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## COUNTY STRIKES SNAG IN HIGHWAY PROJECT

### ADVANCED COST MAKES SHORT-AGE IN ALLOTMENT

#### Many Plans Proposed to Meet the Problem Which Will Doubtless Be Solved

In common with many other counties in Oregon, Morrow county ran against something of a snag at the August meeting of the state highway commission when it was found that the completed estimates on cost of construction of the Willow creek section of the Oregon-Washington highway, between Heppner and the Gilliam county line, exceeded by some \$30,000 the allotment of \$125,000 set aside by the county court for that road when the bonding election was called last May.

The allotment was based on tentative estimates made by the engineering department early last spring the difference is accounted for by the fact that the rapid and unexpected advance in labor and material cost since that time made imperative an advance in the final estimates.

County Judge Campbell and Hon. C. E. Woodson returned from Portland last Wednesday after attending the meeting of the commission and their report is that while the present situation is decidedly annoying it is by no means hopeless and they expect the county will be able to arrive at some satisfactory solution of the problem in time to avoid any particular delay in starting construction work. The matter is receiving careful consideration from the county court, Mr. Woodson and District Attorney Notson and other interested citizens and no doubt by the time the commission meets early in September a way out will have been devised.

Bids for construction of the road will be opened at the September meeting and while it is not expected that they will come within the appropriation it is believed some way of providing the additional finances needed will appear.

At the meeting Commissioner Thompson suggested that the county might arrange with local banks to accept warrants for the shortage and several other propositions have been advanced locally for getting around the snag.

One suggestion that an additional one-half mill could be added to the county levy for the next three or four years which would provide sufficient funds to cover the shortage. Others favor letting a contract thru the commission for as much road as the appropriation will build and then ask the people to vote sufficient additional bonds to complete the road. Others go farther and advocate sufficient bond issue to complete the Oregon-Washington highway thru the entire county—from the Gilliam county line to the Umatilla county line. Either of these propositions are practicable under the six per cent limitation road bonding act passed by the people of Oregon at election last June.

Another plan suggested is that if the bids received by the highway commission next month are unsatisfactory that the county withdraw the proposal to the highway commission to build the road and proceed to do the work with the county road outfit.

Advocates of this plan argue that under the present conditions the county can do the work cheaper than it can be done by regular contractors.

## OFF FOR VACATION IN THE YELLOWSTONE

E. Moore and family and Wm. Ferguson and family passed through Heppner last Friday morning on the first leg of their trip to Yellowstone Park where they go for a vacation trip. The trip has been planned since early in the summer but Mr. Padberg has been waiting for his new Buick car to arrive through Vaughn & Sons agency but tiring of the delay he borrowed a car from John Vaughn and hit the road. "It's worth something to be able to borrow a car for such a trip on a pinch," says Bill.

The party expects to be away for a month or six weeks and will take in all points of interest going and coming.

Don't overlook the classified ads. They may make or save you money.

## AIRPLANE FOR FAIR

Arrangements are completed assuring the people of Morrow county an opportunity not only to see a lot of stunt flying but also take a little flyer themselves. Under this arrangement the fair board can promise plenty of action and excitement to fair visitors this year.

## SINNOTT SUPPORTS SOLDIERS LAND BILL

### OREGON MAN ENDORSES LANE-MONDELL MEASURE

#### Would Provide Homes For Soldiers on Reclamation Projects on Easy Payment Plan

Representative N. J. Sinnott of Oregon, chairman of the Committee on the Public Lands of the House of Representatives has reported the Mondell Bill, H. R. 487, known as the National Soldiers' Settlement Act, to the house.

The Mondell bill which is along the lines of Secretary Lane's plan, was not materially changed by the committee which has held almost daily hearing and meetings to consider the same, since Congress convened in May.

The bill contemplates the reclamation, acquisition and development of one or more projects in each state and is designed to assist soldiers to get homes under the best conditions. When such a project has been developed to a point where the lands either by reclamation, clearing, drainage, or irrigation are in a fit condition for farming, the area will be divided into farms by the bill as reported to the house.

A payment of 5 per cent of the value fixed is required at the time the farm is allotted. Thus on a farm valued at \$5,000 the initial payment would be \$250, a sum which the soldier could save while working on the development of the project for one to three years during which time he would be paid the going wages.

After the farms have been allotted, assistance is to be given the soldier maximum loan for this purpose being \$1500, and not in excess of three-fourths of the cost or value of the improvements. During, or in connection with the making of his improvements the soldier could by his personal efforts and work easily contribute his 25 per cent of the total cost.

Provision is also made for loans to the soldier settler for the purchase of necessary live-stock and equipment, maximum of such loans being \$1200 or 75 per cent of the total cost of necessary live-stock and 60 per cent of the equipment, so that while it is assumed that in many cases soldiers would have some savings for a start, it is believed that a man starting at the beginning of one of these projects without capital could, through industry and frugality earn and save enough to make his initial and other payments as they become due.

The balance due on the land shall be paid in amortizing payments extending over a period to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, not to exceed 40 years, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.

Congressman Sinnott's report also states that the late President, Theodore Roosevelt, advocated the soldier settlement policy as proposed by Secretary Lane, in the last article which he wrote for the press; that President Wilson has urged it upon Congress in two messages; that the Governors in 27 states have appointed Commissions to co-operate with the Secretary of the Interior, and all of these Commissions have expressed their earnest interest in legislation of this character.

Congressman Sinnott also calls attention to the fact that the American Legion has officially endorsed the bill, and that 112,088 soldiers have made formal application for opportunities of employment and home getting under the terms of this bill.

Roy Whittels returned Saturday evening from a business trip through Grant county where he enjoys a lucrative business in the insurance line.

## Golden Reflections



## Superintendent of Fish Screens Here. Will Return Next Month

J. C. Aitken of Medford, superintendent of fish screens for the State Game and Fish Commission, was in Heppner for a short time last Wednesday while on an official trip through this part of the state.

Mr. Aitken is the inventor of the revolving fish screen now in use by the state of Oregon to keep the fish from entering irrigation ditches power penstocks or other places where they might be destroyed. After securing patents on the device Mr. Aitken sold it to the state and was later employed by the state to superintend the installation of the wheels—for the screen is really a double current wheel which revolves

ways and because of that particular motion keeps itself free from all drift and debris which chokes the ordinary stationary screen.

Mr. Aitken, who is accompanied on this trip by Mrs. Aitken, went from here to Monument where he will look after the installation of some wheels and from there will go on to Klamath Falls for the Elks convention.

He expects to return to Heppner in September to look over the Willow creek situation not only as regards needed ditch screens but also fish ladders over the numerous dams in the creek from its upper reaches to the Columbia river.

## IDAHO BANKER VISITS HERE

Otto F. Mathieson and family, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney for a few days last week while on an extended auto vacation trip through Washington and Oregon and which will take them through California before returning home. Mr. Mathieson is assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Bonners Ferry of which Mr. Mahoney was cashier before coming to Heppner two and one-half years ago.

Mr. Mathieson reports a highly enjoyable trip thus far but expressed surprise that he has encountered no signs pointing the way to Heppner on the way here. He noticed signs pointing the way to Ione, Echo, Pendleton, and many other towns and wondered why Heppner garage men were not on the job helping, by attractive signs to direct travel towards their town and shops.

## TRAINLOAD OF STOCK WENT TO CHICAGO YESTERDAY

A train of about 36 cars of sheep and cattle left the Heppner yards yesterday morning for the Chicago market. The shipment was made up from a number of different flocks and herds the major portion of the sheep being furnished by Minor & Mallock and Stanfield Brothers and most of the cattle coming from the ranges of Carsner, Peters and Rader.

## MARRIED

### MAHONEY-RICHARDSON

Cards were received in Heppner last Tuesday evening announcing the marriage of Mr. Kenneth K. Mahoney and Miss Josephine Mae Richardson, well known and highly popular young people of this city, the interesting ceremony having been performed in Portland, Sunday, August third.

The bride, a most charming young lady, is the daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. W. A. Richardson, and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, occupying a responsible position with the First National Bank, of which his father is cashier.

It is understood the young couple are spending their honeymoon in Seattle and will return to Heppner to reside about August 20th.

A large circle of friends and acquaintances will unite in extending congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Read the Herald classified ads.

## WOULD ORGANIZE AMERICAN LEGION HERE

Dr. Harold C. Bean and R. E. Crego, both former service men, are taking preliminary steps to organize a chapter of the American Legion in Heppner.

All ex-soldiers sailors and marines interested in the organization are requested to confer with either of these gentlemen or leave their names with Mr. Crego at the telephone office.

## SALVAT'N ARMY LOCATES MOTHER AFTER 16 YEARS

### FORMER HEPPNER GIRL WRITES FROM AUSTRALIA

#### Taken to Antipodes Something Told Nellie Robinson Mother Still Lives

Sixteen years ago George Robinson, of Heppner, left his wife, Mae Robinson, and taking their two-year-old daughter, Nellie, completely and absolutely disappeared. No trace whatever was discovered of the recalcitrant husband and the lost baby daughter and after several years the mother secured a divorce on grounds of desertion and later married a man named Gray, of Hamilton, and has since made that section of Grant county her home.

A short time ago Mrs. Gray received a letter which came to her through the medium of the Salvation Army, written by her daughter, Nellie Robinson, from Albany, Western Australia.

In this letter Miss Robinson, who is now 18 years old, writes her mother that her father always told her that her mother was dead but she added; "something always tells me that you are living." She has tried many times to get a letter to her mother but never succeeded until she appealed to the Salvation Army to assist her in locating the loved parent whom something "kept telling her was still alive."

## TURKEY RED IS THE BEST

The superiority of Turkey Red wheat for the dry, hot light soils of Oregon has been proven by the branch experiment station at Moro. Its drought, cold and smut resistance and high grading qualities make it profitable. Several thousand acres have been inspected and certified by G. R. Hyslop, professor of farm crops at the college and from these fields plenty of good seed can be had if ordered before it is mixed with milling wheats. Lists of amounts may be had on application to the office of the county agents of Sherman and Wasco.

## ABUSE WORSE THAN WEAR

The sale of two mowing machines by auction is reported by S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent, in the Farm Journal News. One machine had been used for many years and brought \$50. The other had been used less than two and had cut but 30 acres and brought \$15. The first machine had been housed and cared for, the second had warped and rusted in the field.

## ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN VISITS HERE

Professor Frank Sanders, instructor in music at the Oregon State School for the blind, at Salem, is here visiting his friends and former classmates at that institution, Lawrence Shutt, son of Sheriff and Mrs. E. M. Shutt.

Prof. Sanders is a highly accomplished musician having been in early childhood considered something of a prodigy in the music way.

This is the professor's first visit to eastern Oregon and he is delighted with the high altitude, the bracing air and the health-giving sunshine.

## SOCIETY NOTES

### HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '18 DINED AT CAMPBELL HOME

A particularly pleasant event of the week was a dinner party given at the home of Judge and Mrs. W. T. Campbell on Court street last Sunday the guests being members of the class of '18 Heppner High School, of which their son, Arthur Campbell, now a student of the U. of O. is a member.

Of the fourteen young men and women making up the personnel of the class all were present at the dinner Sunday with the exception of Kenneth Binn, who is still serving in the army at Camp Kearney, California.

Dinner was served at noon Sunday and was a most bountiful and dainty repast following which the guests spent a delightful afternoon enjoying musical numbers and talking over old times.

Those of the class present were: Norton Winnard, Anna Dougherty, Edgar Copenhaver, Norma Frederic, Garnett Barratt, Lola Briggs, Arthur Campbell, Hannah Wilson, Earl Gordon, Isabelle Wilson, Florence Raiston, Vawter Crawford, Jr., Neva Hayes.

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## HEPPNER MAN RETURNS FROM EASTERN TRIP

### LABOR HIGH, CROP SHORT IN MIDDLE WEST

#### Much Unrest Noted in Cities Visited Heppner Good Town to Come Back To

J. A. Waters, Morrow county's popular and efficient county clerk returned Friday evening from an extended trip to the middle west where he went to visit his mother and other relatives at Manhattan, Kansas. Mr. Waters also visited many of the middle west and inter-mountain cities on the trip returning via Denver, Salt Lake and Sacramento.

Conditions in the states visited, Mr. Waters says, are similar to those in Oregon, only more so. In Kansas harvest hands are demanding and getting from \$7 to \$15 a day and on most jobs three shifts are employed—one coming, one going and one on the job. Many of the men are drifters and after working a few days their feet begin to itch and they move on. The wheat crop in Kansas was never more promising than it was two weeks before the harvest when a hot wind struck the country and a crop farmers expected to make around 50 bushels an acre is making only 12 to 15 bushels and of inferior quality.

Farmers will do well to make expenses there, Mr. Waters says, when wages and cost of living are considered.

In the cities visited Mr. Waters says there is widespread evidences of unrest among the people. Streets are crowded in certain sections of every city with crowds of workmen who are not at work and who do not seem to be looking for work, and everywhere are signs of strong dissatisfaction with living conditions.

Mr. Waters thinks Heppner is a mighty good town to come back to after a trip into the big world—and to stay in.

## ATTENTION SCHOOL CHILDREN

All school children between the ages of 7 and 15 are requested to meet at the fair pavilion at 7:30 Thursday evening to make arrangements for the big parade to be given on the first day of the Morrow County Fair. This will be the biggest event of the kind ever attempted in Morrow county and every child of the ages mentioned is wanted to take part.

E. S. LILJEBLAD,  
Director

## Strictly a Harvest Ball

At which all gentlemen must appear in overalls and ladies in house dresses or pay a fine of 25c. Best orchestra obtainable in Portland or The Dalles. Tickets \$1.50. Gentlemen Spectators 25c Fair Pavilion, Saturday, Aug. 23

## Star Theatre

Sunday, August 17th

Jesse L. Lasky Presents

## When I Come Back to You

A big war picture without the horrors of war. Usual Prices