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STATE FAIR MAN VISITS HEPPNER

Albert Tozier Would Like To See Good Exhibit In Salem From Morrow Co.

Albert Tozier of the Oregon State Fair Board, and at one time president of the National Editorial Association, was in the city last Friday and Saturday morning in the interest of the fair. He is endeavoring to enlist the Eastern Oregon counties in exhibiting at the State Fair which will be held in Salem commencing September 28th next. The State Fair Board will give from 100 to \$250 to every county making an exhibit. A new building is under way at the State Fair Grounds 243 x 120 feet, the entire lower floor of which will be used for housing exhibits from the several counties in the state, and it is especially desired that Morrow county make a display. The old building where the agricultural exhibits have heretofore been shown will be given up to the exhibits shown by the children of the state, and as an encouragement to the children the Board will entertain free two children from every county making an exhibit. Practically all space in the massive fourteen stock barns has been engaged, the new machinery hall space is all taken and the poultry building has no extra space. The children who will be entertained free from each county will be those standing highest in the district and county fairs. A boy camp will be maintained under supervision of Albert Tozier, mayor of the Fair Grounds, and all parents can feel that their children will be well cared for. Novelty races at the Oregon State Fair will be given on a new half mile track. A big feature of the fair is the camp grounds where several thousand of Oregon's best people enjoy themselves every year.

IRRIGON ITEMS

M. F. Wadsworth is in Coyote doing some work.

C. K. Joynes went to Umatilla Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. G. Corey was quite ill last week, but is much better now.

Roy Minniek was in town, Sunday and left for Umatilla that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Minniek drove down the river to Clam Shell last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brownell, of Umatilla, spent Sunday here with the McCoy's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobler, of Hermiston, visited at this place at the home of the Ramds, last Sunday.

Oscar Corey and Walter Caldwell went to Umatilla Monday afternoon, from where they will go to harvest.

Mrs. T. J. George went to Heppner Monday morning on business. She will take in the city of Hardman while gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson were in Irrigon from Hermiston last Sunday. The Carsons have property here and they resided here a couple of years ago.

Rev. B. F. Harper was in Irrigon last Sunday and held church service in the church that evening. He left for his home in Milton Monday afternoon.

Mr. J. H. Baucom visited here a few days last week with his son Earl Baucom and family. Mrs. J. H. Baucom, who has been here for the past two months returned to her home with her husband and their son accompanied them, returning Saturday night.

The Declaration of Independence.

One hundred and thirty eight years ago the Declaration of Independence was formally passed. It was written by Thomas Jefferson, and only a few changes were made from the original draft. At that time, Congress was in session at the state house in Philadelphia, known as Independence Hall. The old "Liberty Bell" rang out the glad tidings, and the beating of drums and firing of cannon followed. John Hancock was the president of the congress, and the Declaration of Independence was signed by him and the representatives from the different colonies.

Wm. Haylor, jeweler and J. J. Nys, attorney, made a trip by auto on Tuesday and covered something more than 60 miles, going through the principal portion of the Morrow county wheat belt to the south and west of Heppner. They were out as far as Hardman and came across the ridge to Rhea Creek and down past Ione to the Chas. Johnson place. They pronounce the crops excellent in the section through which they passed, much of the grain being now practically ready for the harvester.

AGED PIONEER RECALLS EARLY DAYS HERE

A. C. Petteys, of Pettey's Grove, Was the First Postmaster in This Section. Came Here in '68.

A. C. Petteys, pioneer resident of Petteysville, and the first postmaster of this section, was a visitor in Heppner on Monday and this office acknowledges a pleasant call from him. In the very early days of the settlement of the Willow creek valley Mr. Petteys got a postoffice established at his place at the mouth of Rhea creek and he was made the postmaster, which position he filled for some sixteen years. He also platted and laid off a town site on his place and had the same recorded on the records at the court house but there was never any demand for the lots and the establishment of the town did not materialize. During these days the question of getting mail delivered to the people up this way was quite a problem. Some three months before the commission arrived from Washington to establish the office, Mr. Petteys took the responsibility upon himself of carrying the mail to his place from The Dalles, first and a little later from the bridge at the crossing of the John Day river where a postoffice had been established, and he and his brother would make alternate trips down that way to get the mail at least once every two weeks. All mail for people living in the Heppner hills was sent up this way and distributed to the people here by Tom Kimsy who was in the employ of Mr. Petteys at the time. It is stated that Tom made a very good haul out of these mail deliveries as he received all the way, from 10 to 50 cents for each letter and the people were glad to pay the price. Mr. Petteys has seen much of the hardships of pioneer life as he has practically lived all his days in the frontier sections of the states of Illinois, Michigan and Oregon. His first settlement in this state was in the Willamette valley and he came to Eastern Oregon and located on Willow creek in 1868 on the place where he now resides. He moved his family there and built his home four years later. He is well acquainted with the history of this country from its earliest days, and it is interesting to hear him relate some of his experiences.

Off For Ireland.

Mrs. Michael Kenny, Mrs. J. G. Doherty and John Doherty composed a party of Morrow county people who departed on a trip to Ireland this week. They went by auto to Pendleton where they secured their transportation and left that city on Tuesday going via the southern route. After spending three months across the water they will return home through Canada.

Has Successful Season Shearing.

Jake Wattenburger returned home on Friday, having finished the season's run with the shearing plant which he has been operating. He began work at Echo and finished up at Enterprise, Wallowa county. The run was a very successful one, and Jake comes home well satisfied with the returns received for two months' operation of the shearing plant.

Walt Rood went out of town yesterday afternoon with a new McCormick header, also accompanied by header boxes and wagons which is evidence that there is to be something doing in their rain fields on Heppner flat right away.

Some excitement was caused Wednesday noon when a blaze started in the dry grass on the west hillside. M. L. Case and Edward Notson did heroic work in extinguishing the blaze. The fire started from a trash pile on the Phelps property.

Reports from the Butter creek country state that the second alfalfa crop will be very light on account of the grasshoppers. This pest is very much worse this year than usual and the farmers are suffering a heavy loss thereby.

Mrs. L. M. Woodworth, of The Dalles arrived in Heppner on Monday evening and is spending the week visiting with friends here. The Woodworths were residents of this city for a number of years while Mr. Woodworth was the engineer on the Heppner branch. Mrs. Woodworth is accompanied by her two sons.

Marshal Buys Home.

City marshal, J. R. McCraw has purchased the Gibson property on upper Main street and will take possession just as soon as Mrs. Adkins, the present tenant, can find new quarters. There has been a good deal of rumor going the rounds that our chief of police is making matrimonial preparations, but he denies this.

FIVE MASKED MEN HOLD UP TRAIN

ONE ROBBER KILLED, ANOTHER WOUNDED

Deputy Sheriff, George McDuffee Is On Train and Cuts Loose With His Artillery When Bandits Enter Coaches—He Receives Wound.

The west-bound train No. 5 was held up by five masked men near Meacham about one o'clock this morning and deputy sheriff, George McDuffee, who was returning from Canyon City, shot one of the robbers dead and seriously wounded another. In return, McDuffee received a wound, although it is not serious. He is in a hospital in Pendleton. The other three men made their getaway, but the wires are busy and it is expected they will be apprehended before many hours.

and seriously wounding another with the second. During the exchange of shots the deputy sheriff was wounded, but from reports, not seriously. Sheriff Marion Evans and Mrs. McDuffee left by auto for Pendleton this morning. Meacham is situated in a mountainous, heavily timbered section of Umatilla county and it is probably due to this that the hold-up occurred at that point. Last reports from Pendleton were to the effect that Mr. McDuffee was doing nicely and would pull through alright. Just where Mr. McDuffee was wounded was not learned. Another report says that the second man wounded by the deputy sheriff was carried off by the third robber. Only three men entered the coach to hold up the passengers. The other two were guarding the baggage car which held the train crew.

THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO CELEBRATE

Ione Starts Today the Beginning of a Three Days Celebration—Ball Games, Ione vs. Heppner To Be a Big Feature—Dr. Withycombe Will Speak On the 3rd.

The citizens of Heppner and Morrow county will have ample opportunity to observe the Nation's birthday this year for preparations for proper observation have been made in several localities. The big crowd no doubt will go to Ione, that town having gone to no small expense for the proper entertainment of visitors. The big thing starts there this morning, and although many people will follow the ball team down there for the games today and tomorrow, the big crowd will be there on the 4th, that being the last and biggest day of the celebration.

Dr. James Withycombe will speak at Ione tomorrow and several people will go from here to listen to the address from Oregon's next governor.

The 4th only will be celebrated at the Devore Grove and at Lena. At the former place, an address will be delivered in the morning by Rev. W. T. Goulder of Heppner. In the afternoon, attractions, consisting of foot races, horse races, bucking contests and other events will be given.

In the evening dancing will be indulged in. The management has constructed in the grove, a lunch counter and all those attending who do not bring their lunch, will find plenty to eat at this lunch counter. Mrs. Jack Devore and Miss Roxey Hayes, who have charge of the program, have been working hard to make the celebration a big success. From all reports, Heppner will be well represented.

MORROW COUNTY FARMERS' UNION HOLDS SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Committee Appointed To Co-operate With Heppner Commercial Club—Harvest Wages Are Fixed For This Year.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Morrow County Farmers' Union was held at the court house in Heppner on Saturday afternoon last and was attended by representatives of most of the locals of the county. In the absence of President E. R. Huston, Vice President E. L. Padberg, of Ione, presided.

dea of co-operation with the Heppner commercial body met with favor, however, and a committee of one was appointed from each local of the county whose duty it will be to meet just as often as they can with the Heppner Commercial Club in order to keep in touch with all matters that are taken up.

There was an open session for the purpose of hearing a petition from the railroad committee of the Heppner Commercial Club which was presented by the chairman of the committee, J. P. Conder. This petition was a request to the County Union to join with the Heppner Commercial Club in getting better train service on the branch, and the question brought forth no small amount of discussion. Mr. Conder presented his side in a forceful manner and put a great deal of stress upon the co-operation that should be entered into between the Union and the commercial body of Heppner; also assuring the farmers that what this committee were going after they expected to get. On the other hand it was the consensus of opinion of the Union that they should not endorse the proposition as put up to them. The

The Morrow County Union wish to be distinctly understood as not co-operating with the Heppner Commercial Club committee in the efforts now being made to better the train service on the Heppner branch but on the other hand they will stand ready to work for the best interests of the entire county in regard to all matters that come up, and also stand ready to co-operate with the Heppner organization along these lines. The committee appointed consists of W. T. McNabb, of Ione; C. E. Jones, of Farmegon; E. R. Lundell, of Dry Fork; R. B. Wilcox, of Lexington; Omar Stanton, and H. M. Olden, of Eight Mile, and C. N. Jones of Heppner.

CREAMERY ORGANIZATION MADE COMPLETE

W. B. Barratt Is President—Will Not Begin Building Operations On New Plant Until Fall.

The Morrow County Creamery & Cold Storage Co. completed its organization this week, and W. B. Barratt sent the papers down Tuesday to have them filed with the Secretary of State. At their meeting W. B. Barratt was elected president, J. T. Knappenberg vice president, Clyde Brock treasurer and Jeff Jones secretary. Sam E. VanVactor was made attorney for the company.

A. L. Sparling, organizer and stock solicitor was paid both for his organization work and for his work in securing shareholders. Beyond holding shares in the company, Mr. Sparling now has no connection with the active work of establishing the new creamery.

In speaking of the new plant, Mr. Barratt said, "Its going to be a go. However, we will not begin active work until the fall in the actual construction of the plant. In the meantime, we will look around for a suitable location for the building." Of the money subscribed, about \$1000 has been paid in, and the men in charge would like very much to have those who subscribed their money to be paid July 1, to pay at once if convenient.

The next meeting of the company will be held in a few days. The by-laws read that a directors meeting be held every two weeks.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH.

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Divine worship at 11 a. m. Sermon of interest to all by Rev. Ferris. Evening service at 8 p. m. All are cordially invited. Strangers always welcome.

Heppner Ball Team to Ione.

The Heppner base ball team will endeavor to bring the \$300 home that the Ione business men are offering as a purse to the winners in the three games that will be played during the celebration. The purse has been divided into three parts, the winner of each day's game taking \$100. Manager Case has had the boys out practicing regularly for the past two weeks, and he expects them to make a great showing in the three games.

Ione has been playing stellar ball all season and there has been very few teams that even succeeded in making it interesting for them.

Few Vacant Houses in Heppner.

At the present time there are very few vacant houses for renting purposes in town. At this time of the year when many people move to the country for the summer, several houses are usually left vacant, but this year, according to several people who have recently tried to rent, the houses are full. If this condition prevails until fall, with the usual influx that comes with the opening of school, we will indeed be up against a serious proposition. The only solution to the house problem will be the building of more homes for rent.

They are "Johnnie on the spot." The South Bend Watches. See Haylor.

Will Howard was in the city from Butter creek yesterday.

tion for the accomodation of day travel.

As the Farmers' Union of Morrow county is already involved in a rate reduction controversy with the railroad company which has been in progress of adjustment for the past three years, they feel that they should not lend their indorsement to this other proposition at this time as it places them in the position of asking too much.

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The invitation of the Ione Commercial Club to bring the second annual picnic to their city was left with the picnic committee. The thanks of the Union were extended to the Club for their kind invitation.

Upon discussion of the matter of harvest wages, it was finally agreed to pay \$2 per day for box drivers, \$2.50 for loaders and \$3 to \$5 per day for skilled men.

"BIGGER AND BETTER" MORROW FAIR

Portland Ad Club Quartette Has Been Secured By Fair Management.

"Bigger and Better" is a well adopted slogan for the Second Annual Morrow County Fair, for from present indications, the big features of the coming fair will surpass those of last year to no small extent. The management has secured the Portland Ad Club quartette for the three days, and this attraction, which has the name of being the best in Portland, should prove a strong drawing card.

Last week, Elias Christofferson made a new altitude record for aeroplanes, by flying over the top of Mt. Whitney, going higher than 16,000 feet. Christofferson was the first and only man that ever brought a flying machine to Morrow county, and his work of last year thrilled the visitors, but yet the fair board promise that they have something on the string that will surpass even Christofferson, in the hair-raising line of stunts. A woman will make a double parachute jump from a balloon some six thousand feet in the air. This attraction is now being arranged for, with very favorable prospects that the Fair Board will get a contract.

This year, O. E. Freytag, secretary of the Oregon City Commercial Club has been secured to arrange the exhibits. Mr. Freytag is recognized as the best in this line on the Pacific coast. For several years past, he has been arranging the Oregon exhibit for the Land Show at Chicago.

Last year, \$1300 was spent for special attractions for the entertainment of their guests, alone, and the board expects to go stronger this year.

Unique Display.

T. J. Sinnott of Oregon City, special circulation agent for the Morning Oregonian of Portland, was in the city this week in the interest of his circulation contest which he is now carrying on between Heppner and Ione. His paper is offering one prize each to two of the contestants. Miss Mary Curran and Miss Engleman are in the field in this city and Miss Mae Ganger is representing Ione. The contest will close on the afternoon of July 4th in Ione, when the prizes will be awarded.

Mr. Sinnott has fitted up an office in Ione, the unique appearance of the same attracting much attention. The office has been decorated with Oregonians and the funny page supplement, the title line only of the Oregonian showing, the effect being pleasing as well as attractive.

Deputy Sheriff McDuffee left on Sunday's train for Canyon City in response to a subpoena calling him as a witness at the preliminary hearing of Billy Stanley, the young man recently arrested at the "Cow Camp" in this county by Mr. McDuffee on the charge of horse rustling. The preliminary was held at Canyon City on Tuesday.

Married—At the Canoese confectionery store on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Chas. H. Nellor, Earl V. Puyeur and Edna McNabb, both of Ione, Oregon. The groom is a young saloon keeper of that place and the bride a pretty young school teacher of Morrow county. The happy couple left on their honeymoon for Portland and Willamette valley points on the 5:55 train.—Skamania County Pioneer, Stevenson, Wash.

Bert Haguewood, who was engaged in business in Heppner a few years ago, came in on Tuesday evening from Grays Harbor, Wash., and contemplates locating here again. In his wanderings about he has not found a place he thinks as much as Heppner and he is glad to be here again. Mr. Haguewood was at Marshfield for a time after leaving Heppner where his sister, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Westerberg, are engaged in business.

Mrs. C. H. Ward of Portland was in the city in the interest of the Portland Oregonian Monday. Mrs. Ward is the widow of the late L. E. Ward, former editor of the Ione Proclaimer. He died in Spokane last March. Mrs. Ward will remain in Morrow county through the summer. Through the winter she is connected with the new Franklin High School in Portland.

Commercial Club Meeting Tomorrow Night.