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WATER WORKS EXPERT CONCERS WITH COUNCIL

City Engineer Discusses Local Situation with Officers Relative to Survey and Estimates

R. E. McDonnell of the firm of Burns & McDonnell, consulting engineers of Kansas City, Mo., visited Heppner Friday evening in conference with the city officials regarding the water problem which now confronts the city.

Mr. McDonnell's firm makes a specialty of city water works, sewerage and lighting plants and gives valuations and expert reports on plants already in operation as well as designing, surveying and estimating new construction and improvements.

The meeting Friday night was mostly in the way of a general discussion of the Heppner situation and the varied problems which may be in taking over the present privately owned pumping plant and transforming it into a modern gravity system of mountain water sufficient for all present and future needs of the city.

Mr. McDonnell's firm is at present engaged on similar work at Walls, Walls, and other Washington points and they are also engaged to take up city work at Pendleton and LaGrande. The firm has designed more than 500 public utilities in the middle west and the northwest and they show many reference letters from city officials all over the country where they have done work all of which show a high degree of satisfaction with their service.

Mr. McDonnell left Saturday morning but will, in a few days submit a proposal to Heppner for doing the surveying and estimating for the proposed water system here. As soon as the weather is suitable for an intelligent inspection of the Willow creek canyon, Mr. McDonnell will return and go over the ground.

HARRY GROSHEN ENJOYS FURLOUGH

Harry Groshen who enlisted in the navy almost two years ago, is at home this week enjoying a furlough and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Groshen and other relatives and friends.

After a course of training at San Francisco Harry was placed on the U. S. S. San Diego where he served until that fine vessel hit a floating mine outside New York harbor and was put out of business. The crew of more than 1200 men were forced to take to the water, many of them having to swim for it until they were picked up by life boats or were able to grasp floating wreckage. Harry enjoyed (?) a fine swim until he was able to climb on a life raft where he floated around viewing the scenery for some three hours before being picked up by relief boats.

The San Diego made many trips back and forth across the Atlantic acting as a convoy to troop ships and Harry had many thrilling experiences in common with the other "gobs." He likes life in the navy and looks as though it agreed with him.

FATHER O'ROURKE TO RECEIVE AUTO

The people of St. Patrick's parish have ordered a fine new roadster as a present for Father P. J. O'Rourke thus showing the high esteem in which they hold their pastor and spiritual advisor. Father O'Rourke has a large field to cover in his parish work and his arduous duties will be much lightened and his usefulness enhanced by the gift. His popularity is by no means confined to his parishioners and many warm friends of other faiths will be pleased to learn of this merited token of his people's appreciation of his services.

WALTER MOORE RETURNS TO HEPPNER

Walter E. Moore, who quit his position as assistant cashier of the First National Bank last summer to enlist in the army to help lick the Hun and was then assigned to duty at office work in Portland for the spruce division much to his disgust returned to Heppner last Wednesday and is again at his old job in the bank and naturally glad to be back in Heppner.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday March 2nd. First mass 8 a. m. Second mass 10:30 a. m. Christian Doctrine 11:30 a. m. Evening Devotions 7:30 p. m.

LOST—On the streets of Heppner, Wednesday, February 19, a black bill book. Suitable reward for return to Frank Gibson, or to this office.

FIREMEN'S BALL BIG SUCCESS

Members of the volunteer fire company are entitled to much credit for the great success of the Firemen's ball in the pavilion last Saturday evening. A big crowd was present and so far as the Herald reporter could see everybody was having the time of his life.

A six-piece orchestra from The Dalles furnished splendid music, many of those participating in the dancing pronouncing it the best heard in Heppner for some time.

Perfect order prevailed in the large crowd during the evening and the big floor was crowded to its comfortable capacity from "dewey eve" till early morn."

Chief Curran who had the general management of the affair as well as all of the committees working under him have a right to be proud of this their first ball which they say, will not be the last one they hope to give.

More than 200 tickets were sold and the company's strong box was enriched by a net profit of more than one hundred dollars.

STATE CHAMBER PUTS ON ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

Seeks Large Membership in State and Calls for "Sinews of War" to Push Work

John L. Etheridge state chairman on membership, Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, having completed the committee's organization throughout the state, has begun a vigorous campaign for membership. Chairman Etheridge states:

"The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has launched absolutely the most comprehensive, far reaching and beneficial piece of work of its kind ever undertaken by the state.

"The purpose of the chamber is to encourage the development of the natural resources of the state of Oregon and of trade and commercial intercourse between the different parts of the state and between this state and contiguous territory and also with foreign countries, and to encourage co-operation between the various chambers of commerce, industrial, agricultural and other organizations throughout the state and to generally increase their efficiency.

"The value of co-operation needs no comment. Whatever is beneficial to one section of the state is beneficial to the state as a whole, and whatever benefits one community thereby benefiting the state as a whole, works to the benefit of each and every community in the state regardless of how distant it may be removed. The chamber's slogan: 'Oregon for every community; every community for Oregon,' is a real slogan, abounding in meaning and concisely, clearly and absolutely expressing the purpose of the state chamber.

"In order to accomplish this purpose it is not enough that commercial bodies, associations and individuals give unto the chamber their moral support and individual effort—it is essential that the chamber be founded upon a sound financial basis. To raise the necessary funds, 'the sinews of war' and in order that the chamber may otherwise properly function, its membership has been divided into three classes: first, commercial, consisting of local chambers of commerce and commercial clubs; second, association, consisting of industrial, agricultural and other organizations not formed for private purpose; third, individual, non-voting members.

"The annual fee for the commercial membership is \$10.00 for each one hundred members of the local club, plus \$10.00 for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof, the maximum fee not to exceed \$50.00. The holder of the fee is entitled to one vote for each \$10.00 fee; the number of votes for any one commercial organization not to exceed five. The annual fee for the association membership is \$20. This entitles the association to two votes. The annual fee for individual membership has been put at a minimum \$5.00 per member. No maximum has been fixed.

"It is the aim of the state chamber to raise approximately \$50,000 from individual memberships outside of Multnomah county and approximately the same amount within Multnomah county. This is imperative in order to put the state chamber upon its feet financially and in order to make its work effective. This is a gigantic task but we have set ourselves to it and it must and will be accomplished.

"A membership committee, with a live wire as chairman, has been named by Mr. Etheridge for each city in the state. Each of these committees has been notified that the quota for its city is a certain number of individual members, representing a minimum quota of a certain number of dollars. In raising this



ARMENIA AND SYRIA
ANOTHER JOB FOR THEIR UNCLE SAM

ATTORNEY-GENERAL RULES AGAINST PAVING TRUST

Not only has patent No. 675,470 of the Warren Construction Company issued June 4, 1901, expired, but the state highway commission can lay pavement specified in such patent without infringing any rights granted under such patent. This is the opinion of Attorney-General Brown returned to the house recently in response to house resolution No. 23 requesting the attorney-general to give his opinion on those two points.

The attorney-general points out that a patent extends for only 17 years, and cites cases of the United States supreme court upholding his contention. He states that "referring to the date of the patent it is self-evident that more than 17 years have elapsed since its issuance and we cannot escape the conclusion that it has expired."

Referring to the second question as to whether or not the highway commission may lay that class of pavement as specified under the patent without infringing on such pat-

ent, he cites a United States supreme court decision which states that "it is self-evident that on the expiration of a patent the monopoly created by it ceases to exist," and the attorney-general says:

"The conclusion there expressed is self-evident and would hardly require the judgment of the highest tribunal in the land to declare the same, but since it has been called upon and has done so, no other conclusion is possible.

"I therefore answer both portions of your question in the affirmative."

HARDMAN STUDENTS AWARDED MEDALS

Interesting exercises were held at Hardman last Saturday afternoon when silver medals were awarded two grade pupils of the Hardman school in a state wide essay contest for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

The fortunate contestants at Hardman were Marjorie Jordan, aged 14, and Ho Merrill, aged 11.

The exercises were held in the church, with Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtz, county superintendent presiding.

The program follows:
Opening song—"America."
Solo—"The Belgian Rose," Miss Daisy Barlow.
Address—"Club Work in Morrow County in 1918," F. R. Brown.
Solo—Miss Edith Thorley.
Address—"The Value of Club Work to the State," Miss Helen Cowgill.
Solo—"Rose of No Man's Land," Mrs. Hopkins.
Address—"Our County Fair," Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtz.
Presentation of Medals—F. R. Brown.

It is worthy of note that Hardman is the only school in the county which entered the contest.

Young Marion Hayden, who was one of the winners is living over in the Spray country this winter but he made the long trip across the mountain Saturday morning to receive his medal.

Those who attended the exercises from Heppner were:
F. R. Brown, county agent; Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtz, county superintendent; Miss Edith Thorley, soloist; Miss Helen Cowgill, in charge of club work; O. A. C. extension department. Charles Hoyle, former teacher and school superintendent of Wheeler county was also present.

It is expected that a similar contest will be held during the Fifth Liberty Loan drive which is expected to take place in April.

CITIZEN WANTS BARN REMOVED

Mr. Editor:

It has seemed strange to me that someone has not—not even the local newspapers have given much space to the question of why and for how long are the citizens to be imposed upon by letting the big barn remain in the center of town. Of course it is not the fault of the present council, but it is to be hoped that they will with the forceful assistance of the Ladies club abate the nuisance.

Of course it has raised the insurance rates but even with a low rate the present owners do not feel disposed to rebuild while the barn stands.

What is the barn for? Does anybody suspect that it will ever be over a quarter filled with hay?

All strangers and visitors are astounded to see such a menace allowed. The best part of three blocks will be covered with uncontrollable weeds in a month from now.

No matter what it costs the city it should be removed. Take this monkey-wrench out of the wheels of progress.

CITIZEN

THE HOTEL SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED

Local Companies Slow to Decide on Location and Other Details of New Institution

The local hotel situation which changes every 15 or 20 minutes during the day and turns a "handspring" every night remains unchanged.

The latest rumor about the situation was that the merger had blown up and that all negotiations are off; the latest rumor is that the merger is not busted and that the deal is closed for the fell corner save for a strained diplomatic condition with China—a sort of yellow peril staring Heppner in the face as it were. It is a sort of "off agin, on agin, gone agin," proposition but as yet no hotel has been built nor even started. It is probable that before the Herald gets off the press that some new rumor will tickle the ears of Heppner people but it is not probable that any of them will be stretching their legs in any Heppner-hotel-leather chairs for a few days yet.

Not by way of making any odious comparison but simply as a matter of news: S. W. Spencer who returned from Pendleton last evening, informed the Herald that ruins of the big Peoples' warehouse fire in that city a few weeks ago are all cleared away so that you would never know there had been a fire, and then he pointed at the Palace and other ruins and swore. S. W. also intimated that he did not enjoy his visit in Pendleton as he might have had his friends not kidded him so much about Heppner building two big hotels and not having added even a lodging house since the fire eight months ago. Pendleton people seem to think they could beat our record if they were to try.

RECENT DEATHS

McHALEY

Miss Amy McHaley, well known and much beloved resident of this city, passed away at Portland, Monday, February 17, 1919, aged 29 years.

Miss McHaley had been in delicate health for several years and during the winter suffered from an attack of influenza which was followed by heart complications from which she failed to rally. She was taken to Portland several weeks ago for treatment in a hospital in that city but the malady refused to yield to the treatment and the end came as above stated.

Deceased had spent practically all of her life in Heppner and because of her many sterling traits of character she was universally loved and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a graduate of Heppner high school in the class of '08.

The remains were brought to Heppner Wednesday. Funeral services were held at the McHaley home Thursday afternoon being conducted by Rev. Frank Andrews of the Christian church. Interment was in Masonic cemetery.

\$10,000,000 ROAD BOND BILL PASSED

Emergency Clause Retained and Bill Will Become Law When Signed By Governor

The \$10,000,000 road bonding bill passed the senate last Thursday and thus the most important piece of legislation becomes a law upon receiving the signature of the governor.

Briefly the \$10,000,000 bond bill provides that \$7,500,000 of this sum shall be used for completion of the Pacific highway from the California line to Portland and the Columbia river highway from Astoria to The Dalles, these roads to be hard-surfaced. The remainder, \$2,500,000 is to be used for the improvement of other roads.

This latter sum will be supplemented by various sources of revenue and will enable the highway commission to improve such roads as those from Roseburg to Coos Bay; from Eugene to the coast; from Medford to Tillamook; from Seaside to Nehalem; from Klamath Falls to Bend; from Bend to The Dalles; from Bend to Burns and Ontario; from Medford to Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

The principal and interest of the bonds are to be met by automobile license, the schedule of fees not yet determined. All bids are to be let in open competition and county courts or county commissioners can bid on work in their counties. If awarded, the commission can build by force account.

The highway commission can pay royalties where a patent is valid direct to the patentee and contractors required to bid on the construction without including royalty in their bid.

The bond bill provides for issuance of \$10,000,000 in bonds in denominations such as the commission may determine, and to be sold during the next ten years.

It provides for making more elastic the various funds under control of the highway department and to include in the state highway fund the various funds heretofore provided by law. The highway commission is directed to carry out the road program enacted by the people in 1917, being empowered to make such local changes in roads as it deems expedient such royalties MPWY FFF WGWKWK dent. The commission is authorized to let contracts or build roads on force account.

In event royalties are claimed for patented pavements the commission may pay such royalties directly to the patentee and deal independently with the contractors who in that event shall bid only on the construction of the road, without including the cost of any royalties that may be claim.

The bill carries the emergency clause and will be effective immediately upon its approval by the governor.

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM WINS FROM IONE

A lively tilt at basketball was had by the high school teams of Heppner and Ione on the local floor last Saturday evening in which Heppner was victor in a score of 17 to 21. The Ione boys put up a good game and are a good bunch of sports, the only trouble being that they failed to bring in sufficient tallies to win.

A return game will be played at Ione next Saturday evening.

W. N. Hatch, of Boardman, was here Friday on business with the county court regarding a road in the Boardman project. It seems that the road is located on the same right of way which is now occupied by an irrigation ditch and a new location for the road is urged. It seems that the Boardman people don't object to bridging ditches cross ways occasionally but they don't fancy having to bridge one the full length of the ditch.

CHURCH NOTICES

Christian Science
Christian Science services will be held at 11 a. m., next Sunday in I. O. O. F. hall. All interested are invited to attend.

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