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MONUMENT ROUTE TO BE RE-OPENED

Heppner Commercial Club Has Received Several Bids From Parties Who Would Carry Mail Between This City and the Grant County Town.

For the past several weeks the Heppner Commercial Club has been advertising for bids for carrying the mail between Heppner and Monument, that route having been discontinued some time ago. In taking the matter up, the local club learned from the postoffice department that the only reason the route was ever discontinued was because the department could find no one who would carry the mail at their price. It now seems that the work of the Heppner Commercial Club is about to bear fruit, for as many as four bids have already been received, and these bids will be passed upon at the regular meeting of the Club at the council chambers next Monday night.

Other important business will come before the Club for discussion, and Secretary Smead urges a full attendance at the meeting Monday night.

Harvey A. May.

Harvey A. May, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. May, of Monkland, Sherman county, died Friday, June 25, at the home of his parents. He was born in Solomon City, Kan., January 3, 1890, and moved with his parents to the Willamette Valley at the age of 4 years. He married Miss Inez Jones, daughter of Harrison Jones, of Geneva, Or., October 8, 1912. A daughter was born to them June 28, 1913. Mr. May was formerly employed in Portland, and moved to Eastern Oregon in October, 1913, and engaged in farming.

He is survived by his widow and little daughter, Velma, his father and mother, three sisters, Grace and Lula, of Monkland, and Mrs. Guy Boyer, of Heppner, and two brothers, Wallace, of Monkland, and Everett, of Corvallis.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Moro, Sunday, June 27. Interment was in the Moro cemetery.

Some Dust.

Heppner was overwhelmed with dust on Saturday night, getting what was left by the big wind that hit the Hermiston country earlier in the evening. The storm broke over Heppner about 10 o'clock in the evening and after many residents had retired for the night, and it was not realized by many that we were being covered with dirt. The wind lasted but a few minutes but it was the middle of the afternoon, Sunday, before the atmosphere cleared. What happened at Hermiston and Stanfield can be judged from the residue passed over to Morrow county. At these two places much damage was done to vegetation, and the put plants and telephone lines were put out of commission. There was some stir in real estate and no mistake.

Off For Turner.

Rev. T. S. Handsaker and wife, J. V. Crawford, Miss Virginia Crawford, and Miss Leta Humphreys, on Monday, where they go to attend the sessions of the Oregon Christian Convention. They will represent the local Christian church as delegates. Rev. Handsaker and family will be absent during this month and perhaps the most of August on their summer vacation which will be spent near Eugene. Mr. Crawford also intends being absent for some time visiting relatives in the Willamette Valley and Miss Crawford will perhaps remain away for six weeks or two months, spending some time at the coast at Newport.

Will Attend Superintendents Convention.

Supt. S. E. Notson departed on Monday for Corvallis and Salem. He goes to attend the session of the State Superintendents' Convention, the first sessions of which are held at Corvallis, where Commissioner of Education P. P. Claxton is lecturing before the heads of the public schools of the various counties of the state an opportunity of hearing him. One session will also be held at Monmouth where Mr. Claxton appears. Mr. Notson will be absent for two weeks at least, much of this time being spent at the State Superintendents' office in Salem, where he will assist in marking the papers of the recent teachers' examinations.

Card of Thanks.

To all our kind friends and neighbors who so generously and sympathetically assisted us in our recent bereavement we take this means of extending to you our heartfelt thanks.

JOHN M. SPROULS,
MR. and MRS. J. C. KIRK
and family.

R. A. Thompson was in town yesterday to get a new header. He will harvest a good crop on his foothill farm and reports that his grain has not suffered from the adverse weather conditions of the past week.

Dave Miller, who resides near Heppner, was a business visitor in Heppner on Wednesday.

Wind Does Much Damage at Hermiston

From the Hermiston Correspondence in Pendleton East Oregonian: The most costly wind this county has ever known came from the northeast without warning about 9 o'clock Saturday night. Continuing until past mid-night it blew at its hardest between forty-five and fifty miles an hour, while the average was between twenty-five and thirty miles an hour. The extremely high wind made it almost suffocating as the air was a cloud of sand and dust.

This is the second wind of its kind in many years, although none ever so destructive to vegetation.

The Hermiston Light & Power Co.'s high line leading to Echo was broken in two by a large falling tree, near Stanfield, cutting off all power from Hermiston, Echo and Stanfield.

Several shade trees on the main streets were uprooted and locust and poplar wind breaks protecting orchards were broken and twisted. Further than the loss of ripening fruit shaken from the trees, orchards will have little loss.

The alfalfa crop which is in the middle of its second cutting is badly wilted by the heated wind though it is beginning to show more signs of life now. Corn, while badly blown down, is young enough to revive with little assistance.

Mrs. Gemmell Dies At Home Of Her Son

Mrs. Mary Gemmell, wife of Robert Gemmell, passed to her reward at the home of her son, Robert Gemmell, at the Skinner creek ranch, July 1, at the Skinner creek ranch, July 1, at the advanced age of 84 years. She had been an invalid for many years and death was caused from an intestinal cancer. A short funeral service was held at the grave on Saturday forenoon, Rev. J. V. Crawford officiating.

Mrs. Gemmell was a native of Scotland and was born in Wighton-shire. She came to this country in her early girlhood and became the wife of Robert Gemmell, who survives her. Besides the husband, she leaves two sons and one daughter. The sons are Robert and William, and the daughter is Mrs. Minnie Gouley, of Mountainview, Wyoming. Mrs. Gouley was present of her mother's bedside when she passed away, but the son, William, could not be reached, as his present address is not known, he residing at some point in British Columbia.

Mrs. Gemmell has resided at the home of her son here for the past two years, during which time she has been tenderly cared for by her relatives. She is said to have been a great sufferer but patient through it all, her greatest grief being the burden she seemed to be upon those who had to care for her. For herself and her suffering she made no complaint, and was fully prepared to meet her summons at the time it should come.

IRRIGON.

Jack Kennedy, the camp wrestler, returned from Heppner where he spent the fourth.

George Caldwell went to Hooper Monday—gone harvesting, of course.

Mrs. Jack Smith will remain in Hermiston this summer, coming down to Irrigon week-ends.

Mrs. John Hilber spent Sunday and Monday in Hermiston, returning Tuesday morning.

The Stockards have moved into the recently vacated Graybeal house.

Mrs. John Graybeal left for Gibbon, Monday. She will make a short stay there with her daughter, then they will go on to La Grande.

Snowey McCoy spent the fourth in Umatilla.

Mrs. Kaeser and small daughter went to Coyet Sunday morning. They will live there as long as the government camp is located there. Mr. Kaeser is an employee at the camp.

Several Irrigon families spent Sunday afternoon and evening at the Lester home. Mrs. Lester, with Mrs. Oscar Corey's help, gave a little ice cream and cake feed which was greatly enjoyed by all partaking.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the ladies of Heppner and vicinity, I wish to announce that I have moved my stock of millinery and ladies furnishings into the Groshen building at the upper end of Main street, and just north of the Gazette-Times office, where I will be temporarily located. While unable to display my goods for lack of space, I shall nevertheless be prepared to serve my customers, and your continued patronage is solicited, with kind appreciation of past courtesies.

MRS. L. G. HERREN.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Keeney, of Portland, arrived yesterday by auto from Pendleton and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Keeney's father, Thos. J. Matlock on Hinton creek. They are accompanied by the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Metchan.

Arthur E. Vickers met with an accident one day this week which disabled him for work for several days following. While removing a broken window sash in the Eastern hotel, he cut his right arm severely just above the elbow. The piece of glass penetrated his arm nearly an inch.

WIND TAKES ONE-THIRD UMATILLA WHEAT CROP

Conservative Estimates By Growers and Buyers Show Damage to Crop Has Been Considerable.

That Umatilla county farms were hard hit by the recent winds which visited that section is evidenced by the following article taken from the Pendleton East Oregonian of July 5:

A third of Umatilla county's wheat crop for 1915 is the toll taken from the farmer by the recent winds, according to conservative estimates by growers and buyers. This does not necessarily mean a third of the normal crop for, until recent winds, the prospects were bright for an abnormal yield.

The damage done has been general all over the county. No section has escaped and hardly a farmer but has suffered from the killing winds. Two weeks ago considerable damage was done in some sections by cold winds and last week hot winds did a great deal more damage. Even the heavy lands on the reservation and in the Athena-Adams section have felt the damaging effects.

The damage is apparent even to the unexpert eye. The golden tint which betokens the perfect crop contrasts this year with the pale hue that signifies burnt-out wheat and the bluish caste that tells of straw cured up before the heads had matured. Most all of the fields are spotted and some farmers declare they have fields of 50 to 100 acres hurt so badly that it will not pay to cut them. The grain is so shriveled that, even if cut, much of it would blow over during the process of threshing. The reseeded fields were particularly hard hit, according to reports from farmers.

The barley loss will not be as great in proportion as the wheat loss. There was less barley than usual sown this year and much of it was so far advanced that the winds did but little damage. In some sections, too, some of the wheat was advanced beyond the stage where much injury could be done.

One result of the damage will be the necessity of testing the grain. Since 1909 the Umatilla county grain has been so uniformly heavy that buyers have not felt the need of testing for weight, but this year there will be considerable light wheat and many light tests are anticipated. The testing will be difficult in view of the fact that the light grain will be pretty well mixed with the heavy grain.

Another result of the damage already apparent, is in the sack market. Farmers, who were insistently clamoring for more sacks two weeks ago, are now satisfied with what they have ordered.

The root of the damage is traced back to the heavy May rains. So much moisture was received at that time that the roots of the grain spread out just beneath the surface instead of going deep. The grain grew rank and gave rise to anticipations of big yields even in the light land sections but when the hot weather came, the roots could not secure enough nourishment to sustain the stalks and nourish the heads.

McLaughlin-Doherty.

The marriage of Cornelius McLaughlin and Miss Mary Doherty was solemnized by Rev. Father O'Rourke at the Catholic church in Heppner, at 9 o'clock a. m. Tuesday. The wedding was a quiet affair, attended by only the relatives and intimate friends of the bride and groom. Following the ceremony at the church, the guests gathered at the farm home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Doherty, in Blackhorse, where they enjoyed a sumptuous wedding dinner and spent a few pleasant hours.

The bride is the eldest daughter of the Doherty family, a fine young woman and popular among her many friends. Mr. McLaughlin is a rising young rancher of the Butter creek country where the young people will make their home. The G.-T. joins with their many friends in wishing them the greatest success and prosperity in this new relation.

Maurice H. Kopple, proprietor of the Fair store, returned home from Portland last evening.

PIONEER CITIZEN OF HEPPNER PASSES AWAY

Geo. Noble Came to Morrow County In 1872—Was a Native of Wittenberg, Germany.

After an illness that kept him to his bed for the past four weeks, George Noble, honored pioneer citizen of Heppner, died at his home in this city at 8 a. m., Tuesday, July 8, 1915. Having been in poor health for some time, Mr. Noble was compelled to take to his bed some four weeks ago and remained confined at home constantly until his death. While he rapidly approached a very serious condition and the members of his family at a distance were called to his bedside because of the fear that this would be his last sickness, he was thought to be much improved Sunday and Monday, and hopes entertained that he would rally from this attack. A sudden turn came on Tuesday morning, and before members of his family residing in town could reach his side, he had passed beyond. While not unexpected, his death came nevertheless as a shock to his family and many friends.

Speaking of himself to his near friends just a few days before his demise, Mr. Noble stated that he felt he never could be well again; that his suffering had become an extreme burden to himself and his family, and he was anxiously awaiting his summons to go; and he rejoiced in the fact that he was prepared for the change and was happy and content. The end came very peacefully after a night of comparative rest.

George Noble was born on November 12, 1841, at Wittenberg, in Germany. His parents died when he was very young and he was thrown upon his own resources and at the tender age of fifteen left behind the scenes of the fatherland and the friends of childhood, seeking his fortune in the new world and locating in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he sat himself to learn the harness maker's trade, which was accomplished before 1862, the date of his enlistment to fight in the Civil War. After various service connected with the fortunes of war he was detailed to act as one of an escort to an emigrant train from the Missouri river to Walla Walla, Washington, it being his lot to drive a mule team over the entire distance. Being discharged at the end of his service he turned to the Boise valley to search for the hidden treasure in the mining fields, continuing there until 1865 when he repaired to Salem, Oregon, and took up his trade, following it uninterruptedly there for seven years and then came to what is now Morrow county, arriving here in 1872. He located on McKinney creek where he took four hundred and eighty acres of land. This he added to by purchase and established a fine farm and engaged in stockraising.

In 1886 he was nominated and elected to the office of county treasurer of Morrow county, being the first one elected to fill that position after this county was formed. He served in this capacity for two terms and was then elected to the sheriff's office, serving the people in this capacity very faithfully for two terms. He then returned to the farm and devoted his attention to his private interests there for three years when he came to Heppner and established the harness and saddlery business that is now continued by his son, E. G. Noble. Mr. Noble also served as city councilman of Heppner for many years, being elected to this office at various times.

Mr. Noble was married to Mildred M. Gray, at Salem, Oregon, in January, 1870, and is survived by his widow and the following children: Eugene G., of Heppner; George, of Amos, Nevada; Mrs. Jennie McCarter, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Frank of Grant County, Oregon. All were present at the bedside of their father in his last sickness except George who has been unable to reach Heppner. Besides these, two other children, Nellie and Clarence, are deceased.

Mr. Noble was for years one of the foremost of our citizens, being active in the upbuilding of this part of the state. He had been called to many

Former Heppner Boy Dies at Walla Walla

John Roberts, a native son of Heppner, died at the Walla Walla Hospital on Thursday evening last. Mr. Roberts had been an invalid for the past two years and spent last winter in California in the hope that his health would be benefited and upon his return to his home at Walla Walla hospital where he could be better cared for. All that medical science could do was done for him but his ailment could not be overcome.

John Roberts was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Roberts, old-time residents of this city, and victims of the Heppner flood. His relatives here are Mrs. J. T. Kirk, and aunt and her family. He leaves a wife and two little daughters. His grandfather, John R. Simons, resides at Portland, and an uncle, Bert Simons, lives near Vancouver, Wash.

His funeral was held at Walla Walla, on Saturday afternoon and the remains buried in the cemetery there.

City Fathers Meet And Transact Business

The city fathers met in regular monthly session at the city hall on Tuesday evening, the meeting being deferred until that date owing to Monday being a legal holiday. Mayor Smead was present and presided, with all councilmen present except Kirk.

Two new ordinances were presented for first reading. These were Nos. 153 and 154. The former pertains to the issuing of building permits anywhere within the city limits, and when it finally becomes a law, no class or kind of a building can be put up in the city without permission from the proper authorities. The latter is designed to regulate and condemn old and unsafe and decaying buildings and awnings about the city. Both are good measures.

Applications were filed for the renewal of six liquor licenses and the same granted.

The reports of the recorder and marshal were presented and approved.

Permission was granted to a party to erect an electric sign on Main st., the same to be at least 22 feet above the level of the street. This regulation will govern the erection of all such signs.

Report of city treasurer for term ending June 30, presented and referred to the finance committee.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare an agreement between the city and School District No. 1, regarding improvements on the street leading to the school house. These improvements will be in the nature of grading up the street, putting in a new 12-foot sidewalk leading up to the concrete steps from the bridge north of the Healey barn. The school district and the city will join in the work and it will make it much easier to get to the school building from that way.

The following bills against the city were presented and ordered paid:	
S. E. Notson, attorney's fees, \$	50.00
J. L. Hale, labor, advertising, ..	3.40
Gazette-Times, advertising, ..	4.20
J. O. Hager, labor, ..	40.75
H. C. Williams, labor, ..	1.50
Humphreys Drug Co., ..	1.35
Light & Water Co., lights and water, ..	145.75
Union Oil Co., oil and freight	550.05
J. R. McCraw, salary, ..	88.00
J. P. Williams, salary, ..	35.00
L. W. Briggs, salary, ..	8.33
S. E. Notson, salary, ..	25.00
Dr. McMurdo, salary, ..	30.00
Henry Boten, labor, ..	4.50
Floyd Thomas, labor, ..	4.80
Geo. Knause, labor, ..	2.40
C. L. Grogan, night watch, ..	2.50
Wm. Driscoll, labor, ..	11.10
W. W. Smead, for county fair	500.00

places of trust in public and private life, and had never been found wanting. It was said of him always, that his word was as good as his bond. He was a citizen of sterling worth and modest demeanor, and while he has lived a quiet life most of the time for the past fifteen years, yet he has been called upon to act in smaller places of responsibility the most of this time, and every duty has been faithfully and promptly discharged. He was a faithful member of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & O. M., and Willow Lodge No. 66, F. O. F. In these two lodges he has held the highest offices, and for years he has been the treasurer of the Masonic lodge and a faithful attendant. Of late years he has been a sufferer from chronic stomach trouble, and this ailment at last brought him low. By his splendid character and upright manhood, George Noble has built a monument to himself in this community that will last for all time. His funeral will be conducted today at 2 o'clock from the Christian church, Rev. J. V. Crawford officiating, and the remains laid to rest in Masonic cemetery under the charge of Heppner Lodge No. 69, using the beautiful burial service of the order, and attended by the officers and members of Willow Lodge No. 66. In further honor of Mr. Noble, all business of Heppner will be suspended from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

LEXINGTON HOLDS GOOD CELEBRATION

Wrestling Match and Parade by Residents of Clarks Canyon and Social Ridge Features— Large Crowd Attends.

Observation of the national day was held at Lexington last Saturday, July 3. Long before the opening exercises teams and auto loads of people commenced to arrive in town to spend the day. During the week the weather had been unusually warm, but on this day the weather was much cooler and proved to be an ideal summer day for this event.

The program began at 10 o'clock with the races held on Arcade street, which occupied the attention of the visitors until 11 o'clock. Then came the water fight with the fire hose on Main street, which was enjoyed greatly by the spectators, the contestants receiving a good wetting.

After this event all went to the grove for the musical program and addresses. The principal address of the day was by Rev. T. S. Handsaker, of Heppner, after which followed a basket dinner.

At 1:30 the crowd assembled at the ball grounds to witness a good game between Ione and Moro. Ione won by a score of 5 to 2.

After the ball game the horse races were held on Water street, and some fast races were pulled off. The races were followed by a bucking contest. The wrestling match between J. L. Nourgaard of Baker and Jack Kennedy of Hermiston, was staged in the dancing pavilion at 8 o'clock. After more than two hours of wrestling, with neither man getting a fall, the match was called a draw and stopped. After this event, a dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

Last, but not least, in the important features of the day was the special parade by the people of Clarks Canyon and Social Ridge. This parade was a complete surprise to the spectators as this feature of the day's events was not known even to the committee on amusements. It was a great treat to the crowd, and the old fashioned plug uglies in the parade brought forth shouts of laughter from the spectators. In the parade were also pioneer people in pre-historic vehicles, who had come to town to see the sights. Their liberty car was beautifully decorated with the national colors. The last in line was a huge auto truck, the latest invention in road machines. Taken all around, the parade was well gotten up and carried out in good shape, and those who were privileged to see it will not forget this event for some time.

This was the first celebration held in Lexington since 1907 and the crowd, was in good humor at all times, since there was never a dull minute in the day's entertainment. Any delay and the comments from the visitors were, that it was a day well spent. The Live Wire committee that had charge of the program, is to be congratulated for the splendid manner in which it was carried out.

Catholic Church Services.

Sunday, July 11th.
First Mass 8:00 a. m.
Second Mass 10:30 a. m.
Catechism Class 11:30 a. m.
Evening Devotions 7:30 p. m.
The subject of the sermon at Second Mass will be "Sins Against Our Neighbor's Soul." At the evening Devotions the subject will be "The Possibility of Miracles."
During the week the Mass will be offered up at 7 a. m.

Changes Hotel Name.

Ed Buckman has just finished renovating the old Star hotel and the name of the institution has been changed to the Eastern Hotel. The building now presents a very attractive appearance, both from the in and outside.

Off For the Coast.

Claud Andrews and family departed on Tuesday for the Tillamook coast where the family will remain for the summer. Mr. Andrews expects to be off his run on the Heppner branch for about six weeks. His place is being filled by Harry Halzopfel, of The Dalles.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank all our friends who so kindly and ably assisted us during the recent death of our beloved mother.

ROBERT GAMMEL,
MRS. J. M. GORLEY.

James McCarty Passes.

James McCarty, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, died at the Heppner Sanatorium on Wednesday afternoon from typhoid pneumonia, after an illness of several days. Mr. McCarty was stopping at the Wilson hotel when he took sick. The deceased was about 42 years of age and came to this country when a young man. His nearest relatives live in Montana. The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. P. J. O'Rourke conducting the service.

Mr. McCarty was at one time engaged in the sheep business in this county.

IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT PAVILION

Secretary Smead announces that the Morrow County Fair Board has decided to make some extensive improvements to their property on Lower Main street before the Third Annual Fair rolls around. These improvements will include some betterments in the exhibit pavilion. Here the board will put sky lights in the roof, permitting natural light, heretofore electric lights have served almost entirely. A floor will also be laid and this will eliminate the dust which has proved an evil in the past.

Farmers are urged to begin the selection of their grain samples at once and have them ready for the fair officials when they call in the near future. Grain will be of much better quality this year and keen competition is looked for, since bigger and better premiums will be offered this year for special exhibits.

The management is busy at the present time lining up special attractions and one of the features already signed up is the Belmont sisters, double parachute dive as last year. Julia Belmont will make the more thrilling descent this year by a triple parachute dive. The band has also been secured for the next fair.

Postmaster Richardson and family spent their fourth of July vacation at the Hamilton ranch at the head of Rhea creek, and enjoyed a good soaking from the big rain on Sunday afternoon.