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MORROW COUNTY COURT IN BAD WITH ADJ. GEN'L

CAMPBELL TO BE "TURNED OVER" TO WAR DEPARTMENT

Objections to Making Military Appropriation Gets Court in Bad With General Staffin

Whether Judge Wm. T. Campbell, whom the voters of Morrow county elected last fall by a unanimous vote is the real business head of the county or whether Conrad Staffin, adjutant general of the State of Oregon, or some other functionary of the Oregon military organization, or the national war department is the real head of county affairs here seems to be a mooted question. Judge Campbell himself does not seem to know just what the situation is nor what his fate may be after reading a letter written by Adjutant General Staffin to Governor Olcott and forwarded by the governor to Judge Campbell for his personal and warning.

It seems that several weeks ago Major W. H. Emerick, of Portland, came to Heppner with a view to having the county court finance the work of securing a large amount of data and military information to be used in the preparation of what is to be called a progressive military map of the United States. On the day of the major's visit Judge Campbell was out of town and the blanks and instructions were left with the county clerk and duly presented to the county court and commissioners at their regular June meeting. The information and data required is of considerable volume and goes into the most minute details regarding every conceivable matter connected with roads, streams, bridges, fords, flow of water, grade of roads, timber, minerals, military camp sites, airplane landing places, wells, springs, livestock, tillable acreage and hundreds of other things which might or might not be detected on an eastern Oregon landscape by a particularly keen observer provided he happened also to be a highly trained technical expert in topography, civil, hydraulic and all other kinds of engineering and, provided also that he had a good, stiff bank account behind him to take care of salary and expense accounts.

The county court, it appears, was expected by Major Emerick and others in authority, to not only furnish the man to undertake this work but was also expected to finance the undertaking and as the county is pretty busy just now financing a good road building program, Judge Campbell and Commissioners Padberg and Bleakman did not look with much favor on the proposition and in a letter to Governor Olcott Judge Campbell made clear the position of himself and his associates, stating that, in view of the fact that the war was over and the county had made no provision in its budget for such expenditure they did not feel justified in having the work undertaken unless it is absolutely necessary.

Governor Olcott passed the matter along to the adjutant general's office with the result that the letter above referred to was written to the governor and by him forwarded to Judge Campbell.

After stating that the War Department had requested the various states to collect this information and that Governor Withycombe took the matter up with Adjutant General White in June, 1917, but that "nothing was done" and that when Major John M. Williams was appointed adjutant general, "little or nothing was done," but that when General Beebe became adjutant general the work was started. General White writes that in the month of November, 1918, Major Emerick was directed to take charge of the work and that he estimated it would require a year's time and cost around \$12,000.

Then comes the interesting portion of Adjutant General Staffin's letter which paragraph we quote in full:

"Until the objection of Judge Campbell was made, only one other county judge in Oregon had objected to making an appropriation. He was referred to the War Department and after they got through with him he was very glad to make the necessary appropriation. If it is desired, the same treatment will be accorded Judge Campbell."

PARKERS MILL SAWMILL BURNS TODAY NOON

The sawmill at Parkers Mill, 30 miles south of Heppner, was totally destroyed by fire at noon today together with most of the lumber in the yard. Several other small buildings near the mill were also destroyed. For a time the hotel was threatened but volunteers succeeded in wetting down and saving the building.

Sparks set fire at several places in the heavy timber near the mill but latest reports say these fires are also under control.

Sheriff Shutt and Fire Chief Huston had a relief party ready to leave when word was received that the fire was under control.

The loss is estimated here at from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Notice is hereby given that the privilege granted to the Heppner Light & Water company by the Common Council of the City of Heppner during the month of January, 1919, to increase water rates for a period of six months was terminated by the Common Council at a regular meeting held on July 7th, 1919, and hereafter the water rates will be as they existed prior to January 1st, 1919.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1919.
R. J. VAUGHAN, Mayor,
J. P. Williams, Recorder.

John C. McEntire was down from his Balm Fork ranch Monday. He says rain is needed in his section to bring along the spring crop and he is hoping that it will come soon.

JULY FOURTH IS WELL CELEBRATED IN COUNTY

THREE BIG EVENTS DRAW CROWDS OF CELEBRATORS

Map Avoid Madding Throng Seek Quiet, Shady Nooks in Mountains

There was no lack of opportunity for patriotically inclined people to celebrate the Glorious Fourth last Friday and for that matter on Saturday and Sunday as well thanks to Governor Ben Olcott's action in officially declaring Saturday a legal holiday.

Heppner was pretty well deserted during the day most of her citizens having gone to other points where formal celebrations were held or to the mountains where they could spend the day quietly by some cool spring in a shady nook far away from the dust, the noise and the confusion of the crowds.

The most pretentious celebration was at Parkers Mill where the cool mountain air, the fine water and the grating shade yearly attract big crowds of picnickers where the cool mountain air, the fine water and the grating shade yearly attract big crowds of picnickers where the cool mountain air, the fine water and the grating shade yearly attract big crowds of picnickers.

A big dance was given in the evening and the festivities were continued Saturday morning with a lively round-up in which a number of wild miles did their stubborn and agile part in furnishing entertainment.

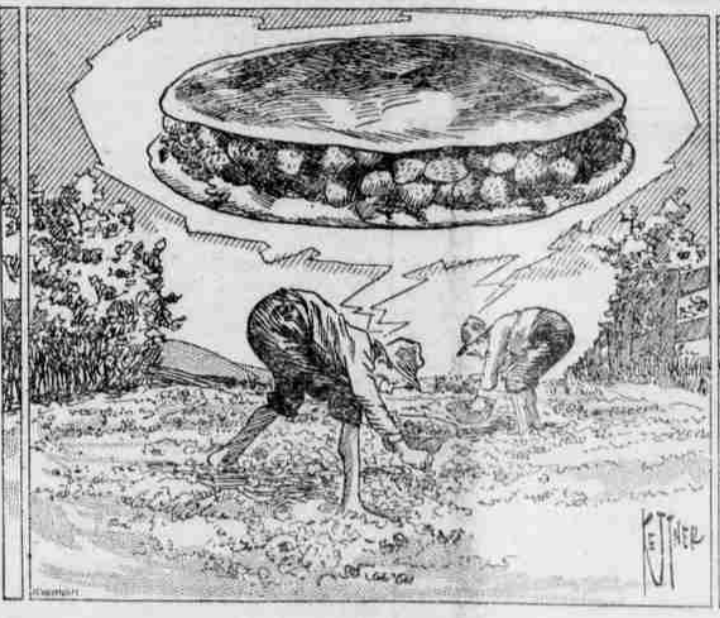
Several hundred people assembled at Lena to witness the round-up features and races there and a jolly time was reported. A grand ball was also given in the Lena hall in the evening and all features of the affair were highly successful.

Parkers Mill also attracted a big crowd of picnickers where the cool mountain air, the fine water and the grating shade yearly attract big crowds of picnickers where the cool mountain air, the fine water and the grating shade yearly attract big crowds of picnickers.

MORO HOTEL AND BANK DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire starting in the kitchen of the Moro hotel July 4th destroyed that building and an adjoining brick building occupied by the Farmers' State Bank and as an annex for the hotel. The loss is estimated at \$7,500 with \$3,000 insurance.

Two Minds With but a Single Thought



Interesting History of Morrow County Chapter Am. Red Cross

(By Mrs. Arthur A. McAtee)
On April 35, 1917, in response to the great wave of patriotism and enthusiasms which swept the country after the United States had declared war on Germany, a committee appointed by Mr. S. E. Notson, the mayor of Heppner, consisting of Mrs. Phill Cohn, Mrs. Vawter Crawford, Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, Mrs. S. W. Spencer, Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor, Mrs. Willard Herren, Mrs. A. E. Binns, Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Miss Peggy O'Rourke, met in the public library to consider the organization of an American Red Cross chapter. Mrs. Cohn was made temporary chairman and Mrs. Phelps secretary. After some discussion it was decided to organize such chapter, including the whole of Morrow county, and with headquarters at Heppner, the county seat. It was to be called the Morrow County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The secretary was instructed to write to John L. Clymer, San Francisco, director of the Pacific Division, American Red Cross, for full information as to the method of procedure. The secretary was also instructed to write to the several towns of the county asking their cooperation in the work.

On May 7 the petition asking for authority to organize the Morrow County chapter which has been received from the director of the Pacific Division, American Red Cross, was returned to him with the necessary dues and signatures.

Upon further instructions from Mr. Clymer, the temporary committee met on May 22 to appoint fifteen other representative citizens of the community to nominate an executive committee for the Morrow County chapter, American Red Cross. The following were appointed: Mr. C. E. Woodson, Mr. S. E. Van Vactor, Mr. S. W. Spencer, Mr. A. M. Phelps, Mr. C. L. Sweek, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Mrs. C. L. Sweek, Mrs. C. C. Patterson, Mrs. Rose Richardson, Mr. Oscar Borg, Mrs. N. E. Winnard, Mrs. Carrie Vaughn, Mrs. McCarty, Mr. Harry Johnson, Mr. S. A. Pattison, Mr. Eugene Noble. The enlarged committee then met in the public library May 23 and nominated an executive committee consisting of the following: Mr. S. E. Van Vactor, Mrs. Vawter Crawford, Mr. S. E. Notson, Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Mr. S. A. Pattison, Mr. A. M. Phelps, Mr. C. L. Sweek, Mrs. C. L. Sweek, Mrs. Phill Cohn, Mrs. S. W. Spencer, Mr. C. E. Woodson, Mr. Frank Gilliam, Mrs. Willard Herren, Mr. J. G. Thomson, Mrs. A. E. Binns, Mrs. Carrie Vaughn, Miss Peggy O'Rourke, Mrs. Rose Richardson, Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor, Mr. Vawter Crawford, Mr. J. A. Waters, Mr. Oscar Borg, Mr. M. D. Clark, Mr. W. P. Mahoney, Mr. W. O. Hill. The foregoing committee was unanimously elected at a mass meeting held in the public library May 30, 1917, and the chapter was thus duly organized and ready for work.

At the time of organization the instructions from San Francisco required the election of a large committee representing the membership as a whole and consisting of from 15 to 25 members. This was called the executive committee and it elected the officers of the chapter and a smaller committee known as the board of managers consisting of from 5 to 7 members. It was also powers

were delegated in order that the business of the chapter might be conducted with efficiency and dispatch. The genesis of the executive committee in the Morrow County chapter has been shown. On May 31, 1917, the executive committee met in the public library and appointed the following officers: Mrs. Phill Cohn, chairman; Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor, first vice-chairman; Mrs. S. W. Spencer, second vice-chairman; Mrs. A. M. Phelps, secretary; Mr. W. P. Mahoney, treasurer. The executive committee also appointed at the same time the following board of managers: Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor, Mr. M. D. Clark, Mr. J. G. Thomson, Mrs. A. E. Binns, Mrs. Rose Richardson, Miss Peggy O'Rourke, Mrs. C. L. Sweek. The board of managers in turn appointed the following committee chairmen: Mrs. A. E. Binns, civilian relief; Mr. S. E. Notson (succeeded Oct. 16, by Oscar Borg) military relief; Mrs. Vawter Crawford (succeeded Oct. 16 by Mrs. Tom Boyd) membership; Mr. Arthur Crawford (succeeded Oct. 16 by Mr. S. A. Pattison) publicity; Mr. M. D. Clark, finance; Mrs. S. W. Spencer, supervisor miscellaneous department; Mrs. R. M. Hart, supervisor supply department; Mrs. Willard Herren, surgical dressing department.

The parlors of the South Methodist church were established as the work rooms until January, 1918, when the Natter building on upper Main street was secured as headquarters and maintained until destroyed by fire July 4, 1918.

Shortly after the organization of the chapter, however, it came under the supervision of the also newly formed Northwestern Division, A. I. C., with headquarters at Seattle, thus resulting in some confusion. Under instructions from Seattle the name of the large governing committee was changed from executive committee to board of directors, while the smaller body was designated as executive committee, instead of board of managers. Using the newer terms then these officers and committees held the offices designated until Dec. 5, 1918, when election was held with the following results, the influenza epidemic having prevented the election at the usual time:

Board of directors: Mr. S. E. Notson, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Mrs. F. N. Frye, Mrs. C. W. Shurte, Mr. C. E. Woodson, Miss Peggy O'Rourke, Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Mrs. Phill Cohn, Mr. Vawter Crawford, Mrs. V. Crawford, Mrs. A. E. Binns, Mrs. Tom Boyd, Mrs. Rose Richardson, Mrs. Willard Herren, Mr. W. P. Mahoney, Mr. S. A. Pattison, Mr. S. W. Spencer.

Executive committee: Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Mr. S. E. Notson, Mr. Vawter Crawford, Mr. M. D. Clark.

Chairman, Mrs. S. W. Spencer, Vice-chairman, M. D. Clark; secretary, Miss Mary H. Farnsworth; Treasurer, Mr. H. E. Storm.

FIRE COMPANY ON JOB AGAIN

A meeting of the fire company last Tuesday evening which was well attended resulted in the company getting on a working basis again and everything is in fine shape for future protection. R. E. Huston was elected chief and it is understood regular drills will be held and the company made efficient in every way. Mayor Vaughan and the council as well as the business men and citizens have made it plain to the boys that not only is their volunteer work highly appreciated but that everybody is behind the company in its good work.

TRAIN OF CATTLE GOES EAST

Twenty-two cars of cattle and two cars of sheep were loaded at the local yards this morning for the Omaha market. The shippers are Bob Carsner, Matt Hughes and Mr. Peters. J. A. Waters, who is taking a vacation from the county clerk's office, went along to look after Bob and Matt and will visit his old home in Kansas before returning.

WES MATLOCK ESTATE APPRAISED AT \$40,000

The estate of the late W. N. Matlock, of Pendleton, was appraised last week at \$40,744.00.

HENRY PETERSON BACK FROM FIELDS OF FRANCE

POPULAR LOCAL BOY RETURNS UNSCATHED FROM SERVICE

"Happened to be One of the Lucky Ones," He Says With His Usual Smile

Henry Peterson who was one of the most popular members of the class of '17 Heppner High school, and who entered the army soon after his graduation, arrived home Saturday evening and if he was disposed to pretend that he isn't glad to be at home again his friends would not believe him for his smiling countenance would give him away.

Most of the time while in France Henry was in the mail service but when things got good and hot around St. Mihiel and the Argonne late last summer he was transferred to the motorcycle dispatch service which meant carrying dispatches to any point on the fighting front the duty required. He remained in this service until the armistice was signed and came through it all without a scratch. "Just happened to be one of the lucky ones," is the way Henry accounts for his good fortune.

Henry says it is good to be back in Heppner again and while the old town looks a bit rusty now he predicts that by next year it will be a lot better town than ever.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

City council met in regular session last evening and after allowing regular bills three new ordinances went to first reading. A new ordinance regulating building was presented, another regulating the construction of toilets, cess pools and septic tanks and another regulating the use of public toilets and providing stiff penalty for violation of same.

At the request of property owners in north Heppner an alley which has been closed for several years was ordered opened and the city attorney was instructed to look into the merits of a controversy in the same part of town regarding the obstruction of a water way which is said to constitute a menace to life and property in case of a heavy storm.

A resolution was passed abrogating an order made in January permitting the Light & Water company to increase the water rate for a period of six months. The time expired July first.

Complaint was made by stockmen of lack of proper facilities and accommodations for shipping stock at the local stock yards and depot, the claim being made that present service here is driving the stockmen to other shipping points. The matter was passed along to the commercial club to be taken up with the railroad authorities in Portland.

Mayor Vaughan announced that a committee of citizens being selected

BUSINESS MEN VISIT MANY WHEAT FIELDS

EXCURSION PLANNED BY COUNTY AGENT GREAT SUCCESS

"Good Farming secret of Good Crops in Dry Season" Report Brought Back

The business men's excursion through the wheat fields of Morrow county which was planned and carried out by County Agent L. A. Hunt last Wednesday was a great success. About fifteen leading business men of Heppner made the trip and all of them report a most enjoyable and profitable day. So much has been heard the last couple of months of the sad plight of the wheat crop throughout most of the county that these wide awake business men were anxious to see for themselves what the actual conditions are as well as to gather some ideas regarding the actual relation between different methods of farming and crop results.

The party traveling in four cars, left town about 9:00 a. m., stopping first at the Frank Anderson ranch where they found a well kept farm with a big acreage of summer fallow in prime condition. Tests made showed plenty of moisture being conserved which will mean a good start for next season's crop when it is planted this fall. His present crop is estimated to make 15 to 20 bushels.

They next stopped at Theodore Anderson's place and found a good fair crop estimated to make around 15 bushels. Mr. Anderson has been using a combine and tractor for several years but will head and thresh with a stationery machine this season.

Tom Arnold, in the same neighborhood also has promise of a fair yield. The party then headed down the ridge from the Anderson neighborhood towards Ione and found many promising fields of excellent grain. Among those visited being the ranches of Smith & Smouse and Chas. Erwin. These men formerly farmed in the eastern Washington wheat belt and when they brought with them from that country modern farming methods as a result of which they will both harvest satisfactory crops.

Passing through Ione the party drove six miles north of that town stopping at the Friewald place where another fine crop was found. Mr. Friewald is another modern method man and the results he is getting show such methods pay.

The farm of Dwight Mianer was also visited where harvesting was in progress and an 18-bushel crop of fine quality Turkey Red was being garnered.

Much information was gathered by the tourists about farming and farming methods and the consensus of opinion when they reached home in the evening was that the men who are using their heads studying out the best methods and then applying the knowledge thus acquired thru the use of proper machinery are making a success.

Dry farming in a country like this has its own problems to be faced, studied and overcome most all of the men visited last Wednesday are proving beyond the shadow of a doubt that proper methods faithfully followed through each successive step of plowing, cultivation, planting as well as in the selection of the proper varieties and quality of seed will insure good, fair crops regardless of the June rains which were formerly considered so essential.

The gentlemen making up the party last Wednesday were:

A. M. Phelps, M. D. Clark, Sam Hughes, Chas. Thomson, Frank Gilliam, C. E. Jones, R. W. Turner, S. E. Notson, L. A. Hunt, Vawter Crawford, T. J. Humphries, H. A. Noyes, Johnny Turner and Carrol Shurte.

Fran Anderson also joined the party at his ranch and made the round trip with them.

by him will take up the water right and right of way question with the property owners on upper Willow creek next week.

Marshal Crewell filed his resignation which was accepted and Walter Cason was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cason was instructed by the mayor that during the summer months his chief duties will be to keep the fire hydrants and equipment in perfect condition ready for quick action at any moment an alarm may be sounded.

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