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MORGAN REPORTED FIRST OVER THE TOP

MANAGER CLARK RECEIVES REPORTS FROM DIST. MANAGERS

Busy Season Has Hindered Campaign In Some Farming Sections General Interest Shown

M. D. Clark, chairman of the county fair stock selling committee, has received reports from several districts all showing general interest in the fair project.

Morgan is the first district to report in as being over the top in the stock selling campaign. Mr. Fred Ely, district manager at that place having reported the Morgan quota fully provided for.

C. H. Dillabaugh, manager at Boardman, reports excellent progress with the campaign there with assurance that Boardman will report 100 per cent sold by April 1st.

Hugh Grim, manager at Irrigon, reports from that lively section that everybody has been unusually busy there for the past week or so but that there is no question about Irrigon doing her part. The auto prize feature, offered by the City of Heppner, Mr. Grim stated, is looked upon with favor in his neighborhood and will help in the campaign.

E. E. Ruzg, of Rhen creek, reported that the campaign in his district has been somewhat delayed by the extremely busy season, but says they will easily make their quota by April 1st.

Tilden Williams, manager of Hardman district, reported Monday that everybody in that section has been so busy the past couple of weeks that he and his co-workers have not been able to complete the canvass but that there is no doubt but that they will easily raise their quota. It will probably be shortly after April 5th, however, before the work is finished.

Cecil reported in yesterday that their quota is already guaranteed and also served notice that they expected to gather in the prize automobile.

PIONEER WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. Loretta S. Yeager, wife of James L. Yeager, and a much respected pioneer woman of Heppner, died at her home here early Monday morning at the age of 64 years, 1 month and 9 days.

Death resulted from injuries received March 15 when the car in which Mrs. Yeager and her husband were riding overturned near the R. W. Turner ranch in Sand Hollow when the lady received internal injuries which caused her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeager had but recently purchased the car and started for Clarkston, Washington, to visit their two sons who reside there. The death came as a shock to the many friends of the family.

Mrs. Yeager was a native of Ohio but came to Illinois in her childhood where she was later married, soon afterwards coming to Oregon. They came to Heppner 38 years ago and have since been continuously residents of this city.

She was highly respected in the community and was active in church and lodge work having been a member of the Baptist church most of her life. She was also a respected member of the Rebekah, Degree of Honor and Woodmen Circle lodges as well as of the W. R. C.

Her husband and five children, one daughter and four sons are left to mourn her loss. The children are: Mrs. Mary F. Peck, wife of B. H. Peck of near Heppner; Ora M. and Ralph A. Yeager of Clarkston, Wash.; H. A. Yeager of Portland, and J. W. Yeager, wireless operator on the U. S. S. President, now in Pacific waters. He is now supposed to be enroute to San Francisco and a wireless has been sent him pending reply to which funeral arrangements have not been made.

F. A. McMenamin, an administrator of the estate of the late Frank E. Bell, filed an inventory of the estate in this county showing a value of \$86,000 in round numbers. The estate here consists of a fine wheat ranch in the Blackhorse district which is being farmed by R. W. Snyder. S. E. Notson and Mr. McMenamin are attorneys for the estate. Mr. Bell also left a considerable estate in Spokane where he lived for several years. His death occurred in that city several weeks ago.

MORE MULE RECORDS BROKEN

A pair of mules were recently sold for \$1550 at auction. Within a few days the same mules were sold to another party at a handsome profit. Good, big, rugged mules with plenty of meat on them are selling for considerably more than \$1000 a pair. In fact, \$1000 teams are getting to be quite common. A big mule dealer recently stated that in his opinion the best mules would be averaging \$1500 a pair within the next year. These high prices will be a surprise to those who thought the horse and mule business would soon be a thing of the past. Mule buyers are canvassing the country everywhere for all kinds of mules. Those who have not kept up with the mule market will be very much surprised. Plenty of mule colts have brought more than \$200 each. The owners of good jacks must get this information to their customers some way before the breeding season starts. The mule business promises to be very profitable. In nearly every case mules are the first to increase in price. Good horses soon follow in value. Just as soon as the mare owners wake up they will want some mule colts. Then those who can see far enough ahead will want some good mares to raise mules from.

"I hope they will get the new race track ready soon," remarked Ed Patterson, well known local race horse man the other day. "Otherwise I will be forced to take my stock somewhere else for training."

GET TRACK READY QUICK SAYS RACE MAN

Mr. Patterson has three promising colts here one of which he expects to take to Canada early in June for the summer racing at Vancouver and Victoria. Another promising yearling will be taken along for the experience and training.

Mr. Patterson wants to train his colts in Heppner if possible because he thinks there is no better place so far as climate and general conditions are concerned and he knows of many race horses in the interior and on the coast that would be glad to come here if a good track and other accommodations are ready early in the season.

Warning is being sent out from Portland to persons who expect to visit the Rose City during the Shrine season and Rose Festival during the week of June 21-25. There will be more than 75,000 visitors in Portland at that time and prospective visitors from a distance are already making their reservations. Morrow county people who expect to visit Portland at that time should make their reservations at once. Write the Executive Committee, 802 Gasco Bldg. for reservations.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW

Hoover republican clubs are being organized in many cities and towns of the state, according to Chester G. Murphy, state chairman of the Hoover republican club.

HOOVER CLUBS BEING ORGANIZED IN STATE

A long-distance telephone message yesterday stated that a club would be organized at Gold Beach. E. H. Woodward, of Newberg, is organizing a club. S. H. Boardman, of Boardman, in a letter to O. C. Letter, secretary of the state organization, states that he is heading a movement to organize the Hoover sentiment in his community.

Petitions are already being circulated in Jackson, Wallowa, Linn, Multnomah, Coos, Curry, Union, Tillamook, Lincoln, Marion, Malheur, Yamhill and Clackamas counties. The other counties of the state will be covered in a few days.

Clubs will be organized in Salem, Albany, Marshfield, Medford, La Grande and Ashland in the near future, according to reports coming from voluntary Hoover supporters in those cities.

MUCH SEED CORN DAMAGED

A great deal of seed corn in western Oregon was ruined by the heavy December freeze, and all corn not thoroughly dried out or protected from the low temperature was rendered unfit for seed. All corn should be tested before used as seed, warns the farm crop department of the O. A. C. experiment station.

Water Supply Shortage for Irrigation Is Threatening

(By Percy A. Cupper, State Engineer)

The supply of water for irrigation according to the present indications will be far below normal this season. In fact, it will not be surprising if 1920 proves to be the driest season of record for irrigationists. The heavy snows of early December seem not to have reached to any marked degree the higher altitudes, and most of the snow seems to have already disappeared. In some sections, it fell on unfrozen ground and was almost entirely absorbed by the soil, while in other sections the reverse was true and unusual floods followed the melting of the snow.

Reports from various sections of the state indicate a very light snow fall in the higher mountains upon which we must rely to maintain our irrigation streams and fill our reservoirs. It seems, therefore, not too early to check up on our available supply and to take such practical precautions as we may to avoid undue shortage for the irrigated crops. The use of water early in the season serves a double purpose, it saturates the soil, much of which remains to supply the plants, and also serves as a reservoir, the water gradually returning to the streams as seepage and maintaining its flow for the benefit of those below, which in turn enable the upper appropriator to longer divert water without infringing upon prior rights.

The time when irrigation can be commenced to advantage depends upon the condition of the crops and soil, and is far better known to the irrigator in each particular locality than by anyone else. The fact remains however, that the irrigator with his usual excess of spring work, does not always appreciate until it is too late, that there may not be an ample supply of water to raise a full

crop unless he starts in early. It is particularly necessary that irrigators with the later rights take warning and make the best possible use of the water when the same is available.

Ditches should be cleaned out and prepared for use as early as possible so that water may be applied as soon as conditions in the respective localities will permit of the beneficial use of the water.

Under the statute, the state engineer has charge of the distribution of the waters of the various streams of the state to those entitled to their use as established by the State Water Board or by courts.

Extreme shortage of water often brings about unforeseen conditions, which render the equitable distribution of water a difficult matter. However, with the confidence and cooperation of the water users, these problems become simple and it is the desire of the state engineer to at all times work in close cooperation with the water users.

The water masters, who have immediate charge of the distribution of water under the direction of the state engineer, are required to distribute the water strictly in accordance with the decrees of the state water board and the courts. In case of a misunderstanding or dispute with the water master, it is urged that the matter be not immediately taken into the courts but referred to the state engineer. Every effort will be made to adjust the matter with due respect to the rights of all concerned. Even though the water supply should be as short as present conditions indicate, much can be done to relieve the situation by foresight, precaution and cooperation, of which we trust we may have a full measure the coming season. In any event, let us not overlook the fact that now is a good time to begin.

HEPPNER WILL HAVE A BALL TEAM

The Herald's query of last week, "what is Heppner going to do about a ball team?" was answered last Sunday by about 25 prospective players and fans meeting at the ball ground and taking a tryout. The result was that Heppner will have a team according to tentative plans made at that time.

The line-up, as at present arranged will be something like the following: For the present Charlie Barlow and Ira Thornton will take the pitcher's box and Jackson, formerly with the Salem city team in the Inter-City league will wear the catcher's mask. Alken, J. Crawford, Sims and Austin will take care of the infield and Gay Anderson, Driscoll, A. Crawford and Peterson will look after Heppner's interest in the field.

Austin formerly played with Washington High team in Portland. Emmett Hughes, of O. A. C. crack team, which has just returned from a trip through California where Emmett made good in the box, will be home before the season is over and Leo Nicholson, of U. of W. is now here and will help out as occasion demands.

It looks pretty good for the national game in Heppner this summer. What!

NOTICE

All legal voters should register. If you have changed your precinct in last two years, or are not registered, you should attend to this matter at once. Important matters are to be voted on at the primary election and it is your duty to register and then vote. Registration books close April 11st.

J. A. WATERS,
County Clerk.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

The Rebekah Lodge Basket Social which was to have been given on Wednesday evening, March 31st, at Odd Fellows hall, will be postponed until Wednesday, April 7th.

IONE WINS

Ione high school base ball team made one step toward the interscholastic championship when they defeated Lexington high school 15 to 5 last Saturday on Ione field. Batteries: Ione—Blake and Linn; Lexington—Allen, Hill and Ward.

IS GOING AFTER WHEAT RECORD

"Bill" Padberg, who farms somewhat extensively in the Heppner Flat and Rhea creek sections, west of Heppner, was in town Thursday waiting for the snow flurry of Wednesday night to melt and dry off a bit before continuing his farming operations.

Mr. Padberg has already seeded 6000 of his 11,000 acres of land to wheat and is still seeding. When he finishes he will have 7000 acres in crop for next harvest, and he figures on making a record this year by raising more wheat than any other one man in Morrow county. Mr. Padberg farms with a Holt tractor which pulls nine 14-inch plow bottoms and he keeps the machine running day and night whenever plowing is possible—and practicable. He says there was never a better prospect for a big crop in Morrow county within his recollection and he believes in going after a good prospect under full sail.

Speaking of the weather, Mr. Padberg said: "We can't expect spring weather in March. It's all right to kid ourselves about it once in awhile but the fact remains that real spring mostly comes in April in eastern Oregon."

GUILD ENTERTAINED

The ladies guild was entertained on last Thursday at the home of Mrs. H. C. Bean, Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Hanson Hughes, Mrs. Ralph Crego and Miss Jennie Black. The decorations were daffodils. The afternoon was spent in sewing and a guessing contest. Ladies present were Mrs. George Thomson, Mrs. S. W. Spencer, Mrs. J. F. Vaughn, Mrs. B. F. Butler, Mrs. P. A. Anderson, Mrs. M. D. Clark, Mrs. Phill Cohn, Mrs. W. R. Irwin, Mrs. C. L. Sweek, Mrs. Hanson Hughes, Mrs. Ralph Crego, Mrs. H. C. Bean, Mrs. J. F. Lucas, Mrs. L. E. Bisbee, Miss Mary Farnsworth and Miss Jennie Black. Miss Mary Clark and Miss Velma Case sang a duet. Tea and cinnamon toast was served.

FARM BUREAU BUYS SEED CORN

So great is the seed corn and sunflower seed shortage that the Benton County Farm Bureau bought up all it could get to insure at least a partial supply. Only four of all corn growers in the county reported seed for sale, and one of these lots—several tons—was damaged and unfit for seed. Farm Bureau members will be allotted seed in order of demand.

WINDOW SALE

The ladies of Mrs. Woodson's Sunday school class will hold a window sale at the Case Furniture store next Saturday.

WILL SPEAK AGAINST NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

Arthur Foster, of Clyde, North Dakota, will speak in Heppner on Friday, April 2nd in opposition to the Non-partisan League and the United Land and Labor Party which organizations are now planning, it is said, to secure political control in this state. Mr. Foster is working in behalf of the Oregon Taxpayers League, that organization having undertaken to put on an active campaign against the Non-partisan and the Land and Labor people. It is proposed to effect county organizations all over the state a state organization having already been formed.

In sending out requests to the various counties to organize county Taxpayers leagues the state organization sets forth the following pertinent statements regarding the two organizations they are opposing:

"The United Land and Labor Party stands for Single Tax. It proposes to establish in the state a number of public utilities, including retail stores, a state bank, warehouses, etc., requiring large bond issues which will be a first mortgage on all property of the state and must eventually be paid off by the taxpayers."

"It will greatly increase our already heavy burden of taxation. The leaders of the Non-partisan League, of which the Oregon Land and Labor Party is an off-shoot, are all socialists and stand for the abolition of private ownership of land."

SUNFLOWER, CATTLE MAN'S SALVATION

FEEDERS CONVENTION ENDORSE NEW FORAGE PLANT

Many New Silos to be Built in Union and Wallowa Counties

(By L. A. Hunt)

The meeting of Eastern Oregon livestock feeders at La Grande held the past week was certainly a great success. Representatives from the Idaho Agricultural college, from the Oregon Agricultural college and Union Experiment station were in attendance as well as many of the prominent feeders of that very important livestock section. The unanimous opinion was that it was one of the most important meetings held in the state this year and arrangements were made to hold a similar meeting at some point in Eastern Oregon another year. The points which were mainly considered was the financial end of feeding and raising beef cattle. As every one locally knows many livestock raisers and feeders have lost a considerable amount of money during the past season and because of this break in the market and because of the high price of feed the meeting was of especial significance. A great many different experiments in feeding cattle have been given great consideration, each one of the various methods having been duplicated at several different stations, and the results of all of the western states experiments were given careful consideration. One of the outstanding facts was that the feeding of grain to fattening cattle has proven to be too expensive, feeding of grain with oil cake with straw was found to be fairly profitable in wintering cattle, but the most prominent point upon which all feeders in the eastern part of the state agreed is the great value of sunflowers and silage. Sunflower silage is worth, according to the records produced of actual returns, at least half as much per ton as alfalfa hay, and as a feeding ration one pound of alfalfa hay will equal two pounds of ensilage, cattle have been fattened quite successfully on ensilage alone, however, this is not recommended but while the ordinary best animal will eat about thirty-five pounds of alfalfa hay on hay ration alone he will fatten and do a whole lot better if given 22 pounds of alfalfa hay and 10 to 12 pounds of ensilage. Another important factor is that the sunflowers have shown a great uniformity of yield, the average yield is probably at no place less than 20 tons per acre, some places running as high as 40 tons. It will thus be seen that any farmer will get more value from an acre of sunflowers than he would from an acre of alfalfa hay, an ordinary acre of alfalfa hay being figured at 5 tons per acre at \$20 per ton, this would amount to \$100 per acre, while the sunflower silage 20 tons per acre at \$10 per ton would amount to \$200 per acre. One farmer with 40 acres who ordinarily is buying \$700 or \$800 worth of feed, this winter wintered as many cattle as ordinarily but last year put in 5 acres of sunflowers and this year instead of buying feed sold \$1500 worth of hay and fattened the same amount of cattle. The farmers there say that they could burn down their silos every year and still make money. In proof of this fact for this spring's delivery 100 silos have already been sold in Wallowa county and a 100 more contemplated building. This is certainly a strong endorsement from the men on the ground in putting up silos. If you are convinced that you can raise sunflowers on your ranch and are interested in cattle do not hesitate to plant and buy a silo as sunflower silage is certainly O. K. Another point which was of vital importance was the fact that cut alfalfa hay is worth at least 25 per cent more than long hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eskelson are in town today from their home near Lexington. Mr. Eskelson says but little re-seeding is necessary in his neighborhood but that farther east and north considerable of the crop is being re-planted.

R. J. Carner, cattleman of Spray and also prospective representative in the next legislature from Wheeler Gilliam and Sherman counties, is in town today enjoying the dust storm.

Harold Cohn went to Portland last Thursday on a short business trip returning Monday evening.