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FARMER'S UNION LET ELEVATOR CONTRACT

The grain elevator project of the Heppner Farmer's Union, has become an assured fact. No longer is it only "talked of" or "hoped for" but by the action of the building committee last Saturday it became a certainty.

Bids for the construction of the plant were opened last Saturday and the contract was awarded to J. W. Johnson, of Seattle, for a consideration of about \$18,000. Besides Mr. Johnson the Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co. and the Burrill Construction Co. submitted bids there being but slight difference between the respective firm's figures but after careful consideration on the part of the committee, Mr. Johnson's bid was accepted as being the best.

Because of the excessive price of steel for re-inforcement of a concrete structure the committee decided to build of wood but along all other lines the plant will be of the very latest and best in design, machinery and construction. Experts who have examined the plans and specifications agree that, when completed, the Heppner Farmer's Union will have one of the very best and most modern elevators in the state.

Power for operating the machinery will be supplied by two 22 horse power gas or distillate engines of the most modern type and all of the other equipment will be of an equally modern design.

The engines will furnish an excess of power for present needs but it is confidently expected that additional capacity will be required to handle the business within a year or so. The capacity of the initial plant will be 100,000 bushels.

It is also planned to install in connection with the elevator a complete flouring mill of 25 barrel daily capacity which will be operated during the months when the elevator is not busy handling the grain crop. It is said that such a mill is now being built that can be installed at a cost of some \$3000 that is guaranteed to make a strictly first-class grade of patent flour and the managers of the project figure that this department alone will go far towards paying all running expenses of the plant and obviate the necessity of allowing the plant to lay idle during any part of the year.

The Farmer's Union is to be commended for its business-like action in this matter. The union is a strong and efficient organization and is, perhaps, doing more to solve the many complex problems which have for years been confronting the farming industry than any similar organization has ever done.

Land Contest Case Heard

Evidence was taken in a land contest case of considerable interest on Tuesday before County Judge Patterson, sitting as a U. S. Land Commissioner. The contestant is Joseph D. Handy and the contestee E. A. Hammer.

About a dozen witnesses were examined and the testimony was voluminous, running into many folios. The case lasted all day and until 10:00 p. m. C. E. Woodson, of this city, represented the contestant and J. R. Raley, of Pendleton, the contestee.

The land in question is located on Better creek and the interested parties and witnesses all came from that section.

AUTO LICENSE WILL PAY ROAD COST

Opponents of the road bond bill contend that the proposed bond issue will become an added burden to the general taxpayer. As a complete answer and refutation of this argument, the Legislative Good Roads Committee has incorporated the following statement as a part of its argument in support of the bond bill which will be published in the official state pamphlet:

"We have ascertained from the records of the office of the Secretary of State that the income from the present quarter-mile tax is \$220,000 per annum; that the income from auto licenses based upon the present number of automobiles at the increased license rate effective August 1st, will be not less than \$310,000 per annum to be used in paying interest and principal of bonds. The above funds will be sufficient not only to pay the interest and the principal of the \$6,000,000 bonds authorized by this act, but will also pay the interest and principal of the \$1,819,280.55 in bonds authorized to meet the government road appropriation. After paying these bonds there will be a surplus of at least \$2,793,402.25. Since 1911 the increase in the number of automobiles in the State of Oregon has been 33 1-3 per cent per year. With the completion of good roads this increase will naturally be larger. However, we have not taken any increase into account but have based our figures on the present number of automobiles."

This Is Not Shocking

In strict confidence Leslie Matlock, the other day, informed the Herald man that Harry Rood has recently purchased a swell little gas buggy "built for two,"—and two only—and that Harry informed him, also in strict confidence, that this particular buggy is not to be used either in looking after his farming operations nor in taking his gentlemen friends on pleasure rides or fishing trips. If any other proof were needed than Harry's word—which of course is not—that the above statement is an ultimatum, it may be found in the fact that after buying the swell little wagon, Harry went to the additional expense of having down-to-the-minute shock absorbers installed on the machine so that whoever rides with him will find herself wafted along over the hills and dales of Morrow county as gently as "Rock a Bye Baby in a Tree Top," or as a thistle down on a summer evening breeze.

In fact this new wagon is guaranteed to be as shockless as a censored movie film and the truth of this statement may be proven by practical demonstration by the first or any subsequent young lady who enjoys a ride in it. Mr. Matlock says that Mr. Rood says that he (Rood) will not be shocked if eligible young ladies will file application for the first ride in this delightful little joy wagon but that he will be most overwhelmingly pleased by such action.

The Herald wishes it to be distinctly understood that it is not publishing this story in violation of any confidence but strictly as a matter of news.

Walter Cochran, sage of the lone Independent, again "Sundayed" in Heppner this week. The boys say it's a habit he has.

PEOPLE WANT ROADS FOR MONEY EXPENDED

Everybody wants good roads. The need for improved highways is admitted. Every citizen is anxious and willing to pay his share towards the cost of building good roads. All the individual ever has insisted upon and is asking today is that the public receive one dollar of value for every dollar expended in road construction. Frequently in the past the public has not received full value from these expenditures. But this has been due invariably to the lack of a systematic plan of road building and an intelligent supervision of the work by public officials charged with disbursing the fund.

The last Legislature, however, provided the necessary legislation for introducing in Oregon a systematic and intelligent campaign for the state-wide construction of permanent hard surface highways. A complete road code was adopted and a Highway Commission created for its administration. Another measure provided for the issuance of bonds aggregating \$1,800,000 with which to match an equal amount provided by the Government, under the Shackleford Act, for the construction of post roads and forest roads.

Most important of the legislative measures was that authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$6,000,000 for the construction of main trunk lines throughout the state. At the same time, another bill was passed doubling the annual license on all automobiles and motor vehicles. The revenue from this source, together with the money derived from the existing one fourth mill tax will meet all interest charges of the proposed bond issue and retire the bonds without adding a dollar to the direct taxes of the individual.

Of these various measures, only one—the \$6,000,000 Bond Bill—will be submitted to the voters for their approval at the special election, June 4th. This measure asks nothing of anybody except that which he must pay under laws which go into effect regardless of whether the bond issue be adopted. All manner of safeguards have been provided outside the bonding act. The Highway Commission has been reorganized, methods of road construction have been reformed, competition in contracts has been made compulsory and an anti conspiracy bill has been passed. Amortization tables show that the income irrevocably bonded will retire the \$6,000,000 bond issue, meet the requirements of the Federal Act, provide maintenance of roads and leave a surplus even if there be no increase in assessed value or number of automobiles.

Approval of the bond measure by the voters is all that is needed to carry out the good roads campaign effectively. Indorsement of the bonds at the June election would mean that actual road construction could begin this year. In passing on this measure, voters are not asked to vote blindly. The pending bond bill described the roads that are to be constructed and defines the general character of their construction. All roads will be built under the supervision of the State Highway Commission which was created for that specific purpose.

Oscar Keithley was in from his farm home Saturday.

RIGHTS OF FOREIGNERS WILL BE PROTECTED

The Department of State, at Washington, D. C., on February 8th issued the following statement:

"It having been reported to him that there is anxiety in some quarters on the part of persons residing in this country who are the subjects of foreign states less their bank deposits or other property should be seized in the event of war between the United States and a foreign nation, the President authorizes the statement that all such fears are entirely unfounded. The Government of the United States will in no circumstances take advantage of a state of war to take possession of property in which international understandings and the recognized law of the land give it no just claim or title. It will scrupulously respect all private rights alike of its own citizens and of the subjects of foreign states."

IONE INKLINGS

Miss Mason was in from her ranch Tuesday.

The war pictures shown Tuesday evening drew a good audience.

Bert Mason has sold five Deering combines and has several other sales in view. This little combine is pulled by twelve horses, cuts twelve feet and is run by two men. With the shortage of hands and the high cost of feeding a large harvest crew these little outfits will be a great thing for the farmers.

Sunday sure was a stormy day, but when we saw how it pleased the farmers to one has a tickle to make, if the weather man will just send a few more such rains at the proper time the lone country will do its share in providing War Time food stuff.

The first and second grades met at the home of Grace Cochran Tuesday evening after school for a party.

Mrs. Burkholder who has spent 52 years in mission work in India spoke at the Congregational church Sunday evening.

Mr. W. P. Scribner was down from Heppner Tuesday to deliver a Rumble engine to Mr. Haverstick who has recently bought the Atkins place up Rhen creek. It was a new style of engine for this part of the country in that the two plows that it pulls are built into the frame of the engine.

The Mid-Columbia Meetings held at the Congregational church Wednesday and Thursday of this week was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Good music and interesting speakers were well received by large audiences at each meeting.

Mr. Cronk has had the old house moved to the back of his lot and will soon start work on his new residence.

Most of the farmers in this vicinity are through seeding, but some who are sowing large crops are still working at it.

Geo. Zine was in town Monday and reported four inches of snow at his place.

Since Mr. Crossman joined the army the high school pupils have been meeting at eight o'clock as the teachers have to double up on their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Haines were outgoing passengers Saturday for Spokane. Mr. Haines was taking his mother there for day.

RAILROAD WILL GUARD BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

San E. Van Vactor, local attorney for the O. W. R. & N. Co., received a telegram Wednesday morning from A. C. Spencer, general counsel at The Dalles, asking him to secure permission from Sheriff McDuffee, for the appointment as deputy sheriffs of the armed guards being placed at bridges and other strategic points on the railway line in this county. The guards are being placed as a precautionary measure against possible depredations of enemy spies and is in line with the general policy of the country since the declaration of war against Germany.

Top Price for Wheat

Frank Anderson sold his wheat crop of some 11,000 bushels Monday to Spencer Akers, agent for the Northwestern Grain & Warehouse Co., of Portland, for the record price of \$2.00 per bushel. This is the top price so far reported at any interior point.

Mr. and Mrs. Farley Entertain.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed by a select party of young people at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Farley last Sunday evening when they entertained at dinner the Misses Nora Hughes and Hannan Wilson and Messrs. Pat Connell, Frank McArton, Hugh McNamee and Mr. Phillips.

Following a splendid dinner the company was entertained by a number of vocal selections by Miss Wilson with Mr. McNamee as accompanist at the piano.

An enjoyable feature of the evening was an informal talk on equal suffrage by Mr. Phillips.

The guests spent the night at the Farley home and were driven to Heppner Monday morning where they were safely delivered at the Wilson hotel.

DIED—Mrs. W. T. Matlock, well known in this city, passed away at her home in Portland last Monday. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, of Lone Rock. She was about 41 years old.

MARRIED—Forest Rinehart and Miss Iva Dinwiddie, well known young people of near Lexington, were married in this city last Saturday by City Recorder, J. P. Williams, in his office. The happy couple returned to Lexington that evening.

Married—James Morgan and Miss Nellie Kelley, well known young people of Morrow county, were united in marriage last Monday evening at the office of City Recorder J. P. Williams, that official performing the ceremony which made two young hearts beat as one. The happy couple are receiving the congratulations of their friends and will reside in Morrow county.

BLACK BUTTE ITEMS

Adrian Matteson was a business visitor to Heppner one day last week.

Adrian and Dan Slater are getting ready for a summer's campaign on their mining claims in the Greenhorn mountains. They are expecting to dig out a big bunch of gold during the summer months.

medical treatment

Mr. and Mrs. Sperry were county seat visitors Saturday.

The lone boys will play ball with the Gooseberry team Sunday.

"OBEY THE LAW, KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT"

To the Editor:

Many questions have been asked recently in regard to matters arising out of the conditions which necessarily prevail on account of the state of war which exists. People must bear in mind that many things which are permissible in a time of peace are not permissible in a time of war. It is the policy of both the National and State Governments to cause as little inconvenience to citizens and others as is consistent with the proper protection of the rights and dignity of the country.

Citizens are urged to refrain from talk and actions which are calculated to stir up trouble with foreigners who may be within our borders or with our citizens of foreign birth. If any citizen comes into possession of any knowledge or rumor of any acts or talk inimical to the interests of the country, he should not peddle the same about, but should communicate it to some peace officer, who will take such steps as are necessary in the premises. If this policy is pursued, foreigners and foreign born citizens will be saved humiliation and much ill feeling will be avoided. Those who sympathize with the countries with which the United States is at war are admonished to follow the rule laid down by the Attorney General of the United States, "Obey the law, and keep your mouth shut." If this plan is followed, no inconvenience will be experienced.

People should inform themselves in regard to the law touching the desecration of the flag. This is not a time for any foolishness in this line.

Strangers need not be surprised if they find themselves the objects of observation. And strangers in the community who do not appear to have any employment need not be surprised if they are held to answer to a charge of vagrancy. It is a poor time for loafers anyway, and loafers who are not known and who cannot be vouchered for had better seek employment or keep moving. Careful instructions touching this matter are being prepared by the Federal and State authorities, and all officers will be fully informed within a short time.

Respectfully,
S. E. NOTSON,
District Atty.

CHURCH NOTICES

The Federated Church
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

At the close of the lesson period we shall have a flag-raising service by members of the school. If you want to have a share in running up "Old Glory" be on hand.

Regular morning church service 11:00 a. m.

Theme of morning sermon "Present Day Family Life."

In the evening, Pictures of the Life of Christ from Calvary to the Ascension.

Church of Christ

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of sermon for Sunday morning, April 22, "The Mission of the Church."

Evening subject "The Most Important Command Ever Given"

Good music. A cordial greeting for all.

"No Trespassing" signs at the Herald office. 40tf