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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER
Thursday, May 20, 1915.

From this time on let everyone boost the Morrow County Chautauqua which comes to Heppner the week of June 26 to July 1.

Really now, don't you think Heppner has just a little the nicest post office equipment of any little city in the country; and what if some of our people do have to travel some distance for the mail; they need the ex-

ercise, and beside it is better than having to go to Lexington, or perhaps, Pendleton.

Rains came rather late to Morrow County, and altogether we have had a backward season, but encouraging reports are coming in from all sides and we confidently look for a good yield when the harvesters get busy a few months later. Grain develops wonderfully fast in this part of Oregon and many is the time that our folks thought it was all off with the crops and yet there was a lot of grain at harvest time. Let us keep up our courage for conditions are improving fast and there is much that is encouraging in the present prospects.

The Oregon Voter is a mighty bright and spicy publication that reaches our desk each week, and how could it be otherwise with C. C. Chapman as its chief pencil pusher. So far, the paper contains no advertisements and it is receiving its support entirely from the subscription end. The ads. will come later, we presume, when Mr. Chapman shall have reached something of the extended circulation that his publication is entitled to. The paper is just full of good things—valuable information—from front to back, and the voters of Oregon should not be slow in giving this paper their support.

HEPPNER AND THE BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

In Heppner there is apparently no business depression. Traveling men, representing the various lines of trade, are often heard to remark that this town is alright, business seems

to be on the up-grade and there is activity along all lines generally. This is true. This town has not been hit by the so-called business depression of the past eight or ten months. On the contrary, building operations have increased as well as commercial industries, and at the present time there are scarcely enough business buildings to supply the demand. As one man remarked the other day, "Maybe you haven't noticed it, but Heppner is having a quiet boom right now." Today there are no less than four families who are searching the town over for houses to rent. The few houses that are for rent are all filled up. This is quite a contrast to other towns the country over, that have an abundance of vacant houses and idle men. It speaks well for Heppner, for she has neither.

THE RIGHT MOVE.

The decision of the directors of School District No. 1, to install manual training in the Heppner High School the coming year is one to be highly commended. The good to be obtained from such work has not been questioned by our school board and this has been the subject of much discussion on their part in times past; the only reason it has not been sooner adopted has been the lack of sufficient funds to hire an instructor and install the equipment. It has been ascertained, however, that necessary equipment for starting the work is not expensive, and there is no need of elaborate preparation along this line at the present time. Tools and work benches for doing wood work will be the first to be put in and as interest grows in the work and there is need of it, additional apparatus can be supplied. Furthermore it was found necessary to add to the teaching force as the school has been running short one teacher for the past two years and the work is reaching such a point that it cannot be successfully handled with the short force. This year the manual training is to be handled by an instructor who will also teach other branches in the High School and have charge of the training of the young fellows in their athletics. This latter is not an unimportant factor in school work these days and we are glad to know that it will be in competent hands. Heppner High is moving right to the front and is becoming more of a drawing force to this town every year. We are proud of this school and are willing to back every move that is made to increase its efficiency.

NEW EXPLOSIVE KILLS BY ASPHYXIATION.

The rumor in circulation since the beginning of the war to the effect that the French were in possession of a secret explosive capable of destroying life on a scale not heretofore dreamed of, by the production of deadly asphyxiating gases, has been confirmed by the French military authorities. This explosive is called turpinit, and is the discovery of M. Eugene Turpin, the inventor of melinite. It has already been used in a limited way and the statement is now made that preparations have been completed for using it on a large scale in the coming operations against the Germans.

At the opening of the war the effects of exploding turpinit were familiar to the experimenters working with it in the laboratory. It could only be exploded by vibration and at that time there seemed no safe way of firing it from a gun, for the reason that the vibration caused by the discharge of the projectile was likely to explode it before it had got clear of the gun.

With a new field piece invented in December it is possible to fire shells charged with turpinit without danger to the firing party, and it is reported that the French and British arsenals have been busy day and night since then making the shells and the guns for firing them.

When the shell explodes the gases caused by the explosion spread over the ground in a circle having a diameter of about 100 yd. The gases produce paralysis of some of the vital organs of the body, with the result that every living thing within this circle is killed instantly and painlessly, and so far as is now known there is no defense against nor antidote for the action of these gases. If the turpinit does all that is claimed for it, trenches will furnish practically no defense against it. The gases from a shell exploding within 50 yd. of the trench will simply settle into the trench and kill the men sheltered in it. Shrapnel-proof and bomb-proof covers will be of little use, for the gases in their deadly work will find their way through the smallest opening.—From the June number of Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Ione and Heppner Break Even in Tennis Tournament.

Ione and Heppner High Schools broke even in the first meet of the Morrow County Interscholastic tennis tournament in this city last Saturday. The Ione girls won both the singles and doubles from their Heppner opponents and likewise the Heppner boys took the singles and doubles from the Ione boys. In the singles, Sybil Cason was entered for Ione and Edith Thorley for Heppner. Miss Cason is an exceptional player. She was assisted in the doubles by Ruby Tomlin. Helen Atken and Edith Thorley represented the locals in the doubles. Orain Wright, for Heppner, defeated Howell of Ione in the singles by a very close margin. In the doubles the locals, "Ole" Peterson and "Bill" Crawford defeated "Fat" Blake and Howell of the Egg City. A silver cup will be awarded to the two winning teams.

Returns From California.
George W. Swagart returned to Heppner Tuesday from California, where, in company with Mrs. Swagart, he visited both the big fairs and traveled as far as Los Angeles. Mrs. Swagart did not return, but will remain in Tehama county to visit with her sister for a time. Mr. Swagart states that they traveled over most of California while in that state.

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Committee

S. E. Notson and wife returned on Monday evening from Portland where they attended the Parent Teachers Convention during the preceding week.

Permanent Chautauqua Organization.
Several of Heppner's citizens gathered at the city council chambers Tuesday evening to take the preliminary steps in forming a permanent chautauqua organization. A committee consisting of N. E. Winnard, Geo. Thomson and J. J. Nys was appointed

on permanent organization, and W. W. Smead, T. S. Handsaker and Wm. Haylor were appointed as a temporary committee on advertising. Another meeting will be held tonight to complete the organization and plan for the carrying out of the work of the Chautauqua to a successful termination.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES.
Next Sunday morning the Grand Army Post will be guests of honor. Minister Handsaker will preach on:

"A Good Fight."
In the evening the service will be at the High School.
The Sunday School contest with Pendleton will close May 30. We are still in the lead but must make a good showing the next two Sundays to be sure of coming out ahead at the finish.
Charles Barlow will have charge of the Sunday School at Bunker Hill next Sunday afternoon. After the school Elder J. V. Crawford will preach.