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MORROW REALTY SHOWS ACTIVITY

A real estate deal of considerable magnitude was consummated this week when Matt Hughes, the well known stockman, closed a deal with his father, John Hughes, for the purchase of the latter's fine ranch near Heppner. The place contains 1765 acres and the price paid was \$50,000. The ranch includes a large amount of fine wheat land as well as creek bottom and pasture and is considered one of the finest ranches in the county. Mr. Hughes' brother, Joe Hughes, will operate the wheat farm end of the business, while Matt will continue to give his attention principally to the stock business. He will continue to operate his 3500-acre stock ranch on Rock creek where he is now running 350 head of cattle as well as a band of sheep.

Mr. Hughes will move his family from the Rock creek ranch to his recent purchase within a couple of weeks.

Jacob Ford of this city has sold his 180-acre wheat ranch on Blackhorse to O. S. and William Scott for a consideration of \$21,000. The Scott brothers are well known farmers of that section and have no doubt made a splendid buy. Mr. Ford received an initial payment of \$1000 to bind the bargain pending the examination of abstracts, etc., and the sum was immediately invested in a block of Morrow county's quota of the Fourth Liberty Loan. An additional payment of \$5,000.00 which he will receive when the deal is closed will go into the same good safe investment. Mr. Ford says he might get more interest for his money if invested in other securities, but that Liberty Bonds are good enough so long as Uncle Sam needs the money.

Roy V. White's, Heppner's well known realty broker, reports the sale of the W. C. Lacey ranch at the head of Blackhorse to D. M. Hulden and Dr. Brurer of Portland. The place contains 655 acres and the consideration was \$28,250. Messrs. Hulden and Brurer are the same parties who recently purchased the Dan Hanshaw ranch on Blackhorse. Mr. White's is expecting a client to arrive in a few days who is in the market for a good, big stock ranch.

OREGON FUEL NEWS.

Fred J. Holmes, State Fuel Administrator, advises that notices which have been sent out to Oregon gasoline and coal oil dealers forbidding the sale of oil between 6 a. m. and 6 a. m. did not come from his office. "Until such orders are issued," says Mr. Holmes, "dealers are free to do as they choose in the matter."

"It is not known who is responsible for these notices," continues Mr. Holmes, "in some cases they seem to be purely local, in other cases dealers for one company receive notices while others do not."

To meet the coal shortage Fuel Administrator Garfield has ordered an increase of 16 2-3 per cent from all bituminous mines and 6 1-3 per cent from the anthracite mines over last year's production.

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TEXAS FLYER DOWNS SEVEN HUN PLANES



First Lieut. Edmund G. Chamberlain, Marine Corps aviator, who was recommended for the Victoria Cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest awards of two nations, for downing seven German planes while on a visit flight with a British air squadron. He dispersed a company of Hunns with a machine gun while landing, took one prisoner and carried back a wounded French officer. Chamberlain hails from San Antonio, Tex., and is a graduate of Princeton and Texas universities.

HOSTAGE OF FARM LABOR

A careful survey of the farm labor situation carried out in twenty five counties of the state shows the following interesting facts and has helped to bring to the attention of the draft boards and federal authorities the seriousness of the labor situation from the farmers standpoint. The same situation is also found in the war industries.

The 1918 crop was seeded and harvested with little or no loss on account of labor shortage but many men who helped during the season have already been called and practically every county is facing a reduction in crop for the coming year unless great care is used in making exemptions. The sheep men are suffering on account of the experienced herders being taken. Cattle men and wheat farmers in the larger wheat belts are very little better off. In other words farmers have been able to get by under conditions of the past but face a more serious situation for the coming year.

Five Eastern Oregon counties report a visible shortage at this time of 162 farm laborers and 131 stockmen. In these same counties 8,500 acres of land are reported idle for the lack of help to get the crop planted.

To offset this shortage Mr. Jay Dobbins of Enterprise Oregon has been appointed advisor for the Eastern Oregon section. These having skilled help subject to call should take up with him the matter of obtaining exemption for many who do not wish to make that claim for themselves. While the county agent has received no instructions from Mr. Dobbins we have been instructed from Washington D. C. to assist in every way possible the establishment of just exemption claims. Until different instructions are received we suggest that where farm help has made no claim for exemption, the farmer for whom the man has been working submit the facts to the county agent who will forward the claim to the district advisor together with a statement of the labor situation and such recommendations as the case may warrant.

JUNIOR RED CROSS ATTENTION.

School children and others having fruit pits, nut shells, etc., on hand for the Red Cross are requested to bring or send them to the school superintendents office, as a shipment will be made soon. Persons who have pits and cannot deliver same should notify the sheriff or school superintendent who will arrange to have same brought in.

OREGON NEWSPAPERS RENDER LOYAL SERVICE

Oregon's record in the Liberty Loan drives would have been impossible without the splendid co-operation of the newspapers of the state. This statement was made recently by one of the state loan executives. It is a tribute to the press of Oregon that is deserved.

The Red Cross drives, the Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army campaigns and the Knights of Columbus drives have all depended, in the last analysis upon the wholehearted and voluntary support of the press of Oregon. This support has been freely given from the start, without any thought or expectation of payment for the hundreds and hundreds of columns of advertising and publicity donated.

"When the honors are apportioned for the winning of the world war," said a big man of the nation recently, "the newspapers of the country will receive deserved recognition."

Perhaps the general public does not know that Congress has made no provision for the paid use of advertising and loan drives. Nor have the newspapers of the country asked for remuneration. Loyally they have responded in generous fashion and given their news columns and editorial pages to the propagation of a great cause.

True, it has been expensive business to carry out the government's wishes in advertising bond sales and other war activities. Like the soldier in the trenches, the Oregon editor has heeded the command of his country and "carried on" in a manner that has turned the eyes of the nation upon this state. "Oregon First" has become a national slogan.

Nor have the country editors finished their work. There are other drives coming, there are endless duties ahead, and until the great day when the Stars and Stripes shall float in Berlin, the press of Oregon will be on the job for Uncle Sam, without a whimper.

Operating a news plant is expensive procedure in these days of high wages and expensive stock and machinery. With the additional expense of handling government publicity, the margin of profit is cut clear to the bone. Paper has doubled in price, ink has trebled, printers wages have soared to the clouds, and yet the country editor is serving the people of his community at the same old price.

Now comes Editor Jackson of the Portland Journal with an initiative bill to readjust the legal rate schedule. This rate has been equitably fixed by the state legislature so that the country publisher can charge no more than five cents per line. Jackson, who has tried for years to dictate to the press of Oregon, without results, now would bound the country editor out of business at the most crucial hour in the history of the country—a time when it over the country needed to fulfill a most important mission.

A restriction in rates cannot be met by any newspaper at this time and should not be asked. The present rate is the average charge the country over, and no attempt has been made to increase it in spite of the fact that everywhere cost charges are going skyward. The present rate was fixed by the legislature; it is fair to the people of the state, and fair to the country editor who is giving his best efforts to help the government at this time. Jackson's motive, under the circumstances, is grossly selfish. His nefarious plan will throttle the press of the state at a crucial time when the press cannot carry further burdens. Let the voters register an emphatic "NO" to the measure bearing the C. S. - Jackson trademark.

The press of Oregon should be allowed to live. This is all it asks.

Little Misses Kathleen, Mary and Patricia Monahan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monahan, have entered St. Thomas academy at Condon and will spend the winter there. Mr. and Mrs. Monahan took them over to Condon a week ago.

KAISER JACKSON SEEMS "SKEERED"

Somewhat amusing is the position of outraged virtue assumed by Kaiser C. S. Jackson, high priest of the single tax in Oregon, who accuses the country newspapers of abusing him because of the measures which he has initiated to do away with the publication of the delinquent tax list and to decrease the fee for legal publications.

Because of the fact the editor of the Sentinel, who is secretary of the Willamette Valley Editorial association, wrote Mr. Jackson on February 26 asking him to appear before that organization for the express purpose of discussing his proposed measures, which letter Kaiser Jackson haughtily ignored. The letter was as follows:

"I understand that you propose to put a measure upon the ballot to lower the legal rate for country newspapers, as well as one changing the manner of advertising delinquent taxes. I do not know what has caused your uncalculated interest in the country papers nor what your object may be in meddling in a thing like the legal rate which limits the rate so that a newspaper cannot overcharge but leaves a paper free to go as low as it pleases, but whatever your reason may be and no matter what may be the source of your animus, I want to arrange to have you appear at either a meeting of the Willamette Valley Editorial association or at a meeting of the state association to address the editors upon these subjects. If we are wrong we want to know it. If you are wrong, we may tell you so.

"I will do whatever I can to accommodate you as to dates and would like a reply by return mail to the effect that you will make an effort to be present at one meeting or the other."

Other representatives of Mr. Jackson's paper attended the recent meeting of the state association but to date Mr. Jackson has not given the editor of the Sentinel a reason for not wishing to meet the country newspaper men face to face.

The most plausible explanation is that Kaiser Jackson is too cowardly to adopt the suggestion, knowing that he would be badly worsted because of having almost no argument for his side of the case.

After having had this opportunity to face the editors, Jackson's charge of abuse at this time comes with mighty bad grace.

In connection with Jackson's legal rate bill, Editor Bede recalls an occurrence at the session of which the present rate bill was enacted. Jackson's man Friday, Attorney Hazwood, represented Jackson there. He admitted that the legal rate bill was a good one and a wise piece of legislation. "If you will allow our delinquent tax list bill to go through without a fight, I will go before the committee which is considering your bill and tell them that it is one of the best pieces of legislation ever proposed to a legislature," are the words Bede credits Hazwood with using.

Before the committee which allowed but 10 minutes for the opposition of the bill Mr. Hazwood used more than the allotted time. Mr. Bede asked for permission to ask but one question as his part of the argument. He then asked Mr. Hazwood if he had made the statement quoted above. Evidently thinking a trade was in sight, Hazwood admitted the fact. The committee was astonished by the admission and the legal rate bill was immediately reported out favorably.

This law, which Jackson's authorized representative once admitted to be one of the best pieces of legislation ever proposed to a legislature, is now held up to ridicule by the man who once endorsed it.

The voters would well to get at the reason for such inconsistency.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Mrs. A. G. DeVore has opened dress-making parlors in the Noel rooming house. Ladies wanting first-class work should call at room 2117.

REAR ADMIRAL GLEAVES



Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves, commander of cruiser and transport force of the United States Atlantic fleet. One navy is doing the work in guarding the uninterrupted flow of American troops to France. Not one transport bound for France has been sunk by a Boche submarine, and that is something that all true Americans may well be proud of.

FEARING THE "FLU"

Heppner schools have been closed all week because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza which has not struck town yet. Church and lodge meetings and all social gatherings are also under the ban and the annual Morrow County Teachers' Institute was called off. Seeing that the town was closed because there was no cases of the "flu" in sight some logicians might argue that when a few cases are recorded it will open up again.

The Red Cross Bulletin of last week gave a list of simple precautions to prevent this disease, such as avoiding crowds, keeping the bodily functions regular, cleanliness, etc., closing with the most important of all: "Above all avoid feeling or spreading fear of the disease;" which is not half bad advice at that.

DRAFT BOARD LEADS STATE

A chart in County Clerk Water's office on which is kept an accurate daily account of the progress of the work of the Morrow County Draft Board, shows that this county leads the state in results accomplished in putting through the work of taking care of the 18-45 draft.

Similar charts are displayed in the offices of all the draft boards in the state and each board is required to send daily reports in to headquarters at Portland showing progress.

Morrow has the habit of leading the state in nearly everything connected with war work and is making a record of which every citizen may be proud.

CONDON HONORS HERO SON.

All business houses closed in Condon last Thursday and the schools closed on account of the memorial service held in St. Catherine's Catholic church as a last tribute to Corporal Frank C. Hurst, who was killed in action in France recently. Rev. Father Wand celebrated High Mass, Rev. Father Maloney preached the eulogy and Rev. Father Combsky spoke of the departed hero's education and of his untiring efforts to be of service to his country. The church choir, under the direction of Miss Marie Summers, supplied music for the service.

Joe Hawk, O. W. R. & N. agent at Ione; H. J. O'Neil, garage man, and E. A. Poe of the same city, were Heppner visitors Monday taking the physical examination for admission to the big game of hunting the Hun. They report everything lovely in Ione, which they all deare to be the best town of its inches on earth.

After November 1st the subscription price of the Herald will be \$2.50 per year. Prior to that date it still goes at \$1.50. Better pay up for a few years in advance at the old rate.

UNITED WAR DRIVE NOW BEING PLANNED

Arrangements are proceeding satisfactorily for the opening of the United War Work campaign which will open at 6:15 p. m., Monday, November 11, 1918 and will continue without interruption until 9 p. m. Monday, November 18, 1918. During this period the gigantic sum of \$8170,500,000.00, of which Oregon is asked to contribute \$770,000 and Morrow county quota has been fixed at \$6,750.00.

M. D. Clark, who has been appointed chairman for this county is already getting his campaign organized and he is confident that the county will do its part in this great work without hesitation.

Almost every letter received from a soldier boy in France has words of praise for some or all of the great organizations which are helping to take care of the boys while in the fighting or rest camps, hospitals or in the trenches.

Don't be afraid the money you are going to give to this fund will be wasted. Every penny will do its part in carrying good cheer, comfort, perhaps life itself, to the soldiers "over there."

The annual of the Red Cross Chapter for the election of a board of directors will be held at the Masonic hall Wednesday, October 23rd at 8:00 p. m.

GOGGLES ARE URGED

It is Said That Many Blind Men Are Needless So.

Of 100,000 blind persons in the United States there are 50 per cent who are needless so, according to information received by the Utah state industrial commission from the national safety council. For that reason the commission, in prosecuting its safety campaign, is urging upon workers that goggles or other forms of glasses be worn when the eyes are exposed to danger by flying splinters or particles of metal.

Estimates made by the national safety council show that annually in the United States about 30,000 workers are killed and approximately 2,000,000 injured. This means that one is killed in every 15 minutes and one injured in every 10 seconds.

LARGE POTASH DEPOSITS

Experts, After Careful Search, Found Them in Saskatchewan.

Following careful examination of certain mineral products found in the dried up bed of an old lake near Swift Current, Sask., by Prof. D. McLaron of the Saskatchewan university, an announcement has been made that immense deposits of potash, sodium, sulphate and epsom salts have been located. Expert engineers have been called in by a group of Saskatchewan men who have filed claims on the old lake bed, and in their opinion millions of tons of useful mineral deposits are available for the use of the allies without the necessity of deep mining. The minerals can be removed by steam shovels and the top layers are already being removed.

SOLVES LABOR PROBLEM

A Bachelor Employs Only Women on His Ranch.

Curtis Hart, a young rancher who lives near Stillwater, Minn., has been hounding at the man power bill and the shortage of farm labor. There's a reason.

He has a corps of farm helpers. Not one is a man.

Miss Ida Blakely rides the mower and the reaper and has charge of the important machinery. She is an experienced horsewoman. Mrs. Lottie Celf, a young war bride, and Miss Frances Hart, sister of the boss, handle the buck rize. Hart follows them doing the stalling. Meanwhile, the woman cook insists she has the hardest job in the outfit.

By the way, Hart is a bachelor.

RODENTS ARE BOLD

Snatch Food From Hands of Picnickers in California.

Rats, huge ship rats, hundreds of them, have taken up their residence along the Great Highway from the Chalet to the Cliff house in San Francisco. Sergt. Pat McGee, Golden Gate park animal expert, advances the theory that the rats must have come here in some overseas vessel.

So bold have the rodents become that they frequently run up to picnickers on the beach and snatch food from their hands.

The problem of exterminating them is one that is giving much concern to the officials.