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HEPPNER-RITTER ROAD NOW BEING IMPROVED

County Roadmaster McCaleb returned Sunday evening from Dutch creek where he had been most of the week supervising some improvement work on the Heppner-Ritter road which will improve that much needed artery of trade very greatly.

To a Herald reporter Sunday, Mr. McCaleb talked most interestingly of the road situation between this county and the interior expressing satisfaction that the people of Umatilla county as well as of Morrow are showing an interest in giving the people of Grant more and better outlets.

Mr. McCaleb has been a consistent booster for the Heppner-Ritter road as has Judge Campbell and other county officials and it was largely through their efforts that the road to Ritter was opened and made passable for automobiles on July 3, 1920 when, it will be remembered, the people of Ritter arranged a celebration of the event and invited the Heppner Commercial Club and all other Morrow county people to be their guests on July 4th. Mr. McCaleb still feels some chagrin that, at the last moment, in the face of his own and the construction foreman's assurances that the road would be passable for cars on the third, the Heppner people got cold feet and gave up the trip, much to the disappointment of the Ritter folk who had prepared to entertain them. Only two cars made the trip on that occasion and they got through all right, Mr. McCaleb says.

Speaking of the present condition of the Ritter road, Mr. McCaleb said that the greatest trouble met with in work done last year was in getting through a number of marshes near the summit where the mud seems to be bottomless. The work now being done is for the purpose of changing the road so as to avoid these spots and the line has already been located and is being "slashed" and grubbed and made ready for the graders. This work will be completed this fall and if the weather continues favorable it is hoped the necessary grading will also be finished.

Speaking of general road conditions in this county Mr. McCaleb pointed out that the road department has all it can take care of, and more, in keeping the more heavily traveled roads in passable condition because of the general financial depression and delinquency in taxpaying which has left no money for the improvement of roads into the interior. This condition, he says, will continue throughout the present year but with the return of normalcy he hopes to see those important routes into the interior which will mean so much to both Morrow and Grant counties receive more attention. Not only have finances been short but labor conditions have also worked a hardship on road improvement by the county and the big program of co-operation with the state on highway construction has also been a factor. When the highways are completed, however, their maintenance will be taken over by the state, thus relieving the county of a heavy annual burden and leaving more for the improvement of other roads.

So far the improvement of the Ritter road has cost the county but Heppner

PARKERS MILL WILL CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

Parkers Mill people have gained quite a reputation for putting on successful Fourth of July celebrations and now are going a step farther and this year will put on a three-day Pioneer Re-Union on September 3, 4 and 5 the last date being Labor Day. A good program of sports is announced and an old fashioned barbecue will be held on the 5th.

If you are a pioneer you will enjoy the re-union, if you are a laborer you will enjoy observing the national holiday set apart for labor and if you are just plain hungry you will enjoy the barbecue. There will be dancing every evening that will hit the youngsters and many of the oldsters right between the eyes.

FOUND OMAHA SHEEP MARKET FAIRLY GOOD

D. O. Justus, who shipped a lot of lambs to the Omaha market a couple weeks ago returned from the east Thursday evening. He reports that the lamb market at Omaha is fairly good, all things considered, running from 5 to 8 and 9 cents according to quality and condition. As much cannot be said for other classes of sheep, however, the rather peculiar condition being found that a ewe lamb and a weather lamb four or five months old will sell for more money than a yearling or two-year-old ewe and weather. Small lambs weighing 60 pounds or less, Mr. Justus found, if fat, bring better prices than larger and heavier animals of the same age. He saw one bunch of lambs, weighing less than 60 pounds sell for better than 10 cents per pound.

Mr. Justus says there will be a pretty good demand for feeders in the eastern markets this winter and he expects to make one and possibly two more shipments this fall. The Omaha market is considerably better now than the Portland market and he thinks will continue so because of the demand for feeders back there.

GREATEST OF HORSES

The greatest high school in America exhibited with Palmer Bros. wild animal circus.

In addition to the wild animal performance with the Palmer Bros. circus, the big show this year is representing Chas. Fulton and his troupe of Peerless Texas American High School horses featuring Sunburst Agreement, Darknight, and Kiddo, whose names are a household word wherever they have appeared. These remarkable equines present a most novel and unique act considered by horsemen as the acme of horse performance and are hailed as the leading equine actors of the tent world. They will be with Palmer Bros. Circus when it exhibits at Heppner, Friday, August 19th. - Advertisement

B. G. Sigbee and Verne Van Marter went to Condon Sunday on a short visit, returning the same evening.

He has a large part of the money and labor expended has been donated by individuals and organizations. Considerable help has also been received from the forestry and postoffice departments, there being a certain amount of money available each year from the forestry service which is used on the mountain roads within or adjacent to the reserves. Officials of the forestry service at Portland and Pendleton who visited this county sometime ago and went over the Ritter and Monument roads were much impressed with the importance of both thoroughfares and gave assurance that government aid will be extended in the near future although the present appropriations have all been assigned to other places.

Mr. McCaleb says that the Grant county court and the people of the Ritter country are anxious to improve the grade out of the north fork of the John Day as they realize that such an improvement is their next step towards a better outlet to Heppner, their nearest railroad point, and he hopes to see the people of Morrow county meet with the Grant county officials and people with a view to more complete co-operation in securing this improvement which is of so much importance to the people of both counties.

Morrow County Fair Sept. 15-16-17

LIKES SHEEP RAISING GAME



The prices of mutton and wool have soared so high that government experts are urging the raising of more sheep as a national

duty. To assist in this movement big sheep prizes are offered by the Morrow County Fair, Heppner, Ore., Sept. 15 to 17.

HAY GROWERS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

The Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers, have opened an office in the bank building at Hermiston, formerly occupied by the Western Land and Irrigation Co., the first of the month.

The first tangible result obtained by this organization was the securing from the State Public Service Commission the agreement to appoint local inspectors to pass upon grades and weights of hay. The farmers have wanted this a long time, but it is now an assured fact. Every shipping point provided with adequate weighing facilities will be eligible for this inspection, according to the association manager, L. A. Hunt, and it is planned to ship every ton of association hay under this inspection.

Questionnaires are now out and as soon as they are returned from the members, the Association expects to advertise for bids upon the baling of association hay. They have received several offers from outside balers offering around \$2.50 per ton, but hope to arrange for the work with local balers. In letting this by contract there are several items where a considerable saving can be secured for the baler. No considerable movement in hay is anticipated for this month, although numerous inquiries are being received from outside people. The Association is trying to revive the price a little which has seriously withered during the hot weather and is now quoted at \$18.00 per ton.

This week inquiries have been received from the Atlantic seaboard for prime alfalfa hay. The dealers state that there is a heavy shortage of hay in that territory and hay is now being shipped via Panama Canal from California, and a heavy eastern demand is anticipated for prime hay. These orders must be handled in large lots, and in bales of special weights, but the large tonnage available to the Association and the supervision of the milling will make it possible for the association to handle the business.

An attempt is being made to secure a reduction in freight rates also, for regular shipments, and a special effort is being put forward toward getting an off-shore rate for ocean shipments of hay.

Dan Baslow, of Heppner, who assisted in organizing the Oregon Grain Growers is now assisting the Hay Growers and explaining their contract to the farmers. The Boardman section which he has just finished canvassing, has the highest number of member of any district so far, numbering already past forty and still coming in.

MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF OREGON

The signing of the joint resolution by President Harding that was recently passed by Congress giving the state of Oregon national recognition to hold world's exposition in 1925 should be the signal for a state wide demonstration in recognition of the opportunity afforded to present the resources, scenic advantages and the civilization west of the Rockies to all the world.

Oregon has occasion to rejoice to its fullest for the opportunity to stage the first great peace-loving and industrial exposition since the close of the war, wherein the nations of the world will be our guests.

Therefore, as Governor of the State of Oregon, I ask the people to lay their cares aside for the hour and join as one in bowing their acknowledgements to this wonderful opportunity by participating with the great metropolises of the state in their various communities in holding a celebration in keeping with the significance of the occasion.

Wednesday evening, August 17, 1921, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock is the time set by the Exposition Directors for the state or proclamation in honor that the spirit of progress may continue to follow "Westward, where the course of Empire takes its way." (Signed) BEN W. OLCOTT.

McFALLS' TRAINED GOATS WITH PALMER BROS.

Ed McFalls and his trained goats will be with the Palmer Bros., again this year presenting an entirely new act which is considered by animal men as the best thing in domestic animal training. Those who know anything about goats and sheep can readily realize what patience and perseverance was required to train these creatures and will greatly appreciate this act when it appears here with the Palmer Bros. Big Circus on Friday, August 19th. -Adv.

ROY V. WHITE'S REPORTS RANCH SALE

Roy V. White reports the sale of 1499 acres of range land, belonging to C. A. Minor, in the Bain Fork country, to Will Grimes. The consideration has not been made public. Mr. Grimes bought the Arthur Dykstra ranch a few months ago and his latest purchase indicates that he is pretty well pleased with Morrow county. The land just sold is known as the George Dykstra homestead.

A marriage license was issued Saturday to Floyd Marshall and Olive Boten, both of this city.

PICKS HEPPNER AS A GOOD BUSINESS TOWN

Miss Helen V. Smith, whose announcement of opening a cash variety store in this city tomorrow appears in this issue of the Herald, has been engaged in commercial pursuits in Oregon and Washington for a number of years and was recently connected with the sales department of a lumber company at Chehalis, Washington. Deciding to again engage in business on her own account, Miss Smith sized up a number of towns and cities in the northwest and finally decided to cast her lot with Heppner as a good, solid, all-the-year-round business town. All of which indicates that Miss Smith shows excellent business judgement.

IDAHO BUYERS SHOW IN MORROW CO. SHEEP

Local sheepmen are somewhat encouraged over the outlook for the coming fall from the fact that several buyers have been in this vicinity within the last week sizing up the situation and getting in touch with prospective sellers. At this writing no sales have been reported and according to reports there seems to be considerable difference between buyer and seller as to what a fair price is. An Idaho buyer who was here last week, is said to have offered \$5 for young ewes while growers think that they must have around \$8 for such animals in order to pull out and stay in the game.

Among buyers who were here during the week are J. H. Boyle, of Burley, Idaho, G. R. Hill, of Boise; and Donald Wilson, of Great Falls, Montana.

It is understood that Idaho and Montana both have immense quantities of hay for which there is no market and both states are expected to be heavy buyers of feeder stock this fall.

HAY STACKS BURN ON HAGER RANCH

One hundred and fifty tons of alfalfa hay was burned on the Hager ranch, six miles above town on Willow creek last Thursday morning. That portion of the ranch is now owned by Mr. Cleveland, who bought it from C. A. Minor last spring.

It seems that a fire was started Wednesday evening to burn the weeds and grass around the stacks as a precautionary measure and after putting out every smoldering spark that could be found, a watchman was left on guard all night. Nothing developed and sometime after daylight he went to breakfast when a blaze developed and started the stacks. The loss was complete.

Prof Howard M. James and family have moved into the Mrs. Carrie Vaughn residence for the winter.

George H. Flagg, former publisher of the Condon Globe-Times, has bought a newspaper at Prineville and engaged in business in that city.

Bernice Yeakus came down from his mountain home on Upper Willow creek Saturday and went to La Grande Monday on business for the U. S. Land Office.

Martin Lovgren spent a few days out on his Gooseberry farm last week before harvesting and breaking in new young oxen and reports very good. His ranch is making around 50 bushels per acre.

B. E. Alstott was in town Monday waiting for the clouds to roll by so he could go ahead harvesting. Mr. Alstott says the crop is very good in his neighborhood, going around 12 sacks an acre.

Frank Turner and Harry Duncan left Sunday morning for Marshfield where they will represent the Heppner lodge of Elks at the state convention in session there August 18, 19 and 20.

Word has been received from Portland that W. O. Dix, who has been in a hospital there for several weeks, is still in a rather critical condition. His trouble is a clot in the artery of one of his legs and the relief is expected to come from absorption. Mrs. Dix, who has also been in a hospital in Portland for some time is out again and it is expected she will bring Mr. Dix back to Heppner the last of this week. They will reside in the house just vacated by Prof. Howard M. James at May and Court streets.

LOCAL MAN GOES INTO MOVIES; SHOWS SPEED

Can you feature Charlie Latourell as a movie actor? Well, you may as well adjust yourself to it for, according to reports reaching Heppner from Gresham recently, that's what he is.

Charlie went down to Gresham a couple of weeks ago ostensibly to attend the big Fordson demonstration at that place but it is now surmised by his Heppner friends that he had an advance tip there would be a chance to become a screen artist before the show was over and, according to all reports, his hunch proved to be a good bet.

The Fordson demonstration was some event—even Mr. Latourell admits that—but regarding the movie actor stunts he took part in he is strictly non-committal. It seems there were some 26 Fordsons in action on one man's farm near Gresham for a week and during that time it was demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Fordson can do anything on a farm, from cultivating raspberry vines and spraying fruit trees to running a sure enough sawmill that turns out real lumber from the log.

The different activities included plowing, harrowing, planting and digging potatoes, leveling land ditching and road building and at the end of the week the owner of the farm hardly knew the place it looked so much like the Garden of Eden. One old farmer who witnessed the marvelous performance of the Fordson swore, by gum, that the thing could do everything but talk and that a Fordson farmed ranch, with no mules to swear at was not in need of much conversation.

But to return to the moving picture business:

The managers of the demonstration, which was attended by hundreds of farmers each day, had a moving picture machine on the ground to take pictures of the various stunts and, so our informant says, our fellow townsman, Latourell, generally got a good place in the pictures because of his commanding figure and captivating smile. In the "before and after taking" pictures, Charlie's picture was used to show the pleased expression of the satisfied Fordson owner and it is said the ladies all went wild over it. The masterpiece of all the pictures, however, is said to be one in which Charlie is doing a marathon across a plowed field. The degree of speed exhibited is said to be marvelous and to take Charlie of the sprinter class and place him alongside Barney Oldfield when that speed demon used to take the turns on one wheel and hit off a couple miles a minute. It is not stated whether this burst of speed was occasioned by the Fordson plow turning up a colony of yellowjackets or whether somebody left the pasture gate open and an ill tempered bull got into the field. Anyway, the cause seemed to be plenty.

Mr. Latourell finally admitted that a lot of pictures were taken down there but he indignantly denies that he did any particular jockeying for a position in the scenes. He says however that the pictures will be shown in Heppner sometime this fall and, without knowing anything about this story, he assured the writer that they will be worth seeing and not without some local coloring.

JOHN PEPPER LOSES 50 ACRES WHEAT BY FIRE

Fire starting from a spark dropped from a threshing machine engine while moving to a new setting spread into John Pepper's wheat field near Lexington last Wednesday and destroyed almost 50 acres of fine wheat before being under control.

OREGON ELKS' FLOAT TAKES SECOND PRIZE

Gay M. Anderson, secretary of the Elks' lodge, has received photographs of the "United Oregon" float which represented the Oregon Elksdom in the big parade at the national Elks' convention at Los Angeles July 14. The float which is a wonderful creation was awarded second prize in competition with every state in the union.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Osten, who are spending the summer as guests at his father ranch near Parkers Mill, were in town Saturday and made a pleasant call at this office.



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