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MOONSHINE MAKERS GRABBED BY SHERIFF

McDUFFEE LOCATES BIG PLANT IN MOUNTAIN FASTNESS

Chester Saling, Ben Moore, in Tolls Of Law For Illicit Distilling

Sheriff George McDuffee scored a point against moonshiners Tuesday morning when he arrived from the mountainous district southwest of Hardman, with Chester Saling, of Heppner, and Ben Moore, of Heppner, who he placed in the county jail on the charge of illegally manufacturing whiskey.

The men were caught at a camp they had established in the extreme southwest corner of Morrow county, at an early hour Tuesday morning, when Mr. McDuffee stepped into the sleeping tent occupied by the men and announced, "Well I'm here." The men were both sound asleep but at the sheriff's rather startling announcement, Moore stirred under the blankets and sleepily replied: "So am I," then, as he opened his eyes and glanced at the early visitor remarked: "My God, it's McDuffee." Mr. McDuffee was accompanied by his office deputy, Tom Childsey.

McDuffee had received information some time ago that the men were supposed to be making moonshine and had made a couple of trips into that section recently. He located an old camp a few weeks ago that had been occupied by the men on Wall creek in Grant county but they had moved a few days before he arrived. The new camp was located in an almost inaccessible canyon several miles off the road leading from Heppner to Spray and is in the extreme southwestern corner of this county, near where Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant counties corner.

The sheriff received a tip Saturday regarding the new location and left Heppner at 9:00 o'clock that night on horse back to look for the trail. He spent all day Sunday and part of the day Monday on a still hunt and early Monday afternoon was rewarded by seeing a man he took to be Ben Moore through the timber about 100 yards away. The officer quietly veered his course and after going some distance left his horse and returned to the spot on foot.

He soon gained a vantage point where he could watch the men at their work without being seen and after learning something of the mysteries of moonshining he quietly withdrew and returned to Heppner after his deputy.

The plant was one of the largest ever found in this part of the state. An upright boiler, weighing some 400 pounds was used to make steam and the still proper was made of wood with a copper chamber, into which the dry steam was turned from the boiler. The worm and all pipes and other metal parts were of pure copper and the output of the plant is said to have been strictly a No. 1 article.

Wooden vats with capacity of 500 gallons were filled with corn and rye mash ready to be distilled which sheriff McDuffee estimates would have made at least 400 gallons of finished product which at \$40 per gallon, said to be an average wholesale price, would have brought the men some \$16,000.

At a hearing before County Judge Campbell Thursday afternoon Saling entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$400.00.

ASOTIN COUNTY, WASH. WRECKED BY STORM

A terrific rain, hail and wind storm passed over Asotin county, Washington and portions of northern Idaho last Tuesday evening, leaving devastation and ruin in its wake. Damage in Asotin county alone is estimated at \$1,500,000, mostly damage to the wheat crop.

The storm extended into many other sections of eastern Washington and heavy damage is reported from many different sections.

Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtz, superintendent of schools, attended the meeting of the National Educational Association at Salt Lake City recently, returning Monday of last week. Mrs. Shurtz reports a most interesting meeting of educators.

HATFIELD CLAIMS CREDIT FOR WASHINGTON FLOODS

Charles M. Hatfield and his brother Paul, self-styled rainmakers, passed through Seattle on their way to California and stopped long enough to claim credit for the great down-fall of rain that inundated the inland empire region Tuesday.

"They were highly elated by the heavy rains which have fallen in the area included in their contract with wheat growers of Douglas, Lincoln and Grant counties.

"We are given credit for producing the rain storms which I predicted would occur immediately following my demonstration," said the rainmaker.

"Our contract ended July 10th. On Sunday we dismantled our tower and at 3 o'clock Monday morning the blue black clouds that had been rolling in from the west let go their burden of water. It rained steadily until Tuesday night at 10 o'clock. We drove out to Ephrata to find the streets flooded and the waterworks swept out.

"We were treated fairly by the farmers, and have promised them to return August 20 and resume operations. The rain-making plant will be erected at Haynes lake, in Douglas county, where conditions are much more favorable than at Moses lake. We guarantee rain in a territory within a radius of 100 miles from the plant."

While farmers and miners who have engaged Hatfield are convinced of the efficacy of his methods, United States weather bureau officials say that the artificial production of rain never has been accomplished.

HEPPNER GROWS 50 PER CENT SINCE 1910

MORROW COUNTY ALSO SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE

Ione Gains 85 Per Cent, Lexington 40 Per Cent and Hardman Gains 2

Census figures given out last Saturday show Heppner to have made a gain of approximately 50 per cent in population since 1910. Ione gained about 85 per cent, and Lexington added about 40 per cent to her citizenship. Hardman a little more than held her own during the decade gaining two people in that time.

Morrow county, as a whole, gained 28.9 per cent.

The official figures follow:
Morrow County 1920 1910 Inc.
5617 4357 1260
Heppner 1324 880 444
Ione 429 239 200
Lexington 264 155 78
Hardman 193 191 2

Heppner's gain would undoubtedly have been much greater had it not been for the two big fires of two years ago when more than 30 dwellings and apartments were destroyed.

During the 10-year period Condon grew from 1069 to 1127 a gain of 118. Arlington moved forward from 317 to 529 and Lone Rock from 70 to 73.

SHUTT SELLS 3 MORE RANCHES

E. M. Shutt the past week closed deals for the sale of three ranches in the vicinity of Lexington. Albert Kerber sold his half section of land three miles north of Lexington, containing all improvements and 300 acres of summerfallow, to Mrs. E. Salisbury, of the Palouse country, for a consideration of \$22,400, or at the rate of \$70 per acre, being \$15 per acre higher than any price heretofore paid for Morrow county land. In the same deal Ed. Burchell sold his 240 acres adjoining the Kerber place, to Mr. Salisbury at \$10 per acre, including a portion of the present crop of wheat.

Mr. Shutt also sold the E. Eckel, son place, a mile and a half above Lexington, to Jeff Beamer, at a consideration of \$12,500, which included all the crop of alfalfa, oats and garden truck, all the stock and machinery and household furniture. The place consists of 100 acres, about 40 of which are under the ditch, and is one of the best improved small ranches in the county. Mr. Beamer aims to stock it to about a dozen Jersey cows and some hogs, and will utilize all the feed raised on the place for his own stock.

PORTLAND BANKERS FEAR MONEY CRISIS

RIGID CURTAILMENT OF NON-ESSENTIAL CREDITS URGED

Good Crops Promised and Higher Cost of Living Considered Certainty

Telegram

Portland bank executives, who have read the current analysis of the country's financial status and a forecast of the immediate future, issued by the Bankers Statistics corporation of New York, are impressed with the apparent soundness of the declaration that the financial situation will continue very stringent throughout this year and that the critical phase will be at the height of the crop movement in October.

"The ability of the banks to place themselves in a position to meet the increased demand which will come at that time will depend upon the willingness of the federal reserve board to impose greater restrictions upon non-essential credit in the meantime," continues, in part, this New York authority. "The transportation problem may prove very probably as acute as the financial. The railroads will be obliged to adopt every possible expedient to handle traffic offensively, and to put it very conservatively, will find themselves unable to do it. New equipment absolutely needed by the roads cannot be obtained before the end of the year.

"Foreign trade is unlikely to show any material change, with the exception of that with South America and Asia. South American trade during the last half of the year may very possibly result in an excess of exports, whereas Asiatic trade should show a strong trend in our favor.

"The crop prospects are very good, with the exception of cotton, and with the remainder of the summer there will be no danger of failures.

"With wages still tending upward and with an increase in transportation costs inevitable, price levels have not reached their highest point. The political campaign thus far has failed to have any noticeable effect upon business and will be a minor factor during the fall months.

"High discount rates apparently are are failing to check inflation, and the reserve board will shortly be obliged to take a more stern attitude toward the curtailment of non-essential credits. This power is now entirely in the hands of the member banks, not one of which is in a position to determine accurately what constitutes an essential loan with the general welfare of the nation at interest. Unless the board is willing to define an essential loan, the present policy is worse than none at all.

"In view of the improbability of payments on account of foreign advances during the next three years, it is patent that all of the resources of necessary to meet federal obligations, with decidedly no prospect of decreased taxation.

"The increase in freight rates automatically will increase living costs and the granting of increased wages to railroad employees doubtless will encourage workers in other occupations to seek higher compensation."

PLENTY GAS AT ASTORIA.

Astoria, Ore., July 20—C. A. Nyquist, chairman of the Transportation committee in connection with the Second Annual Convention of the American Legion, to be held in Astoria July 29 and 31 and Seaside August 1, is going to make sure that there will be plenty of gasoline for those who motor down from Portland and other points in the State. Last week he put into effect a plan to conserve the local gasoline supply for the last week in July for it is believed that hundreds will make the trip by auto. News has reached the committee on arrangements that many from Portland and other points will come to Astoria, Saturday the big day of the convention and go on to Seaside Sunday to witness the reproduction of the "Battle of the Arzon, or" to be staged by the American Legion on that date. The residents of Seaside will serve a clam feed free to all visiting members of the American Legion.

Subscribes for the Herald: \$2 a year

PORTLAND AS WOOL CENTER PREDICTED

CITY IDEALLY SITUATED, DECLARES S. W. McCLURE

Humidity and Evenness of Temperature Said to Be Better Than in East for Manufacture.

(Oregonian)

"Portland is situated in an ideal way to become a wool manufacturing center," said S.W. McClure, manager of the Columbia basin wool warehouse, with headquarters at Nampa, Idaho, who is a Portland visitor. Mr. McClure was for ten years the secretary of the National Woolgrowers' association, with offices in Salt Lake, but resigned from that position several months ago. He is thoroughly versed in the wool situation in the west.

"Portland should become the largest wool-growing center and if it can be made the market for wool it will become a wool manufacturing center," he declared.

"Nothing could be more beneficial to the western wool grower than to have wool sold and manufactured into home. Under the present system the bulk of the western wool is manufactured on the Atlantic coast and western wool is transported to the east and sent back to the west in finished garments.

"Portland has the climatic advantages not enjoyed by the eastern states. The great humidity in the atmosphere here, together with the evenness of the climate, will lend to wool in this section a better appearance and a more kindly feel than if handled in sections with less humidity and more variations of temperature.

"I predict that in few years wool transportation to Atlantic ports will assume tremendous volume all of which will be beneficial to producers in the west.

"While the sheep business has been passing through a period of distress occasioned by the inability of the grower to sell his wool and the tight money conditions in the country generally, it is my judgement that the industry is sound and the outlook very bright.

"The supply of hay and grain at this time is greater than for many years. The sheepmen are going to be able to purchase their supplies at lower prices than have prevailed last year, and it will be possible to reduce many other extravagant costs that have made the business unremunerative.

"The supply of lambs throughout the west does not exceed 50 per cent of the normal and with the shortage in crops of lambs I believe it insures us high prices. Later in the season the demand for breeding ewes will become active.

"If wool growers will stick, there is every reason to believe that the storm will be weathered and that they will come through with a profit."

Heppner Herald Want Ads bring home the bacon.

NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MORROW COUNTY

Owing to the fact that we are now out of quarantine and have taken all necessary precautions for safeguarding the public against the spread of the disease by fumigating all clothing and other articles in my shop and home, I hereby invite my customers and the public generally to again visit my store.

I wish to thank you one and all for your patronage during the past eight months and assure you that my intention is to take care of the wants of my customers even better than in the past.

I have just purchased a new steam pressing machine which will enable me to bring out my work yet better than before as this machine leaves no gloss on the clothes, and it also reduces the labor cost to the extent that I am now able to clean and press a suit for \$2.00.

I have also just bought a number of suitings and if you will examine same you will find that my prices are popular and my work the very best.

G. FRANZEN, Proprietor, Heppner Tailoring & Cleaning Shop.

MRS. VAUGHAN ENTERTAINS YOUNG GIRLS

Mrs. R. J. Vaughan entertained a party of 18 young girls in a most pleasant manner last Thursday afternoon, the affair being given in honor of her niece, Marjory Vaughan, of Baker, and Margaret and Catherine West, of The Dalles, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Patterson.

Games and a wonderful automobile contest furnished the entertainment during the afternoon following which delicious refreshments were served. In the automobile contest Dorothy Pattison secured the first prize and Margaret Woodson captured the second prize.

Mrs. Vaughan was assisted in her duties as hostess by Mrs. Ben Patterson and Mrs. C. L. Sweek.

Guests present were: Zaida Tash, Margaret West, Catherine West, Elnor Cohn, Marjory Vaughan, Marjory Clark, Patricia Mahoney, Margaret Barratt, Margaret Woodson, Bernice Woodson, Ruth Hirt, Francis Parker, Mary Crawford, Mary Patterson, Katherine Blabec, Louise Thomson, Cella Kenny, Mary Farley, Dorothy Pattison.

GRAVITY WATER SYSTEM ON THE WAY

Mayor Vaughan informs the Herald that the new gravity water system is expected to be ready to deliver water in Heppner about August 15. The ditching is practically completed and the concrete pipe laying is pretty well along.

MORROW WHEAT FIELDS PROMISE HEAVY CROP

BELIEVED COUNTY WILL AVERAGE 15 BUSHELS PER ACRE

Although Slightly Shrivelled By Heat Grain is of Excellent No. 1 Grade

That the wheat fields of Morrow county give promise of a bountiful yield of first-class grain is the report given by a party of Heppner business men who made a tour of the wheat fields last Sunday as guests of W. P. Mahoney, cashier and manager of the First National Bank. Accompanying Mr. Mahoney were Frank Gilliam, senior member of the big hardware and implement firm of Gilliam & Blabec, M. D. Clark, of Minor & Co., department store, Kenneth K. Mahoney, also of the First National Bank, who piloted the Hudson car, and a representative of the Heppner Herald, W. G. Scott, banker and warehouse man of Lexington, was expected to join the party but other matters prevented.

Leaving Heppner at 8:00 a. m. the party went through the Blackhorse country where many fine crops were inspected then swung around by the artesian well ranch and on out to the Findley neighborhood which marks the northernmost limit of the wheat belt. In that section much of the crop was damaged by the severe winter and considerable re-seeding was done as late as April. W. B. Finley, who re-seeded most of his acreage will have a very fair crop, but other fields, not re-seeded, are pretty well taken by weeds and the yield will be light.

From the Finley place the party crossed Juniper canyon and came through the Reftman section where the crops are good, the thorough farming done by the Reftman brothers, the Dosks and others in that section showing proper results.

Ione was reached at 2:00 p. m. and the hotel dining room was closed but Chief Cook Knowles took pity on the party and set out what he called a cold snack but it is this writer's opinion that if the hotel puts on any more sets during regular hours than Mr. Knowles did on that occasion and the Heppner crowd had been on time, some of the banquets, at least, would have flourished.

From Ione the party took the Elmer creek road to the Louis Padberg ranch, then through Clarke canyon and Social ridge back to Heppner, and it is no secret that that is some wheat country. On the Louis Padberg ranch which is now leased and operated by Ralph Jackson, an old timer, aged about 22 years, is to be seen one of the largest and best fields of wheat in the county. The

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CHRISTENSEN WINS AS NEW PARTY NOMINEE

MAX HAYS, OF CLEVELAND, IS RUNNING MATE

Farmer-Labor Party is Name. LaFollett Refuses to Run Save On Own Platform.

The new party which was formed in Chicago last week adopted the name Farmer-Labor party and nominated Parley P. Christensen, of Salt Lake City, for president of the United States and May Hays, for vice-president.

Christensen is a native of Idaho and has lived most of his life in Salt Lake City. He is a lawyer by profession.

Max Hays is a newspaperman of Cleveland, Ohio.

An effort was made to unite all the radical and near radical elements at Chicago, there being delegates present representing the "Committee of 48" party, the Non-Partisan League, organized labor, the single taxers and other reform groups but at the last the 48ers withdrew and the farmer and labor organizations united.

Senator Robert M. LaFollett was the choice of most of the delegates for president but it is understood he refused the nomination unless he also be permitted to dictate the platform.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS

Heppner Commercial club met last Thursday evening and considered several matters of importance to the city and county.

The resignation of Prof. James Austin, who for the past 8 months has been teacher and director of the City Band, was read and accepted with regret. The reason assigned by Prof. Austin for severing his connection with the band is that of failing health and it is understood he expects to go to Lehmann Springs about August 4, when his resignation takes effect, to spend an indefinite period.

A committee composed of Oscar Borg, Fred Tash and Dean Goodman, was appointed to meet with the band Monday evening for the purpose of conferring with the boys as to what their wishes are regarding a successor to Prof. Austin. It was the unanimous opinion of the club members present that the band is making a success and that it must not be allowed to go backward at this time. The club is assisting the band to get on its feet to the amount of \$100 a month.

In the matter of the controversy between Heppner and Hermiston regarding the best road from John Day ferry to Pendleton the club was a unit for standing by its original proposition that the Olex-Eightmile-Heppner-Pilot Rock road is such the best route at this season.

Upon motion, Dean Goodman was appointed chairman of a committee to handle the matter. Mr. Goodman to name the other members of the committee.

The bill of Heppner Herald for printing 5000 copies of the Morrow county pamphlet, amounting to \$175 was read, audited and allowed.

The hotel matter was discussed pretty thoroughly during the evening and it developed that some \$5,000 must yet be subscribed in order to pay off the contractor and start the new enterprise off with a clean slate.

PIG DRIVING BE LUXE

H. F. Sorenson, of the Central Market, is one man who believes in taking advantage of every known modern convenience in carrying on his business. Monday morning being rather warm H. F. balked at the idea of herding a drove of pigs to market by hand and on foot but chose the more modern way of doing the job in his automobile. Porkers are often carried to market in auto trucks but so far as this writer knows Mr. Sorenson is the first man to tackle the job of driving pigs while riding in a car—and getting away with it. The pigs seemed to like it and walked along as orderly and sedately as though trained for the part.

Mrs. J. A. Waters and son Wilbur, left Sunday morning for Tacoma, Wash., where they will make an extended visit with relatives.