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GET BUSY ON HIGHWAY URGES COM'RCIAL CLUB

STATE FUNDS MAY SOON BE EXHAUSTED

Quick Action Necessary If County Is Not To Lose Out

A well attended meeting of the Heppner Commercial club was held in the circuit court room last Wednesday evening when the highway question was thoroughly discussed and an urgent desire manifested by every member and visitor present that something be done quickly to insure early commencement of construction work.

Citizens were present from Cecil and Lexington and the thought seemed to be uppermost in every mind longer delay in getting work under way meant that Morrow county may ultimately be left holding the sack.

While there appeared no disposition at Wednesday's meeting to criticize the state highway commission for this delay it was pointed out by Judge Campbell that early in the summer the commission entered into an agreement with the county to build the highway from the Gilliam county line to Heppner for a consideration of \$125,000 to be turned over to the commission by the county. It was understood at that time that a contract would be let without delay and it was generally expected that work would be under way before now.

At a recent meeting of the commission, however, the Morrow county officials were advised that through some mistake the estimates furnished by their engineering department were faulty and that the county would be obliged to put up \$30,000 more before anything could be done.

Upon the earnest solicitation of the Morrow county delegation, however, the commission agreed to call for bids for the work and it was understood the bids would be opened September 19, which was last Friday.

The object of last Wednesday's meeting was to discuss the best method of raising the additional \$30,000 and also to select a strong delegation of citizens to accompany the county court to Portland to attend last Friday's meeting. After the matter had been pretty thoroughly thrashed out and a delegation had been selected it developed that there was a doubt about Commissioner Thompson being present at the highway commission meeting in Portland on Friday on account of the Round-up in his home town and it also developed when the Heppner meeting got in touch with State Highway Engineer Bennett, over the telephone that the Morrow county bids will not be opened until the next regular meeting on October 7th.

This means still further delay and the general feeling here now is that unless the matter is straightened out quickly that nothing will be done on Morrow county's portion of the state highway this year. This might mean that by the time action can be secured next year that the state funds will be exhausted and Morrow county will get no share of the highway fund which her people are helping to raise.

Last Wednesday's meeting was unanimous in demanding early action towards getting the work started and the sentiment was also unanimous in the opinion that work should start at the Gilliam county line and the highway built this way. Until additional money is secured it is pretty certain there will be a gap left unfinished but the Heppner commercial interests went on record as leaving unfinished gap, should there be one on the Heppner end of the route. The argument was made and generally concurred in, that it will be easier to complete the financing of the project if the gap is left at this end.

The delegation appointed deferred their trip to Portland until October 7th when it is expected a big crowd will be present to press the claims of this county for immediate action on the part of the state highway commission.

S. E. Notson and Vawter Crawford went to Portland Friday evening and appeared before the highway commission Saturday and of their conference with the highway commissioners the Oregonian of Sunday gives the following account:

Representing Morrow county, S. E. Notson and Vawter Crawford, wanted

WATER ENGINEERS HERE TOMORROW

City Attorney Jos. J. Nys received a telegram Saturday from Burns & McDonnell, hydraulic engineers who have charge of the engineering for Heppner's projected gravity water system, saying that Mr. Smith and an assistant will reach Heppner Wednesday, (tomorrow) evening.

This probably means that definite action followed by early commencement of construction on the new system may be expected.

MONUMENT LAD SLAIN BY SOLDIER NEIGHBOR

MARTIN LESLIE PAYS FOR MELON WITH LIFE

Cedric Scharff Adopts Trench Tactics While Guarding Watermelon Patch

Martin Leslie, 14, is dead and Cedric Scharff, 20, is in jail at Canyon City as the result of the over-zeal of the latter in guarding his watermelon patch near Monument a few days ago when he discovered young Leslie and another boy in the field and opened fire with a 30-30 rifle. One bullet passed through the Leslie boy's leg, flattened and tore the other foot almost completely off.

Dr. Hayden was called from Hardman and was rushed to the scene by County Commissioner Bleakman and after first aid was given the unfortunate boy was hurried to a Condon hospital where the mangled member was amputated.

Weakened by loss of blood, however, the boy failed to rally and died at 11:15 the same evening.

Leslie was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Leslie, of Monument, and was a cousin of Mrs. Thomas Childsey, of this city. The Hall sisters, of Heppner, were former schoolmates of Leslie.

The shooting caused considerable excitement in the Monument neighborhood and it is reported that the boy's father armed himself and started after young Scharff with the intention of wreaking vengeance but this action had been anticipated by some of the other neighbors who had rushed the young man to Canyon City where he was lodged in jail. It is said that had he been kept at Monument until the shooting was generally known there might have been a lynching.

Melons are a prolific crop in that section and melon "stealing" has long been a recognized form of amusement among the boys of the neighborhood.

Young Scharff, before going to the army, it is said, was highly popular in the neighborhood but since his return has seemed changed due perhaps to the effects of the actualities of war on his mind.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS

A meeting of the Women's Relief Corps will be held at the home of Mrs. D. E. Gillman tomorrow, (Wednesday) afternoon at 2:30. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will be considered at that time.

to borrow from the commission \$30,000, the county being short that sum to pay its share for work on the Oregon and Washington highway, from the Gilliam county line to Heppner.

No decision was reached by the commission, as the delegation said the county cannot raise the money to repay by the levy and no special bond election can be held until next year.

The commission, however, will advertise the road in sections, from the Gilliam county line to Ione; from Ione to Lexington and from Lexington to Heppner. If funds are available all three sections will be let, but shortage of funds may necessitate leaving over one of the three sections for the future.

"BIG FOUR" ROOSTERS AID GOOD ROADS CAUSE



The celebrated "big four" roosters, purchased in France and presented to Alabama by President Wilson, Clement, Lloyd George and Orlando to aid of good roads in the United States. These aristocratic birds were auctioned off as an aid to the raising of a sum of \$250,000 for this purpose. There is also in the photograph an American bird that Mr. Wilson purchased for \$10 and "grew in" the contribution.

HEPPNER MAY HAVE CHAUTAUQUA NEXT YEAR

Mr. Earl C. Miller who has been here for several days making arrangements to put on six-day chautauqua in Heppner next summer, left for Echo last evening after having enlisted the hearty support of a large number of business and professional men in the project.

The chautauqua association Mr. Miller represents is one of the leading concerns of its kind in the country and assurance is given that the talent now engaged for next season's courses is of the highest grade ever brought to a western circuit.

The course starts in California early in the season, covers that state, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana finally concluding in the autumn in Oklahoma.

The following Heppner citizens, 34 of them, have signed the contract with Mr. Miller for next summer's course:

Vawter Crawford, W. W. Smead, Chas. Thompson, F. A. McMenamin, Jos. J. Nys, John F. Vaughn, T. J. Humphreys, S. E. Notson, D. W. Hoinnott, Martina H. Thiele, Dr. B. F. Butler, E. M. Shutt, J. A. Waters, B. R. Patterson, A. M. Phelps, Dr. R. J. Vaughn, R. M. Hart, F. R. Brown, M. D. Clark, S. W. Spencer, Dr. C. C. Chick, E. R. Huston, M. L. Chase, J. E. Maxwell, W. Claude Cox, R. W. Ager, Dr. Fred E. Farrior, Phil Cohn, Mrs. E. J. Starkey, Wm. Haylor, Geo. McDuffee, Sam Hughes, H. F. Tash and Spencer Akers.

MARRIED

Mr. Benjamin O. Anderson, and Miss Hannah Bergstrom, well known and highly respected residents of the Eightmile neighborhood, were united in marriage at the Federated parsonage in Heppner Saturday, September 20, 1919, Rev. H. A. Noyes, pastor of the Federated church, performing the ceremony.

Mr. Anderson is one of the leading farmers of that section of the country and is a progressive and prosperous citizen and his bride is a member of one of the pioneer families of that section.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left for Portland by auto over the Pacific highway. Upon their return they will reside on Mr. Anderson's fine Eightmile farm.

Many friends throughout the county will join in congratulations and best wishes.

BOARDMAN MAY CROP LARGE

Frank Parklow, an alfalfa farmer on the Boardman project, was in Heppner last Friday on a business trip bringing with him a glowing account of conditions in that section. So far alfalfa is the principal crop grown, which will this year. Mr. Parklow estimates, amount to more than 6,000 tons. All other crops do equally well and the future of the district is bright. Prof. F. E. Burns, who has been principal of the Boardman schools the past year, and who had been engaged for two years longer, has resigned his position to accept a more lucrative one elsewhere and Prof. M. E. Signs has been engaged to fill the position.

Read the Herald classified ads.

COUNTY FAIR SCORSE DESPITE HANDICAPS

ATTENDANCE LARGER THAN EXPECTED—ALMOST BREAKS RECORD

Dry Season Hinders Exhibits—Lack of Hotel Accommodations Keep Many Away

The county fair board composed of Oscar Keithley, F. R. Brown, Mrs. Lena Snell Shurte and Ike Howard, L. A. Sant, county agent, W. W. Smead, who assisted in gathering and arranging the grain exhibit and every citizen who helped to put the fair over this year is entitled to much credit for the recent highly creditable meeting.

Not only has the management of a county fair went against such heavy handicaps and difficulties as have these people this year.

Never since the Morrow county fair was established has the county experienced such a long continued drouth the only favor granted by the weatherman being the refreshing showers on the eve of the opening which laid the dust, cleared the atmosphere and made life really worth living.

Naturally such a drouth in a county mainly depending as yet on "dry farming" was a severe jolt to the people who have been in the habit of exhibiting their products at the fair. But little show stuff was obtainable in the vegetable line, the fruit was badly damaged outside the irrigated districts along the Columbia and the showing of flowers, for which the fair has always been noted, was practically nil.

In spite of all these adverse conditions, however, the fair was a success and Secretary-Manager Brown reports the receipts satisfactory and sufficient to meet expenses. While a complete financial report has not been prepared at this writing, Mr. Brown gave the Herald the following figures which are approximately correct:

Gate receipts, \$1622.00. Booth rent, \$150.00; dance pavilion, \$706.45; carnival company, \$321.40; making a grand total of \$2,699.85.

Mr. Brown, when interviewed by the Herald after the show was over was disposed to minimize the part he took in putting the fair over to a successful finish but wanted to give most of the credit to his able corps of assistants and he is optimistic about the future prospects of the fair in years when we have an occasional shower and a first-class hotel in Heppner.

BORN

A fine little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Percy C. Cox of this city last Friday, September 19th. Mother and child are reported to be getting along nicely.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Sims Thursday, September 18, at their home on Church street, and Clifford reports all well.

HAMMER FOR HEPPNER REPORT OF TOURISTS

BEND TRAVELED SAYS OUTSIDE KNOCKS THIS TOWN

Call Echo Trail Terrible—Heppner Pilot Rock Route Best Traveled On Entire Trip

When Judge H. C. Ellis, A. F. Larson and J. D. Davidson, prominent citizens of the bustling city of Bend pulled up in front of the Herald office last Saturday on their return from the Pendleton Round-up, they wore a peculiar expression on their several faces. They were just in the act of emerging from a condition of mind that can best be described as a good-sized grouch, and coming out into a period of pleasant retrospection of a pleasing experience. In other words they had followed advice received all the way from Bend to take the Olex-Ione-Echo road if they wanted to reach Pendleton pleasantly and expeditiously and to avoid Heppner and all roads leading into or out of this godforsaken town as they would the flu or a chronic case of inflammatory rheumatism. That accounted for their grouch.

When the gentlemen started on the return trip they followed their own "hunch" and came to Pilot Rock and Heppner which accounted for the change from frowns to smiles and the substitution of words of praise for maledictions on all things connected with Morrow county highways.

"We just stopped to congratulate you and the people of this county on the fine road between Heppner and Pendleton," remarked Judge Ellis, who by the way was former county judge of old Crook county, "and to ask who is responsible for their condition."

Fearing the gentlemen had struck a bad chuckhole somewhere across the Umatilla county line and were inclined to be facetious the Herald man thought they might be "kidding" him. He hedged. "We've traveled all the way from Bend to Pendleton and this far back and that is the first stretch of good road we have found," continued the Judge and then he went on and told some of the experiences of their trip.

He said they were told all along the line from Bend to Ione that the only safe way to get to Pendleton was via Echo and that the roads into and out of Heppner and Condon were practically impassable. "We know better now," continued the Judge, "but tell me this, why is everybody on the outside of your town knocking Heppner? That's about all we have heard all along the line and we can't understand it. We always used to hear over in Crook county that Heppner was a good town—right up in Bend and Prineville's class. Explain." The gentlemen were informed that if the knocking against Heppner was on account of lack of hotel accommodations we had it coming to us good and strong but that that condition will soon be remedied; but that if when people compared the Heppner-Pilot Rock road unfavorably with the Echo road as a summer and fall route of travel they either did not know what they were talking about or did not care what they said.

The gentlemen were also told that Morrow county people are practically a unit for good roads and that last June we voted to bond the county to the limit for road purposes and since when we have been enjoying (?) a period of watchful waiting for the highway commission to let a contract on the Willow creek section of the Oregon-Washington highway and get busy.

Then Judge Ellis snorted: "Yes, I see," he said, "you people are in the same boat we are in over in the Bend country. Unfortunately all of eastern and central Oregon is not located in the Willamette valley or Umatilla valley and then he started to snort again and we didn't catch the rest of that sentence.

Judge Ellis is now United States land commissioner at Bend and also conducts an extensive insurance business. Mr. Larson is engaged in the jewelry business and Mr. Davidson is proprietor of the Metropolitan barber shop.

The gentlemen returned to Bend via Condon, Fossil, Antelope and Prineville.

If you want what you want when you want it try a classified ad.

MISS VAN VACTOR ENTERS REED COLLEGE

The many Heppner friends of Miss Ruth Van Vactor will be pleased to know that she has passed all the examinations and tests required for admission to Reed college, Portland, and is now a student in that institution.

Shortly after her graduation from Heppner high school last June Miss Van Vactor went to Portland where she entered a commercial school completing the regular course as well as considerable special work in something less than the usual time required. After finishing this course Miss Van Vactor took the examinations and physical tests required for admission to Reed college and has now matriculated in that high-class institution where character and scholastic preparedness are the principal requirements.

HAD BACHELORS EATING OUT OF HER HAND

Miss Ethel Murdock, who was at the county fair demonstrating Olympic flour products, made something of a sensation among the unmarried men of Morrow county. Miss Murdock improved each shining minute while at the fair making biscuits, rolls, etc., of superior excellence which she fed without stint to old and young bachelors—and others. If all the biscuits made from Olympic flour were equal to Miss Murdock's "batch" there would be a food riot in this country. Miss Murdock literally had them eating out of her hand.

CORN ENJOYED AIRPLANE TRIP

Henry Cohn, who rode a Curtiss plane from Heppner to Pendleton last Wednesday to be in plenty time for the Round-up returned to Heppner Sunday. Mr. Cohn says he enjoyed the air ride immensely and felt absolutely no discomfort either physical or mental. "I didn't start on the trip with the expectation of getting killed," said Henry, "and that's where I had the best of some people when taking their first ride. We made the trip in just 30 minutes Wednesday which did not give a fellow much time to get tired of it."

CONDON NAILS HIGHWAY PROPOSAL BY POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION

Gilliam county has been in a somewhat similar predicament with the state highway commission as has Morrow county, only their "ante" was lower. The Condon-Mayville road called for an expenditure of \$155,000 of which the highway commission agreed to pay up \$80,000. Gilliam county had but \$50,000 available and when it came to a showdown the county court strained a point somehow and came through with an additional \$20,000 conditionally on the people raising the balance by popular subscription. A few boosters got out one morning at Condon, Mayville and Fossil and raised it. The road will be built.

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