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CONSOLIDATION OF HEPPNER'S BANKS First National and Bank of Heppner Complete Amalgamation

For some weeks a move has been on foot to consolidate Heppner's banking institutions, but the deal had not reached a stage where it was considered proper to make public announcement of the fact until within the past week. Under the agreement as reached the transfer of all the stock of the Bank of Heppner has been made, all the stockholders of this bank having merged their interests with those of the First National Bank, with the exception of W. S. Wharton, who has sold his shares outright. The business of the Bank of Heppner is to be taken over and transferred to the banking house of the First National and conducted under the sole management of that institution, with an increased capitalization of \$100,000.

W. S. Wharton, who has been cashier of the Bank of Heppner since its establishment in August, 1904, will retire from the banking business in this field. He has sold his real estate here, and with his family will depart on Monday for The Dalles and Hood River. He is not decided as to what he will do, but as he has some real estate in the Hood River valley in which he is indirectly interested, he will go there for a time to look after this and await developments of some other propositions that have been made to him.

The history of banking in Heppner is rather interesting. The First National bank is the outgrowth of the private banking business started in Heppner some twenty-five years ago by Rhea Brothers and John G. Maddock. On July 23, 1887, a charter was issued by the government for the organization of the First National Bank of Heppner, and the first officers were C. A. Rhea, president; E. R. Swinburne, vice-president; J. G. Maddock, cashier; board of directors, C. A. Rhea, T. A. Rhea, J. G. Maddock, E. R. Swinburne and Ellis Minor. Mr. Maddock continued as cashier for about a year and the business was conducted in the old I O O F building. In October, 1888, George W. Conser was elected cashier to succeed J. G. Maddock, and served in that capacity for 20 years, or up to the time of his death on March 30, 1908. Under his management the business of the bank grew to large proportions and it became known as one of the best banking institutions of the Northwest. Mr. Conser was followed by T. J. Mahoney as cashier, and he is now in charge of the office and will serve the consolidated bank both as cashier and director. Mr. Mahoney is no novice in the banking business. He came to Morrow county in 1903 and took charge of the Bank of Ione as its cashier, serving that bank for five years. He was educated in the banking business in Watertown, South Dakota, where he worked with the Citizens National. He is also well acquainted with conditions in this part of the country and is in every way well equipped for the responsible position.

In November, 1909, the interests of the Rheas was purchased by M. S. Corrigan, one of the wealthiest men of the county, and he was elected president. The present officers are: M. S. Corrigan, president; J. B. Natter, vice-president; T. J. Mahoney, cashier; Clyde Brock, assistant cashier; M. S. Corrigan, J. B. Natter, A. L. Ayers, Frank Gilliam and T. J. Mahoney, directors. It is understood that the board of directors is to be increased to seven members immediately after consolidation, and that there will also be another vice-president added to the board of officers. These men in all probability will be J. H. McHaley and W. O. Minor, the former being slated for vice-president.

Under this arrangement Heppner will have the largest banking institution of any town of its size in Oregon, if not in the entire Northwest. This should be a benefit to the business interests of the city and community at large, as it will place the bank in a position to accommodate a line of business that

the two institutions have been heretofore unable to handle owing to their limited capitalization.

The National Bank of Heppner was organized not a great while after the starting of the First National Bank, and after serving the public for several years its assets were taken over by the First National in August, 1896, giving the latter bank control of the field until the time of the starting of the Bank of Heppner. During this period the business of the community was well accommodated by the one bank, and there is no doubt but that this will be the result of the present arrangement.

The Gazette bespeaks for the consolidated bank success and hopes that it may be able to increase its usefulness in the community far beyond the expectations of its management.

In Trouble Again.

Clyde Cribbins, about 17 years of age, who, with young Dykstra was sent to the reform school from Morrow county about two years ago on the charge of burning the Bob Dexter barn in Heppner, is in trouble again. He was paroled this spring and returned to Lexington where his people reside. This time it is for entering a house at Lexington and taking therefrom a revolver and some jewelry.

The theft was reported to Sheriff Hayes and he deputized W. P. McMullan to look Cribbins up, which he did, and the young fellow acknowledged taking the articles and returned them to the proper owner. On investigating the matter, Judge Patterson and Dist. Atty. Van Vactor decided that the best thing to do will be to return the boy to the reform school, and the superintendent of that institution has been so informed and will order him returned to Salem.

Cribbins seems to be somewhat of a degenerate and prone to get into trouble of this character. Young Dykstra is reported to be doing well. He is learning the cobbler's trade, and when a parole was offered him, refused it, as he desired to remain and finish his trade.

An unlimited market for poultry. The Portland markets yours. We have arranged with Portland connections to handle all the chickens we can get. Minor & Co.

Big Crop of Canteloupes.

The Southern Pacific Company has practically completed one of the greatest crop movements in the history of any transportation company in this country. This movement was the handling of the canteloupe crop of the Imperial Valley, California and of the crop in Arizona and Nevada. Up to and including midnight, July 24, the Southern Pacific Company had shipped 2844 cars of canteloupes out of the Imperial Valley during the season of approximately 2 months. About 100 more cars remain to be shipped from this point to the markets.

This record exceeds all previous shipments by approximately 1000 cars. The canteloupe crop of Arizona up to and including July 24, amounts to 403 cars, with about 300 more cars of this fruit to be shipped. About 25 cars have already been shipped from the Moapa district in Nevada by the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake road, about 100 more remaining to be shipped.

Nearly 57, 000, 000 pounds of ice were required for the shipping of these canteloupes. The biggest day's picking was June 11 when 133 carloads were harvested. These cars were hauled from Brawley, the shipping center, to Imperial Junction on the main line of the Southern Pacific, in one train, the length of which was 6175 feet, considerably more than a mile long. There were 324 crates in each car and 45 crates to the crate, or a total number of 14,580 melons in each car, and in this long train 1,939,140 melons. The largest previous train load of canteloupes was shipped from the Imperial Valley in 1908, 89 cars moving over the Southern Pacific lines to eastern points. When one appreciates the fact that each of these melons was handled at least three times, in picking, wrapping and crating, they can readily imagine the amount of man necessary in the field to do this work.

Two and a quarter million dollars is the estimate put on the Imperial canteloupe crop, now that the season is near its end. One feature of this year's output, is that despite its size, the melons have been of better quality than ever before.

Grant Prisoners Escape.

Harry Creighton and Harry McDonald, two prisoners confined in the county jail at Canyon City, made their escape on the night of July 28th, by a clever trick, and have so far eluded the vigilance of the officers to apprehend them. They were confined on a charge of stealing two horses from H. A. Cupper, of Monument, and a couple of saddles from another party in the same vicinity. Sheriff Collier has published circulars giving a detailed description of the men and offering a reward of \$25.00 each for their capture. They are said to be bad characters.

Chas. Stanton and family moved to the country on Friday. They are at present located on the Ed Royce place, but will later remove to their own farm in the Eight Mile section.

NOTED MEN MAY SPEAK HERE.

Opie Read of Story Telling
Fame and M. R. Daggy
May be Heard Here.

If sufficient interest is displayed, Heppner will have an opportunity of hearing two of America's foremost speakers and three of the greatest entertainers before the public.

The following are the list of attractions: Opie Read, humorist and story teller; Maynard Lee Daggy, lecturer; Strollers Quartette, musical entertainers, readers, soloists, etc.; Reno, prince of entertainers in magic and illusions, and John B. Batte and a company of eminent artists.

This talent is the best that can be secured and is brought here with a view of giving something educational as well as entertaining. It is to be under the direction of the Heppner Lyceum Course.

Messrs. S. E. Notson and W. Lowe spent a couple of days this week in listing up subscribers for season tickets and met with a very liberal response, but there still remains a matter of about 100 tickets to be pledged before the success of the course is assured.

Season tickets are being sold at the low price of \$2.00. No deposit is required in advance, the tickets being delivered sometime in October. All those who wish to list for tickets can phone or write S. E. Notson, who will take care of the matter for you. We cannot afford to pass this up.

Dr. Jenkins, a physician of Mitchell, came in on Monday with M. R. Mathews and Phil Caples. On leaving the Palace hotel just after eating dinner, he was suddenly seized with a fainting spell and fell on the sidewalk from the top of the front steps. He struck his head on the steel mat at the bottom of the steps and cut a bad gash in his scalp. On being picked up it was found that he was unconscious and it took some time to revive him again. He is a sufferer from heart trouble and it appeared for a short time that he might be all in. He was sufficiently recovered to continue his journey to The Dalles on Tuesday morning.

E. G. Noble disposed of one of his \$65.00 saddles to Sid Seale, an expert rider, on Saturday. Mr. Seale intends to ride for the big prize at Pendleton during the Round-Up and will endeavor to get away with the \$350.00 saddle that is offered as first prize. He is a rider of note and exhibited some of his skill on the streets of Heppner Sunday afternoon. What he may be able to do in the way of subduing an Eastern Oregon outlaw will doubtless be demonstrated when he goes in for the prize at the Round-Up. He did some fine trick riding and convinced his Heppner audience that he is no slouch when it comes to handling a horse, whether he is saddled or not.

Prof. H. H. Hoffman, principal of the Heppner High school, writes the editor of this paper that he has been very busy at Eugene taking up the work that will entitle him to have an additional degree placed after his signature, and as a result he is somewhat worked down. He will tie himself away to the wilds for a couple of weeks and enjoy a vacation of hunting and fishing where the cares of civilization cannot interfere. He expects to return to Heppner shortly after the middle of the month.

The big mill of the Wasco Warehouse Co., at The Dalles, was totally destroyed by fire last Monday morning. It was a brick structure in the main, but nothing remains now to indicate what the mill was before the fire took hold of it. Aside from the burning of the mill there was considerable damage to property of the railroads, the stockyards and cars being destroyed. Total damage is put at \$200,000.

Mrs. L. E. Cohn and daughter Gladys departed for the mountains Monday evening and will go into camp about Herren's mill for a few weeks.

Miss Helen Morgan is expected home from Moscow, Idaho, this evening. She has been visiting relatives there since the close of school.

Emet Cochran and wife, of Monument, returned from Portland on their way home Saturday evening. Mr. Cochran had been below with a shipment of sheep.

Dr. Couder and family are sojourning in the mountains at the head of Colwell grade. Mrs. Eugenie Pavid accompanied them and will remain about ten days.

Maurice Frye is up from Portland, having arrived by Saturday's train. He is now engaged in writing life insurance for Columbia Life & Trust Co., of Portland, and will remain in Heppner for several weeks and endeavor to do some business for his company in the meantime.

J. S. Beckwith, of Pendleton, is in Heppner to act as referee in taking the testimony in the case of B. B. Kelly against the executors of the last will of Norman Kelly, deceased. This promises to be quite an interesting case, and it will likely take several days to get through with the taking of evidence.

Mr. Wilkins, wife and son, of Heppner, were guests of Mrs. Herren and daughters several days last week. Mr. Wilkins is one of the proprietors of the Palace Hotel in Heppner, and is spending his vacation visiting the interior and getting acquainted with the people. From here they went to Monument—Spray Courier.

F. S. Eberhart, of Portland, the contractor in charge of the construction of the steel bridge across Rhea creek at the Nunamaker place, has finished the work and turned the bridge over to the county. It is said to be a fine structure and put up in such shape that it will last the county for all time to come. The span is fifty feet and rests on good concrete piers high enough above high water mark to never be in danger of going out with the floods.

The attempt that was made to get water for street sprinkling from the well in the basement of the Fair store building, was a failure. After a thorough test it was found the well would not begin to furnish sufficient water. Elmer Beaman thought he might succeed in raising funds to install a pump in a hole in the creek at the east end of town, so he was out with a subscription paper the first of the week. He gave it up, however, as there was not the promise of funds to guarantee the expense. In the meantime the people of Heppner are eating dirt.

Registers Farm Name.

The first resident of Morrow county to take advantage of the new law providing for the proper registration of farm names, is Mrs. E. H. Leard. She is the owner of a ranch purchased some time ago from T. J. Matlock on what is known as the Matlock prairie. The place is registered under the name of "The Highland Ranch."

Supt. Notson visited the Strawberry flat country one day last week in company with Mr. Eugene McCord, of The Dalles. Mr. McCord is greatly interested in the proposition of getting artesian water with which to irrigate a portion of the north end of this county, and having somewhat of an expert in that line is fully convinced that wells can be bored and strong flows of water procured in this manner. He is also interested in getting hold of a piece of land out that way and it was this in particular that brought him up here at this time. He is awaiting the action of the government just now with reference to the West Umatilla extension, but should nothing come of that, Mr. McCord, with other Dalles parties who are interested, will secure a diamond drill and begin a scientific investigation for artesian water on their own behalf.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Postoffice at Heppner, Oregon: Mrs. Ed. Adkenson, E. H. Bowman, Patrick Brady, John Baker, M. W. C. Conner, Vesta Conforth, Geo. M. Cooley, Mrs. N. E. Horseman, Dean Hursey, Luther Hamilton, Gerry G. Ingalls, Mr. W. Jackson, Owen Mulligan, P. Marshall, T. M. Scott, A. H. Whitman.