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MAJ. EMERICK CONFERS WITH COUNTY COURT

QUESTION OF SECURING MILITARY DATA DISCUSSED

Court Unwilling to Make Appropriation Without Letting Taxpayers Know Object and Amount

Major W. H. Emerick, U. S. A. who is in charge of the collection of certain data for the War Department through the agency of the county courts, of some seven or eight western and Pacific coast states, came up from Portland Thursday of last week and held an informal meeting with the county court that evening when a perfectly amicable discussion of the matter was had, particularly as regards certain correspondence had between County Judge Campbell, Governor Olcott and Adjutant General Staffin several weeks ago.

Extracts from this correspondence as well as comments upon a letter written by the adjutant general to Governor Olcott were printed in the Heppner newspapers at the time, which readers of the Herald will no doubt recall, and in which the adjutant general suggested to the governor that because of his "objection" to financing the work Judge Campbell might be turned over to the War Department to be dealt with.

According to Major Emerick, the publication of the articles referred to raised some commotion in military circles and it was to discuss the matter and to dispel certain misunderstandings regarding the affair that he came to Heppner last week.

Major Emerick explained to the court and newspaper men present that the collection of data is considered of great importance by the War Department and the plan adopted of asking the counties to finance the work is being generally adopted all over the country.

Major Emerick, it will be recalled, was here some time ago when he brought out the blanks, forms, etc., to be filled out under the direction of the county court but Judge Campbell was out of town at the time and Major Emerick, not being able to wait for his return, was unable to explain to the court just what was wanted. On its face the work which seemed to be expected looked like quite a formidable undertaking, one which would require not only the services of expert operatives but also one that would require a heavy financial outlay and Judge Campbell having in view the present financial condition of the county and the heavy demands being made on the exchequer for road work and other expenses contemplated when the last tax levy was made, hesitated at incurring this additional burden unless it could be shown to him that it was absolutely necessary for the public weal. Judge Campbell therefore, wrote a letter of inquiry to Governor Olcott concerning the matter requesting some information but by no means refusing to undertake the work. Governor Olcott, no doubt considering the matter one belonging to the military department of the state turned the letter over to Adjutant General Staffin. The reply to this letter, coming from the adjutant general's office and over his signature, was the cause of whatever publicity the affair has received in Morrow County.

While no direct allusion to or explanation of this letter has been received in Heppner from General Staffin the information has come to Judge Campbell through a third party that General Staffin has intimated that the letter was written by a clerk in his office and that he signed it without being aware of its contents. If this information is correct, it would indicate that after having his attention called to it the general himself may consider the letter rather unfortunate and ill advised.

The list of counties enclosed in the adjutant general's letter to the governor, including Morrow county, which the adjutant general's letter stated was a list of counties already having made appropriations for the purpose, Major Emerick stated the other evening, was not a list of counties having made appropriations but was merely a list of estimates he himself had made of the approximate cost of the work for the several counties. The writer of the letter evidently did not possess accurate knowledge of that phase of the matter.

Major Emerick's estimate for the work in Morrow county is \$450 but

16-YEAR-OLD MISS IS WIZARD OF AIR



Charming Miss Josephine Dunn, sixteen years of age, has been flying a plane over Atlantic City, doing nose dives, tail spins and other stunts. She has been called the most remarkable aviatrix in the country. She hails from Yazoo, Mich.

DITCH CREEK ROAD NOW BEING SURVEYED

IMPROVEMENT STARTS ON ROAD TO RITTER

Coal Mine Hill Grade Reduced From 20 Per Cent to 8—Five Per Cent Impracticable

Joseph Kirschner, of Condon county surveyor of Gilliam county, who has been employed by the county court to make a survey for the new road over Coal Mine hill and down Ditch creek, is on the job with a party of assistants and is making good progress.

The problem of getting Coal Mine hill on a five percent grade has proven a knotty one and while such a grade could be obtained by starting far enough down, the expense would be greater than the county can afford at this time. The grade will be reduced from around 20 per cent to 8 per cent, however, and that will look mighty good to the people who want to travel that road to get to Heppner to do their trading.

The road crew is now working on upper Willow creek and will soon be ready to start on the new work on Coal Mine hill and the work from there to the Grant county line on the road to Ritter will be pushed forward with all possible dispatch.

County Road Master McCall is about the busiest man in Heppner these days with three or four road crews to look after and his little Ford is on the job more hours than the average harvest hand.

The lowest offer the county court has received for undertaking the work is from Assessor J. J. Wells who has offered to undertake the work for \$500.

The matter will be taken up at the next regular meeting of the county court when a final decision will be reached.

To a Herald reporter Saturday, Judge Campbell stated that while he appreciated the fact that this data, when collected is and should be of a confidential nature and not for general publication, he also believes that in considering any matter calling for the expenditure of public money from the treasury of Morrow county by himself and his associates Commissioners Padberg and Bleakman, the tax payers of the county have a right to the fullest publicity regarding the object and amount of such expenditure.

Major Emerick, who by the way is a most courteous and affable gentleman, is a former Heppner boy, his father being conductor of the first train that came in to Heppner over the Heppner branch in 1855. J. A. Patterson, of this city, was engineer on the same train and the major enjoyed a pleasant call with his father's old comrade while in town.

Good Intensive Farming Pays Sherman County Paper Claims

(Moro Observer)

This is the one year in recent Sherman county history that fully demonstrates that the right kind of farming done at the proper season always returns large dividends. The writer has visited the experiment station at various times in the past several years when Superintendent Stephens had invitations out for special days, such as the annual farmers picnic, and in a majority of cases when the visitors came upon the farming exhibits showing the results of work from the best to the poorest and also the same work done at different periods during the season, a number always considered the exhibit as an endorsement of their work when finished late in the year. A number of times the exhibit had apparently served to justify a slackness in farm work when the yield from one piece of ground was not compared.

There are few spots on the face of the earth where it is possible to raise grain without considerable rain during the growing season, yet it is being done this year in Sherman county with no rain fall since April of unusual benefit to the crop.

Before May 1 there was a wonderful prospect for a bumper crop; it looked as though the wheat fields of Sherman county would return the largest yield in the county's history. Now while the prospects for anything of the kind has gone into the discard, there is no doubt but that the heat crop of a large part of Sher-

man county will be very good and in some cases come up to or exceed the average.

Usually the grower overestimates his crop. This year it was the opposite. Because of the lack of rain during the main growing season it was thought by a large number that the harvest would be short and the grain of inferior quality. The yield where threshing is now under way has, in the majority of cases, been a pleasant surprise. Fields that the owner felt dubious about the crop are turning out 12 to 15 bushels per acre and in a number of cases 20 and 25 bushels have been reported.

Despite the unfavorable weather conditions the majority of Sherman county farmers will make money this season in raising wheat. Conditions for raising a crop must be exceptionally good when this is possible, but in every case where an average crop is harvested this year you will find a farmer in charge who has profited from the work of the State and Federal Experiment Station at Moro. They have studied the effect of continuous, consistent intensive cultivation of their summer fallow and have not been led wrong by an apparent yield on poor farmed land that did not hold up its end when comparison was made at the close of the harvest.

Costs such as cash outlay to plow and work land out of season in season. There is very little saving made by poor farming in place of good farming and never any real saving when the crop year is closed.

FRED LUCAS IMPROVING

Fred Lucas who had a bad fall from his wind mill tower on his Heppner flat ranch last Wednesday is improving rapidly and will soon be around again. Mr. Lucas fell a distance of 30 feet turning completely over in the air and landing on his head. A bone in his ankle was broken and Dr. Beem, who was called to attend him, feared his spinal column might be injured but fortunately nothing of that kind developed.

W. W. HUX WHO OPERATED A BIG PACKARD TRUCK HERE LAST SUMMER, BUT WHO IS NOW ALFALFA FARMING AT IRISGON WAS HERE A COUPLE OF DAYS DURING THE WEEK ON BUSINESS.

Mr. Hux is more than pleased with his new location and says the north end of Morrow county unquestionably has a great future. Besides a good acreage of alfalfa Mr. Hux also has eight acres of Alberta peaches now heavily laden with fruit which he hopes to ship to the Heppner market.

WOOL POOLING PAYS PREMIUM

In certain sections of the fleece growing states wool pooling has gained greatly in popularity. Small producers who formerly were unable to market their wool as individuals in any profitable manner, can now combine with their neighbors and produce a sufficient supply of graded, quality wool to make it attractive to bid on their fleeces. During the last year the various cooperative associations have sold their wool for prices ranging from 1 to 3 cents premium a pound above the prices offered by the local buyers for the same clips.

J. W. Fritsch has taken over the battery service end of the Heppner garage shop and will operate his plant in the front end. The shop proper, in the rear, has been purchased by Inman & Thornton, recent arrivals from Portland.

HEADS MOVE FOR MEMORIAL BUILDING



Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis, Mo., president of the National Council of Women, is taking a prominent part in the campaign to raise \$50,000 for a national memorial building in Washington.

EARL GILLIAM RETURNS FROM SERVICE IN ARMY

BREAST MUD NO IDLE DREAM HE SAYS

Gladly Leaves Military Life For Heppner—Best Little Old Town Earth

Earl Gilliam, who left Heppner in the September contingent of the draft reached home Sunday evening pretty directly from France, having landed on this side July 15. He was demobilized at Camp Mills, received his discharge from the service and bent it for the best little old town on earth.

After a few weeks training at one of the California camps Earl was sent east and from there sailed for France October 28th, arriving at Brest November 9th, three days before the armistice was signed. The boys were under orders to proceed to the front and were getting pretty close to real business when the Hun quit.

Earl spent most of the winter in Brest and he says the conditions there as regards mud and other discomforts were in no wise overdone and he knows all about what it means to have wet feet all the time for two solid months. He was fortunate however, in being detailed for work in a library later in the winter and spent four months at that job which was inside a good building, warm and dry, and he got good duty in the rain by a considerable margin.

His good luck followed him to the last for the day after he was ordered back to the states his outfit was sent to Germany to do guard duty and he says he would rather be in Heppner than Germany any mark in the road.

The only Heppner boys he met on the other side were "Kid" McCarty and Jim Laland. McCarty is now a resident of Portland, and returned from France a short time ago. Laland lived here as a boy but has been away for a number of years.

CONDON HAS BUILDING BOOM

It does not always take a big fire to make a town grow.

Condon is building a new \$50,000 hotel, remodeling a bank building, building a new store and garage and a lot of new residences. Other building is also contemplated, says the Globe-Times.

TOOK A FLYER

Movie Magnate Sparks attended a meeting of picture show men in Seattle last week and while there took a ride in a hydroplane, which he says is a great experience.

CITY DADS AND GATES HOLD BIG WATER CONFAB

NO CONCLUSIONS REACHED ON VEXING QUESTION

Value of Present Plant in Controversy—Gates May Contract Construction of Gravity System

At a conference last evening between H. V. Gates, Mayor Vaughan and the city council on the question of the purchase of the water plant by the city no definite conclusion was reached and the parties at issue seem to be in about the same position they were after a similar conference last January.

Mr. Gates made a proposition to take water from Willow creek at the Yoakum place, carry it by covered concrete conduit to the forks of the creek and there deliver it to the city after passing it through his turbines at an hydro-electric plant he proposes to construct at that place. The city would then bring the water to Heppner and deliver it to consumers through the present distributing system which with the wells and pumping plant would be turned over to the city. The consideration asked for was \$40,000.

Mayor Vaughan asked Mr. Gates to make a price on the present system but the latter declined to do so, contending that the only fair way to arrive at a true valuation of the property is by arbitration. This plan the mayor refused to consider.

It is understood that the valuation placed on the plant by Burns & McConnell, engineers employed last spring to make preliminary surveys and estimates was slightly under \$20,000 and as Gates placed a valuation of some \$62,000 on the plant last year when asking the public service commission for an increase in rates and that body placed a valuation of some \$45,000 on the property there was little chance for agreement.

Some talk was had of taking the matter into the courts for settlement but was halted by Councilman Noble asking Mr. Gates if he would enter into an agreement to follow his proposed plan to the forks of the creek and construct a suitable pipe line from there to the city for \$80,000.

Mr. Gates replied that he could not give a definite answer off hand but would figure on the proposition and give the council an answer soon.

HYMAN BEAR RETURNS FROM FRANCE

Hyman (Teddy) Bear, well known Heppner boy who was clerk in the Palace hotel when this country entered the war in 1917, and who immediately enlisted in the service of his country, returned to Heppner last Tuesday evening after more than two years of army life.

Teddy enlisted in the cavalry but was soon transferred to the artillery and after shifting from one camp to another until he got to see most of these United States his regiment was sent overseas in May, 1918. After reaching France the regiment was one of those held in reserve and the boys did not get into the fighting at any time.

Teddy expects to enter college this fall and complete his education but has not yet fully decided what institution he will enter.

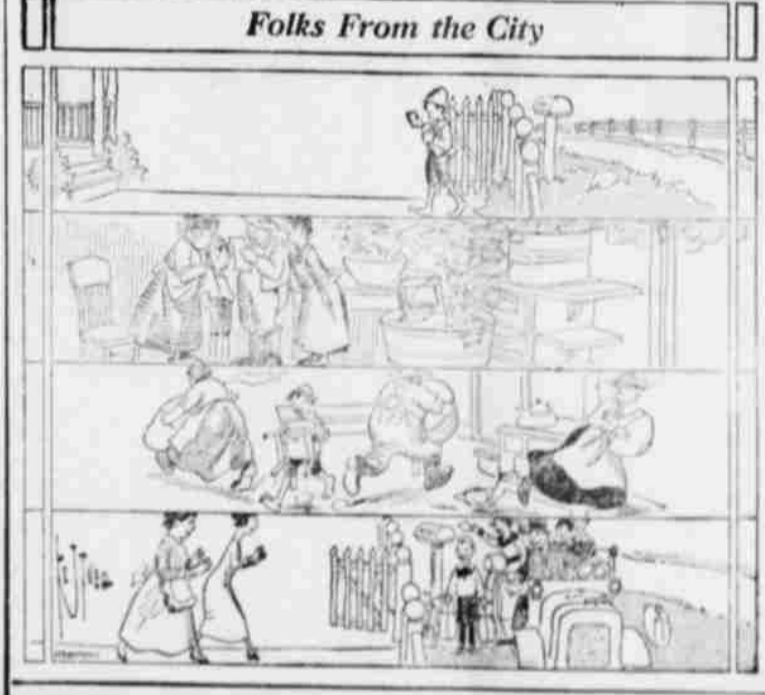
BUD ANDERSON VICTIM OF FOOL JOKER

Gay M. Anderson, deputy county clerk, received a telegram Thursday evening from Vancouver, Washington, advising him of the critical condition of his brother, Bud Anderson, the well known former light-weight boxer and contender for the light-weight championship. Mr. Anderson was employed in the Standifer shipyards and a fellow workman, in a foolish attempt at perpetrating a practical joke, turned an air hose on him, the force of the pressure entering Anderson's body and inflicting terrible internal injuries.

Surgeons performed a delicate operation Thursday but at this writing the patient's recovery is seriously in doubt.

SUNDAY CHICKEN DINNER

At Parkers Mill every Sunday. Finest summer resort in the county. Try our dinner next Sunday and you will be sure to come back. Make your table reservations in advance by telephone thus insuring our best attention.



Notice of Meeting

To nominate directors for the John Day Irrigation District, Saturday, August 2nd, at 8 P. M., at the Hall in Cecil. All property owners in the proposed district are requested to be there.

F. R. BROWN, ACTING SECRETARY