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GATES PROPOSES MT. WATER FOR HEPPNER

To the City Council of Heppner, Oregon:

The following is data and a proposal to build and operate a water works system consisting of the existing works at Heppner, added thereto a conduit line supplying water from Willow creek, the water to be appropriated 16 miles up the creek from Heppner; and if accepted at once, I will go into contract of detailed specifications of mutual benefit and protection:

1st.—The water to be taken out at a point 16 miles above Heppner, and to be conveyed from there to the high reservoirs of Heppner, maintaining at all times its original purity and a high reservoir pressure.

2nd.—The conduit line to be of concrete pipe or flume, covered so as to protect against change of temperature and defilement of water, except where pressure becomes so great that metal or wood pipes must be used, or where in crossing canyons, wooden flumes are used. The conduit would be approximately:

1 mile of 6-inch iron and wood pipe;
9 miles of 7-inch concrete pipe;
3 miles of 10-inch concrete pipe and 4 1/2 miles of concrete lined and covered canal for joint use of power and water; the conduit to be laid at the foot of or along the slopes of the west side of Willow creek and on hydraulic grades.

3rd.—At a point 4 1/2 miles below the head of power and water canal I would erect a water and steam auxiliary power plant, using all water coming through the canal and the supply for the city would be taken out after having been used for power.

4th.—I to build the said conduit line and canal, and to retain a joint ownership in the canal and to operate the canal line forever; in either case I am to maintain both in good working order and bear all expenses of doing so until, whenever the conduit line is operated by the city my obligations of maintenance are to end.

5th.—As a consideration for the building of the above provided for conduit and the procurement of a larger and purer water supply, the city of Heppner is to pay me \$50,000 in the following payments:

Already paid in 1892.....	\$15,000
When 1/2 conduit in place 20,000	
Balance when water is turned through it.....	15,000
TOTAL.....	\$50,000

For the expenditure of \$50,000 the city is to own the entire system of supply to the city of Heppner and the existing water works in Heppner, a property representing:

Value of existing water system in 1918, as found by the public service commission engineer.....	\$45,000
Value of conduit line and joint use of canal.....	20,000
Having a total value of.....	\$65,000
Which will have cost the city.....	\$50,000

As a consideration for the \$45,000 the city does not pay, I am to have a lease of all for 15 years at a yearly rental of (the interest the city pays on bonds) a year, with the provision that at the end of the 15 years the city must renew the lease or the entire property value must be determined by arbitration, and any amount found in excess of \$50,000 to be paid to me for improvements, additions, extensions, etc., made from time to time; or any amount less than \$50,000 shall be paid by me as a return for deterioration of the whole. Further, the city must procure the water right for the city and all rights-of-way free from all costs to me.

6th.—I am to keep the present supply available and the wells in good operating condition, so that in the event there may be a shortage of water through breaks in the conduit, cloud bursts or otherwise, the city shall not be without some supply of water. I am also to make additions, renewals, enlargements, etc., to keep the present system in the city in good working order.

7th.—The electric system to be operated by a steam and water power

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS TAKE THEIR SEATS

Three new county officials assumed their several positions in the court house Monday morning. They are County Judge Wm. T. Campbell, County Commissioner George Bleakman and Sheriff E. M. Shutt.

Judge Campbell is no novice in the business affairs of the county, having served a term as commissioner several years ago during which he gave the county splendid service. He is a Scotch-Canadian by birth, a level headed business man and his integrity and reliability is above question. He is also one of the county's progressive citizens and is devoted to the cause of good roads and any and all meritorious projects which will add to the general development of the county.

Mr. Bleakman, while without former experience in county affairs is recognized as one of the county's most substantial citizens. He is progressive and active as a business man and in the Hardman district he is recognized as a leader in every good work. He is an enthusiastic good roads booster and will no doubt do his part in advancing every material interest of the county which may come within the scope of the commissioner's court.

E. M. Shutt, the new sheriff needs no introduction to the people of the county. He has served several terms as sheriff in the past, retiring from politics a few years ago to engage in dairy farming near Ione. At this lucrative and rather indolent calling he finally became so rich in purse and corpulent in person that, to regain his health, he was forced to give up his life of ease to seek some more rigorous occupation in which he may reduce his weight and harden his muscles. This, he thinks, a term in the sheriff's office will do.

Mr. Shutt gave the county good service during his past incumbency. He was efficient and painstaking in his official capacity and has always been a stickler for law enforcement.

Mr. Shutt has appointed Walter Carson as his chief deputy. While Jake Wells, assessor, Joe Waters, clerk and Louisa Padberg, commissioner, are no new brooms it is a safe bet that they will "sweep clean" just the same.

Bill Ayers court house janitor and custodian of contraband, is not affected by little things like elections but like the poet's "Little Brook" he goes on forever.

NEW COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Following are the new council committees as appointed by Mayor Vaughan Monday evening.

Ways and Means—Sweek, Beymer, Vaughn.

Health and Police—McCarty, Sweek and Noble.

Election—Noble, Vaughn, McCarty.

License—Tash, Noble, Sweek.

Fire and Water—Tash, Noble, Vaughn.

Streets and Public Property—Beymer, Vaughn, Sweek.

Ordinances—Sweek, Noble, Beymer.

Finance—Beymer, Vaughn, Tash.

equipment, double the present capacity, to be owned by the Heppner Light & Water company, or myself, or both; clear from any lien to the city. The operation by water would lessen expenses and give the owners a chance to do more power business and lessen rates.

8th.—Generally: The conduit line would have a capacity of 650,000 gallons each 24 hours at present we only use 150,000 gallons each 24 hours. Provision should be made for one second foot of water; probabilities it would never be needed; it would supply a city of three times the size of Heppner. Concrete conduit would last forever. The minimum flow September 1st., of Willow creek was 79 min. feet. Minimum flow August 1st., of Willow creek was 120 min. feet. Maximum flow unknown.

9th.—The details of a contract to be worked up from the data of this proposal. If the city prefers to build and own and operate the entire water system the Heppner Light & Water company will sell the water works on an arbitrated value and will join in a canal from which to take power; or will also sell either on the same terms.

H. V. GATES.
Dated January 7, 1919.

KILKENNY INCREASES ACREAGE BY 13,000

John Kilkenny, who is known as one of eastern Oregon's biggest sheep men, has just closed a deal whereby he increases his realty holdings to the extent of 13,000 acres of excellent range land in Grant county near the village of Susanville. Mr. Kilkenny already controls a large acreage under lease in the same vicinity and his present holdings in this county brings his actual ownership of land around the 40,000 acre mark. He is now running some 20,000 head of sheep and his recent purchase of land in Grant county will give him a summer pasturage which will enable him to still further increase the scope of his activities in the sheep business.

The Grant county tract was purchased from the Oregon Lumber Co., of Baker, the consideration being \$5.00 per acre or a total of \$65,000 for the tract.

The deal was made through the agency of the Farmers' Exchange of the Inland Empire, of this city, which F. A. McMenamin and F. R. Brown are the managers. This concern, while only organized for a short time, is already handling a large amount of business in both the realty and personal property line and we understand they have several other big deals on hands from which final reports may be expected within a few days.

DR WINNARD MOVES TO EUGENE

Dr. E. N. Winnard and family left Saturday morning for Eugene where the doctor will take over an extensive practice and where they will make their home in the future.

Dr. Winnard has practiced medicine in Heppner for 14 years and had built up a large and lucrative practice. He was induced to dispose of his practice here and remove to Eugene largely because of the unexcelled educational advantages of the University City and not because the family had become tired of Heppner. Norton Winnard is now a freshman at the university and Miss Charlotte will be ready to enter that institution in another year.

Dr. and Mrs. Winnard were prominent in the church and social circles of Heppner and many friends here, while regretting their leaving, their best wishes will follow the family to their new home.

WILL VISIT OLD VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duncan sold their residence property in south Heppner a few days ago to E. E. Shanhart, the consideration being \$1250. They expect to leave today for their former home in Virginia where they will remain until spring visiting friends and relatives. They will return to Heppner, however, when their visit is finished believing that Morrow county is a little the best place on earth for a permanent place to live.

FIRE DAMAGES CITY BAKERY

Fire which probably started from a defective flue in the oven room of the City Bakery at 9:00 p. m., Friday gutted the rear portion of the building with some damage to the stock and contents.

The fire evidently started in the space between the ceiling and the roof and was burning fiercely when discovered. The fire department responded to the alarm promptly the only delay being due to difficulty experienced in opening the fire hydrants on account of the frost.

The property belongs to the Noble estate and was occupied by H. C. Bowling, proprietor of the City Bakery. The stock and fixtures were removed with but slight damage. All loss to stock and building was covered by insurance.

WOOL YARN FOR SALE

Morrow County Chapter, American Red Cross has on hand a large amount of pure wool knitting yarn which will be sold at private sale at cost. The end of hostilities in Europe make further knitting unnecessary and the local chapter has been instructed from headquarters to dispose of this yarn and turn the proceeds into the Red Cross funds. Enquire of Mrs. S. W. Spencer, president.

The Herald for fine job printing.

NEEDING "WATCHING" "PAT" NOT "WATCHED"

That a number of lawyer and court house friends of Judge C. C. Patterson were of the opinion that "Pat" is a character who needed "watching" about the time he was to step out of the position of county judge which he has so acceptably filled for the past ten and one-half years, was shown by the action of the aforesaid gentlemen when, on Christmas day they gave evidence of their suspicion by presenting the judge with an elegant Hamilton gold watch. The presentation was made by P. A. Anderson of the Morrow County Abstract office, who by the way, tells all buyers and sellers of Morrow realty where they must get on and off at. Other members of the conspiracy to place the judge under surveillance were: S. E. Notson district attorney; J. A. Waters county clerk; J. J. Wells county assessor; Bill Ayers janitor and custodian of contraband goods and Sam E. Van Vactor, C. E. Woodson, J. J. Nye, C. L. Sweek, and F. A. McMenamin, plain attorneys. The court house bunch probably took this method of showing their affection for the judge because of the way he used to extend that under jaw and look sore when he caught them loafing on the job, thus keeping them all in the straight and narrow way which has insured their frequent re-election and the lawyers could think of no better way of getting even with His Honor for the way he always had of "watching" them during court proceedings to see that they did not slip something over on him.

Just to be in the game and to show that they figure he is the best dad they ever had, Baird and Andy Patterson, either of whom can make an automobile out of a tin can and a piece of baling wire in 20 minutes and who make more money auto mechanics than many men four or five times their age, added a fine gold chain to the turnip making the gift complete. "Oh Boy" says the judge, "this is a fine old world."

CHANGES AT COURT HOUSE

A number of changes have been made in the arrangements of the office rooms at the court house which the county officials declare will add much to their convenience in handling the county business.

The large room formerly occupied by the county judge has been vacated by that official and County Assessor Wells has taken it over for his office. The small room formerly occupied by the assessor has been too crowded for the increased clerical force needed and the change will add much to the convenience of Mr. Wells and his assistants as well as the property owners who have occasion to do business there.

The front room next to the main entrance to the building recently vacated by the state highway engineers has been taken by the new county judge, Wm. T. Campbell, for his office and the room vacated by Mr. Wells will be used as a grand jury room.

AN HONORABLE RECORD

County Judge C. C. Patterson, who last week laid down the duties of county judge after an incumbency of that office of ten and one-half years voluntarily retires to private life leaving a record of which any man might well be proud.

Although a democrat and living in a county which has always been overwhelmingly republican, Judge Patterson was twice elected to the office by heavy majorities and it was only because of his determination not to again become a candidate that his name did not again appear on the ticket at the last election.

Although a democrat in national and state affairs the judge knew no politics in the administration of his office and after more than ten years service he retires with the warm personal friendship of practically every resident of the county.

During the last term his health failed to a considerable degree and it was to escape the close confinement of office work and to regain his health that he steadfastly refused to consider further public service.

Many friends all over the county will unite in expressing the desire that his expectations will be fully realized and that he will speedily be restored to his former vigor and activity.

GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP FAITH WITH FARMERS

A dispatch from Washington under date of December 31st says:

Chairman Lever, of the house agriculture committee announced today after a conference with Secretary Houston, that legislation to insure the government wheat, guarantee price for the 1919 crop was being drafted by the Department of Agriculture and that he would introduce it in Congress within a few days. Mr. Lever said the legislation would authorize the president to continue operation of the food administration's grain corporation or create a new agency for buying, selling and storing the 1919 crop. A revolving fund of \$600,000,000 for the use of the corporation also would be provided.

"The government," Mr. Lever said, "will buy all of the 1919 crop and sell it at the world price, whatever that may be."

He added that the government might lose a large sum by maintaining the price, but that it was necessary to keep faith with the farmer.

While the world wheat reserve soon to be released was not now known, Mr. Lever said, Australia has a supply of 300,000,000 bushels and Argentina, India and other countries probably have large stocks, the sale of which might affect the export demand and reduce prices.

WILL CONSIDER RECONSTRUCTION

Reconstruction and readjustment of Oregon's interests from a war to a peace basis will be considered and definite plans for action made at a reconstruction convention called by Governor James Withycombe at Portland, January 9, 10 and 11. Arrangements for the session which will be attended by representative business people from all parts of the state, have been placed in the hands of Mayor George L. Baker, of Portland.

Delegates have been invited from every city and town in the state and special representatives will be sent by the leading industries and leading industrial organizations and companies. Also the session will be attended by members of the legislature and by representatives of the Federal departments in Washington, D. C., specially interested in the problems to be considered. Labor, both organized and unorganized, will participate.

The reconstruction problem now facing all states in the Union is considered of the utmost importance and it is the purpose of the convention in Portland to devise ways and means of meeting the situation in a way that will eliminate the possibility of unemployment; will provide a means of caring for the returning soldiers and will bring about state development along various important lines, including agriculture, lumbering, shipping, fishing, mining, shipbuilding, road building, stock raising etc. Those subjects will be discussed by leaders in those lines and an endeavor will be made to have definite programs of procedure and development outlined before the convention has adjourned.

"The convention has been called," says Mayor Baker, "to bring together the best thought and to get the best action on the subject of reconstruction and readjustment. There is much discussion of the problem and it is up to the state as a whole to solve it. Oregon has been first in all constructive war moves. What was done in war times can be done in times of peace, particularly when so much is at stake."

FINE WINTER WEATHER

The New Year came in with the coldest morning of the season leaving no doubt in anybody's mind that the weather was just what it should be in early January, a few degrees above zero, just enough snow to track a rabbit, bright clear days and sparkling nights—what farther evidence is needed that Heppner has the finest winter climate on earth?

J. W. Smith returned Friday evening from Cottage Grove where he spent the holidays with his wife. Mrs. Smith moved to Cottage Grove two months ago and her health is measurably improved during the time. Mr. Smith will also go there to live as soon as he can close his affairs in this county.

NEW CITY DADS HIT THE COLLAR; STIR THINGS

At the regular meeting of the city council held last evening the old administration closed up its affairs and retired from office to make room for the new regime. In yielding the chair and gavel to his successor Mayor Smead expressed his thanks and appreciation for the loyal support accorded him by the council during his administration. Mayor Vaughan then taking the chair, expressed his approval and admiration for the splendid work accomplished under Mayor Smead's administration in the way of street improvements and other progressive steps and the first official act of the new administration was the adoption of a resolution thanking their predecessors for the good work accomplished during the past year. His honor, Mayor Vaughan, declared that he could not make a speech but before the meeting adjourned it was noticed that he made several and all carrying the moral that, while a certain amount of talk is necessary to get good things in motion, that ACTION is what Heppner really needs.

The influenza situation was pretty thoroughly discussed and Dr. McMurdo was appointed city health officer and the mayor immediately called a meeting of the health officer, the health and police committee and aim self to meet this afternoon to decide upon a definite program for handling the situation.

H. V. Gates president of the Heppner Light & Water Co. was present and addressed the council on the water situation. He explained that, owing to advanced cost of operation due to war conditions his company is losing money every day and that since the attorney general has abrogated the advance allowed last fall by the public service commission his only recourse is either to go broke or to make an arbitrary advance in rates. This would leave the city free to secure an injunction and settle the matter in the courts. Mr. Gates declared, however, that should the court decision be adverse to his company that they would surrender their franchise, and quit supplying water to the city. He asked the council to approve of his contemplated advance in rates, which, by the way is based on the recommendations of the public service commission last summer. Mr. Gates had made a proposal to the old council several months ago and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter but it was allowed to drag and nothing was done.

Mayor Vaughan declared that the matter was of sufficient importance to demand immediate consideration and that courtesy demanded that Mr. Gates be given an answer. After considerable discussion it was decided that the council approve the advance for a period of six months the rates at that time to automatically revert to the old contract. This being satisfactory all around the matter was quickly settled.

Mr. Gates told the council some pretty plain facts about present conditions in Heppner, saying that the town is just now suffering from a more serious ailment than the "flu." He insisted that we are as a community asleep and that much as he admires Heppner and believes in Heppner, candor compelled him to say that, if we don't wake up, quick, we will find ourselves on that tub-bogon slide that don't need any snow to add speed to the descent.

Mr. Gates then submitted a proposition to the city for joint action in bringing a gravity supply of mountain water into Heppner. Immediate action was requested and the mayor, true to form, and without losing any time appointed Councilmen Beymer, McCarty and Tash to take the matter up with Mr. Gates at once and arrive at some conclusion. The text of Mr. Gates' proposal is printed in another column of this paper.

The only thing lacking about last night's meeting was the presence of the ladies of Heppner who started this trouble last fall when they nominated and elected the present mayor and councilmen. They should have been there with a brass band.

Ed. Berry has confessed to moon-shining and in order to pay costs and fines will do house painting, pa hanging and signs. Yours to hang, paint or sign.

E. L. BERRY
Will beg or sign anything. 344