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PROPOSED ROAD BONDS DISCUSSED

Sentiment of Heppner Commercial Club Favors \$6 Million Dollar Bond Issue—C. C. Clark of Arlington Gives Address.

The meeting of Heppner Commercial Club was well attended on Monday evening, interest being aroused by the announcement that there would be an explanation of the road bonding bill by Representative C. C. Clark of Gilliam county, who was a member of the committee in the recent legislature having that question in charge.

Mr. Clark was present and addressed the meeting at some length on the subject and also answered numerous questions put to him regarding the bonding bill that is now before the people of the state to be voted upon the 4th of June. Mr. Clark went into the subject quite fully and made many points in the bill clear. He strongly favors the passage of the bonding measure and is a sincere and enthusiastic booster for the work good roads program and will work earnestly for the \$6,000,000 road bonding bill. He is also an enthusiastic member of the Arlington Commercial Club, and made it clear to the members of the Heppner organization that his club stood ready to work with us in getting the Columbia Highway properly routed through this county. They expect to work hard to have the road come up the river to Arlington as provided in the bonding bill and will gladly join with Heppner in getting the extension up Willow creek should our people decide that they want to comply with the requirements of the law after it has been approved.

We cannot set out in full all that Mr. Clark had to say, but as he claimed that the auto tax and the one-half mill road tax as provided for in the Bean-Barratt bill will pay the interest on the bonds and also provide for the sinking fund to retire them as they mature, we give here with figures recently secured by W. L. Thompson, member of the State Highway Commission and published in the Pendleton Tribune of Monday, wherein this point is fully covered:

"In view of the doubt expressed as to whether the automobile license money and road tax would take care of the principal and interest of the bonds which are proposed to be issued for the construction of a state highway system, Richard Mayberry of the American National Bank, has prepared, at the request of W. L. Thompson, a member of the commission, a statement showing that these revenues will amply take care of the payments of interest and principal.

"Mr. Mayberry figures that, if the bonds are retired annually beginning with the end of the fifth year, the sinking fund to earn 2 per cent during the first five years, it will require \$502,000 a year to pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to retire the entire bond issue. This includes not only the \$6,000,000 which would be authorized by the measure, but also the \$1,800,000 which is to be raised by the Bean-Barratt bill.

"The license fee for automobiles is doubled over that of last year and twice the amount raised from this source last year, together with the amount raised by the quarter-mill road tax, will bring in \$525,000 a year, considerably more than the amount needed to retire the bonds."

There was much discussion of the question following the address of Mr. Clark and many and diverse views expressed, but our people are becoming interested in this bonding issue and are determined to get down to the bottom of all facts pertaining thereto in order that they may be able to vote upon it intelligently when the time arrives for casting the ballot. We will say that Mr. Clark's presentation of the road question shows that he has given it much time and attention and has gone into the merits of the problem quite thoroughly.

Following the address of Mr. Clark a vote was taken which records the Heppner Commercial Club as being in favor of the adoption of the road bonding measure.

A committee consisting of S. E. Npton, Geo. Alken and J. L. Wilkins was appointed by President Sweek to act in conjunction with a like committee of Morrow county to consider and report at an early date upon the feasibility of forming a Good Roads Association.

The following committees for the year were then announced by the president:

Executive committee—C. E. Woodson, Chas. Thomson and A. M.

Phelps. Finance—W. P. Mahoney, M. D. Clark and J. F. Vaughn. Publicity—Arthur Crawford, S. A. Pattison and Oscar Borg. City and County—Frank Gilliam, J. J. Nys and J. A. Waters. Streets and Roads—Jeff Jones, Albert Bowker and J. F. Vaughn. Membership—N. E. Winnard, Wm. Haylor and Geo. Alken. Railroads and Transportation—E. D. Brown, Sam Hughes and M. L. Case. Trade and Promotion—A. M. Phelps, Jas. Thomson and Dr. R. J. Vaughn.

Entertainment—R. J. Vaughn, Harry Duncan and S. W. Spencer. The committee appointed at the last meeting to raise funds for carrying on the work of the Club were not ready to report at this meeting and were granted further time.

Plenty of Snow in Mountains. This paper is informed that there is an abundant snowfall in the mountains in the vicinity of Willow creek basin and Parkers Mill. Nearly five feet is registered in the Ditch creek section, and we presume that this is about the level for the higher mountain ranges. Plenty of snow in the mountains means better conditions for crops and summer range.

Spring Millinery. Mrs. Herren extends a cordial invitation to the women of Heppner and vicinity to attend an informal presentation of new millinery modes Saturday, March 17th. Sport hats, tailored hats and dress hats in fashion's most approved styles. Come and bring your friends. We would also like to introduce you to Miss Hefner of Portland, a graduate designer and dress maker, who, if consulted, will make the art of dressing easy. Fancy suits, sport suits and dresses for all occasions. Be sure and see her.

Honors Widowed Members. At their regular meeting on last Friday evening, Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S., honored two of its widowed members by voting them a life membership in the order and relieving them from further payment of dues to the lodge. These ladies are Mrs. A. Andrews and Mrs. E. N. Crawford, both having been members of the order for many years.

EGGS FOR SALE. Thoroughbred S. C. White Leghorn. Famous O. A. C. strain. Seventy-five cents for thirteen; five dollars per hundred.

S. H. DOAK, Lexington, Ore. A material reduction in the price of coal. Centralia nut coal at \$8.00 per ton while it lasts.

The Heppner high school basketball team met defeat at the hands of the Ione high school in Ione last night. The game was hotly contested, the final score resulting 27 to 24.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to take this method of extending our thanks to the neighbors and friends of Heppner who so kindly offered every assistance and sympathy to us in our recent bereavement of our beloved wife and mother. We especially desire to thank the members of the Rebekah Lodge.

ANDREW J. STEVENSON, ED STEVENSON, GEORGE STEVENSON, JOHN STEVENSON, EMMA DAVIS.

H. H. HOFFMAN RE-ELECTED EXALTED RULER

H. H. Hoffman, superintendent of Heppner schools, was for the third consecutive time elected to the position of Exalted Ruler of Heppner Lodge, No. 358, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at their regular meeting last Thursday evening. This signal honor conferred upon Prof. Hoffman by the lodge has been due to the excellent manner in which he has maintained the executive chair of the lodge, the great work done by the lodge and especially the big growth made during the past year.

The membership of Heppner Lodge No. 358 is now near 300. With such a membership and its loyal support to the Exalted Ruler, the Lodge looks forward to a bright future. It is not unlikely that he will be taken up soon and by next fall something really done. At least this is the hope of the Exalted Ruler as he has expressed it.

Other officers elected were: Dr. H. T. Allison, Esteemed Leading Knight; Dr. R. J. Vaughn, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Harold Cohn, Esteemed Lecturing Knight and W. Prewitt Cox, secretary.

FARMERS TO MEET ON MARCH 24TH

Efforts Will Be Put Forth to Build Elevator—Money Is Being Raised.

All farmers interested in the elevator which it is proposed to build in this city, will meet at the court house in Heppner again on Saturday, March 24th to discuss this elevator subject and raise the balance of the funds necessary to start immediate operations.

It is the desire of the committee from the Farmers' Union to have not only those interested in the elevator to attend this meeting, but all farmers who raise wheat and do any shipping whatever. It is believed that any farmer who is forced to buy sacks each year, cannot help but be interested in building an elevator in this city.

The finance committee has been working, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, has not been able to see the large number of farmers that it desires to see. It is hoped for this reason, if for no other, that the meeting on Saturday, March 24th, will bring out a representative gathering of the farmers tributary to this city.

Progressive farmers here, and there are but few non-progressives, feel that the elevator is bound to come sooner or later and the sooner the better. Instant action is one of the big arguments in favor of the grain elevator, for it is such an acknowledged success over the sack method that there can be no excuse in longer continuing a useless and much costlier expense.

ANOTHER PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

After a lingering illness of nearly three months, Mrs. Andrew J. Stevenson passed away at her home in this city on Sunday, March 11, 1917, at 12:20 A. M. She was aged 76 years, 11 months and 24 days.

Hannora E. Stevenson, whose maiden name was Brennan, was a native of Ireland, coming to the United States with her parents when she was but three years old and located in the state of Massachusetts. Here she grew to womanhood and in 1864 was married to her ever constant companion in after life, Andrew J. Stevenson.

The family came to the Pacific coast in 1872 and since the year 1878 have been residents of Morrow county. For a long number of years the family lived on a farm near this city. Mr. Stevenson being extensively engaged in the sheep business. Nearly thirty years ago they moved to their home in Heppner, residing here continually ever since.

Several months ago, Mrs. Stevenson suffered from a paralytic stroke and from that time dates her declining health which finally resulted in death. At the time the summons came, she was surrounded by her aged husband and four surviving children who are, George and Edward of Heppner, John W. of Pilot Rock, and Mrs. H. L. Davis of Oakland, California. Five grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

Mrs. Stevenson was a member of the Methodist church South and had held membership in the Rebekah lodge for about 20 years. Here was a life well spent. Coming west in the early days of trials and hardships, sharing the vicissitudes of fortune with her husband and rearing a family in the right manner, were the tasks she met with the same courage that has marked the steps of every early pioneer.

The funeral was held from the Federated church on Tuesday afternoon, the sermon being preached by Rev. H. A. Noyes, and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Ivan Severance passed through Heppner Wednesday on his way to his old home near Hardman where he will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Severance. Ivan has been living in Montana the past few years, where he has taken up a homestead. His time is about equally divided between farming and mining. He is doing well and his many old school mates of Heppner will be pleased to learn of his success.

Bert Jerard came over from Pendleton Wednesday with Sawyer's orchestra, which furnished music for the Glee Club dance, Mr. Jerard, since his graduation from the University of Oregon with the class of 1915, has been doing newspaper work in Pendleton, but expects soon to start in to another line of business.

FOR SALE—Good seed potatoes. 4t. BURTON H. PECK.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF IONE ARE MARRIED

Interesting News Budget From Our Live-Wire Correspondent in the Egg City.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wilt in Ione, at 8:00 p. m., on Saturday, March 10, when their daughter, Miss Emelen Doris Wilt became the wife of Mr. Willard Ray Blake. The beautiful ceremony of the Episcopal church was used, and Rev. George B. Van Waters was the officiating clergyman. The home was very tastefully decorated with carnations and roses. Mrs. L. A. Doak rendered a beautiful vocal solo and Chas. Chick, cousin of the bride played the wedding march on the piano. Following the ceremony the guests were seated to three large tables, glistening with white linen and decorated with beautiful flowers and burdened with all the choicest of viands. The table at which the wedding party was seated was further decorated with the bride's cake and a very large wedding cake. Ice cream was also served. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blake and sons Kenneth, Merle and Ted; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blake and sons Roy, Earl and Keithley; Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Chick and son Charles; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bender; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cronk; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Padberg and family; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eubanks and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore and daughter Edene; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Troedson and daughter Lillian; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Knappenberg and Miss Josephine Woolery; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Davidson and daughter, Miss Della; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Sperry; Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Holman; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Doak; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindsay; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bristow; Messrs. Frank L. Christenson, Joe Mason and Bishop Robert L. Paddock, and Mrs. Della Corson. During a lull in the supper hour Bishop Paddock entertained the guests with a nice talk and a toast to the bride. The young couple will make their home in Portland where Mr. Blake has secured a position. These young people have grown up in Ione together, the groom being the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blake, pioneer residents of Ione, and as they now enter upon this their large circle of friends here go with them.

We give here a brief account of a novelty party that was given at the skating rink on Thursday evening last, which was participated in by 34 of the young ladies of the town. Seventeen of the girls were dressed in male attire and assumed the characters of gentlemen, while the other seventeen were the ladies of the party and were dressed suitably to the occasion. The aggregation came together to witness the marriage of Miss Samantha Guggenlocker (Miss Hazel Winters) and Mr. Vandersplinkentoeheimer Katzenjammer (Miss Snoda Cook) by the Rev. Evan Ward (Miss Margaret Jones). Miss Ruby Engelman acted as bridesmaid while Mr. Ruth Petteys supported the groom as best man, and Pa Guggenlocker (Mary Bacon) gave the bride away. Miss Loretta Cook made a charming flower girl, while the ring was carried by little Master Etta Akers. At the close of the ceremony an elaborate supper of pork and beans, sandwiches, coffee and wedding cake was served, and the latter part of the evening was spent in games. This party was for "girls only" but numerous sounds gave evidence of the presence of roosters in the rafters and rats in the dog house.

Happy Woods came down from Heppner the other day but he was not alone, as is his usual custom. This time he brought with him a wife in the person of Miss May Rea, of that city. This was quite a surprise to his many friends here and we all wish him and his bride lots of joy and happiness. Don't forget that Saturday, the 17th of March, the ladies of the Baptist Aid Society will serve ice cream and cake in the Wilmot building during the hours of the afternoon. There will be other good things too. These few balmy days we have been having have started the Spring fever in some of the boys and we see them every day wending their way to the ball grounds to get that round thing working just right.

W. L. Houston, who has been in Portland for some time, returned to Ione last Sunday evening and is now busy engineering the construction of the Mason building. J. H. Raymond, one of our creek ranchers living between Ione and Morgan, was a Heppner visitor over Sunday night. He marketed some home produce while there.

Bert Palmateer and Fred Ely, also a couple of young ladies, made a business trip to the county seat Saturday. Nothing like getting acquainted with the county seat officers, Bert.

TELEPHONE COMPANY TO HAVE NEW OFFICE

A representative of the Pacific States Telegraph and Telephone Company was in Heppner Saturday and closed up a contract and lease with Frank Roberts for a new telephone building. Work on the structure will begin shortly and the office will be 16 x 30 feet and built of concrete. The new structure goes up just immediately west of the Roberts building entirely according to plans furnished by the company and when completed will be such telephone quarters as the whole community will be proud of. Mr. Roberts will also construct a new home for the Gazette-Times which will connect up with this telephone building and make quarters for this paper for its office and mechanical department's such as have never been enjoyed by any newspaper in the county. Of this we will have more to say later, however.

Bishop Robert L. Paddock visited Heppner on last Sunday and assisted Rev. Van Waters in the confirmation services at the Episcopal church. A large class of new members was taken into the church at these services.

BAR SHORTAGE IS GETTING SERIOUS

Local Warehouses Are Pretty Well Filled And Little Wheat Is Being Shipped Out.—Lexington Warehouses Contain 100,000 Sacks.

Up to date Morrow county has not suffered greatly from the effects of the car shortage, but indications point to a serious situation before many months, or even weeks unless some relief comes making it possible for shippers to get cars.

"There are 100,000 sacks of wheat in the Lexington warehouses, a large part of which is now awaiting shipment," said W. G. Scott of that city in discussing the situation with a representative of the Gazette-Times. "Unless some relief comes, making it possible for this grain to be moved then the situation as confronting the warehousemen in Lexington will indeed be a serious one." Mr. Scott said that very little wheat had been shipped from Lexington in several weeks, and that it will require at least 135 or 140 cars to move the wheat. There still remains unsold in the Lexington warehouses, about 20,000 sacks according to Mr. Scott. "If the present situation continues, I would not be surprised to find the next harvest rolling around with a large portion of the crop still in the warehouses and then the problem of storing the grain will be even more serious," concluded Mr. Scott.

It was necessary during the past season, to pile thousands of sacks of grain on the ground at Lexington, for the want of storage room in the warehouses. Unless cars become more plentiful for shipping purposes soon, it can easily be seen what the results will be.

What is true of Lexington pertains to every big shipping station on the branch line, but more in particular does it apply to Heppner. At the present time, the local warehouses are pretty well filled and it will only be a matter of weeks now until another one of Morrow county's big crops will be rolling in. This is the wool crop. It takes some room to store a million and half or two million pounds of wool. The local warehouses will indeed present a congested appearance.

COLLEGE BOYS GIVE FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Willamette U. Songsters Uphold Glee Club Standard Established by Former Entertainments. The Willamette University Glee Club did not receive the hearing in Heppner Wednesday evening that the quality of their entertainment entitled them to, nor did the audience respond to the excellently presented numbers as they should have. However those who appreciate good music and good, clean comedy do not regret their attendance and sincerely hope Willamette will send their Club our way again next year.

The program was divided into two parts, the first part opening with several selections by the Club. In the ensemble numbers the Club showed rare musical talent and reflected very favorably upon the work of their director, Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase, Dean of the School of Music. The piano solo by Miss Hocken-smith, the club accompanist, and the baritone solo by Mr. Archie H. Smith were both of a high order, the latter being exceptionally fine. Although only a sophomore in the school of music, Mr. Smith possesses a voice of extraordinary range and power, and his solos were greatly appreciated.

The Ventriloquist and "Squirrel Food" took very well, and proved that the Heppner audience was better able to appreciate comedy than good music.

The Imperial quartette is one of the best we have ever heard in company with a college organization and they were called back repeatedly. The readings by Harry Joseph Bowers and Gus Anderson were excellent, the former giving two serious readings that fell not far short of bringing tears to the eyes. Mr. Anderson's readings were in a lighter vein but were equally enjoyed.

As a happy combination of high class music and clean comedy, the Willamette U. Glee Club entertainments are nearly ideal. The organization is on a very extensive tour which takes them as far north as Spokane, east to Boise and south to Bend. There are twenty in the party, traveling in their own car, and the trip will cover a period of six weeks.

ADDING CLASS ROOM.

For the accommodation of the fast-growing class of young people at the Sunday school of the Federated church, a new class room is being built. This class is in charge of Mrs. Berwick and has greatly outgrown its present surroundings and is still on the increase. Mrs. Berwick is a teacher of high order and has made her class very attractive to the young people of the city and it is now the largest organization of this nature in the county. Mrs. C. E. Woodson is credited with being the moving spirit in making the new classroom possible.

Mrs. J. A. Williams, of Ione, who underwent a very serious operation at Heppner Sanatorium two weeks ago, is reported by her physician to be rapidly recovering and she will doubtless be able to return to her home on Sunday.