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## ORE-WASH. HIGHWAY IS TO BE COMPLETED

### COMMISSIONER BARRATT HAS GOOD NEWS FOR COUNTY

#### Bids for Construction to Jones Hill Will Be Called for at the May Meeting

State Highway Commissioner W. B. Barratt returned from Portland Sunday evening bringing with him confirmation of the best highway news this county has had in many months.

Bids will be asked for at a meeting of the commission April 22, for grade already completed from the Gilliam county line to the Beemer ranch, and at the regular May meeting bids will be called for grading from the Beemer ranch to Heppner, and from Heppner east to Jones Hill on the Pilot Rock road. This means that Morrow county's section of the highway is now all provided for with the exception of a stretch between Jones Hill and the Umatilla county line, and at a cost to the county of the original estimates and contract price.

Mr. Barratt does not take any particular credit to himself for this action on the part of the highway commission, which is not only an act of simple justice to this county but also is in keeping with the commission's policy of completing, as nearly as possible, the original important highways which were placed on the map.

The recent trip over this road by Mr. Barratt and Mr. Booth, the former says, settled the matter of the completion of this section of the highway. Mr. Booth, who is a fair-minded business man, saw that something of a hardship had been worked on this county through bad management, and he felt that the matter should be suitably adjusted.

It was announced at the commissioners' meeting last week that bids for grading the remaining sections would be called for April 22. But Mr. Barratt "reversed" a preliminary bid Monday morning from the engineering department saying that it would be impossible to get the specifications completed by that time, so the matter will have to wait until the regular May meeting.

While Mr. Barratt gave no information regarding the building of the few miles from the Gilliam county line to Heppner Junction, it is expected that arrangements will be made for the early construction of that section of the road as the survey has already been ordered by the highway commission.

## REV. MOORE ACCEPTS PASTORATE OF FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. L. E. Moore, a minister of the Presbyterian faith, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Federated church and will enter upon his regular duties next Sunday.

Rev. Moore comes to Heppner from Elandville, Montana. He has been here for a couple of weeks and preached last Sunday. Following the service a meeting of the congregation was held and an unanimous call was extended to Mr. Moore to accept the pastorate.

Mr. Moore is an affable gentleman and will no doubt meet with a hearty reception here, not only from the members of his congregation but from the general public as well.

## WILL CROOK REPORTED IMPROVING

Floyd Tollason returned from a short trip to Portland Thursday evening and reports everything in the Rose City looking fine. "Most as good a town as Heppner," Floyd asserts. While in Portland Mr. Tollason visited W. H. Crook who is under treatment at the Portland Open Air Sanatorium and found that popular Heppnerite improving rapidly in health. He is taking the open air rest cure and his friends here who are used to seeing him go full speed some twenty hours a day will wonder how he can get used to a lay man's job but he seems to be enjoying it fine.

## THINKS WOOL SITUATION WILL IMPROVE SLOWLY

Harold Cohn returned Friday evening from a six weeks' business trip to the east during which time he visited New York City, Washington, D. C., Richmond, Va. and other centers. While in Washington Mr. Cohn had a talk with President Hagenbarth of the National Woolgrowers' association, and that gentleman expressed the opinion that improvement in the sheep and wool situation will be slow. While slight improvement may be expected it will probably be a couple of years before the industry will regain normalcy.

Mr. Cohn was in Washington during the inauguration of President Harding and he says the experience was worth while. More than 100,000 people were massed around the capitol building but by the use of the wireless amplifier, every word of the president's address could be heard for a distance of several blocks.

Mr. Cohn went east on business before the U. S. Patent Office and spent several weeks in the national capitol. He also visited relatives in New York and says that judging from surface conditions that little old town is not yet exactly bone dry.

## ORDER REFUND ON LAND SOLD IN OLD GRANT

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Representative Sinnott has been notified by the commissioner of the general land office that a refund of \$125 per acre will be made to purchasers who paid \$2.50 per acre for land in even numbered sections, as well as in odd numbered sections, involved in the primary limits of the general route of the Northern Pacific railroad from Wallula Junction, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, forfeited by act of congress in 1890. Two dollars and fifty cents per acre was charged instead of the regular price of \$1.25 on the theory that the building of the railroad would enhance the value of the land.

The road was not built and the supreme court of the United States in 1919, decided that a refund should be made to purchasers of land in odd sections. The commissioner ruled that this decision of the supreme court did not cover the even sections, but the secretary of the interior has recently held that the refund should likewise apply to the even sections as well as to the odd. The lands involved are embraced in a strip forty miles wide on each side of the proposed line of the Northern Pacific along the Columbia river from Wallula Junction, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, which was forfeited on account of the failure of the railroad company to construct the road.

Applications will have until December 11, 1921, to file applications for repayment and may obtain application blanks by writing to representative Sinnott.

## IRRIGATOR ROAD BOOSTERS VISIT COUNTY COURT

H. W. Grim, C. E. Glasgow and A. J. Abernathy, well known citizens of Irrigon, were in Heppner Thursday talking over road matters with the county court. Irrigon people have been trying to get a movement started for the past year and a half that would result in giving them a good road to the county seat and before leaving Thursday evening these gentlemen informed the Heppner directors that they made progress towards getting their project started. A good road from Irrigon to Heppner, they argue, would be an advantage to both ends of the route, making it possible for them to supply the Heppner market with fresh fruit, melons, etc. less than three hours from the orchards which would mean a lot to Heppner people. The new ferry that is going in on the Columbia at Irrigon will also send considerable travel this way from the north as soon as a passable road is provided.

## HUGE CORPORATION TO HANDLE WHEAT CROP

### WORK OF ORGANIZING CONCERN TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Report of Committee of 17, Result of Six Months' Deliberation, Comprehensive One

CHICAGO. — Representatives of the farmers in convention tonight voted unanimously to accept the report of the committee of 17, which provided formation of a co-operative agency to market the nation's grain.

The report was adopted after a two day fight in which delegates sought to have it amended so that pooling of grain by the farmers would be compulsory instead of optional, as provided in the report. An amendment to that effect was defeated tonight, 61 to 38. Another amendment offered by Carl Williams of Oklahoma that the pooling be made compulsory in states where wheat is the predominant grain, also was defeated, and the convention then unanimously adopted the committee's report.

Under the plan, a non-profit stock corporation will be formed through which the grain will be handled from the time it is raised until it reaches the manufacturer or consumer. Local agencies will be formed throughout the country, and elevators, terminal warehouse corporations, port corporations, service departments and other subsidiary departments will be a part of the plan.

Each member of the corporation will pay a fee of \$10, which will be used for expenses. Surplus over expenses will be returned to the members.

The organization will be governed by a board of directors elected by the grain growers. The committee of 17 has been at work for six months on the plan. It has held hearings in all the grain states, called scores of persons to discuss the plan, and sifted dozens of proposals.

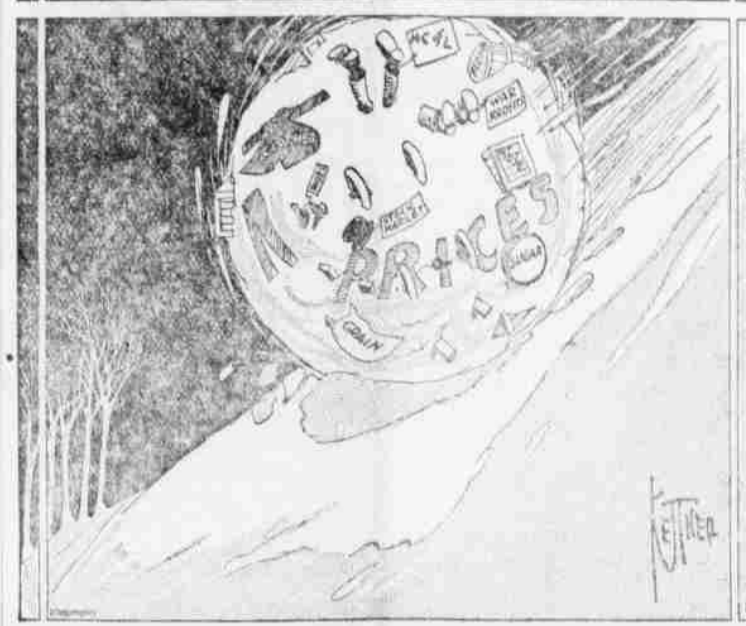
Organization of the corporation will be begun immediately and it is hoped to have it working in time to handle part of the 1921 crop. The fight over compulsory pooling of farmers' grain, which began yesterday on presentation of the committee's report, broke out immediately today on reconvening of the ratification conference.

**Compulsory Pool Fought**  
The attack on optional pooling was opened by L. P. Bailey, chairman of the Kansas organization, committee of the Wheat Growers' association of America, which stood for 100 per cent pooling, but was willing to compromise on 33 per cent. He declared that effective regulation of wheat supplies could not be accomplished without a pool. The committee of 17 made its first answer through William Hirth, member from Columbus, Mo. "Compulsory pooling would mean absolute defeat of this proposition before it got started," he said. "Advocates of compulsory pooling urge it to get a better price for the grain. That is what we are all after."

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## Gaining Momentum



## RESTRAINING ORDER TIES UP J. D' DISTRICT

### DIRECTORS ENJOINED FROM ISSUING MORE WARRANTS

Sheriffs of Three Counties and Also Treasurer Humphreys Must Stop District Payments

Circuit Judge Phelps on Friday granted a restraining order directed against M. D. Clark, C. C. Clark and Edward Reiman, directors of the John Day Irrigation district. F. R. Brown, secretary to the board, F. A. McManamin, their attorney, Lewis & Clark and John H. Lewis, district engineers, Sheriff McDufee, Houser and Montague, sheriffs of Morrow, Umatilla and Gilliam counties, respectively, and T. J. Humphreys, treasurer of Morrow county, which will have the effect of stopping all activities of the district pending a final adjudication of suit started some time ago by interested landowners within the district against the directors of the district in which the legality of the district organization and the levy of a 50 ct. per acre tax is questioned.

The order, which was received here last Saturday, sets forth as follows:

"That Zeth Henger, sheriff of Umatilla county, George McDufee, sheriff of Morrow county, and Elmer Montague, sheriff of Gilliam county, be and each of them is hereby enjoined and restrained from paying over to the county treasurer of Morrow county, Oregon, any taxes collected by him from the taxpayers of the John Day Irrigation district pending the further order of this court.

"That T. J. Humphreys, treasurer of Morrow county, be and he hereby is enjoined and restrained, pending the further order of this court, from applying any money in his hands to the payment of any outstanding warrant of said John Day Irrigation district.

"That C. C. Clark, M. D. Clark and Edward Reiman, and each of them, acting as directors of said John Day Irrigation district, or otherwise, be and they are hereby enjoined and each is hereby enjoined and restrained from issuing any further voucher or warrant against said district and from entering into any further contract and from doing or causing to be done or permitting to be done, pending the further order of this court, any act obligating the said John Day Irrigation district to the payment of any sum whatsoever."

## MAIRED AT KESLO

John F. Vaughn and Miss Muriel M. Cason, both former well known residents of this city, were married at Kelso Washington, Wednesday, April 6th according to a dispatch from that place to the Oregonian. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn will reside in Portland, where he is connected with an auto distributing company.

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## BILL HANLEY WILL GO AFTER SETTLERS IN MIDDLE WEST

PORTLAND, April 9.—(Special) Definite steps toward carrying out the land settlement plan announced by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, whereby prospective immigrants from the middle western states would be grouped together and brought to Oregon in a body, were taken at a meeting of the executive committee yesterday through the appointment of William (Bill) Hanley, of Burns, a director of the state chamber, and J. R. Houting, formerly with the Eastern Oregon Land company, to represent Oregon and the state chamber in the middle west this summer. The two men will leave for Omaha within the next ten days, it was announced.

"Bill" Hanley is probably one of the best known men in the state of Oregon in agricultural and stock-raising circles. Coming to Oregon in the pioneer days when the state was practically an untouched wilderness, he has "grown up with the west" and has become a powerful figure in all movements having to do with the development of the state. As a director of the state chamber and through his belief in the future of Oregon, he has become enthusiastic over the plans for bringing settlers to the state, and offered his services without remuneration for the campaign in the middle west this summer.

"I'm going to tell those people in the middle west what we've got in Oregon," said Bill Hanley. "We don't have to exaggerate or tell any big stories but just tell them the truth about the state. What Oregon needs is more farmers to settle up the state and develop our idle land, and that is the kind of men we're going to bring here from the middle west."

J. R. Houting, who will do the field work in the middle west this summer, has been active in colonization work in the northwest for a number of years. He is familiar with the agricultural possibilities and the resources of every section of the state, and as a representative of the Eastern Oregon Land company and the Warm Springs project, to 250 families in Oregon during the past five years.

Great interest in the plan for land settlement as announced by the state chamber has been manifested, not only in Oregon but as far east as Owasco, Oklahoma, and Duluth, Minnesota. Almost every mail brings in inquiries as to when the party will leave the middle west for Oregon, according to secretary Quayle. A number of these have declared themselves ready to join the party when it starts for the west.

The plan for land settlements as announced by the state chamber recently, includes the grouping together of a large party of prospective settlers to be brought to Oregon from the middle west in a body, taking advantage of the homesteaders' rates over in this state, the party will be conducted over the various communities by automobile for a personal inspection of the attractions that the state has to offer.

To co-operation of the railroads has been assured and it is believed that a large number of substantial citizens will be added to the state through this means.

## OREGON TO GET SHARE OF FARM LOAN MONEY

### BOND ISSUE WILL BE SOLD BY BOARD, APRIL 15

About \$9,000,000 Will Be Available For Northwest, Senator McNary Is Told

(Telegram Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Eight or nine million dollars will be made available for federal farm loan bank loans in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho from the bond issue to be sold by the federal farm loan board April 15, according to present estimates, but some of this money may not be available until July. This information was furnished Senator McNary by the federal farm loan board in response to an inquiry as to additional farm loans for the Ochoco irrigation project in the Prineville county.

Loans were suspended until the dam there could be approved by Mr. McKittick, the engineer appraiser of the Spokane headquarters, and this will be done soon.

What proportion of this nine million dollars will go to Oregon cannot now be determined, but the board estimates that applications now on file from Oregon would absorb the total amount, and it will have to be pro-rated among the four states.

W. B. Barratt returned from Portland Sunday evening after a couple of strenuous weeks spent transacting business for the state highway commission of which he is a most efficient member. Mr. Barratt is proving to be one of the best members the commission has ever had, and here in Morrow county it is being said that the fellows who used to swear at Bill Barratt are now all swearing by him.

## DEMURRER OVERRULED IN JOHN DAY CONTEST

### JUDGE PHELPS RENDERED HIS DECISION LAST SATURDAY

#### No Qualified Voter Shall Be Denied Voting for Choice—Vote Must Be Counted

A decision on the John Day election contest case which was argued here April 1st before Judge Phelps, on a demurrer filed by F. A. McManamin, attorney for the directors, was received here this morning. The demurrer was overruled.

The demurrer was interposed on two points: First, that the defendants are named in their individual capacity rather than by their official title; and second, that the notice does not state facts sufficient to constitute a basis of contest. Regarding the first point the court holds that the allegations in the contest are sufficient and on the second point, after pointing out that the basic idea of constitutions and laws is to the effect that no qualified voter shall be denied the privilege of casting his vote for whomsoever he pleases, and of having his vote counted, and discussing other constitutional questions involved, continues:

"While it is not necessary to a decision of this matter that the constitutional questions be considered, it would seem that a holding to the effect that only those persons placed in nomination through the provisions of the law, could be voted for, would be to hold the act itself to be unconstitutional, as denying the right of the elector to vote for whom he pleases. The qualification of the parties for whom the votes are claimed to have been cast is not in issue.

"But, in my opinion, the act which provides for the election of directors of an irrigation district, is in itself sufficient to negative any constitutional questions, because evidently the legislature sought to avoid, and did avoid such question by providing for the 'writing in' of the names of the elector's choice for the office of director. We find that by section 7318, candidates may be nominated for any election held hereunder in the same manner as candidates may be nominated at the organization election; and by section 7298 which deals with the manner of conducting the organization election, we find a relaxation of the general election laws so as to provide a simpler manner of nominating candidates and a direction that 'the county clerk shall cause the names of all persons so nominated to be placed on the ballots as candidates for the respective offices for which said persons shall have been nominated; provided, such ballots shall have a blank line thereon under the names placed wherein may be written the name of any candidate voted for.'

"This last provision is merely a recognition of the constitutional rights and privileges above mentioned. And at any rate it is a part of the law, and must be apparent to any disinterested person that the blank line on the ballot was required so that it might be used by the elector in designating his choice of candidates, and voting for such person of his choice.

"Candidates for the office of director may without great trouble or difficulty, procure a nomination, and thus have the decided advantage over any other candidate who is not thus nominated. For in the one case the name of the candidate is printed upon the ballot and in the other the name is not printed. But because a candidate has the privilege of nomination, it does not mean that before a candidate may be voted for he must be nominated or that his name shall be printed upon the ballot; and in this connection I think the word may cannot be construed to be must. The candidate may be nominated, but it cannot be said that he must be nominated before he may receive the votes of the qualified electors and have such votes counted.

"The demurrer is overruled and the defendants are allowed 10 days in which to further appear."

You can buy Alfalfa Seed at Gilliam & Bisbee's. 50-1f.

Spring is here. All kinds of Garden Tools at Gilliam & Bisbee's. 50-1f.

A successful meeting of the Brotherhood was held at the hotel last evening with about sixty members present. F. R. Brown, C. A. Minor, L. A. Hunt and Fred Tash were the principal speakers, discussing the question of what is most needed to make Morrow county home more attractive. All of the speakers agreed that better houses, more comforts and conveniences, etc., are needed and that better financial returns from the products of the farm must come first of all. Mr. Minor laid stress on the importance of co-operation and sympathy between the farmer and his wife—that true success depended largely on a full partnership between husband and wife. Dr. Van Waters made a short talk which was greatly enjoyed by all. The May meeting will be the last of the season, when the wives and lady friends of the members will be the guests of honor.

Morrow County