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## HENRY HEPPNER IS DEAD

THE END OF A LONG AND USEFUL LIFE.

Founder of Town of Heppner and One of Morrow County's Early Pioneers.

Henry Heppner is dead. Mr. Heppner had been failing for some time. Of late he had been subject to severe sinking spells which greatly alarmed his relatives and friends who were aware of the seriousness of his condition. Mr. Heppner was a man of great energy and hung out to the last in trying to appear that he was all right and refusing attention that was so willingly offered him by



both friends and relatives. Few people knew the inward struggle day by day of this resolute and determined man in battling against the inroads of disease. Wednesday morning at his apartments at the Palace hotel he suffered a severe stroke of heart failure and his life was in the balance for some time. A physician was summoned and with the aid of powerful stimulants Mr. Heppner partially recovered. This left him in a weakened condition. Even then it was hard work to persuade him to go to the Heppner Sanitarium where he could be better cared for. Thursday evening at a little before nine o'clock he was again stricken and passed away.

The remains were embalmed and sent to Portland Saturday where the funeral was conducted on Sunday. A large number of Heppner people went to the train Saturday morning for the last adieu to the founder of Heppner.

In the passing of Henry Heppner there goes with him a prominent and familiar landmark in the history of the city and county. He was a familiar figure on the streets and was one of the best known men in the county. In public affairs of both city and county for more than a quarter of a century he has affiliated and has been closely identified with most of the questions that have gone into history, especially in affairs of the town that bears his name.

Henry Heppner's life has been a long and useful one. A hard and tireless worker which has been crowned with success and thrift. He was a man of keen business judgment and has left a large fortune. Like the other Oregon pioneers in helping to build the solid foundation of this country he has experienced many hardships and trials in shouldering the many burdens that fell upon the sturdy old pioneers. While a little eccentric in his ways his heart was always in the right place and his hand was ready to go out to the needy.

Deceased was born at Zerkow, Prussia, March 25, 1831, and was of Hebrew

descent. At an early age he left his native land and came to New York City where he resided for some time. Getting tired of city life he became imbued with the western fever and started west in the early 60's. His first place to stop for any length of time was at The Dalles. This was during the big mining excitement in Eastern Oregon when the miners were taking out the nuggets from the rich placers. In those early days the only method of transporting supplies to the mines was by pack trains, and while there was good money to be made at mining there was also good money to be made in packing. Mr. Heppner who was not afraid of hard work and the dangers associated with transporting supplies chose the latter occupation and ran a pack train out of Umatilla Landing to Canyon City. This is where the foundation of his fortune was started.

In the year 1872, Mr. Heppner came up the Willow creek and on July 4 of that year camped on the present site of Heppner. The whole country was then a wilderness and there were only a handful of settlers in the territory which now comprises the territory of Morrow county. With the beautiful valley and the confluence of three streams, Mr. Heppner was impressed and the thought of a townsite occurred to him. Soon after he went to La Grande and laying the matter before J. L. Morrow, who was in the mercantile business at that place, they decided to put in a stock of goods here which was the start of the present town of Heppner. Through Senator Slater, Mr. Morrow had a postoffice established, asking to have it named in honor of his partner, Mr. Heppner, and this was done. The Heppner & Morrow store stood on the spot now occupied by the Palace hotel.

From that time until his death he has been a prominent figure in the advancement and progress of the town. Several substantial brick building stand as monuments to his memory.

He was a member of the Masonic order of Heppner. Mr. Heppner was never married. The only relatives in Heppner are Mrs. Henry Blackman, a sister, and Phil Cohn, a nephew.

Mr. Heppner leaves six sisters and two brothers as follows:

Mrs. Henry Blackman, of Heppner; Mrs. E. Cohn, of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. H. Buchholz, of Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. C. Goldstone, Mrs. M. Hasenbergh, Mrs. J. Burnett, of San Francisco; E. Heppner, Pleschen, Germany, and K. Heppner of New York City.

Funeral services were held in Portland at Holman Chapel where a large number of people heard Dr. Stephen S. Wise deliver a beautiful address in tribute to the memory of the old pioneer. He was buried in Beth Israel

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## WILLOW CREEK COAL MINES

RAILROAD TO BE BUILT THIS SUMMER.

The Pendleton Railroad & Coal Company Will Build From Pendleton to Heppner.

A move is now on foot to build a railroad to the Willow Creek coal mines. From the best information obtainable work will be commenced on the road some time during the coming summer or spring. The following from Saturday's East Oregonian will be of interest to Morrow county people:

"To tap the coal fields southeast of Heppner and to otherwise open up the country along the line, is the professed object of the Pendleton Railway & Coal company, for which articles of incorporation were sent to the secretary of state last Thursday. A certificate of incorporation is expected from that official within a day or two, and when it arrives it will be recorded in the office of the county clerk and the formation of the company will be complete.

"The Pendleton Railroad & Coal company is incorporated for \$3,000,000, and the stock is divided into shares of \$1 each. The incorporators are C. A. Rhea, C. E. Redfield, C. H. Carter and C. J. Smith. Other parties interested in the enterprise are J. H. Raley, George Conser, J. W. Morrow, tax and land agent for the O. R. & N., T. C. Taylor, D. A. Herren and Roy Raley.

"According to C. E. Redfield, the people interested in the construction of the road are the same who control the Heppner coal fields, and the primary object is to make possible the development of their mine by building a railroad to it.

"According to the incorporators it is their intention to commence operations as soon as the weather will permit in the spring. Thus far no surveys have been made, nor has anything been done toward the securing of a right of way. The road is to run from here to Pilot Rock, and from there south through Camas Prairie to Ukiab. A branch will run from some point along the line to Heppner, and out to the coal fields southeast of that place. It is expected that approximately 100 miles of road will be required to connect all of these points."

Following are the officers of the new company:

C. J. Smith, president; C. H. Carter, vice-president; C. E. Redfield, secretary; Geo Conser, treasurer; C. J. Smith, C. H. Carter, C. E. Redfield, Geo. Conser and D. A. Herren, directors.

Chas. Goldstone, of San Francisco, a brother-in-law of the late Henry Heppner, who was named in Mr. Heppner's will as one of the executors of his estate, is in the city.

R. B. Miller, general freight agent, P. C. Stohr, assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines, and C. F. Overbaugh, traveling agent of the O. R. & N. Co., were in the city this week on an official visit over the road.

Art Minor received this week from Lane county four fine wolf hounds. These dogs which are crossed with the Russian wolf hounds are promising looking animals, and while they have almost the speed of the grey hound, they run by scent which is a great advantage in chasing the cunning coyote. The hounds have been taken to the big

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### CIRCUIT COURT.

Adjourned Session to Clear Up the Docket.

Circuit court is now in session at the court house. Judge Ellis, of Pendleton, and Judge Bradshaw, of The Dalles, are in attendance.

Judge Bradshaw convened court this morning in the case of the Fuller heirs vs. James Hager. This is a damage suit in which the Fuller heirs seek to recover property and damages which it is alleged belong to them as heirs. H. M. Cannon, of Salem, is attorney for the plaintiffs and Phelps and Fee are attorneys for the defendant.

Unfinished business on the November docket will be cleared up during this session.

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Attorney H. M. Cannon, of Salem, is in the city.

Will Bennett arrived from Portland, Tuesday evening.

Attorney C. E. Redfield returned from Pendleton, yesterday.

Fred Lockley, of the East Oregonian, was in the city yesterday.

Sunday School and regular services at the Episcopal church next Sunday.

Nat Webb was an incoming passenger from Walla Walla, yesterday evening.

E. L. Freeland, who has been visiting at Portland and Salem for the past week, returned Monday evening.

McMinn's orchestra of Pendleton, gave a pleasing concert at Roberts' opera house Tuesday evening.

A false fire alarm caused considerable excitement yesterday morning. The alarm came from the residence of Wm Matlock. It was only a flue burning out.

Stock ranch of the Penland Land and Livestock Company where they will be trained and used to run coyotes which are becoming very troublesome.

James Miller, a brother of Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, visited Heppner this week. The brother of the poet is quite an eccentric character and attracted considerable attention on the streets. Tall and erect, with light brown hair as fine as a woman's hanging down his back far below his shoulders, with a heavy leather belt around his body at least a foot in width

and carrying a long staff he represented the typical frontiersman. Having been a resident of Eastern Oregon since the early 60's, Mr. Miller is known by a great many people and a few of the residents of Heppner remembered him. When approached by a Gazette representative, Mr. Miller with a pleasant countenance said that he was not looking for any newspaper notoriety. He stated that he had not seen his brother, the poet, for eight years, however, the last time that he heard from him he was well at his home in Oakland, California.

The grand ball given by Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. Elks at Roberts' opera house yesterday evening was one of the most brilliant society events of the season. The opera house was tastefully decorated and presented an appearance that was certainly pleasing. The stage which was occupied by the orchestra was covered with evergreens. The walls and ceiling of the main hall were decorated with bunting in the colors of the order, white and purple, while there were numerous emblems arranged in pleasing contrast. There were 45 couples in attendance. The banquet was served in the banquet room of the I. O. O. F. hall, and it is said that the Elks' feeding grounds never presented better pasture. The "menu" was probably the most elaborate ever gotten up in Heppner. Most excellent music was furnished by McMinn's orchestra of Pendleton.

When viewed from the standpoint of the sheepgrower, coyotes are increasing at an alarming rate since the repeal of the scalp bounty law. They are appearing all over Morrow county in great numbers and are a constant menace and worry to the sheepmen. Herders must constantly be on the alert to save the sheep from the ravages of the pests. The sly and cunning animals will watch a band of sheep all day and if any of the sheep get out of sight of the herder they will rush in and cut out one or more equal to the best trained dog using strategy and intelligence to accomplish their work. The sheep that they get away from the band they immediately kill and are away before the herder can get a shot at them. When night comes they will come back and feed on the carcasses of the slaughtered sheep. If the dead sheep are poisoned they will not eat them. Down in the Sand country along the Columbia it is said that coyotes go in bands of from 15 to 20.