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FARMERS' PICNIC WAS THE GREATEST EVER

HUNDREDS SPENT PLEASANT AND PROFITABLE DAY

Big Dinner, Addresses by Farm Experts Features of Delightful Occasion

The big farmers' picnic held last Saturday at the Morrow county fair grounds was a success. Several hundred people were present and the meeting which lasted from 10:30 a. m., until about 5:00 p. m., was every moment of it, filled to the brim with something interesting, entertaining and instructive.

At the forenoon session, which convened at 10:30 S. E. Notson on behalf of the city of Heppner, delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by L. A. Hunt on behalf of the farm bureau and the farmers' union. Mrs. Dye also favored at this session with enjoyable instrumental selections.

Not the smallest feature of the day by any means, was the splendid dinner served in the pavilion at noon and at which the farmers of the county and their families were hosts to the people of the town. The dinner was served cafeteria style and the abundance and excellence of the spread gave no indication that old man H. C. L. has as yet been able to put any reef in the sail of Morrow county farmers in the line of good eats.

County Agent Hunt to whose untiring efforts in perfecting the arrangements, are due in large measure the splendid success of the occasion, acted as master of ceremonies and after the dinner was fairly started introduced a number of speakers who gave five minute talks on timely topics.

F. R. Brown former county agent here, was the first speaker putting in his allotted time urging increased interest in the John Day project and other progressive movements of importance to the county. F. E. Burns of Boardman spoke entertainingly of the West Extension project where, by combining plenty of moisture with the soil and sunshine provided by nature a real garden spot has been established. He emphasized the need of a good road between his town and Heppner declaring that while everybody on the project wanted to come to the picnic they finally selected himself and three others to represent them while the rest of the community remained at home to pray for the safe return of their representatives from such a dangerous journey.

C. C. Calkins county agent in Sherman county, and Mr. Fluharty who occupies a similar position in Wasco county gave short talks as did W. P. Mahoney, cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner.

Following the dinner the meeting was adjourned re-assembling within a few moments in the theatre adjoining, where the afternoon was spent enjoying a most excellent program, a feature of which was the community singing led by Mrs. H. A. Noyes of this city.

R. A. Blanchard formerly connected with the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College, now agriculturist for the Live Stock State Bank, of Portland, was the first speaker of the afternoon, giving a splendid talk on general agricultural topics.

J. D. Brown, state president of the Farmers' Union, was present and gave an interesting talk in which he called attention to the service the farmers' union has been to the people of Oregon in securing for the wheat growers a square deal from the food administration in handling the wheat situation during the war. Mr. Brown's claim was that but for the efforts of the union the farmers could not have realized a fair price for their grain the cards having been stacked against them.

Mr. Brown believes there will be a great surplus of farm products created within a few years due to increased production in England and other European countries where during the war private estates were turned into wheat fields, which, the speaker predicted, they will always remain. The speaker closed with a tribute to our form of government which he declared is the best on the earth but urged that it is up to the plain people of the country to make the government what it should be—an agent to serve the best interests of all the people.

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LENA PUTS ON SMALL ROUND-UP

W. H. Cronk and J. C. Devins and their families of Ione, drove out to Lena last Sunday to enjoy the weekly round-up the Butter creek boys put on out there. A new corral had to be built last Sunday after the crowd had gathered but that was a small matter and soon the outlaw cayuses were corkscrewing and high jumping and side swiping at a great rate. Mr. Cronk says they have some mighty fine riders out there and the exhibition they put on is well worth the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, of this city, were also at Lena for the day.

PROSPECTS PROMISING FOR GOOD WHEAT CROP

FALL GRAIN SAID TO BE FILLING WELL

Spring Wheat Needs Rain Soon To Make a Satisfactory Showing

F. R. Brown, of the Farmers Exchange reports having visited the wheat section north and east of Lexington last Sunday finding conditions much improved over those of a few weeks ago. The cool weather has had the effect of filling the grain and vastly improving the quality.

Miles Martin expected a few weeks ago to begin cutting and threshing by June 25th, but the cool weather has so freshened his crop that it is still green and filling well. His crop now promises 18 to 20 bushels per acre.

John Piper's crop promises from 20 to 25 bushels and many other fields in the same section are good for around 20 bushels.

South east of Lexington the summer fallow crops are looking well but where the planting was deferred until spring there will be little wheat. Bauman and Tyler in that section have fine crops.

Most of the fall sown wheat will make a fair crop but the volunteer and late spring sown stuff will be very light.

Mr. Brown is convinced that the total crop of the county this year will much exceed the 1918 crop.

MISS STRUCK FORMER HEPPNER TEACHER MARRIED

With a large number of friends and relatives present at the Odell home of the bride's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. John Plog, the wedding of Mr. Albert J. Brunquist, Parkdale orchardist, and Miss Bertha Struck, of Hood River was solemnized with Rev. W. H. Boddy, pastor of the Upper Valley Union church officiating.

The lawn where the wedding bowler had been arranged was beautifully decorated with banks of ferns and pink roses. Preceding the wedding a solo was rendered by Mrs. Will Metcalf. Miss Edna Plog played Lehen-grin's wedding march.

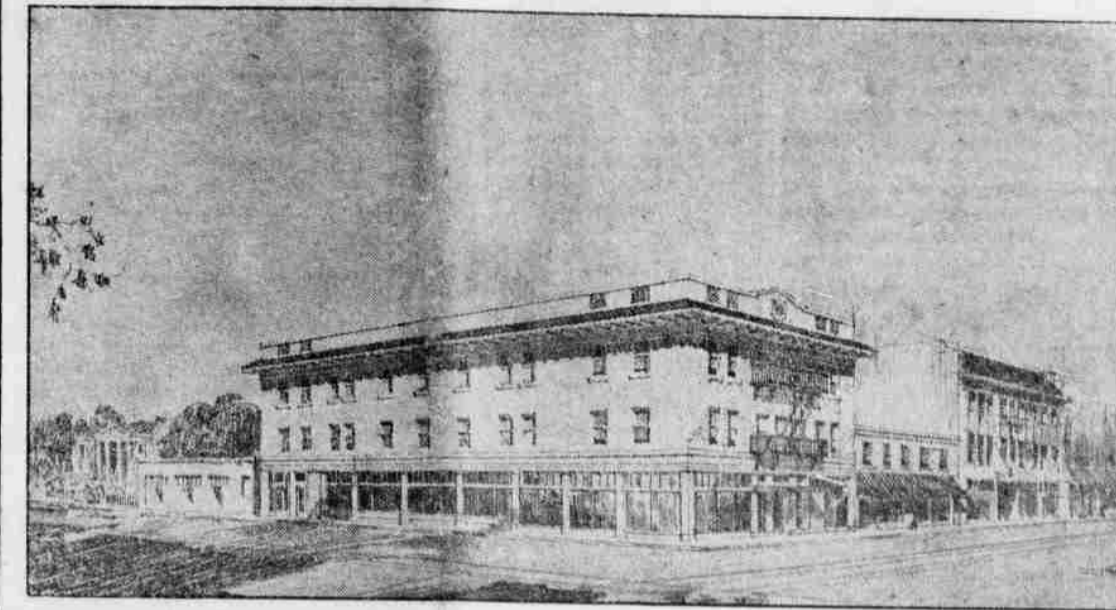
The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Struck, local pioneer orchardist, who now reside at Lyle, Wash., was beautiful in a gown of crepe de chine. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses daintily fastened with tulle streamers. Mrs. Brunquist is a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College. For the past several years she has been teaching domestic science and art in the high school at Heppner, Oregon.

Miss Ann Wood former schoolmate of Mrs. Brunquist was maid of honor. She wore silk embroidered net over mesaline and carried a shower bouquet of pink rose buds and sweet peas. Mrs. Julia Brunquist, mother of the bridegroom, of San Francisco, was present at the wedding.

CRAYTON LAWSON AND WIFE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Returning from their ranch on Heppner flat to their home in this city shortly after noon today Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lawson were seriously injured when the team they were driving shied at a passing automobile and overturned the buggy. Mrs. Lawson, 71 years old, is believed to be very seriously injured and her husband, 61, has some broken ribs and other bruises. They were brought to the hospital where they are receiving attention and the attendants say the full extent of their injuries have not yet been determined.

HEPPNER'S NEW \$80,000.00 HOTEL



Prominent business men of Heppner and stockmen of the county have organized the Heppner Hotel Association and will soon begin the erection of a modern hotel. R. F. Wiglesworth is president of the association and C. L. Sweek is the secretary.

(Courtesy of John V. Bennes, Architect, Portland, Oregon.)

INFORMATION WANTED

J. H. Pool of Manes, Mo., writes for information regarding his nephew, Nado Pool who he says came into the Heppner country last April and went to work herding sheep. Anyone having information about the young man will confer a favor by writing J. H. Pool, at Manes, Missouri.

A REMINDER OF BY-GONE DAYS

He blew into town the other day in a little, old rig, driving a roan mare. He camped on the hitching ground, unrolled his blankets and went to bed. His grub box was about empty and generally things didn't look very rosy but he slept soundly because he was back in good old Heppner, which he says is the best town on earth. He acknowledges being past 82 years old, he is very deaf and almost blind but still the old pioneer spirit is alive in his breast and he says if he can just get straightened around a bit he thinks he can saw wood and do other chores around town and make a living for himself and be independent.

His name is Henry Teeters and he first came to Heppner in 1885 and stayed here until 1890. During that time he worked for the late Frank Maddock and his brother, John Maddock, who later moved to Condon, dying there several years ago. Teeters says he also worked for Jordan, Padberg, and a man named Lang, who used to buy beef cattle here at from \$5.00 to \$14.00 a head and drive them east. Teeters says he helped Lang trail cattle through to Cheyenne two seasons.

Later Teeters says he went to Klamath county where he acquired a good 250-acre ranch and prospered there until recently, so his story goes he deeded his property to relatives expecting to be taken care of by them while he lived. He says, however, that the bargain did not turn out well and that lately his relatives wanted to send him to the poor house at Klamath Falls but he refused to go. Instead he hitched the little roan mare to the little old wagon and started out to take a fresh start in life with the handicap of 82 years, poor eyes and ears and a crooked leg that is not what it used to be. The memory of Heppner and the big hearted people he used to know here years ago came back to him and he started on the long journey.

He called at the court house the morning after his arrival and after hearing his story Judge Campbell delegated Sheriff Shutt to take the old man in charge, get him some needed clothing and a shave and replenish his grub box. The county court will take his case up with the Klamath county authorities and determine what can be done to make him comfortable.

His case is typical of many of the pioneers who helped subdue the Oregon country and make it what it is today. After years of toil, hardship and exposure when they should be able to settle at some friendly fireside to enjoy their few remaining years they have become the floatam and jetam of the earth, floating hither and yon without friends merely driftwood on the ocean of time.

FIRE COMPANY HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING

M. L. CURRAN CHOSEN FOR FIRE CHIEF

Committee Appointed to Solicit Subscriptions to Provide Salary for Chief

Members of the Heppner fire company together with a few citizens held an important meeting in the council chamber last Friday evening when steps were taken towards reorganizing the company and putting it on a working basis.

Since the services of Fire Chief Michael Curran were dispensed with a few months ago the company has become badly disorganized and to all appearance the town was pretty well at the mercy of the fire fiend should a blaze happen to start.

After considerable discussion of the situation and a report of the city's financial condition by Councilman Sweek, who was present and is secretary of the fire company, it was decided to employ Mr. Curran as fire chief at a salary of \$125 a month and a committee composed of Chas. Thomson, E. M. Shutt and Roy Whiteis was appointed to go out among the business men and citizens of the town and get the money to pay the bill.

It was pointed out that the \$4500 fire truck is practically worthless as a protection against fire without a competent man in charge to keep the equipment in order as well as to keep the company together, see that they are properly drilled, etc.

A letter from State Fire Marshal Harvey Wells to C. L. Sweek refers to a report recently made to Mr. Wells by Deputy Fire Marshal Stokes who visited Heppner some time ago in which the conditions here were severely criticized. Mr. Wells stated that from the report he had received last year after the organization of the new fire company with Mr. Curran as chief, that he had hoped to see Heppner get a material decrease in her insurance rates but that this latest report indicated that Heppner might get a re-rating but with an increase rather than a decrease of rates.

The sentiment of the meeting was unanimous for the re-employment of Mr. Curran and the re-establishment of the company on an efficient basis.

PATRICK FARLEY LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Patrick Farley, which was held from the St. Patrick's church last Tuesday was largely attended. Members of the Elks and Hibernian lodges, of which deceased was a member, attended the funeral services in a body.

The funeral services were conducted by Father P. J. O'Rourke, assisted by Rev. Father Wand, of Condon, Rev. Father Marr, of Portland, and Rev. Father McCabe of Seattle. Father Marr read the funeral high mass at 9:00 o'clock, a. m., Father McCabe gave the funeral address at the church at 2:00 p. m., and Father Wand, who was the deceased's pastor gave a short address at the grave.

Appropriate selections sung by Miss Peggy O'Rourke, were a part of the church service.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS TONIGHT

A meeting of the executive committee of the Heppner Commercial Club has been called for this evening to meet in the council chamber. Matters concerning the Morrow county fair and other things of interest to the club will be considered. Every member of the committee and other members of the club interested should be present.

BOARDMAN DELEGATION ATTEND FARMERS' PICNIC

That Boardman is a live community, fully awake to every matter of interest to Morrow county as a whole was evidenced by the delegation of live wires from that town in attendance at the big farmers' picnic here last Saturday.

A. W. Cobb president of the Boardman Commercial Club, F. E. Burns, the club's efficient secretary and also superintendent of the public schools of Boardman, J. C. Balenger, lumber merchant, and F. C. Burns comprised the delegation.

These gentlemen are just as enthusiastic as ever over the past achievements and future prospects of their community being just now particularly elated over the results of the numerous elections they have recently been holding. Not content with showing their metal at the state election by voting about 10 to 1 for Morrow county road bonds they went to the hat a few days later and voted by a rousing majority in favor of the formation of the West Extension Irrigation district and then while they had the habit of marking their ballot in the right place they held a school district election and voted to issue \$28,500 worth of school warrants to complete their fine school building.

At the irrigation district election, Emmet Callahan of Boardman, Camp of Irrigon and McFarland, of Umatilla, were chosen as a board of directors for the new district.

A particularly interesting contest came up at the school election in the selection of a director, A. P. Ayers and Mr. King being the candidates. Another indication that the irrigators over that way are live ones was shown by the vote brought out at this same school election, when 136 votes were cast. Of these Mr. King received 74 and Mr. Ayers 62. It is doubtful if such a vote has ever before been cast at any school election in the county.

This Boardman bunch are hot rosters for good roads at all times and places and they are particularly insistent for a paved highway from Boardman to Heppner by the shortest practicable route. In an address at the picnic Saturday Professor Burns spoke feelingly of the hazardous trip the delegation made that morning through the sand, sagebrush and squirrel holes to get to Heppner and of how their families, friends and neighbors gathered around and bade them a fond and tearful farewell as they were starting. He also said that everybody on the Boardman project would have come along only that the others felt it to

COUNCIL TO BE ASKED TO REMOVE LIVERY BARN

PETITION NUMEROUSLY SIGNED TO ABATE FIRE NUISANCE

Old Structure Moved to Burnt District Last Fall Held to Retard Growth of City

A petition is being circulated and numerous signed by property owners in the city praying the city council to take such proper action as may be necessary to remove the old livery barn which was moved last fall from lower Main street to the Willis Stewart lots in the burnt district.

The petition was drawn and is being circulated by parties interested in the rebuilding of the city, points out the facts that although almost a year has elapsed since the fire not a single building has been erected in the burnt district. This the petition sets forth demonstrates that some reason must exist for the absence of any effort to re-build the district, saying that it seems to be generally conceded that the big barn is the cause. Proceeding, the petition continues, the barn was removed from its former location because of its being a fire menace to surrounding property and causing excessive insurance rates in its vicinity and as the same results will follow in its new location, no one thinks of building near it.

Continuing, the petitioners argue that if the barn was removed the burnt district of the city would soon be re-built thereby increasing the amount of taxable property in the city to a large degree and preventing the necessity of increasing the tax rate on the property yet remaining intact.

It is further set forth that in its present location the barn constitutes a continual menace to the town—that if it were to burn with a wind blowing from the south the entire town might be wiped out while a north wind would place the power plant in grave jeopardy.

It is reported to the Herald that with two or three exceptions every property owner in the city so far approached has gladly signed the petition.

The barn in question has been a sort of bone of contention since shortly after the fire when W. T. McRoberts decided to remove the old structure from the Main street front of his property to make room for his new garage building his intention then being to move the barn to the rear of his lots and fronting on Gale street.

Willis Stewart, whose barn on upper Main street had been destroyed in the fire began negotiations with McRoberts to buy the building and at once lower Main street property owners got busy and subscribed \$500 to assist Stewart in having it moved.

Upper town property owners seemed to be apathetic about the matter and no definite action was attempted until Stewart had the building in place on his property. He had acted entirely within the law in the matter and the people who allowed their down town neighbors to slip one over on them had to take their medicine. It was not long, however, until everybody in town realized that a mistake had been made and re-building of the town seriously retarded.

It is understood that Mr. Stewart is willing to make any reasonable arrangement about the matter and also that those behind the proposal to have the barn removed have no desire to injure Mr. Stewart's business in any particular. This being the case it is reasonable to hope that the matter can be amicably and satisfactorily adjusted to the lasting advantage of all parties concerned.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted and comforted us during our late bereavement.

MRS. MARGARET FARLEY, and CHILDREN, JAMES FARLEY, PETER FARLEY, MRS. MARIE MONAHAN, MRS. BRIDGET GILLEESE.

be their duty to remain at home and pray for the safe return of the four who braved the rigors of the trip.

Boardman will get that good road yet. You can't stop such people from getting anything they start for.