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## CLUB IS NOW GETTING RESULTS

Monument Mail Route Out of Heppner Will Be Re-Established.— Officers for the Year Elected.

It developed at the meeting of the Heppner Commercial Club last Friday evening that the agitation which has been carried on by the club the past year and a half for the re-establishing of the Monument mail route has not been in vain. The post-office department is now advertising for bids for carrying the mail from Heppner last fall, Congressman Sinnott promised the club he would do all in his power to have the route opened again and he has probably had a hand in the matter. Both Monument and Hardman have taken up the matter of co-operating with the local club in getting the bids through in the quickest and best manner possible and it will probably now be only a short time until Monument mail will be routed out of Heppner by the way of Hardman. A delegation from the Heppner Commercial Club will meet with Monument and Hardman representatives at Hardman the first of the week to confer on the matter.

This being the night for the annual election of officers, the following men were chosen to pilot the Club through the coming year: J. L. Wilkins, president; A. M. Phelps, vice president; and W. W. Smead, secretary. The executive committee elected consists of Chas. Thomson, C. E. Woodson and J. J. Nys. The election was spirited to a high degree, there being a number of candidates nominated for each office.

In the general discussion which followed the election of officers, the question of voting a half mill tax to support the county fair was brought up and gone into at length. The club looks with favor upon this method of supporting our county fair although no definite action was taken at this meeting.

The matter of issuing bonds for good roads came in for its share of discussion but no definite action was taken at this time.

On Monday the finance committee met to devise means for raising funds for the support of the club. In the past Heppner's commercial organization has depended on membership fees alone to keep up the work, but this has proved an inefficient method for the reason that a large membership has not been possible. It is the idea of the new committee to work out a plan whereby the business houses will be entitled to membership for so much per year, the amount to be fixed by the committee, with the approval of the club, and to permit non-business men, or employees, in other words, to come in on a membership fee of lesser amount. The membership of the finance committee is Wm. Haylor, J. L. Wilkins, O. G. Crawford, A. M. Phelps, J. J. Nys and Chas. Thomson. The business of the club will be conducted in the future along the budget plan.

President Wilkins has named the following committees:

- Finance Committee—T. J. Mahoney, M. D. Clark, John Vaughn.
- Ways and Means—C. E. Woodson, Chas. Thomson, M. D. Clark.
- Publicity Committee—L. K. Harlan, Dr. Christensen, J. A. Waters.
- City and County—Frank Gilliam, E. G. Noble, W. W. Smead.
- Streets and Roads—W. B. Barratt, Bert Bowker, Wm. Haylor.
- Membership—Arthur Crawford, R. H. Young, H. Vance.
- Railroad and Transportation—C. E. Woodson, Hanson Hughes, A. M. Phelps.
- Trade and Promotion—A. M. Phelps, L. E. Bisbee, Jas. Thomson.
- Entertainment—Oscar Borg, R. J. Vaughn, C. L. Sweek.

### Luttrell-Lane.

A quiet wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark in this city Tuesday evening when William P. Luttrell and Kate C. Lane of Wallowa were married. County Judge C. C. Patterson performed the ceremony. Both of the contracting parties are well known in this county, Mrs. Luttrell being a daughter of Mrs. M. E. Barton of this city, and formerly lived here. Mr. Luttrell was engaged in business at Lexington at one-time.

**Shoppers attention**—A representative of the D. N. & E. Walter Co. will be at the Case Furniture Co. store on Friday, the 21st, only, with a line of carpets, rugs, linoleums and draperies. Five big trunks, one day only, Friday, January 21.

Wm. Haylor has been busy this week fitting up a part of the Mitchell residence on Chase street for his son, D. R. Haylor, who will soon move to this city with his family.

## HIGH SCHOOL PARAGRAPHS

Loren Mikessell.

The regular exams began last Tuesday morning and they will last till Friday noon. A large number have had to take the examinations this time because strict attention has been given to see that all qualifications for exemption have been filled. Those failing to meet the requirements for attendance, deportment and scholarship average have to attend school the entire week.

Professor Allen from the O. A. C. was here Monday, looking after the industrial club work. He and Prof. Motley took a number of the boys to the Wightman ranch and gave a demonstration of hog and dairy cow judging. He also gave a lecture about the industrial club work after school Monday.

Supt. Hoffman leaves Friday for The Dalles. He goes there to be one of the judges on a debate between The Dalles and Hood River high schools.

The game between Moro and Heppner resulted in an easy victory for Heppner, the score being 16 to 22. The game between the Senior and Junior girl and Sophomore and Freshman girls was a close one, but the Senior, Junior team managed to get the long end of the score of 3 to 4.

Supt. Hoffman states that the beginning of next semester would be a splendid time for a number of eligible students to resume school work. A great deal of benefit can be gotten out of the various courses offered.

### Bennett Back to Portland.

Will H. Bennett, who for the past two years has been associated with the First State Savings Bank at Klamath Falls, as vice president, has returned to Portland to accept the cashiership of the Citizens Bank of Portland. It is understood that Mr. Bennett will retain his stock in the Klamath Falls bank. Mr. Bennett was bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Heppner several years ago, and it was here that he had his first banking experience. After leaving here Mr. Bennett was state bank examiner for several years.

### Publicity Strongest Factor Affecting Reform.

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 17.—When Mr. Mickle, Oregon State Dairy and Food Commissioner, entered upon the work of his office three years ago, inspection of slaughter houses was one of the first lines of work attempted, said M. S. Schrock, deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner in addressing farmers and dairymen at the Agricultural College. "We found most of them," continued Mr. Schrock, "in an indescribably filthy condition. It was necessary to close a number of them even though there was no authority for closing any establishment except a dairy. Score cards, such as those used for inspection of dairies, were devised, providing means for thus making systematic records. It also gives us a basis for keeping our records and giving due publicity to prevailing conditions, which, I believe is the most powerful factor for good we have found.

"As a result of the three year's work, slaughter houses no longer reek with that 'German gas' and the many, diseased rats that used to crawl over the pieces of meat left hanging over night.

"Our work is educational, for we have found that if we teach a person to be clean he will be clean when our back is turned, while if we force him into cleanliness he will be as clean as the law compels and no cleaner."

### Rain and Snow in California.

The editor is in receipt of an interesting letter from F. E. Bell, of Black Horse, who is spending the winter in Oakland, California, in company with Mrs. Bell. At the present time, Mr. Bell writes, that part of the golden poppy state is experiencing severe cold weather, lots of rain and a little snow. Mr. Bell has made an examination of the soil there and says it is not as good as many people think it is, the uplands being of hard pan and clay soil. The valleys contain very good soil. In Oakland rent is very high and they ask \$40 and \$50 per month for a small house. In writing of market prices, Mr. Bell says that beef, pork and mutton sell from 15 cents to 22 cents, chickens for 25 cents per lb. alive. Apples sell for 20 cents per box, and the Oregon apple is the best to be found on the market. In comparison, the California apples look like culls, according to Mr. Bell. In conclusion he states that Oregon is good enough for him, and asks that the Gazette-Times be sent to his Oakland address.

Dr. Winnard has taken special course in treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat.

## WELLS ENTERTAINERS HARD TO BEAT



THE WELLS ENTERTAINERS.

The Wells Entertainers will be in Heppner on Wednesday, January 26, and will present their pleasing program in the evening at the High school auditorium. Mr. Wells and his wife are dramatic entertainers of a high order, and the Heppner public should feel fortunate in having an opportunity to see and hear them.

## LIVE NEWS FROM THE IONE COUNTRY

The Ione wheat market looked up quite a bit this week, and there has been some sales at the \$1. mark. Among those to sell at this price was Aaron Peterson, of Eight Mile, he having received one dollar per bushel for his entire crop of blue stem and forty-fold. This is the best price received on this market for the season to date, and those who have been able to hold have been gainers thereby.

Severe cold weather has been experienced for the most of the week but it is much warmer now, with indications of a big storm coming. Farmers report the snow drifting into big heaps along the roads and over the fields from the strong south wind. From what we have been able to learn the summerfallow ground was not frozen very deep before the zero weather began, but the snow being very light it is believed that the frost has gone down to a greater depth. No fear is entertained, however, for the crops that are in, and much of the summerfallow remains yet to be sown, this being especially true in the section south of Ione.

Stoops & Son, of this locality, have been putting down a couple of wells for B. F. Swagart on his Penland Butte farm. They secured a fine flow of water in one well at 65 feet, but the other is now down 160 feet, and no water yet. Well drilling is a slow proposition these winter days.

The young ladies of Ione furnished a real treat to the lovers of the dance on Thursday evening last. It was their leap year ball and was largely attended. Prof. W. K. Davis' orchestra furnished the music, and the ball was managed throughout by the ladies. It is pronounced the grandest affair of the season, and was greatly enjoyed.

### Boy Goes to Training School.

Claud Sigsbee, the 15-year-old son of B. G. Sigsbee, will be taken to the state training school at Salem, since he has been judged a delinquent in the juvenile court. The boy recently became involved in serious trouble with the postoffice department for taking packages from the mailing box in the local postoffice. The thefts were committed about Christmas time and when confronted by the officers with the evidence they had secured, young Sigsbee confessed and acknowledged he had committed other thefts about town as well. The parents of the boy have done everything in their power to correct him, but it appears that he is incorrigible. It is believed that the rigid training of the state school will prove a benefit to him.

### Catholic Church Services.

First Mass, 8 a. m.  
Second Mass, 10:30, a. m.  
Christian Doctrine, 11:30 a. m.  
Evening Devotions, 7:30 p. m.

## COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

By Supt. S. E. Notson.

A new plan will be used in the eighth grade examinations in May and June in the subjects of U. S. History and Civil Government. The pupils will be allowed to use their textbooks during the examination. The questions will be so framed as to test the ability of the pupil to express himself clearly and fully upon a topic. He may need some point which he has, for the moment, forgotten. He can look it up. He will not have time to do much looking up, but he will not be thrown into a nervous state trying to remember some trifling matter which has eluded him at the time. The writer has advocated such a plan for several years. He has greatly amused teachers and some of the county superintendents by suggesting such a plan. Last summer he took a great deal of satisfaction in pointing out to some of the superintendents that such a plan had been tried at Reed College, and it had proven very satisfactory. As State Superintendent Churchill says, "The examination usually deteriorates into a memory test." Probably eighty to ninety per cent. of the examination questions have called for a test of memory only. The power to discriminate, to reason, to decide has rarely been called into action in the examination. If instead of answering several short questions in a few words, a pupil is required to write, in a limited time, a history of slavery in the United States, or discuss the position of the different political parties on the tariff question, or write a fairly complete discussion of the Monroe Doctrine, his production will show whether he has studied history to a purpose, and he can do very little with the subject unless he knows something about it, even if he has a dozen text-books at hand.

This is not all. State Superintendent Churchill points out another feature which is of the greatest importance. He says, "The eighth grade examinations, to a very large extent, set the standard for teaching, and I am confident that this new plan will strengthen the work in the eighth grade and give the pupil much more power and confidence than he gains from the memory tests. If his class standing has been high during the year and his English work what it should be, he will pass a good examination. If his class work has been below par, the open book will be of no help to him during the short hour of the examination."

Now, no doubt, many will be greatly disturbed over this plan. It will appear to some as absurd. There is only one way to determine its merits, and that is to give it a fair trial. If it proves satisfactory, it can be extended to most of the other subjects. If it proves unsatisfactory, it can be abandoned. The plan we have been using has been far from satisfactory hence we should be willing to make an effort to find something better.

### Hard Times Dance at Lena.

A hard times dance will be held at Lena Hall on Friday, February 11, and arrangements to make the affair a big success are already under way. A fine will be imposed upon anyone who comes to the dance dressed up. A basket supper will also be served. See advertisement in another column.

### R. M. Hart Makes Improvements.

R. M. Hart is making improvements to his confectionery store this week. Bradford and son have repapered the interior and a new linoleum is being laid on the floor. Mr. Hart expects to make further improvements in the near future.

### Biddle Sells Out to Prophet.

W. P. Prophet, the Hardman merchant, passed through this city last Saturday on his way to Portland, and on his way through he informed us that he had just purchased the interest of his partner, M. Z. Biddle, in the store of Prophet & Biddle, general merchandise. Mr. Prophet is in Portland buying stock for his store and attending to other business matters.

### Hog Market Jumps.

The Portland hog market took another jump this week and made a sensational gain of 35 cents over last week's price, according to the market report and set a high record mark of \$7.25. On the other hand the cattle market did not do so well. A couple of loads of pulp-fed stuff brought \$7.75 and one load of cows brought \$8.10. The sheep market is quoted as steady with lambs selling at \$8.20 and ewes at \$6.55.

### Seeds Have Arrived.

We would serve notice to the public that the promised garden seeds from Congressman Sinnott at Washington have arrived at this office and are ready for free distribution as long as they last. The seeds are of early garden variety consisting of lettuce, gaskmelon, onion, parsnip and radish.

## POLITICAL RING IS FULL OF HATS

State Offices Much Sought After But Locally the Situation Remains Quiet.

The past week has witnessed considerable activity over the state politically, and the arena has been filling rapidly with the hats of would-be office holders and of those who are now in office and would remain there.

Nationally, W. E. Borah of Idaho and Albert E. Cummins are looming strong as possible candidates for the office of chief executive and Senator Weeks of Massachusetts has also entered the ring by launching an active campaign. It is understood that Woodrow Wilson will probably be the unanimous choice of the democratic party. Senator Burkett, of Nebraska has announced that he will be the candidate from the west on the republican ticket for vice president. Senator Burkett became well known to the people of the Pacific slope while on his tour with the Chatauqua.

The progressive party is no longer recognized as a political party entitled to participate in a primary election, as it failed to receive the required percentage of votes cast in the congressional district at the last regular election.

Candidates who have announced themselves as delegates to the National Republican Convention are Chas. H. Carey, David Dunne and C. W. Fulton of Portland; C. P. Bishop, Salem and J. N. Burgess, Pendleton, Henry Downing, Salem, R. D. Inman, Portland, W. H. Cannon, Medford, and Lynn Nesmith, Salem.

It is understood that Ben W. O'cott, present incumbent, will seek reelection and to date no other candidates have announced themselves.

In Congress, W. C. Hawley will probably have position in W. I. Vawter of Medford, who has previously spent much time in the legislative halls at Salem. N. J. Sinnott of the second district, appears to have the field to himself, but in the third district C. N. McArthur will again have to scrap it out with A. W. Laferriere, former congressman when Heppner was in the same congressional district with Portland.

However, the office to which the greatest number aspire is that of public service commissioner from the Eastern Oregon district and several good Republicans have announced their candidacy. They are Edward Wright of La Grande, present county clerk of Union county; H. H. Correy of Baker, for several years secretary of the commission, Robert Service of Baker and James Kyle of Stanfield. The name of Jerry Rusk of La Grande is also prominently mentioned in this connection. Other possible candidates mentioned include T. J. Mahoney, of this city, W. B. Broolte of Ontario and Harry McKinney of Baker, On the Democratic ticket, C. P. Strain, county assessor of Umatilla county will seek the nomination.

Locally the political situation has remained comparatively quiet.

### Christian Church.

Rev. C. F. Swander of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society will speak at the Christian church next Sunday morning and evening.

### The Revival at Federated Church.

The revival meeting at the Federated church continues with deepening interest. H. C. Tosier, gospel song leader, of Oregon City, is helping the pastor by taking charge of the singing.

Services every day this week and next 7:15 p. m. and except Saturday and Monday, at 2:30 p. m. Mass meeting for men and boys only next Sunday, 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Van Vactor of Heppner visited here this week with Mrs. Van Vactor's brother Chas. Ames. Mr. Van Vactor went on to Condon on legal business and was accompanied by his stenographer, Miss Josephine Cameron.—Arlington Independent.

### Stoves Blow Up.

Cold weather the past week proved severe on cook stoves where hot water pipes freeze up, and in two instances last Monday morning serious explosions occurred in the homes of R. D. Watkins and Ed Buckman. Fortunately no one happened to be near the stove when either of these explosions occurred. The trouble is caused when the water freezes in the pipes between the stove and the hot water tank. Building a fire in the stove before the pipes are thawed out does the damage.