & Morrow started a store with a small stock. This was the nucleus of the present town of Heppner. For Mr. Heppner's enterprise in helping to start the town, the place was named for him.

To the efforts of Henry Heppner, the town is indebted for its first public school. He donated a bell and solicited

the subscription necessary for a building.

To this day, Mr. Heppner who is one of the largest taxpayers in the county, has always shown a public spirit in upbuilding the town, and some of the finest business blocks in the city, are monuments to his enterprise.

With the settlement and development of the country, Heppner has grown, and is the leading town in the county.

The advent of the railroad in 1888, was a factor that had much to do in upbuilding the town.

Heppner is snugly nestled in a valley of Willow creek, between high and rugged hills, at an altitude of 2000 feet above sea level. It is a city of beautiful homes, and probably has as many advantages



FRANK GILLIAM, MAYOR OF HEPPNER

to make residence comfortable as any town of its size in the West.

Being at an altitude above any malaria district this disease is absolutely unknown, and the general health of the community is above the average.

On account of location, Heppner is a great business centre, drawing from an immense territory, and has justly earned the reputation of being one of the solid towns of Eastern Oregon.

Being the terminal of the Heppner branch of the O. R. & N., it is a freight distributing point for a great interior country, covering good portions of Grant and Wheeler counties on the south and southwest. Goods are shipped here for interior merchants, where freighters come with wagons and teams, to haul as far as John Day and Canyon City, a distance of over 100 miles.

Being a freight distributing point, it is also, a central shipping point, where stockmen come to ship stock and wool, and coupled with the fact that it is the seat of county government, brings many people here. Being located near the foothills of the Blue Mountains, the town is general headquarters for stockmen who come there to get supplies needed in conducting the great stock industry.

Heppner is sometimes called the "Wool Town" on account of the immense amount of this staple handled there. Heppner, on an average, handles about 3,250,000 pounds of wool each year, and as high as 5,000,000 pounds have been shipped from here in a single season. The clip of Morrow county, alone, is about 3,250,000 pounds, with 1,250,000 pounds coming in from Grant, Gilliam, and Umatilla counties.

The wool clip for the past year sold for about 11 cents per pound, on an average.

During what is termed the wool season, from about the first of May until the first of August, an impetus is given to business, caused from the wool movements. The men employed in shearing sheep and handling the wool make their headquarters in Heppner.

Heppner is one of the best wool markets in Eastern Oregon. Representatives from Eastern factories and wool dealers come here and stay during the wool season, to buy wool.

Morrow county wool is a desirable article in the markets. The sheepmen have made a study of the industry, and the nearer the business is run on correct principles, the bigger the return of profit. The sheep have been bred for wool, until nearly all herds are graded and well bred Merinos.

The sealed bid method of buying wool was inaugurated during the past season. The plan is to set a day for sales which is announced beforehand. The growers and the buyers meet at a place designated and sealed bids are presented by the buyers, the highest bidder taking the wool. This method has been very satisfactory, and the result has been that the very top prices have been paid in Heppner for wool. This will have a tendency to bring more wool here than ever before, which is expected this year, especially from Wheeler county.

During the past year Heppner has made many solid and substantial improvements. Several big stone buildings have been erected, including a court house which will cost about \$40,000.

The city has a fine water system, both for fire protection and domestic use. The water is pumped from a well 700 feet in depth. For fire protection, the water is pumped into reservoirs on a hill which always insures a good pressure, enough to throw two streams of water in case of fire.

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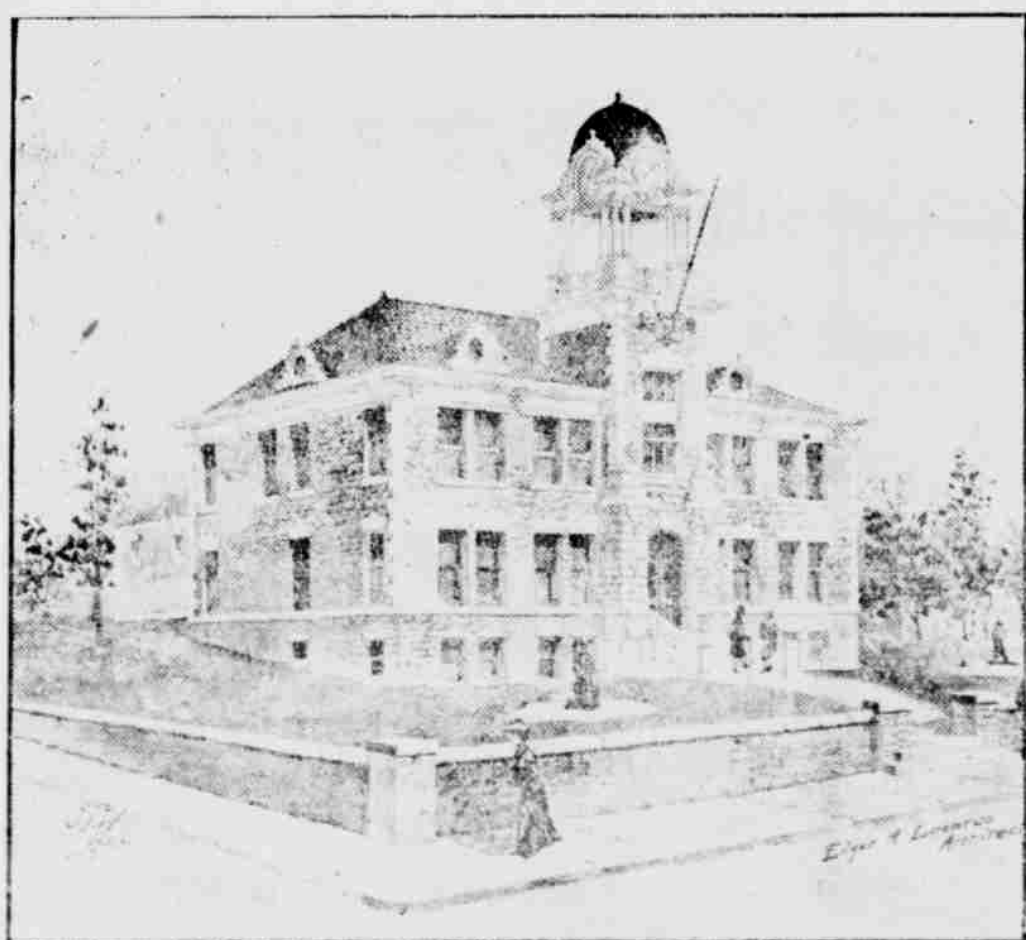
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Morrow County's New Court House



Morrow County's new court house is in course of construction, and almost completed. It is built of blue basaltic rock trimmed with light sandstone. When completed will cost about \$40,000.