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PEOPLE URGED TO PREPARE FOR FAIR

The Morrow County Fair this year will be the best ever held if the people will do their part. We must have your cooperation to the fullest extent to make the fair what it should be. The fair board can assure the people that the amusements will be up-to-date and first class, but we cannot insure the exhibits without the cooperation of all the people of Morrow county. Now is the time to plan what you are going to have in the way of vegetables and other agricultural products. The Chas. H. Lilly company of Seattle offer a special cash prize of \$10 for the best exhibit of farm and garden products raised from Lilly's seeds. This is worth working for. The board will give a number of special prizes this season for the best exhibit of potatoes and onions. These prizes will be awarded strictly from their adaptability to the soils of Morrow county. A written statement must accompany each exhibit showing when they were planted, when dug, estimated yield per acre, are they good keepers, and all other information that will be of value to prospective growers of these varieties. We are going to specialize this year on those vegetables that we can grow to perfection in this county but of which we are shipping in car loads each year and paying two prices for. Morrow county can produce all the vegetables it uses and more if the people will take the trouble to plant and care for them while they are growing. We all squeal about the high cost of living but do not try very hard to find out why the cost is so high or what we could do to lower the cost. No country in the world can raise better potatoes, onions, cabbage, carrots, beets and other vegetables of this kind than can Morrow county, yet each year we pay thousands of dollars in freight to the railroad and express companies and many thousands more to growers in other parts of the country for stuff that we can grow at home, getting it fresh from the farms. Whose fault is it? Can the fault be overcome? If so, how? For the best answer to the above questions the board will pay a special cash prize of \$5 all articles to be in the hands of the board not later than Sept. 12th. Do you know of anything that in your opinion would help make the fair better, more instructive and of more value to the people? If you do put it in writing and mail to the secretary and the same will have the careful consideration of the board.

The dates of the fair are September 13-14-15.

Let's make this fair what it always has been—the best county fair in Oregon. It is the peoples fair and it will be just what they want it to be.

W. W. SMEAD, Secy.

Making Coyotes Scare

Loren and Lloyd Matteson of Black Butte found the first coyote den of the season Friday with a family of five puppies about a week old. Their eyes were not yet open but they bring the bounty just the same.

Gleason McFerrin landed a coyote den last Sunday near the old Tom Quaid place with a fine family of eight pups. Good business.

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WILLOW CREEK ITEMS

Jacob Dexter has purchased a new automobile. Jake being of steady nerve will not attempt such things as telephone poles, steep embankments or bottomless pits, but will keep right in the main part of the road.

A traveler who travels on the Willow creek road is soon introduced to chuck holes, mud holes, rocks, quick-up hills, short down hills, sidings, level places, rough places, short turns, soft bumps, hard bumps, in fact every thing a bad road could subject him too. The people out the Willow creek way feel that their road needs a little attention and it is perfectly proper and fitting that those who have the matter in charge should try to turn their attention this way.

Last Monday, April 2, much to the delight of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Florence, Mr. and Mrs. A. Florence returned home from Portland where Mr. Florence underwent a severe operation and is doing nicely. Unfortunately since their arrival Mrs. Florence has not been well.

Old maids, grass widows, and school teachers, Mr. Crosby says, you are as welcome as the flowers in May to fish on his place, and he says that there is all kinds of fishing on his estate. All others beware as Mr. Crosby sleeps with a gun under his pillow every night, and has it ready for action during the day.

Former Heppner Man Loses Life

Information has reached this city of the death of Jay Vale, who was drowned in the Missouri river, at Bismarck, N. D. last Sunday, when a boat was swamped in the swollen stream. Four others lost their lives at the same time.

Mr. Vale was a former well known citizen of Heppner, being employed for a number of years with Minor & Co. He left Heppner about five years ago. His wife, a Heppner girl, was a daughter of the late J. A. Ayers and a sister of Mrs. Percy Hughes, of Butter creek. Mrs. S. W. Spencer, of this city is her aunt.

Mr. Vale was deservedly popular and highly respected in Heppner and the news of his tragic death was a shock to his many friends here.

Arthur Knoblock was in town on business Thursday.

Committed to Asylum

Chris. Weinschick, a rather well known character about town, was examined as to his sanity before County Judge Patterson Monday and was adjudged insane and committed to the State Hospital.

The man had been acting rather irrationally for some time and it was finally decided best for himself and others to place him under restraint.

A Prominent Stockman

B. F. Swaggart, well known stockman of the Lexington district, was in Heppner Tuesday on business.

Mr. Swaggart informed the Herald while here that E. E. Tucker, of near Spokane, is at Lexington closing a deal with him for the purchase of 12 Jacks and 50 Jennets, the deal approximating some \$14,000.

Mr. Swaggart is one of the largest individual breeders of Jacks in the United States and ships animals into all of the western states as well as to the Hawaiian Islands.

GOOD ROADS RALLY HAS BEEN ARRANGED

The Legislative Good Roads Committee has decided to hold a state-wide good roads rally in Portland, Saturday, April 25. Every organization in the state favorable to the road bond bill is invited to send representatives to this gathering. The Committee has taken up with various transportation companies the matter of securing a special reduced rate for those attending the rally. Reports from Astoria and several points in Eastern Oregon are to the effect that the good roads enthusiasts of those sections are planning to charter a boat or special train and come to Portland in large numbers, accompanied by bands. Similar large excursions are in prospect from other points. There is every indication that the rally will prove the most notable gathering of good roads boosters that was ever held in the Pacific Northwest. Definite announcement of a programme and speakers will be made later.

That Rascal, Cupid

Cupid, the cunning rascal, has been busy recently, around Heppner, so busy, evidently, that he has neglected reporting his activities to the Herald promptly in all cases.

On April 3, 1917, Mr. A. D. Reid and Ida Wright, both well known and popular young people, were united in marriage. Rev. McDonald performing the ceremony.

Last Sunday morning at eight o'clock, at the Christian parsonage, Rev. McDonald officiating, Mr. Chas. W. Barlow and Miss Blanch M. Akers, popular young people of this city were married, leaving shortly afterward for a brief wedding trip to Pendleton.

Lester Ingram, of the Palace hotel, this city, and Miss Fay Robinson, of Joseph, Oregon, surprised their friends by quietly getting married last Tuesday evening. Judge J. P. Williams performed the ceremony. They will reside in Heppner.

Wednesday evening a bevy of Lester's former flames raided the Palace hotel, captured the benedict, bore him in triumph to Bob Hart's soft drink emporium, made him "buy the drinks" in true western style and then turned him loose to realize that he was, in reality, a married man for keeps.

Many friends will join in wishing all these young people long and happy lives together.

Mr. Herren Makes Statement

To the Editor:

As a great many are asking me why I quit the Sheriff's office I make the following statement and you can draw your own conclusions.

March the 10th Mr. McDuffee went to Pendleton and on the 15th I received the following letter.

Pendleton, March 14th.

Dear Willard:

The county court is to make an order at their next meeting eliminating the Deputy Sheriff in our office and I thought it only fair that I inform you at this time as you may want to make some arrangements that I do not know of. I presume this is my fault but it's a matter of economy with them and I do not know what my attitude will be at this time, but there is nothing for me to do but act accordingly. I am sure you will not be too

BOYS AND GIRLS ARE URGED PLANT GARDEN

Heppner, Ore.

Dear Boys and girls,

Now is the time for every boy and girl in Morrow county, and particularly those of the Industrial Clubs who have taken up the Garden Project, to get busy. The food supply is of as great importance as any phase of preparedness for the National Crises which we are now facing. At present we have a shortage of foods, and prices are high.

Since we have entered into this war our obligation to furnish food to the allied nations will be greatly increased. I wish we might plan a campaign for this community, determine the amount of ground available and the number of persons who may be enlisted to put it to its best use.

The Oregon Agricultural College has prepared a special series of pamphlets on poultry keeping, vegetable gardening, the economical use of foods, which will be available to the people of the state. They will be glad to send a supply of these publications upon receipt of evidence that this work is being efficiently organized in the community.

Show your patriotism by planting a garden. Plenty of free seed at this office.

Yours truly,
Lena Snell Shurtz,
County School Supt.

I am disappointed for it is not by any kick from my own standpoint as to the work and I hope that in case that I need help in outside work to give you the best chance at it.

The expectation is that your services will cease April 5th or as soon thereafter as is practical. I do not know when I will be in Heppner, but I feel sure you will do me the justice that I deserve.

With best wishes to yourself and family for the future I am,
Your friend,
McDuffee.

I referred his letter to the county court and they very emphatically denied having made any such demands of him.

On April 7th I found a note from him on my desk asking me to tender him my resignation.

I waited until he came in and then told him that I knew no reason why I should resign and that if he did I wanted him to state it.

He said that on several occasions I had left the safe unlocked and that the funds had been tampered with.

I told him that he knew the only time the safe had been left unlocked and under what conditions. He admitted that there was nothing wrong with the funds.

The statement made by the county court proves his first statement false, and I will make oath that the one time mentioned herein is the only time that I have failed to lock the safe when it was my duty to do so, and that I have never tampered with or taken a single penny of the counties funds.

When he went to Pendleton he placed the handling of the mail and the funds in Miss Shipley's hands and later had the combination on the cash drawer changed, which would naturally infer that he did not trust me to handle the funds, and it has caused some very unpleasant comments.

Now if Mr. McDuffee wants to prove himself a man of honor he will either prove his assertions or retract them.
W. H. HERREN.

IONE INKLINGS

Misses Galbraith and Jackson, two of our local teachers, spent the week end in the county seat.

Mrs. Buffington who has been here for some time visiting her son, T. B. Buffington, left for her home in Washington the last of the week.

Mrs. W. C. Cason was down from Heppner last week visiting lone friends.

Perry Hopkins sold his 480 acre ranch north of town to J. E. Swanson last week for \$15 per acre. Mr. Swanson lives on Dr. Chick's farm at present.

Mr. Dodson recently filed on a section of land over in the Finley Butte country. He expects to move onto it this fall provided his filings are accepted.

J. C. French was in from the Lexington country Sunday to visit his brother and family. Mr. French says that practically all the grain sown last fall in his neighborhood had to be reseeded. Considerable barley is to be sown yet. He says that parties wanting to hire plowing done are unable to find teamsters to do it at \$2 per acre.

Joe Mason, our genial postmaster, spent Sunday in the country and Monday morning he was telling his friends what a wonderfully fine day it was. Said when he got out to his sisters place the trees showed no signs of life but before night the peach trees had bloomed and had small peaches on them. He was sure if he could have stayed there until morning that he could have had peaches for breakfast.

Our churches all observed Easter. The programs were fine and were enjoyed by large audiences. Special pains had been taken to decorate the churches in various attractive ways.

Brick for the new garage arrived the last of the week and all hands were put to work Monday. Mr. Rivers is very anxious to see the building completed so that he can occupy it.

Candy Sale Library Benefit

Ladies of the Heppner Library Association held a successful candy sale last Saturday afternoon in the vacant room adjoining the First National Bank thereby gleaming a number of simulacra for the good cause. Shortage of supplies was the only reason why receipts were not greater as the candy ran out long before the demand was supplied.

The Library Association is one of Heppner's most worthy civic institutions. It was organized but a few years ago by some of the town's enterprising ladies and already an excellent library of about 1000 volumes has been accumulated. The books are kept in the council chamber and the librarian is on duty from 2:00 to 6:00 p. m. every Wednesday to attend to the wants of patrons.

The library is financed by the work of the members of the association, by voluntary subscriptions and by an appropriation of \$100 a year from the city council.

Officers of the association are: Mrs. Sam E. Van Vactor, president; Mrs. Ben Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. Eugene Gilman, Mrs. Ada Ayers, directors, and Miss Syble Hager, secretary and librarian.

Persons wishing to donate to the library fund at any time are requested to leave donations with the librarian.

BELGIAN RELIEF MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 20

A mass meeting of the people of Heppner and vicinity will be held at the opera house, Friday, April 20, 8 p. m., for the purpose of raising funds by popular donation and subscription for the relief of the starving Belgian school children.

In the earlier stages of the war the people of Heppner gave generously to the relief of the Belgian people. Time has only added to their destitution. Today there are more than 1,250,000 school children of that country who are dying of starvation. Relief must come to them at once else they perish. Thruout our land an organized effort is being made to furnish food for these poor, dying children. Heppner, true to her traditions, must help. In the spirit of humanity, she should give as never before. As a nation, America leads the world in wealth. Let it lead in this dark hour of the world's need in Charity also. As you love your own dear ones at home, will you not come to this meeting and give what you can towards relieving the suffering of the homeless, starving children of Belgium? Let no one say, "It will be useless, German submarines will sink the ships." Each ship and its cargo are fully insured. If they be lost, the insurance will buy others.

The following program has been arranged for the evening:
Song, "America," led by Miss Marion A. Long
Opening address, Mayor S. E. Nelson, presiding.
Address, "The Belgian Situation," Rev. H. A. Noyes.
Song, "The Flag of '76'" Mrs. R. J. Vaughn.
Address, "The Cry of the Belgian Children," by Father O'Rourke.
Song, "Battle Cry of Freedom," Miss Peggie O'Rourke.
Address, "Some Practical Means of Raising Funds to Help the Belgian Children," C. E. Woodson.
Song, "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," led by Miss Long.
Collection and subscription of money.

At this meeting an effort will be made to get an expression from the ladies in regard to organizing a Red Cross Chapter at Heppner. Everybody is invited to attend this mass meeting.

H. H. Hoffman, Rev. MacDonald, Father O'Rourke, committee on program.

CHURCH NOTICES

The Federated Church
Topic for the morning sermon "The Fourth Commandment" In the evening a series of viopitican views will be given illustrating the life of Christ and appropriate to the Easter season. While these views have been selected especially for the benefit of Sunday school children, we believe they will prove of interest to older people also. A cordial invitation to all. H. A. Noyes, Pastor.

Catholic Church
First Mass 8 a. m.
Second Mass 10:30 a. m.
Catechism Class 11:30 a. m.
Evening Devotions 7:30 p. m.

Church of Christ
Subjects of sermons Sunday.
Morning, "The Other Cheek,"
Evening, "The Game of Life."

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Buckholz, of Stagfield, were registered at the Palace Wednesday evening.