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## SHOULD URGE PASSAGE FEDERAL ROAD AID ACT

### \$100,000,000 NEEDED TO KEEP ROAD WORK MOVING

#### Oregon Will Benefit Million and Half Annually If Louisville Resolu- tion Prevails

In 1916, congress passed the first federal road act which appropriated \$75,000,000 to be divided among the states for road construction purposes. By an amendment to this act in 1919, an appropriation of \$200,000,000 was made. The total appropriation for Oregon, amounting to \$4,332,178.27, will be allotted to the state for road construction by June 30, 1920. This is the last federal money available for the states unless action is taken at this session of congress.

At a recent convention in Louisville, Ky., in which forty states were represented, a resolution was passed asking congress to appropriate \$100,000,000 for five years. Under this law, Oregon would receive annually \$1,576,152.00 from the federal government for the construction of roads. It was also recommended in this resolution that the bureau of public roads, which is cooperating at the present time with the states in the expenditure of this money, be used by the government in handling this work the same as in the past. The money contemplated under this act is highly important in the completion of Oregon's road program and unless every effort is made by the various civic organizations there is danger that this appropriation will not pass. The state chamber of commerce has taken the lead in bringing this to the attention of the public and in securing active, aggressive action towards the passage of this appropriation by congress.

In addition to the Post Road money, congress has been asked by the Louisville convention to appropriate \$10,000,000 for the building of county and state roads within the National Forests. Under this act Oregon will receive annually around \$700,000. As the state of Oregon, based on the value of its timber resources and forest land, receives a larger amount than almost any other state, it is highly important that the Louisville convention resolution be endorsed and that active steps be taken to urge congress to appropriate this money. In the past Oregon has received \$556,000 as its proportion of the \$2,000,000 forest road fund, which will be exhausted after June 30, this year.

If congress fails to pass this appropriation at this session the state cannot plan its road work completely as it cannot count on this money. Numerous stretches of the main state highways have received federal money in the past and it is highly important that this state continues to receive both the forest and post road money. To this end the state chamber of commerce is cooperating with all the western states in bringing to the attention of congress the importance of acting on the Louisville convention resolution at this session. To that end a committee has been selected in Oregon to cooperate with similar committees from other western states and to attend a meeting in Washington on February 10, which will be the west's supreme effort in getting this much needed appropriation. The present highway appropriation bill passed by your legislature contemplates cooperation from the federal government to complete the program and the state highway commission will be seriously handicapped in its plans unless this appropriation is secured this session.

The important fact to bear in mind is that if we are successful in having federal aid appropriations continue after this year, we must act promptly and effectively. In order that Oregon will receive each year \$1,576,000 of post road money, and over \$700,000 of forest road money. This expenditure in the state will be of vital interest to everyone interested in the development of our state. There is no matter pending in congress of greater interest to this state than the proposed appropriation.

The state of Oregon has built up a large and efficient highway engineering organization, and for federal aid to stop now would mean a serious check to highway activities. Any check to highway construction means

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## TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1919

Assessor Wells furnishes the following summary of taxes for 1919 in Morrow county:

State	\$50,568.23
County	77,257.02
General Road	35,116.83
General School	16,856.93
High School Tuition	5,725.26
Union High	1,897.33
Gain in Extension	.68
Cities	18,564.13
Special Roads, Dist's. 1, 2 and 4	34,982.48
Special Schools	109,175.47
West Extension Irrigation District	26,574.38
Total	\$366,727.89

## WORK ON HOTEL PROGRESSES

The favorable weather is being improved to the limit by Contractors Traver and his force of workmen on the new hotel building and rapid progress is being made. The heavy timber supports for the second floor are in place and a rough floor has been laid on the second story joists giving a measure of protection from the weather on the floor below. Pouring the cement walls commenced yesterday morning and if the present mild weather continues for a couple of weeks the building will be well along.

## DODDER CONTROL HEROIC

Large areas of dodder in alfalfa fields call for such heroic measures as mowing and burning the crop, says J. E. Nevius, of the O. A. C. experimental station. The head will kill many of the seed and the remainder may be kept down by plowing up the field and growing and using cultivated crops on the ground for a few years. If cut early enough the mowed alfalfa may be used for hay. On small areas the dodder patches may be cut before seed ripens, and burned as soon as dry.

## HEPPNER SANITARIUM HOS- PITAL REOPENS

Having leased the Heppner Sanitarium Hospital Building I will open same just as soon as the building can be remodeled and refurnished. Would like to buy a half dozen of these high, narrow beds sold when the Catholic hospital closed, if you have one see me at once.

DR. J. PERRY CONDER.

## PARENT-TEACHERS ASS'N. HOLD BUSY MEETING

### DRS. VAUGHAN AND BEAN GIVE INSTRUCTIVE TALKS

#### Planning Program, Business Matters Playground Equipment Complete Busy Session

With Mrs. E. E. Woodson, president of the organization, presiding, the Heppner Parent-Teachers' association held a most successful meeting in the high school auditorium last Friday evening.

A pleasing program by the school children had been arranged which included a violin solo by Miss Bernice Githens and a song drill by pupils of the second grade.

A most comprehensive and interesting report was made of the recent Oregon State Teachers' association which met in Portland during the holidays by Mrs. Corver, who was the accredited delegate from the Heppner association.

Dr. R. J. Vaughan gave an interesting and instructive address on the subject, "The Relation of the Teeth to the Health of the Child," in which he urged the importance of proper care of the teeth in childhood as a matter of health insurance in later years.

Dr. Vaughan declared his willingness to donate a portion of his time to this important work in the school as well as to give one or more of the teachers instructions which would qualify them to make a general examination of the mouths of the children to discover those who needed attention.

Dr. H. C. Bean also gave a most interesting address on "The General Health of School Children," which was highly appreciated by those present.

Prof. Bostapp also gave some statis-

## DIXIE AND THE ORIENT IN WASHINGTON



Photograph of Patricia Koo, daughter of Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to the United States, at Washington, and her "mummy," Martha Robertson. Deprived of her own mother by the influenza epidemic last year, Patricia finds a loving guardian in this daughter of Dixie.

## HOW TO BUILD UP OR TEAR DOWN THIS COMMUNITY

### THE FARMER AND THE MERCHANT

There can be no doubt that the prosperity of Morrow county—the entire population of the county—is based on the prosperity of the farmers and stockmen of the county and no other thing so seriously affects the business interests of the county as a general crop failure, an extremely hard winter that puts a crimp in the stockmen, or a bad slump in the prices of wheat, wool, mutton and beef.

When crops are "bumper," increase in flocks and herds around 100 per cent, and prices for these products high, business is good in every line and merchants and other business people can thrive quite comfortably even when a large portion of the trade of the county is sent away to mail order houses and other outside dealers. But when the lean years come, as unfortunately they do occasionally in Morrow county, it is a different story.

In the lean years everything contracts. Wholesale houses insist on prompt payment from their customer, the retail merchant. The buying public—customers of the retail merchant—being short of cash for obvious reasons, insists on long time credit. They are obliged to do this following a crop failure, or a fire, or a flood because they simply have not the money with which to pay cash, and they must live.

This situation places the retail merchant rather between the devil and the deep blue sea, and about all he can do is to sit tight and make a nervous wreck of his stenographer writing letters to his wholesalers explaining why he can't remit and repeating the assurance that "prospects for a bumper crop next year were never better and that everything is bound to come out all right. Even at that the retail merchant of Morrow county might "get by" with fewer gray hairs and sleepless nights during the lean years were it not for the fact that so many of his customers when they get hold of a little cash, are so quick to fall for the blandishments of the Mail Order firm—with which it always requires cash to do business—while "standing off" their home merchant when the cash is exhausted.

In good times, like the present, we are all prone to forget the favors extended by our local dealers during the lean days and, after reading a mail order catalogue—and looking at the pictures—we are apt to fall for the pictures—and prices—without giving a thought to the quality of goods purchased.

### WOULDN'T IT BE A BETTER BUSINESS PROPOSITION FOR EACH OF US TO GO TO OUR LOCAL DEALER BEFORE SENDING AWAY FOR WHAT WE WANT AND FIND OUT JUST EXACTLY WHAT HE CAN DO FOR US IN THE WAY OF QUALITY AND PRICE?

The Herald holds no more of a brief for the merchants of Morrow county than it does for the farmers and stockmen and workers and other consumers of Morrow county.

The purpose of these articles is to bring about a better understanding between the merchant and his customer than now seems to exist—to bring about a condition that will keep Morrow county dollars in Morrow county and keep them working for Morrow county people—the people who produce them.

The various business concerns of Morrow county, be they producers or distributors, farmers, stockmen, mechanics or what not are interlocking and interdependent and upon the success of the community as a whole depends the success of every individual in the community be he farmer, stockman, merchant, manufacturer, mechanic or laborer.

Every dollar any one of us sends to a mail order house is taken from local circulation entirely and the good of it, to this community, is lost forever. IT HURTS YOU AND ME IN THE LONG RUN AS MUCH AS IT HURTS ANYONE.

### THEREFORE, AS ONE OF THE SUREST WAYS OF BUILDING UP OUR OWN COMMUNITY, LET EACH OF US RESOLVE THAT BEFORE WE SEND ANOTHER ORDER FOR GOODS AWAY THAT WE GO TO OUR HOME DEALER IN THAT PARTICULAR LINE AND SEE IF WE CANNOT DO AS WELL, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, BY BUYING WHAT WE WANT AT HOME. LET'S TRY A NEW PLAN FOR A YEAR BY GIVING THE LOCAL MERCHANT A CHANCE.

## MORROW MEN TAKE HIGH MA- SONIC DEGREES

A number of well known Morrow county men spent last week in Portland where the annual classes of candidates in both the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine were initiated with pomp and ceremony.

Those in attendance from Heppner were: W. H. Barratt, Thos. Brennan, W. R. Irwin, C. S. Sims, T. W. Rippey, John Iler, Dr. C. C. Chick, W. H. Cronk.

From Ione: Ora B. Barlow, F. A. Christensen.

From Condon: Judge D. R. Parker, Judge George Parman.

From Spray: B. H. McNamee.

Most of the gentlemen returned Monday evening and while naturally they do not talk of their experiences for publication or otherwise they all agree that they had considerable of a good time.

## STOCKMEN VISIT WALLA WALLA

W. P. Mahoney, Bob Carsner, Bob Thompson, Guy Boyer, John Kilkeny, David Hynd and John J. Kelley returned Sunday evening from Walla Walla where they spent Friday and Saturday attending a meeting of the Washington State Wool Growers association. The gentlemen report a splendid meeting at which much business of interest to the industry was transacted and also speak in highest terms of the entertainment accorded them by the people of Walla Walla.

## ROY WHITE'S SELLS DUYALL RANCH

Roy V. White reports the sale of the David C. Duvall ranch located north of Lexington, to Walter Gammell. The place contains 828 acres of fine wheat land and the price paid was around \$17,000. The deal included all stock and equipment. The place has a fine drilled well assuring plenty of water at all seasons of the year.

## BORAH IS HOPELESS

Senator Borah of Idaho, is the man who said that if the Savior himself were to appear on earth and speak for the League of Nations he would still oppose it. The man who made that remark need not talk about running for the presidency. He would not carry a single state in the Union; and if he does not know that, then he is hopeless.—Catoanburg Notes.

## COUNTRY AND TOWN UNITE FOR BIG FAIR

### FARM BUREAU, COMMERCIAL CLUB TO JOIN FORCES

#### \$25,000 Stock Company to Develop Fair Second to None in East- ern Oregon

Morrow county is to take her proper place among the progressive counties of Oregon so far as the matter of establishing and maintaining a county fair that will be second to none in the state can do so if tentative plans made by a joint committee from the Morrow County Farm Bureau and the Heppner Commercial club that met in County Agent Hunt's office last Saturday evening, are carried out.

The committee met at 7:30 Saturday evening following an afternoon session of the Farm Bureau that body having gone on record as unequivocally favoring a bigger and better county fair.

A. Hendriksen, of Cecil, was chosen as chairman of the joint committee and S. A. Pattison, was made secretary.

After a short general discussion of the situation it was announced by a former committee appointed to look after a suitable location for the fair that suitable grounds, of ample dimensions, are available at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, definite information on this matter being deferred until the next meeting of the committee.

While as yet no official action has been taken by the county court it is understood that body has agreed to take stock in the new association for the grounds and buildings on lower Main street where the fair has been held, and turn that property over to the new concern. A tentative valuation of this property was placed at \$4,500 by the committee.

Upon motion by F. R. Brown, seconded by L. A. Hunt, it was unani-

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## NOT EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX REVENUE

### INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO WOMEN GIVEN BY DEPART- MENT

#### "Heads of Families." However, Mar- ried or Single, Receive Equal Exemption

Unmarried men and women who are bread-winners for others are granted special exemption on their earnings before figuring the Income Tax now being collected. Although a return must be filed by every unmarried person, and by every married person living apart from wife (or husband), who had a net income of \$1,000 or more during 1919, recognition is made in the law of the home burdens carried, and relief from excessive taxation is especially provided.

In addition to the ordinary personal exemption of \$1,000, an additional exemption of \$1,000 is granted to "heads of families"; and there is also provided an exemption of \$200 for each dependent under 18 years of age or who is mentally or physically defective. The \$200 for each dependent may be claimed by any taxpayer who is the chief support of such dependent. This is not confined to dependents who are members of the family or relatives. It does not include others who are earning their living, and it does not apply to the wife or husband of the married taxpayer, even though such person may have become a total burden.

The person who claims exemption as "head of a family" must qualify for it. Two single persons who divide between them, more or less equally, the financial and other responsibilities of a household cannot claim that either one is the head of the family. But if a single person actually assumes the total responsibilities of the household and is aided by having one of his brothers or sisters support himself and contributing an amount that could not practically be considered more than his board, such trivial assistance must not be allowed to interfere with his clear claim for exemption.

Women who had incomes during 1919 are reminded by collectors of internal revenue: Milton S. Miller, that they are subject to all of the provisions of the federal income tax. Many thousands of women file returns and pay taxes regularly, and there are new names added to this list each year. The high wages and salaries received by women last year will perhaps double the number of those who are required to file returns.

A public school teacher, or other city, town, county and state employee, is not taxed on her salary or wages, but must file a return if her income from other sources was sufficient to come within the law's demands.

An unmarried woman, widow, or married woman who is living apart from her husband, must file an income tax return if her net income for 1919 was \$1,000 or more.

She is entitled to an exemption of \$1,000. If she is the head of a family, as defined in the income tax regulations, she may claim \$1,000 additional exemption. Also, she may claim further exemption of \$200 for each person for whom she is the chief support, if the dependent is under 18 or is mentally or physically defective.

A married woman who has an income from a separate source than her husband is entitled to file a separate return with respect to that income. Ordinarily husband and wife file one joint return, including the income of both; but if the husband does not include his wife's income, the wife is required to file her own return. Separate returns of husband and wife are required if either had a net income exceeding \$1,000.

A married woman who lives with her husband is not allowed a separate exemption. She and her husband have \$2,000 plus \$200 additional for each dependent; and this exemption may be taken by either or divided in any manner desired.

A woman who was widowed during 1919 has an exemption for the full year on the basis of her status as of December 31.

A wife whose husband is in a sanitarium or temporary working in another city, and is separate from him only through necessity, should not consider her status as "living apart"

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