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LIVELY INTEREST IN SCHOOL ELECTION

W. B. Barratt Chosen Director and Vawter Crawford Re-elected Clerk—157 Votes Cast.

There was commendable interest shown in the annual school meeting on Monday and as a result a lively contest was on in the selection of the school officers for the coming year. Two tickets were in the field. W. B. Barratt and A. M. Phelps ran for director and Mrs. A. E. Binns and Vawter Crawford were the candidates for clerk. It developed early in the day that there was to be something doing as each candidate had warm supporters and many of these got busy to get the vote out. The voting began after the organization of the meeting at 2 p. m., and the polls were kept open until 5:30 that all might have a chance to get their vote in. It might be remarked here also that the balloting was not according to the Australian system, there were two printed tickets, not of uniform size and color and this caused some to be rather humiliated, as it were, in thus having to make known how they voted, and they were not to be blamed for registering a kick and raising their voices in opposition to the system of voting employed.

The result of the ballot was as follows: W. B. Barratt, 81; A. M. Phelps, 74; V. Crawford, 84; Mrs. Binns, 71.

The report of the clerk presented at this meeting shows receipts from all sources during the year of \$51,664.37; expenditures, \$57,015.72; leaving balance on hand of \$4,648.65. The sale of bonds for school building purposes and on account of fire loss sustained to new building is included in this report. These items should have been in the report of last year and would have been but for the fact that there was a "hold up" in settling with the bonding company and this was not adjusted until after the date of the last annual meeting. The district still has the old school building to dispose of and there should be some steps taken to convert this property into cash.

The expense incurred in running the school for the year was \$13,715.18, while the receipts, outside of the building fund money reported, amounted to \$18,923.15. The clerk's report further shows the expenditures, itemized, to be as follows:

Paid for teachers' wages	\$8019.00
Paid for fuel and school supplies	1166.15
Paid for repairs, improving grounds and janitor work	1219.80
Paid on principal and interest on bonds and warrants	2580.00
Paid for insurance	268.00
Paid for District Clerk's salary	150.00
Paid for all other purposes	221.23
Total	\$13,715.18

C. E. POTTS IS ACQUITTED

Canyon City, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—Charles E. Potts tonight was found not guilty of murdering his wife, after the jury had been out but three hours.

No case in years has aroused such intense interest in court annals here as the Potts trial, which came to an end early this evening when Attorney Ackerman, of Los Angeles, for the defendant, and Marks for the state, summarized the testimony before the judge charged the jury.

The courtroom was packed again today.

E. P. Ward, of The Dalles, is now in charge of the train on the Heppner branch, Conductor Fiske having been transferred to the main line. Mr. Ward is here for a month, only, and it is not settled yet who will be the permanent successor of Mr. Fiske. The family of Mr. Fiske will move to Portland to live and our popular conductor will have a passenger run between Portland and Pendleton, beginning about the first of July.

Teachers' examination is in progress at the court house under the direction of Supt. Notson, assisted by Miss Marion Long. Examinations are being held for county and state papers and the following teachers and prospective teachers are registered: Walter W. Weller, of Denver, Colo.; Henieretta J. Wilson, Anna Belle Howard, Clare Beamer, Julia Clark, Ella A. Aiken, of Heppner; Lulu R. Maxwell, Margaret Ostlin, Gladys Musgrave, May Severance, of Hardman; Lulu M. Calkins, Ella P. McNabb, of Ione, and Gwendolen Jones of Oregon City.

FIRST ANNUAL FARMER'S PICNIC ON SATURDAY

Farmer Smith, Renowned Agriculturist of the West Will be on the Program for an Interesting Talk.

Saturday the First Annual Picnic of the Morrow County Farmers' Union will be held in the beautiful Lexington grove. No efforts have been spared by the Union to make this first coming together a complete success.

A lengthy program has been arranged, consisting of speeches and special music. A band of twelve pieces has been engaged to play during the day, and this alone will be a pleasant feature of the day. A. R. Shumway, member of the legislative committee and J. D. Brown, state president, will be present and deliver addresses.

Farmer Smith, agriculturist for the O.-W. R. & N. Co., will be on hand with a wealth of his dry farming material. Mr. Smith has been heard by many of our people before, and his next appearance is looked forward to with much pleasure.

President Huston would like to have it understood that everybody, whether farmers, members of the Union, or what not, are cordially invited to attend the picnic, where they will be given a warm welcome. A big basket dinner will be spread out under the large shade trees in the grove, and everyone is invited to bring a well filled basket and join with the crowd in disposing of the "feats."

Wm. Cantwell.

From the Canby Irrigator of June 12th, we take the following account of the death of a former well known resident of Morrow county:

Wm. Cantwell, who after an illness of 10 weeks, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cassie Evans last Friday evening, was born in Madison Co., Arkansas in Feb. 15, 1850. He leaves a widow and three daughters. Mrs. Cassie Evans, Mrs. Adam H. Knight of Canby and Mrs. W. K. Chetwood, of Portland.

His parents were sturdy, industrious and respectable citizens of the commonwealth. He was a mere boy when the war of the 60's broke out in awful fury. He grew up on a farm, in the midst of disturbed conditions while the Union and Confederate passed through the reconstruction period. He possessed more than ordinary gifts, nature graciously endowed him, and had not circumstances prevented his place, career and work in the world might have been different and he would have come to distinction for service in his day and generation. He married early in life as was the general custom in that day and country, and on Feb. 18, 1869 he assumed the obligations of a husband, taking as his wife, Mary Emily Buckley, they lived happily together, sharing the joys and sorrows of their companionship, 8 children born unto them, 5 of whom passed away in early life.

In the early eighties he removed with his family to Heppner, Oregon. Here the wife and mother was taken away by the hand of death. In Nov. 1889 he came to Portland with his three daughters. In Dec., 1893 he came with his family to Clackamas county where he has since resided. His second marriage was to Annie Lawrie, Jan. 14, 1908, who survives him, and shares with his children the sorrows of bereavement. The funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church of Canby Sunday, June 7, 1914 in the presence of a large and representative audience the pastor, Rev. T. H. Downs, having charge. Dr. T. B. Ford delivered the address. Mr. Cantwell was a pastor of the church before coming to Oregon and Dr. Ford was one of his elders. Peace to the memory of William Cantwell.

Wm. Cantwell resided in Heppner for a number of years and leaves a number of relatives here. Two sisters, Mrs. S. A. Wright and Mrs. Lottie Brown, reside here as well as a nephew, M. L. Cantwell. He is survived also by four brothers, all of whom were at one time residents of this county. These are J. T. Cantwell, of Baker City, Abner and Andrew, of Dayville and Dave of Condon.

Mrs. Clyde Wells has been confined to her home during the past week on account of sickness.

There was a goodly attendance of the members of the I. O. O. F. order at the M. E. Church, South, on last Sunday morning in honor of their annual memorial services. Rev. W. T. Goulder delivered an able address and there was special music by a male quartette and a solo by Palmer Brunton. The services were enjoyed by a large audience.

See us before buying your year's supply of flour. We can save you money. HEPPNER MILLING CO.

COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEES ARE DOING EFFECTIVE WORK

Club Will Strive to Get Better Passenger Service on Local Branch Line—Public Park Site Practically Assured—Other Suggestions Are Being Carried Out.

At the special meeting of the Commercial Club on Friday evening the attendance was rather slim though there was business of importance to be attended to.

Owing to the illness of President Smead, Vice-President Notson presided.

The committee appointed some time ago to select a lyceum course and to act for the Club read their report, which was tabled until the next regular meeting.

The report of the committee appointed to report to the Club some of Heppner's needs, and plans for carrying them out, was read. On motion it was ordered that the portion of the report appertaining to the feed lot, city park, filling up unsightly mud holes and to the unsightly bill boards be adopted as read and that a committee of three be appointed to wait on the City Council and urge these matters and if possible obtain the feed yard grounds for a city park. A. M. Phelps, L. K. Harlan and J. P. Conder were appointed on this committee. After the appointment of this committee the balance of the report was then adopted. The full report read as follows:

To the Officers and Members of Heppner Commercial Club:
We, your committee appointed to suggest some of the important needs of Heppner, beg to submit a few suggestions which we think of the utmost importance, looking to the betterment and beautifying of our city, as follows:
An active and effective campaign against the fly.
Abolishing of our unsightly billboards.
Filling the numerous mud holes.
The abatement of our present feed lot and the establishment on the same grounds of a city park. With

this end in view we ask that the Club ask and insist that the City Council donate the above mentioned lot for park purposes.

We also feel that if our citizens would take more active interest in public affairs and attend the meetings of the school board and city council, it would not only show that we are taxing an interest in their deliberations, but have a tendency to get better measures through.

We also feel that the establishment of a Ladies' Club is almost imperative to get the best results.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. W. Smead,
Mrs. V. Crawford,
Mrs. W. T. Goulder,
S. E. Notson,
V. Crawford,
A. M. Phelps, Chairman.

The matter of better railroad accommodations for Heppner was discussed at some length. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that a permanent committee of three be appointed to report from time to time on bettering passenger service to the north end of the county and outside points. The chair appointed J. P. Conder, J. L. Wilkins and L. E. Bisbee.

The Club, through this committee will take up the proposition of getting a motor service on the branch to handle passenger traffic in a manner to connect with night trains coming and going to Portland. Also to get a sleeper service to Arlington. The secretary was instructed to notify by postal card all members of the Commercial Club of next regular meeting at least one day before meeting.

Bills against the Club were ordered paid as follows: L. O. O. F. rent to April 23, \$20.85; Phelps Grocery Co., \$5.90; Gazette-Times Printery, \$9.25.

CROP CONDITIONS IN NORTH MORROW POINT TOWARD A LARGE YIELD

Sand Country Will Reach High Mark This Year By Producing A 20 Bushel Wheat Crop—Heading Has Started in Many Fields.

A ride on Tuesday over the greater portion of the wheat belt to the north of Heppner and Lexington, convinces us that there will be one of the biggest yields of grain this season ever produced in that section. This holds good as far north as the W. B. Finley place, and while we have experienced some pretty warm weather there has been none that has seriously shortened the crops out that way, and grain is now so far advanced that it is bound to make a bumper crop.

Through the courtesy of Banker T. J. Mahoney we were one of a party consisting of Mr. Mahoney, M. D. Clark and Frank Gilliam, making the trip by auto and getting over a lot of territory.

We are not going to attempt to make any itemized estimates, not being in possession of the acreage to be harvested by the individual farmers throughout the section visited, but as it appears at this writing this portion of the county should make an average yield of twenty bushels. Much of the grain is now ready for the header, and it was noted that in a few fields the machines were at work. Heading should be general throughout the wheat belt on the north side the coming week.

The Piper and Carmichael fields are exceptionally fine. They are easily 30-bushel crops with every indication of No. 1 wheat. Getting a little farther to the north it was noted that the grain on the Copenhaver and Hodson places is of exceptional quality, and what pertains to these people is also largely true of their neighbors.

The grain, however, that has been the subject of the most favorable comment this season is that on the places of W. B. Finley and his son, Arthur. These men have been farming in what is generally pronounced the "sand belt" of Morrow county, a mistaken appellation, however, as they are not in the sand country. The soil down that way is very light and it has been a hard problem to get it

to "stick" and keep their grain from blowing out. This trouble is now practically overcome after the thorough cultivation of several years past and the working in of the stubble. Mr. Finley has a field of summer-fallow consisting of 1000 acres that he is preparing for fall sowing. This is practically clean of all weeds, and will be perfectly clean as soon as he gets over it with his weedeers which are at work every day. The moisture has been well conserved in this piece of ground and should there be no more rains this summer there will be plenty of moisture for early sowing. He will harvest this season about 1000 acres of grain. A half section of this is volunteer and the balance is on summer-fallow ground. Mr. Finley says he will have an average crop of fifteen bushels but we are inclined to think that his estimate is low, at least from present indications. He will begin his harvest just as soon as he can get his machinery into the fields.

It would seem that Mr. Finley has proven his oft-repeated assertion that he would make a success of raising wheat on his lands in the "banana belt" as he had a splendid crop there last season and this year he will reap better than ever. It is a dry country but the right methods of farming will conserve the moisture and bring forth abundant yields of grain.

One thing was noted along the trip at different intervals, and this was the unused lands that have been heretofore farmed but are now being allowed to grow up in weeds. A lot of Jim Hill mustard is growing on these lands as well as other foul weeds that will be a serious menace to those people who are working hard at the present time to do good farming and keep their places clean.

Some means of getting rid of these weeds will have to be adopted else the whole country will become foul. Mr. Finley expects to get a siding at a point on the Coyote cut-off that will bring him within eleven miles of (Continued on page six)

CITY COUNCIL MEETS IN MID-MONTH SESSION

Selection of Fair Grounds Brings Forth Unusual Amount of Interest. City Will Act At Once.

The agitation over the matter of getting grounds for the Morrow County Fair Association was doubtless the reason for more interest than common in the mid-monthly meeting of the city council. There had been appointed a committee representing both the Fair Board and the Commercial Club to take up this matter with the City Council, and had it not been for the pernicious activity of this committee perhaps there would have been no meeting at all. Through their hustling, the Council was brought together and Mayor Smead was conveyed to the council chambers, though he was not in the best of condition, physically, to preside. Members present were Mayor Smead, Councilmen Barratt, Hager, Minor, Kirk and Cornett. There was consideration of some bills covering a tank of oil just received and the freight on same, making a total of \$387.92. After this the consideration of petitions, memorials, resolutions, etc., was taken up, among these being the petition of the committee representing the Commercial Club and asking for the removal of unsightly billboards from the streets of Heppner. To carry out in a measure this request, the Mayor appointed Councilmen Barratt, Hager and Minor to look into this matter and make report at next meeting of the council. This committee will also make recommendations as to old sheds and unused buildings about town that are fire traps and unsightly. The consideration of the petition of the joint committee of the Morrow County Fair Board and Commercial Club was then taken up, and after hearing the reading of the petition by a member of the committee, a motion was passed that the proposition made be accepted by the city, contingent upon the guarantee of the committee being carried out. To get at a fuller and complete understanding between the committee and the council, an executive session was called following the transaction of some other business. The conclusions reached at this executive session have not yet been made public.

Upon motion the Recorder was instructed to notify the owners of the Club building to comply with the terms of their contract with the city. The action of certain members of the council with reference to the bridge across Willow creek at the head of Court street was approved. In reference to certain property of the city appearing on the delinquent tax rolls of Morrow county for the year of 1907, against which there is a tax charge of \$7.50; the recorder was instructed to draw a warrant in favor of Morrow county to pay this amount. This tax had become delinquent on the property before being purchased by the city but to clean the matter up and save further expense this action was taken.

Thereupon the council went into executive session to consider the proposals of the above-mentioned joint committee.

Sells Mountain Valley Farm

W. O. Minor this week disposed of the balance of his Blue Mountain Stock Farm, with the exception of a few acres, to Gus Wilcox of Heppner. Mr. Wilcox will have in the neighborhood of 500 acres of alfalfa and pasture land and is to be congratulated on getting hold of the finest farm on Willow creek, all things considered. In disposing of this farm of over one thousand acres, Mr. Minor has cut it up in such shape that there will be six families on the place to where there was one before, and no doubt there could be some more advantageous cutting up of the place and other families located there and make good homes. This example should be followed by others and the population of our county increased in this manner. This deal, of course has not brought any new people to the county, but just as soon as the larger places are put on the market in this manner outside people will be coming in to take hold of the smaller tracts and make homes of them.

The Whole Hog.

Playwright—Was Grasper satisfied with the part assigned him in my new play?
Manager—Was Grasper ever satisfied with "part" of anything?
Judge.

Limited Promise.

Reggy—I thought you'd forgiven what I said and promised to forget it?
Peggy—But I didn't promise to let you forget I'd forgiven it.—Chicago Daily News.

TWO MEN HELD ON RUSTLING CHARGE

Robert Owens and Earl Becklund Are Accused Of Butchering Another Man's Beef.

On a charge of stealing a cow which belonged to other parties, Earl Becklund, better known as "Swede", is in the county jail, and Robert Owens has been bound over, under \$1500 bonds, to appear before the grand jury.

It developed in the preliminary hearing in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Robert Owens, held last Tuesday morning that Becklund had delivered a beef to Gong Lane, a local restaurant man, last Saturday, the result of a contract between Owens and Lane. Sheriff Evans, who had had suspicions for some time, deputized Osmin Hager to take the back track of the "Swede's" wagon and learn where the beef had been butchered and under what circumstances.

Hager tracked the "Swede" up Balm Fork to the Quaid ranch and from there on to the "Headquarters Ranch." Here the tracks led off up another canyon toward the mountains.

Hager finally came to the home-stead of Becklund, where he found a heavy sled, which showed signs of having been recently used. Upon closer examination, he found on the sled blood and some tallow. After looking around for some time he came to a place on the ground that was covered with old decayed wood, and upon digging down, uncovered a beef hide. Mr. Hager brought the hide back to town.

C. A. Minor testified that he was sure the beef belonged to him inasmuch that the ears of the brute contained his marking, although one ear had been cut off and was missing. Also a piece of the hide, at a point on the hip where the Minor brand was usually placed, had been cut out.

The testimony of Gong Lane was the most damaging evidence against Owens. Lane stated that on previous occasions he had bought beef from Owens, the "Swede" delivering it and Owens receiving the money, this proving to the judge that Owens and Becklund were working together.

As soon as Becklund returned to his open air slaughter house and found that he had been discovered, he made a hasty retreat, but was caught at Echo by the town marshal there, who held him until Sheriff Evans could go over and bring him back, which he did on Sunday.

In the preliminary hearing, the defendant was represented by C. E. Woodson, and Glenn Y. Wells, County attorney prosecuted for the State. In default of the \$1500 bail, Owens is confined in the county jail, not being able as yet to get anyone to assume so heavy an obligation as a guarantee of his appearance when wanted by the grand jury.

ALBERT LOVGREN PASSES

Carl Albert Lovgren, for many years a resident of Morrow county and a farmer of the Gooseberry section, died in Portland on Saturday last, June 13, 1914, of pernicious anaemia. Mr. Lovgren had been afflicted for many months and gradually growing worse it was thought wise to remove him to Portland for medical treatment and he was taken to that city about three weeks ago. He was past all relief however and succumbed to his disease after all that was possible was done for him. The remains were shipped to Heppner on Sunday and taken to Hardman for interment. The funeral was held in the I. O. O. F. hall at that place at 11 o'clock on Monday and concluded at the cemetery below Hardman at 2 p. m., being conducted by the Odd Fellows of which order he was a member. Mr. Lovgren was aged 59 years and 9 months and leaves a wife and one son, aged about 13 years, to mourn the loss of husband and father. He also has three brothers living in this county.

Wm. Frazier, the party so seriously injured in the auto accident of last week is so far recovered as to be about town and will be able to return home in a few days.

Supt. Notson will go to Salem on Saturday to be absent for several days. He will act upon the state examining board, and also attend a convention of the county superintendents.