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LEGALITY OF JOHN DAY ELECTION QUESTIONED

Directors Seek Legal Advice Before Certifying Successors.

Doubt Expressed As to Regularity of Nomination of Minor and Wheelhouse.

Directors of the John Day irrigation district are in session here this week, having met Monday, as required by law, to canvass the vote cast at the district election held last Tuesday for the election of the directors. A question having arisen regarding the legality of the nomination of C. A. Minor and Arthur Wheelhouse, the two candidates elected, the board decided that it would be to the best interests of the district to defer the canvass of the votes and certification of the new directors until the matter can be passed upon by the district attorney. The matter was therefore submitted to F. A. McMenamin, local attorney for the district, and by him was passed on to Teal, Minor & Winfree, of Portland, who are also retained for legal opinions on technical questions of law. The directors, therefore, adjourned their meeting until this morning, and as no opinion had had yet been received, they again adjourned until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, when it is expected the opinion will be here. It is probable a member of the Portland law firm will be present at Wednesday's meeting.

John H. Lewis, engineer in charge of the survey now being made for the project, came out from Portland on Sunday to be present at the meeting but was recalled to Portland Monday on business connected with the Tumalo irrigation project, for which he is consulting engineer. Mr. Lewis is also expected to reach Heppner Wednesday morning.

Later—Teal, Minor & Winfree, Portland attorneys, wired the directors Tuesday p. m. to the effect that they hold the nomination of Minor and Wheelhouse to have been illegal, and advise that votes cast for them be thrown out. The directors followed the instructions of their attorneys and took the action directed. A little later a remonstrance signed by seventy-nine property owners in the district protesting against the 30-cent assessment and also declaring their unalterable opposition to bonding the district to any private individual or corporation was filed with the board of directors.

APPEAL FOR IRISH RELIEF FUNDS

P. E. Sullivan, 462 Washington street, Portland, treasurer of the Irish Relief Committee, is sending out the following appeal to all friends of Ireland for aid in alleviating the distress of that distracted country:

Dear Friend: It is unnecessary for me to tell you of present-day conditions in Ireland. The English censored news dispatches of the daily press confirm Arthur Griffith's message that "Today is Ireland's Valley Forge." It is the evident intention of the English Government to try and starve the Irish people into surrendering their glorious fight for freedom.

A national drive for the relief of the homeless and foodless people of Ireland, and for re-construction of their wrecked towns and industries, has been started. In Oregon we have organized a Relief Committee to carry on this campaign under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary. These two organizations will stand all the expenses incurred in the drive. There will be no overhead charges, every dollar collected will be forwarded to and administered under the supervision of the Elected Government of the Republic of Ireland.

Immediate response to this urgent call will be doubly effective. May we ask you to give us your personal co-operation and send in not only your own contribution, but if possible get others to join with you. Unless otherwise requested, acknowledgment will be made in the columns of the Catholic Sentinel.

Your check for any amount will be appreciated. Please make it generous if you can.

Bishop Paddock held services at the Episcopal church Sunday evening.

FARM BUREAU SCHOOL AT HEPPNER, SAT., JAN. 29.

The Morrow County Farm Bureau will have the privilege of having with them on Saturday, January 29, Supr. D. N. Stephens, of the Mars Experiment Station, who will discuss the growing of farm crops in Morrow county; Prof. E. H. Furr, who has charge of the Dairying Department, will speak on dairying; Prof. R. V. Gunn, who has charge of Farm Accounting and is making a special effort to obtain cost of production figures on hay and grain.

This meeting will be held in the council room, and all farmers are urged to attend. Meeting will begin at 10 o'clock.

KLEMMER LECTURE WELL RECEIVED

The lecture given by Professor Klemme in the high school auditorium last Wednesday evening, was enjoyed by the large crowd present. Professor Klemme is connected with the extension department of the Bellingham, Washington, Normal College and enjoys an enviable reputation throughout the Northwest as an instructive entertainer.

Professor Klemme spoke Wednesday evening on "Parental Responsibility," and his address showed that he has been a close student of boy nature.

Many of the audience pronounced the lecture the best delivered in Heppner in many months.

FIFTEEN COUNTIES UNITE IN TO FORM STATE FARM BUREAU

(By L. A. Hunt.) Yes, the State Farm Bureau of Oregon is off for a fair start, as fifteen Morrow county farmers will testify.

The preliminary meetings for this organization were held in the fall and a campaign for the endorsement of twelve county farm bureaus was begun, which was to end by April 1st. In this list Morrow county ranked fifth.

When the gavel fell that called the state convention to order in the Imperial hotel in Portland January 10, the list had already swelled to fifteen, composed of the following: Malheur, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Sherman, Deschutes, Klamath, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos, Linn, Benton, Polk and Clackamas. Several other counties have farm bureaus that are temporarily inactive because of inability to secure county agents, and several counties have agents but no farm bureau.

Among the many projects adopted for activity of this organization in correlating and extending the activities of the County Farm Bureau is the grain marketing project. This will be made a first magnitude undertaking in eastern Oregon, and will be undertaken by the State Grange, the Farmers' Union and Farm Bureaus jointly. Dr. McPherson, of the Bureau of Markets, will be publicity agent for the undertaking. Western Oregon is intensely interested in a state wool pool. This will be first developed in western Oregon, and co-operation is solicited from any eastern Oregon Farm Bureau.

The state wide hay pool is another vital interest. The organization of the Morrow-Umatilla Hay Association is to be extended to every hay exporting county of the state, and will provide for the stabilization of hay prices and the importation of pert will take care of the rate questions which arise. Several questions of importance to Morrow county will be acted upon through this department.

A legislative program is in action, and an effort to secure proper and sound legislation is to be put

A department of freight adjustments will be installed where an ex-ward at once. Several bills are due for the knife and others are to be introduced. Don't just "watch 'er go." Help push. Join now.

The delegation elected and in attendance were Oscar Keithley, R. W. Turner, E. M. Hulden, Andy Rood and Jeff Jones, all of Heppner; Joe Devine, of Lexington; Fred Raymond of Ione; Ben Morgan, of Morgan. Other farmers in attendance from Morrow county were Richard McElligott, Leonard Anderson, Nels M. Johnson, of Ione; Chas. Cox and Matt T. Hughes, of Heppner; Fred sume the surplus.

This will also be undertaken on a co-operative basis. Livestock for feeding purposes to county, of Morgan.

ADVERTISING CHECKS BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

(American Press.)

THE POWER of advertising has been called into service to check business depression for the first time in the history of newspaper making. Dozens of business firms, sensing the sinister impact of the public mind, have resorted upon advertising as a means of checking unnecessary calamity, and have placed copy spelling optimism in several of the metropolitan papers. The financial world is represented in the movement by the second financial institution in this country—the Guaranty Trust Company. It is a remarkable demonstration, a wonderful tribute to advertising, and it will be found an effective and justifiable method of grappling with the complex problem of economic disturbance.

The newspapers, through their news, editorial and advertising columns, absolutely can prevent business depression now or at any other time. All that is necessary is the will to do and the intelligence to act constructively.

Business depression is a state of mind. That is beyond dispute. Credit is the basis of all business. The gold of the world would pay only a tithe of the world's debt, let alone finance the giant enterprises of commerce. Let credit, which is trust, be sound, and business is sound; let the shadow of timidity and doubt enter the public mind and a tightening of the price strings spells the first syllable of coming depression.

So far as this publisher is concerned his interest is exactly that of the advertiser. He must help keep business sound, and in doing so he must breathe the spirit of confidence. This does not mean that the publishers and the business men should inflate the people with false hopes, simply spreading words of cheer that have nothing back of them. It means they should take every opportunity they can to state facts that of themselves give confidence to the people.

Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Company, for example, recently said the wisest thing that has been said by a banker in many a day, when he stated that "Any man who sells the United States of America short, in the long run is certain to lose."

HEPPNER LIBRARY CHANGES LOCATION.

The Heppner library, formerly located in the council chamber, has been moved to Mrs. L. G. Herren's millinery store on lower Main street, where it will be open every day in the week except Sunday, thus adding to the convenience of patrons.

Donations of books will be gladly received at any time, whether only one or a dozen, according to Mrs. VanVactor, of the Library Association, and Mrs. Ayres, of the Civic club, both of whom are active workers for the library.

Dinner-Dance.

At Hotel St. Patrick, Saturday evening, January 22. Dinner from 5:30 to 8:30. Dancing will continue until 12:00 o'clock. Dinner \$1.50 a plate.

LEGION BOYS SECURE HEADQUARTERS.

Heppner Post American Legion have secured a lease on the Prophet building adjoining the First National bank, and workmen today are engaged in putting the place in shape for their occupancy. The building will be used for regular meeting purposes, and will be fitted up as a gymnasium.

E. R. Merritt has secured a portion of the front of the building, where he will open a lunch stand.

Legion SSmoker.

Saturday evening, January 22nd, at American Legion headquarters in the old Gilliam & Bisbee building, next door to the First National bank. Admission 25 cents. Everybody come out and help the boys furnish their new quarters.

Dainty Watteau Girls Visualize Fair Court Ladies of Seventeenth Century

Program Combines Musicianship and Dramatic Artistry — Will Be Heard in Unusual Entertainment Here in Near Future.



These two merry musical midways are to give their delightful entertainment here in the near future. They appear in the dainty, shepherdess costumes of the seventeenth century—of the time of Watteau, the great French painter. The Watteau Duo consists of Miss Anna Fano Harall and Miss Rose Baker, two of Iyegum's cleverest young artists. Their program combines musicianship and dramatic artistry. Do not miss the program of the Watteau Girls.

Get your season tickets and Be On Hand. Next and Last Number March 4th Star Theater, Lyceum Course, Monday, January 24.

VAUN VS. BAUMAN MATCH JANUARY 29

An interesting sporting event is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 29, at the Star Theater, in a wrestling match between Curtis Vaun of Heppner and Harvey Bauman of Lexington.

Vaun first tried to arrange a meeting with Glen Hadley of Harburt, who claims to hold the championship of Morrow county, but when it came to the test Hadley failed to connect. Vaun says, and he then arranged to meet Bauman. Vaun is a husky kid, and has had much experience on the mat, and as Bauman is known here as a mighty good mat, an interesting match may be expected. The match will be put on immediately after the show, and some good preliminaries are promised.

MAKING WAR ON COYOTES.

Elmer Williams, of the Biological Survey, who acts as field inspector of government trappers, is spending the month in Morrow county with headquarters at Hotel St. Patrick.

Mr. Williams' chief business is to make war on coyotes and other predatory animals, and with this end in view he has recently stationed three expert trappers at different points in the county. S. E. Sickle, a government trapper who was brought here from Lake county, is stationed at Cecil; Harold Dobyens, an lone boy and for several years connected with the government predatory animal service, is located at Lena, and Clarence Carson, who is known as a co-operative trapper and is paid jointly by the county and the stockmen, is located at Pine City.

These men are all paid a flat salary, and collect no bounties on animals killed, thereby effecting a considerable saving to the county and state. The pelts and furs taken are also turned over to the government and sold, the proceeds going into the fund from which the trappers' salaries are paid.

This arrangement, Mr. Williams says, does away with the abuses that have always prevailed under the old bounty system, when many trappers located the pup dens and raided them in early summer when the pups are small, allowing the mother to escape to bring on another profitable litter for the next year.

Parent-Teachers Meeting.

The Parent-Teacher Association held an enjoyable meeting last Tuesday afternoon, when, after routine business had been disposed of, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, The 1919 legislature amended the 'High School Tuition Fund Law,' enacted at the 1915 session; and

"Whereas, The county school superintendents at their annual convention in Salem branded this amendment as pernicious, vicious and unwise, and recommended in their resolutions that the said amendment be repealed by the present legislature now in session. Be it

"Resolved, That we, the Parent-Teachers Association, of Heppner, Oregon, go on record as endorsing this resolution passed by the said county school superintendents."

Mrs. Nova Claybaugh favored the audience with the vocal solo, "Slumber Boat," and Prof. Klemme, of the Bellingham Normal, gave his inspiring lecture on child development.

E. G. Noble Appointed Mayor.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held Monday evening, E. G. Noble was appointed mayor to fill the vacancy occasioned when Oscar Borg, elected some time ago, failed to qualify. Mr. Borg is closing out his business here preparatory to moving to Missoula, Montana, where he will engage in business.

Mr. Noble has had several years' experience as a member of the council, and is well qualified for his new position.

Dr. McMurdo was appointed city health officer at the same meeting.

The need of a hand rail along the new sidewalk in front of the Morrow property between the creek and the school grounds was brought to the attention of the council, and was referred to the street committee for action. The sidewalk is elevated at this point, and is said to be a serious menace to the safety of school pupils and others using it.

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MORE AMENDMENTS TO FORDNEY MEASURE

Emergency Tariff Measure Still Being Haggled Over.

Wheat Tariff Increased—Relief for Wool Men Still in Talkfest.

The Fordney emergency tariff measure is still being haggled over in congress, and more and still more amendments are being offered. At Friday's session in the senate finance committee the bill was again opened to amendments, and McCumber, of North Dakota, succeeded in having the wheat tariff increased from 39 to 40 cents per bushel. Calder secured an amendment adding dairy products to the list of articles protected with 6 cents a pound on butter and cheese, and 2 cents and 5 cents a gallon on fresh milk and cream respectively. An amendment by Jones will place hides also on the protected list.

A report on the wool situation was submitted by the federal tariff commission to be used when the wool rate is considered by the committee. The report said that the big decline in wool is due chiefly to a world's surplus of the commodity, but admitted that the drop was largely due to the "buyers' strike" and limitation of credit. Nothing was said about the use of shoddy in the manufacture of so-called woolsens as being the chief factor in causing the surplus. This fact has been commented on here by several leading sheepmen of Morrow county, who are firm in the opinion that if the proposed "pure fabric" bill could be passed repurifying manufacturers of fabrics to plainly brand as "shoddy" all woolen goods containing any per centage of re-worked material the woogrowing industry would soon come into its own, tariff or no tariff.

As to production costs, the report showed that the per head expense for running sheep on the range was \$6.64, \$6.84 and \$6.70 for 1918, 1919 and 1920 respectively.

BUSINESS BRISK AT HOTEL ST. PATRICK.

The fame of Manager Harris Sunday dinners at Hotel St. Patrick is spreading not only in Heppner, but throughout the inland empire. A splendid dinner was served last Sunday evening, and was enjoyed by many Heppner families, as well as traveling people, who are already learning to strain a point to reach Heppner for the week end. Thomas Murray Spencer, widely known as the drummer-poot, was a guest at the St. Patrick over Sunday, and he says it is the best hotel in point of furnishings, service and cuisine this side of Portland.

Other guests who registered Sunday were: Bishop Paddock, of the diocese of Oregon; C. C. Clark and Ed. Martin, Arlington; Ed. and Dave Reitman, Ione; F. E. Stillwell and C. L. Berry, La Grande; John H. Lewis, Portland.

STAR OFFERING EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD BILLS.

Manager Sigbee, of the Star Theatre is entitled to much credit for the exceptionally fine class of pictures he is presenting lately, and his patrons no doubt appreciate his efforts. Durin the present dull season Mr. Sigbee has adopted the policy of securing the very highest class of pictures for his house, and in some cases showing them two successive nights.

A particularly fine presentation was that of "The Brat," given Monday and Tuesday evenings of last week, in which the famous Nazamova starred. In this picture the entire company may be classed as artists from star right down the line to the old stage hand behind the scenes, who was supposed to fire the pistol as a signal for Nazamova to lie down and die while doing the rabbit dance at the charity show. The look on his face when he realized that the other woman had fooled him by a fake faint was worth the price of the whole show.

Patrons of the Star, Mr. Sigbee says, may depend on the best class of pictures obtainable every week, as he believes the only sure way to success lies in giving the public real service in the amusement line.