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CREEK FARMERS TO GET MORE WATER

Commercial Club Will Work to Divert Waters of Ditch Creek Into Willow Creek Basin.—Club Will Hold Members Regularly and Smoker.

Through the efforts of C. A. Minor and other interested farmers of Willow creek, the Heppner Commercial Club has taken up the work of putting through a ditch which will divert the water from Ditch creek, near the upper end of Ditch creek prairie, into the Willow creek basin. The new ditch will follow the same survey that was made a few years ago. Mr. Minor estimates that the work can be done for about \$200 and he will give \$25 for the ditch. He is of the opinion that this additional water in Willow creek will be sufficient to supply farmers for irrigation the year around, and believes that the residents along the creek will give liberally to the enterprise, since it will mean so much for them. Upon motion, president Wilkins appointed C. A. Minor, L. E. McBee and L. M. Turner as a committee to raise funds and put the ditch through. These men will have the assistance of the executive committee and work will probably start as soon as weather conditions in the mountains will permit.

At the regular meeting of the Club last Friday evening, Secretary Smead was instructed to inform the Portland Chamber of Commerce that the local organization would stand ready to pay a reasonable assessment toward the payment of expenses incurred by putting the Smith-Jones irrigation bill before Congress. S. E. Notson, in speaking of this bill, said that it would be the best thing yet done for irrigationists, inasmuch that the forty-year bonds would be issued by the government, instead of individuals as in the past, and the man who takes up land on the projects will give the best of terms permitting him to give the land an opportunity to pay for itself.

The question of membership and dues was taken up by the Club and discussed at length. The plan proposed by a special committee the previous week was finally looked upon with disfavor and it was decided to place the membership fee at \$1.00 per month, allowing the various business houses to take out as many membership cards as they saw fit. For the benefit of farmers and non-business men, such as clerks and other wage earners, the fee will likely be put at fifty cents per month. In order to get the membership committee started off right, additional members consisting of T. J. Mahoney, M. D. Clark and J. F. Vaughn were appointed to assist in the campaign which will be inaugurated at the dining room of the Palace hotel next Tuesday night.

The "feed" committee, Oscar Borg, C. L. Sweek and Dr. R. J. Vaughn have been busy the past few days making preparations for this event and they announce arrangements have been made to handle a big crowd. Since matters of importance to the entire county will come up for discussion at this time, the Club has extended an invitation to all citizens to attend. The program will open at 6:30 when the "eats" will be brought on. A charge of fifty cents per plate will be made by the Club.

Kills Mad Coyote in House.
Standing on the bed on which lay his wife and child, H. M. Spencer, a Wasco rancher swung the butt end of a shot gun against the snarling jaws of a mad coyote and stunned the beast, then beat it to death with a club.

Spencer, who has a place about 5 miles northwest of Wasco, was awakened Friday night by the barking of his dogs. Going outside with his shot gun he found the dogs grappling with a coyote. Spencer fired and missed. Then the coyote headed for the door of the Spencer cabin. Spencer beat him to it and fought the animal from the bed.

The head of the coyote was sent to the State Board of Health which by telegram that the coyote had rabies. Spencer has killed his two valuable dogs which fought the coyote.

This is the first case of rabies reported in Sherman county.—Grass Valley Journal.

Mr. William Berger who has just recently returned from an attack of pneumonia, recovered this morning to his home at Lone after having been a guest at the Joe. P. Parkers home. His mother from Wisconsin who has been visiting him, returned to Lone with him.—Pendleton Tribune.

CLUB PROGRAM FRIDAY

The members of the Morrow County Metropolitan Industrial Club will present another one of their interesting programs at the high school auditorium tomorrow afternoon. The Club is composed of pupils from the grades and the programs are the result of studious preparation on the part of the pupils. The meeting of the Club tomorrow afternoon will be conducted in the following manner:

Business.
Call to Order.
Minutes of the last meeting.
Roll call answered by teachers.
Current events by boys of Miss Casey's room.
Piano solo, Virginia Currin.
Recitation, Cordilla LeTrace.
Five minute talks by Oral Parker, Evelyn Humphreys, Mary Van Vactor.
Recitation, "When My Teacher Smiles at Me," Elaine Sigbee.
Vocal solo, Herman Hill.
Play, "A Half Hour in Holland," Pupils of Miss Coe's room.
Piano solo, Charlotte Winnard.

Dry Salt Cured Hams.

Dry-salt hams and picnics should be closely trimmed, and then sprinkled with a solution of sugar and saltpeter before treated to the salt, explained Wm. Constantine during his interesting meat-cutting demonstration at O. A. C. The salt should be thoroughly rubbed on and the meat stacked in a suitable receptacle, where it should remain for two or three days—less time in warm weather—and then be taken out, new salt rubbed on, and repacked in a different position. This process should be renewed for a period of about sixty days, gradually lengthening the intervals of three days to five or six, and so on to the end of the period. The pieces are then taken from the salt and well-smoked. If well prepared the meat will keep well and also have a tendency to retain its best flavor and to brown nicely in frying.

Stiles Comes to Grief.

Rev. Leon Stiles, preacher, insurance man, chautauqua worker and what not, has finally run amuck in California. Stiles is accused of beating the insurance company for which he had worked, jumping board bills at various towns and also obtaining money under false pretenses. Rev. Mr. Stiles got in bad several years ago with the Christian church in Colorado and after being ousted from the clergy, took up other lines of business as mentioned above. He was in Heppner last June selling insurance and local people learned of his methods to their own loss and sorrow. The newspaper report says that he is also in bad with the Ellison-White people for whom he had worked at one time.

Loses Farm Home by Fire.

Coming as the second calamity to visit a Morrow county farmer within ten days and of the same nature, was the fire which destroyed the home of Walter Drumm, on his mountain ranch near Parkers Mill. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Drumm was in Heppner at the time and received word of his loss by telephone.

George Glass of Clarks Canyon recently lost his farm home in the same manner, and like the Glass fire, Mr. Drumm lost a large store of provisions which were in the house. Coming in the middle of winter, the blow is a severe one to Mr. Drumm and he will not be able to rebuild before Spring.

At the Christian Church.

Rev. T. S. Handsaker has returned from Baker where he held a successful meeting which resulted in 47 additions to the church in that city.

Regular services will be held Sunday when the pastor will take for his morning sermon the subject, "Prevaling Prayer." Sunday evening evangelistic services will be held, although the subject of the evening sermon has not yet been announced.

Was Similar 30 Years Ago.

Thirty years ago this winter, Deputy Sheriff Willard Herren drove a six-wheeled team across the Columbia river with a load of wheat. According to him, the present winter comes the nearest to being equal in severity of any winters which have come and gone since then.

Helps Children to School.

W. D. Mikesell has been assisting the many children who live up in his neighborhood, to school during the deep snow and every day now he may be seen carrying several boys and girls over the deep mantle in his big wagon.

We have taken up on our farm 3 miles below Heppner 16 head of hogs, for the most part sows and pigs. Owner may have this stock by paying all damages.

WIGHTMAN BROS.

COUNTY FAIR WILL BE MADE MORE PERMANENT INSTITUTION

Morrow County Fair Board Would Have Annual Show Maintained By a Half-Mill Tax Which Would Raise Sufficient Funds Each Year to Make Local Fair Best in State.

The year 1913 marked the opening of the First Annual Morrow County Fair and after the gates had closed following a strenuous three days spent by fair officials, exhibitors and visitors, the unanimous opinion was that the county's first fair was a big success. The next year the fair board purchased land and erected buildings of their own and the annual affair was launched forth on a larger and more comprehensive scale. The purchasing of grounds and the cost of erecting buildings has placed the Morrow County Fair Board in debt considerable and the future outlook for the fair is not bright, according to the fair board, unless means are devised for raising more permanent funds for its maintenance and growth.

The Board has finally decided that the most equitable plan on which to conduct the fair in the future is as follows:

By levying a half mill tax on the taxable property of the county, the sum of \$6,000 may be raised.

The fair can then be thrown open to the public each year entirely free of charge.

By the half mill tax, sufficient funds may be raised to extend the

agricultural, stock and all other industrial exhibits to that extent whereby those exhibiting will receive increased premiums.

The Board contends that after the second year the tax can in all probability be reduced to a quarter of a mill.

President E. R. Huston, of the Board, in speaking of the proposed plan, states that the farmers in his vicinity, in the Eight Mile section, with whom he has talked are heartily in favor of the measure.

Secretary Smead says that it should appeal to the farmer inasmuch as the tax would amount to far less than that which the farmer and his family would spend in paid admissions to the fair during the three days.

The Fair Board, collectively and individually have assumed the responsibility of the debt which now hangs over the county fair, but since the fair is a county institution, of Morrow county should every taxpayer of Morrow county should feel equally interested in the success of its operation.

In order that the proposed tax levy may be voted upon at the May election, petitions will be circulated at an early date.

Heppner High School Placed on Accredited List of Case School of Applied Science

Supt. Hoffman has been corresponding with Pres. Howe of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, relative to having Heppner high school placed on the Accredited List of that institution. Last week he received a letter from Pres. Howe saying that this had been done.

Case School of Applied Science is one of the foremost technical schools in the United States and the requirements for admission to its Freshman class are as high as any college or university in our country.

Some students of Heppner High are thinking of taking engineering courses at Case.

Ladies Will Serve Dinner.

The ladies of the Christian church will serve dinner at the church tomorrow afternoon from 2:30 until 9 o'clock. A bazaar will also be held in connection with the dinner. For the menu see advertisement on page six of this issue.

Catholic Church Services.

Sunday, February 6.
First Mass, 8 a. m.
Second Mass, 10:30 a. m.
Catholic Doctrine, 11:30 a. m.
Evening Devotions, 7:30 p. m.

CITY CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD

For the first time since 1903, Heppner is this week cut off by railroad or telephone communication from the outside world. The local train failed to make its regular trip down the branch line Wednesday, and had it made the journey, there would have been no through trains to connect with it there according to railroad officials. Both East- and West-bound trains have been held up by the deep snow and as a result, very little mail has reached this city the past few days. Postmaster Richardson says that Monday's mail, usually light anyway, consisted of only two sacks when under normal conditions it is made up of about seven.

At the time of the Heppner flood in 1903 the railroads, telephone and telegraph wires were out of commission for several days, but this is the first time in years that deep snow has caused such a tie-up in railroad transportation.

According to Andy Cook, a pioneer resident of this county, this is the largest fall of snow he has ever witnessed here for one continual storm. He predicts the snow will drift and pile up many feet deep in the canyons before the storm finally abates.

C. W. B. M. Meets.

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. O. G. Crawford on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. T. E. Chidsey having charge of the program. The following interesting program was given:
Piano solo, Miss Virginia Crawford.
Bible reading by Mrs. Chidsey, leader.
Prayer by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Huston.
Bible Study by Mrs. Huston.
Missionary letter by Mrs. Vaughn.
Music by Leta Humphreys and Ina Jones.
Review of the work in India by

CREAMERY IS ONCE AGAIN IN SIGHT

Ira M. Morgan, recently of Glenwood, Wash., was in Heppner this week looking over the field with a view of establishing a creamery in this city. Mr. Morgan's proposition has been taken up by the Commercial Club and will be gone into thoroughly before Mr. Morgan's return here next Tuesday. Mr. Morgan's plan is a simple one, and as he outlined it to us, the total cost of putting in the plant would not exceed \$1500. He would organize a company, taking some of the stock himself and put it on a co-operative basis. Mr. Morgan has a family and will make his home in this city should the creamery be established. He is a son of M. R. Morgan, of Ione, is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and has had several years of practical experience in the creamery business. He had charge of the creamery at Independence for several years and has had previous experience in the work of organizing creamery companies.

Mrs. Huston, Leta Humphreys, Ina Jones and Mrs. Ward.
Fifth chapter of 40 years of service of C. W. B. M. by Mrs. O. G. Crawford.
Seventeen of the members were present at this meeting and lunch was served at the conclusion of the program.

TO THE PUBLIC:

I beg to announce that the abstract business heretofore carried on by W. L. Smith, deceased, will be continued by his estate.

Mr. Marion A. Loehr, who has had thirty years experience in abstracting has taken charge of the books. Mr. Loehr has been with the Hartman Thompson Bankers of Portland for the past year and comes highly recommended, and all work turned out under his direction will be found correct and reliable.
ARTHUR SMITH, Administrator.
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HIGH SCHOOL PARAGRAPHS

W. Pearl LeTrace.

The Heppner high school was the scene of one continuous round of pleasure last week. We had a miniature presidential campaign. The occasion was the election of the second semester officers. Those elected to the various offices are:

Officers of the student body: President, Thomas Hughes; V-President, Norton Winnard; Secretary, Norma Frederick; Treasurer, Florence Ralston, Sergeant, Jasper Crawford.

Officers of Literary Society: President, Pearl LeTrace; V-President, Lester Ingram; Secretary, Hannah Wilson; Treasurer, Margaret Crawford; Sergeant, Garnett Barratt.

Officers of Athletic Association: President, Henry Petersen; V-President, Delbert Wright; Secretary, Lester Ingram; Treasurer, Emmett Hughes; Sergeant, Emery Gentry.

The literary program was held last Friday. There were a number of the parents present, but we would like to see more at our entertainments. The school needs the hearty co-operation of the parents to make it a success. A literary program will be given in honor of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. It will be something new. Watch these High School Notes for further information in regard to it.

A stereopticon machine has been bought for the use of the Physical Geography and Biology classes. There are about two hundred slides to go with it. These add much to the interest of both subjects.

The Sophomore class is the only whose election called for semi-annual election of officers.

The officers elected are: President, Vawter Crawford; Vice President, Garnett Barratt; Secretary and Treasurer, Hannah Wilson.

12 Feet of Snow at Greenhorn.

Dan Stalter says that a letter received by him from Austin, dated January 28, stated that real winter had struck that country and there is 12 feet of snow in the Greenhorns. On the day the letter was written, the thermometer registered 41 below.

Morrow Is Candidate.

J. W. Morrow of Portland, has announced that he will be a candidate from the state at large for national democratic committee man. He outlines in his platform that he stands for the policies of Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Morrow has many warm friends in Morrow county and Heppner, his old home town.

Locates in La Grande.

Rhea Luper informs us by letter that he has moved from Salem to La Grande, where he will make his permanent home. Mr. Luper will have offices in that city in connection with the state engineer's office and will have under his jurisdiction the distribution of water under the State Water Board.

OREGON PIONEER DEAD

Oregonian.

Due to an illness of 10 days brought on by an attack of acute indigestion, Mrs. Maria Sweek, Oregon pioneer of 1853 and one of the earliest settlers of the Tualatin Valley, passed away at midnight Friday at the old family home at Tualatin. Death came rather unexpectedly in spite of the fact that Mrs. Sweek was nearly 83 years old and had been a sufferer from heart trouble for 15 years.

Mrs. Sweek was of Missouri stock and was born in Genevieve County, that state, May 31, 1833. Her maiden name was Beard. In 1852 she married John Sweek. With a colony of more than 100 families the young couple set out overland by oxteam train for Oregon in 1852. The Sweeks made this strenuous journey a "honeymoon celebration," and in the Spring of 1853 they settled on a donation claim at Tualatin, where the family has made its home ever since.

Mr. Sweek died in February, 1890, but the widow preferred to remain at the old homestead to coming to Portland, where some of her children lived.

In all the 63 years of the residence of the Sweek family in this state, the founders of the family are the only two members that have died. All six of the children and scores of grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. The children—four sons and two daughters—are: Cyrus A. Sweek, an attorney of Burns, Or.; Mrs. Milton W. Smith, wife of a well-known Portland attorney; Lawrence Sweek, a stockman, of Monument, Or.; Alex. Sweek, prominent attorney and Democrat, of Portland; Mrs. Lillie Harding, of Tualatin; and Thad T. Sweek, Mayor of Tualatin.

Calvin L. Sweek, an attorney of this city, is a grandson of the deceased.

PREPAREDNESS IS CHEAPER IN END

Speech of the Hon. James R. Mann, Republican Leader of the House of Representatives in Congress, Tuesday Afternoon, Jan. 25.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, in the quietude of my garden last summer and autumn I reached certain conclusions which I have hesitated to express, thinking that I might modify them. But as time has gone on and events have occurred it has seemed to me more certain that my conclusions were right than even when I first reached them, and I think, in justice to myself, and I hope with some slight benefit to the country, I ought to express those conclusions to the House.

It is well known in the House that I never have been a believer in a large standing Army, and I suppose that I have been probably properly classed in what is sometimes referred to as the "little Navy men." But wise men ought to be able to peer, maybe indistinctly, into the future, and to prepare today for what may come tomorrow. The world is in the most remarkable anomalous condition which mankind has ever seen. The greatest struggle of all the ages is going on now between the most powerful forces of the human race, and between great nations and combinations of nations, until we are the only large, powerful nation not yet involved in that struggle. It is a breakup in the world, each side not merely fighting for its own existence, as it believes, but, as it seems to me, each side fighting with the determination to put the other side, as it were, out of business. We have never had such a thing in the world before, with the same powerful influences at work.

The laws of civilization, international laws, the laws of humanity, are usually disregarded, at least more or less, when two great forces are fighting for mastery. With two men fighting, each believes that he is fighting for his life, each determined to take the life of the other, neither pays much attention to the desires, the requests or demands of some less powerful person not engaged in the conflict.

I do not know, and no one knows, what will result from the present war. No one knows whether the aggression of one side or the other against our interests, may possibly, against our desires and contrary to our wishes now, finally lead us, perhaps not into this struggle but into some struggle which is the outcome of this one. I doubt whether a paper peace between the two struggling parties now, even if it could be entered into, would be even the beginning of the end. I think the present conflict is likely to last for many years before it is definitely determined either that one side or the other is the master or that neither can become the master. And it seems to me that the part of wisdom for us is to fairly prepare ourselves for any possible trouble which may come. (Loud applause.)

It may be that we will have no trouble. I hope not. In this war I am neutral. I think we ought to maintain peace at all hazards. And yet the time may come when we will not have the determination whether we can maintain peace or not, because, however much we may desire peace, it is not within our power, with the feelings which we have, to stand aggression too far. It will be expensive to prepare for peace. Two years ago a billion dollars seemed a very large sum of money. No one would have believed two years ago that either England or Germany could carry on a war at the expense already involved, amounting to billions of dollars, an expense so great that the interest on the indebtedness would be sufficient ordinarily to maintain the Government work. And the end of that indebtedness is not in sight. What may come out of such immense burdens of debt in these countries even when peace may be declared, no one can tell. Revolutions in the history of the world have usually led to aggression and disputes, and often to war with other countries. We can better afford today to spend hundreds of millions of dollars, or a few billions of dollars, in ample preparation for trouble, and avoid it if possible, than we can to wait for trouble and then spend untold billions before we are finally victors, as we would be. (Applause.) If we are involved in no trouble we will be getting off cheaply with the expenditures for preparation. If we should be involved in trouble the money we spend now will be worth manyfold that which we would spend

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