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DEVINE MAKES REPORT ON GROWERS ELECTION

CLAIMS MORROW CO. SHOULD HAVE TWO DIRECTORS

Spirit of Contract and By-Laws Violated is Claim of Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Or., July 7. (Editor Herald)—Having been requested by you to furnish for publication a report of the recent annual election of directors for the Oregon Wheat Growers association which was held at Portland and to which I was sent as one of the delegates to represent the association from this county, and believing that such a report may be of considerable interest to the wheat growers of Morrow county both within and without the association, I hereby submit the following with the hope that nothing contained herein will be construed as personally reflecting on any member of the board of directors, or anybody else, but simply as a plain statement of the situation as I see it and with only the best interests of the association and its individual members as my object:

At this meeting the following directors were elected:
 District 1, H. B. Davidhizar, Malheur, Baker, Wallowa and Union.
 District 2, A. R. Shumway, Umatilla county.
 District 3, Howard Anderson, Morrow county.
 District 4, W. J. Edwards, Gilliam.
 District 5, V. H. Smith, Sherman.
 District 6, C. A. Harth, Wasco, Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook.
 District 8, Claud Buchanan, Yamhill, Polk and Benton.
 District 9, W. N. Downing, Marion, Linn, Lane and Douglas.
 J. E. Reynolds, president of board of delegates.

Salaries paid officers of association: A. H. Lea, state manager, \$6,000 per year, carries \$10,000 bond, E. L. Ludwick, assistant secretary treasurer, \$3,600 per year, and carries \$10,000 bond. Board of directors, each \$5.00 per day and expenses.

With the bursting of the Condon elevator the Oregon association suffered a \$7,000 loss.

Mr. Nelson, discharged Northwestern sales manager, has brought suit against the association for the balance of salary, \$7,000, of which Oregon will have to pay her share.

There is no need to mention wheat prices. Each member knows what he is receiving per bushel and whether or not he is satisfied. As for myself I feel as though we have done well for the first year.

I am not able to give you many inside facts of the business of the association as I had only the remainder of the day of the election to gather information. As you probably know we were refused our second director and Morrow county has signed up one fifth of the entire bushelage in the state. District No. 8 was allowed one director, Mr. Buchanan, who personally pooled 476 bushels and represents 164,000 bushels or 3 per cent of the bushelage in the state. Representation is getting away from production and I consider this the very weakest point in the organization.

Morrow county's director, Mr. Anderson, personally pooling 7,624 bushels, represents 1,000,000 bushels signed up wheat or 20 per cent of the entire bushelage signed up in the state, which clearly shows we need our second director as our contract on page 4, paragraph 8, also in our by-laws, page 6, section 1, states in part that the association "Maintain at all times, a fair and equitable representation of grain producing districts according to bushelage signed up." It appears in the face of the bushelage signed up in Morrow county and the representation we have, we are weakening the whole Oregon contract.

I tried to explain all this at the last annual election but the delegation did not seem to consider this a sufficient reason for us to have two directors. They seemed inclined to take the representation from the largest signed up districts and to the smaller districts as a bait to obtain contracts from them.

Another weak point I wish to mention is the fact that the directors are all practically small producers. The largest producer pooling only 8,626

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NO COUNT YEAR TO BE HELD THIS YEAR

At the last meeting of the county court it was definitely decided that no county fair will be held at Heppner this fall. The decision was reached partly because of the late spring and dry summer making it difficult to secure a creditable exhibit of fruits, vegetables etc., and partly because of the present unsatisfactory financial conditions all over the country.

Another factor entering into the matter is that W. W. Smead, who has acted as secretary-manager of all past fairs except one will not be able to devote any time to the fair this fall because of his recent appointment as postmaster and the difficulty of finding another manager with the necessary experience.

There has been some talk of staging a Round-Up sometime in September but that depends on whether some other persons than Mr. Smead comes forward to undertake the management.

The Round-Up last year in connection with the fair was a financial success and according to a statement made to the Herald recently by Mr. Smead, would have left a balance of several hundred dollars in the treasury had it not been for the heavy expense of the fair exhibit features. As it was, the combined fair and Round-Up ended with a deficit of about \$100.00.

This sounds as if a round-up this fall would be a safe proposition.

The people of the county should have some sort of a play time after harvest and a well conducted round-up would fill the bill.

Who is ready to come forward and assume the management?

It is understood that Boardman and Irizon will put on the North Morrow County Fair a usual and will have the benefit of the county and state aid.

C. A. Barnes, one of the field men for the Oregon Grain Growers association, was here several days last week on business connected with the affairs of the association.

M. Fitzmaurice, of Condon, appraiser for the Federal Land Bank, at Spokane, is here for a few days on business. He has 19 appraisements to make in the county, the loans applied for averaging about \$7,000, or a total of \$133,000 which will be distributed in the county within the next few weeks.

Judge W. P. Dutton, former prominent resident of Heppner, now residing at Portland, came in Friday evening on one of his regular visits to his old stamping ground. Judge Dutton still retains considerable property interests here and is known around the Imperial Hotel lobby as the premier Morrow county booster.

FEDERAL AND COUNTY MEN INSPECT ROUTE

County Commissioner George Bleakman accompanied by B. F. Beezley of the forest road service, of the U. S. Forestry Bureau at Portland, returned Friday evening from a tour of inspection over the proposed Pendleton-Prineville cut-off between Heppner and Spray.

The gentlemen spent three full days going over the route, both ways and brought back a very favorable report on the project.

To a Herald reporter Mr. Bleakman stated that the grade from where the proposed road leaves the Hardman road at Chapin creek, is only 2 per cent, then for a considerable distance on top it is practically level and on the descent on the other side to the junction of the John Day highway, the grade is only 5 per cent at the most. Construction will also be very light, Mr. Bleakman says, in many places clearing right-of-way being the heaviest job.

The proposed link which will tie together the primary part of the state highway system is only 26 miles long. Twelve miles is in the forest reserve and of the remaining 14 miles 5 miles is in Morrow county and 5 miles in Wheeler county.

Mr. Beezley, who has been in this work for a number of years says he has never encountered a mountain road crossing a summit with as light grades and easy construction and it is expected that his report to the forest officials will be favorable to opening the route.

The Newspaper and the Community

The local newspaper owes to the community in which it is published the very best service of which its publisher is capable. This means not only the gathering and printing of the news promptly and readably but also the promotion of every project or proposition which promises the material, social or ethical advancement of the community. The columns of every local newspaper should always be open to the public for an expression of their ideas on all questions or matters of general interest so long as such communications are proper matter for publication. In short, the local newspaper should be, as nearly as possible, a reflection of the communal thought, desires and aspirations of the people who read and support it. It should represent no clique, party sect nor faction to the exclusion of others and it should be fair in its treatment of all matters of public concern. Such has been and will continue to be the policy of the Herald under its present management.

There is no more reason for the local newspaper to pose as a strictly reformatory agent in its community than there is for the merchant, the blacksmith, the lawyer or the barber to pose as a strictly reformatory agent. True the newspaperman, in common with all other good citizens, no matter what their occupation or belief, should stand for what is right as against what is wrong as he sees it, but he should not be expected to assume a greater burden along that line than his neighbors do.

Not many weeks pass but somebody says to the Herald "Why don't you print such and such about so and so?" "Why don't you give this fellow the dickens or that fellow the devil?" But when space is offered and the suggestion made to the person wanting this or that thing printed, to write a letter to the Herald over his own signature, the matter ends.

Some tact and considerable time and work are required in gathering and writing the news, for almost continually things come up in the small town, the publication of which would only wound or grieve somebody, or make trouble between friends and neighbors which would be played up to the limit by metropolitan newspapers. In such cases the Herald tries to adhere to the rule that it is better to be "short" on news than "long" on poisoned darts and trouble-breeding stories. We often wonder why some people seem so utterly to fail to appreciate that policy of the Herald.

But what about the debt the community owes to its newspaper? Is the obligation all on one side?

There are a lot of people who seem to think that the editor is a mind-reader; that if they have a guest, or a party, or go on a journey, or get sick, or get well, or have a baby or buy a new car, that the editor should know all about it and write a nice, complimentary story without them even taking the trouble to tell him. There is another class who seem to resent being questioned about little matters of legitimate news even when the editor gets an inkling of some event and goes to them for facts. On one occasion in Heppner there was a fire and the Herald news gatherer was not able to find the lady who owned the property. Meeting her son he asked: "What does your mother estimate her loss to be?"

"I don't know," replied the man, none too pleasantly. "Did she have insurance?" "Again, 'I don't know,'" was the answer and the interview ended. Perhaps the man didn't know, perhaps he thought it was none of the reporter's business, perhaps he just didn't realize that a little courtesy and helpfulness shown even to a newspaper man would not cost him a cent and might help the community.

In all modern communities in America the local newspaper has grown to be considered a public necessity and the man who would advocate the abolishment of newspapers in his town would be open to the suspicion of being a kickback from the stone age but it is a deplorable fact that in many towns, including Heppner, there are a considerable number of business men and citizens who are perfectly willing to allow somebody else than themselves to support the newspaper. Perhaps they think it is a good thing so they pass it along—for some of their more enterprising neighbors to pay for.

Right here it should be said that while the local newspaper is generally recognized as a legitimate business institution which serves a necessary and useful purpose in every community, its stock in trade—advertising space and subscriptions—are not handed over the counter in a paper sack like bread, bacon or beans, neither is the newspaper necessary for the maintenance of physical life as are the commodities above mentioned. Hordes of natives of darkest Africa have lived to a ripe old age without ever seeing a newspaper but who of us would care to exchange our position in life for theirs?

It may, therefore, be fairly argued that the business man who absolutely refuses to support his local newspaper, that works unceasingly for the general welfare of the community in which that man makes his living and accumulates his fortune, is not living up to his best opportunities as a citizen of the town. He is not averse to profiting from

EXPECTS TO DEVELOP MODERN FARM HOME

During a trip through the Rhea creek neighborhood Sunday the Herald man enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Alstott sr. at their pleasant home at what was formerly the Henry Gay farm. Mr. Alstott purchased the farm only a few months ago and moved from his Eightmile wheat ranch which has since been operated by his son, R. E. jr. and daughter, Dolly, who are just as efficient as their parents when it comes to running a wheat ranch. The Eightmile ranch is carrying a wheat crop that looked like 30 bushels per acre before the hot wave struck. That cut down the yield somewhat but it is still a mighty good crop.

Purchase of the Gay place gives the Alstott family holdings of over 1900 acres, more than half of which is good wheat land besides some 80 acres of extra fine creek bottom alfalfa land. This makes what Mr. Alstott considers an ideal wheat and stock plant and while he didn't say so in that many words, the plans he has made for improvements on the creek ranch indicates that he has in mind making a model ranch home.

As a starter in the way of modern improvements Mr. Alstott has installed an electric lighting plant in his home and he is also planning a gravity water system for the house and barns to supplant the two wells which have answered as a water supply for more than 40 years.

"There is a lot of work to do," he said while showing the visitor over the place, but as soon as I can get a lot of this waste land under the ditches plowed up and in crop, it will furnish means for leveling land that needs it, repairing fences and buildings and improving the irrigation dams and ditches. Unproductive land will pay neither taxes, interest nor profit and I simply can't afford to have any such on the place."

One 150-acre wheat field will be fenced for a hog pasture where the pigs will do their own harvesting each year and the creek channel will be fenced away from the alfalfa land for sheep pasture. This, with the pasture land on both places, the stubble fields and straw stacks will support a lot of stock the year around and will turn the present unprofitable nooks and corners into profitable yielders. Several hundred tons of alfalfa hay each year will also come in handy for feeding purposes or for sale.

The Alstott home is the acme of hospitality and the visitor is given a hearty welcome by every member down to Don, youngest of the 11 children who is some boy himself.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY CASE FROM CASTLE ROCK

Warrants were issued Monday morning for the arrest of Ed Young, section foreman at Castle Rock, Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Alta Killian, of Castle Rock on charges of assault and battery preferred by Mrs. Annie Marshall of the same place.

According to the complaint, the plaintiff, who with her husband conducts a store at Castle Rock, gave the defendants, who have been working for the railroad company, credit for groceries etc. and when the bill was presented the defendants not only failed to pay but assaulted Mrs. Marshall who shows several abrasions about the face and limbs which she says were sustained as a result of their attacks upon her. Deputy Sheriff Chidsey went over yesterday to serve the warrants. The case went to trial today in Justice Coraet's court before a jury.

Mrs. Marshall testified that the three defendants were drunk and that they assaulted her. The three brought in a verdict of acquittal.

any improvement in local conditions which the newspaper may have helped to bring about, but he eagerly grasps at any excuse for side-stepping his share of the expense. As an illustration of this type of citizen here is a case in point: A Heppner business man permitted his subscription to become three years in arrears ignoring mailed statements. Finally when the account was presented personally he paid it but when asked to pay a year in advance, said: "No, I guess you needn't send it any longer. My partner gets it every week and I can just as well read his copy."

In the vegetable kingdom there is a certain species of plant which, instead of drawing its sustenance from the earth, fastens itself on some other plant and gains its living in that way. These plants are called parasites.

PARKERS MILL EVENTS DREW LARGE CROWDS

HUNDREDS VISITED RESORT DURING FOUR DAY CELEBRATION

Picnic Parties, Athletic Events And Dancing Furnished Crowds Continuous Entertainment

Parkers Mill, situated as it is at an altitude which defies the muggy July heat which almost prostrated the rest of the country early last week, was an ideal spot for celebrating the Fourth this year. The celebration commenced Sunday, July 2nd and continued until the late evening of Wednesday July 5th and those who were there all the time say there was something doing almost continuously.

Hundreds of picnickers from the surrounding country spent a few days there enjoying the cool water and grateful shade and those in charge of the affair furnished plenty of entertainment.

A good program of athletic events was put on every day under the management of Victor Eads and Ivan Leathers and the mat fans generally agree the promoters furnished a good card.

July 2nd the boxing program was opened with a lively preliminary between Earl Merritt, of Heppner, and Dale Beckman, of Hardman, which resulted in a draw. The main event that day was a lively tilt between Clarence Bauman, of Lexington, and Jack Mulcare, of Condon, Bauman getting the decision in the 6th round.

On Monday, Harold Hall, of Iona, and Leslie Van Bibbes, of Monument, went to a warm three-round draw, the main event that day being a boxing match between Dick Robinette, of Lexington, and Mickey Stillson, of Condon. Robinette proved to be in poor physical condition having just recovered from an attack of illness. He went down and out in the first round.

On July 4th wrestling preliminaries opened the program when Guy Hall and Russell Wright, both of Heppner went to a draw as did R. D. Alstott, of Eightmile and Johnny Brown, of Heppner. The main event on the 4th was a wrestling match between Jack Kennedy, of Condon, and Walter Arnott, of Portland. Kennedy undertaking to put Arnott to the mat two times within one hour. Kennedy was able to register but one fall within the prescribed time and thus lost the match.

On the 5th Kennedy underook to throw Arnott within 30 minutes but again failed. Following this match Arnott issued a challenge to Glenn Hadley, of Hardman for a finish match.

The big event of the entire meeting, a boxing match between Jack Dexter of Heppner, and Charley Fitzmaurice, of Condon, closed the program Wednesday and drew a big crowd of boxing fans. Both of these men have enviable local reputations and both are known as real fighters.

The men went at it hammer and tong from the start. Fitzmaurice being the aggressor, Charlie perhaps had the notion of rushing his opponent and putting him out in the first round. He failed in that, the round ending in a draw, however, but succeeded in winding himself so badly that in the second, Dexter had con-

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defendants swore that Mrs. Marshall assaulted Mrs. Killian in the store, punched her in the eye and knocked her down and that Mr. Young and Miss Sims mixed in the trouble only to the extent of separating them. They also swore positively that they had not been drinking. The jury after a few minutes deliberation that they assaulted her. The three brought in a verdict of acquittal.