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HEPPNER LEGION BOYS ENJOY CHICKEN DINNER

FOBIE GEAMBA ELECTED AS NEW POST COMMANDER

Big Program Planned For Coming Year at the Annual Big Chow

Thirty members of Heppner Post American Legion gathered around the festive board at Hotel Heppner last Wednesday evening to partake of one of Mine Host Fisher's most excellent chicken dinners, for which that hostelry is fast becoming famous.

If any thoughts of bully beef, muddy trenches and tiresome training camps were brought to the surface when doughboy met gob in the dining room they were soon dissipated when the feast began.

Many tales were told of war days and when the chicken platters had been swept clean the company resolved itself into a business session and proceeded to elect officers for the coming year with the following result:

Forbie Geamba, post commander; John Higley, vice-commander; Spencer Crawford, post adjutant; Walter Moore, finance officer. F. E. Farrior, Harold Cohn and Earl Gilliam were elected to the executive committee.

Plans for erecting a building as a permanent home for the post which were initiated last year but held in abeyance because of unfavorable financial conditions, were discussed and the building spirit showed up strong as soon as conditions warrant.

Plans for securing temporary quarters were also discussed and it is probable quarters will be secured at an early date.

A number of smokers are slated for the winter and spring months and the boys expect to keep things moving from now on.

A meeting will be held tomorrow evening when it is expected all the old and new officers and most of the membership will be present.

A meeting of the local vantage of the 40 and 8 was also announced for January 3rd. The "40 and 8" is known as the play ground of the legion and it is said a number of "goofs" or new members will be initiated into the vantage and joy will reign supreme.

"BUCK" BET ON A CINC

"Shucks!" declaimed Buck Padberg as he strolled into Dave Wilson's store one day about a week ago. "I've a good notion to get married."

"Rats," chided Dave, "you couldn't get married on a bet; no girl would have you."

"I guess I could get married within a week if I wanted to," argued Buck, "and to make it snappy I'll just bet you a good suit of clothes that I will be married within a week."

"I'll take that bet," snapped Dave, thinking Buck was bluffing. Today Mr. Padberg came to town and after securing a marriage license he went to Wilson's store and claimed his suit. The wedding was scheduled for Wednesday morning.

Dancing

Come ye folks of the village,
And ye folks of the country,
too,
And dance the dance of New Year—
The last of twenty-two.

That which is worth starting
is worth a fitting finish—
Dance a finish to the holidays.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30
FAIR PAVILION
Heppner

9:10-12 \$1.10
MOTHERS AND DADS
INVITED
January schedule announced next week

BRUCE DENNIS FOR HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Bruce Dennis is mentioned for highway commissioner from the Eastern Oregon district. While not so well qualified as William Pollman, so far as degree of successful business experience is concerned, Dennis is better qualified in some other respects. He has been a good roads booster from early days. He managed the campaign for adoption of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue. He has made a fine financial success of the daily newspaper business, which speaks volumes for his business ability in everything but choosing that line of business to make money in. He has taken an active part in good roads legislation and has kept in touch with the highway needs of all sections of Oregon. As state senator he fought successfully for the state highway program. If Mr. Pollman cannot be induced to accept the appointment, Governor Pierce will have difficulty in finding another better qualified than his fellow-townsmen, the editor who carried Union County against him for state senator two years ago.—Oregon Voter.

FROSH PENNANT TELLS HISTORY OF UPS, DOWNS

History of the Frosh Pennant (As Related by Itself)

"I was awakened from a dream of peace last Wednesday evening by the freshman class. Perhaps I should have been worried, but I wasn't. Somehow, I just shut my eyes and waited for what was to follow.

"At eleven p. m. I was taken up the pole and nailed down flat so that the upper classmen could not see me. I think there must have been about four dozen nails from the way it felt later.

"Twelve stalwart frosh guarded me by night and next morning I heard a whisper that Brick Hall had locked all the freshmen up so they wouldn't give the secret away.

"From my place on the pole I saw Carl Cason come to school as usual. I also saw Violet Hynd tearing across the school yard yelling, 'Say, have you kids seen anything of the freshman's pennant? Jack's been gone since 5 o'clock, and he hasn't even come home for breakfast!'

"His started people buzzing an Carl very carefully wended his way toward where he obtained a pair of pole climbers. He very cautiously crept back up the gulch, and my heart was in my mouth for he was making a brave dash for the pole when the imprisoned frosh saw him. They made a very heroic escape but arrived on the scene too late, and Cason proceeded up the pole, much to my dismay.

"High school and grade students rushed to the scene like hungry wolves and about five minutes to nine Cason succeeded in tearing almost all the pennant from the pole. It was certainly very painful to be torn in so many places but I was rolled and thrown to Frances Doherty.

"It was like a match touching off dynamite, because with only three minutes to go, the frosh were very excited. Brick Hall managed to crawl whole with my remains at just nine.

"From then till four a truce was declared and the students proceeded to patch up clothes, skinned pieces, etc.

"At four o'clock a freshman class meeting was called by Brick and a sophomore class meeting by one of the boys.

"(These bits of information were told to me afterward.)

"Then the president of the senior class lined the frosh up in a row and the soph in another and told Brick to get in the center between the two rows. The pennant was handed to him and immediately two of the frosh line stepped out and Brick started on a run for life through the line and on through town. He had a very narrow escape from Paul Allen who was on one end of the soph line, but Chuck Reasoner met him first and ended that part of it.

"The last I saw was that Brick carried me awfully tight right through town, because I fainted."

"When I came to I was in Mrs. Nell's apartment and the sophs were hammering at the door but Mrs. Nell replied, 'No, you can't come in.'

"But still they don't know where I am."

THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS ARE GONE FOREVER

Just 20 years ago Christmas the guests of the Palace hotel, Heppner, enjoyed a Christmas dinner for which they paid 25 cents. The menu was as follows:

- The Palace Hotel. CHRISTMAS DINNER. Price Twenty-Five Cents.
- Menu:
- SOUP
- Consomme Chicken Giblet
- FISH
- Baked Red Salmon, Drawn Butter
- RELISHES
- Celery Pickles
- Bolled Ham with Wine Sauce
- ENTREES
- Baked Spring Chicken with Dressing
- Oyster Patties a la Rena
- Sucking Pig Stuffed with Brown Sweet Potatoes
- Veal Croquettes, Cream Sauce
- Apricot a la Conde
- ROASTS
- Prime Ribs of Beef au Jus
- Leg of Pork with Baked Apple
- VEGETABLES
- Mashed Steamed Potatoes
- Brown Sweet Potatoes
- Stewed Tomatoes Boston Baked
- Beans
- PASTRY
- Mince and Pumpkin Pie
- Christmas Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce
- Macaroon Ice Cream

Phil Metschan managed the Palace hotel at that time and M. B. Haines, who now runs the Condon hotel at Condon, Or., was the chef. Most of the traveling men of 20 years ago will remember Haines' skill.

This meal was all real stuff. The top price for the best room in the Palace hotel and three meals at that time was \$2 per day, and the Christmas dinner was a sort of an extra treat for the guests. At that time it was every hotel man's ambition to own a hotel where he could charge \$1 a night for a room.

Metschan bought the food for the dinner. Chickens cost \$3 a dozen, ham 12 cents a pound, wine 15 cents a gallon, beef and pork roasts 7 cents a pound, potatoes 50 cents a hundred pounds, and celery was the most expensive item on the list, as it had to come in by express.

Then was the good old days—now gone forever. All regular meals in the hotel were 25 cents, but there was a 50-cent table for transients, ornamented with a bottle of catsup, on which the same foods were served. The Palace hotel burned down a few years ago, but memories of those brave old days will remain forever.—DeWitt Harry in Oregonian.

BIDS ASKED FOR ARLINGTON-HEPPNER MAIL ROUTE

Postmaster Smead has received advertisements for bids for carrying the mail by stage between Arlington and Heppner and the same were posted this morning. The contract calls for a daily service and will give Heppner two daily mails, the train service not being interfered with.

Notices with full specifications are posted in the post office lobby and at the Peoples Hardware Co. store. It is expected there will be several bids submitted. The service is to start February 1st.

AUTO AND TEAM COLLIDE: TWO HORSES CRIPPLED

While riding one horse and leading another on the highway about 5 miles below Ione the other day, Pat Brady came into violent head-on collision with an auto driven by John J. Kelly, well known sheepman. The accident occurred on a short curve and Mr. Kelly evidently could not stop in time to save striking the horses. Brady escaped without a scratch but each horse came out with a broken leg. The horses belonged to Phil Brady, of Atholene cottage ranch on the highway near where the accident happened.

MRS. MARY E. CASE BURIED HERE

The remains of Mrs. Mary E. Case, who died at her home at Gladstone, Oregon, last Sunday night, were brought to Heppner for interment Thursday forenoon. Funeral services had been previously held at the Methodist church at Gladstone. Mrs. Case is survived by the following children: M. L. Case of Heppner, Ore.; George Case of Waido, Ore.; Mrs. Mary Adelle Yama of Portland and Misses Marnie and Harriet Case of Gladstone. Mrs. Case is survived also by several brothers and sisters in the east and 13 grandchildren.

HEPPNER

We want you to see Heppner. It will be quite a treat; So hospitable and pleasant—A smile on each face you meet.

You're welcome to our Heppner—Land of sheep and wheat; Prosperous and growing. A place that's hard to beat. M. O. Heppner, Ore., Dec. 26, 1922.

REPLIES TO CRITICS OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION

At the recent meeting of county judges and commissioners held in Portland, Hon. R. A. Booth, chairman of the state highway commission, who was there on invitation of the judges to address them on highway matters, took occasion to make reply to the criticisms of the commission so freely offered by certain campaign speakers during the recent campaign.

Mr. Booth said that it was manifestly impossible to attempt to reply to all the misstatements made about the commission and its work during the campaign but that a few of the more glaring ones would be mentioned.

Impressions were given out by these campaign critics, the speaker declared, that would lead the public to believe that in letting contracts the commission disregarded the terms of the contract in making final settlement. This seemed intended to establish the inference of absolute dishonesty on the part of the commissioners and of favoritism to contractors. The fact is that in every case of letting contracts, in excess of \$2,000 except emergency cases, the work was advertised and sealed bids received which were opened in public. Bidders for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and California competed each year in the bidding and in every instance the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder.

A particular case in this connection was the Siskiyou section of the Pacific highway. During the campaign Mr. Pierce and his friends made much capital out of the fact that a considerably greater sum was paid the contractors for this piece of work than the contract called for. The facts are that the contract called for a pavement 12 feet wide and two inches thick. Before the work was started, however, it became apparent that such a pavement would not accommodate the travel nor stand up under the heavy traffic, so the specifications were changed to a 16 foot 5 inch pavement five inches thick. Naturally the total cost was considerably greater than the original contract called for but as a matter of fact the unit cost of the work was decreased. Criticism was also made of certain pavements failing to stand up under the traffic. Mr. Booth pointed out that most of these failures were among the first work done before it was known what immense traffic the pavements would be subjected to. Altogether all such failures amounted to only about 7 or 8 per cent of the whole and none were total failures as many were no doubt led to believe by the campaign speakers.

In closing, Mr. Booth paid the following tribute to his associates, John B. Yeon and W. B. Barratt: "If I am to judge them by the service they have rendered the state or by their ability and devotion to its interests, I would say there are no better men. If there is anyone that loves our state better or is more interested in its development than they, I do not know them. If expenditures by commissioners have been great it has not been for their personal enjoyment. Mr. Barratt has used his own car in his work for the state without charge. Mr. Yeon has yet to put in his first bill for his services because he has been too busy to do so. I have worn out a good Studebaker in the work and another one is fairly well advanced for I have traveled tens of thousands of miles in the discharge of incumbent duties and I have yet to put in a bill for the use of my car."

MORROW COUNTY MAY HOLD HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERSHIP

Morrow county may retain the highway commissioners even after the resignation of Mr. Barratt takes effect if rumors that Governor-elect Pierce may give the place to S. F. Boardman prove to be well founded.

Mr. Boardman is a capable civil engineer and while he has perhaps specialized more in hydraulic engineering than in other branches of the profession he is by no means a stranger to modern highway construction. He had charge of much of the construction work on the Columbia River highway through this county when it was built and his proficiency in that profession would no doubt prove of great value as a member of the commission.

Few men possess a broader vision of the future possibilities of this great state than he as his long years of hard work and patient waiting to see the reclamation of the Boardman project an accomplished fact abundantly testify. He is a born optimist and a fighter for what he believes in and should Mr. Pierce decide to honor Morrow county with the appointment of one of her citizens to be Mr. Barratt's successor, he could find no man within the county better qualified for the place.

CHRISTMAS WAS QUIET HOLIDAY IN HEPPNER

Yesterday was an ideal day so far as weather conditions were concerned, the balmy air reminding one more of April than December.

All business places were closed for the day except the postoffice, restaurants and hotels and most of the citizens passed the day quietly at home or with neighbors and friends.

Christmas Eve the Christian church put on "The Nativity," a beautiful musical program, which was much enjoyed by a crowd that filled the Odd Fellows' hall to capacity.

Monday evening the Elks gave their regular Christmas ball for members of the order and their ladies and a splendid evening's enjoyment was reported.

Ab Miller and Loren Mikesell gave one of their regular dances at the pavilion Saturday evening and will give their New Year's dance next Saturday evening.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. C. W. Shurte is at Portland this week attending the annual meeting of county school superintendents.

Mrs. Lila Clark Bradford, who was principal of Heppner high school in 1912 and who will be best remembered as Miss Lila Clark, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps.

Rev. John F. O'Connor, known as Father Dominick, of the Franciscan Capuchin order, who was the spiritual adviser of Terrence McSwiney, late lord mayor of Cork, has assumed charge of the Catholic church at Bend. He is internationally known.

A jury in the county court at George West, Live Oak county, Tex., last week found W. J. Bugg guilty of criminal libel in connection with reading an alleged bogus oath of the Knights of Columbus. He was fined \$1,000.

Phil Brady was in town from his ranch near Ione today and reports everything fine in his neighborhood since the big snow left. Sheepmen are generally feeling better than when the haystacks were melting away as they did when the snow was on.

The Federated church congregation observed the Christmas season by holding a Christmas tree for the Sunday school children Friday evening and a religious program is keeping with the Christmas season Sunday evening. Both affairs were well attended.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Gladys Irene Abbott to Mr. W. H. J. Padberg, the ceremony to take place Wednesday morning. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. Del B. Abbott and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Padberg. The happy couple will spend their honeymoon at Portland.

MR. JEWETT OUTLINES NEW CROP LOAN PLAN

Every wheat grower in the country will be interested in the following article which is reprinted from the Portland Oregonian under recent date, covering the crop-loan plan as presented to the senate committee on banking by George C. Jewett, general manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers Association:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—A complete plan for federal credits for producing and marketing farm commodities was presented to the senate committee on banking today by Geo. C. Jewett of Portland, Ore., general manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers Association.

He laid particular stress upon the necessity for loans on growing crops, a point not touched upon by other co-operative organization leaders who have appeared before the committee, with the exception of Walter J. Robinson of Spokane, manager of the Washington-Idaho Wheat Growers' association who endorsed the plan presented by Mr. Jewett.

Federal System Advocated

The wheat growers' recommendation advocated a complete federal system adequate to meet needs of farmers for producing and marketing all agricultural, horticultural and livestock products, under the control of the federal farm loan board or an official body of similar character. There would be established regional banks similar to the present farm loan banks with a capital of \$5,000,000 each, to be financed and continuously owned by the government.

These banks would be empowered to rediscount for country banks agricultural paper with a nine months' maturity and to loan directly to livestock associations on livestock loan collateral, with a limit of three years' time.

Market Loans Included

They also would loan to co-operative marketing associations on security consisting of the commodity handled, represented by warehouse receipts. Their plan provides for the organization of local credit associations of farmers for the purpose of borrowing directly from the regional banks.

The board would issue debentures, and loans for production and those for marketing would be segregated to show which type of loan supported a particular debenture issue. An appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the purchase of debenture certificates was advocated.

Jewett Plan is Sweeping

Mr. Jewett's plan was more far-reaching than those advocated by leaders of other commodity marketing associations now meeting in conference in Washington. It was in striking contrast with recommendations by Aaron Sapiro, co-operative attorney, whose testimony preceded that of Mr. Jewett. Mr. Sapiro advocated the elaboration of the federal reserve board and the placing of farm financing in it hands, with an independent organization for assistance. He would make use of existing banks for getting loans to farmers, and he favored state action instead of national in the provision of loans on growing crops.

Sapiro Plan Inadequate

"We do not object to this plan, but we are certain that it does not go far enough to be of much benefit to our western farmers," said Mr. Jewett when asked about the Sapiro proposal by the senate committee.

"In the first place our country banks need and will welcome federal assistance in financing agricultural producers. They are not in shape in many sections to care for their patrons without some form of help.

"And American farmers are inclined to look with doubt on any proposal to place the agricultural credits work in the hands of the federal reserve board. They feel that it is a commercial and industrial banking institution, and that assistance is an important and large enough interest to have its own agency.

Credits Needed at Once
"The plan for state action in providing growing crop credits, of course, is impractical. We need credits now, next spring, not ten years from now. In many states constitutional amendments would be necessary before such action could be taken. In other instances measures would have to go before the voters. In the meantime

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