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WALDON RHEA, NATIVE SON, VISITS HEPPNER

VISITS OLD FRIENDS RECALLS WILD AND WOOLY DAYS

Still Loves Heppner But Boosts Butter Creek As Best Country On Earth

Waldon Rhea, former well known resident of Heppner, now a successful farmer on lower Butter creek, was a business visitor here Saturday and improved his idle time looking up old friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Rhea is a native son of Heppner and lived here in the good old days when everything went and side-walks were made mostly to ride cayuses on and empty beer bottles furnished acceptable targets for six-gun practice when there was nothing better to shoot at.

"Heppner was a good town in those days," said Mr. Rhea, while discussing pioneer days Saturday afternoon. "but a little the best country on earth," he continued, "is that lower end of Butter creek valley." People are prosperous there and there is not much land for sale. Mr. Rhea told of one neighbor of his who a few weeks ago sold his 40-acre alfalfa tract to a Willamette valley man for \$325 an acre. He then took his family in their car and made a circle through the Wallowa country, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, California and Western Oregon, looking for a better country than Butter creek valley. After reaching home he drove out to his former home and asked the new owner how he was getting along. "Pretty well," answered the former Willamette valley man, "only my wife has been sick ever since we came here and she don't like it. I wish I hadn't bought." "I'll give you your money back, \$500 bonus and \$75 a month for the time you put in here; are you game?" The new comer was game and next day the former owner moved back on the place, and he says he will never again leave the Butter creek valley in search of a better country.

EXCLUSIVE FORD AGENCY ESTABLISHED IN HEPPNER

Chas. H. Latourell, until recently engaged in the same line of business at Gresham, Oregon, has established an accredited Ford agency in the Gillman building, on Willow street, where he opened a few days ago. Mr. Latourell has had long experience with the Ford sales service and as he handles no other line of cars or parts he may be considered an expert in his line.

Since opening his place little more than a week ago Mr. Latourell has placed a full load of Ford cars and trucks in and around Heppner and has not been able to supply the demand.

Mr. Latourell says his mission on earth is to sell Ford cars and keep them running forever and with that end in view he has in stock some \$100 worth of Ford parts.

BARN DESTROYED AT EIGHT-MILE

A telephone message received at the sheriff's office Friday morning told of the destruction of a barn on the Alfred Anderson ranch at Eight-mile and that the fire was spreading and threatening adjoining wheat fields. Sheriff Thurtell at once began to get a crew together to go out when another message stated the fire was under control.

UNANIMOUS VOTE CAST JOHN DAY ELECTION

That property owners in the north part of the county mean business on the subject of irrigation is shown by the unanimous vote cast at the irrigation district election last Saturday held to determine whether or not the district should be organized and to elect a board of directors. The election carried unanimously by a vote of 61 to 0. John Kilkenny of Sand Hollow, M. D. Clark of Heppner, and C. C. Clark of Arlington, were elected as directors. The county court canvassed the vote Monday and ordered the organization of the district.

ATTENTION SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES

All ex-soldiers, sailors and marines are requested to meet at the Fair Pavilion on Sunday, September 7, (first Sunday in September) to arrange for parade and other features of Soldiers and Sailors Day at the Morrow County Fair. By request of committee in charge.

BUSINESS MEN VISIT IRRIGON, BOARDMAN

PEOPLE OVER THERE URGE GOOD ROAD TO HEPPNER

Irrigation Project Settlers Want More Cows, Fewer Rabbits, Telephone System Projected

County Agent Hunt, W. P. Mahoney and Claude Cox returned Sunday evening from a three day trip through the north end of the county during which they visited Irrigon and Boardman and intervening irrigated districts and gained a pretty good idea of resources of that section of the county and of the aspirations of the wide awake citizens who are very reclaiming the desert and literally making it to blossom as an irrigated alfalfa field. The party visited Irrigon on Friday where Mr. Hunt had arranged for a "cow" meeting. Not a gathering of bovines, understand, but a meeting of farmers who are looking for some profitable way to dispose of their alfalfa crop which insists on being harvested some three or four times a year.

The dairying industry has proven profitable in that section wherever put to a fair test and at the meeting Friday it was demonstrated that there is a present demand for at least a carload of good dairy stock.

Mr. Hunt and several interested farmers of the north end will attend the land show in Portland next month when it is expected a shipment of desirable animals can be picked up from some of Oregon's best herds.

A similar meeting was held at Boardman Saturday evening at which cows, roads and telephones were discussed and good progress was reported.

Boardman people are now working for the establishment of a local telephone system to connect every home on the project and they never lose sight of an opportunity to press their claims for a good road from that town direct to Heppner. The road question was considered Saturday evening and the Boardman folks say they will never rest until the road is built.

Mr. Mahoney said to a Herald reporter yesterday that he has a better idea of the rabbit problem in that part of the country than he had before. He had heard considerable about the pests but had never before had a chance to see them in action.

Mr. Mahoney says that in driving along the road they would often see as many as 200 at once, and they were told it was not a very good day for rabbits. The only good rabbits in that country are the dead ones and the deader the better.

The gentlemen came back very favorably impressed with what they had seen on the trip. Irrigation means everything to that part of the county and when the John Day project is completed we will have one of the very richest counties in the state.

LEADING PIANO FIRM ESTABLISHES AGENCY IN HEPPNER

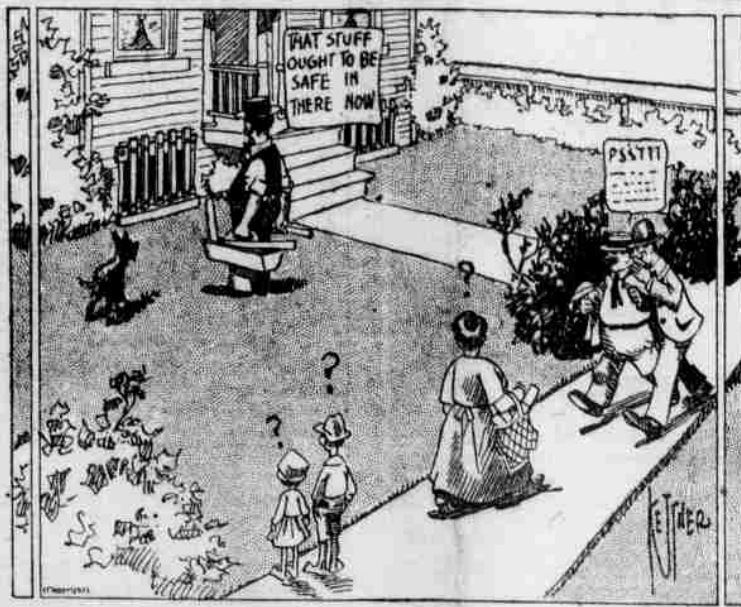
Sherman, Clay & Co., leading piano dealers of Portland, have established an agency in Heppner with Patterson & Son, pioneer druggists, as their local representatives.

This firm has an established reputation all over Oregon for reliability and fair dealing and the instruments they carry rank with the best made.

Their line in Heppner includes the Steinway and Weber pianos and the wonderful pianola that paragon of musical instruments that charms all hearers.

Mr. Jack Mulligan, sales manager for Eastern Oregon for the company, is here this week in the interests of his firm and will make frequent visits to Heppner to render all the assistance possible to the local agency and its patrons.

99 Per Cent Proof



State Organization American Legion Effected at Portland

At a recent meeting of the temporary state executive committee of The American Legion, the national organization of men who have served in the military forces of the United States in the war with Germany, the state organization was completed preparatory to handling the Oregon convention in September.

The state executive committee announced to continue in office until the election of September 17 is composed of the following: E. J. Eivers, chairman; W. B. Follett of Eugene, vice-chairman; Dow V. Walker, secretary; Barge E. Leonard, treasurer; Prescott Cookingham, chairman finance committee; Jerrod Owen, chairman publicity committee; C. R. Peck and T. A. Sweeney of Portland, Charles Erskins of Bend, Ivan G. McDaniels of Salem, Dr. L. Scalfie of Eugene, Roy Sparks of McMinnville, Asa W. Battles of Princeville, J. R. Hinman of Astoria, Ben Fisher of Marshfield, Fred Steiwer of Pendleton and Everet May of LaGrange, members of the state committee.

On the state convention committee were named E. C. Sammons, chairman, Bon L. Norden, Harry M. Grayson, T. A. Sweeney and Dean H. Hayes. Theodore Roosevelt will deliver the opening address of the convention, to which former service men from all parts of the state will be delegates.

Legislation to restore to citizenship automatically Americans who served in the military and naval forces of the allied nations prior to the declaration of war by the United States will be fostered by the American Legion.

According to the act of March 2, 1907, no American citizen could expatriate himself while the country was at war so that Americans who entered the service of foreign governments after April 5, 1917, remained citizens. But those who took the oath of allegiance to any of the nations allied against Germany prior to April 5, 1917, did expatriate themselves and must apply for reinstatement as American citizens.

DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW REPEALED

Much to the satisfaction of the farmers as well as many other classes of citizens the country over, the United States senate passed the bill repealing the daylight saving law measure over President Wilson's second veto last Tuesday. Thus is the opinion of the Morrow county justice of the peace, printed in the Herald last week, declaring the Hoover time law unconstitutional, sustained by the highest deliberative body in the country.

ARTHUR FINLEY'S BARN BURNED

Fire destroyed a barn with all its contents on Arthur Finley's ranch 20 miles north of Lexington last Friday. A quantity of feed, several sets of harness and other articles were lost. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Finley had left the barn a short time before the fire was discovered and was at work in the harvest field. The loss is not known here.

T. M. BENEDICT BUYS ORCHARD AT LYLE

One of the worst bits of news to come to the Herald this week is to the effect that T. M. Benedict, one of the pioneer residents of Morgan, has rented his fine ranch and will soon remove to Lyle, Washington, where he has bought an orchard and small stock ranch. "Just enough to play with and keep me from moping around," said T. M. when he called at the Herald office Monday evening.

W. H. Cronk, Morrow county manager of the Tum-a-lum Lumber Co., has rented the Jack Hynd residence and removed his family to this city from Lone.

MILLING WHEAT WANTED

I am in the market for all good milling wheat at top prices.

ROY V. WHITLES.

HON. J. N. BURGESS NEW HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Hon. J. N. Burgess, of Pilot Rock, has accepted the appointment of State Highway Commissioner recently tendered him by Governor Olcott to succeed W. L. Thompson, resigned. Mr. Burgess will assume his new duties January 1st.

COUNTY MAY TACKLE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

HIGH BIDS OF CONTRACTORS HELD PROHIBITIVE

Should Bids Exceed Estimate County Will Undertake Construction Under Commission's Supervision.

At a meeting of the county court yesterday afternoon Judge Campbell and Commissioners Bleakman and Padberg decided to take the bull by the horns in the highway-building matter and, if the bids to be submitted for the construction of the Oregon-Washington highway from Heppner to the Gillman county line exceeds the tender of \$125,000 made to the highway commission some time ago and accepted by that body, the tender will be withdrawn and the county will proceed to build the highway under its own steam.

The county now owns a very complete outfit of road-making machinery and with the harvest rush out of the way there should be no particular scarcity of labor during the fall and winter.

If undertaken by the county the work will be done directly under the supervision of one of the highway engineers and many who are familiar with such work believe that the county can do the work at a considerable saving over any bids that may be expected at this time.

Under the state law this road is designated as a hard surface road and when the county has prepared the grade and drainage according to specifications of the highway commission that body is required to put on the rock foundation and hard surface paving.

PIONEER DAYS IN HEPPNER RE-CALLED

BILL JOHNSON TALKS OF GOOD OLD DAYS

William Tell Had Nothing on Heppner Gun Men Says Former Resident

(Portland Telegram) "Uncle Bill" Johnston happened in from The Dalles today in time for breakfast with young Phil Metschar. "Uncle Bill" paid for Phil, Mrs. Johnston and himself. He and the hotel man were buddies up in Heppner long, long ago.

The first night W. A. Johnston reached the Eastern Oregon town he stayed at the Heppner hotel. Johnston had come from Prineville, where there was so much shooting every night that he thought the cowboy center was no "healthy" place to grow up in. So Bill beat it for Heppner.

That night, around the stove in the hotel, the boys began telling stories of remarkable shooting. Some one told of William Tell and the apple. Old Minor, the host at the inn had as night clerk a character named Hayman. The clerk was a little, bald-headed chap, who looked upon liquor when it was red. He had taken a couple of looks that very night.

"That Tell kid ain't got notin' on me," said Hayman.

"I'll be the old gent if you'll be the kid," spoke up Frank Rogers, the bes Winchester shot in the town.

"Keno," replied the clerk.

They went out in the back yard. It was moonlight. Johnston followed. Hayman spread-eagled against the fence and put a big apple on his shining pate. Frank drew a bead and let drive. The apple was knocked into a hundred bits. Young Bill Johnston thought that was some town. He stayed there until Hank Vaughn got on the war path, then Bill moved to The Dalles. He is known by every man, woman, child and watchdog in Wasco county.

The county court and their attorney, Hon. C. E. Woodson, will attend the next meeting of the commission at Portland when it is expected the matter will be definitely settled.

Herald only \$2.00 a year.

Have You Heard The Pianola

If you have not, come in to our store and let us demonstrate it for you. We have just received a shipment of High Grade Pianos and Pianolas from

Sherman, Clay & Co.

whom we will represent in Heppner. We will be glad to help you select your Piano or Pianola or render you any service within our power. Our line of Pianos includes the high class Steinway and Weber instruments and the wonderful Pianola.

Your old piano will be accepted as part payment on any piano and pianola we sell.

Terms can be arranged if desired.

Catalogue of our instruments will be mailed on request.

Patterson & Son

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