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## JOHN DAY DIRECTORS GIVE OUT STATEMENT

POSITION REGARDING RECENT ELECTION SET FORTH.

## ASKS PUBLIC TO INVESTIGATE

Agreement and Contract With John H. Lewis Also Is Made Public.

To Let Land Owners in the John Day Irrigation District and the Public:

At the organization election of the John Day Irrigation District, there were elected three directors. The vote of the organization election was unanimous for the creation of the district. Upon the qualification of the directors elected it became their duty to prepare a budget and levy a tax to pay the cost of organization and any expense that the directors deemed necessary to the best interest of the new district. Before entering upon their work as directors, the law required that each director file a bond to guarantee the faithful performance of his duty.

Among the duties of the directors was the establishment of the number of irrigable acres of land within the district. The estimated cost of a high line canal, cost of diversion dam and reservoir sites together with the estimated cost of any other construction or work which a preliminary survey would show to be necessary. After several months of investigation and consultations with various engineers and a conference with Hon. N. J. Sinnott, chairman of the committees on irrigation of the House of Representatives, and other representatives in Congress, and the State Engineer of the State of Oregon, and Mr. Davis, director of the U. S. Reclamation Service, the board of directors deemed it advisable to employ an engineer. The employment of a particular engineer was a question to which your board gave considerable study. After considering the qualifications of the various engineers, the board selected John H. Lewis, former State Engineer of the State of Oregon, to make the preliminary survey. One reason for selecting John H. Lewis as engineer was because he had particular knowledge of the character of the land embraced in the John Day Irrigation District, and because of his close contact in past years with the irrigation development of the state of Oregon.

The District Irrigation law of the state of Oregon places the directors of an irrigation district in a peculiar position. The law specifies that an election for the election of a director be held on the second Tuesday of January each year after the organization election, except the first January following the organization election. This election is directed by statute, which statute provides the procedure to be followed, such as the giving of notice of an election and the manner of nomination of candidates. In regard to the nomination of candidates the statute provides that nominations for the office of director shall be made, either by petition signed by at least ten land owners within the district, or at an assembly of not less than twenty-five land owners of the district, the procedure being set forth in sections 4 and 6 in the general laws of Oregon for the year 1917. This statute provides that all nominations at an annual election, either by petition or assembly, be filed by the secretary of the board of directors at least ten days prior to the date of election. The statute further provides that the returns of said election shall be returned to the board of directors, and that the board of directors shall canvass the returns of said election and issue a certificate of election to the person receiving the highest number of votes. This section of the law places the responsibility on the retiring board of directors to say who are legally elected directors and to instruct the secretary of the board of directors to issue certificates of election.

We have failed to find in other election laws of the State of Oregon where a man may sit and determine who is legally elected in an election wherein he himself is a candidate, and we wish to assure the public that we feel embarrassed in this position. In this election by the board of directors we have tried to follow the law as set forth in the statute. One of the provisions being that the general election laws of the State of Oregon in regard to the nomination of candidates shall not apply to an irrigation district election and it is to be hoped that judgment will not be passed on this action on the part of the board of directors until the statutes referred to have been consulted. Every action of the board of directors has been made in good faith and for the best interests of the district.

The statement has been made that the directors of this board were spending money in a reckless way and had already made an assessment

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## BROTHERHOOD PERFECTS ITS ORGANIZATION.

Eighty-five representative men of Heppner and vicinity met at Hotel St. Patrick Monday evening to perfect the organization of a civic brotherhood, mention of which was made in these columns last week.

The purpose of the organization is neither political nor religious, but simply as a get-together movement of the men in monthly gatherings to promote the community welfare.

An excellent luncheon was served by the hotel management during the discussion of which interesting addresses were given by Rev. Stephen Phelps, D. D., Rev. Mr. Livingstone and S. E. Notson.

The following permanent officers were elected: Prof. Howard M. James, president; S. E. Notson, vice-president; Rev. Livingstone, secretary; Vawter Crawford, treasurer.

Regular luncheon meetings will be held at the hotel on the second Monday evening of each month.

All white men over the age of 18 years are eligible for membership, and are invited to become members. The yearly dues are only 50 cents.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB MEMBERS WILL ENJOY SQUARE MEAL.

Members of the Heppner Commercial club and their friends will dine at Hotel St. Patrick Thursday evening, February 3, at 7:30. The dinner will constitute a regular meeting of the club, at which time delegates to the recent State Chamber of Commerce and Irrigation Congress meetings will make reports.

W. B. Barratt, recently appointed state highway commissioner, will be present and make an address on the road situation, and other speakers with interesting messages to deliver are expected to be present. An interesting musical program will also be given.

Every member of the club and every citizen of the county who should become a member is invited. Dinner tickets will cost only one dollar.

## FARM BUREAU IS TO END WORLD FAMINE

### WILL DONATE SURPLUS CORN TO RELIEVE HUNGER VICTIMS.

Ask Others Only to Transport Grain to Hungry Hordes in Europe and Asia.

Farmers in the great American corn belt stand ready to donate the surplus of their 1920 corn crop to feed the starving peoples of the earth, according to an offer made by J. H. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau, in an address at Chicago last Friday.

Addressing the Illinois Agricultural association, President Howard declared he had advised from many states assuring him that the farmers would be willing to donate liberally from America's corn crop in order that no one in the world might starve.

The matter has been taken up with Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European relief activities.

"We will furnish any amount the Hoover committee can use," Mr. Howard said after the meeting. "If it wants 10,000,000 bushels we will get it; if it wants 25,000,000 bushels we'll get that. I talked with the New York headquarters this morning and the matter will be taken up there Monday."

An Iowa farmer had suggested to him that farmers in his county would donate all of their surplus crop over the number of bushels they raised in 1919. Mr. Howard said.

The farmers of America, Mr. Howard continued, are willing to donate of their surplus a sufficient amount to save the starving in Europe and China, provided the corn is shipped out of the country and not thrown on the American market further to depress the price.

They proposed to the European and Chinese relief committees that the farmers would furnish the corn at shipping stations if the railroad, milling and corn products interests and the public at large will transport it to the famine victims.

Telegrams were read from farm bureau secretaries of the states of Ohio, Missouri and Indiana endorsing the plan.

## OLCOTT CRITICIZES LOW BIDS ON BONDS

STATEMENT DIRECTED TO OREGON MONEY INTERESTS.

## SMALLEST STATE PAYS PREMIUM

Rhode Island Securities Above Par—Oregon Bonds at Discount—Asks Reason Why.

Some light may be thrown on the whys and wherefores of the low prices bid for Oregon road bonds and other securities offered by the state if the big financial institutions of Oregon will give Governor Olcott the information he seeks regarding the above-par prices being paid for Rhode Island state bonds and the below-par bids offered for Oregon securities bearing the same rate of interest.

In a statement given out at Salem the other day the governor said: "I have noted that the governor of Rhode Island, in his message to the legislature said that the bonded indebtedness of the latter state had increased last year by the issuance of \$2,500,000 bonds for the soldiers' bonus and for bridge construction.

"These were 4 1-2 per cent bonds and all of them were sold above par, the greater part of them at a slight premium, a fact which indicates a sound financial standing of the state. It also is worthy of note that all except \$100,000 of these bonds were subscribed for by banking institutions of Rhode Island.

"I was amazed to find that the tinkest state in the Union could obtain par and premium bids on 4 1-2 per cent bonds, when Oregon has been compelled to sell its highway bonds, bearing the same rate of interest, at a discount. Evidently the secret lies in the fact that the bankers of Rhode Island responded to the appeal and took the securities of their own state at their face value or better.

"We will have more bonds to sell during the next few years, and I wish to appeal to the patriotism of our bankers to see if they cannot assist Oregon in equaling the record of Rhode Island in the future. Certainly our bonds backed by a state unparalleled in natural resources, should have as fine a financial standing as the little state of Rhode Island, covered by a territory barely perceptible upon the ordinary map. I urge the people of the state to think not only of the financial honor of Oregon, but of the value we will receive in greater returns for our bonded indebtedness."

## Free Garden and Flower Seeds.

Through the courtesy of Hon. N. J. Sinnott the Herald has received a quantity of flower and garden seeds for free distribution to the people of Morrow county. Everybody who can use these seeds in the spring are invited to call and ask for a package or more. Persons at a distance from Heppner may notify this office and the seeds will be mailed to them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Spencer were week end visitors at Pendleton, returning Monday.

## WHEAT MEN HOLD BIG MEET AT THE DALLES

CO-OPERATIVE MARKET PLAN MAKES PROGRESS.

## WILL INCORPORATE AT MORO

New Organization to Be Known As Oregon Co-Operative Grain Growers.

(By I. A. Hunt.)

As announced in the state press, the grain committee, composed of a committee of five farmers, each representing the State Grange, Farmers' Union and State Farm Bureau, prepared their plan for co-operative marketing and farmers' contract to a meeting of about two hundred and fifty representative farmers from Willamette valley points, Wasco, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Umatilla, Wallawa and other counties. A program was read from Geo. C. Jewett, manager of the Washington Wheat Growers' Association, announcing that at that date they had secured signatures for 12,600,000 bushels of wheat, and that they are yet lacking about two and one-half million bushels in order to put them over the top.

The Oregon contract calls for co-operation with the Washington growers upon a very slightly different plan, and in order to really be operative Oregon must have a good large bushelage signed up by March 1st. This contract was read and discussed by Dr. Hector McPherson of the State Bureau of Markets at Corvallis and was closely questioned by a number of the farmers and others interested in marketing wheat. It has many points of superiority over the Washington contract, which points are all to the good so far as the grain farmers are concerned.

Under the Washington plan there is really no limit set for the amount which may be withdrawn from the farmers' gross sales for the privilege of building warehouses, etc., while under the Oregon plan this is limited to three percent during any one season.

Another advantage is that this amount withdrawn from gross sales is not a loss to the farmers, the farmers receiving preferred stock drawing interest at 6 per cent for such money as is included in this three per cent.

Another point in the referendum allowed in the Oregon plan on any act of the board, and this referendum is not by individual ballot, but by vote of the wheat growers in proportion to the amount of wheat consigned to the organization.

The directors of the association are to be elected at large and delegates are to be sent from the various districts in proportion to the lots districts in proportion to the plan Morrow county is one district, Sherman county is one district, Gil-

liam, Grant and Wheeler are one district, and there are in the entire state nine districts.

The board of delegates will never comprise more than thirty. The common stock of the association which has the voting power, will be held by the association just as it will own automobiles and typewriters, is not allowed to draw interest, therefore will be of no expense to the association.

No one has yet been permitted to sign the contract. This contract was read and thoroughly discussed, and after debating the proposition for about six hours the meeting at the Dalles endorsed the plan by a ten to one vote.

A meeting will be called of farmers in Moro and Sherman county next Saturday, at which steps will be taken to incorporate, and the signing up of Oregon bushelage will begin at once. This will be really the big day in the history of grain raising in Oregon.

As soon as contracts can be printed a copy of the same will be mailed to every farmer and grain raiser in Morrow county, and at later dates community meetings will be called at which the plan will be thoroughly discussed. It is hoped that every farmer will give this his closest attention, as we believe that every safeguard has been provided to prevent the farmer being swindled or to prevent him entering into a willow marketing scheme. There are altogether more than thirty organizations one almost the same identical plan, and all are operating successfully.

The name of the organization is The Oregon Co-Operative Grain Growers. Watch 'er grow.

## BARRATT WINS POINT FOR 16-FOOT SURFACE

NEW COMMISSIONER RINGS BELL AT FIRST MEETING.

## WILLOW CREEK ROAD TO BENEFIT

Full Commission Agrees to Change if Contractor Is Also Willing.

That Governor Olcott made no mistake when he appointed W. B. Barratt to the position of state highway commissioner a short time ago was pretty well proven last week when the new commissioner attended his initial meeting of the highway body at Salem.

Mr. Barratt was keenly disappointed a couple of months ago, and before the vacancy had occurred to fill which he was later appointed, when a sort of compromise arrangement was made between Morrow county and the highway commission whereby the Willow Creek section of the Oregon-Washington highway now graded was to be completed by the state with only an 8-foot surface of macadam instead of 16 feet, as at first agreed to, and when his appointment was announced he stated that his first effort would be directed towards securing a reconsideration of that matter. When Mr. Barratt brought the matter to the attention of the commission, he told the other members that he felt some embarrassment that his first official act should be in behalf of his own county, but he felt the situation was one that called for immediate attention. He then proceeded to explain the situation to the other members, pointing out that with only an 8-foot surface, when two big cars or heavily loaded trucks meet on the road both would have to leave the macadam with their outside wheels and in the loose, light soil through which the road passes, that would mean that both vehicles would probably mire down, and that they must inevitably tear loose the edges of the macadam and quickly destroy the grade. So forcibly did Mr. Barratt present his case that at the conclusion of his remarks and after some discussion and questions, his colleagues agreed that his position was right and it was definitely agreed that a 16-foot surface should be laid.

The only question remaining arises from the fact that the contract for an 8-foot surface has already been let, and whether the contractor will be willing to have the contract annulled and offer a new bid is as yet undetermined. It is believed, however, that no serious difficulty will be met with in that direction.

## AM. LEGION DEDICATES NEW HEADQUARTERS

Saturday Night Smoker a Success—Fifty Dollars Put in Sack for Furnishings.

Doughboys, Gobs and Devil Dogs dedicated their new headquarters last Saturday evening with a big smoker and athletic exhibition which not only delighted the big crowd present, but also placed some fifty simoleans in the Legion sock as a starter for a fund with which to buy necessary furniture and equipment for the quarters.

A dozen or more wrestling and boxing bouts were put on, and every fellow did his darndest to give every spectator his two-bits worth.

Vaun, the Boardman boy who is to meet Bauman here Saturday night, was present, and his work showed up pretty well, but there are fans around Heppner who will bet their money on the Lexington boy.

The boys have already installed a good mat, and a roped arena to save the two-foot stone walls of the building when the sluggers get warmed up, and many other improvements are contemplated.

The members of Heppner post wish to thank those business men who have already made donations to their furniture fund and suggest that all such offerings will be welcome. Donations of athletic equipment and furniture will also be welcomed. Even a few comfy overstuffed leather rockers would be fine for the old fellows to sit around in while spinning yarns of Argonne and St. Mi-helle.

The Bauman brothers, of Lexington, who are about the handiest athletes in the county, have offered to give the boys all the pointers possible in the best wrestling and boxing tricks they possess.

Another smoker will be given in two weeks.

## WHEN WRESTLEDS DISAGREE.

A Card. I. R. Curtis Vaughn (Vaun in short) do not deny wrestling under the name of Bob Scott last summer for a carnival, but this in no way concerns my challenge to Glen Hadley, which still stands.

As I did not know Hadley personally, I asked him to make a small forfeit to pay expenses of the match in case he failed to show up. He said, "If y word is not good we will call the match off."

I told him he had not as yet given me his word directly, so I asked him if he would pay the expenses if he

failed to come, and I would take the chances.

He answered "You don't need to take chances. Good bye," and hung up the receiver.

From this I took it that match was called off, so to save myself the loss of the expenses already paid, arranged a match with Bauman for the same date.

I, Curtis Vaughn, challenge Glen Hadley to a finish wrestling match during the near future, date and place to be set by Hadley.

R. C. VAUGHN.

## A Card.

Glen R. Hadley denies the statement of Curtis Vaughn that came out in the Heppner Herald on Saturday, January 22. In the first place I never received a challenge from Curtis Vaughn. I received a challenge from Robert C. Vaughn, who stated he wrestled under the name of Bob Scott. And I agreed to wrestle him on January 29. But as Robert C. Vaughn doubted by word over the phone I hid him good bye and hung up. I never received a challenge from Curtis Vaughn, and his statement in the Heppner Herald is false.

GLEN R. HADLEY.

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