



## NEW MAYOR DELIVERS MESSAGE

### Van Vactor Will Hew to The Line.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF HEPPNER:

In assuming the duties of presiding officer of this body at this time it is not my intention to deliver to you any extended message or recommendation, but in view of the fact that no declaration of principles was made by either my opponent or myself in the recent election, I deem it fitting that I should at this time embrace the opportunity to make known my position upon a few of the more important questions concerning the government of the City.

The most important matter, as I view it, to come before this Council, is the question of whether or not the City shall take over the present plant of the Heppner Light and Water Company, under the contract now existing between the City and the company. Individually I am opposed to the City assuming the enormous financial burden that would follow the taking over of the plant under the terms of this agreement, neither do I believe that the City is under obligation so to do from the fact that the conditions of this contract upon the part of the company have long been violated and broken, any claim for a performance thereof, thereby lost and forfeited and the City therefore released from liability thereon. Some solution must be found to remedy existing conditions. Whether this will be the taking over of the present plant, the installation of an independent system or the enforcement of a full and complete compliance of the terms of the terms of the contract on the part of the Heppner Light and Water Company, are questions of grave importance to the City, and must receive our most careful, conscientious and deliberate consideration.

Of equal importance is a strict enforcement of the ordinances affecting the sanitary condition of the City and I shall insist on a rigid enforcement of these ordinances.

As compared with other cities in Eastern Oregon the present ordinances regulating the sale of intoxicants and the running of saloons are extremely liberal and under my administration I shall hold the police officers responsible for a rigid enforcement of all ordinances regulating or affecting the liquor traffic in Heppner. Any dereliction of duty on their part in this respect, without further notice from me, will meet with my immediate recommendation for their removal from office. So far as I shall be able to govern this matter the retention of the position of any police officer shall be wholly dependent upon the undivided and unqualified performance of his duties as such officer.

The matter of street improvements and the improvement of the general condition and appearance of the City is also of importance and must receive careful and thorough attention at our hands.

In conclusion, I desire to say that as your chief executive it shall be my constant endeavor to represent all of the people of Heppner and lend to you every

assistance within my power and at my command during my term of office.

Friends, and foes (if any there be) shall alike receive my sincere consideration. Past affiliations and associations shall have no bearing on my actions as an officer of your city. As an individual "my friends, first, last and all the time." As mayor of Heppner, "all look alike to me."

Respectfully submitted,  
SAM E. VAN VACTOR  
Mayor.

### Secure Protection.

The losses to our people from the new diseases in horses, hogs, cattle and sheep, can be better combatted by prevention than cure.

Keeping the animals in a healthy condition and keeping the blood pure, will almost, if not entirely, render them immune.

See that the drinking water is not contaminated by drainage, keep feed boxes, mangers, etc. disinfected, and use liberally of Dr. Hess' Stock Food, the best compound ever manufactured for purifying the blood, improving digestion and strengthening the constitution.

This valuable preparation is sold in Morrow County by the Morrow Warehouse Milling Co., and being handled only through regular dealers, costs but little more than half the price of similar compounds sold by peddlers. Regular size bucket only \$2.25. Smaller packages in proportion. As a powerful disinfectant and germicide for use in watering troughs, feed boxes and mangers, Dr. Hess' Dip cannot be excelled.

### Holds Annual Meeting.

On Jan. 1, 1912, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Balsiger, was held the annual business meeting and banquet of the Congregational church of Ione. The following officers were elected: Trustee, P. G. Balsiger; deacon, P. G. Balsiger; clerk, Jennie E. Page; church treasurer, Mrs. Alice Keller; S. S. supt., Prof. J. W. L. Kaufman; asst. supt., Rufus Cochran; treasurer, Mrs. Alice Keller. The following committees were also appointed: on music, P. G. Balsiger, Prof. Kaufman and Mrs. Rice; on pulpit work and pastoral relations, Rufus Cochran, Mrs. Margaret Low, Mrs. Fred Austin; on boys work, Prof. Kaufman, Fred Austin and Gerald Rice.

Revival services will begin in the Congregational church on Monday, Jan. 22. The pastor, Rev. Reade, will be assisted by others. All are invited to attend.  
JENNIE E. PAGE,  
Clerk.

### Business Change.

I have disposed of my interest in the jewelry business to Mr. C. R. Johnson who will continue at the old stand. I consider the residents of Heppner and vicinity are favored in having Mr. Johnson locate here, as he is up-to-date at watchmaking, jewelry engraving, etc. I return my grateful thanks to those who have been my patrons, especially to the many who have remained constant during the past 28 years.

Those indebted to me will please settle at their earliest convenience.  
ARTHUR SMITH.

Cameras, kodaks, films, plates, papers and chemicals. Everything for the amateur photographer. Patterson & Son, the REXALL Store.

## SOCIETY

The Lucas home in west Heppner was the scene of a very enjoyable party Saturday evening. Mrs. Lucas entertained a number of young people in honor of her sister, Miss Elza Love, who is teaching at Hood River. Five hundred was the principal game of the evening, while Somerset and Politique occupied the attention of a few. Prizes were awarded, Leonard Gilliam taking the honors in the former, and Miss Quick and O. G. Crawford succeeded in capturing the prizes in the latter. Delicious cake and coffee were served, following which an hour of music and conversation was indulged in. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lucas; Misses Campbell, Crawford, Funk, Hardman, Love, Minor, McAtee, Perry, Quick, and Young; Messrs. Wood, Cox, Crawford, Leonard Gilliam, Earl Gilliam, Duncan, Thomson, O'Sullivan.

In honor of their son Lawrence, who has for several years attended the school for the blind at Salem, and who was spending the holidays at home, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shutt entertained about forty young people last Friday evening. Various games were introduced for the enjoyment of the guests, as well as piano and vocal music. Lawrence favored the gathering with two or three vocal numbers which were greatly appreciated. His voice is of tenor-baritone quality and has a range somewhat out of the ordinary for one of his age. An elegant repast was served in which the guests did themselves proud and thereby duly complimented their gracious hosts.

We read about grand balls, college hops, and other swell functions, but seldom do we see anything in the papers about a country dance. But this time, however, there is something to be said about the country dance for the event pulled off at the Palace Hotel last Monday evening was none other than the aforesaid variety removed from the rural parlor or barn floor to the more spacious floor of a hotel dining room. Following the announcement that the Palace Hotel would give a big free country dance on the evening of January 1, the management set to work to prepare for one of the largest crowds that ever attended a dance in Morrow county, in which they were not to be disappointed, for the crowd was such that the spacious dining room floor could accommodate but a small portion of those desiring to dance and the sample rooms had to be cleared to take care of the overflow. Manager Wilkins had anticipated this, however, and not only had the floor cleared, but had musical instruments and musicians engaged. Dancing began at 8:30. Dillard French of Butter creek, presided as call man in typical country fashion, and directed the square dances to the satisfaction of all. Quadrills were the dominant features of the program and were enjoyed by country and town people alike.

At about midnight supper was announced. The kitchen had been converted into a modern cafeteria, and the management announces that as near as can be estimated five hundred people

were fed. That's going some, but not surprising when taken into consideration that everything was free. Dancing continued through the supper hour and started off with renewed interest after the dancers had partaken of refreshments. Johnny Kenny assumed the floor management in the second half and acquitted himself very creditably. The last dance was over at 5:50. For a crowd such as visited the Palace Monday evening the order was above reproach. Everybody had a good time and the management is more than pleased.

Special—29 cents on Saturdays only—a 1-pound box of Barr's chocolate candy. Fresh stock received every week. Don't overlook this bargain. Patterson & Son, the REXALL Store.

### Minnie A. Hisler.

On the last day of the year 1911, Mrs. Minnie A. Hisler was called from this life to that beyond at the home of her brothers, the McCullough boys, on Willow creek about ten miles east of Heppner. She was ill but a few days with pneumonia. Her death is a peculiarly sad one as two little children are left motherless and the husband is heartbroken. Funeral services were held at the Christian church on Wednesday at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. J. V. Crawford, and there was a large attendance of friends and neighbors of the deceased, attesting the high esteem in which she was held.

Minnie A. McCullough was born in Belfast, Ireland, March 9, 1877, and at the time of her death was 33 years, 9 months and 22 days of age. She came to America with her parents in 1901, making her home with her brothers at the Thomas McCullough ranch. Here she was married to Paul Hisler, Feb. 21, 1906, and to them two children have been born, a girl and a boy. She was a faithful member of the United Presbyterian church, having united with that church in her native country.

One of the Gazette's good friends presented us with a nice check on New Year's day that settled up all arrearages of his own subscription and that of three others he stands good for, and also paid a year in advance on all of them. Friends this is greatly appreciated, and we will say that if those who are behind on subscriptions will step up and liquidate it will help to keep the wheels moving and provide the necessary provender for a little less than a dozen healthy, growing kids. Come on with the \$\$—we need 'em.

Sheriff Hays returned last evening from a stay of a couple of weeks in North Yakima and vicinity looking for stolen horses and the party accused of driving them out of Morrow County. Vern Duncan was accused of driving off the animals that belonged to Fred Kelly and Andrew Donahue of Butter creek. The horses were recovered but the thief was not apprehended.

Poultrymen about Aurora are discussing going into the business of hatching and shipping day-old chicks. They say 3,000,000 baby chicks were shipped into Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California last year, and that only 50,000 of this number were hatched on the Coast, the remainder coming from east of the Rocky Mountains. Oregon's mild climate would seem to be ideal for the business.

Liggett's and Fenway's candy; all kinds, all sizes, all prices. Fresh stock every week. Patterson & Son, the REXALL Store.

### Eight Mile.

T. W. Rippee was a Heppner visitor Saturday.

Frank Anderson spent Sunday at the home of T. W. Rippee.

Jim Knighten of Hardman was seen in our midst Saturday.

L. E. Knighten and wife were week end visitors at Frank Glasscock's.

C. D. Huston and family spent Xmas with B. O. Anderson and sister Addie.

Ben and Addie Anderson visited with their brother Alfred and wife Saturday.

F. M. Akers and family of Gooseberry spent Xmas with Mrs. N. L. Jones on Eightmile.

Two of the Heppner Highs and two of the Eightmile Bloods went rabbit hunting last Friday and captured four little innocent bunnies.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Keithly are the proud possessors of a brand new boy. Mother and boy doing fine. Oscar is still under the weather.

Vernon, Vane, and Miss Viva Jones, who are attending the Heppner high school, spent the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones.

A northeaster struck Eightmile Sunday morning. Snow fell to a depth of about 5 inches. It was accompanied by a pretty stiff breeze which caused the snow to drift badly in places.

The Eightmile people are very much interested in the west Umatilla Project and we look to our county papers to keep us posted in the progress of same. This irrigation project would certainly mean a great deal to Morrow Co. not only from a standpoint of population but would mean thousands of dollars to the wheat raisers in the county as it would cool off a portion at least of the hot sands along the Columbia River, where the hot winds of the summer are generated and again, the immense evaporation which would naturally arise from irrigating lands of this nature during the summer would without doubt greatly increase the rain throughout the county.

Chas. Groshens met with a severe and painful accident on Monday afternoon while on the way to town from the McCullough ranch up Willow creek. He was driving a team behind the hearse bringing down the remains of Mrs. Hisler. The team became frightened and started to run with the result that Mr. Groshens was thrown to the ground, striking on his side. He has been under the care of a physician since. No bones were broken but he sustained internal injuries that will keep him laid up for some time.

Chas. VanWinkle and wife of Arlington, visited with Morrow county friends over Saturday and Sunday. Chas. has charge of some land near Arlington that belongs to Kerr, Gifford & Co. He hopes for better returns to the farmers of his section the coming season than they have had for several years past, and if anything like sufficient moisture falls, they will reap an abundant harvest.

Bargains in S. C. Rhode Island Reds. 1911 Breeding Pens for sale to make room for new stock. All prize winning stock. Call or write. L. W. BRIGGS, Heppner, Or.

Miss Conifred Hurd, the new teacher in the High School, arrived from Eugene on Monday and has taken up her work.

Judge Patterson is confined to his home this week, suffering an attack of grippe, and in consequence the meeting of the County court is delayed.

Willow Lodge I. O. O. F. installed its newly elected officers last evening, and the ceremonies were augmented by a big banquet to the ladies and friends of the order. A jolly good time is reported.

Supt. S. E. Notson returned on Monday evening from Portland where he spent the past week attending a meeting of the State Teachers' association and also a convention of the county superintendents of the State.

Orin Brians was in town from his ranch near Gooseberry on Tuesday. Mr. Brians owns about a section of wheat land over there. He had his farm rented but is one of those who has decided that to make anything from farming one has to farm his own land or sell it as renting does not pay.—Condon Times.

Mr. E. P. Michell, formerly associated with Fred Warnock in the publishing of this paper, has decided to forsake the ways of a bachelor. He was married at Hood River on the 19th of December to Miss Jennie L. Hawley and the newly-weds will make their future home at Leaven, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam V. Cochran, of Monument, visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Turner, in Heppner, this week, departing for their home on Tuesday. Mr. Cochran states that they are enjoying ideal winter weather over his way and that stock on the range is doing well.

Rev. Otho G. Reade reports his work with the Congregational Church at Ione as prospering. There were five additions to the church on Wednesday evening the 27th inst., and interest in the church there is growing. He announces that special meetings will begin in his church at Lexington on January the 8th.

Rev. Otho E. Reade, pastor of the Congregational church at Lexington and Ione, was a pleasant caller at this office on Saturday. He reports his work as progressing well. He has organized a company of Boy Scouts at each place, and at Lexington a Congregational Men's Club was organized Wednesday last with a membership of 35.

Heppner Chapter of Royal Arch Masons are busy putting through a bunch of candidates this week, and the proceedings will culminate in a big feed—a joint affair between the Masons and the Eastern Star on tomorrow evening, following installation of the Star officers.

Deposits in Oregon banks total \$121,834,644, according to the statement of Superintendent of Banks Wright, just issued. This shows a steady gain in bank deposits over a year ago.