

## PACIFIC STATES TELEPHONE OFFICIALS ARE IN HEPPNER INVESTIGATING

The local telephone situation is still in an unsettled condition. It seems that for some time the company has contemplated putting the Heppner district on the same basis as other district in which they operate. This would have required a manager to be located in Heppner and he would have supervision of the adjoining territory - practically all of Morrow County and maybe some additional in the Condon territory. It would have resulted in the office being located in quarters separate from any other business institution.

Mr. J. A. Halliday, District Commercial Supt. was ready to come to Heppner about March 1st, to see Mr. Humphreys about the proposed change. Mr. Humphreys had advised the company sometime previously that he would relinquish the office whenever the company was ready. Before Mr. Halliday arrived the complaint was filed with the Public Service Commission. This has resulted in considerable embarrassment to Mr. Humphreys and his operators and also to the telephone company as it has placed them all in an undesirable position. It is unfortunate that such an undesirable controversy should be injected into the affairs of the community at this

time, as from the conditions that we have now learned have between Mr. Humphreys and the telephone company, their affairs were on a satisfactory and amiable basis and both have been placed in a false light by the filing of the complaint. Mr. Halliday told the editor today that his company's relation with Mr. Humphreys have been absolutely satisfactory and that no other agent in his territory had a better standing in the estimation of the telephone company.

Thursday morning was warm times in Heppner telephone circles. Mr. Humphreys prepared to turn over the business to the company and put matters in the hands of Miss Cecile Shurte, chief operator. Here was presented another deadlock. Upon this decision, Miss Shurte refused to concur, not only refusing to be put in charge, but refusing to again operate the switchboard. In this action she was supported by Miss Flossie Barlow and Bill Morgan, assistant and night operators. Then arose quite a controversy via phone between the Portland office and the local operators. During this time no local calls were answered and only one long distance connection made. This was a call to Clarke Nelson, whose residence in Pendleton

had burned, and it was handled by E. J. Starkey, who chanced to be in the office. About noon Thursday an agreement was reached and the company promising to send representatives to Heppner Monday, and promising to offer them steady positions. Supt. J. R. Davis and M. D. Scott are also here and it is expected that some definite arrangement will be made before they leave.

A party consisting of Hank Vance, Orv Rasmus, George Ai

ken and George Pearce "Jitneyed" to Echo Wednesday night took in the Burns Sommers boxing contest. It was a good exhibition and was thoroughly enjoyed. A feature of the entertainment which appears very commendable to visitors was the orderly action of the spectators, the absence of smoking in the hall and the clean sport of the contests.

H. L. Green of Hardman was a business visitor in this city the latter part of last week.

## GOVERNMENT WOOL AND INDUSTRIES DEMONSTRATION CAR ARRIVES FRIDAY

The itinerary of the Demonstration Wool Car, which is being operated in the Western States by the United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Oregon Agricultural College, is now definitely fixed and we are assured of its arrival in Heppner via the O. W. R. & N. on Friday, Feb. 23 at 4:45 P. M. Leaves Heppner Sunday, Feb. 25 at 9:00 A. M.

As already announced, the purpose of this tour is purely educational. The car is sent out by the government with the idea of teaching the wool growers the advantages of putting up wool in a better condition. It will be accompanied by a

government expert, a representative of the Oregon Agricultural College and Mr. D. E. Clark, Livestock Agent of the O. W. R. & N.

Its tour thus far has met with most gratifying and indeed extraordinary success, as at each stopping place wool growers from far and near have put aside all other considerations and overcome all manner of obstacles in order to be present.

A very important part of the equipment is a series of moving picture films, which are shown at all stopping places where projection machines are available. The shows are run free to the public and are usually set for 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The organization of the exhibit is most complete, as will be noted by the following contents:

1. Six sheep to show market grades of wool (about each sheep are cases containing good and poor fleeces of same grade and scoured sample of same.)
2. A textile exhibit showing all steps in the manufacture of cloth.
3. Case containing samples of Australian and New Zealand wool.
4. American market grades of wool under magnifying glasses.
5. Pictures from shearing sheds, dealers warehouses, textile mills, range scenes, breeds of sheep, etc.
6. Samples of cloth showing effects of using sisal twine for tying fleeces, and of using too much paint in branding.
7. "Suggestions for the Sheepman's Library". Books and periodicals.
8. Bales of wool put up under the old and new systems.
9. "The Sheepman's Wheel of Fortune", for calculating grease value of wools when shrinkage is known.
10. Exhibition fleeces of different values.
11. Model of an Australian shearing shed.

J. H. Wyland, prominent sheepman of Hardman was a visitor in Heppner last week.

George Perry, Rock creek sheepman, was a visitor in Heppner several days last week.

The deal was completed this week whereby W. T. McRoberts bought from his partner, Marion Evans, the latter's half interest in the White Front livery stable. Mr. Evans and Mr. McRoberts have been joint owners in this business for eight years, the last four of which Mr. McRoberts has been in charge alone. Mr. McRoberts informs us that it is his intention to be prepared at all times to supply the trade with the best possible in rigs and auto livery service.

## DO WE TAKE THE AXE TO THE HEPPNER COMMERCIAL CLUB NEXT MONDAY NIGHT?

At the urgent call of the officers of the Heppner Commercial club five business men of the city met at the city hall last Monday night to attend to a number of very important matters. This meeting was an exception to the general run of Commercial club meetings in that there were five present. This is the first meeting of this body for some time when there has been that many present. For two months there has not been a quorum on hand. Among the unfinished business of the organization of importance are the Parkin's Mill-Monument mail route, and the proposed trunk road to be built across the state. These are matters of great importance to every business man in Heppner. Hermiston, Echo and Stanfield, with well organized commercial clubs, are making a strong fight to have the road put through the sand of the north end of Morrow county, thus cutting off Ione, Lexington and Heppner. They will succeed in this, too, if the business men of Heppner continue to lie as dormant as they have in the past. If we could get national and state aid on this road and put it through this section, where there is no doubt but that it really should go, we would have half of that famous myth, "Rock road from Heppner to the Columbia," no longer a dream but a reality.

As matters now stand the officers of the club will disband the organization at the next regular meeting night unless a strong representation is present and declares for its continuance. This means in short, that the only recognized body speaking for the entire citizenship will be discontinued, mail addressed to the Commercial Club of Heppner returned to the sender and the whole world notified that the people of Heppner are not enough interested in the future success of their town to put forth even a reasonable effort to get together and work for its success, which means their own common good.

Heppner with her wooden sidewalks and awnings, unpaved streets, dirty alleys and back yards, unorganized fire department and a few other things shows what state can be reached when business in the place reaches that stage where it is self-

satisfied and neglects to assist its neighbor in matters of common welfare.

The reader knows his opinion of a man who is too lazy to comb his hair, wash his face and take a bath. Generally there is a committee of some kind to look after this form of personal degeneracy. But, unfortunately, there is no committee to look after towns of this nature. All live towns have commercial clubs which are alive.

Mr. Citizen, are you interested in the growth and prosperity of your town, or merely in your own individual business? If so, you have not yet learned that to produce activity in the different interests of the town - is to produce activity of our own business.

Selfishness kills more towns than any other cause. When you find a town where its business men look only to their own aggrandizement, you will find a town that is doomed. No place yet has ever prospered unless its citizens went to work on a universal platform of the greatest good to the greatest number. The principal trouble with all of us is that we are too afraid of donating a little cash, a little service, a little time or even a few kind words, to the good of the public, unless there is an "almighty dollar" in sight for our own pocketbooks.

Stand together for the advancement of your town and you will be standing together for the advancement of every citizen. Unless your town prospers you can't prosper.

Bob Alstott, of Eight Mile, was a business visitor in Heppner last Wednesday.

Vine W. Pearce returned to McMinnville Tuesday after spending a week here with his son, George G. Pearce.

Vawter Crawford, who has been cashier of the Bank of Ione for some time, returns to Heppner this week to again resume active management of the Gazette-Times.

R. J. Juday, who has been running the Heppner-Ione stage, last week bought the lone dry business and is having a truck arrangement put on his Ford by E. H. Kellogg, the local dealer.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HEPPNER PEOPLE

W. P. Leach, of Heppner, and Miss Edith Lovegren, of Gwendolyn were married at the home of W. G. Brown at Arlington, Feb. 6, 1917. The groom is one of the popular young men of Hardman, where he has resided for several years. The young couple will make their home on a farm near Eight Mile upon their return from a brief honeymoon trip.

It May Be So, You Never Can Tell

Two of Morrow County's popular young people, R. J. Juday, Ione and Miss Mildred Hughes of Heppner "took the leap". Rev. Turner B. McDonald performing the ceremony at his last Saturday at 3:00 o'clock. The ceremony came as a surprise to their host of friends. Mr. Juday was raised in the vicinity of Ione, and had just recently returned to that city after spending two years in Pendleton. The bride is one of Heppner's most popular girls. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Juday will make their home at Ione, where they own the Ione City Transfer Co.

The Herald joins the host of friends in wishing the happy couple a long and prosperous life together.

The Hibernians yesterday, in their regular meeting, decided to hold the usual entertainment and supper on March 16 and 17. The entertainment which will be held on Friday, March 16, will be a varied one, including vocal and instrumental solo's, Scotch

and Irish songs and recitations. In addition to the entertainment there will be a lecture given by Father Elw. Power, who will be visiting in Heppner all that week. On St. Patrick's Day the Hibernians will go in a body to the second Mass; in the afternoon initiation ceremonies will be carried out, and in the evening of St. Patrick's Day, a supper will be served, after which a pleasant evening is anticipated. All Hibernians are hereby notified of the initiation and supper on March 17th.

One of the horses of Jeff Beamer's express team went through the bridge above the power plant in front of the Sou Hughes residence Saturday morning but was lucky enough to get off with only minor injuries. This bridge has been in poor shape for some time and should be immediately taken care of by the city authorities.

R. D. Burrows of Monument, was in Heppner last week.

W. P. Leach of Hardman was in Heppner Friday on business.

The big shoe sale begins to day, at E. N. Gonty's shoe store.

# AUCTION SALE

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 3rd. day of March 1917, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the John W. Cradick ranch in Eightmile, Oregon, sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described personal property, to-wit:

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| Five Head of Mares,                | One Wood Frame Harrow,            |
| Four Head of Work Horses,          | One Gang Plow,                    |
| Two Cows,                          | One Disc,                         |
| One Steer, Yearling,               | One Fanning Mill,                 |
| Twelve Mules,                      | One Chop Mill,                    |
| Three Wagons,                      | Three Sets of Harness,            |
| Two Racks,                         | And various other small tools     |
| One Hack,                          | And Implements.                   |
| One Header and three Header Boxes, | All bids at said sale are subject |
| One Steel Harrow,                  | To Rejection.                     |

## FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS---All sums under \$10.00, Cash. Sums over \$10.00, negotiable paper maturing in six month, bearing 8 per cent.

E. E. MILLER,  
Auctioneer,

Minnie B. Cradick,  
Executrix of the estate of  
John W. Cradick, Deceased.