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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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WHY NOT ALL OUR STREETS?

The oiling of Main street and portions of other streets tributary thereto by the City of Heppner, in conjunction with our business men, is one of the best things that has happened to us. It is an entire success so far; it puts water in the shade and will prove a stroke of real economy.

This paper has no estimate to give at this time on the cost of the oiling already done but it is not going beyond what the City Council had figured in their estimates, at least not to any considerable amount, and its efficiency as a dust layer and street covering is so pronounced that this extra cost is really not to be considered, if it should prove that there is an increase in cost over original estimates.

Now what is a good thing for a part of the City is good for all of it. Many people are saying, "Why not oil all our streets?" and we also say, "Why not? The City Council will undoubtedly listen to a proposal by our citizens along this line. It may cost a little money, and this the citizens should be willing to put up.

Gale street, Chase street, Court street and a number of shorter cross streets should all receive the oil and the dust evil in our little city would be settled for the summer. Not only this, but the surface of these streets would be greatly improved and a lot of expensive work saved in the future. In fact there is no need of advancing any argument favoring this oiling business; what the City has already done is sufficient argument in favor of putting the oil on all our streets.

A small assessment of the property owners along these streets will be sufficient to get the oiling done, as this paper has the assurance that the City Council will gladly co-operate as they have done with the business men.

Let us have all the streets oiled.

The primary election passed off in Heppner so quietly that one would have scarcely recognized that anything out of the ordinary was taking place. There was an entire absence of anything that would disturb the peace and dignity of the city, and people went quietly to the polls and expressed their preference in naming candidates for the various offices with no one to molest or hinder. Quite a contrast indeed, over some former elections in this town, and a splendid testimonial to the efficiency of the present method of naming candidates, as well as the working of the corrupt practices act. This is a country where we accept the verdict of the majority, and those conditions which bring about an unhampered expression of the will of the people

at the polls, are the conditions to be adopted and made permanent. Some things have appeared to us to be fads and innovations, but the more the direct primary is used with the proper regulations that are being placed about it, the more efficient it is becoming, and it is a part of our political machinery that has come to stay.

In the primary election just passed a number of good men failed of nomination. All could not be nominated, and it was plain to be seen that there should be a large number of disappointed ones. This disappointment, however, is but for the time being, and we rejoice over the fact that those defeated in the race are ready to do all they can for the winners and help them in the race for the fall elections, thus proving that they are good losers.

A statement appears in this issue of the Gazette-Times over the signature of Robert Dexter. Mr. Dexter seems to have a grievance which he desires to air before the public. His son, Jacob, was indicted by a grand jury of Morrow county on a charge of furnishing liquor to minors. During a recess term of court held by Judge Phelps a couple of months or so ago, young Dexter was brought in and made a plea of not guilty to the charge in the indictment, and was released upon giving bonds in the sum of \$100 for his appearance. At the regular term of court just closed, the case came on for trial and Dexter was asked by the court if he had an attorney to defend him; he stated that he did not. In the course of procedure this same question was propounded to the boy no less than three different times by Judge Phelps and the reply was made that he had no attorney and did not want one. The question of an attorney for the boy was also put up to his father, who, by the way, saw fit to stay on his ranch while the boy was in court, and Bob Dexter gave the instruction to let the boy go to trial without an attorney. Judge Phelps was well aware that Dexter was able to see that his boy had counsel to represent him before the Court and jury, and he did not propose to put it up to the taxpayers of Morrow county to see that such counsel was provided. Every opportunity was given the lad to have such representation. Furthermore, there was no attempt to in any way take advantage of him either by the judge or the prosecuting attorney, and any insinuation on the part of Dexter to this effect is resented by all good citizens. Dexter owns a ranch that is easily worth from \$12,000 to \$15,000 on which there is no incumbrance, and for him to put up a plea of poverty in a case like this is ridiculous to say the least, and only tends to show that he has but little conception of the duty a father owes to a boy in trouble. Besides this, Dexter is known to be a man that has means. He can loan money and buy bonds and pay his bills, and his credit is good, yet he will let his boy lay out a fifty dollar fine in the county jail simply because he has his neck bowed over what he considers an unfair prosecution. And yet, so far as we know, he does nothing to keep his boy out of such trouble. From what we have been able to learn, he should be thankful that Jacob got off as easy as he did. Mr. Dexter should take some advice: take his boy home and put him under a little good, wholesome restraint, if he is capable of doing so, and not make it necessary for the state to have to take care of him. And then don't come up to the people of Morrow county with the plea of poverty; it don't go with one situated as you are.

Is Opening Up New Garage.

Edgar B. Ayers has taken over the old skating rink and is converting the same into a modern and up-to-date garage. The mechanical end will be in charge of a first class mechanic and the place is to be open all hours of the day and night. It is also the intention of Mr. Ayers to handle the agency of some good automobile but this he has not decided upon as yet. The big building is well situated for the purpose of a garage and it will be properly equipped to do all kinds of work in that line. This paper hopes for Mr. Ayers' success in his new venture.

Assessor J. J. Wells has branched out to some extent in the farming line. He closed a deal this week for about thirty acres of the Mountain Valley Stock Farm of Oscar Minor and will build a modern small farm out of the same. Mr. Minor has disposed of some 70 acres off the lower end of his farm and figures that this leaves the balance of the place in much better shape to handle.

Tom Harriman of Long Creek was among the John Day woolgrowers to deliver wool in Heppner Monday.

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