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HEPPNER CITIZENS VOICE PATRIOTISM

A rousing mass meeting of Morrow county patriots was held in the Fair pavilion last Saturday afternoon, with an attendance of several hundred people. The demonstration was proposed by the resident veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars, receiving the hearty co-operation of the city government, Commercial club, churches and citizens.

An appropriate program was given in the pavilion and the occasion was marked by a strong feeling of patriotic fervor.

Mayor Notson presided at the meeting and in his opening remarks paid high and appropriate tribute to the flag and what it stands for.

Senator Steiwer, of Pendleton, was the first speaker introduced by Chairman Notson. Mr. Steiwer gave an eloquent talk on the international situation as it appears today and made an earnest plea for national preparedness. His speech was filled with patriotic utterances, but was calm and deliberate, the speaker apparently guarding against saying anything which might be calculated to arouse undue excitement or hysteria.

Senator Steiwer was followed by Rev. H. A. Noyes, of this city. Mr. Noyes' speech was brimful of patriotic enthusiasm and "pep." "Uncle Sam," he said, "has been smitten on one cheek, has turned the other cheek and received a blow there, and now some people seem to think he ought to get down on his knees, bow his head and allow the kaiser to slap him on the back of the neck." Mr. Noyes' talk was received with hearty applause.

C. E. Woodson, of this city, was the next speaker. Calmly, without passion, Mr. Woodson briefly reviewed the events leading up to the present critical situation and pointed out that the time has come when something more than words is needed to cope with the position in which the United States is placed. The speaker declared that he has been an advocate of peace—that he has hoped and believed that no such contingency would arise as would draw this country into the great war, but the time has now come when the truth must be spoken without regard to whether or not it sounds nice.

Mr. Woodson's address was a masterly one and evoked much favorable comment. The exercises were interspersed with appropriate music by the Lexington band and patriotic songs led by pupils of the Heppner High School.

Much credit is due the patriotically alive people of Lexington who turned out en masse to the meeting. A long procession of autos appropriately decorated, all flying the national colors and carrying the Lexington veterans the Lexington cornet band and the entire membership of the Lexington schools, as well as many citizens of that live little city, saved our parade from ignominy and made the meeting the success that it otherwise would not have been.

To quote Mr. Woodson's words regarding the national situation, "The truth must be spoken." Heppner cannot be very proud of her part in the patriotic parade, but we can be proud of Lexington's part in it, and Lexington's citizenry comprises a type of neighbors that Heppner can well be proud of.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY IS BIG SUCCESS

The pupils of the Heppner High School added another star to their crown of glory last Friday evening by brilliant success achieved in the presentation of the drama, "Home Ties." Owing to the stage of the school auditorium being too small, the play was given in the opera house, and it was better so, as the scenery played no small part in giving the actresses and their foils confidence.

A good audience was present and the actors did their best to please them, and pleased they were, as was evidenced by the hearty applause and aside of commendation one could hear frequently.

The plot was woven around a motherless country girl who had been sent to boarding school in the city and there had made friends among the elite of society, falling in love with a handsome young rascal, and forgetting the clean, wholesome country boy who had been her lover from childhood. But of course the country boy won her in the last act, so there is no use telling you that. What we are most concerned in is the excellent work of several of the cast, notably that of Miss Neva Hayes, who portrayed the Widow Poplan, a victim of imaginary ills too numerous to recite as well as the village gossip. Miss Hayes was easily the star of the evening in point of perfect acting, and the house was with her from her first appearance on the stage.

Miss Brownie DeVoe, as Lady Jane, the colored girl of all work, was also worthy of special note. She received her share of the applause.

All were good, so much better than the barnstorming companies one sees among the professionals who visit towns of this size that we are led to wonder why more of the amateur shows are not given. To say that we enjoyed a better show at a more moderate price than a recent traveling troupe of professionals gave us is but speaking the truth.

This is Not a Fish Story

W. O. Minor is said to be the owner of a cat which is rather above the average in feline intelligence. On the morning of April 1, when the trout fishing season opened, so the story goes, Mr. Minor found a fine trout lying on the porch. Monday morning two were there.

Suspecting that the family cat might be connected with the mystery, Mr. Minor is said to have kept his eye on the cat Tuesday morning and discovered him in the garden digging for worms. Finding a good specimen, Tommy went to the edge of the creek, took his place on a rock at the water's edge, dangled his angle worm into the stream and awaited results. Pretty soon a fine trout struck at the bait and the cat grabbed it and carried it to the porch.

There is nothing particularly strange about the cat digging bait and catching fish, because it is an extraordinarily intelligent cat, but just how Tommy was able to figure out that Sunday was the first day of April, and that the trout season opened on that day is passing strange.

W. R. Helmick of Echo arrived Tuesday and went out to the Stanfield ranch on Rhea creek.

FARMERS WILL BUILD ELEVATOR

At the Farmer's Union meeting last Tuesday it was definitely decided to build a grain elevator in Heppner with a capacity of 100,000 bushels. The cost is estimated at from \$18,000 to \$20,000. The construction will be of wood because of the high cost of concrete construction at this time. The machinery, etc., however, will be first-class in every respect.

A committee of farmers composed of Dan Rice, C. E. Jones, Fred Tash and W. G. McCarty went to Condon yesterday to inspect the elevator at that place and are expected to return today.

The Condon Union built a 100,000 bushel plant last year and so well satisfied are they with the results that it is understood they are arranging to triple its capacity in time for handling this season's crop.

Work is progressing on the new home for the Telephone company which is being built by Frank Roberts. The foundation and floor joists are now in place.

PRESIDENT THANKS B. P. O. E.

Exalted Ruler H. H. Hoffman has received the following communication from President Wilson in response to a telegram sent him by Heppner Lodge No. 358 B.P. O. E.:

The White House,
Washington, D. C., March 25, 1917.

The President thanks you cordially for the good will which prompted your kind message, which has helped to re-assure him and keep him in heart.

TUMULTY, Secretary.

Five hundred thousand folks have pledged their loyalty and support to the President and nation.

HEPPNER'S BOY PATRIOTS

It was a quiet and sad-faced crowd of school children and grownups that gathered at the depot Thursday to say farewell to the four High School boys who left that morning to join the U. S. Navy. Heppner has already sent 12 of her stalwart young sons in response to our country's call, the roster being as follows:

CHAS. GROSHENS,	VAWTER CRAWFORD JR.
HARRY GROSHENS,	JAS. E. COPENHAVER,
ELMER PRESSLY,	ROBERT HOPKINS,
LAMONT SLOCUM,	CECIL LIEUALLEN,
JOE PICKETT,	CHARLIE AYERS,
BERTON LEWIS,	L. J. JUDD,
Claude Sigsbee was rejected because of a weak heart.	

IONE NEWS NOTES

Fred McMurray came in on Monday evening's train. He has been away from Ione for about a year and seemed glad to get back again.

Jake Osten, who has been helping in the local print shop the last week or so, left for Madras the first part of the week, where he will work for George Pierce, who has purchased the Madras Pioneer.

A car load of gasoline and distillate was received by local dealers the last of the week. Much of this will be used by the farmers who are plowing with tractors.

Dr. Chick has been suffering from a severe attack of Foriditis for some time, but about a week ago Mr. Bryson prescribed a new Ford runabout and now the doctor is fully recovered.

The foundation for the new garage was completed the first of the week.

Millard Huston came up from Portland, Sunday, to help his father with the work here.

A work train pulled into town Saturday and the men have been busy since putting the bridges in shape and making added improvements along the line.

UNITED STATES DECLARES WAR

At last the United States has entered the world war. Yesterday congress passed a resolution stating that "The state of war which has been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared and that the President is hereby authorized to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and all the resources of the government to carry on war against the Imperial German Government and to bring the conflict to a speedy and successful termination.

It is now planned to raise an army of 2,000,000 men to be drawn from the unmarried men of the country between the ages of 20 and 30 years. Two years intensive training is planned and it is said the sending of untrained men to Europe will not be countenanced.

The feeling of the country has been strongly against war ever since the European conflict started but now that it has been forced upon the country the people will see it through to a speedy and decisive finish.

ROUSING GOOD ROAD MEETING

The Good Roads meeting held in the council chamber last Tuesday evening was largely attended by representative business men and farmers of Heppner and surrounding country.

Chairman Sweck, president of the Commercial club, called the meeting to order stated the object and introduced Hon. Roy W. Ritner, of Pendleton, who was the principal speaker of the evening.

Mr. Ritner, who was a member of the recent legislature, was very active in the interest of good road legislation at Salem and he was able to give those present a remarkably clear statement of the provisions of the several laws passed last winter which affect the road question. He explained the Benn-Barrett law, which provides for a bond issue to match the federal appropriation made under the Shackelford act and which insures Oregon's participation in federal funds to be expended in road making in the various states. He also explained the road code, which revises and makes modern the entire chapter of road laws of the state, many of which were obsolete and deficient for modern requirements.

In discussing the \$5,000,000 bonding proposition Mr. Ritner made a number of things plain to his audience which had not been fully understood.

The roads to be improved in each county may be selected by the county court and the county is only required to do the grading and provide for proper drainage, all cost of putting in the foundation for the paving as well as the paving itself being born by the state.

Answering the objection advanced by farmers who live off the line of the roads which are to be improved, that the improvements would be of little direct benefit to them, Mr. Ritner pointed out that when the expense of maintenance of the trunk lines, which are to be improved, is placed on the state it will leave a large amount of county road money to be expended on the branch or lateral roads which are now mostly in bad condition because of lack of funds. To illustrate this point the speaker mentioned the Umatilla county road between Pendleton and Walla Walla which now costs the county \$40,000 to \$50,000 every year for maintenance out of the entire road fund of some \$125,000. In this connection Mr. Ritner explained that the State Highway commission have definitely stated that in letting contracts for road making and paving that the successful bidder will be required to guarantee, and keep his work in repair for a period of ten years. This will relieve the counties of a heavy annual expense for maintenance and leave the local authorities free to expend all their funds on the branch roads.

Mr. Davidson, of near San Francisco, closed a deal Monday with our bustling real estate man, whereby he leases the Berry place for a term of years. He has gone back to California for his family but will return in about two weeks.

One need only step inside the Mason store to know why Mr. Mason is in such a hurry to see his new building completed. There is hardly room to turn a round in his present building and new goods are arriving daily.

W. H. Crook, our lumber dealer, is to have a new modern cottage on the property recently purchased. The old house will be moved back to make room for the new one.

MAY ORGANIZE FOR RELIEF WORK

A union meeting of the churches was held last Sunday evening at the Christian church in the interest of the movement to provide relief for the war sufferers of Europe. A fair sized audience was present and the collection for the relief fund was almost \$100. A committee was appointed to interview all the lodges, churches and other societies in the city in an effort to join in a concerted movement for relief. An effort will be made to secure pledges from individuals and organizations for a certain amount to be paid in for this work monthly.

Recent Deaths

The infant twin son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lucas died Wednesday morning, April 4. The funeral was held at 10:00 o'clock this morning.

John Rasmuss, a respected pioneer citizen of Heppner, passed away at the Heppner hospital this morning at 6:00. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

William Ayerr, Pastime man of Hardman, was a business visitor here Tuesday and reports snow in patches out there.

B. L. Burroughs, lumber dealer of Pendleton, was in Heppner Tuesday evening.

surplus will be left after the proposed bond issue is cleaned up.

Mr. Ritner is a farmer by profession and his talk was absolutely lacking in bombast and spread-eagle oratory. He talks like a farmer who carries a good business man's head around on his shoulders and the favorable impression he made Tuesday evening shows that that is the kind of talk the people want on the road question.

Following Mr. Ritner Mr. Turner, president of the Farmer's Union of this county, was called upon and responded with a statement of his views and those of the organization he represents. "The Farmer's Union," he said, "have generally favored the improvement of roads running at right angles with the railroads and navigable streams on the theory that it is to the interest of the farmer to have good roads leading from the farm to the warehouses." However he had not made up his mind fully on the present proposition but was looking for more light on the subject as are all of the farmers.

Harry Cummings, the well known booster, made a stirring speech in favor of good roads and a number of others asked questions which were answered by Mr. Ritner.

County Commissioner Carran was present and was called upon. He made a mighty strong and sensible speech. Mr. Carran was, at first, not disposed to favor the bond issue but he stated that Mr. Ritner's talk had given him a different view.

Following the discussion the Morrow County Good Roads Association was organized by electing S. E. Notson, president and W. W. Smead, secretary. Other meetings will shortly be arranged for and it is expected that meetings will be held in all parts of the county between now and the June election. Highway Commissioner Thompson will probably attend the next meeting. He was kept away from Tuesday's meeting by illness.