

**HARDMAN MAN WRITES OF HEPPNER-SPRAY ROAD**

Hardman, Oregon, Jan. 8.—I am glad to learn that there is going to be something done in the matter of completing the Oregon-Washington highway, but let us not lose sight of the fact that we are still after the Heppner-Spray cut-off. Now, then, if we are going to wait for the completion of the Oregon-Washington it will be several years before we can even get the Heppner-Spray road on the map. I would like to suggest that a meeting of all interested be called at an early date at which a committee could be appointed to confer with the state highway commission, giving that body the facts and figures in the matter and showing them why this important road should be built.

From what I can learn the federal post and forest road people are willing to give this road consideration if we can once get it on the state highway system road map and those of us who are interested have got to go before the commission and show them the merits of the proposed road before we can expect favorable action at their hands.

The state of Oregon will get about \$2,000,000 dollars of federal money for road work this year and as Morrow county has never received a cent of federal road money I think we should wake up and make an earnest, concerted effort to get a portion of this money this year to apply on the Heppner-Spray cutoff.

This road is a post and forest road and is entitled to government aid and when we remember that Morrow county and the city of Heppner have already put about \$125,000 in this road I think the state people will be perfectly willing to help if we point out to them the facts in the case and the great need for this proposed road. Now then, I hope we will all get busy and get things going as soon as possible.

GEORGE BLEAKMAN.

**WHO WILL GIVE AN ACRE FOR CHILD'S FARM HOME?**

The call through the papers for cows for the children's Farm Home had such a generous response that that need has been supplied for the present with cows promised, and the "kiddies" will soon have all the good rich milk that they can consume. Incidentally it would warm the hearts of the givers to see the pale faces take on color and the sad eyes become bright through the use of this real "child's food."

We can fully understand that this appeal for milk touches the hearts of child lovers because it so directly touches the child. But before cows can give milk they, too, must have rich food and before that can be raised we must have good, fertile land to grow it. Of the farm of 245 acres, 108 acres have been paid for and twenty-five more pledged by the Baptist church of the state, in addition to the cottage which they are raising money to erect. This leaves the purchase of 112 acres to provide for. It is desirable that this payment be made very soon, both to cut out the burden of interest and to "clear the decks" for further building.

If anyone has thought of the paying for land as a thing apart from the little children that are being housed and cared for at the Home, we would ask them to consider a beautiful field just across from the building plot which is now growing green with feed for the "bossies" that kindly people have given us. We would ask them to try to imagine the pretty lake of five acres where both boys and girls take their much loved sport of swimming, boating and wading. Then there is the picnic ground which overlooks this lake containing about two acres, where good boys and girls may disport and visitors may view their sport in the water.

There are garden spots for the children where they will learn to take part with God in making things grow and the other acres where the pigs, chickens, goats, calves and other animals may be cared for and housed by the clubs that the "club man" from the O.A.C. will be organizing very soon. Then there is the strawberry patch and the orchard in which they will be taught to work, and with skill, by the O.A.C. men who are co-operating with us in this "Real Home on a Real Farm" where homeless, unloved children will be prepared for useful and happy citizenship.

When one talks this view every acre touches vitally the child and every one becomes as important as milk in their education and care. The farm stretches out into a great beautiful book in which these children will learn their most important lessons and it is directly feeding them to supply the dollars to pay for the acres.

**HARDMAN**

"Bashful Mr. Bobbs," a farce comedy in three acts, will be presented here Friday evening, Jan. 18, 1924, by the high school.

The synopsis of the play is: Jean Graham is engaged to Marston Bobbs. She, with her sister and brother-in-law, have come to meet him at the tavern in Splinterville. Marston sends his cousin, Bashful Mr. Bobbs, to explain that he could not come because he had sciatia. The real reason he could not come was that he wanted to bid farewell to Celesta Vanderpool, another girl to whom he is engaged. Marston writes a letter to both Jean and Celesta. The letters become mixed and they get the wrong ones. Bashful Mr. Bobbs makes things worse by being mistaken for a burglar.

**Cast of Characters**

Katherine Henderson..... Ethel McDonald  
Frederick Henderson..... Neal Knighten  
Mrs. Wiggins..... Alice Keithley  
Obadiah Stump..... Teddy Burnside  
Frances Whittaker..... Hazel McDonald  
Rosalie Otis..... Lucy Williams  
Mr. Robert V. Bobbs..... Harlan Adam  
Jean Graham..... Hazel Hay  
Marston Bobbs..... Hubert McDonald  
Celesta Vanderpool..... Lee Merrill  
Julle..... Laura Williams  
There will be a dance after the play. Good music will be furnished. Supper will be served at the hotel. Come all and bring your friends. You can't afford to miss such an evening of amusement.

Saturday night, Jan. 19, Hardman basketball team will play Lexington team on the latter's floor. The return game will be played at Hardman, Feb. 5.

Customer, in restaurant—"How's the chicken today?"  
Waitress—"Fine. How's yourself?"—Exchange.

Patrick, lately over, was working in the yards of a railroad. One day he happened to be in the yard office when the force was out. The telephone rang vigorously several times and he at last decided it ought to be answered. He walked over to the instrument, took down the receiver, and put his mouth to the transmitter, just as he had seen others do. "Hello!" he called.

"Hello!" answered the voice at the other end of the line. "Is this eight-six-one-five-nine?"  
"Aw, g'wan! Phawt d' ye tink Oi am? A box car?"

Every individual, community or organization that supplies the purchase price for one or more acres will have this gift perpetuated in a name on a bronze plate which will be placed in the Administration building, which it is hoped may be built some time in the next year. At any rate the names are being carefully listed to be placed there when built. So who will be the first to send in either the entire amount or a portion, with pledge for completion of payment of \$200 each for one or more acres. Send to Farm Home Office, 615 Stock Exchange Bldg., Portland, making checks to Children's Farm Home.

**GILLIAM WHEAT GROWERS**

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the hands of the association. He said he could have sold to far better advantage outside the association.

W. J. Edwards, one of the directors of the association, declared he believed the association had "made good," even under the exceptionally difficult conditions that have prevailed. He recalled how it had been organized, without capital, with almost no credit; how difficult it had been at first to finance the business of the association; how progress had been made until these financial difficulties are now things of the past. Today there is no difficulty whatever, as to finances. The only trouble now, said Mr. Edwards, is that the association has not enough members, does not control enough wheat. He pointed out that coast wheat prices are 7 to 10 cents a bushel above what they would be without any association. He also said the exporters on this coast are making little or no profit this year on account of having been forced to operate on a small margin of profit. He believed the present organization could take care of twice as much wheat with little or no increase in overhead expenses.

Mr. Edwards said that outsiders get no more for their wheat than members of the association. He spoke of the American Wheat Growers' association's plan, which he favors, and said disposing of the annual surplus under the plan would enable the wheat growers to get a good price for the wheat sold in the domestic market.

Mr. Maley declared at this point that administration expenses amount to 3 1/2 cents a bushel, or \$320,000, which statement was denied by Edgar L. Ludwick, assistant secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Grain Growers' association, who was present. He said the amount for Oregon was about \$88,000 for the 1921 pool. The actual office expenses amounted to 9-10 of a cent a bushel. He said the bushelage in the 1921 pool was about \$,750,000. He also declared the grain trade figured on 5 cents a bushel as their overhead.

A. R. Shumway, president of the association, spoke to growers present briefly, urging them not to circulate their referendum petition at this time, but to wait two or three months, until it is seen what congress will do with the American Wheat Growers' plan—which he outlined. He said A. H. Lea, general manager of the Oregon association, is now in Washington to lobby on the American Growers' plan and that nothing should be done to weaken his support. The association should back the American plan, without any

Peck—"On the day on which my wedding occurred—"

Heek (interrupting)—"You will pardon my correction, but it is only calamities which 'occur.' Affairs such as marriages, receptions, dinners and things of that sort 'take place.' You see the distinction?"

Peck—"Yes, I see. As I was saying, the day on which my wedding occurred—"

—Exchange.

division in its ranks.

He said he believed the bill embodying the American Growers' plan, just introduced by Senator McNary, will raise the price of wheat automatically to \$1.45 a bushel—if the bill becomes a law.

Speaking of salaries, Mr. Shumway said salaries paid the Oregon Wheat association officers are lower than in any other business of equal importance. General Manager Lea

is paid \$6,000, while Robert Paul of the Oregon Fruit Growers' Co-operative association gets \$7,500, and executive officers in private corporations doing a like amount of business receive from \$10,000 upward.

Mr. Shumway said that the Lowden committee are ready to enter the state next spring to sign up 50 per cent or more of the bushelage if the committee is successful in organizing the important wheat belt states. For

this reason he also urged a suspension of the disbanding movement. H. L. Johnson at this point asked what percentage of Oregon wheat is being handled by the association. Mr. Shumway answered: "About 17 per cent."

Saying that no association means chaos, Mr. Shumway made a final appeal to hold up the circulation of the petition which had already been signed by a number of growers.

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