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STEPS TAKEN TO MAKE CHICAGO WOOL CENTER

BOSTON MAY LOSE WESTERN GROWERS' BUSINESS

Chicago Bankers Providing Fund of \$100,000,000 Proposed to Move 1920 Crop.

A movement of greatest interest to every sheepman in Morrow county, was inaugurated at Chicago a few days ago at a conference of wool growers and bankers when plans to finance the movement of the 1920 crop were discussed and a method of procedure tentatively agreed upon.

William J. Williams, president of the Wyoming Wool Growers association, was authorized to appoint a committee to confer with government officials at Washington with a view to making Chicago the wool center of the United States in consideration of Chicago bankers providing a fund of \$100,000,000 with which to finance the movement of the present crop which is now almost entirely in the hands of the growers with no market in sight and no means of securing sufficient advances of the wool crop to enable the sheepmen to properly carry on their business.

Heretofore Boston has enjoyed something of a monopoly as a wool marketing center and in times of stress like the present Boston banks have advanced funds to finance the business. This year it is said, however, that Boston financiers have been obliged to relinquish their financial support of the wool industry because of demands for funds from other sources.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MET LAST NIGHT

At the Commercial club meeting last evening Prof. Austin, of the City Band, reported that the band is ready to give weekly concerts at the park as soon lights and seats are provided on the band stand. A committee composed of Smead, Notson and Goodman was appointed to confer with the council and have the repairs made at once. Lumber is also to be provided to make plenty of comfortable seats for all who wish to enjoy the music.

Den. Goodman introduced the subject of the present controversy being carried on in the Oregonian regarding the best auto route between Portland and Pendleton. Advice has been freely given by several correspondents of the Portland newspaper to the effect that autoists, after crossing the John Day ferry should take the left hand route which would confine them to the sand country most of the way to Pendleton. Mr. Goodman took issue with these correspondents in a letter to the Oregonian advising the right hand route from the ferry via Olex, Heppner and Pilot Rock, to Pendleton. The Hermiton Commercial club then came back at Goodman advising a route that would take the travel through their town.

Mr. Goodman traveled these roads as a salesman for five years and considers himself something of an authority on the best route and he now proposes to request the Hermiton club to go 50-50 with the Heppner club in defraying the expenses of some accredited representative of the OregonAuto Dealers association, take him over all the routes and allow him to determine which is the best route for summer travel. The club approved the proposition and authorized a letter to be sent to the Hermiton club and given to be press of that effect. The letter is being prepared today.

Regarding the opening of the Heppner-Ritter road and the joint celebration in honor of the event at Ritter on July 4th, the club approved the plan heretofore and a resolution was passed requesting that all Heppner people who can possibly do so, go to Ritter on that day.

The matter of the re-organization of the fire company was discussed thoroughly the members arriving at the conclusion that the only way to develop an efficient organization is to work out some system for paying the members for their services. A committee consisting of M. L. Curran, J. W. Fritsch and S. E. Notson was appointed to work out a plan and submit same to an open meeting of

TWO GARDENERS MEET

Tom Barnett, retired wheat farmer of Lexington, was a visitor here Saturday. Mr. Barnett is something of a gardener and a collector of all sorts of rare plants and flowers. His home in the outskirts of Lexington is the show place of the town. While in town Saturday Mr. Barnett got talking about his place with a certain degree of pardonable pride when W. O. Minor happened along and overheard some of his remarks. Mr. Minor at once invited the visitor to step over to his garden and take a squint at his exhibit. Barnett promptly accepted the invitation and as neither of the gentlemen have reappeared on Main street it is fair to assume that they are talking yet. Mr. Minor has plants, trees and shrubs from all parts of the world on his place besides specializing on Dahlias of which he has more than 100 varieties.

VINSON-GROSHEN

Another June wedding took place in Heppner last Thursday, June 17th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCollough, when Mrs. McCollough's daughter Miss Lorraine Groshen came the bride of Mr. F. L. Vinson. Rev. W. O. Livingstone, minister of the Christian church, performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a number of relatives and close personal friends of the young couple. Miss Odele Groshen, a sister of the bride was bridesmaid and Emil Groshen, a brother, acted as best man. Miss Velma Case played the wedding march. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Vinson left for Wasco where they visited for a day at the home of his brother, later going on to Portland, where they expect to spend Shrove week as guests at the home of Mr. Vinson's mother. Mr. Vinson is a well known engineer and has charge of the construction work on the Oregon-Washington highway in this county. Pending the completion of that work Mr. and Mrs. Vinson will reside here later making their home in Portland.

HEPPNER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ELECTED

A large and enthusiastic meeting of legal voters of the Heppner school district was held in the council chamber Monday afternoon the occasion being the annual school election, and the object to elect one director and a clerk for the coming year. Six voters were present and several others were on their way when the meeting completed its labors and adjourned.

W. P. Mahoney was unanimously elected to succeed W. B. Barratt as director. Mr. Barratt having previously declined to stand for re-election. Vawter Crawford, who has served the district efficiently as clerk for several years was re-elected by a unanimous vote.

A special meeting will be held later when the matter of approving the budget for the coming year will be considered.

Prof. Howard M. James, of Enterprise, Oregon, has been employed as superintendent of the schools for the coming year and comes highly recommended. His salary has been fixed at \$2500 per annum.

The following high school and grade teachers have also been elected and have signed contracts:

Gertrude A. Urton, high school; Daisy Slate, 2nd grade; Mrs. W. O. Dix, 3rd grade; Mrs. Edna Turner, primary; Mrs. E. H. Morrison, opportune room; Melba Griffith, 7th grade; Opal E. Clark, 5th grade; Nita Douglas, 7th grade; Mrs. Carrie James, 8th grade.

Several other teachers have been elected but have not yet signed contracts.

WHITEIS REPORTS RANCH SALE

Roy V. Whiteis reports the sale of 560 acres of fine wheat land in the Eightmile country, the purchasers being Dr. R. J. Vaughan, of this city and his brother, of Baker. Four hundred and eighty acres of the land was owned by Tilman Hogue and 480 by the Akers estate. The consideration was approximately \$10,000.

The city council and citizens at the earliest possible date.

Irish Mob Chases a Police Spy



These enraged Irishmen in Cork are chasing a supposed "police spy" whom they had spotted at the inquest on the body of Thomas MacCurtain, lord mayor of Cork. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of wilful murder against Premier Lloyd George, Lord Lieutenant French, and others.

HEPPNER-RITTER ROAD OPENING TO BE CELEBRATED AT RITTER JULY 4TH

The new Heppner-Ritter road which has been under construction for the past year when the weather was such that work could be carried on, has finally been opened and the formal celebration of the event, which means so much to the people of the Ritter country and to the city of Heppner as well, will be held at Ritter on July 4th according to a decision made yesterday by the county and city officials working in conjunction with the Heppner Commercial club.

County Judge Campbell and Roadmaster McCaleb made the announcement Monday morning that the road would be open for travel by that date and after conferring with President Thomson, of the Commercial club and other citizens, it was definitely decided to accept an invitation from the people of Ritter, made through Mr. McCaleb, to join with them in celebrating Independence day at that thriving interior center.

Mr. McCaleb reports that the road is now open with the exception of a few swampy spots in a section of the old road running down Ditch creek and that these spots will be dried out in good shape by July 4th.

As now planned there will be a big delegation of Heppner people go over to the Grant county town and it is expected the exercises will partake largely of the feature of celebrating the opening of this most important artery of trade.

HEPPNER-HARDMAN-MONUMENT ROAD SURVEY ALMOST COMPLETED

C. R. Burns, of the State Highway Commission's engineering corps, who is in charge of the survey on the Heppner-Hardman-Monument road, was in town Saturday and reported Judge Campbell that his work is almost completed to the Grant county line.

An effort is now being made to arrange with the county court of Grant county to complete that county's part of the survey from the Morrow county line to a point where the new road will connect with the John Day highway already located through Grant county.

The building of this important road depends entirely on the co-operation of the state highway commission and the federal government and before the road can be accepted and made a part of the state highway system it must show a point of contact with some other state highway at both ends.

On the route of the road lies a stretch of several miles through the national forest and this part, it is expected, will receive substantial assistance from the federal government.

Judge Campbell is now making arrangements with the Grant county officials to meet the Morrow county court and commissioners at Monu-

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RATTLESNAKE BITE PROVES FATAL

James Davis, of Ritter, 20 years old, was bitten by a rattlesnake last Thursday and died from the effects of the poison 22 hours later. The young man was a son of Mrs. Davis, proprietor of the Ritter Springs hotel.

Davis, it is said was in the habit of capturing and handling poisonous reptiles and was playing with one when bitten. The snake squirmed loose from his grasp and as he stooped to pick it up he was struck on the right hand. First aid was given and the man was hurried to a physician at John Day but arrived too late to be saved.

Mrs. L. L. Gilliam went to Portland Saturday morning for a visit with friends while taking in the sights of Shrine week.

ALFALFA RANCHES SOLD

E. M. Shutt and R. M. Oviatt last week closed a deal whereby J. M. Yocom and Lawrence Funk, of Sherman county, have purchased from F. Buchanan the old I. L. Howard alfalfa ranch, of 450 acres in the edge of Ione, for a consideration of \$31,000, hay and machinery included. The new owners will take possession of the place at once, and since they are among Sherman county's most substantial and worthy citizens, they will be valuable additions to our population.

Mr. Shutt has also negotiated a deal in which Jeff Beamer has sold his alfalfa ranch of 280 acres near the north of Rhea creek, to Julian Rauch, of upper Butter creek, consideration being \$23,000. Mr. Jeff Beamer and his family are figuring on moving to the Willamette valley, and the new owner will take possession of the alfalfa farm at once. This makes the second time Mr. Shutt has sold these two ranches since the first of the year.

HAD LAPSE OF MEMORY

(Communicated)

Edward L. Vinton, popular and efficient district highway engineer, with headquarters at Ceel, who was recently married in Heppner to one of that city's charming daughters, suffered from a lapse of memory on his wedding day which, but for the thoughtfulness of a good Samaritan friend might have been seriously embarrassing. In his hurried departure for Heppner E. L. forgot the suitcase in which was carefully folded his wedding suit and it was but a short time before the hour appointed for the ceremony that the Samaritan dove in sight and delivered the precious garments to their owner. E. L. admits that he was somewhat frustrated that day but says that as he was never married before and hopes he never will be married again it was to be expected that he would get a bit rattled.

EXPECT BIG CROP NORTH OF LEXINGTON

C. Melville, who farms north of Lexington, was in town Saturday and reports that crop prospects are very good in his section. Mr. Melville's crop was injured by the cut worms in the spring but in spite of that he will have a very fair crop. Many fields in his neighborhood will go from 20 to 25 bushels and only for the worm pest would have made from 30 to 40 bushels.

Mr. Melville has a theory that as soon as the farmers are able to eradicate the Jim Hill mustard the cut worms will cease troubling the crops as he has noticed that the worms are always found in numbers around the roots of the mustard plant. Better farming methods and especially thorough cultivation of summer fallow to kill the weeds will make that as sure a crop section as any part of the country.

A SERIOUS LOSS

Oscar Minor tells this one: Two farmers were in town the other day buying supplies for their haying crews and as both were out of potatoes they decided they should buy a supply. After pricing the tubers the two men stepped to one side, talked the matter over, and decided to form a pool and buy a dollar's worth of spuds. Each put in four bits, bought the potatoes and on their way home lost both of the precious tubers. It was a most serious loss.

ATTENTION FIREMEN

There will be a fire drill and practice meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. Action was taken by the Commercial club Monday night to have the fire company re-organized on a modern business basis and there will be some pleasant news given out to the boys Wednesday night. Turn out boys, it looks like the town is behind you.

M. L. Curran, Chief.

Tyndall Robinson, who most everybody around Heppner knows was running around loose in town this morning which, Sam Notson says, is better than to be running around tight.

COAL PROFITEERS TO BE PROSECUTED

PALMER ORDERS INDICTMENTS WHEN PROBE WARRANTS

Production Cost at Mines Now \$2.79 Per Ton. Operator's Demanding \$7 to \$11.

The following press dispatch is of interest to the fuel using public:

Washington, D. C.—A drive on profiteers in bituminous coal was ordered by Attorney-General Palmer.

All federal district attorneys were ordered to give special attention to charges of such profiteering and to seek indictments where investigation warranted.

"The department of justice," said Mr. Palmer's instructions, "is receiving a number of letters in which complaint is made that bituminous coal prices at the mines now range from \$7 to \$11 a ton with a further increase imminent. The writers say that operators are attributing the advances to car shortage and export demand, emphasis being placed on the export demand.

"Production cost figures gathered by the federal trade commission from 985 bituminous coal operators in the principal production regions mining roughly about 60 per cent of the annual output show that during January, 1920, their costs a ton averaged \$2.32 at the mines. Since then there has been an increase of 27 per cent in the cost of labor, increasing the production cost to \$2.79 a ton. The accuracy of these figures is borne out by information in letters coming to the department.

"This situation demands the prompt attention of all United States attorneys. Please give special attention to the matter and seek indictments where investigation discloses that an unreasonable profit has been taken, advising the department of the action taken."

NEWLYWEDS RECEIVE ROYAL WELCOME

No, it was not another armistice day parade that filled the streets of Heppner Monday evening. That was a reception given Walter Emmett Moore and his bride, who arrived on the evening train from Tacoma.

When the newlyweds stepped from the train they were met by a big delegation of Mr. Moore's friends and after formal greetings were exchanged the bride was spirited away by some of the ladies of the party and the happy bridegroom was just plain kidnapped by a bunch of Bolshavikas, loaded on a big truck and followed by a procession of cars, was given an altogether free ride through the principal business streets of the city.

Walter stood the ordeal well but the celebration got Vee Gentry's goat, proper. And it was a real goat at that, of royal lineage and full physique. His venerable goatship was the hero as well as the mascot of the occasion and from his elevated station on the roof of the truck, he gave a certain dignity to the procession that goes only with a wise look and a full crop of whiskers. Arriving at Moore's apartments at Main and May streets His Goatship led the procession up the stairs to the bridegroom's rooms where he literally "batted in" and took undisputed possession of parlor, bed chamber and kitchenette. If William the Conqueror did not leave footprints on the sands of time he certainly left many hoof prints, etc., on the polished floors.

It was a happy occasion and a pleasant party and after the cigars were passed the guests departed leaving Walter Emmett Moore in an attitude of prayer offering a devout petition that, if it is the good Lord's will he may never be married again.

HARNESS WILL BE SOLD

In addition to the articles enumerated in the display advertisement of the Vaughan & Parker-Matlock sale Saturday, June 19, which appears in this issue, eight sets of almost new work harness will also be sold. F. A. McMenamin, who enjoys an established reputation as an auctioneer, will have charge of the sale.

E. L. Buckman and son Elmer went to Portland Sunday and will spend the week as pals having one grand and glorious time sightseeing.