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## INTEREST MEASURE SHOULD BE DEFEATED

### WOULD DRIVE INVESTMENT CAPITAL FROM OREGON

#### Six Per Cent Irrigation Bonds Could Not Be Sold Says Attorney General

If the voters of Oregon will give a moment's serious consideration to the damaging effect of the bill proposed to limit the legal interest rate to 4 per cent and 5 per cent on contracts, they will vote it down by a big majority.

If ever a bill has sharp teeth, this is it. And if this bill is made a law it will do more to encourage law-breaking than any previous measure on our statute books.

Those who would borrow money on the class of security which demands 6 per cent, 7 per cent or 8 per cent will either have to evade the law or not get the loans they must have.

If the law is transgressed by evasion the borrower will have to pay the cost of such evasion in which event his money will cost him even more than it otherwise would, so that he will be under the double disadvantage of having to break the law and of paying money to do so.

The proof of this assertion lies in the fact that some years ago there was a law which was to the effect that owners of mortgages were to pay an annual tax thereon. That law defeated itself for the borrower always had to pay the tax. True he did not pay it direct but it was added to his cost of procuring money. And the same thing will happen to the fellow who thinks he can borrow 6 per cent or 7 per cent or 8 per cent money for 4 per cent because of a law which says that 4 per cent is the limit.

Money is liquid. Six per cent money will not be loaned at 4 per cent. No matter what ridiculous law may be in effect and if Oregon shuts her doors to money which demands over 5 per cent such money will go elsewhere for investment. California and Washington are close at hand and they will be delighted to have us pass such a law as the one proposed.

Attorney General Brown has given his opinion that no irrigation or drainage bonds, which bear 6 per cent could be sold by the State of Oregon if this measure becomes a law. Millions of dollars worth of mortgages drawing in excess of 5 per cent will have to be renewed during the next two or three years.

How are these to be renewed if this measure becomes a law. Not only will Oregon capital be driven away from the state but outside capital will be kept away.

If those who drafted this measure just design laws we suggest that they devote their thought to something constructive. Laws such as this one will bring ridicule upon the state and hamper financial operations most seriously.

Fred Howe, who was seriously injured some time ago while handling a pair of wild colts at his ranch near Lena, is improving at the Moore hospital. He was able to make final proof on his homestead last Thursday.

Chase street residents are singing praises of praise this week on account of street improvements on their thoroughfare. A few loads of cinders and bit of pick and shovel work works wonders in the way of making taxpayers happy.

Alex Wilson, well known rancher of the Boardman district, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson of this city, is at the Moore hospital suffering from an attack of typhoid. His brother, Robert Wilson, his wife and small child are in a hospital at The Dalles suffering from the same malady. All are reported improving nicely.

F. R. Brown, secretary of the John Day district, went down to the sand country Friday to try and finish up the work of securing signatures to the petition to include some 10,000 acres additional land to the district. When Engineer John H. Brown made the recent survey for a new line ditch it was found that the amount of additional land could be included within the district.

## ELKS LODGE HOLDS WELL ATTENDED MEETING

Heppner Elks held their regular meeting last Thursday evening with the biggest attendance since the new lodge room was opened.

The matter of selecting a date for the dedication of the new building was discussed and it was decided that, inasmuch as indications are favorable for the early opening of the new hotel, it is better to defer the dedication ceremonies until after the hotel is running.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER VISITING HERE

Mr. Ed E. Kiddle, state highway commissioner, is here today looking over Morrow county highways which have been designated by the highway commission for state aid. With Judge Campbell and Engineers Vinton and Baldock Mr. Kiddle made an inspection over the Oregon-Washington highway between the county line and Lone where Mr. Kiddle spent the night and completed his trip to Heppner this morning. This forenoon Judge Campbell accompanied Mr. Kiddle on a trip over the Heppner-Hardman-Monument road as far as Hardman, and this afternoon they are inspecting the Hinton creek section of the Oregon-Washington highway as far as Jones hill. While Mr. Kiddle was not talking for publication on this trip, it is known that he is in favor of protecting the new grade on Willow creek against the inroad of winds and flood by immediately having a macadam surface laid.

Morrow county people have strong hopes that something definite will be done regarding this work at the next meeting of the commission early next month.

## GREAT OCEAN PORT NEEDED

Shippers and other business people of the City of Portland are asking the question "Of what value are the first-class, modern, docks of Portland and forty feet of water at the mouth of the Columbia River when at some periods of the year ocean steamers drawing as little as 26 feet of water cannot come from the sea to the Portland harbor?"

They are answering that question by proposing to consolidate the Port of Portland and the Portland Dock Commission, giving to the consolidated body bonding and taxing powers sufficient to maintain a thirty foot channel in the Willamette and Columbia Rivers at all seasons of the year.

This measure is known as the Port of Portland Dock Commission Consolidation Bill and is to be voted on at the general election in November.

While all the people of the state are required to vote on this bill only the Port of Portland, which is within the County of Multnomah, will be taxed and bonded under the provisions of the measure.

If the state of Oregon is ever to secure a great ocean port, provisions must be made to maintain at least a 30 foot channel at low water, in the Willamette and Columbia Rivers from Portland to the Pacific ocean. When this is done and adequate port facilities are provided in the harbor at Portland, the farmers, stock raisers and lumbermen in the interior sections of the state will be able to reach the outside markets of the world with their products at a lower freight rate and a consequent greater profit to themselves.

## Popular Lone Couple Married at Portland

Earl Judson Blake and Miss Margaret Jones were married Saturday, October 9th, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Knappenberg in Portland. The bride's father, Rev. J. L. Jones, of Idaho, officiating. The bride is an attractive and charming girl who has a host of friends in our city. She is a graduate of the Lone High School and of the Forest Grove college. While in college she specialized in music, and has been acting and lately postmistress of Lone for the past three years.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blake. He was reared and educated in Lone and is an energetic young man with a large circle of friends. During the war he served in the navy as a first-class radio operator. The newly weds returned to Lone last Tuesday and were given a reception at the risk the same evening.

They are nicely located in the Jones residence on Second street.

## HON. N. J. SINNOTT MAKES ADDRESS HERE

A large crowd of voters greeted Hon. N. J. Sinnott at Star theatre last Thursday evening when Mr. Sinnott addressed citizens and voters of Morrow county on the issues of the campaign.

Mr. Sinnott is representative in congress from this congressional district, having filled that position for a number of years. Mr. Sinnott is a native of eastern Oregon and has long been a resident of The Dalles. He is a republican but is popular among members of all parties in this section of the state.

Mr. Sinnott discussed the issues of the campaign quite fully Thursday evening, his present position regarding the league of nations being about as hard to comprehend as is that of ex-President Taft and the Portland Oregonian. Mr. Sinnott was introduced by Hon. S. E. Notson. He left Friday morning for LaGrande where he was scheduled to speak that evening.

## CLEMENCY IS SHOWN DR. MARIE EQUI

The sentence of three years to McNeil's island in the case of Dr. Marie Equi, of Portland, found guilty of violation of the espionage act, was recently commuted to imprisonment for one year and one day by President Wilson. F. W. Bold, found guilty of a similar offense, also received clemency, his sentence of a year's imprisonment being cancelled. He will pay a \$500 fine and go free.

## SOME SPUD

J. S. Carter left a sample potato at this office the other day that is some spud. The tuber was grown on Mr. Carter's lot near the depot. It measures 10 1/2 inches in length, 10 inches around the girth and weighs 2 3/8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, of Corbett, visited his sister, Mrs. Chas. H. Latourell last week.

G. W. Milholland, local manager for Standard Oil, returned Sunday from a business trip at Portland.

James Higgins, of Lena, was in town Friday on land business before U. S. Commissioner J. A. Waters.

Albert Bowker, who has been spending some time in Portland lately returned to Heppner Thursday.

Ralph Corral, well known young stockman of Butter creek, was a business visitor in Heppner last Friday.

Mrs. Clyde Wells has returned from an extended visit with friends at her former home at Gold Hill, Oregon.

John Kilkenny, Jr., of Sand Hollow, left last week for Notre Dame, Indiana, where he will enter Notre Dame college for the coming year's work.

Roy White, who sells real estate and insurance, isn't kicking about business these fine fall days but is continually going out after more.

The first frost of the season was visible in Heppner last Thursday morning. It was not a "killing" frost, such as may be expected most any time.

A fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Watkins at their South Heppner home last Saturday morning. All are reported getting along nicely.

Chas. H. Latourell, who sells a Ford closed car most every day, went over to Boardman Thursday to deliver a Ford sedan to F. H. Edmunds of that place.

Mrs. R. F. Snell, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtz, during the summer months, has returned to her home at Arlington for the winter.

J. L. Wilkins and family, former well known Heppner residents, and recently engaged in the hotel business at Carson, Washington, have returned to Astoria, Oregon.

W. W. Smead returned from Portland today where he represented Morrow county at the Gresham fair as well as at the Oregon State Fair, where he, as usual, grabbed a lot of honors for Morrow county. A full report of his accomplishments will be given next week.

## RED CROSS ROLL CALL NOVEMBER 11 TO 25

A membership of 1000 is the minimum aim of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, to be secured in the Roll Call which is to be held during the two-weeks period beginning Armistice Day, November 11, and ending Thanksgiving, November 25. This figure represents only a very slight increase over the present membership, and greatly less than the local membership in the Red Cross during the war.

The present membership in the Northwestern Division, composed of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, is 367,593. At the close of the war there were 759,994 enrolled. The minimum national goal in the coming Roll Call is 10,500,000.

Red Cross officials, local and national, are pointing out that the Roll Call in no respect savors of the popular "drive."

"The Roll Call merely is a memory jogger for Red Cross members that now is dues-paying time," declared Mrs. S. W. Spencer, chairman of the local chapter. "Opportunity will be afforded persons who are not members to enlist. Should anyone wish to subscribe for life membership or any of the other higher-priced memberships he will have the opportunity in the Roll Call."

"We are planning no elaborate organization during Roll Call days. Workers are merely going out to call on members to make payment of annual dues a convenient matter, and to secure any additional enlistments which may be proffered."

## LEGION BOYS TO HOLD SMOKER ALL EX-SERVICE MEN ASKED

Members of Heppner post, American Legion, will hold a smoker at I. O. O. F. hall next Friday evening, October 22, which promise to be well attended. The attendance of every ex-service man in the county. An up-to-the-minute program of athletic events is being arranged for and it is promised that there will be something to do every minute during the evening.

There is neither politics nor business in this meeting for anybody, but only an honest-to-goodness effort to get the boys together and to build up the Heppner organization. The wrestling and boxing events will be composed of local talent, but no loyal Morrow countian will find any fault with that. Training camp and trench training and methods will have the call at this event and the word has gone out that there will be no dearth of amusement.

A special invitation is extended to all ex-service men, not yet members of the Legion to be present.

## REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOW 2107 VOTERS IN COUNTY

Morrow county had 2107 registered voters according to a statement given out by County Clerk J. A. Waters yesterday, when the registration books closed October 2. The voters are distributed between the two sexes and different political parties as follows:

	Males	Females	Total
Republican	991	425	1416
Democrats	355	187	542
Socialist	40	27	67
Prohibition	7	12	20
Miscellaneous	41	21	62
Total	1434	673	2107

## TO THE PUBLIC

This is a general invitation to every person to attend the greatest and most interesting meeting ever held in Heppner. Try and be seated by eight o'clock Friday night, October 22. There will be seats for one thousand persons. You must fill every seat.

I have wrote some verses on Candidate Cox, that is the best yet. I shall read all the verses I have written on campaign and sing my song and give a good entertainment on my violin. I will take a straw vote and challenge the Cox voters to stuff it. I have wired Chairman Tongue to send Mr. Branfield and at least one other good speaker. The meeting will begin immediately the crowd assembles. No pictures show or stuffy foot air. You have always treated me mighty nice. It is the duty of every person interested in good government to respond to this call. Cordially yours, Harry Thompson.

## PATRON-TEACHERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

An interesting session of the Patron-Teacher association was held in the High School auditorium last Tuesday afternoon when the increased attendance indicated the growing interest in the association's work among the patrons of the school.

The association is broadening its scope of work by taking up some of the extension work of the University of Oregon in the way of community betterment.

## WRESTLING MATCH DRAWS BIG CROWD

The wrestling match for the middleweight championship at the Star theatre last Saturday evening drew a big crowd, and ticket holders were given their money's worth in two speedy bouts, both of which went to Ted Thye, of Portland, who still holds the championship in his class.

Jepson, champion middle weight of Canada, met with a bad accident in the first go, when, being crowded against the rope at the front of the stage the rope broke and he fell to the concrete floor, a distance of several feet, landing squarely on his head. Many a less husky man would have been put out of commission for keeps, but Jepson went through with two bouts in fair shape. The accident, no doubt, shortened the contest and made Thye's victory much easier.

The go was on the level, however, which is the main attraction in all wrestling or sparring matches, and the fans were all well pleased. Another match is being arranged for next Saturday night at the Star, when Jepson will try conclusions with Dodan Singh, champion Hindu wrestler of America.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The end of the first report month, October 8, shows the entire enrollment of pupils in the school to be 329, which is an increase of 23 pupils over the first month of last year.

The attendance in the entire school was 85 1/2 per cent, and 222 pupils were neither tardy nor absent.

The rooms having no tardy marks during the month are the eighth grade, opportunity room, the third and fourth grades. The eighth grade also had the highest per cent of attendance.

The total enrollment in the high school was 93 students, which was the same number that enrolled the first month last year.

School will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the teacher's institute to be held in Pendleton. The teachers, by the arrangement of the school board will go over by auto Wednesday morning, making it possible to have school Tuesday.

The three upper classes gave a "get-together party" in honor of the Freshmen Friday night. The expression of one of the students, "Geo, I had a great time," seemed to be the general opinion of everyone.

In our music department we have organized a chorus of about forty members, a splendid boys' quartet, also a girls chorus and quartet, under supervision of Miss Bernice Defoe.

Now the fun begins! Ted Young started school Monday.

Have you noticed the "wide-awake look" on Clarence Reasoner's face?

Boys' room number 3 is still the "visiting room" instead of the conservatory.

Some of the boys seem to be very ill at foot ball practice, but are very active when it comes to performing aerobic stunts in chairs.

The foot ball team will play Fossil H. S. foot ball team on Wednesday at Fossil.

## "A SENSE OF HUMOR"

In defining the word "humor" Webster's New International Dictionary quotes Lowell thus: "Humor is its first analysis is a perception of the incongruous." The same authority quotes Thackeray thus: "I shall call humor a mixture of love and wit."

Mr. L. N. Traver was here from Corvallis for a few days last week visiting with Heppner friends. Mr. and Mrs. Travers resided here for about a year while Mr. Travers was superintending the building of the Heppner hotel and the new Elk temple. During a short call at the Herald office Friday Mrs. Travers reported having met Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bettner at Albany recently where Mr. Bettner is employed on the Albany Democrat. Mr. Bettner was formerly employed on the Herald.

## JOINT INSTITUTE AT PENDLETON THIS WEEK

### TWO COUNTIES JOIN IN TEACHERS INSTRUCTION SESSION

#### Small Expense Allowance Cause School Board Join Forces in Annual Event

School superintendents and teachers of Morrow county are mostly en route to Pendleton today to take part in the joint Teachers' Institute to be held in that city Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the present week by educators of Morrow and Umatilla counties.

According to Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtz, school superintendent of Morrow county, the joint institute was arranged for by the two counties in an effort to provide better instructors for the sessions than has been possible for individual counties to procure within the past two or three years.

In an interview on the subject last Saturday Mrs. Shurtz stated that her experience the last two years has been rather disappointing in the matter of securing competent instructors, the competition being so great between counties in the Pacific Northwest that it is almost impossible to secure the quality of instructors she desired for the benefit of the teachers of Morrow county. In many cases, Mrs. Shurtz stated, after having secured the services of educators whom she believed to be first-class in their vocation, she would receive a wire at the last minute that the person engaged was unable to fulfill his or her engagement and that they had taken the liberty of substituting some lesser light. This plan resulted in considerable dissatisfaction among patrons of the institute. Mrs. Shurtz said, and was one of the contributing causes for the merging of the Morrow and Umatilla institutes this year. It seems that Umatilla county has had a very similar experience as has Morrow.

Morrow county has an appropriation of \$200 a year for teachers' institute. Umatilla county, being a much larger and richer county, has an appropriation of \$400. Neither sum, under present conditions, is adequate to finance any kind of teachers' institute worthy of the name. By merging the two a more satisfactory session is assured.

Mrs. Shurtz also pointed out that her office is not being conducted particularly for the commercial interest and upbuilding of Heppner. The school superintendent's office represents, impartially, the best interests of every school district in Morrow county, regardless of their size or political importance. If better instruction to Morrow county teachers and better service to Morrow Co. school children, whether in Heppner or in the most remote district in southern mountain or northern sand, can be had by joining appropriations and holding a joint institute with Umatilla county, Mrs. Shurtz is of the opinion that that is the proper thing to do.

Dave Hynd was in town Friday. Mr. Hynd is said to be in touch with a band leader in California whom he is trying to induce to come here to take charge of the city band.

Mrs. George Alken, who has been visiting relatives in Western Oregon for several weeks, returned Monday evening and is again ready to receive patients at her east side hospital.

Miss Ruth VanVactor, Reed college student who is taking a layoff from college work for the present term, has taken the position of teacher in the Rehrman district, ten miles north of Lone.

A. W. Stuart, who has had charge of the mechanical department for some time, left for Portland Sunday morning here where he will take a responsible position with the Independent Printing Co.

Dan Stalzer, who has been in the Greenhorn mining district all summer developing the Mayflower mine, returned to Heppner Monday for the winter. He reports the Mayflower looking better than ever.

Mr. J. H. Wyland, of Hardman, left for Portland Thursday morning where she will join her daughter, Miss Susan Wyland, who went to the new hotel last week. They may decide to spend the winter there.