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PETITION PRESENTED FOR NEW MAIL ROUTE

New Route Would Serve 175 Families and Give Monument Direct Service From Heppner-144 Names on Petition.

The petition to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, asking for the re-establishing of the mail route between Hardman and Monument, by the way of Rock Creek, Haystack, Kimberly and other villages, has been signed by 141 residents within the district making the request, and the petition is by this time in the hands of the postoffice officials, awaiting their action. Along with the petition, was sent a letter by Heppner Commercial Club to Hon. N. J. Sinnott of the Second Oregon District, asking him to use his power and influence in getting the mail route re-established.

Agitation for the continuance of the Hardman route, was started some time ago by R. J. Carsner, who resides near Spray, and he succeeded in getting the cooperation of the Heppner Commercial Club. Mr. Carsner says that 175 families will be benefited by the service from the proposed route. Many of these families are at the present time cut off from the outside world so far as mail communication is concerned, and as a consequence, business is greatly hampered, and inconvenience and hardship endured by those residing within the district of the proposed route.

The petition presented to the postoffice department is as follows: To the Hon. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mail, Washington, D. C.:

We, the undersigned citizens of the State of Oregon, residing within the district hereinafter mentioned respectfully submit to your Honor, that we have been heretofore greatly benefited by mail routes extending from Hardman, in Morrow County, Oregon, to Monument, in Grant County, Oregon, a distance of thirty-five miles, and from Hardman, in Morrow County, Oregon, to Spray, Wheeler County, Oregon, a distance of thirty-five miles, an aggregate distance of seventy miles of mail route; that the above mentioned mail routes connected at Hardman with the mail route from Heppner, Oregon, and accommodated the citizens of the villages of Haystack, Big Basin, Long Creek and Monument, fertile communities, well populated and in a stage of rapid development.

That said mail routes have been discontinued, and therefore the mail accommodations in order to reach Monument necessarily travels by way of Baker City, then up the Sumpter Valley to Prairie City, then by stage a distance of fourteen miles to Canyon City, and from Canyon City, by stage a distance of fifty-four miles to Monument. The mail therefore, necessarily travels, a distance of three hundred and eighteen miles by rail-road, and a distance of sixty-eight miles by stage to reach Monument, a distance of fifty miles from Hardman, which is the end of the present mail route from Heppner, Oregon.

With the discontinuance of said mail routes, the development of the country along said mail routes is retarded and business greatly hampered, inconvenience and hardship placed upon the citizens of the State of Oregon, and especially upon the citizens residing within the district of said mail routes.

Therefore, for the welfare of the citizens of the State of Oregon, and especially for the citizens residing within the district of said mail routes, we earnestly request from your Honor, that you use your valuable influence to re-establish a mail route from Hardman, Oregon, to Monument, Oregon, by way of Rock Creek, Haystack, Kimberly, and other villages, which is a distance of fifty miles and such mail route will accommodate... families, who are now wholly without adequate mail service.

Nebraskans Will Locate Here.

T. D. Estelford and wife, of O'Neill, Nebraska, will arrive in Heppner in a few days, and they expect to locate permanently in Morrow county. Mr. Estelford was engaged in the mercantile business in Nebraska, but will probably locate on a farm here. Mr. and Mrs. Estelford are the parents of Mrs. Kenton Rakes of Black Horse. George Francis and wife will also arrive from the same place in about two weeks. Mrs. Francis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Estelford.

Business is Improving.

According to Dun's Review, the weekly journal of finance and trade, reports from every part of the country show improvement in trade, although slow and conservative.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Monthly examinations have been in progress this week and everybody seems to be taking life a little more seriously than commonly. The faculty have expressed the hope that the grades for the last month's work will be of a little higher standard than seems to have existed formerly. It is a good deal to ask of the students to pick up in their work when the fine spring weather is coming on and interest in athletics is increasing at a rapid pace.

Arrangements are being made for the construction of hurdles and practice in this department will soon begin.

The Biology class is working hard on their garden and hope to have everything ready in a few days.

The Class Night entertainment by the Seniors will probably be given on the 21st of May. This will consist of the two-act farce comedy "The Mishaps of Minerva," and various "stunts."

N. C. Maris, Field Organizer of the Boys and Girls Industrial Clubs, and also working in the interests of the O. A. C. Extension Bureau, gave a stereopticon lecture in the high school auditorium last Friday evening. There was a fair attendance and the lecture was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Maris is a pleasing speaker and his appearance in Heppner is always welcomed. In the afternoon of the same day he organized an Industrial Club in the Heppner school.

The literary program, announced last week for Friday, was postponed on account of the Maris lecture. It will be given tomorrow (Friday) evening, and the patrons of the school are invited to attend. There will be a charge of 20 cents, and the entertainment with out doubt will be well worth this small sum. The proceeds will go to defray athletic expenses. As this is the only way in which we can raise money for this purpose it is hoped there will be a good attendance so that our athletic expenses may be paid without trouble.

MORROW COUNTY JUVENILES BUSY IN INDUSTRIAL WORK.

Morrow county school children will do much more than ever before in the Industrial Club and fair work this year, according to a report just received from Field Worker, N. C. Maris, by Superintendent J. A. Churchill. Mr. Maris says clubs have been organized in about twenty of the schools of that county, most of which he, in company with County Superintendent S. E. Notson, visited last week. The club members were given instruction and encouragement regarding their work, and were urged to hold their club meetings during vacation. Arrangements were made to send the children's exhibits and the two winning boys to the State Fair. The idea of assisting in making the county fair better, and of advertising the county through their exhibits at the State Fair, appealed to the boys and girls, and they have promised to do their best. The fact that Morrow County won first in the Eastern Oregon Contest last year, stimulates the children to greater efforts in the juvenile department this year.

Only a small per cent of the grain in Morrow county was frozen out Mr. Maris says. With the recent good rains and favorable weather, the crops look promising, and the farmers are jubilant over the prospects of heavy yields and good prices.

Christian Church Notes.

Mr. H. H. Rottman of the International Christian Endeavor Union, gave an interesting lecture at the church Sunday evening. He also spoke to the Endeavorers of the city at the C. E. hour.

That Sunday School contest continues to hum. Last Sunday the Reds ran up a total of 857 points. The Blues scored 821. Some one is going to win in this race. Pretty hard at this time to say who it will be. Easter Sunday is the closing day of the contest.

Next Sunday will be the regular quarterly rally of the church. After the morning sermon, the ladies of the church will serve a lunch to which all are invited. In the afternoon there will be a fellowship meeting at 2:00 o'clock. It is hoped that representatives of the Christian churches of Lexington and Ione will be present and take part in this meeting.

In the evening the pastor will give a stereopticon lecture on the work of the Benevolent Association of the Christian church.

Three Dollars Coyote Bounty.

By an act of the late Legislature, the county is paying \$3.00 as a bounty on all coyotes. This sum will be paid for the remainder of the year 1915, after which time, the \$1.50 bounty, as was previously paid, will again be the sum allowed. Of all money paid out for bounties by the county during this time, one-half the amount will be refunded by the State.

NEW ROAD ON EAST SIDE OF WILLOW CREEK INTERESTS COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Organization of Heppner Would Push the Work of Better Roads Leading Into the City.

The usual large attendance was a feature of the meeting of the Heppner Commercial Club on Monday evening. The great interest of the business men of Heppner is certainly manifested by the very earnest solicitation they have for the welfare of this body; their zeal for the upbuilding of the town in which they live and do business is manifested by the great enthusiasm with which they enter into the proceedings of the meetings of the club and the large attendance they furnish at all the deliberations of the body. There was an attendance on Monday evening of at least ten tried and true citizens of the city and of course a large amount of very important business was transacted.

Now the above is to some extent satirical. It is not said, however, in any spirit of malice, but rather that our business men might be stirred to take more interest in this commercial body and manifest this interest by attending the meetings and getting genuinely interested in the matters up for discussion.

There are many matters of great importance to the town of Heppner. We are losing out to the more enterprising communities, and much trade that this place is entitled to is being diverted.

What's the matter? Are we asleep entirely?

Only last week it was necessary for this paper to take up the discussion of the removal of the forest headquarters to Pendleton; in that discussion we were inclined to upbraid the Pendleton Commercial Association for its apparent policy of "hogging" every good thing in sight; at this time, however, we are inclined to recall what we said in that particular and commend that body for being wide awake and active to get anything that will help in the upbuilding of their city. That is what they exist for and they are going out after those things that put Pendleton on the map and make business for that city.

We are interested in the building of some roads leading to Heppner; at least we should be. There is the proposition of getting the tourist trade coming our way. The people of Ione have got busy and they will get this travel as far as their city, thanks to the hustle of the live ones down that way, and it should be up to Heppner business men to get in line for the extension of the good work this way, and bring that travel on through this town. Good roads will bring it. This means trade for our hotels and business men, our garage owners and the sellers of gasoline and oils.

Then there is the Ritter road.

Why enough wind has already been spent to build this twice over and yet it is not completed and now Pendleton is bestirring herself for this business also, and will go out and will go out and take it right from under our nose. The completion of the Ritter road is a thing that the Commercial Club of Heppner is interested in. One of the essential steps toward this is the construction of that portion coming into town from the Hager place. The new line for this last stretch was surveyed this week and the road is laid out on the east side of Willow creek all the way from Heppner to the Hager place, a distance of about four miles. The county court is ready to make this road but there are a few hindrances, minor ones to be sure, that the county would like cleared away, and these things the citizens of Heppner can adjust by getting at it. The time to build this new piece of road is right now. Immediate action is the slogan, and then just as soon as the weather conditions will permit, the further work of opening up the Morrow county end of the Ritter road should be completed and the trade of that section brought to Heppner this spring.

As stated before, these were some of the matters discussed at the Monday evening meeting of the Commercial Club and further, the committee on streets and public roads is called upon, by motion duly passed and noted on the minutes, to investigate the claims against the opening up of the road mentioned herewith, and to make their report at a special meeting of the Club to be held next Monday evening in the council chambers promptly at eight o'clock.

The report of the special committee in charge of the petitions for opening up of a new mail route between Heppner, Hardman, Monument and points in the Haystack Valley in Wheeler county, was submitted by Mr. Phelps who stated that the petitions were completed and had been forwarded to the proper authorities and that a letter had also been sent to Hon. N. J. Sinnott, congressman from this district, urging him to use his good offices in getting favorable action on these petitions by the postoffice department.

Various communications of interest to the Club were read by the secretary and those were referred to the proper committees for action.

The special meeting on next Monday evening should be attended by the citizens of Heppner regardless of whether they are members of the Club or not, as the business to be discussed is of interest to the entire community, and the business men especially.

POTATO BULLETIN IS READY FOR GROWERS

A bulletin that makes suggestions to Oregon farmers about marketing their potatoes more successfully has just been issued by the University of Oregon school of commerce. Cooperation among growers is advised as one means of bettering conditions that often in recent potato years have been none too good for the producer. The facts in the bulletin have been gathered from all over the world and make up a broad survey of the potato industry. United States stands third from the bottom in yield per acre; Belgium produces 200 bushels more an acre than this country; Germany doubles the American yield per acre; Germany, with a total area less than that of Texas, plants about 5,000,000 more acres than the entire United States. The bulletin calls attention to heavy importations by the United States from abroad. Low cost of fertilizers, rotation of crops and low wages in Germany are partly responsible for German success.

The question of competition is taken up, and it is shown that Bermuda potatoes, for instance, bring an average of \$1.44 a bushel, whereas Oregon's average price is 58 cents. It is shown that Japan has driven the United States out of the potato supplying market in the Philippine Islands. Byproducts from the potato are taken up and facts regarding the manufacture of starch, alcohol and stock food are submitted.

There is to be a box social and program at Liberty school Saturday evening, April 3. Proceeds to go for lights for the school house. Every one is invited to come and bring your baskets.

BIG MEDICAL COLLEGE PROMISED TO OREGON

The greatest medical center west of St. Paul and north of San Francisco is to be established in Oregon. It is to be in Portland and to be built around the medical school of the University of Oregon, which is even now the only medical school in the northwest states and seems unlikely to have any opposition.

Portland is asked to raise \$50,000 to go with \$50,000 appropriated by the last legislature to start a building program. The site, one of the most scenic educational sites in the world, was donated by the Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation Company during 1914. It overlooks the Willamette river and the city of Portland, being on the heights south of the city, and commands a view of the Cascades, the Columbia, the Coast range, and the lower Willamette valley.

The \$100,000 that is in sight is to be devoted to the first unit of a medical building. Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, dean of the medical school, hopes to induce Portland and Multnomah county to join in putting up on the medical campus a large city and county hospital. City and laboratory work is expected to gravitate to this institution, thus centralizing laboratory work now done under several auspices.

Dr. Mackenzie says some of the most important American medical clinics in the United States are now found in the middle west, and that Portland too can be a medical center of national importance.

The medical school of Oregon is even now rated Class A in American medical circles.

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Mrs. Floyd Frazer is visiting in Ione these days. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Holmes.

We understand that W. J. Blake has bought him a new team and buggy in the shape of a Ford.

Lee Rivers from the vicinity of Morgan, was a passenger to Portland Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Barber's ranch hands were in town last week getting a supply of pipe to equip their new well with.

O. D. Forbes and Bill Burger made a trip to Arlington last Saturday night. They both came home sober.

W. K. Corson, the busy Hardman merchant, was a visitor at Ione last week, returning the following day.

We have lots of Easter bonnets on display in Ione these days. Better get around early and avoid the rush.

Rev. J. L. Jones and wife were passengers to Lexington last Friday evening, returning the following day.

Mrs. C. C. Chick and Charles were Heppner visitors last Saturday. They went up in the Doctor's "Get-there-Elly."

John Hughs, who has been about Ione and vicinity for the past six months, left for Pendleton on Tuesday's train.

Dr. Paddock of Portland preached at the Congregational church last Sunday morning to a very attentive audience.

J. H. Bryson and family and Lee Padberg's wife and children made a flying trip over to the John Day one day last week.

C. S. Whitecombe, our genial Morgan merchant, was a caller at Ione last Saturday having a few business matters to attend to.

Mrs. Algott Lundell's mother, who has been visiting up here for several days, returned to her home near Portland last Monday.

The Chapel car under the management of Rev. Driver left Ione for Arlington last Thursday where they will hold meetings for some time.

Mrs. Vacey Sperry, who has been out at the C. E. Carlson home for the past month returned to her home in Ione last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Sears and her Sunday school class had a flower-picking picnic one day last week and the young fry seemed to have an excellent time.

W. S. Smith was a passenger to Salem Tuesday morning of last week, going down to visit his new home. Walt says he belongs there anyway.

The dance given by the Ione Orchestra at Lexington last week was not very well attended. Never mind boys we will have a bigger crowd next time.

Nell Doherty was a passenger to Heppner Wednesday of last week, returning to Ione Thursday morning, where he loaded up with some provisions and started for the ranch.

Mrs. H. O. Ely and Mrs. Lee Rivers were Ione visitors one day last week getting a few of the many necessities needed to keep body and soul together.

Dr. Chick and his wife spent part of last Sunday out on their farmstead where J. E. Swanson is looking after things. They enjoyed a fine dinner.

The Ione barber business has grown to be so great that it has demanded another shop. Perry and Frank Hopkins are busy building one of these tonsorial parlors which will be occupied by Tiney.

Everybody is busy cleaning up their yards these days or rubbering at some one else trying to get the habit, and the sweet odor of tin cans, old rubbers, dirty carpets and other things too numerous to mention, fill the air to over-flowing these balmy days.

W. F. Mackey was in Ione last Tuesday. W. F. is contemplating a trip to Klamath Falls but he says to go with a team is awful slow, so we guess he must be figuring on going in a vehicle with rubber tires. Better get the habit Bro. Mackey and get a go-devil of some kind.

Catholic Church Services.

Palm Sunday, March 28.
First Mass, 8 a. m.
Second Mass, 10:30 a. m.
Christian Doctrine, 11:30 a. m.
Evening Devotions, 7:30 p. m.
The palms will be blessed and distributed before the second Mass. During this Mass the History of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, will be read. In the evening the usual devotions will be held, the subject of the sermon being "A Reply to Some Objections Against the Historic Value of the Bible."

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt were in from their Rhea creek ranch yesterday. They were accompanied home by Harper Stewart, who had just arrived from his home in Southern Oregon.

Henry Cohn went down to Portland Wednesday morning, where he will remain for several days.

PUPILS ARE READY FOR INDUSTRIAL WORK

Club District No. 1 of Morrow County Made up of Pupils From Grades of Miss Casey and Mrs. Shurte

Morrow County Metropolitan Industrial Club, District No. 1 has been organized in the Heppner schools out of the grades of Miss Ethel Casey and Mrs. C. W. Shurte, and from now on there is to be some real practical work done in getting ready for the contests that will be decided at the coming County and State Fairs. This organization is the outgrowth of the efforts being put forth by the office efforts being put forth by the office seconded by County Supt. Notson, who is doing all that he can to aid in the promotion of this extension work. That it is also meeting with hearty support of the superintendent of the Heppner schools is shown by the very thorough preparation he is making to carry out the industrial work. There should be added to this also the earnest support and cooperation of the parents, and taken altogether the pupils of the Heppner school that have entered into this work should come out at the end of the season with a fine showing, and have a splendid line of exhibits in the industrial departments of the fairs.

In another column will be found the comments of Supt. Notson on this important work, and we sincerely hope that not only the pupils of the Heppner school, but those of all the other schools of the county who take up this work will be able to make such a creditable showing at the end of the season as to entitle Morrow county to carry off the highest honors at the State Fair.

The Metropolitan Club is officered as follows: Henry Aiken, president; Ruth VanVactor, vice president; Lourannah Groshen, secretary; Cecile Devore, treasurer; S. E. Notson, club adviser; Mrs. C. W. Shurte, assistant club adviser. Time of meetings, Friday P. M. of each month.

We append herewith a list of those who have entered the contest so far and the projects under which they will strive for awards.

Sewing and Canning—Lovell Lucas, age 10; Kathleen Slocum, age 11. **Sewing and Baking**—Esther Neel, age 9; Nellie Thompson, age 15; Helen Barratt, age 13; Virginia Currin, age 12; Cordilla Lestrace, age 12; Edith Boyd, age 12; Neva Childsey, age 13.

Sewing—Cheone Andrews, age 10; Willetta Barratt, age 9; Gladys Brown, age 9; Cora Mae Crawford, age 10; Mary Clark, age 10; Violet Merritt, age 10; Lena Thompson, age 12; Ethel Thompson, age 10; Charlotte Winnard, age 11; Agnes Boyd, age 11; Flora Forbes, age 12; Vera Cowins, age 12; Loye Devore, age 15; Alma Akers, age 14; Ruth Van Vactor, age 14; Cecile Devore, age 13; Berniece Githens, age 12; Arwilda Brown, age 13; Velma Brown, age 12. **Poultry**—Gilbert Mahoney, age 11; Jared Aiken, age 12; Paul McDuffee, age 11; Thelma Herren, age 11; Carl Cason, age 10; Rae E. Shurte, age 13; Henry Aiken, age 15; Merrill Perry, age 15.

Gardening—Ellis Irwin, age 10; Tom Mahoney, age 10; Lawrence Wilkins, age 10; Conser Adkins, age 12; George Blahm, age 12; Baird Patterson, age 10; Robert Notson, age 12; Jasper Crawford, age 13; Emery Gentry, age 14; Lee Cantwell, age 14; Ross Brown, age 16; Orise Matlock, age 13.

Baking—Ethel Thompson, age 10; Anita Turner, age 10; Violet Merritt, age 10; Cora Mae Crawford, age 10; Mary Clark, age 10; Thelma Herren, age 11; Freda Brown, age 13; Flora Forbes, age 12; Lena Thompson, age 12; Rae Shurte, age 13; Allen Case, age 11; Matthias Blahm, age 11; Conrad Johnson, age 10; Olive Boten, age 11.

Canning—Ethel Mikesell, age 9; Cora Mae Crawford, age 10; Lena Thompson, age 12; Thelma Herren, age 11; Ralph Case, age 10; Lourannah Groshen, age 15.

Farm and Home Handicraft—Roscoe Johnson, age 13.

Field Growing—Velma Brown, age 12.

Pig Feeding—Oscar Wakefield, age 17.

Bird House—Charles Groshen, age 14; Edward Groshen, age 12.

Mrs. Joyce Hayes closed a very successful seven months term of school at Eight Mile Center the past week and departed on Saturday for her home at Irrigon. This office acknowledges a very pleasant call from Mrs. Hayes while in Heppner on Friday. She is the daughter of Mr. C. L. Roadrick, prominent citizen of the Irrigon irrigation project.