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EXPORT LEAGUE MADE PERMANENT SATURDAY

FARMERS, BANKERS, BUSINESS MEN JOIN AT LEXINGTON

Committees Appointed to Secure 100 Per Cent Membership in County

No former movement having for its objective the relief of the farming industry in this county has received the undivided support of the farmers themselves, the bankers and business men of the county to the extent given the Oregon Export League, a county unit of which was made permanent at Lexington last Saturday. Former movements, including the Grange, the Farmer's Union, the Farm Bureau and the Wheat Growers Co-Operative association, have generally failed to attract but a small percentage of the farmers themselves, while bankers and business men generally either opposed them or remained lukewarm regarding their promise for usefulness.

The export league, however, seems to be in a class by itself in the field of farmer's organizations and its objective point, the passage of the McNary-Haugen bill now before congress is meeting with the unqualified support of all citizens.

At the Lexington meeting Saturday a crowd estimated at 500 farmers and others held an all day session at which the merits of the bill were thoroughly discussed and a permanent county organization was formed with the following officers: R. L. Bengt, of Heppner, president; Henry Smouse, of Ione, vice-president; C. B. Cox, of Heppner, secretary-treasurer.

The following community committees were appointed to carry the membership drive into every corner of the county within the next few days, it being the intention to secure a 100 per cent membership in Morrow county:

Ed Ruge, B. H. Peck, upper Rhea creek; Ed Reitman, C. R. Gurnell, Bert Mason, Ione; C. D. Morey, Alpine; Oscar Keithley, Howard Anderson, Eightmile; W. O. Hill, Earl Eskelson, Lexington; Roy Campbell, Social Ridge; C. E. Carlson, lower Dry Fork. These men, with others appointed later by the chairman, are expected to enlist any other help needed to make a thorough canvass of their communities in a rapid fire drive and reports from all are expected to be in the hands of Secretary Cox at Heppner not later than next Saturday.

Roy Ritner, of Pendleton, a wheat farmer and ex-president of the Oregon state senate, made a rousing speech on the export bill explaining its purpose and provisions clearly. Mr. Ritner said that overproduction has something to do with the present bad situation in the wheat market but maintained that the workings of the present tariff laws, as they are related to the wheat industry are unjust and unfair to the man that produces wheat. There being an exportable surplus of wheat, the tariff does not help, but the export plan, the speaker asserted, will solve the problem. The world price of wheat is now fixed in Liverpool and that price governs in this country. The export commission will remedy this unjust condition by establishing a price for wheat used for domestic consumption based on the prevailing prices for all the staple commodities which are protected by the present tariff laws. Labor, Mr. Ritner said, is well organized and is protected by the tariff and the immigration laws. The farmers have helped pass these laws which protect everybody but himself, causing him to pay protective tariff for what he buys, while he sells his product on a free trade basis. This must be changed before the farmer and the country generally can enjoy real prosperity. High freight rates on farm products were also named by the speaker as a contributing cause to low wheat prices. Mr. Ritner also paid his respects to the politicians and officials who advocate diversified farming as the farmer's salvation. "President Coolidge sent Eugene Meyer and Frank Mondell on a tour of the wheat states to find out what is the matter with agri-

culture," the speaker said, "and after holding hearings all over the west they reported to the president that all the farmers needed to do was to diversify their crops."

"As I drove over from Pendleton this morning," the speaker continued, "I longed to have Messrs. Myer and Mondell with me so I could ask them if they thought the farmers of Morrow and Umatilla counties could make a living raising oranges or peanuts on these wheat lands?" Based on the prices of what he has to buy the farmer should be receiving \$1.50 a bushel for his wheat today, he said.

W. W. Harrah, another "dirt farmer" of Umatilla county and an able speaker, followed with the statement that the passage of this bill will prove the easy job. Unanimity of opinion throughout the wheat states and that opinion forcefully expressed not only in meetings like this but in private letters and telegrams addressed to the president and our congressional delegation are absolutely necessary. Mr. Harrah called for an expression from the audience asking all who would publicly pledge themselves to write a letter or two to hold up the right hand. There was a fair response. Mr. Harrah declared that outside the advance in land values there has not been 2 per cent profit in raising wheat in eastern Oregon in the past 20 years. He deplored the fact that some politicians, some big business interests and some farmers' organizations are enemies of this bill and that hard work may be expected in order to win.

Fred Bennion, county agent of Umatilla county, spoke, further explaining the measure. He expressed the hope that President Coolidge will yet see the light and get behind the measure with his influence. "With all due respect to the president," Mr. Bennion said, "we must remember that he came from a state where the manufacture of tombstones is the leading industry and that the question of living prices for wheat is not a live issue."

W. P. Mahoney also spoke briefly, declaring that to him this measure promises more in the way of real help to the farmer than any other plan he has heard suggested. He declared himself for the bill and ready to do his utmost to help put it over.

The importance of private letters from the people to the president and members of congress insisting that the relief promised by the McNary-Haugen bill be granted to the wheat farmers was stressed by every speaker and the newspapers of the county were asked to publish the proper addresses of the president and members of the Oregon delegation in congress. These addresses will be found in another column of this paper.

HEPPNER SHOWS HONOR TO WILSON'S MEMORY

APPROPRIATE SERVICE HELD AT SCHOOL THURSDAY

Local Speakers Pay Tribute to the Great War President and Peace Advocate

Heppner citizens paid a deserved tribute to the memory of Woodrow Wilson, ex-president of the United States, last Thursday afternoon when the auditorium at the high school was crowded with an audience gathered to honor the high ideals and undying devotion to a principle of one of the nation's greatest citizens.

Politics and differences regarding national and international policies and problems were forgotten and all united in giving due praise to the high purposes of he who guided the ship of state through the stormy period of the world war.

The service, which was not determined on until the previous afternoon, was not well advertised in the community or the auditorium would have no doubt proved inadequate.

The following appropriate program was given: Selection—High School Orchestra; Song—High School Chorus; Prayer—Rev. F. R. Spaulding; Reading of 23rd Psalm—Mrs. Shurtle.



LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion, to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

JUNIPER CANYON TO HAVE NEW COMMUNITY HALL

Dan McDevitt and Barney Doherty, Jr., two well known young men of the Juniper canyon neighborhood, were in town Friday and made this office a pleasant visit.

Juniper neighborhood is coming to the front, the boys report, and the community life will soon be advanced by the completion of a community hall near the Ed McDaid ranch, a central location for the neighborhood. The first load of material was put on the ground Friday and active work will be commenced at once. The new building will be 30 x 60 feet in size, the main hall being 30 x 50, the remaining space being occupied by a kitchen and other conveniences. The building will be used as a real community center where the people of the neighborhood can get together on all proper occasions. Church services, social entertainments, dances, farmers' meetings, in fact all meetings necessary for the advancement of the community will be held there.

Special rates were secured on the lumber and other materials, but the cost of the material alone will reach about \$1,000.00, while the hauling, carpenter work and all other labor connected with the enterprise will be donated.

The building is financed by the Juniper Hall association and shares of the value of \$5.00 each are being sold.

It is expected the building will be completed by the 17th of March, when it will be opened with a big celebration of St. Patrick's day.

The Burgoyne flouring mill at Lexington was the scene of a fire last Thursday afternoon, the blaze starting from a hot box while the mill was in operation. For a time it was feared the entire structure would be destroyed, but the new chemical extinguisher recently installed by the town council proved adequate and the blaze was put out with damages estimated at less than \$100.00.

Song—Church Chorus
Address—"Wilson the Man"—C. E. Woodson
Song—High School Chorus
Address—"Wilson the President"—S. E. Notson
Address—"Wilson the Christian"—Rev. Livingston
Violin Solo—Miss Steele
Address—"Wilson the Idealist"—Rev. Spaulding
Song—Church Chorus

"SEEING OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US"

A correspondent of the Irish Times, published at Dublin, Ireland, who has been visiting this country and making a study of the workings of the national prohibition law has written a lengthy article for his paper, giving his impressions of prohibition as he found it in New York City. On the ground that it is sometime good for us to "see ourselves as others see us," and not by way of endorsing all of the opinions and deductions expressed, the Herald publishes a few excerpts from the article, which is headed, "1,000,000 Drinks Per Day":

"At a conservative estimate there are, on an average, one million alcoholic drinks consumed in New York every day amongst a local population of seven millions; in other words, any man who frequents any medium priced restaurant in New York can have a cocktail or a highball, or a bottle of beer there, if he is willing to pay a couple of shillings for it. If he were to trace that drink to its source, he would certainly find that it was not from the last bottle the proprietor had stored up before Prohibition (that old gag died long ago), but it was the product of a quietly working, clear-thinking, co-operative organization of men with a big job on their hands, growing more and more powerful in the execution of it. The late and deeply respected President Harding said the Prohibition question would not be settled in twenty years. The truth of that utterance, and all he meant by it, will only be realized over that period of time."

"It is not the passionate utterances of Governor Pinchot about a few thousand or a few hundred thousand (as he generously amended it) assorted lawbreakers holding up the proper functioning of the Volstead Act (and which, to take him literally, must be driving very many millions at least to join the assortment). It is not mere 'airy persiflage,' of this kind that is going to get to the root of the proper control of the liquor question. There is a demand for it amongst all classes of people. It is not possible to ignore this fact, and evidences are not lacking throughout the cities of the United States. Do the thinking sections of all parties on the liquor question pause to think of the growing tendencies of the citizen to consume liquor where and when he can get it? Of the steadily-acquired taste for prohibited drink amongst the youth of the country—all the more desirable because

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AMOS ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE AT CANYON CITY

C. L. Sweek has returned from Canyon City where he attended court last week as principal attorney for Claude Amos, who was charged with murder in the first degree for the shooting of Carl Minkler at Monument last fall.

The trial lasted five days and was bitterly contested, a special prosecutor have been employed to assist the prosecuting attorney. The defense set up the claim of temporary insanity due to the alleged fact that Minkler had broken up the Amos home by undue intimacy with Mrs. Amos.

The men engaged in a fight at a dance at Monument and after Minkler had given Amos a beating the latter secured a rifle and shot his antagonist dead. The jury was out 25 hours and finally brought in a verdict of acquittal on the grounds of self defense. It is understood the "unwritten law" covering such cases was a factor in the verdict.

Mr. Sweek, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sweek on the trip, says he never before experienced such roads as he found between Olex and Condon and between Dayville and John Day. His car mired down frequently and he was pulled out by teams, Cowboy's lariats and any other available power.

Mr. Sweek was assisted by Otis Patterson, of Canyon, in the defense.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE

Doric Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will observe the 60th anniversary or Golden Jubilee of the founding of that order and also the 40th anniversary of the institution of the local lodge, on Tuesday evening, February 19th.

An open meeting of the lodge will be held to which the public is cordially invited. There will be four short addresses given on the cardinal principles of the order, as follows: Friendship, Charity, Benevolence and Patriotism.

PORTLAND MAN BUYS MORROW CO. RANCHES

D. M. STUART ACQUIRES MATLOCK, WHETSTONE TRACTS

Will Reside Here and Develop Model Country Home and Fine Stock Farm

Perhaps the most important real estate transaction involving Morrow county realty in recent years was closed this morning when D. M. Stuart, Portland capitalist, became the owner of the T. J. Matlock and Whetstone ranches located on Hinton creek, a few miles east of Heppner.

The deal includes the 1280-acre Matlock ranch, known as one of the best appointed stock farms in the county, situated on the Oregon-Washington highway seven miles east from Heppner, and the Whetstone ranch of 1,000 acres adjoining. The Whetstone tract is mostly first-class range land with some creek bottom while the Matlock tract is well improved with more than 100 acres of fine alfalfa land under irrigation.

The combined tracts will constitute one of the best stock farms in the county and it is understood Mr. Stuart is already planning extensive improvements which will make the place one of the model fine stock farms in Oregon if not in the entire Pacific northwest.

I. L. Hanna, of the firm of Symonds-Johnson Co., Portland, handled the deal, which means much to the better stock movement in Morrow county.

Mrs. Matlock will make her home in Portland after about March 1st, at which time Mr. Stuart expects to take over the properties.

Not without interest to the good road movement in Oregon is the statement from Mr. Stuart that without the fine macadam highway completed last summer past the Matlock ranch he would not have considered the investment he has just made in Morrow county property.

GILLIAM COUNTY FORMS LOCAL EXPORT LEAGUE

FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN BACK McNARY-HAUGEN BILL

Mass Meeting at Arlington Thursday Pledges Its Unanimous Support

That the farmers of Gilliam county are fully awake to the necessity for doing something to better their financial condition was plainly shown at the mass meeting at Arlington last Thursday when representative farmers from all parts of the county met to discuss the McNary-Haugen wheat export commission bill and to organize a county unit of the Oregon Export Commission league. That the leading business men and bankers of the county are equally interested with the farmers in putting the measure across was also placed plainly in evidence by the presence of representatives of practically all lines of business from every town in the county, many of whom had driven 40 or 50 miles literally "through" roads well high impassable and which Frank Hurlburt described as—(using that short but expressive word that is supposed to sizzle).

The Arlington opera house was crowded to the floors with citizens who seemed to know just what they wanted and with a rather clear understanding of how to go about to get it. There was no division during the meeting. There was plenty of discussion and suggestions from farmers, bankers and business men and it all crystallized into a set of ringing resolutions endorsing the McNary-Haugen measure and urging our representatives in congress to leave nothing undone to accomplish its passage. Copies of the resolutions were ordered wired to each individual member of the Oregon delegation in congress, to President Coolidge, to Senator Norris, chairman of the senate agricultural committee, and to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Mark Weatherford, big wheat farmer of Shuttler flat, and formerly a practicing attorney at Albany, was chairman of the meeting and T. A. Weinke, of Condon, was secretary. Mr. Weatherford, in his introductory remarks, after pointing out the purpose of the meeting and the urgent need for immediate relief for the wheat farmer, said that if the McNary-Haugen bill passes and proves successful it will cause all the Democrats to become protectionists and if it does not pass it will cause all the Republicans to become free traders. The remark brought forth applause.

E. R. Jackman, of O. A. C., was present and to him fell the duty of explaining the measure which he did in a lucid and satisfactory way. Many questions were asked the speaker to bring out some point not entirely clear to the questioners.

T. A. Weinke was called to the floor and responded with a brief but snappy speech declaring that the welfare of every resident of the county was conditioned on the success of the farmer. "I am for this bill," declared Mr. Weinke, "first, last and all the time because I believe it to be a measure of justice long due the farming industry. I am Republican and as a citizen I am first for my country and second for my party. At the present time I am for President Coolidge but should he fail to give this measure his heartiest support when the test comes I say here and now that I am NOT with him any longer." The speaker's statement was heartily cheered.

Permanent officers elected at the meeting were: Mark Weatherford, of Arlington, president; James F. Dyer, of Mayville, vice-president; T. A. Weinke, of Condon, secretary-treasurer.

At the close of the meeting practically every man in the hall signed the membership roll.

Chas. B. Cox, a member of the board of directors of the Oregon Export league, W. P. Mahoney, of the First National Bank, W. H. Padberg, big wheat grower of Rhea creek and a representative of the Herald were present at the meeting from Heppner.