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IRRIGON, BOARDMAN TO JOIN IN NORTH MORROW CO. FAIR

AN INTERESTING NEWS LETTER FROM BUSY COMMUNITY

Community Matters, Social Affairs, and Development Notes From Live Reporter

(Special Correspondence)

Irrigon, Oregon, March 21.—The Christian Endeavor society held its monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Hood on Wednesday evening. Thirty-two members were present, and light refreshments were served. The society is doing good work, the regular Sunday evening meetings are well attended and active membership is increasing.

Mrs. James Patterson and Selma were in party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Selma, honoring Mrs. George Selma, who will be leaving for Wash. D. C. in a few days, where she expects to reside during the coming year.

The Boardman grade school baseball team returned to school Friday afternoon, supervised by Mr. Porter, teacher in the manual training department of the Boardman school, and played the Irriwon school team. The game was very interesting and ended in a tie in favor of the Irriwon boys. The Boardman team worked at a little of the same game at school Monday morning, and the school members of course, of the shortage of space actual material, Irriwon will play the Boardman boys at Boardman, Friday, March 25.

W. J. Leach, of Madras, state, was in Irriwon between trains on Friday. Mr. Leach has several and town property in Irriwon.

W. T. Hubbard, of Dallas, Oregon, came up Wednesday, returning on Thursday. He has 47 acres west of town, and made arrangements with L. A. Doble to have some more of the ground leveled and put into alfalfa this season.

Messrs. Dale Mattoon and Earl Hallock, of Portland, were in Irriwon Tuesday with C. Ray Buckley, looking over the Buckley properties. They expect to lease the Buckley place and go into hog raising extensively, in case parties now holding option of buying the place fail to close the deal before the option expires next week.

Mrs. L. E. Amoth, of Newberg, who has been visiting her folks, (Prof. and Mrs. Anderson) left for her home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Strampher went to Prosser, Wash., the first of the week to visit relatives, and expect to return next week. They have a choice tract of land in view.

Mrs. Mary Benefield and Mrs. Ernest Benefield left Monday for Maraborn, Okla. Their father also came a year ago, and they have been called back there to assist in the settlement of the estate.

A tuberculin test has been made on most of the dairy stock in this district and no symptoms found. The few remaining cows will be lined up in the next trip some time in May. Let us make this a tuberculin-free area.

G. W. Hux has rented his place to Wesley Chaney and will only care care of his dairy stock and improve his spare time to further improvements this season.

Messrs. Glasgow and Hux have purchased a thoroughbred Jersey bull to build up a higher standard of stock in their herd.

Mrs. J. B. McCoy has been nursing a very painful hand caused by a severe cut bite. Mrs. McCoy caught the cat in the act of stealing her chickens and attempted to bag it.

Mrs. Blanche Watkins nearly lost one of her best cows Saturday by reason of its getting mixed in the Markham lake. The animal had waded out into the water where it was rather soft bottom, but timely alarm turned in by Max Watkins, brought out the relief force—and

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The high school students have been very busy the past week preparing for the high opera "Love Pirates of Hawaii" and tonight will tell whether or not other labor has been rewarded.

Baseball training will start under full steam this week on the new field.

Reports have leaked out through Peterson talking in his sleep that Mr. James on the debate trip to Starbuck had all he could handle keeping the boys from going wild over the Starbuck visit. This kind of nonsense does not give the personal friends of the boys on the team.

IRISHMEN SHOW HONOR TO ST. PATRICK

JUDGE P. H. D'ARCY, OF SALEM, MAKES TRIP ADDRESS

His Banquet at the Hotel Patrick Is Scene of Great Cheer and Gladness

March 17th is an annual festival here in Heppner for it is known that a large percentage of Morrow county's best citizens are composed of Irish born and their descendants. It is a happy occasion well as an opportunity to show to all our countrymen that we are truly to be believed some of the best of the nation of the world as a free and independent government.

Such were the sentiments expressed in an interesting dinner by numerous speakers at the St. Patrick's day banquet at Hotel Patrick and Theatre building, and from the reports of the banquet which were published in the papers it was evident that the day's activities around the hotel tables, brought every word spoken which, united to such a happy commemoration of Ireland's present terrible struggle against great odds.

The banquet was given by the members of the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and in addition to the members of the order were many invited guests, including city and county officials, and private citizens.

The dinner was one of the best efforts of Miss Bert Heff's efficient corps of culinary artists, and the clear attention given to such a dinner was about all the approval necessary.

Following the dessert, F. A. McMenamin, acting as toastmaster, proceeded with the program, the opening numbers being delightful songs by Mrs. R. J. Vaughan, Mrs. Chester Berber and Miss Patricia Mithoney. All the singers had chosen favorite Irish melodies and the bursts of applause showed that the sweet old songs warmed the cockles of many hearts with yearning memories of the dear old home.

Mayor Noble, in a few words, welcomed the visitors to Heppner and G. L. Sweck followed with a few witty Irish stories with a decided local application.

John Mollahan, president of the local council of Hibernians, spoke briefly but straight from the shoulder in an appeal for liberty, justice and fair play for Ireland. Mr. Mollahan, who is engaged in farming, and as such was entitled to exemption from military service when he entered the war, waived all claims, entered the American army and went to France with the first detachment of American troops. He served to the end of the war and took part in five great battles, and he had no regrets for his experiences. He insisted however, that if we were truly fighting for liberty and justice over there and for the self-determination of small nations, that it is time for this great, liberty-loving nation to declare that a measure of the liberty we fought for be accorded to Ireland.

Father Canwell, who is a gifted orator, spoke at some length on the wonderful work done by St. Patrick not only for Ireland but also for all civilized Europe in spreading Christianity and civilization among the heathen of barbarous and heathen lands. He also rehearsed much of the history of the wrongs suffered by the Irish people through the centuries, and appealed for justice for them now.

Judge P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, was the closing speaker. Judge D'Arcy is the son of Irish parents but was himself born in Salem so many years ago that he refused to tip off the exact date, "with so many charming and eligible young ladies present," but it may be safely guessed that he is entitled to membership in the Oregon Pioneer society.

The judge is a gifted speaker, his remarks showing evidence of a wide reading of the poets and savants of ancient and modern times. He showed the fallacy of the prevalent belief that the Irish question is a religious or sectarian question pointing out that while a majority of the Irish race are Catholic, a large number of their most prominent leaders for centuries have been protestant, and that in the past, when it came to dealing with Irish unrest and revolution, the British government made no distinction in dealing with objectors to British rule because of their religious belief. The meeting was a great success and showed a strong trend of public opinion in Heppner as favorable to Irish independence.

COREY DEFENDS RAISE IN TELEPHONE RATES

EASTERN OREGON MEMBER OF SERVICE COMMISSION EXPLAINS

Commission's Relation to Public and Utilities Most Inviting to the "Kicker"

H. H. Corey, eastern Oregon member of the Oregon Public Service Commission, submits the following statement in reply to the general criticism of the commission regarding the raise in telephone rates: To the Editor:

There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding by the public generally as to the powers and duties of the public service commission, and as it is hard to understand the various orders of the commission without having a general understanding of the law on which these orders are based, it is thought no more than just and fair to the public that such information be placed before them.

The popular view, it appears, proceeds upon the erroneous assumption that it is within the power of the commission to delegate to an administrative body, such as the utility industry, the duty of setting rates. As a matter of fact the legislature laid down a rule for the commission to follow, and that is, that all rates shall be just and reasonable, and the net surplus to the public equally to the public and the utility.

The Commission cannot approve or reject applications for increases in rates at will. We like the judgment of our utility men, but we cannot before us and make our findings and order rates upon the sworn testimony and the record. We are under a solemn duty to support the constitution and the laws of Oregon, and to faithfully perform our duties according to the law.

We are not human, and if errors are made, an appeal to the courts from our decision is provided for by law.

Our position during the reconstruction period following the war is not an enviable one. We, by our very relation to the public and to the utilities, must assume a posture most inviting to the "kicker". We must consider the natural antipathy of the public to increased rates and at the same time bear in mind that a commission was created to turn the straight and narrow path of his duty and no other office by popular clamor would not only violate his oath of office but would be unworthy of the respect of any honest man.

In explanation of the telephone rate situation in Oregon, may we state that during the time of federal control of the telephone lines, Postmaster General Burleson attempted to place throughout the United States, in effect throughout the United States, a rate which with him and refused to permit the increases to become effective in Oregon without a thorough investigation as to the reasonableness of such rates, and so far as we are able to ascertain, we are able to ascertain that the Burleson rates are in effect throughout the United States, and during the past two years, has enjoyed lower phone rates than those obtaining in other western states.

Having completed our investigation and experimented at the utility's expense with lower rates during the past two years, we find that the company has actually lost hundreds of thousands of dollars from operation in Oregon. We have therefore granted an increase in rates that will afford a return of approximately six per cent for the year 1921 upon the physical value of the company's plant in Oregon, as fixed by this commission. This rate was ascertained after two years' study and analysis by our engineering and accounting forces. Said value, by the way, is several million dollars less than that claimed by the company. Needless to say, the base rate value, as fixed by this commission, does not include any allowance for stocks or bonds or franchise value.

It is not generally understood that there is need of many millions of new capital investment in order to adequately serve the public and keep abreast of the rapid development of our state, and that this additional capital must be obtained by sale of new securities and not from revenue derived from rates paid by the public. In order to be able to borrow new capital at reasonable rates of interest, the utility must be sound financially, that is, receiving a fair rate of return from the honest investment in the present plant.

H. H. COREY, Commissioner.

STAR MANAGEMENT GIVES PATRONS RARE TREAT

It was a rare treat that Manager Sigbee of the Star theatre gave his patrons last Thursday evening when the Misses Lola and Lola O'Neill gave an exhibition of their artistic classical dances. The first number was an Egyptian solo dance given by Miss Lola in a most gorgeous costume of purple and yellow which enhanced the beauty of the oriental steps and the poses of the young performer.

The second number was a "dream dance" given by both young ladies, that was the last word in the rhythmic of fairy-like footsteps. The accompanists were the Misses Matthews and Esther Neel.

BOARDMAN TEACHERS' PAY FIXED FOR 1921

PROF. M. B. SIGNS IS RETAINED AS PRINCIPAL

Building Operations, Garden Planning Includes Busy Season To- at Hand

(Special Correspondence)

Boardman, Ore., Mar. 21.—On Wednesday of this week the Ladies Aid society entertained a large delegation from Irriwon at the church. In the evening, Mrs. Hood the local pastor, assisted by Rev. Anson of Portland, officiated a series of meetings to be concluded with Easter services.

The school board has fixed salary schedules for the next year at their present salary \$1200 for the grade schools and \$1250 for the high school. These salaries are payable in nine equal installments covering the school months of the year. Mr. M. B. Signs, principal, is retained at a salary of \$2200, payable monthly throughout the year. Other decisions will take place on April 15th.

J. C. Buchanan is preparing his proposal on school grounds to be a part of a system of general work.

School parking has been arranged, and organization of plots for the school will be made during the week. The work is in charge of A. J. Redger.

A letter is being sent along the approach to the school house. It will be used and it is hoped to use the building each year to improve the system of school record-keeping.

W. A. Goodwin plans soon to leave for Portland, as work there in carpentering seems to offer better inducements for the present. He will return when the haying season is over.

The Harry Morehead and Leo Root cement buildings on Main street are progressing fast inside cement work, and when completed will improve the business section to a marked degree.

Mrs. E. F. Klitz is seriously ill at the Pendleton hotel and it will be necessary that she undergo an operation as soon as the hospital treatment renders her sufficiently strong to stand the shock.

The P. T. A. of the local schools met Friday p. m. The main business was going over reports of various phases of school work and the appointment of a committee of five ladies to meet with the school board to discuss the purchase of a motion picture machine, and a committee of three for school visitation. It has been the practice of the organization to keep alive on school matters through a regular visitation committee, the personnel changing each month.

The seeding of the terraces north of the school house is in progress and a hedge is being set out in front of the building.

The Boardman baseball club gave a dance and supper Saturday night, realizing \$75 for the purchase of supplies for the team.

On the same evening the Federal Farm Loan association was re-organized with the election of a new board of directors: W. O. King, Ira A. Berger and H. H. Crawford of Boardman; and Chas. W. Powell and M. E. Doble, of Irriwon. The new board met at once and elected W. O. King, president; M. E. Doble, vice president; and H. H. Crawford, secretary-treasurer. It is understood that new application forms are to be used, and it now seems that the work done a year ago must be repeated. New appraisals must be made and it is expected that it will be some weeks before the organization can accomplish much in the placing of loans.

Thomas Hedger, recently from Los Angeles, is visiting his father, A. J. Hedger, annual training teacher in the local schools.

Gordon McNeill, junior in Washington high at Portland, is visiting his sister, Miss Myrtle McNeill, teacher in the Boardman schools, and other relatives in Boardman.

CLABOUGH & SONS PURCHASE FRITTSCH BATTERY STATION

A deal was closed last Wednesday whereby J. W. Frittsch disposed of his battery electric service business in this city to L. R. Clabough, with whom will be associated his two sons, L. D. and James L. Clabough. The new owners took charge of the business Wednesday morning.

Mr. Clabough and family were former residents of Heppner when he was manager of the local creamery. They left here five years ago, going to Kansas, where they engaged in farming until last summer, when they disposed of their interests there and returned to Oregon. Delbert Clabough has been employed by Mr. Frittsch for several months and is an efficient battery man, and the new firm will no doubt find a fine field and a lucrative business here. Mr. Frittsch has not yet announced his intentions as to what line of business he will engage in.

CURRIER SAYS—

"Mac Clark and I were in the lobby one day about dinner time. I said, 'come in and eat dinner with me.' Mac said that business was not RUSSIAN SOVIET."

FIREMEN TO ELECT OFFICERS

S. E. Nelson, president of the volunteer fire company, announces an important business meeting of the company to be held in the lobby of the Patrick hotel, Monday evening, March 22nd. Election of officers and other important matters will come before the meeting.

JUDGE PHILIPS TO BE HERE APRIL, FIRST

Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps will be in Heppner on Friday, April 1st, to hold a short term of court, instead of today as previously announced.

MORROW CO. FAIR TO BE HELD SEPT. 15-17

HOME ATTRACTIONS WILL DISPLAY OBJECTIVE FEATURES OF PAST

Better Entertainment Proposed Under New Plan That Will Keep Money Home

At a recent meeting of the Morrow County Fair association, Oscar Keithley, of Elsieville, was elected president, A. Henriksen, of Coquille, vice president, Leo Stoll, of Irriwon, superintendent of children's department, and W. W. Wood, secretary.

The dates for the fair were fixed for September 15, 16, and 17, and it was decided to make a radical change in conducting the coming meeting from that of past years, according to Manager Wood in an interview yesterday.

"In the past," Mr. Wood stated, "it was impossible to secure even a mere ground or a fair, which without taking on a lot of rough stuff that we didn't want, but conditions are different now and we are going to try out the plan of using mostly home talent for our entertainment features. This plan will not only save the association a lot of money, but it will also insure a clean program in the way of attractions which we believe will not only please the people better, but will also be much more creditable to the county."

The Farm Bureau has agreed to take over one day of the fair, provide entertainment and amusements. The American Legion will hold a smoker and boxing and wrestling programs every evening, and a local dramatic club will probably put on two or three good plays during the meeting. Other towns and communities in the county will also be expected to provide portions of the varied program. Prof. James has tendered the hearty co-operation of the Heppner schools in helping to make the fair a success and the Heppner city band will furnish the music. Both staffs of the old days will be cut out and only good, clean entertainment and amusements will be tolerated.

United States Senator Charles L. McNary has convinced Senator Penrose, chairman of the senate finance committee, and Representative Fordney, chairman of the house ways and means committee, that an emergency tariff for the agriculturists and the stock growers of the western states should be given the earliest possible consideration by congress, and when it convenes in April it is expected that legislation along this line will be one of the first things on the program.

Following Senator McNary's talk with Senator Penrose, who as chairman of the senate finance committee, largely directs the policy of the lion, Penrose arranged for a conference with some of the senate and house leaders, including representative Fordney, and the secretary of the treasury, Mr. Mellon.

Hotel Patrick HEPPNER, OREGON

When you are in town, make this hotel your resting place. Ladies' rest rooms on second and third floors.

We are serving a 50c meal from 11:30 till two, and from 5 to 8. We have all white help; the food is clean and wholesome. It may cost you five or ten cents more, but the value is there in quality and quantity.

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JAMES HART, Manager

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