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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

Thursday, June 17, 1915.

THE MONUMENT ROAD.

In last issue we made a short reference to the condition of the Heppner-Monument road and as people continue to come in from out that way, the evidence multiplies and piles up to the effect that it is even much worse than we had ever supposed.

How teamsters get over the road at all is a wonder, and few of them get through without mishaps more or less serious. In times past the round trip from Hamilton or Long Creek to Heppner could be made in twelve days, teams loaded both ways; now they do well to make the journey in eighteen days.

We did not expect to see much of this business coming Heppner way this season, after what the Grant county people encountered last year in getting over here. One party said the reason their people were coming out this way to the railroad again this year was because the most of them understood that Morrow county had put their part of the road in good shape. The roads are good on the Grant county end, and having come that far on their way, they would not turn back. This same party spends much money in Heppner for supplies on his ranch and has always come this way with his wood. He avers that next year he will surely go to Baker, even though it is much farther. The roads out that way are in good condition.

The Heppner-Monument road has been up before the Heppner Commercial Club almost constantly since this time last year, and it was only dismissed upon the assurance from the county court that the needed repairs would be made just as soon as the season permitted. An attempt has been made to do so, and about \$800 in food money spent, yet, if we are reliably informed, it were better that nothing at all had been done.

Surely we would make no complaint and the people of Heppner would have nothing to say, were it not a fact that we are entitled to this trade—if we were not the natural trading point and railroad outlet for this large section of interior country, and it means so much to this town to have those people turn us down. And this piece of road that has caused so much trouble to teamsters is the bar that is standing between Heppner and this trade.

Eight hundred dollars may have been sufficient for starting the work of repairs but if it takes three or four times this amount to put that road in shape, it should be spent, and the Heppner Commercial Club should not rest in its efforts to see that it is done.

Much delay was caused in getting water on the fire Friday night at the Scrivner shop because of the fact that no wrenches are attached to the hydrants. The wrenches have been chained to the hydrants heretofore, but recently were taken off and attached to the hose carts, a change not generally understood, and when the hose were attached the carts went on their way as a matter of course and took the wrenches with them. To make the matter worse and cause more delay, those getting the first cart to the fire could find no wrenches on their cart. A big monkey wrench was brought into play at the corner of Main and Willow streets after about ten minutes had been lost. It happened that this delay was not expensive at this particular fire, but at another time it might prove very disastrous. There was no doubt some good reason for removing the wrenches from the hydrants but we are not aware of what it is and they should be replaced, or else some better system than we now have be devised for getting hold of them when needed.

In this connection it may be further suggested that an alarm should be placed in the power house of the Heppner Light & Water Co., connected with some down-town business house, so that the employees there can be advised of a fire and the high pressure turned on. It was almost twenty minutes before the pressure reached the fire Friday evening and it is easy to see what would be the result of such a delay in most fires that visit the business district. Heppner has indeed been fortunate in the past, and we have a splendid water pressure that the company is always prompt in turning on but they are far enough from the fire bell to be unable to hear an alarm unless some employee should be on the outside and away from the hum of the machinery, and an alarm turned into the building would be the best means of getting quick action at that end of the line.

Friends, do not forget that the big sale of season tickets is now on for the Morrow County Chautauqua; you will have but a few days in which to get your tickets at the reduced rates, and you will have to hurry. See any of the parties advertised in the lists in the newspapers.

A new venture in the newspaper game has been launched in Heppner, and the first copy of the "Budget," edited, printed and delivered by Messrs. R. C. Notson and J. V. Crawford, Jr., has reached our desks. This is a mimeograph copy, as the young men have not yet established their press and typographical outfit, and it is no slouch. Young Notson received his editorial training in the office of the Heppner Herald, while Crawford is a post graduate from the mechanical department of the Gazette-Times, and the two constitute a combination that is hard to beat. If you do not think so, just look up a copy of the first issue of the "Budget" and be assured. Here's success to you, boys; some of the greatest men of the age made just such a beginning and there is no telling but that some day your sons may occupy the seats of the mighty.

A fire never occurs in Heppner but that our citizens have reason to congratulate themselves upon the splendid protection we have. Many is the time the city has been spared a serious and costly conflagration, that would perhaps have paid for the system many times over in the losses incurred. The city is also abundantly supplied with hose carts, hose and fire fighting apparatus, and there seems to be but one thing lacking, and that is an efficient organization for handling it. A well drilled volunteer fire department is our worst need just now. It was manifest on Friday night at the Scrivner fire that a head to direct things was badly needed; there was no lack of willing hands—everybody was ready to work but to no apparent advantage, while a few took the brunt of it and would have been glad of a little relief that would have been granted them under suitable direction. To be sure there is no great complaint to make, but these things might be handled to much better advantage with an efficient organization.

By reports from many of the farmers this week we judge the big rain of Thursday and Friday struck Morrow county at just the opportune time as much of the grain was beginning to suffer from the northwest wind that prevailed more or less for the past two weeks. Winds from the north and northwest are blighting to crops throughout the Eastern Oregon country, and it is a relief when weather conditions are such as to change this order of things.

Heppner streets are receiving their second painting of crude oil this week. Osmin Hager and Frank Nash are doing the work and the oil is going on in fine shape and will form a coating that should last throughout the dusty season. With the cleaning up of grass from the edges of the sidewalks and removal of rubbish from the streets, Heppner town will be in presentable shape for the numerous Chautauqua visitors.

L. B. Thompson, of Portland, who is interested with Dr. Sedgwick in some land north of Lexington, spent a few days in our city the first of the week. He returned to his home yesterday morning.

Hynd Bros., the Sand Hollow sheepmen, have taken their sheep to the summer range near Ukiah. George Anderson is again tending camp.

Owen Mulligan, well known young sheepman of Lena, is attending the wool sales in this city today. Mr. Mulligan will leave shortly for his summer range near Elgin.

Tom Ross, the wool buyer, is over from his home at Echo, taking in the Heppner sales.

Thos. Quaid, former citizen of this city, is up from his home at Portland.

FARM HOME BURNED.

The new farm house belonging to Erb Kirk, and which was just recently completed, burned to the ground about 12 o'clock last night, resulting in a loss of about \$2000.00. Mr. Kirk carried no insurance. The origin of the fire remains a mystery. Mr. Kirk had just moved into the house with his family and household effects. The family succeeded in getting out of the house without injury, but had no opportunity to save anything from the flames.

Wm. Beamer, the Monument sheepman, was a visitor in Heppner Tuesday.

Dr. H. T. Allison has moved his office into the Gunn building on Main street with Dr. A. P. Culbertson.

Henry F. Blahm is one of the Willow creek farmers who has finished putting up his first crop of alfalfa.

Nat Shaw was in from Clarks canyon yesterday and took out a load of hog wire to be used in fencing in a part of his place.

Bacon, finest sugar cured, and a home production, at the City Meat Market, 20 cents per pound. tf.

Ed Templeton, a sheepman of the Spray section, has landed his wool clip in Heppner and is here for the sales.

Mrs. Celsus Keithley returned to Pendleton yesterday for treatment at the hands of her physicians, the Drs. Boyden.

W. B. Potter and C. F. Waters, prominent sheepmen of the Spray country, are attending the wool sales in this city today.

Dr. H. T. Allison has moved his office from the rear of the Patterson & Son drug store to the Gunn building on Main street. tf.

Frank Turner returned from a trip to Monument on Monday. He brought in four head of horses from the farm of S. V. Cochran.

H. C. Oliver, traveling freight agent of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. arrived in Heppner last night on the wool buyers special.

Robert A. Thompson, local farmer and stockman, shipped two cars of mixed stuff to the Portland market the first of the week.

Chas. B. Cox, who is farming the Her place in Clarks canyon, was in Heppner Tuesday. Charley expects to haul a lot of wheat to town this fall.

Lime Swick arrived in Heppner Tuesday with his second consignment of 1915 wool which he deposited at the warehouse awaiting wool sales day.

Mrs. Claud Andrews and little daughter, Cleone, left for The Dalles Sunday where they will spend the summer. They expect to return to Heppner when school opens in the fall.

Mrs. E. E. Adkins, who recently underwent an operation at Heppner Sanatorium for appendicitis, has sufficiently recovered as to be able to return to her home. She was removed from the hospital on Tuesday.

W. E. Prun returned home from Portland Monday. Mrs. Prun remained in the city to attend the grand lodge meeting of the Order of Eastern Star, being one of the delegates from Ruth Chapter No. 32, of Heppner.

Rev. C. H. Powell, general missionary of the Episcopal church in the district of Eastern Oregon, will hold services in the local Episcopal church next Sunday morning and evening to which all are cordially invited.

Isabel Sedgwick, M. D., has opened offices in the I. O. O. F. building and will devote special attention to osteopathic adjustments. Office hours 10 to 12 and 2 to 5.

MORROW COUNTY CHAUTAUQUA

NOTES

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Is called to the fact that

SEASON TICKETS are now on Sale at the places named below

at the following greatly reduced prices:

\$2.50 for Adults; \$1.50 for High School Children; \$1.00 for Children, 6 to 14 years.

Remember there will positively be only

450

sold at these reduced rates.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

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| HEPPNER | LEXINGTON |
| Mrs. F. Luper | W. G. Scott |
| Mrs. L. G. Herren | IONE |
| Phelps Grocery Co. | Dr. C. C. Chick |
| Wm. Haylor | LIBERTY SCHOOL |
| Minor & Co. | Ed Huston |
| Gurdane & Son | EIGHTMILE CENTER |
| Patterson & Son | C. E. Jones |
| R. M. Hart | LENA |
| Thomson Bros. | Mabel Hughes |
| Case Furniture Co. | GALLOWAY |
| Humphrey Drug Co. | Will Howard |
| Sam Hughes Co. | CECIL |
| First National Bank | T. H. Lowe |
| Oscar Borg | GOOSEBERRY |
| Palace Hotel | O. A. Brian |
| E. G. Noble | Leonard Anderson |
| Vaughn & Sons | PARKERS MILL |
| Phill Cohn | M. S. Maxwell |
| Heppner Milling Co. | |
| W. W. Smead | |

Nearly one-half of the required number of tickets have been sold.

We MUST SELL the rest within the next few days to make it the financial success the course deserves.

Of course you intend to eventually buy tickets—why not do so now and save money for yourself as well as for the committee. REMEMBER! The committee have personally guaranteed the sale of 450 tickets, besides standing good for all incidental expenses. Help the Chautauqua by buying your tickets at once.

Good Camping Grounds will be furnished free to all those desiring to make use of such accommodations. :-

3rd of July Celebration at Lexington

PROGRAM

- 9:45—On Main Street.
50-yard dash, for boys under 16. \$1.00, \$.50.
25-yard dash, for girls under 14. \$1.50, \$1.00, \$.50.
100-yard free for all. \$5.00, \$3.00, \$1.00.
3-legged race, free for all. \$3.00.
Sack race, free for all. \$2.00.
Novelty Race, boys under 15 years. \$2.00, \$1.00.

WATER FIGHT, FIRE HOSE. BIG LAUGH FOR SPECTATORS—BIG WET FOR CONTESTANTS.

11:00—At the big Grove—
Musical Program. Short Address. TWO HOURS AND A HALF FOR YOUR OWN FUN.

1:30—At the Ball Grounds—
BIG BASE BALL GAME, Moro vs. IONE. These two teams are evenly matched and should give a good account of themselves. Tickets are 25 cents, every cent of which goes to the players.

4:00—On "C" Street—
Dash for Saddle Ponies, \$5.00 Dash for any horse, \$10.00.

BUCKING CONTEST for county championship.
1st prize, \$18.00 Noble Chaps.
2nd prize, \$10.00 Silver-mounted Spurs.
Prizes may be exchanged on demand at Nobles.
There will be three prizes given to the three best bucking horses. \$10.00, \$5.00, \$3.00.
Wild mule race, prize \$5.00.

THERE WILL BE A BIG DANCE ALSO
The Town is Yours. Come Take It

For further information watch these columns or write to
W. E. LEACH, Chairman . . . **M. E. ROOD, Secretary**
Concession Committee: W. F. Barnett, Guy Nordlyke, J. B. Coxen.
Horse Committee: R. H. Lane, Otto Robinett.
Don't forget the date, **JULY 3rd, 1915.**
Don't forget the place, **LEXINGTON, OREGON.**