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# HEPPNER HERALD

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the train at Heppner Gateway.

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## INQUEST HELD ON ENGINEER'S DEATH

Coroner Case empaneled a jury last Saturday evening to make an inquiry into the death of U. S. Hanson, O. W. R. & N. engineer, who met death when his engine crashed through a bridge near Morgan station May 12th.

The jury was composed of the following citizens: F. N. Fryc, J. W. Hiatt, Wm. Haylor, W. H. Herrin, Geo. J. Currin and Hanson Hughes.

A number of witnesses were subpoenaed and a searching investigation was conducted.

H. Holbrook, postmaster at Morgan, and who was working close to the scene of the wreck testified that he had noticed for several days that the bridge was in bad condition and that one bent was swaying from the force of the current of the creek, as though it had been loosened at the bottom. Mr. Swank, a farmer living near the bridge testified to the same effect and also that one bent of the bridge had gone out intact and been carried down the creek to his orchard where it lodged. While Mr. Swank did not testify that he had seen the bent in his orchard prior to the wreck the inference was that it must have gone out and been carried away before the train struck the bridge.

C. H. Veight, a former contractor and builder and a man of wide experience in construction work, now residing near the scene of the wreck, testified that he had noticed the bridge several days prior to the wreck and that it was not in a safe condition, that the piling was poorly placed and in such a position as to catch drift which would have a tendency to further weaken the bridge.

Several employes of the company were also examined among them being Conductor Sutherland, who was in charge of the wrecked train, and his brakemen, Messrs Parkinson, and Young also the station agent at Heppner. Testimony of these men with copies of train orders governing them showed that no specific orders covering the wrecked bridge had been given them other than a general "slow" order, covering all bridges north of Ione—that a speed of not to exceed ten miles an hour should be observed. Testimony of a number of witnesses showed that this order was being observed when the accident occurred.

After considering the evidence the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the bridge had been in an unsafe condition for several days prior to the accident, that high water had still further weakened the structure and that proper precautions had not been taken by the company in guarding against accidents arising from the unsafe condition of the bridge.

Whether any further action will be taken in the matter is not known.

W. E. Brown, hotelman of Echo, was here Monday.

## FARMERS' UNION WILL HOLD PICNIC

A big day in Heppner will be Saturday, June 2nd, when the Farmers' Union of Morrow County will hold their 4th annual picnic on the Morrow County Fair grounds in Heppner.

A feature of the day will be a thorough platform discussion of the Road Bond issue when prominent speakers both for and against the proposition will be heard.

This is the best possible way for voters to inform themselves as to the merits or demerits of the matter and it is expected there will be a large attendance from all parts of the county.

Other measures to be voted on at the June election will also be discussed and explained by competent speakers.

These picnics are planned as periods of recreation and education and all who attend will be well repaid.

Read the big ad on page 4 and you will want to go.

### LEXINGTON ITEMS

There was a man in town who visited a few of our citizens begging money to prevent bootlegging but we wish to say the sheriff will take care of them.

W. G. Scott returned Tuesday morning via auto from Portland after a week's business visit there.

Pictures of the wreck may be obtained by leaving orders for them at Burgoyne's store.

Gus McMillan has bought Johnny McMillan big car and he is going to work over the two cars and make one good car. You better buy a Ford Gus and never have any car troubles.

Gardens in this section are growing nicely.

Principal Dout, Miss Baber Ballard, Cormichael and McGaw have been engaged to teach here again next year. Mr. Barton and Miss Fern have decided to go to school and will not teach here next year.

Next Wednesday is Decoration Day.

Arthur Ashenurst and wife were in from Sand Hollow Tuesday and took some new furniture home with them. Art says his wheat looks fine.

Philip Thurston who has been working here for some time for Mr. Finley and Geo. White left Wednesday morning for Suver Oregon to visit relatives.

Mrs. Goy Nordyke is visiting in Seattle.

Clay Phillips went to Ione Monday to receive medical attention for a bad finger.

We predict a large crowd at the high school play entitled "Mr. Bob" on Wednesday night. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoc French are making preparations daily as they expect to move back to Kansas the last of August or as soon as they harvest their wheat. We will be sorry to lose these people.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Brien, of Butter creek, were in the city on business Friday.

## WAR CENSUS DAY

Tuesday, June 5, as named by President Wilson in his official proclamation.

### WHO MUST REGISTER

Every male resident between the ages of 21 and thirty years, inclusive. This includes aliens as well as Americans, Japanese, Chinese, Italians, Germans, English, Americans, and men of any other nationality who are of the designated ages, must register. Aliens will not be drafted for war duty, of course, but a complete record of them is desired.

### WHO IS EXEMPT

No male resident between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, is exempt from registering. Those to be exempted from military service will be determined later, but first all must register.

### WHERE TO REGISTER

Registration must be made in the home precinct of the man registering. Register at your regular voting place.

### HOURS FOR REGISTRATION

Booths at regular voting places in each precinct will be open on War Census Day from 7 o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock p. m. Don't wait until the last moment Register early.

### REGISTRATION OF ABSENTEES

If you find you will be unavoidably absent from your home precinct on War Census Day, you should apply at the earliest possible date to the county clerk of the county in which you may be at the time, whether in Oregon or elsewhere, who will fill out your registration card. He will then give you the card, which you must mail to the registrar of your home precinct, in care of the sheriff of your home county, in time to reach the registrar by War Census Day. If you live in Portland, or a city of over 30,000 population in another state, mail the card to the registrar in care of the mayor. But remember, the burden of having your card reach the registrar of your home precinct by War Census Day is on you.

### REGISTRATION OF THE SICK

Men of military age who are too ill to go to the voting booth to register must send a competent person before War Census Day to the county clerk to explain the circumstances, and secure instructions from the Federal regulations which these officials will receive from the Government.

### PENALTIES

The penalty for failing to appear to register, or for giving false, misleading or incorrect answers, is imprisonment. There is no alternative of a fine.

### High School Entertainment

The Heppner High school will give another of its characteristic programs at the Auditorium on Friday evening, June 1, at 8:00 o'clock. The program will consist of music, a short play, patriotic drills and tableaux.

At this time the chairman of the board of education will present diplomas to the graduating classes.

This will be the most important school function of the year and will be well worth your while to attend. The drills and tableaux will be an inspiration in patriotism. The public is cordially invited to be present.

### First National Will Improve

The First National Bank has awarded a contract to F. J. Leonard, of Portland, for remodeling the bank building and it is understood work will be commenced at once.

The entire building will be remodeled and utilized for banking purposes and will be made strictly modern. A new front, new roof, new floors will be put in and the exterior will be finished in plastic cement in buff.

New fixtures, vaults, etc. will also be installed.

The old iron building in the rear will be removed and replaced with a brick structure which will be rented for commercial purposes.

The proposed improvements will involve an expenditure of around \$15,000.00

### Will Exchange

For grazing, alfalfa or wheat land a Hotel property in a County seat town in Northern Idaho, population 1800, good pay roll Hotel now leased for \$180.00 per month.

For further information apply to First National Bank, Heppner, Oregon. 3tf

### Episcopal Guild Holds Meeting

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild were delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John F. Vaughn that lady being assisted in her duties as hostess by Mrs. Clinton Gilliam. A delightful musical program was given consisting of piano selections by Mrs. Sweek and vocal solos by Mrs. R. J. Vaughn, Mrs. Simms and Miss Gladys Lane.

Little Miss Vaughn assisted by her friend little Miss Cohn, served dainty refreshments during the social hour.

### Violated Traffic Ordinance

J. B. Sparks, local theatrical and moving picture manager, was arrested Monday morning and taken before City Recorder Williams where he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of carrying passengers for hire without a license.

Sparks, it appears, operated his private car as a jitney carrying passengers to and from the ball game last Sunday. He was fined \$5.00 by Judge Williams.

## RED CROSS CHAPTER BEING ORGANIZED

At a meeting of citizens interested in the organization of a Red Cross chapter in this county held Tuesday afternoon, preliminary steps in organization were taken and a nominating convention was called for Wednesday evening to nominate proposed members of an executive committee. Mrs. Cohn presided at the Wednesday evening meeting when some 25 persons were placed in nomination.

Another meeting will be held in the council chamber Wednesday evening, May 30, when 15 of those nominated will be elected to constitute an executive committee. All persons interested in the highly important humanitarian work of the Red Cross are requested to be present at this meeting.

Saturday, June 9, has been fixed as the date for the big Red Cross Rally in Heppner, when a mass meeting of citizens from all over the county will be held. Program of this meeting will be published next week.

### Bishop O'Reilly Here June 3

Right Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, Bishop of Baker City Diocese, will visit St. Patrick's church Sunday, June 3. Bishop O'Reilly will preach at the second mass on that day, and in the afternoon at 2:30 will administer the sacrament of confirmation. The Hibernians and the Ladies Auxiliary will tender a reception to the Bishop after the church services.

### Heppnerites Buy Liberty Bonds

Postmaster W. P. Richardson and the First National Bank are the first Heppner people to subscribe to the Liberty Bond issue.

Mr. Richardson invested in a small block of the bonds Monday and at the Director's meeting of the Bank Tuesday the purchase of a block of \$5000 was authorized.

These bonds are not bought as a paying investment but to show a patriotic desire to help the government in its hour of need.

The issue is still open for any other patriotic citizens of Morrow county who wish to subscribe.

Married—In this city, Thursday, May 24, 1917, Mr. George Macy and Mrs. Wilhelmina Macy Judge J. P. Williams officiating. The twice happy couple will reside in Heppner.

## WILL COPE WITH DUST NUISANCE

City Council met in regular session Monday evening and after attending to routine business, they took up the question of dealing with the dust nuisance during the coming summer.

A petition signed by a large majority of the business men and tax payers of the city was presented asking that steps be taken to oil the streets as the best means of meeting the dust problem and after considerable discussion it was decided that, after the experience of last season it would be best to delay oiling the streets until after the season when heavy rains can be expected because of the danger of a heavy down pour coming immediately after the oil is put on. This condition arose last season when a violent rain storm washed the oil away before it had time to mix with the earth and become set.

The imperative need of immediate action was recognized, however, and a committee was appointed to determine whether or not the oil sprinkler can be used successfully to sprinkle the streets with water until the rainstorm period has passed when the oil will be used. The committee was instructed to order a water sprinkler if they found investigation that the oil sprinkler cannot be used for sprinkling with water.

Another matter of considerable importance came up in a communication from the Secretary of War addressed to Mayor Notson, suggesting that the city should take steps to have watchmen appointed to guard the wheat and wool warehouses in the city.

Probably three quarters of a million dollars worth of wool will soon be stored in Heppner and later in the season vast values in grain will also be stored here. The secretary pointed out that in view of the activity of enemy agents in all parts of the country due vigilance should be exercised in safeguarding all stores of food stuffs and clothing materials.

A committee was appointed to confer with the County Court asking co-operation between city and county in meeting the expense of guards.

### Idaho Visitors Here

Arthur C. Moore and John T. Moore, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, are spending the week here as the guests of W. P. Mahoney and family. The Moore brothers have recently closed out their business interests in Bonners Ferry and are looking around the country with a view to locating. The gentlemen are well pleased with Heppner and Morrow county.

## FARMERS

Weather Conditions indicate danger from Hail Storms. At the present price of wheat you cannot afford to take chances on losing your crop but you CAN afford to buy insurance to make yourself safe from loss.

## Hail Insurance

is charged for by the season. It costs no more if written now than if written a month or two months later.

## Insure Now

and secure the protection without delay.

## ROY V. WHITEIS

"THE INSURANCE MAN"

## DR. GUNSTER

VETERINARIAN

Paterson's Drug Store, Heppner, Oregon