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MAYOR TALKS WATER WITH COMMERCIAL CLUB

Answers Critics and Explains That Time is Required to Solve Problems Vital to City

At a meeting of the Commercial Club Friday evening Mayor R. J. Vaughan, at the request of President Mahoney, gave an interesting and instructive talk on the present water situation as viewed from the standpoint of himself and the city council. Answering certain criticisms directed at himself and his official associates because of delay in concluding negotiations with Mr. Gates on one or the other of the latter's propositions the mayor pointed out that the present administration has been in office but one month, a short time in which to make an intelligent investigation of and a final decision on a question of so great importance to Heppner. The mayor pointed out that the question of a permanent and sufficient water supply for the city is one that concerns not only the present but all future generations and therefore one of sufficient magnitude that it should not be considered lightly nor decided without careful and intelligent consideration.

Inasmuch the mayor continued, as neither himself nor his associates are technical experts on engineering and hydraulic problems, it is necessary for them to secure the services of some competent hydraulic engineer upon whom they can rely to go over the entire proposition, study the different problems involved and then give them expert advice on the best plan of procedure. This matter in itself requires time and has been under consideration for several weeks. Negotiations are now under way with several prominent engineers, the mayor stated, and he expects the matter will be settled in a very short time and the best available man they can secure will be on the ground. What has been done thus far has been only preliminary work and the first really constructive step that can be taken is the employment of an engineer and upon his report will hinge all future negotiations and development.

Asked by President Mahoney whether or not the council have considered in any way the taking over of the light and power system along with the water, the mayor replied that that matter is not being considered at this time but that the present administration consider it a part of their duty to the people of Heppner to do all they can at this time to safeguard in every way all future possibilities in power development for municipal use. He also stated in answer to an inquiry that in his opinion the city will meet with but little difficulty in acquiring all needed water rights for municipal requirements.

During and following the mayor's address a general discussion of the water question was had by the club members present and it was the sense of the meeting that the club is in hearty sympathy with the mayor and council in their efforts to work out these perplexing problems, the proper solution of which means so much to the future growth and prosperity of the city.

NORTON WINNARD WINS HONOR

From a recent issue of the Oregon Emerald official student body paper of the University of Oregon, the Herald learns that the name of Norton Winnard, member of the "18 class of Heppner High, is inscribed on the honor roll of that institution. Norton has many friends in Heppner all of whom will be delighted but not surprised to learn of his success. Norton was a faithful worker in Heppner High and he has evidently carried his studious habits with him to the U. of O.

FREE DIRT

If you can use any quantity of dirt either for filling in or for improving your lawn or garden come quick and take it away in any quantity, FREE FOR THE HAULING from my lot on the corner of Main and May streets. This offer is for quick action.

DENNIS MCNAMEE 4117

A CALL TO THE WOMEN OF HEPPNER

Believing as I do that Heppner is today facing many vital civic problems which must be solved if our city is ever to become what it should be as a desirable home town and business center and being convinced that these problems can best be solved by the united, earnest effort of the intelligent tactful womanhood of the community, I hereby call upon the women of Heppner to meet with me at the council chamber in the Roberts building, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, February 12th, 1919, for the purpose of forming a Woman's Civic Improvement club to work for the beautifying of Heppner and the betterment of the community.

I have taken the liberty of inviting representatives of the Commercial club to meet with us on that occasion to give any assistance within their power in the work of perfecting the organization of such a club. Every woman in Heppner is not only respectfully invited but earnestly urged to be present at the time and place above-mentioned.

Respectfully,

R. J. VAUGHAN

Mayor, Heppner, Ore., February 11, 1919.

MCNAMEE WILL BUILD MODERN APARTMENTS

Two Story Structure To Arise on Main and May Streets—To Cost \$32,000.

Dennis McNamee announced to the Herald Saturday that his plans are complete for the erection of a modern apartment house on his lot at the corner of Main and May streets. The structure will cover the lot, 66x133 feet, will be two stories high and will be of concrete construction with pressed brick faced fronts on the east and north.

T. C. Dennesee, well known local architect and contractor has prepared the plans and will have charge of the work which will be done under the forced account plan. The building will be modern in every respect with steam heat, hot and cold water in every department, baths, lavatories and other up-to-date appointments. The cost will approximate \$32,000.

Who says the coming summer will not be the biggest year in the way of improvements in Heppner's history? The building bug has bit the bunch of Heppnerites and the good old town will rise from her ashes in a way that will astonish eastern Oregon.

CITY COUNCIL SECURES PERMANENT QUARTERS

The large room on the second floor of the Roberts building recently vacated by District Attorney Norton upon his removal to offices in the court house, has been secured by the city and has been fitted up as a council chamber and will be used for the present as the official headquarters of the municipal government.

Mayor Vaughan authorizes the Herald to announce that hereafter the regular and special sessions of the city council will be held in that room and that all citizens of Heppner a cordial invitation is extended to attend these meetings. There is no desire on the part of the city officials to maintain any degree of secrecy regarding city official affairs and Mayor Vaughan is of the opinion that if any citizen is not interested in what the city officials are doing he should be.

The mayor also authorizes the announcement that the council chamber has been tendered to the commercial club as a permanent meeting place without cost to the club.

NOTICE

To Patrons of the Heppner Light & Water Company:
The Public Service Commission of Oregon has by order effective Feb. 1st, 1919, revised the light and power rates of above company. For further information call at office of this company. 41-43

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IRRIGATION SCENE AROUND THE NEW DISTRICT OF BOARDMAN

NEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT OF BOARDMAN PROSPERS

There is a new town just starting on the northern border of Morrow county that is known by the name of Boardman. Not much is heard of that new community in other sections of Morrow county only when some Boardman man, woman or child happens along and then, believe me, the chances are good that you will hear considerable about Boardman and the West Umatilla Irrigation project and the wonderful fertile soil of that section. They will also probably tell you something about the altitude of their town which is only 250 feet above sea level and they will speak of the wonderful sunshine which floods their country maybe 300 days each year and of the sparkling, life-giving water which flows from the fastness of the Blue mountains down the Umatilla river until diverted by the main canal of the West Umatilla project, it is distributed by laterals and settlers ditches to tickle the fertile soil of that wonderful section, and to literally make millions of stalks of alfalfa grow where not a solitary stock ever grew before.

The Herald man, like other placid and self-satisfied men of the sheep and wheat sections of the county had (Continued on Page Six)

SINNOTT WRITES OF LOCAL PROJECT

Replying to a letter recently addressed to him by F. R. Brown of this city, relative to the John Day project, Hon. N. J. Sinnott, congressman from this district writes:

"I had a talk yesterday morning with Director Davis concerning the state and government co-operative report upon the John Day Irrigation project. The director informed me that he has been investigating all the various irrigation projects referred to in the different co-operative reports and that he was of the opinion that the John Day project was a very expensive one. I shall be glad to submit to the director of the Reclamation Service any data or information you may have not set forth in the co-operative report.

"However, I would suggest that if possible your district send to Washington your engineer or some one thoroughly familiar with the project from an engineering standpoint and let him take up the matter in person with the director of the Reclamation Service. This has been done by those interested in irrigation along the Deschutes river and in Malheur county, Oregon.

"In case the appropriation for one hundred million dollars for honor for returning soldiers passes as urged by Secretary Lane succeeds it is his intention to choose one or two projects in each arid land state. He says that he will choose the most feasible projects. While I would be glad to submit any data in favor of your project I could not do this with the force and intelligence that your engineer or some one thoroughly conversant with the project could do. I am daily receiving letters from prospective projects in Oregon and am advising them all whenever it is possible to send an engineer to Washington and take up the matter in person with the department.

"In these hearings I shall be glad to render any service that I can to your project as well as other projects called to my attention. It will be two weeks possibly before the Appropriation Committee decides whether or not it will favor the above appropriation.

"If I can be of any further service in this matter let me know."

TUM-A-LUM COMPANY MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS

N. A. Clark, local yard manager for the Tum-A-Lum Co., is having many improvements made on the old livery barn and the transportation into a modern lumber shed will soon be complete. The place is a scene of busy activity these days. Four cars of lumber have already been received and a car of extra fine pine finishing stuff was being unloaded and placed in the sheds yesterday.

RETURNED FROM FRANCE

C. L. Jewett, well known Heppner boy, returned from France last Sunday evening and says the little old town looks mighty good to him. Jewett was called to the service last May and after training at Camp Lewis was sent over in November, arriving in France a day or two after the armistice was signed. He was disappointed at not getting over sooner and having a hand in the fuss but says that all in all he would not take \$5,000 for his army experience.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Morrow County, Oregon, will hold a special examination of applicants for one year State Certificates at the court house as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1919, at 9:00 o'clock, a. m., and continuing until Friday, Feb. 22, 1919, at 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon
United States History, Writing, (Censusship)

Wednesday Afternoon
Physiology, Reading

Thursday Forenoon
Arithmetic

Thursday Afternoon
Grammar, Geography

Friday Forenoon
Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling)

Friday Afternoon
School Law, Civil Government,
J. A. CHURCHILL,
Superintendent of Public Instruction

LENA SNELL SHURTE,
School Superintendent of Morrow County. 41-43

SHOULD WELCOME THE SOLDIER BOYS

What's the matter with Heppner? Is she lacking in patriotism or does she fail to appreciate what the boys of the army have done for mankind? Every town in the country is making preparations for a reception for the returning soldier boys but never a word do you hear of such a matter here. Morrow county has a large number of young men in the many different branches of the service and it is only right that the town should take some recognition of their services. If one had fallen in battle and his remains were being returned here for final interment we would probably hold a public funeral and everybody would turn out to view the corpse.

Now, as a matter of fact, wouldn't you rather take part in the welcoming home of a lot of live, husky soldiers, than to be one of the mourners at a funeral?

Of course the Herald does not expect to hold a separate reception for each soldier boy as he steps off the train but we believe that Heppner and Morrow county should get together and give the boys a big blow-out. They are entitled to it.

\$1,000,000 AWARDED IN ROAD CONTRACTS

State Will Build Section in Morrow County Employing Only Discharged Soldiers

The State Highway Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Portland last Tuesday awarded road contracts to the amount of more than \$1,000,000. Work will be started immediately and 500 men will thus be given employment.

Thirty miles of the Columbia river highway within the bounds of Morrow county are included in the contracts let. The work seems to be pretty evenly distributed over the state.

An interesting feature of the work was made known when the commission announced bids for the Morrow county work. Eight of the 30-mile stretch was with-held from the contract and will be built by the commission. On this work only discharged soldiers will be employed. W. L. Thompson announced that the plan is frankly an experiment. A camp employing 50 soldiers will be established at once and if the plan proves a success another camp employing an additional 50 men will be established.

Four bids were submitted for the Morrow county work, as follows:

Warren Cons. Co.	\$334,869
Porter & Conley	\$226,020
A. D. Kern	\$341,233
Gen'l Con. Co.	cost plus 12 1/2 per.

The work was awarded to Porter & Conley, theirs being considered the lowest and best bid.

A BOARDMAN PIONEER

S. H. Boardman may well be described as a pioneer of the new Columbia river town that bears his name.

Sixteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Boardman came from Colorado to Oregon. By profession a civil engineer, Mr. Boardman was familiar with the possibilities of irrigation in a country like northern Morrow county then was and as there was at that time a movement on foot to put water on what is now the West Umatilla project he located a homestead as the first step towards getting into the game on the ground floor. He built a house, dug a well planted some trees and waited for the water. Long years passed and each succeeding year seemed to bring its own disappointments and delays but the Boardmans were true. They refused to "give up the ship" and they never lost faith in the country or in their venture. By following his vocation of engineer, Mr. Boardman kept the bank account from getting too low while M. S. Boardman "kept the Home Fire Burning" and looked after four mighty interesting children as they came along.

Now the family is beginning to see the fruition of their hopes with a lively crowd springing up on their homestead and dozens of bright lights twinkling from neighborly windows as the evening shadows fall. It's good to be a pioneer particularly along towards the last innings of the game.

FOR SALE

Good 7-room house and 3 good lots in north Heppner, south of the depot. Enquire of Herbert Walbridge, Heppner, Oregon. 46-43

FOR SALE—Oakland Roadster—runs 400 miles; will take \$750, \$500 cash, rest Liberty Bonds, cattle or anything I can use. Box 506, Heppner, Oregon. 41-42

HEPPNER COM. CLUB IS RE-ORGANIZED

New Officers Elected and Plans Are Made For Future Promotion Activities

An important meeting was held last Friday evening when the Heppner Commercial club was re-organized, new officers were elected and plans made for a renewal of the former activities of the club.

The stress of war and the unusual demands on the time, money and attention of Heppner citizens in the carrying forward of war-time activities resulted in a temporary abandonment of the club work but with the resumption of more normal conditions the need for re-establishing the club became apparent. Former president C. L. Sweek and Secretary W. W. Smead issued a call for the meeting Friday evening and both gentlemen having served the club in the past both faithfully and well declined further honors in that direction.

The election of new officers was then proceeded with as follows:
President—W. P. Mahoney.
Vice-president—P. A. Anderson.
Secretary-Treasurer—S. A. Pattison.

After considerable discussion as to the best method of conducting the organization in the future and upon motion of former President C. L. Sweek the suggestion of former Secretary Smead, which was seconded by a number of other members was adopted to the effect that the chairman of the several standing committees shall, with the three officers of the club constitute an executive committee, empowered to transact ordinary business for the club without the need of calling a meeting of the membership. This plan is the one which has been adopted by all of the larger commercial bodies of the country including the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and the national chamber.

On motion of P. A. Anderson the executive committee was instructed to revise the by-laws to meet with the present requirements of the club.

After considerable discussion on the question of membership it was decided that neither membership fee nor dues shall be required from members and that the club will be financed by voluntary contributions from members and citizens. By this method it is hoped to enroll as members practically every citizen of the city and surrounding territory. A large membership and the hearty cooperation of every citizen in the work of the club is desired. As all of the officers will serve without pay the financial needs of the club will not be great.

The Heppner Commercial Club is a recognized member of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and one of its chief objects will be to secure a strong representation in the state body with the view to securing the endorsement of the state chamber of the early consideration by the reclamation service of the John Day project. With this end in view the Heppner club will lend its assistance and support towards the organization of similar clubs at Lexington, Ione, Boardman and other points in Morrow county as well as to seek the co-operation of similar clubs in Umatilla and Gilliam counties with a view to getting the earliest possible action on that gigantic reclamation proposition that means so much to this section of Oregon and particularly to Morrow county.

President Mahoney deferred the appointment of the standing committees for the present wishing to take more time to consider them. The appointments will be announced next week.

NEW FAIR BOARD ORGANIZES

The Morrow County Fair board met last Saturday afternoon to make arrangements for the coming exhibition.

Oscar Keithley was elected president of the board and F. R. Brown was chosen secretary-treasurer. The dates for the next fair were fixed for September 11-12-13, 1919.

Some changes were made in the premium list under which special inducements will be offered for industries and individual farm exhibits. A plan is also being worked out for featuring the county's special industries and special premiums will be offered for collective exhibits of wheat, collective exhibits of wool and special class fat steers.

A local experiment will be appointed for the different divisions. These appointments have not all been made as yet and will be announced later.

An effort will be made to secure a special Farmers' Union exhibit. Community exhibits scoring 60 per cent will each receive a cash prize of \$20 with a chance at other prizes 50 per cent will each receive a cash and individual farm exhibits scoring 70 per cent will each receive a cash prize of \$10 with chances at other premiums.

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