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COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HAVE MEETING

Several Matters of Importance To Be Considered.—A Large Attendance Desired.—Monument Route to be Taken Up.

Heppner Commercial Club will meet tomorrow, Friday, evening, for the transaction of important business.

The Heppner Monument stage route proposition has again been turned down by the post office authorities to whom it was presented at Washington, and this is to be up again for some decision as to what action will be taken in the future. Our people here are in earnest regarding the re-establishment of this mail route. They have been doing some faithful work to get it in shape to be accepted by the department and have received bids, which from the viewpoint of the Club should be accepted as fair but there seems to be nothing doing so far as Uncle Sam is concerned. The bids are too high and it will now be necessary to proceed along some other line. Having done so much work the Club is not going to back down until every resource has been exhausted.

Then there is some work to be done with reference to the Willow creek and Monument roads. The committee on the Willow creek road desire to submit their report and get further instructions.

In all these you are interested, so be on hand tomorrow night and show your interest by your presence.

Injured in Accident.

As a result of an accident that happened on the road near the Walter Crosby place late Friday evening, Mrs. Arriat, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cox, of Hinton creek, has been under the care of a physician in Heppner during the week. A party of four were driving along the road when a bolt broke in one of the single trees. At this time the team started to run and Mrs. Arriat becoming excited, jumped from the rig and landed in a pile of rocks just as the team was brought to a stop by a barbed wire fence. Her wrist was dislocated, some teeth were knocked out and she received numerous other bruises and minor injuries. She was brought to town by Dr. Winnard who went out after her in his auto, her injuries were properly dressed and she is now getting along well. The other members of the party remained in the rig and were not hurt.

Attorney Glenn Y. Wells was a passenger to Portland Tuesday.

Lecture On India Very Interesting

Dr. J. Carlos Ghormley delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture at the Christian church Friday night on India. Dr. Ghormley is a medical missionary to that country, who has been at home on an extended furlough for the past year and a half, during which time he has been attending the medical department of the University of Oregon and more thoroughly equipping himself for the work he has undertaken. His lecture is illustrated by more than a hundred stereopticon slides, the pictures bringing to the mind through the vision more pointedly than any word picture could, the conditions that surround the people of that land. The speaker also explained quite fully the habits and customs of the people of India, as well as telling what the English government has accomplished for them. Progress along all lines of civilization has been slow but results are now being obtained a little more rapidly and a few more generations will show marked improvement, both as to the spread of Christianity and improved sanitary and civic conditions. Mr. Ghormley expects to return to the work in that country as soon as he has finished his medical course.

Grass Fire Creates Excitement.

Some little excitement was created in town on Tuesday forenoon by the report sent in of a big grass fire at the Stanfield place on upper Rhea creek. Several auto loads of men were immediately gathered together and went out. Upon reaching the place, however, it was found that the fire had exhausted itself when it reached the rim rocks, and no serious damage was done. It was feared for a time that the fire would get into the timber in that vicinity and cause a lot of damage. The grass is very dry now and people should use all precautions to prevent fires from starting.

SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT OCCURS NEAR HEPPNER

Car of J. C. Owen Goes Over Bank And Several Passengers Hurt.

The Ford car driven by J. C. Owen, who has the mail contract on the Heppner-Hardman route, turned a complete summersault and landed right side up after spilling its occupants on the grade coming into town just at the north side of L. E. Bissbee's place late Friday evening.

There were in the car, besides Mr. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Barnard, of this city, Mr. Anderson Barnard and a grandchild, Bernice Franklin.

Mr. Owen was making his third round-trip to Hardman and back and reached the city limits of Heppner shortly after nine o'clock at night. His lights on the car had run down pretty low but he had been able to keep the road all right until he came up over the hill and faced the city lights which seemed to have the effect of blinding his vision of the road. He had been over the road so much, however, that he felt sure he was familiar with the track, and slowed down to about four miles an hour. At the time the car went over, Mr. Owen was sure that he was on the road all right. He was at the point just where the road divides near the Bissbee corner, and where the bank is pretty steep and the car rolled over from the upper grade, landing on its wheels in the track below, doing no other damage to the machine than the breaking of the wind shield and mashing of the radiator.

The occupants did not fare so well, however, but fortunately they all escaped dangerous injuries. Mrs. Barnard and the little girl came out with bruises and scratches from which they soon recovered. Mr. Barnard and his uncle each received very severe injuries and for a time it was thought that both the men had been fatally hurt. Help was summoned from town just as soon as possible and medical assistance called. The men have been laid up under the care of a physician since but they are improving and will soon be about again.

Mr. Anderson Barnard is an uncle of A. Z. and is on a visit here from Missouri. He is 74 years of age and on this account his recovery has been slow. Bernice Franklin, his granddaughter, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Franklin, of Cecil.

Mr. Owen regrets the accident very much. He got out with a bruised head and feels fortunate in this respect. No blame is attached to him as he used his best efforts to prevent any mishap on the trip; it was simply one of those unfortunate and unforeseen occurrences that will happen, and we are all thankful that it was no more serious in its results.

Catholic Church Services.

Sunday, August 15.

First Mass, 8 a. m.
Second Mass, 10:30 a. m.
Christian Doctrine, 11:30 a. m.
Evening Devotions, 7:30 p. m.
A class of nine children will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday at the First Mass. These children will renew their Baptismal Vows, and be enrolled in the Scapular at the Evening Devotions.

EXPOSITION TO HONOR OR STATE OF OREGON

"Benson Day" to be Celebrated at Panama-Pacific Exposition.

According to a statement furnished this office by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, August 17th, the State of Oregon is to be honored by the Panama Exposition through the observation of "Benson Day."

The Chamber of Commerce is arranging to send all Oregonians who desire to attend, aboard a special train or in private cars. This event is a distinct recognition of the State more than it is Mr. Simon Benson, and will be attended by representatives of foreign governments and the States of the Union.

All county courts of the State of Oregon have been requested to appoint a special representative.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce requests that all commercial organizations of the State be represented.

Reservations for accommodations for special train or private cars should be made to Frank E. Smith, Secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. If one hundred or more reservations are made, a special train will be run and the fare will be \$26.75 with \$5.00 additional for sleeper fare. If private cars are used the fare will be \$30.00 with \$5.00 additional for sleeper. Tickets will be good for 30 days and train leaves Portland August 15th.

HEPPNER MEN TAKE EXTENSIVE TRIP INTO THE HARNEY COUNTRY

A. S. AKERS AND FRED TASH "FORD" IT FROM PARKERS MILL TO THE CATLOW VALLEY.

By A. S. AKERS

Having our families comfortably located in the tall timber a mile below Parkers Mill, and enjoying all the natural blessings incidental to an outing in the Blue Mountains of Southern Morrow county, it was suggested to me by Fred Tash, that jolly, good-natured boss of the Farmers' Warehouse of Heppner, that we take a spin down to Southern Harney county and see and learn for ourselves the merits, if any, of the recently talked of valley of the Catlow.

I will try and describe the best I can, things as I saw them; also a few incidents relative to the trip, and give a brief description of the road and country through which we passed.

Starting about noon, August 2nd, with Fred's 1915 Ford, with Fred, of course, at the helm, and loaded with a few necessary equipments, such as a roll of blankets, a few spuds, bacon, frying pan, and other paraphernalia necessary in case we might be stranded on some barren desert and a repitition of the Imperial Valley incident befall us.

The first few miles of road, or until we reached the Grant county line, was exceedingly bad, but which on our return I am glad to learn that the County Surveyor is now on the ground surveying a new route around this too long neglected piece of highway.

From Parkers Mill to Monument is 25 miles, and very long miles the freighters say, but which were clipped off very quickly after reaching the Grant county line, by the unceasing and regular chugging of that world-renowned little Ford engine. I might say that between Parkers Mill and Monument there is some very fine timber; especially on the Sam Cochran place, where we stopped to get a drink. There on the outskirts of the big meadow back of the house, are the big pines which seem to be all of uniform size and whose branches appear to have been trimmed up about 50 feet, and taken in connection with the large field of tasseled corn to the left of the meadow it makes a very impressive picture, especially to the bunchgrasser of the pioneer type.

But let us proceed on our journey to Catlow Valley. In passing I will say for the benefit of those who have never visited Monument, that it is a nice little burg on the John Day river with two or three stores, post office, big new two-story hall building, etc., and situated in the midst of the roughest country of Oregon.

Proceeding on our journey from Monument, after replenishing our supply of gasoline, to the tune of 35c. per gallon, we passed through the small burg of Hamilton, at the edge of a little, beautiful rolling valley, thence on about two miles we passed the little clump of trees where Oliver Snyder was killed; which thrust Grant county into a great fever of excitement, and you know the rest. A little further on, after entering the little valley called Round Basin, we left the Long Creek road and turned to the right and crossed Round Basin, a distance of about a mile. On climbing the ridge beyond there we encountered the only car trouble on the trip. After assisting up the hill Mr. Gibbons, the Castle Rock school teacher who was bound for the Blue Mountain Springs beyond John Day City, with his family and the family of Mitt Leathers, we attempted to crank the engine, and lo and behold she was stuck. Fred, not yet having received his diploma in the school of Fordism, is not able to diagnose all cases peculiar to that branch of locomotion, and as for myself, my education along that line does not reach farther than the rudiments pertaining to the ailments of a Case and their alleviation. But as luck would have it, we picked up a passenger at Monument who wished to be conveyed to John Day, and who, by the way, is the son-in-law of our friend Dan Stalter, of Mayflower fame, who seems to have specialized in Fordology, who held a short consultation with Mr. Gibbons, and after injecting a little antitoxin here, and adjusting a thumb screw there, which was beyond the comprehension of myself and Fred, too, (judging from the expression on his face) the crank was given a quick turn with an air of confidence and we were off. A few miles farther through the timber we came down a long slope into Fox Valley. This is a valley about ten miles across. It seems to be a prosperous little section with a number of fine fields of grain; it is well watered and a fine

stock country. Going up out of the Valley into the timber we soon found ourselves sailing down the long Pigeon Wing grade onto Beech creek, past the station called Mt. Rest Home. A little ways beyond the station the road forks, and I will say for the benefit of those who might be going to the John Day country, that one should stay on the Beech creek road that leads down to Mt. Vernon. It is several miles farther, but a good road. The road straight across is miserable, as we found out when we went over, and we almost imagined we were in some parts of Morrow county. We arrived in John Day after dark, of course, but nevertheless safe and sound, a distance of 80 miles from Parkers Mill, but by the way of Mt. Vernon which is down the river nine miles from John Day, about 85 miles.

The thing that attracts one's attention the most in the vicinity of John Day and Canyon City, which is up a canyon about three miles to the south is the heaps of washed gravel made in an early day by the rugged miners who succeeded in unlocking the earth's treasury and escaping with many millions in gold. A Portland company is now building a dredge and will soon be ready to dredge the creek bottom between John Day and Canyon City, and it is thought an immense amount of gold will be obtained.

I started in to take you to Catlow Valley, but it seems I am not progressing very fast.

Leaving John Day we went south up Canyon creek through Canyon City, which is a small burg, hardly a third as large as John Day. Leaving Canyon creek several miles above Canyon City we passed through a long stretch of fine timber and entered Bear Valley; a very high valley about five miles across with a post-office near the center called Seneca. Bear Valley is the head of the Silvie river which flows for many miles down past Burns and into Harney Lake. Leaving Bear Valley we enter the timber again and after several miles we came down into Silvie Valley, which is about ten miles long by one and a half miles wide. A few miles farther we passed through Trout Valley. A little valley about three by two miles. Going up a long grade out of Trout Valley, which is about 23 miles from Burns, we came into the timber again and left the timber about 16 miles north of Burns. There the scenery changed. The great Harney Valley, about fifty miles in dimensions, stretched out before us, while far to the southwest could be seen Harney lake in which no creature ever lived because of the mineral it contains; even the ducks and geese never light on its surface. Malheur lake could also be seen in the southeastern part of the valley. It is a fresh water lake, with the Silvie river emptying into it from the north and the Blitzen river from the south. Burns, which is a pretty little place of about 1200 inhabitants, is the county seat of Harney County and about 50 miles from a railroad. After eating dinner at Burns, we went out east about five miles to the experimental farm. We spent a while viewing the different grains and vegetables, and saw at first hand the effect of all the different modes of planting and cultivation. It can easily be seen what features relative to obtaining a good crop to avoid, and what to adopt. And it might be well to say right here that the citizens of Morrow county should not rest until they have obtained an up-to-date experimental farm. There are a great many thousand acres in Harney Valley that are sub-irrigated, on the greater portion of which wild grass grows very thick and tall and is cut for hay. One big company seems to own the most of it. The most of the valley contains big sage brush and after being cleared seems to raise good grain. For several miles back from the lakes it is more or less swampy, and a considerable portion of it contains quite a bit of alkali. In this alkali district there is another experimental farm, and it can readily be seen that grain and alfalfa can be grown successfully. We left the experimental farm near Burns and went out to Lawen, a little town of one store and a few residences in the eastern part of the valley about 20 miles from Burns. From there we went to Narrows which is 22 miles from Lawen and the same distance from Burns by a direct road, which road we took on our return trip. Narrows, which comprises one store, hotel and saloon,

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MORROW TEACHERS AT OREGON SUMMER SCHOOL

Mrs. Wedding and Miss Wallen Attend School at Eugene.

Among the Morrow county students at the University of Oregon Summer School are Ella B. Wallen and Mrs. Lucy T. Wedding. Miss Wallen's course includes Mathematics, Physical and Social Hygiene, and Gymnastics. Mrs. Wedding is taking work in History of Education and working for the M. A. degree. On August 5, Mrs. Wedding was granted her M. A. degree, having successfully passed the required examination.

The Summer School this year is larger than ever before, and the Student Body is remarkable in several respects. In the first place, there are half again as many men as women. This is very unusual in summer schools, which are, as a general thing, composed to a very large extent of women teachers. The men at the Oregon Summer School this year are, many of them in the prime of life. According to Dr. Schafer, director of the school, their average age is probably thirty years or more. They include numerous county and city superintendents and high and consolidated school principals who are working for higher degrees and to advance themselves in their profession.

Some Fine Attractions At The Star

Two splendid attractions are booked for the Star Theater the coming week. Manager Sparks has arranged to present to the Heppner public a series of attractions from The Famous Players, constituting what is called the Paramount Program. The first attraction is "Clothes," a five-act feature. This comes Monday and Tuesday, August 16 and 17. "Clothes" is Grace George's greatest success, written by Channing Pollock, and stars Charlotte Ives and House Peters. Another attraction for Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21, will be Peterson & Vierra's Hawaiian Attractions; a vocal and instrumental concert, and presenting the Hawaiian playlet, "The Flower of Love." This company is composed of some eight or ten people and their program is of the highest class.

Find A Good Country.

During the past week Fred Tash and Spencer Akers made a trip by auto into Southern Harney county, their objective point being the Catlow Valley. This section is now being rapidly settled up by homesteaders, and both Akers and Tash are impressed with its prospects. Elsewhere in this issue Mr. Akers has a full description of the trip, and it will pay you to read it.

Church Notice.

Elizabeth Ware, county evangelist, will hold a week's meeting at the Matteson school house in south Morrow county, beginning Saturday, August 14.

GETTING GRAIN EXHIBITS READY FOR NEXT FAIR

Secretary Smead and Force Busy at Pavilion This Week.

Secretary Smead of the Fair Board assisted by several others, is busy this week in getting a lot of his grain samples ready. He is working at the pavilion and has a machine which he uses to make up the grain sheafs that does the work rapidly and well. He expects to have the bulk of the sheaf grain exhibits gathered and arranged within a few days, and in the meantime, should there be any extra fine samples to be had, the Secretary will appreciate having his attention called to them, or better still, he would be glad to have them brought in. After the sheaves are made up, the work of placing them about the pavilion will be undertaken and all this preliminary labor finished before the big rush is on with the other exhibits. Premium books are now finished and ready for distribution and they will be sent out immediately.

8 a. m. to 5 p. m., August 27 and 28 we will demonstrate the cleaning power of Wilson's Silverware Cleaner. Be sure to bring some pieces of silverware that are badly tarnished. We will clean them free of charge in 30 seconds. Yours for clean silverware. HAYLOR.

Mrs. Elizabeth Van Schoick, of Arlington, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sloum in this city.

SUPERVISOR CRYDER MAKES REPORT

Umatilla National Forest Makes Good Showing For Year.—Used Most-ly For Stock Range.—Few Special Permits Issued.

The annual report of the Umatilla National Forest covering business done in the period from July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1915, is evidence that the resources of the Forest are pretty generally used.

It shows that there were 3 1/2 miles of road constructed, 12 miles of telephone lines, two lookout towers for fire observation, one cabin for rangers' headquarters and storage of Government property, and four miles of fencing to enclose pastures on ranger stations, according to the report.

Five special-use permits were issued, covering various uses of the Forest, such as drift fences and telephone lines.

There were 153 grazing permits issued for cattle and horses, covering 9854 head, and 44 permits for sheep totalling 60,519 head.

An analysis of these figures by grade shows that 91 permits for cattle and horses were issued for from 1 to 40 head; 30 for from 41 to 100; 19 for from 101 to 200; and 9 for over 200 for each permit.

For sheep eight permits were issued for under 1000 head; 34 for from 1001 to 2500; and two for over 4000 head each.

One hundred thirty-seven crossing permits were issued, covering 28 cattle, 210 hogs, and 207,999 sheep.

On account of private lands and cooperative permits, 10 were issued covering 459 cattle, 5 horses and 4,550 sheep.

There has been constructed by the Forest Service to date, nine miles of road, 37 of trails, and 150 of telephone lines. There are 19 miles of drift fence and 15 miles of fencing around ranger stations. Ten cabins for rangers' use and storage of Government property have been built. To assist in range management, 16 watering troughs have been constructed on the range by the Forest Service besides others placed by progressive and enterprising stockmen. There are 818 acres of pasture enclosed under five permits.

The Forest Service is continually improving the National Forests, making them useful to the people, and the annual report shows that the interests of the people are closely allied to the Umatilla National Forest.

The Forest Service has just issued a map of the Umatilla National Forest, showing the roads, trails, telephone lines, etc., and with directions to tourists and campers.

This map may be had free of charge on application to the Forest Supervisor, Pendleton, Oregon.

Game Birds Are Liberated Here

This week the State Game Warden has liberated on Willow creek some three dozen Chinese pheasants which adds to the slowly increasing number of these birds in this section. For a good many years past there has been an endeavor to get game birds planted in this county, and while climatic conditions and everything else would seem to be conducive to their rapid propagation, yet the progress is slow, owing no doubt, to their being molested by the so-called sportsman who is always willing to kill anything that comes to sight. Attention is called to the fact that the penalty for killing these birds is a fine of \$50 and it is the intention of the Heppner Rod and Gun Club to see that the law is rigidly enforced. If the birds are let alone for a few seasons they will become plentiful here.

A Fine Sample of Blue Stem.

A fine sample of Blue Stem wheat was left at the office of Heppner Milling Co. Saturday by Chas. Burchell, of Lexington. Mr. Burchell had just finished threshing and his returns are 20 bushels to the acre. The grain tests No. 1 and is of fine quality, being an excellent milling wheat.

J. L. Miller, traveling passenger agent of the O-W. R. & N. Co., is spending the day in Heppner.

Rev. C. W. Reynolds, of Ione, will fill the pulpit at the Christian church in Heppner, both morning and evening, Sunday, August 29. Rev. Handsaker, the pastor, will return from his vacation and resume his labors with the church the first Sunday in September.

M. S. Maxwell, the Parkers Mill merchant was a visitor in Heppner Tuesday.