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MAYOR BAKER IS PEEVED

Mayor George L. Baker's exhibition of temper at Klamath Falls the other day while a guest of that city on his 1925 Fair-Boosting-Caravan trip, would indicate that the mayor must have acquired a man-sized peeve and that his nerves had become so raw by the time he reached Klamath Falls that the remarks of Mr. Fred Fleet, a local speaker who has some reputation as a humorist, were more than Hizzoner could stand and as a last resort he simply lost his temper, saw red and "blew up."

The mayor's peeve probably started in Heppner where a couple of speakers were honest enough to tell the Portland visitors the exact truth about public sentiment in this county regarding the proposed 1925 exposition.

In his reply Mayor Baker showed quite plainly that he did not like the truth about his pet project but would have preferred soft soap, platitudes and mis-statements from the local speakers, rather than an honest expression of conditions as they are. He described the Heppner idea as the first discordant note heard on the trip and was glad to hear it because it afforded the first opportunity he had had to make an argument for the exposition.

In all candor it must be said that the mayor's "arguments" were not very convincing. His first argument was a stiff reprimand to Heppner for having an opinion of her own about the propriety of holding an exposition in 1925, indicating among other things that because the people of this section of the state do not agree with his views absolutely—that we are not progressive citizens; that we are breeders of sectional hatred and bad feeling, that we "have it in for Portland," and that we probably drew our inspiration for opposition to the exposition from reading the Oregon Voter which amounted to telling us we have not brains enough to reason out a proposition for ourselves.

Mr. Baker is a big man—physically—and there was a time when many eastern Oregon people looked upon him as considerable of a citizen in more ways than one and it is only a matter of regret that he should have permitted his temper to get so much the better of him while on his exposition tour as to reveal this heretofore unsuspected pettiness and pettishness of his nature.

His second argument was a rather bitter attack on C. C. Chapman, of the Oregon Voter. Mr. Chapman was not present to defend himself but had he been present the mayor's characterization of Chapman as a "parasite" and a "fly-by-night" would have sounded better to eastern Oregon ears. A part of the bunchgrass code is "Say it to his face;" it sounds more manly and then it often means a fight and we bunchgrassers are still close enough to primeval man to dearly enjoy a fight whether verbal, fistic or gun.

Morrow county people have no disposition to "fight" Portland on the exposition matter or on anything else unless a fight is forced upon them. Messrs Woodson and Mahoney, who frankly told Mayor Baker and his party that sentiment here is not favorable to the fair, were courteous in their remarks, extended a warm welcome to the visitors and were willing to be "shown." They explained, however, that this section is up against a financial condition that is serious. Many prominent stockmen and farmers who enjoyed a high financial rating three years ago, are today unable to pay their taxes and have been in that condition for two years and these people reserve the right to hold an opinion of their own regarding any proposal that even remotely threatens any increase in taxation.

Mr. Baker does not seem willing to concede any such right to eastern Oregon. He wants the fair, he says Portland wants the fair, therefore all Oregon must want the fair, or at least must pretend they want the fair in order to remain in good standing with the mayor of Portland. Can you beat it?

What people of eastern Oregon need just now more than they need expositions and 'rah, 'rah boys going around the country, and more people "to develop the state," is for the people who are now here to get their feet on the ground once more, and get things adjusted that they can produce wheat and sheep and cattle for less than they have to sell them for. They need to get in shape to be able to pay their taxes before excessive penalty and interest charges amount to 29 to 41 per cent of the principal and make an occasional part payment on their interest now long over-due. Expositions are alright when we can aford them and so are modern new houses and good barns and many other things necessary to right and comfortable living. Morrow county farmers and stockmen are not getting much of any of these things just now and they are not likely to start in by buying an exposition first.

Mr. Baker, in his speech here, said all he was asking from the people of the state was for state wide endorsement of a measure that will enable Multnomah county to bond herself for $3,000,000 for the fair but he later said that he would not promise that Portland would not ask the next legislature for a state appropriation for the Portland show. And right there's the rub and right there is the reason Morrow county people are not in favor of an exposition in 1925.

Judging from the size of Mayor Baker's peeve when Mr. Fleet joked him a bit at Klamath Falls he must have heard more of the Heppner idea at other eastern Oregon points.

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CECIL

Messrs Herbert Hynd and Elmer Schaffner accompanied by Misses A. C. Hynd and Mildred Henricksen took in the harvest dance in Heppner Saturday night.

Mrs. Pat Farley and family, of The Willows, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McEntire at Killarney.

Mrs. Buseick and son from Heppner were calling on friends in the Cecil vicinity Sunday.

Jackie Hynd and Bob Lowe were busy boys in Lexington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundell and family spent Sunday visiting friends in Ione.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. V. Tyler and family of Rhea were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan on Sunday.

J. E. Crabtree and son and also Arthur Turner were doing business in Cecil on Sunday. Harvest is finished in their section of the country, but the yield is very light.

Misses A. C. and M. H. Lowe and Doris Logan autoed to Ione Sunday and visited friends for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Chandler who have had a delightful vacation spent with their friends Mr. and Mrs. A. Henricksen of Willow Creek ranch, left Sunday for their home in Lebanon Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and children of Arlington are now residing at Poplar Grove while Mr. Hicks will work for Minor & Krebs at Cecil.

R. E. Duncan made a trip to Heppner Wednesday with a load of honey from his famous apiary at Cecil.

Mrs. E. L. Vinton, of Coquille, Oregon accompanied by her sister, Miss Odile Groshens, of Heppner made short stay in Cecil Sunday.

Mrs. Lena Snell Shurte and son, Carol visited with Mr and Mrs. Geo. Krebs at The Last Camp on Tuesday.

Mrs. Miller, of Boardman, has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Duncan at Busy Bee ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Zenith Logan accompanied by their nephews Hurley and Billie Logan left on Friday for a trip to the mountains.

Clifford Henricksen and W. Chandler left Cecil Wednesday with five car loads of fine cattle belonging to A. Henricksen of Cecil who was shipping the cattle to the Portland markets.

George W. Wilson, of Butterby Flats, who worked himself nearly to a shadow, left for Heppner where he will visit his parents for a few days before returning to Sunny Cecil and hard work.

The mayor and his wife who are looking worn out and ready rest from their labors left Thursday for a well earned rest which they will spend among their friends at Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Van Schoack arrived in Cecil from Heppner and will visit with Mr. and George Krebs before leaving for The Dalles.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin on the arrival of a fine baby girl born Aug. 22 at their ranch near Cecil.

Mr. McMillian, one of Lexington,s leading citizens honored Cecil with a visit on Sunday.

"Constable John" left some time ago for a trip to the mountains. The Constable being alone and no word being heard from him since his departure. The lonely young ladies of Cecil are thinking of offering a reward for anyone finding John dead or alive and returning him to Cecil.

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