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BOOST THE NEW HOTEL

Over in Gilliam county, some 20 years ago, in the old political convention days when the Populists held the balance of power in Oregon and by a fusion with the democrats hoped to sweep the state, there was a farmer-politician who had been a life-long Republican but had become tired of things as they were and joined the Populist party. When a fusion with the democrats was effected this farmer was nominated for the legislature and it looked like he had a walkover. When the votes were counted, however, he was badly snowed under and this is the way he accounted for his defeat: "They nominated me," he said, "and then in effect said to me: 'Now, you son of a gun, you're nominated, get out and get elected if you can.'"

Pat Foley and Jim Hart, respectively proprietor and manager of Heppner's fine new hotel, are feeling a bit like that Gilliam county farmer did during his campaign. We people of Heppner built the hotel at a tremendous war-price cost because we realized that the town had to have a hotel. It is no secret that it almost made the blood run to finish financing the hotel company last summer. We have leased it to Mr. Foley and he has put something more than \$20,000 into furnishing and equipping the building and has employed Mr. Hart, who ranks with the very best hotel stewards in Oregon, to manage the business. The hotel has been opened during a period of perhaps the worst financial depression this county has ever experienced. Money is tight, travel is light and the usual activities which go to make the hotel business a profitable or even self-sustaining one, are generally lacking. The problem of having a really first-class hotel in Heppner is not yet fully solved. The business must be placed on a self-supporting basis before the town can afford to say to Mr. Foley and Mr. Hart: "There's the hotel, we built it, you leased and furnished it, now make it pay if you can."

The hotel still needs the financial and moral support of every citizen of the community to make it what it should be and what the community needs and must have if the community is ever to get its money back either directly or indirectly. What is needed just now is boosting, not knocking.

During the two and one-half years that Heppner was without a hotel the business of renting rooms in private dwellings has been a lucrative one to many citizens and it was to their credit that they threw their homes open to the traveling public. The letting of private rooms met a serious need when we had no hotel but now that we have a good one the hotel is entitled to and should have that business to the extent of its capacity and every business man, every citizen should use his influence towards directing the traveling public to the hotel. The householders are established. The hotel, as a going concern, is not established. It needs the business as badly as the business interests of the town need a first-class hotel.

Before the fire Heppner had a hotel as large though not as modern as the present one. It also had two or three restaurants. There was a place for all and there will be a place for hotel and restaurants in the future. The point is that, so far, the restaurant business has hardly been touched by the opening of the new hotel although Manager Hart is practically meeting restaurant prices in his dining room, with added advantages of attractive surroundings and modern hotel service. The restaurants are established. The hotel is not established, firmly, and if the hotel is to become firmly established it needs a considerable portion of the business now going to the restaurants. This is a quiet time in Heppner, but it is not fair that a modern hotel, financed by the business men of the community should take all the loss and it is up to the business men of the town to see that it does not, by boosting for the hotel and giving it their patronage as occasion may arise. The hotel will become perhaps the largest individual customer of many lines of business in the town and should have the undivided support of every business man in town.

It's up to we people of Heppner to help make the hotel what it should be as a going institution.

Let's get behind it and boost.
Don't knock.

ADDISON WRITES US UP

Addison Bennett has come, has gone, has written and the result of his genius as a traveling representative of the Oregonian, so far as his recent visit to Heppner is concerned was printed in last Sunday's edition of that paper.

Heppner people who read the two and one-half column article of pessimism and gloom expressed astonishment that a man who can qualify as a pretty good humorist and generally genial gentleman as an after-dinner speaker, could deliberately assume the role of gloomy grouch in writing a descriptive article about Heppner and Morrow county. Whether Mr. Bennett's apparent desire to dig into the dead and distant past and uncover to the world every unfortunate circumstance, every community misfortune and every personal sorrow in the county's history, is due to his unfortunate connection with the Irrigon bubble of bygone days or is simply the result of passing years on a once brilliant mind, we do not know, but certain it is that After-Dinner Bennett and Correspondent Bennett are two different people.

While digging into gruesome subjects Mr. Bennett should have mentioned that people often pass out here before they are quite 100 years old; that one of our sheep-

men had a fatal sheep die two years ago from eating poison; that seven or eight years ago, out in the Eightmile country a valuable mule died from eating too much wheat in an empty stomach and that the Heppner ball team lost game to Arlington nine years ago last summer. He might also have mentioned the fact that the county had quite an Indian scare in '77, that several cayuse ponies were stolen in early days, and that more than a million (estimated) of his old friends the "John Rabbits" perished last winter from snow, cold and poison.

It is cheering to learn, however, from Mr. Bennett's facile pen, that "some hay is put up on the Willow creek bottoms," and "some alfalfa is produced along the Irrigon and Boardman sections," and "some fruit is shipped from Irrigon, quite a lot." He then begs his readers to forget the crop failures in Morrow county during the last 40 years and turns to the more cheering subject of how much less Gilliam and Sherman and Umatilla counties have suffered from dry weather than has Morrow. Fine.

Friend Bennett, however, atones for all the gloomy things he says about Morrow county by admitting that "Morrow county people are harder to kill off than the John Rabbit family," which is something in our favor. Mr. Bennett evidently gathered a part of his information from the doctors and maternity hospitals.

In noting the big decrease in our bank resources during the past year he does not take the trouble to state, however, that 50 per cent of the wheat crop and 99 per cent of the wool crop are yet unsold which means that two or three millions of dollars that should be in the banks and in the channels of trade are tied up in the granaries and warehouses.

Mr. Bennett says some nice things about Heppner near the end of his article but his figures regarding size and number of new buildings are so wild as to make that part of the story read like a joke book and he winds up with the doleful prediction that Morrow county people are facing RUIN in big, capital letters, which is the biggest joke of all. If all Mr. Bennett's dreams of evil should come true, which they won't, the smash might be even worse than the smash at Irrigon when those who trusted the Title & Bust Co. went bust for their trust.

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36-37 MRS. L. G. HERREN.

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T. J. HUMPHREYS,
County Treasurer.

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CHURCH NOTICES

The First Christian Church.

The usual services of the Church will be held on Sunday, consisting of the Bible School at ten o'clock, followed by Communion Service and Preaching at eleven o'clock.

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The City Bird.

"The sparrow soon adapts itself to environment."

"What now?"

"Saw one downtown today which was building a nest of burnt matches."

Progressing Slowly.

Husband—Making any progress towards getting acquainted with those people next door?

Wife—Just a little. Their cat invited our cat over to a little sing-song last night.—Stray Stories.

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