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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

Thursday, February 11, 1915.

DEFICIENCY OF PARCEL POST.

The deficit of over \$70,000,000 in the national treasury at the present time is cause for no little worry on the part of the administration officials and the further extending of the "war tax" is seriously contemplated. It seems to be settled that a very great portion of this growing deficit should be credited to the parcel post. Since going into the express business on such a large scale the postoffice department has steadily gone behind. It has been attempting too much for the compensation received and in order to get on its feet again, so to speak, the people will have to face additional taxes. There may be advantages to the people in the parcel post; this is especially true with those who feel it necessary to patronize the mail order house in preference to the local merchant, but for our part we are yet unable to see wherein it is a good policy to be pursued. The vast amount of merchandise that the city store is able to ship to the rural communities by parcel post puts them in direct competition with the merchant of the smaller town and takes from him the very cream of his business. In consequence of this the local merchant is deprived the privilege of improving and extending his line of endeavor; he cannot build new stores and must be satisfied to live in the out-of-date home; he must curtail expenses along all lines for he is unable to add anything of beauty or utility to his community. As time goes on, the big mail order house increases its power and finally the merchant of the small town is forced to the wall, the rural communities go down and a few large cities about the country are built up and become about all that is ever heard of. We say that is the tendency and the people of the rural communities, who now think they are greatly benefitted by this scheme of the mail order kings, backed by the big interests of the country, will be the worst sufferers. They are being exploited through this service and an important branch of the government is being put in financial straits with no prospect of getting out until these same "common people" are called upon to make up the deficit in the form of taxes. Furthermore, the disturbance of the star route and rural mail service of the country, almost to the point of annihilation, is not the least of the evils. Should the department put this branch of the service back to its former efficiency the additional cost required will sink the post office department that much deeper into the slough of despond. Mighty is the parcel post, but it is a poor revenue getter for the government.

The editor of this paper has conversed with farmers from practically every part of the wheat belt of Mor-

row county during the past week and the unanimous opinion expressed is to the effect that there has been but slight damage to the sown wheat. The recent rains, followed by the warm weather is bringing up the grain and anything like seasonable weather conditions from this time forward insures a good harvest. There will doubtless be considerable spring sowing as a result of the long continued dry spell, during which time many of the farmers thought it unwise to put grain in the ground; and as mentioned in last issue, some of the very early sowing came up and dried out, necessitating a re-sowing. Just at this time the prospects are good and the broad smiles on the faces of the farmers in indicative of the optimistic view they are taking of the situation.

The present high price of wheat is directing the attention of people to the wheat growing sections. There is every indication at present that the good prices will prevail for some years to come. We are looking for wheat to reach the \$1.50 mark on the branch line before the present crop is all disposed of, and just how far beyond this price it will go is only a matter of conjecture. Morrow county has the best wheat land for the price of any section in the Northwest. Quicker returns are made for the money invested, and we look forward to some lively transactions in this line of real estate in the near future.

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O. A. Briens made a business trip to Ione Saturday.

C. B. Sperry was a business visitor at Heppner on Monday.

J. A. Waters, our new county clerk was down to Ione and spent Sunday with his wife.

Mr. Howard from Butter creek was an Ione visitor last Saturday. He came over in his Ford.

Jim Hardesty sent a couple of dandy white cockerels over to Howards on Butter creek this week.

Ed Day, one of Heppner's old timers and now residing at Portland, was an Ione visitor this week.

Miss Greda Rietmann from Atlanta arrived in Ione last Friday evening and is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Alice Keller.

Mrs. Wm. O'Sullivan, from the Morgan country, was in Ione last Monday getting some of the necessities of life.

F. H. Wilson returned from Portland last Sunday evening where he has been several days attending to business matters.

Mrs. Dick Hughes from Rhea creek was a passenger to Pendleton on Monday's train where she will spend a few days.

Frank Engleman and daughter and Edith Petters were Heppner visitors last Monday, going up in Frank's little go-devil.

Roy Whiteis went up to Heppner last Saturday, coming home Monday. Roy says he does not like this batchelor life, and a little of it goes a long ways.

Jim Hardesty from the Morgan vicinity, was in Ione last Monday getting some Tum-a-Lum coal. Jim says we have lots of moisture in our locality.

O. D. Forbes took Guy, Bob, Hop and some more fellows to the rabbit patch one day this week. The boys report a dandy good hunt. They also bagged a three-legged coyote.

We understand that S. A. Barlow of Eight Mile will drill a well as soon as the drillers get there. Good for you, S. A., lots nicer to watch the wind mill fill your cistern than to haul the water.

Born—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson on Saturday night, February 6th, a bouncing big girl. Mother and child getting along nicely. Bert and Grandpap are both rejoicing.

Frank Robinson, Ernest Higgs, Bally Hays, Frank Engleman and the two Edd Bristows were visitors down at rabbit land Sunday. They ate

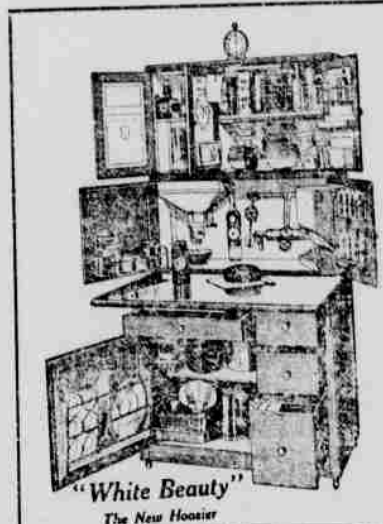
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I will offer at Public Sale at my place 1 1/2 miles south of Heppner, known as the Wm. Hughes ranch, on

Saturday, February 27th, 1915

all of my personal property, as follows:

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| 8 Mares, 4 with foal. | 3 Wagons, 1 buggy, 2 new head-boxes, 3 wide axles complete with brakes, 1 Deere 2-bottom gang, 1 2-way Deere plow, 1 walking plow, 1 Clark double disc, 1 4-section harrow with hitch, 1 new hay rake, 1 mower, 1 Superior drill, 1 new Chatham fanning mill with sacker, 1 12-foot Hodge header, run two seasons. |
| 6 Geldings. | 1 No. 4 Sharpless Cream Separator, good as new. |
| 6 Colts—1 3-yr.-old, 2 2-yr.-old and 3 yearlings. | 2 10-gallon milk cans. |
| 12 Large first class dairy cows; two now fresh, balance coming fresh. | 6 sets of harness and collars. |
| 1 Shorthorn bull, coming 3-yr.-old, sired by Golden Wonder of the famous Minor herd; above cows with calf from this animal. | Household goods, tools and implements too numerous to mention. |
| 12 yearlings—7 heifers and five steers. | 12 Tons of Rye and mixed hay. |
| 2 Spring calves. | |
| 2 Brood sows with pigs; 6 shoats; 1 boar. | |
| 6 Dozen chickens, 3 geese. | |

Sale Begins at 10 a. m. Sharp

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS

All sums \$10 and under, cash; above \$10, notes will be taken on approved security at 8 per cent, due Nov. 1, 1915. A discount of 5 per cent on cash sales above \$10. Notes to be payable at First National Bank of Heppner.

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