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A ROAD TO RITTER IS HEPPNER'S GREAT NEED

People of Interior Barred From Heppner. Travel Weary Miles To Other Point?

It was said of the ancient Roman empire that, "all roads lead to Rome"; but it cannot be said of the inland empire that all roads lead to Heppner.

W. O. Minor, former prominent merchant of Heppner now extensively engaged in the sheep and cattle business and one of Morrow county's best known pioneer citizens, recalled that old saying to a Herald reporter the other day when he talked interestingly about the road to Ritter, or more properly speaking of the urgent need of a road to Ritter that the people of that section of the great interior can travel while bringing in their products and taking out their supplies.

As the crow flies Ritter is about 6 miles from Heppner and by the same route it is about 55 or 60 miles to Pendleton. As the roads run, however, according to Mr. Minors figures the people of Ritter are 36 miles farther from Pendleton than they are from Heppner. In spite of that great handicap Pendleton gets practically all of the business of that section because the people of Pendleton and Umatilla county have taken the trouble to make a road out that way that the people can travel over, while the people of Heppner and Morrow county have slept on their rights and have allowed a short section of the Heppner-Ritter road to remain year after year in an impassable condition for loaded teams. The net result of this situation has been to cause the people of the Ritter country the heavy and needless extra expense in time, money and energy incident to traveling 72 miles farther than necessary every time they make a trip to the railroad, a heavy loss to every business man in Heppner by reason of being deprived of the Ritter business and a corresponding gain to the business interests of Pendleton in securing that business.

While there is no disposition among the Heppner people to blame Pendleton for going after and cornering all the business they can get, Mr. Minor is of the opinion that Heppner people should blame themselves for failing to develop the trade territory which is legitimately theirs.

Mr. Minor by reason of having hunted and run stock all over that part of the country is very familiar with territory through which the Heppner-Ritter road passes and he is of the opinion that a good road can be made over the entire route at a comparatively small expense.

The Ritter road now follows up Willow creek to the head of that stream and crosses the divide to Ditch creek following down that stream on the right hand side. Mr. Minor went carefully over another route last summer which follows down ditch creek about four miles then swings out on an easy grade to an open ridge on the east side of that creek following the ridge to the left of the stream on an easy grade to Jones canyon which leads down, also on an easy grade to the present road leading to the John Day river. Mr. Minor says this route will eliminate all impassable grades on the present road and will also get away from the present wash-out troubles along the upper waters of Ditch creek. The new route will call for about seven miles of new road, six and one-half of which will be very easy to build. About one-half mile of heavy grading will be encountered in Jones canyon.

Mr. Minor proposes to take a team and a couple of men as soon as spring opens and go over the new route more carefully. He says with two men he believes he can open the road most of the way with a very few days work.

Mr. Minor says that he has information from residents of the Ritter section that more than 500 families are scattered through that big country who want to come to Heppner to do their trading and who will be here whenever a road is provided they can travel over.

The trade of that number of people is not to be sneezed at and as Heppner is evidently about to get an abundance of mountain water, two or three big new hotels, other modern improvements, and perhaps an 100 per cent increase in population we should be able to open this road and take care of the extra business it would bring to the town without hurting us a bit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADOPTS BELIAN BABE

The Sunday School of the Episcopal church has adopted a Belgian orphan child to be cared for and educated as a ward of the school. The child will be brought to Heppner, placed in a suitable home and cared for until grown.

HEPPNER SOLDIER BOY WEDS ENGLISH LASS

Charlie Ayers who has been with the American Expeditionary Forces in England since soon after the United States entered the world conflict, writes his dad from Liverpool, England, that he expected to sail at an early date and that he should reach New York about February 20th.

The letter also contains the news that Lineas Judd, another Heppner boy, has just been married to a comely English lass and will bring his bride with him when he returns to Heppner. Ayers and Judd enlisted here soon after the United States entered the war and have been together continually ever since. Although the boys had had previous military experience on the Mexican border and were itching for a whack at the Huns they were side-tracked in England and held there throughout the war doing special duty at the training camps.

Heppner should give Private and Mrs. Judd a rousing reception when they reach home.

WOMEN ORGANIZE FOR CIVIC BETTERMENT

Women Loyal to Mayor of Their Choice. Make Heppner City Beautiful Members Exceed 100

Pursuant to the call issued by Mayor Vaughan and published in last week's Herald, a meeting was held in the council chamber last Wednesday evening at which preliminary steps were taken towards organizing a Civic Improvement Club.

Mayor Vaughan was present and presided at the meeting. He made an urgent plea to the ladies present to effect an active, working organization at once and then to get busy in doing the many things so much needed for the betterment and beautification of Heppner. Among some of the urgent needs of the city mentioned by the mayor were a public library, a band, and a movement to encourage the planting of flowers, the care of lawns and the general improvement of civic conditions.

The mayor stated that he has already interviewed a number of business men relative to employing a band instructor and the organization of a band and that the suggestion meets with universal approval. He told the ladies they need have no fear about financing any movement for civic improvements. "There is plenty of money in Heppner to finance any work you people will undertake," declared the mayor, who stated that he would personally guarantee \$200 to start a fund for prizes to be offered by the club to promote and encourage civic improvements.

Following the mayor's address was elected as follows:

Mrs. Ada Ayers, president; Mrs. Carrie Vaughn, vice president; Mrs. Sybil Wells, secretary-treasurer.

Mayor Vaughan was the women's choice in the recent city election and this hearty response to his call shows their loyalty. Already more than 100 membership cards have been signed up and every member is a booster for "Heppner, the City Beautiful."

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

Mrs. Sam E. Van Vactor, president of the Heppner Library Association, requests the Herald to announce that it is the wish of the management to reopen the library about March 1st, and all persons who wish to make donations either of books or money are requested to so advise any officer of the association or member of the library board.

The following committee on the selection of books has been appointed to serve one year: Miss Thelma C. L. Sweek, Mrs. S. E. Notman.

The Board of Directors are: Mrs. Sam E. Van Vactor, Mrs. Ada Ayers, Mrs. D. E. Gilman, Miss Margaret Crawford is the librarian.

It is understood that the library will be installed for the present in the council chamber in the Roberts building.

CIVIC CLUB LADIES ATTENTION

A meeting of the Heppner civic club will be held in the council chamber in Roberts building at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday evening, February 19. All ladies interested in the betterment of Heppner as a home city, whether or not they have signed membership cards are urged to be present.

MRS. ADA AYERS.

President.



STORM PROOF

THE ROAD TO IONE

There used to be a road to Ione but some pessimists now declare that there is no longer any such road—that it is all worn out and blown away. Al Ayers, however, drove his Buick car down to the Egg City last Friday and says that it is not true; there is a good solid road all the way to Ione if a fellow can only find it. Sometimes, Al says, you find the road at the bottom of a 12-inch chuck hole and sometimes on the top of a 16-inch hump, but its there just the same—where you find it. Al says that one remarkable feature about the road is that while you are finding the bottom of the chuck holes and the summit of the humps the back seat passengers also find the top of the car with the top of their heads thus getting double action on their money. Al thinks it is a great road and wonders why the famous Oregon paving trust don't cap in some dark night, make a profile of it and get it patented. One redeeming feature about the road is that it is not all within the city limits of Lexington whose principal street is some hum-dinger and, Al says, reminds him of Heppner streets in the good old days.

The people of Ione are not disposed to joke much about the road. They take it rather seriously and in low, and when they travel it, or talk about it or even think about it they are liable to forget their early training and swear long, dark, sinister oaths that sound like old-time pirates on the high seas. Bill Cronk says that after negotiating the road both ways every day on Tum-A-Lum business he is so prostrated with grief that he has to hit the hay without eating his supper or reading the Heppner Herald. Charley Sperry says that he'll be hung dinged if he's going to risk his life on it any more until the road crew fixes it or it blows back. Quoth Charley: "What's the world to a man when his wife is a widdy?" Frank Engleman started to say something about it the other day but he choked and spluttered so that for five minutes he couldn't speak and when he did find words they were not suitable for publication. Other citizens of Ione said "amen" to Frank's remarks and the general consensus of Ione opinion on the road question is that in all seriousness and with all due respect to everybody concerned, the road needs fixing and needs it bad.

PLENTY OF RED CROSS WORK YET TO DO

Mrs. S. W. Spencer, chairman of Morrow County Chapter, asks the Herald to announce that there is still work in plenty to do at headquarters sewing on refugee garments. This work must be completed and shipment made by March 1st. Tuesdays and Fridays are sewing days and all ladies who can do so are requested to go to headquarters on those days. Others can secure work at headquarters to be done at home.

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 offices of the company.

Fine job printing in Morrow county executed at the Herald office.

THE FIREMEN'S BALL

Heppner's fire laddies propose to give a ball next Saturday evening and it is up to every citizen and property owner to buy a ticket and help the boys out. Property owners in particular should feel in duty bound to buy one or more tickets for upon the free and voluntary work of the volunteer fire fighters depends in a large measure the safety of their property. A half dozen or a dozen of these tickets would be none too many for some property owners to buy and there is no doubt but that such an investment would bring big returns in increased efficiency of the fire department. We all like to feel that our efforts are appreciated and particularly is such the case when we are rendering some valuable public service without pay and at considerable effort and expense on our own part.

The proceeds of this ball will be used to pay for rubber hats and coats to protect the hose and nozzlemen from being drenched with ice-cold water. Buy a few tickets Mr. Proprietary Owner. Your house may be the next to blaze.

STOCK SHOW WILL ERECT PER'NENT HOME

Northwest Breeders and Dairyman Unite in Plan for Large Exhibition Building

Leading dairymen and livestock breeders of Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Montana have reorganized and now compose the directorate of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. The next exhibition and sales will be held November 15-19 in a spacious and modern exposition building, to cost a quarter of a million dollars. During the week beginning February 24, stockmen of the northwest and others interested in the livestock industry will raise through stock subscriptions about \$150,000. This amount was pledged at a recent conference of the breeders and dairymen held at Portland.

Gilliam county will subscribe \$3500; Morrow county, \$2000; Sherman county, \$2000 and Wheeler county, \$2500.

The remainder of the state is in proportionate amounts. The present total assessed valuation of the livestock of Oregon is \$40,643,932. Portland, conceded to be the proper center for the annual livestock show and sales, has agreed to match dollar for dollar all that is subscribed by the upstate counties and representative breeders of the Spokane country and central Washington as well as Idaho and Montana. California stockmen are also actively interested.

C. C. Clark is chairman for Gilliam county; W. O. Minor, chairman for Morrow county; A. H. Barnum, chairman for Sherman county; and William Rettie, chairman for Wheeler county.

BASKET BALL COMES BACK

Like other popular forms of diversion which were knocked out by the little old "flu" basket ball has come back—the occasion being celebrated last Wednesday evening at the pavilion with a double header.

The boys high school team mixed it with the town team much to the delight of the latter who "waxed it to" their scholarly opponents to the tune of 16 to 6. Details of the game are too painful for publication but the school boys swear vengeance and vow they will yet capture the big fellow's nanny.

Two teams of high school girls the Cruisers and the Submarines, then went to the mat and in a mighty and sanguinary struggle the rubs landed 12 torpedoes while the cruisers were able to drop only nine depth bombs, thus taking the count.

SMALLPOX AT HARDMAN

City Physician McMurdo was called to Hardman last Tuesday to attend Charlie McDaniel who was ill at the Saling home and found a well developed case of smallpox. The house was placed under quarantine and 15 persons who had been exposed to the disease were vaccinated.

All the local news, \$2 the Herald. Herald only \$2.00 a year.

DIVERGENT HOTEL INTERESTS TO UNITE

Heppner Hotel Co. and Heppner Improvement Co. Agree on Compromise Location—Probably Star Theatre Corner

Important developments regarding the hotel situation in Heppner have come to the surface within the past few days in the way of a consolidation of the divergent interests of upper and lower Main street.

The Heppner Hotel company, incorporated several weeks ago for the purpose of building a hotel at Main and May streets and the Heppner Improvement company, also incorporated for a similar purpose except that their chosen location was at Main and Center streets have gotten together and agreed upon a consolidation of interests and a compromise location which will probably be the Star theatre corner at Main and Willow streets.

During the past few weeks and since the question of two hotels has been agitated public opinion in the city has seemed to be generally favorable to only one hotel and that to be strictly modern and first class and large enough to meet the city's present needs. This view was also held by most of the men directly interested in the two companies the question of local pride in the development of the north and south ends of the business section being the principal point at issue.

At a conference of the two interests last Saturday evening it was decided that not only the best interests of the stock holders in both concerns but also that of the city of Heppner, which every loyal citizen is seeking to advance, would be best served by agreeing on a central location, a pooling of the divergent interests and the erection of one hotel sufficient to meet all present needs.

The Star corner was decided upon as best suited to satisfy all concerned and the meeting at once got in touch by wire with Mr. and Mrs. George Fell, of Pendleton, who own the property. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Fell will be in Heppner this evening when another meeting will be held and it is expected the deal will be closed.

The Fell property includes the ground occupied by the theatre, the Elkhorn restaurant and Mrs. Lupen's millinery store, 62 feet in all. Negotiations are also under way with E. G. Noble for his 20-foot frontage which adjoins the Fell property which will give the hotel a frontage of 82 feet on Main street and a depth of 132 on Willow.

EPISCOPAL GUILD HOLDS SOCIAL MEETING

A most pleasant occasion was enjoyed by the members of the Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church when members of that organization and a number of invited guests were entertained last Thursday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mrs. Sam E. VanVactor, who shared the duties of hostess with Mrs. S. W. Spencer. About 45 ladies were present and card games was the leading entertainment feature.

During the afternoon membership cards of the Civic Improvement Club which was organized at the council chamber the previous evening, were circulated among the guests and were signed by practically every one present. Following the card games delicious refreshments were served.

NOTICE TO TOBACCO DEALERS

The pending revenue bill will no doubt be passed before the middle of February. All dealers in cigars, tobacco and cigarettes must ascertain the date of the passage of the act and inventory their stocks before commencing business on the next day thereafter.

Arrangements have been made to have the inventory blanks in the hands of postmasters in most places and they may be obtained there. In case dealers do not receive an inventory blank in time, they should list their stock and write to Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, Portland, Oregon, for proper blank.

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