

HEPPNER HERALD

S. A. PATTISON, Editor and Publisher

An Independent Newspaper

Entered at the Heppner, Oregon, Postoffice as second-class matter

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year\$2.00 Six Months\$1.00
Three Months50

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1918

THE NEW CITY CHARTER

An election will be held in Heppner Friday, December 20th at which the qualified voters will be called upon to accept or reject a new city charter.

The present mayor and councilmen, all reputable citizens and business men, who undoubtedly have the best interests of Heppner at heart, have spent much time and labor preparing this charter for submission to the people thereby giving their stamp of approval to the proposed innovations. This fact alone should recommend the document at least to the careful consideration of every citizen.

The present charter was adopted by the legislature and approved by the governor February 10, 1899, almost 20 years ago and while it was no doubt a good charter in its day it is probable that, with the lapse of years it has become somewhat antiquated. Tremendous strides have been taken in the conduct of municipal affairs since 1899 and the town or city that aspires to keep up with the procession must keep her working equipment in harmony with the spirit of the times, and a city's charter is the basis of all her municipal activities.

The most important changes proposed by the new charter relates to the city's finances. Under the present charter a limit of \$40,000 is placed on the city's bonded indebtedness \$25,000 of which may be incurred for the purpose of "purchasing, operating, repairing, maintaining and extending a system of water works," and \$15,000 of which may be incurred for the purpose of "purchasing, operating and extending an electric lighting system."

Judging from expressions heard from many citizens the Herald is led to believe that the general opinion in Heppner is ultimately that the city must take over the water system and arrange for a gravity source of supply. This would mean bringing water from upper Willow creek, where a plentiful supply of uncontaminated water might be secured. It is evident, however, that the expense of such a system would be far in excess of the limitations of the present charter.

With a view to correcting this fault the framers of the new charter have provided that the limit of bonded indebtedness shall not exceed 10 per cent of the assessed valuation of the assessable property within the city and that interest on such bonds shall not exceed six per cent per annum. This provision would limit bonded indebtedness, at the present time to about \$100,000. It will be noticed, however, that the provision is flexible in that, as the city grows and her taxable property increases, additional bonds could be issued as needed municipal improvements might demand.

If Heppner is to grow and prosper, or even keep up to her present standard as a place of residence and as a thriving business center, the town must have more water. That much is conceded on all sides and it is also conceded that no proper adequate municipal water system can ever be acquired or maintained under the bonding limitations of the present charter.

The same conditions may be said to exist in regard to a municipal light and power plant. Should the city ever desire to take over that utility considerably more than \$15,000 would be required.

Another provision of the new charter is that making the "Sanborn act" applicable to Heppner. This law provides that certain municipal improvements, notably street improvements and sewer system, shall be made at the expense of the adjoining property. If the property owners on a certain street wish to make permanent street improvement they may ask the city to issue municipal bonds for the work the cost to be assessed against the property adjoining. A sewer system may be provided under the same plan for the city as a whole or for any particular district, the expense being met by the property benefitted. This plan has been adopted by practically every city in Oregon that today enjoys any degree of modern municipal conveniences. It is conceded by all that this is the only modern method by which a city large or small may be improved. The plan is, essentially democratic in its operation as no administration can force improvement expenses on the city as a whole nor any street or district within the city against the wishes of the property owners thereof.

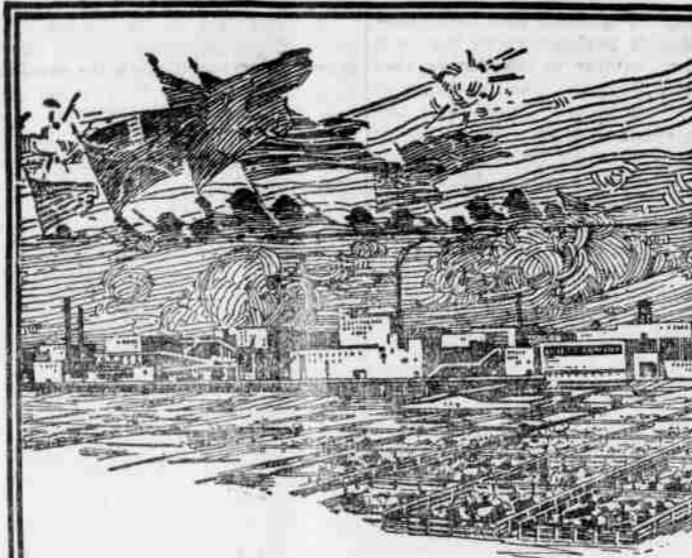
A provision of the new charter which has perhaps aroused more antagonism than all others is that which provides for compensation for city officials. Those who framed the charter, however, point out that in every case the compensation of any city official shall be fixed by the council and in the case of councilmen themselves a limit of "not to exceed \$3.00 for each regular meeting" is fixed. No compensation can be claimed or collected by any councilman for attendance at any special meeting and should the occasion ever arise, any action regarding salaries which might be deemed unjust or extortionate could be reviewed by the people under the initiative and referendum which is made applicable under the charter. It is further argued that, under the no compensation plan many councilmen have in the past felt but little responsibility regarding the city business and through carelessness of individual members it has been difficult to secure a quorum when important business was demanding attention. To meet this difficulty the new charter provides that the office of any councilman who, without having first obtained leave

from the council shall be absent from three consecutive regular meetings, shall be deemed vacant, in which case his successor would be appointed.

It is further pointed out that the compensation of neither mayor nor councilmen is obligatory but it is a matter to be determined by the council who, in turn, is directly responsible to the people and subject to their review.

The proposed charter is an important matter for Heppner and the Herald will be glad to give space to any citizen who wishes to discuss its provisions either pro or con.

"Superannuated youth" is a mighty fine expression. It is also very fine to know that another influence has been definitely lined up behind the big John Day project.



An International Service Built on Tiny Profits Per Pound

Some industries have been able to get in step with war demands more quickly than others.

In many cases mighty plants have sprung up—but at a prodigious cost.

The packing industry was able to adapt itself to unheard of demands more quickly, perhaps, than any other industry. And this was because the vast equipment of packing plants, refrigerator cars, branch houses, etc., had been gradually developed to its present state of efficiency, so that in the crucial hour it became a mighty international system for war service.

And how had this development taken place?

Not by making vast inroads into the capital wealth of the country, but largely by using, from year to year, a portion of the profits, to provide for expansion.

Swift & Company's profits have always been so tiny, compared with sales, that they have had practically no effect on the price of meat (amounting to only a fraction of a cent per pound).

And yet the owners of the business have been content with reasonable returns on their capital, and have been able, year after year, to put part of the profits back into the business to provide for its expansion.

These fractions of tiny profits have been repaid to the public many fold in the form of better service, and better and cheaper meat, and made it possible for Swift & Company to meet, undaunted, the sudden cry for meat for overseas.

Could any other method of financing a vital industry involve less hardship to the people of the country? Could there be a better instance of true "profit-sharing" than this return in added usefulness and in national preparedness?

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



FOR SALE—Having sold my big wheat farm and bought a small place where I do not need a tractor I will sell my new model 18 2-speed Waterloo tractor, practically new and in fine condition, at a bargain. See it at my home 3 miles north of Lexington 50431 A. F. KERBER, Lexington, Ore.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, November 8th, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Vern F. Pearson, of Lena, Oregon, who, on May 22th, 1914, made homestead entry, No. 013371, for SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec 27, NW 1/4, N 1/2 NE 1/4, and SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 29 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 8th day of January 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses: Noah G. Pettyjohn, of Heppner, Oregon; George A. Cummings, Levi L. Hiatt, and Chas. A. Hinton, all of Lena, Oregon.

C. S. DUNN, Register.

Rev. F. A. Andrews went to Portland yesterday to attend a convention of the Christian church being held in that city this week.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, October 8, 1918.

Not Coal Land
Notice is hereby given that Norman G. Florence, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on April 8, 1914, made Homestead Entry No. 013099 for NE 1/4 SW 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 35, Township 2 South, Range 27 East, Willamette Meridian

has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 5th day of December, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: John McCullough, David McCullough, B. B. Kelly, George Krebs, all of Heppner, Oregon.

C. S. DUNN, Register

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, October 8, 1918.

Not Coal Land.

Notice is hereby given that James T. Morgan, of Lena, Oregon, who, on May 22, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 013357, for N 1/2 SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 11, Township 2 South, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 4th day of December, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Gussie E. Ayers, Charles A. Hinton, Floyd M. Duncan, Arthur P. Hughes, all of Lena, Oregon.

C. S. DUNN, Register

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, October 21, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that William G. Culick, whose post-office address is Heppner, Oregon, did, on the 24th day of June, 1918, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 019235, to purchase the E 1/2 SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 11, Township 4 South, Range 29 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$377.50, the timber estimated at \$05,000 board feet at \$1.50 per M, and the land \$120.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement the 20th day of January, 1919, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner at Heppner, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

C. S. DUNN, Register.

BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER

The following is the budget of the tax levy for the city of Heppner as adopted by the Common Council for the year 1919:

Light and water.....	\$1,800.00
Marshal	1,200.00
Recorder	420.00
City Attorney	300.00
City Treasurer	100.00
Incidentals	2,000.00
Bridges and Streets.....	4,000.00
Total	\$9,820.00

By order of the Common Council.

J. P. WILLIAMS, City Recorder.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

GLENN Y. WELLS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
926 Chamber of Commerce Building
PORTLAND, OREGON
Phone Main 5226.

DR. R. J. VAUGHAN

DENTIST
Permanently located in Oddfellow's Building
Heppner, Oregon

S. E. NOTSON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Office in Roberts' Building
Heppner, Oregon

DR. N. E. WINNARD
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Heppner, Oregon

DR. A. D. McMURDO
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Telephone 122
Office Patterson's Drug Store
Heppner, Oregon

WOODSON & SWECK
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
Heppner, Oregon

SAM E. VAN VACTOR
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Heppner, Oregon

Watch paper for dates
DR. J. G. TURNER
EYE SPECIALIST
Portland, Oregon
Regular monthly visits to Heppner and Ione.

DR. GUNSTER
VETERINARIAN
Heppner, Oregon
Licensed Graduate
Phone 722 (Day or Night)

FRANCIS A. McMENAMIN
LAWYER
Roberts Bldg. Heppner, Ore.
Office Phone Main 643
Residence Phone Main 665

ROY V. WHITEIS
INSURANCE
REAL ESTATE, LOANS,
Heppner, Oregon

DR. J. J. CALLAWAY
OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN
4 Roberts Building
Heppner, Oregon
At Lexington every Tuesday and Thursday.

E. J. STARKEY
ELECTRICIAN
House wiring a specialty.
Heppner, Oregon
Phone 633.

BOWER'S SHOE HOSPITAL
C. W. BOWERS, Prop.
I use modern machinery methods.
HEPPNER, OREGON

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, October 21, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Zetta Brosnan, whose post-office address is Lena, Oregon, did, on the 24 day of June, 1918, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 019194, to purchase the E 1/2 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, and SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 11, Township 4 South, Range 29 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$440.00 the timber estimated at 200,000 board feet at \$1.00 per M, and the land \$140.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 21st day of January, 1919, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

C. S. DUNN, Register.

From War to Peace Time

The changes necessary to pass through this period may tax the patience and perseverance of all of us. But let's not alter our pre-peace habits in living and working too suddenly, but permit the change to take place automatically.

Otherwise, the Farmers & Stockgrowers National advises "Full Steam Ahead."

Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank