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HEPPNER COAL MAY SOLVE FUEL PROBLEM

H. V. Gates, president of the Heppner Light & Water Co., and who has taken a lease on the Heppner coal mine, 22 miles up Willow creek, arrived in the city Tuesday evening bringing with him three expert coal miners who will at once proceed to pump the mine, clear out the tunnels and make a thorough examination of the property with a view of determining the extent of the deposit and also the practicability of putting the property on a producing basis this season.

A representative of the Herald saw Mr. Gates Wednesday morning before he started for the mine when he said: "It is our purpose, first of all to determine whether or not the coal deposit is extensive enough to justify the expenditure of the amount of money necessary to put it on a producing basis. I have read 'reports' made by mining engineers and others who have examined the property but I have never been able to discover the most important thing about the mine, and that is something definite about how much coal is there. I have brought with me three practical coal miners, one of whom is recommended to me by responsible coal operators in Washington, as the best coal miner in that state, and I propose to find out for myself just what is there. I have faith enough in the property to be willing to spend a few thousand dollars to find these things out and I do not expect to be disappointed."

Continuing, Mr. Gates stated that his main purpose in taking hold of the property is to provide cheaper fuel for the Heppner Light & Water plant, the present price of slab wood in western Oregon being well nigh prohibitive. Contrary to general belief, the Heppner plant has been operating at a loss for some time and, unless something can be done to effect a considerable saving on fuel, which is the big item of expense, Mr. Gates fears that changes will have to be made which may seriously affect the present 24 hour light and power service.

Mr. Gates expects, however, to be able to so develop the coal mine that he will not only be able to supply his own company with cheaper fuel but also to furnish fuel to the people of Heppner and vicinity at a considerable saving over present cost of coal and wood brought in from the outside.

Makes Appeal To All Sportsmen

The Herald is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Earl C. McFarland, President of the Oregon Sportsmen's League, making an appeal to all sportsmen in the state to assist in saving the home of Mrs. Gertrude Denny, from foreclosure. Mrs. Denny is the widow of Judge Owen N. Denny, the man who introduced the Chinese pheasant into this country. Mrs. Denny is 80 years old and a mortgage of

COMMITTEE GATHERS PAVING INFORMATION

C. E. Woodson, J. L. Wilkins, W. W. Smead and W. G. McCarty composing the committee authorized by a meeting of taxpayers and citizens to visit Pendleton and Walla Walla to investigate different types and methods of street paving, returned Sunday night after having made as thorough an investigation as the time at their disposal would permit. They gathered a fund of information regarding paving which no doubt will prove of great value to Heppner whenever this city under takes to make such improvements and which will be incorporated into a report that will be made to a citizen's meeting to be called at an early date.

The committee was shown every courtesy by the officials and citizens of both cities visited and every opportunity was offered the committee to give Heppner the benefit of their past experiences and mistakes. Practically all of the paving in Pendleton is of the bitulithic type, such as is laid by the Warren Construction Co. and the committee heard nothing but praise for that type from the people of that city.

At Walla they found some of almost every known form of paving from the most expensive forms of asphaltum laid on a concrete base, to the cheapest types of concrete, but from the best information they could gather it appeared that the bitulithic type seemed to be best adapted to the climatic conditions and general needs of those sections.

While in Pendleton the committee had an extended conference with State Highway Commissioner Thompson on the general road situation and they feel that when the matter of permanent highway construction comes up in Morrow that the interest of the taxpayers, the centers of population, and the general business interests of the county will be given a square deal.

The full report of the committee will be published in the Herald as soon as it has been prepared and submitted to the citizen's meeting which sent the committee out.

\$4000 is about to take her home away from her.

A small contribution from every sportsman in the state will not only save her home but place the venerable woman beyond want. Subscriptions to this fund should be sent to W. R. Schmeer, cashier of the U. S. National Bank, of Portland, Oregon, who has been appointed treasurer of the Denny Memorial Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hughes will leave Saturday for an extended trip through the south and middle west.

WORK WANTED—By experienced woman, cook for harvest crew, has no children. Enquire at Heppner Herald office. 1017

Red Cross War Fund

Recapitulation of Contribution and Pledges for Morrow county received for Red Cross War Fund June 18 to 25, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen

	Cash	Pledges	Totals
Hardman and vicinity	\$ 718.25	\$ 629.00	\$1347.25
Eightmile and	900.15	356.75	1256.90
Irrigon and	350.00	none	350.00
Boardman and	101.23	43.00	144.23
Lexington and	1149.50	1122.50	2272.00
Lone and	1201.60	1046.50	2248.10
Heppner and	5784.75	1290.00	7074.75
Lena and Pine City	835.00	101.50	936.50
	11040.48	4589.25	15629.73

Grass Fire at Kiethley Ranch

Mrs. C. L. Kiethley, who lives about a mile below the depot, called up the Palace hotel Monday afternoon and gave the alarm that a grass fire was threatening trouble at her home. Mr. Wilkins spread the alarm and in a few moments about 40 men were on the ground and the fire was soon extinguished without serious damage. Mrs. Kiethley requested the Herald to extend her thanks and appreciation to all those who went to her aid.

Mrs. Maddock, of Arlington, is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Wilkins this week.

REGISTRATION LIST NOW COMPLETED

The Morrow County Registration board, composed of Sheriff George McDuffee and County Clerk J. A. Waters, has completed the work of compiling and numbering the registration cards as signed up June 5th and now in possession of the local board. The list contains 625 names, a much larger number than was expected to register in this county.

So far as the local board is concerned everything is now in readiness for the grand drawing which will soon take place in Washington D. C., for the entire country. Neither the date of this drawing nor the method by which the selections will be made have as yet been made public by the Washington authorities although it has been stated that some device, similar in a general way to the jury wheel, will be used.

It is believed that, following the drawing, each man will be examined as to his physical fitness by the county physician who is also a member of the board. If he passes this test and makes other claims for exemption, his case will be passed upon partially by the local, district, state and national boards although the exact procedure has not yet been made public.

The drawing, however, will be entirely by number so that there will be no chance for favoritism in any particular.

A copy of the Morrow county list is posted in the court house and also in the Herald office where all who are interested may learn their number. It is up to the men to learn their number and to present themselves for examination within a week from the announcement through the press of the numbers drawn.

Call at the Herald office and examine the list.

Crop Expert Here

Hymen Cohen, crop expert and market editor of the Portland Journal was in Heppner Saturday on his annual crop inspection tour of the Inland Empire wheat belt.

Mr. Cohen has been with the Journal since the paper was started and is recognized as the leading crop expert of the Pacific Northwest.

He is accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Cohen and their young son thus combining business with a pleasant family outing.

Mr. Cohen found some damage to crops in Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties and in the part of this county he has then visited but was not ready to make any definite report on general conditions when he was here.

Didn't Like Napoleon

S. W. Florence, a pioneer resident of upper Willow creek, was in town last Friday on business.

Mr. Florence is a native of France and was reared near Verdun, where the most terrific battle of the present war was waged for months. Mr. Florence's two elder brothers were killed in the Franco-Prussian war and he was called to the front when only a mere boy. Even at that early age he was a republican and had but little use for kings and emperors, including Napoleon. When word reached him at the front that his old father had been sent to jail by Napoleon's police, for failing to pay tax on an old dog that had belonged to one of his brothers who had fallen in battle, his young blood boiled and he decided to quit fighting for emperors and aristocrats and come to America. At the first opportunity he quit, found a ship bound for New York and later came to Oregon.

Mr. Florence is engaged in the sheep business and this week took his band to the mountains for the summer.

Prominent Morrow County Man Dies

Wm. Leach, prominent merchant of Lexington, and one of the best known business men in Morrow county, died in the Heppner hospital early Friday morning, July 13, 1917, appendicitis being the cause of his death. Dr. McMurdo performed an operation and found a particularly serious condition the appendix having broken several hours prior to the operation.

Funeral services will be held at the family home in Lexington Saturday, July 14, at 6 o'clock. Interment in Lexington cemetery.

MUCH BUILDING WORK NOW UNDER WAY

The sound of the saw and hammer is music in the ears of Heppner people these days. Not for several years has there been so much substantial improvement under way as at the present time.

The big grain elevator being built by the Farmer's Union, is progressing rapidly and will be completed on time in spite of more or less delay in securing materials.

The new Garrigus building, on lower Main street is well along and when completed will be an ornament to that part of the city. The adjoining building, occupied by Vaughn & Son, is also being treated to a new front which is a needed improvement to the building.

Improvements on the building occupied by Phill Cohn, are about completed and the new plate glass front makes two very attractive rooms. Mr. Cohn will continue to occupy the north room as his office while the south room will be occupied by his son, Harold Cohn, as a show room for automobiles and accessories.

Some new plate windows are being put in the south wall of the Farmers & Stockgrowers Bank which will add to the attractiveness of that room to a marked degree.

Thompson Bros. have also gotten the improvement germ and a fine new front is being installed in their store. This work is being done by T. C. Dennis, architect and contractor, of this city and is about the only job of importance in the city being done by a local builder.

The First National Bank has work going on the extensive improvements to its building, and when these are completed, will have a practically new building. The entire building will be remodeled inside and out, and the banking room will be almost doubled in size.

Hanson Hughes is building a neat bungalow on his lots in southeast Heppner which will be modern and complete in all appointments when completed. Stacy Roberts moved the present building on his lot at Church and Willow streets moved to the east end of the lot and is ready to start work on a new 5-room modern bungalow fronting on Church street.

Improvements at the Palace hotel are finally completed and not only Manager Wilkins but the traveling public as well are proud of the additional facilities for making comfortable the guests and patrons of the house.

A considerable number of other new buildings are contemplated and, if other conditions continue favorable local building activities may be expected to continue into the late autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Talbert, former well known residents of this county, now residing at Kelso Washington, drove in Tuesday and stopped over for a few days to visit friends. Mr. and Mrs. Talbert are now proprietors of Hotel Rockwood, at Kelso which by the way is the best hotel on the line between Portland and Tacoma.

Vernon H. Stuckel and Veda Ferguson, both of Lake county, Oregon, were united in marriage at the home of City Recorder, J. P. Williams, Thursday after noon July 12, 1917. J. P. Williams officiating.

STREET PAVING COMMITTEE REPORTS

At a citizens meeting at the council chambers last Friday evening the committee appointed two weeks previously to investigate the matter of street paving, submitted the following report:

It is the recommendation of this committee that the following streets be paved; beginning at the Brewery on Main St. down Main St. to Church St. One block on Church St. to Chase St., thence north to the Depot. Also commencing at the Palace Hotel corner on Main St. going up to the County Court House.

It is further recommended by this committee that the payment on Main St. be thirty feet wide in the center of the street with crushed rock on each side and that the pavement on the other streets mentioned be twenty feet wide in the center of the street with crushed rock on each side, with the exception of the street from the concrete bridge in North Heppner to the depot, for which street the committee recommends twenty foot pavement only.

The committee further recommends that the crushed rock on each side of the paving be assessed against the abutting property and that a bond issue be voted to the city, to pay for the pavement.

The committee further recommends that the City Council take up the matter of voting a bond issue with the city Attorney and if they find that under the present charter bonds can not be voted for the purpose of paving the streets, that they immediately take steps to have said charter amended.

The committee further reports that they have taken up the matter of paving certain streets with the State Engineer, State Highway Commission and different construction companies, with a view to ascertaining the kind of pavement best suited to this locality and the costs of construction but have not yet acquired sufficient information to make an intelligent report and the committee asks for further time within which to collect this information and authority to call a mass meeting of the citizens of the city of Heppner when they are in position to make their report.

Respectfully submitted by,
Oscar Borg, Chairman,
Roy P. J. O'Rourke,
J. L. Wilkins,
W. W. Smead,
C. L. Smead,
Committee.

The report met with approval and additional time asked for by the committee to complete their investigations was granted.

R. H. Bostic, representing the Warren Construction Company, who is in charge of the paving work now being done between Pendleton and Walla Walla, was present and invited the committee to go to Pendleton and Walla Walla, as his guests to inspect his methods of construction now under way as well as the finished work of his own and other paving concerns now in use in the two cities. As it was not convenient for all of the committee to accept the invitation was arranged that J. L. Wilkins and W. W. Smead, representing the committee, W. G. McCarty representing the city council and C. E. Woodson, representing the property owners and taxpayers of the city, should make the trip leaving Heppner Saturday noon.

DR. GUNSTER
VETERINARIAN
LICENSED GRADUATE

Paterson's Drug Store, Heppner, Oregon