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## STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS BEGINNING TO RUN LOW

### PRESENT SEASON WILL EXHAUST FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE

#### Building of Gilliam County Section Of Oregon-Washington Highway Uncertain

Highway Commissioner W. B. Barratt returned from Condon last Thursday where he conferred with the Gilliam County authorities on highway matters.

Several miles of the John Day highway between Rock creek and Arlington are to be improved this summer and it has been hoped that the Gilliam county section of the Oregon-Washington highway could also be completed, but because of lack of funds in Gilliam county and the depleted condition of the state highway fund, that work now seems somewhat uncertain, Mr. Barratt stated.

Gilliam county, however, is one of the few counties that is not yet bonded to the limit for road purposes and a way out of the present situation may yet be found.

State highway money will all be spent by the end of the present working season, Mr. Barratt says, and unless more money is available from some source the work of the highway commission will be over with for awhile.

If the federal road bill, now before congress, becomes a law Oregon will be in line for \$8,000,000 of Uncle Sam's money if the state can get into a position to match that money with an equal amount, but as things now are it will take an amendment to the constitution to permit the issuance of enough more bonds to match the federal quota.

Mr. Barratt is of the opinion that the next legislature will probably favor such action rather than see the state lose this big amount of federal aid because the issuance of such bonds will not act to increase the property taxes of the state a dollar, but will only mean, in effect, the loaning of the state's credit until the motor and gas taxes can take care of the issue.

If the federal road bill passes and if Oregon is able to match it \$16,000,000 will be made available to complete the Oregon highway system and that amount, Mr. Barratt says, will be sufficient to finish the work as now outlined and give to Oregon a road system of lasting benefit in the development of the state.

## MARRIED AT LEXINGTON

Miss Ceel Scott and Mr. Ralph Jackson, of Lexington, were married at that place Saturday, February 25.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Scott, and is one of the most popular young ladies of that town. Mr. Jackson is a well known young farmer of that section and we understand the young couple will make their home on his ranch.

## CONDON ORGANIZES COMMERCIAL CLUB

Condon business and professional men organized a commercial club recently with James D. Burns, president; D. N. McKay, secretary and publicity director. Judge D. R. Parker, who is also Condon's efficient mayor, thereby being entitled to the designation, "Your Honor," in duplicate, made a speech in which he outlined the purpose of the organization as a adequate water supply, modern fire apparatus, auto camp grounds, more publicity and lower taxation. Maybe Condon can get away with a program of big, modern improvements coupled with lower taxes but if she does it will be the first Oregon town able to do such a thing in recent years.

## QUALITY SEED POTATOES

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E. M. Shutt has been confined to his home for a few days and the court house crowd are complaining of a depressing quietude.

## MRS. BENGE ENTERTAINS FEDERATED LADIES AID

There was a large attendance of members and guests of the Ladies Aid society of the Federated church present at the home of Mrs. Ralph Bengé last Tuesday afternoon and the occasion was declared one of the most enjoyable of the season.

An excellent program of papers, readings, and musical numbers was rendered during the afternoon and a most enjoyable social hour along with delightful refreshments rounded out a most successful afternoon.

## TWO-YEAR-OLD WETHERS BRING FAIR PRICES

W. W. Stabler was here from Portland last week looking over the sheep situation and while here bought 1000 head of two-year-old wethers from Mike Kenny and 300 head from Pat Connell, the price ranging from \$7 to \$8. Mr. Stabler stated that he expects to return in a short time prepared to buy any and all kinds of sheep that may be offered.

## J. O. HAGER WILL SPRAY ORCHARDS OF COMMUNITY

The Farm Bureau has made arrangements to turn all the orchard spraying work over to J. O. Hager for the coming year. The county sprayer will be used and Mr. Hager will make only such charges for the sprayer as will be necessary to keep that machine in repair. The cost of spraying last year was a little more than we expect it to be this year because considerable work had to be done on the old machine.

There seems to be some confusion on the part of some orchardists as to just what they were having their trees sprayed for. The dormant spray does not prevent your fruit from being wormy, but it does kill the San Jose scale etc. In order to clean up the Coddling Moth you will want to arrange for two or three arborvitae sprays later.

Remember that the Farm Bureau will have nothing to do with the spraying this year and that you can make all arrangements with Mr. Hager who is in a position to do it at a reasonable figure.

C. C. CALKINS

## LICENSE PLATE COURT HOLDS FIRST SESSION

Judge Cornett held his first real term of "Number Plate" court this morning as a result of the activities of Highway Inspector Lieuallen who has been nosing around in this ball-tiwick for a few days. Lieuallen has already demonstrated the fact that he is not color blind, being able to distinguish between the dark green plate of 1921 and the bright yellow one of 1922 at a range of 100 yards or more.

In response to his invitation the following auto and truck men paid their respects and fines to Judge Cornett this morning, all being charged with operating trucks or cars without a license:

Chas. H. Latourell, Martin Reid, J. C. Owen, Frank Hall and E. E. Downing. Mr. Latourell was assessed \$20 and the others \$10 each.

## SEED POTATOES

While seed potatoes have been located we are now trying to locate certified stuff at some point where merchants shipping in eating potatoes could include them in car shipments thus cutting down on the high freight. It was hoped that some arrangements could be made in time to announce it in this issue of the paper but nothing definite has been arranged for yet.

The biggest factor in obtaining a yield here is the prevalence of disease. Many of these diseases cannot be controlled by seed treatment. They must be eliminated by roguing in the field that is what it means to get certified seed. These potatoes have passed field inspections and one bin inspection and don't pass unless they are practically free from disease. It would pay to plant a smaller acreage of potatoes and use good seed.

Early potatoes are ordinarily much the best under dry land conditions here. It is hoped that some one man in each town can arrange to have good certified seed potatoes for sale.

C. C. CALKINS

## SUBSCRIBER IN A HUFF WANTS STEWART BACK

Editor Herald:

If I am to continue taking your paper I want you to quit this weather prophet foolishness and get Bill Stewart back on the job. This thing is getting serious with us sheepmen and if you think you are doing something smart in stirring up all this trouble and getting Mr. Stewart disgusted that he quit attending to the weather, I want to tell you that you are making a big mistake. For 30 years Mr. Stewart attended to the weather here at Heppner and with general satisfaction. But with this man Gordon on the job and claiming that we will have winter until April 15th, and refusing to change his prediction, we are simply in a bad fix with lambing coming on and hay going higher. It used to be that when Mr. Stewart said it would rain or snow or freeze or not rain or snow or freeze, we all knew that it would either rain or snow or freeze—or thaw out. But with Lum Gordon saying just what it is going to do and sticking to it, it simply gets my goat.

With all due respects to Mr. Gordon, I think he is just plain bull-headed and unaccommodating. I mean every word of the above and you can either quit fooling with the weather or quit sending me my paper.

## SHEEPMAN

Our correspondent is informed that Mr. Gordon some time ago bought Mr. Stewart's interest in the weather business and he in turn informs the Herald that he has turned over all of his right, title and interest in the business to P. A. Anderson, who rates high around the court house as a dead shot on weather predictions. "Sheepman," therefore, may expect a decided change in weather conditions unless Mr. Gordon had his fingers crossed when he made the deal with P. A. in which case his original forecast may stand until April 15th. We admit that at this writing, (Tuesday morning) the outlook is not favorable but it is only fair to give Mr. Anderson a few days to get his system working after which, if there is not a decided change for the better we will take drastic measures to get Bill Stewart back on the job and get weather conditions straightened out. This, it seems, is about all the Herald can do at the present time.—Editor.

## MESDAMES LUCAS AND WARD ENTERTAIN

Mrs. Fred Lucas and Mrs. Dell Ward entertained a party of about 30 ladies and gentlemen at the Ward apartments in the Fair building last Friday evening at bridge. The rooms were prettily decorated with carnations and Oregon grape, supplemented with colored lights the effect being especially pleasing. Phil Cohn and Andrew Rood jr., divided honors for the prize, both gentlemen playing their best just to prove to the ladies that man is still a superior being at something. Dainty refreshments were served after the games.

Frank Moore and family of near Lexington are all reported recovered from their recent attack of gripple. Will is Jinks, who is spending the winter with his stepdaughter, Mrs. Dell Ward, is recovering from his recent attack of illness.

Judge Cornett, who combines the poultry business and the dispensation of justice, specializes in White Leghorns and at the postoffice the other evening he told a Herald reporter that every evening when he picks his eggs he finds two specimens which measure 6 1-2 x 8 1-2 inches each. The judge did not exactly say that one hen is responsible for this mammoth output but rather than spoil a whacking good egg story we will assume, for purposes of publicity that such is the case. Some hen, isn't she?

Cecil Lieuallen, recently appointed a state highway traffic inspector, whose duty is to look out for traffic violations on the state highways, came in Saturday and is still here. Mr. Lieuallen's chief employment, just now is look out for last year's license plates still in use and strive with drivers of overloaded trucks to have them see the error of their ways. After trying to negotiate some of the country roads leading out from Heppner, Cecil decided not to worry much about speedsters until the ground settles.

## VETS' BONUS CHECKS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED

The first batch of soldiers bonus checks were distributed last week and Captain H. C. Brumbaugh announces that the commission is being deluged with inquiries from ex-service men wanting to know how soon they will receive their money. Capt. Brumbaugh says this will take time as there is a total of 20,334 applications to be examined and verified. These claims are being examined at the rate of 300 a day and 7,000 remain yet to be passed on. Experience has shown, however, that about 40 per cent of the applications have to be returned to the applicant for correction and of this number, a total of about 8,000, 2,700 are still being held in abeyance because the applicants have failed to make the corrections or reply to letters from the commission.

The work of the commission entails much work in verifying the eligibility of applicants and an official record of every applicant must be secured from the War or navy department at Washington, D. C., all of which requires time and more or less delay. Failure of any individual, to receive his check as soon as some friend who filed his application even later than himself may thus be accounted for.

Eligible veterans should read the instructions carefully before making out their applications and before filing them with the commission, should have them verified by their local Legion Post, Red Cross or Bonus Attorney. Such co-operation will materially assist the commission in making a speedy distribution of the funds.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

A fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Renee in this city Tuesday February 28th.

Neil Doherty, sheepman of the Ione district, was a week end visitor here returning home Monday.

Mrs. E. M. Huiden and two young sons, arrived from Portland Sunday evening to join Mr. Huiden on their Blackhorse ranch.

Mrs. Mablein Church, of Dee, Oregon, in Hood River valley, is here visiting friends. Mrs. Church was a former resident here.

Virgil Fell, of Waitsburg, Washington, who has been visiting his cousins, Lloyd and M. L. Fell, for a week or so, left for his home Monday morning.

Milton Sparlock, who spent a part of the winter trapping in the North Fork country, called at the county clerk's office the other day with five big bob cat skins and six coyotes and received his bounty money.

Mrs. Roy Pickens and little son, Billy, arrived from Baker Sunday evening to join Mr. Pickens who is manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. They will reside in the house recently occupied by R. E. Crego and family.

Last Friday was a very beautiful and rather delightful springlike day but, true to form, Friday night brought a couple of inches of snow. Lum Gordon says, "I told you so," and further he sticks to it that this thing will continue till the 15th of April. "Then," Lum says, "we will get a change and it will not be for the worse, either." All of which is encouraging, if not disheartening.

S. E. Stickle came in from the Hamilton country the other day where he has been spending the winter trapping. Mr. Stickle was employed by the government as a trapper until last August when he quit and went on his own. He caught about \$200 worth of furs during the winter and is now taking a layoff. His home is in Lake county where he has 320 acres under a new irrigation project.

## REDUCTION IN HAY FREIGHTS ANTICIPATED

The Oregon Cooperative Hay Growers have been carrying on a campaign for the reduction in freight rates. To this end they are filing one complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C. and another with the Public Service Commission at Salem, asking for a comprehensive review of freight rates charged Oregon and Washington shippers, and complaining of illegal discrimination by the railroad against Oregon. They have received many assurances of support from other organizations, and as a proof of the general interest in this, the following clipping from the Oregon Journal will be of interest:

"The Oregon Public Service Commission in a statement given out Thursday, announced that an attempt will be made to establish so-called joint rates in hay shipments from east of the mountains through Portland to Astoria, Tillamook, Marshfield, Salem, Eugene, Albany and other western Oregon cities.

"The commission announced that the situation is being studied from both state and interstate standpoints. Present tariffs, the commission said, indicate that these commodities from Eastern Oregon, Washington, and Idaho move westbound to the various coast markets outside of Oregon at lower rates than to the Oregon markets.

The explanation has been given, it is said that from the hayproducing territory served by lines reaching both points of origin and destination, through rates prevail, while in the case of western Oregon markets the rates to destination points are based on a combination of locals over Portland."

This is the most important point contended for, and is affected by the hearing to be held before the Public Service Commission.

## OREGON COOPERATIVE HAY GROWERS

## POISON SQUIRRELS NOW ADVISES COUNTY AGENT

The law provides that EVERY MAN MUST POISON the squirrels found on his land or the land over which he has jurisdiction. There is no excuse for any man failing to comply with this law for you can get the poison without cost by furnishing the grain. While 3000 quarts of poison have been prepared in different communities during the past week there are many who for one reason or another could not get in to get poison.

Because every man must poison who has squirrels and to help out those who could not get poison last week we make the following arrangements:

Bring your grain to your nearest town to be poisoned. For convenience we ask those at Ione to leave it at E. B. Mason's store, farmers around Lexington can leave it at Barnett's store and around Heppner will leave it at the county agent's office.

Remember that all you have to do is bring in the grain. The poison and other ingredients will cost you nothing remember too, that farmers in every community are working on this in earnest and expect the other fellow to come across. The squirrels do many thousands of dollars worth of damage. They can be controlled by getting out the poison at the right time. Get your grain in at once and you will be able to use it when the time comes. The squirrels will be out with the first few warm days.

C. C. CALKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fleming left this morning for Weed, California, where Mr. Fleming expects to secure employment with the Long-Bell Lumber Co., perhaps the biggest lumbering concern in the country. The Long-Bell people are about to commence construction of a new camp 20 miles from Weed where their operations will be carried on on an extensive scale. Miss Lula Demille accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Fleming to Weed.

Gus Perot, champion rifle shot, who represents the Peters Arms Co., will give a free exhibition of fancy shooting in Heppner Wednesday, March 22nd. Mr. Perot is said to be the finest fancy rifle shot in the country and his exhibition will be well worth seeing.

## NATIONAL FEDERATION FORMS TO SELL GRAIN

### NEARLY ALL ACREAGE IN COUNTRY IS COVERED

#### Organizing Committee to Meet in Kansas City March 9 to Arrange Further Details

(Oregonian)

DENVER, March 2.—Plans for organizing a national federation of wheat marketing associations for the contract pooling basis were adopted by a conference of state associations covering practically the entire wheat producing territory of the United States at a meeting here today.

The new federation, to be known as the American Wheat Growers, Associated, will be placed in operation as soon as the middle western cooperative societies begin the actual selling of wheat it was announced.

The new organization will consist of a board of directors selected by the various state organizations. It is to have control of export sales of wheat and will co-ordinate the domestic activities, arrange plans to provide finances for wheat growers who are members of the organization, establish a statistical department and advise in the general operations of the state organizations.

Plans for the formation of the federation will be advanced further at a meeting of the organization committee in Kansas City, Mo., March 9.

Members of the organization committee are: George C. Jewett, general manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers, Associated, Portland Or., W. C. Landson, representative of the public, appointed to the board of Kansas wheat marketing associations by the secretary of agriculture, and C. D. Murley, president of the Oklahoma wheat growers association.

The first action of the committee was to adopt a resolution declaring an end to the antagonism which they declared had existed between the United States Grain Growers, Incorporated, and the co-operative societies of the various states.

Numerous accusations and charges as to the methods and purposes of each group have been made by representatives and agents of the others, the resolution declared. "All of the associations herein represented must recognize the good faith and high purposes of all the various groups in organizing into associations the grain growers of America and we pledge ourselves to conduct our respective campaigns in conformity with the principles of fair play."

The resolution was signed by J. A. Hull, director of the Nebraska Wheat growers association; A. B. Parish, president of the Colorado Wheat growers association; D. J. Murley, Murley, president of the Oklahoma Wheatgrowers association; W. F. Michael, president of the Kansas Wheatgrowers association, and C. H. Hyde, J. D. Pancake, W. M. G. Eckhardt and V. H. Smith, directors of the United States Grain Growers, Incorporated.

Organizations now represented in the programme for the national federation include nearly 20,000 wheat growers, representing a production of approximately 60,000,000 bushels annually. In addition to these, invitations to participate in the national organization when established have been issued to state organizations of Texas, New Mexico, North and South Dakota and Minnesota which recently were formed. It is estimated that the latter organizations represent a production of 20,000,000 bushels annually. The United States Grain growers, Incorporated, has a membership producing approximately 125,000,000 bushels of grain annually, a considerable portion of which is wheat.

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