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WILL HELP TO PULL
OREGON OUT OF MUD

Morrow County Good Roads Association Is Organized Mainly to Educate People to Merits of the \$6,000,000 Road Bond Bill.

The Morrow County Good Roads Association has been organized to do its share in the task of "pulling Oregon out of the mud."

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the city hall in this city Tuesday evening, at which time, Roy W. Rittner of Pendleton, a member of the legislative committee who framed the bonding bill and a leading good roads booster, addressed the citizens.

Mr. Rittner went into considerable detail, explaining the various road legislation which was passed at the recent legislature and defined clearly how each measure will work when put into operation.

The \$6,000,000 bonding bill, if passed by the people at the June election, provides that this amount shall be spent in hard surfacing roads over the state of Oregon, covering a period of five years. The State Highway Commission, which is thoroughly competent and impartial, according to Mr. Rittner, will see to it that each county will get its hard surfacing just as soon as that county has completed its preliminary work of grading. All work done by the county must be according to specifications laid down by the State engineer under the instructions of the State Highway Commission.

Mr. Rittner estimates that the \$6,000,000 will be sufficient to hard surface 600 miles of road.

One important feature brought out by the representative in his address was the manner and method by which the interest and principal on the bonds will be met. He put at ease the misgivings of the taxpayers when he said that none of the money would necessarily come out of their pockets. According to the measure the money will be raised through automobile license fees and the quarter mill tax which already goes to the state for road purposes. So there will be no increase in taxes from this source.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Rittner announced that he would be glad to answer any questions bearing on the subject that might be asked him, and as a result, considerable discussion was brought out.

R. W. Turner, speaking for the farmers, announced that he did not know how the majority of the farmers would vote on the bill. He said that there were some who were opposed to the measure and some who favored it, but he thought in the main, most of them were like himself, not thoroughly familiar with the bill, but wanted the opportunity of studying and becoming educated. He stated emphatically that he was for good roads, the only question being the best method by which to get the roads. He wanted to know sure, if he voted for the bill that Morrow county would stand in line to get her share of the money voted.

Harry Cummings made a warm speech in favor of the bond issue and stated that if he got no more than 10 miles of hard surfaced road, then the "whole business would be worth all it cost us." He believed that some good trunk roads will be a means of reducing freight rates.

S. E. Notson brought out an excellent point in favor of the bond issue when he quoted government statistics showing that the state of Oregon spent in 1915 on roads, more than the entire sum involved in the bond issue. Of that amount, only \$2,000,000 went into permanent road work, while more than four million dollars was spent in temporary roads. He thought this might explain the wrongs of the present system of road building in the state of Oregon.

San E. VanVactor said: "I have not given the bond measure much study, so cannot speak of the merits of the bill, but I do know that Oregon is falling far behind the other states in the matter of roads." From what he had learned of the bond measure, he believed it was a good thing and that this is the time in which to start doing something.

Chairman C. L. Sweet, put the motion before the house for the organization of the Morrow County Good Roads Association and as a result S. E. Notson was unanimously elected president and W. W. Smead was elected secretary. Forty eight road boosters became members of the new organization on the spot and from now on this county will have an active body in the field disseminating and putting forth publicity matter pertaining to the road bonding measure.

In a few weeks it is likely that W. L. Thompson, of Pendleton, a member of the State Highway Commission will meet with the local organization and further enlighten them upon the bonding subject. Senator Barrett of Athena has notified Mr. Notson that he may come down to talk to the people of Morrow county.

A full house greeted Mr. Rittner, and a pleasing feature of the meeting was the attendance by a large number of women.

Dry Fork.

Fred Esteb is the proud owner of a new Ford these days.

Mrs. A. L. Anderson has been visiting friends and relatives in Portland the last ten days.

Leonard Anderson is now driving a new Paige, 5 passenger car around these days. He purchased it from A. E. Rivers, the lone agent.

A. E. Rivers, the Paige man delivered a 5 passenger Paige car on Monday to R. S. Lamoreaux, asst. Cashier of the Lamont National Bank.

Frank Young is the happiest man in Dry Fork these days, all on account of the stork which left a big boy with them last week. Mother and boy are reported to be doing fine.

There will be a basket social and dance at the Dry Fork hall Saturday evening, April 14, for the benefit of the Gooseberry baseball team. Music will be furnished by the Condon 4-piece orchestra. All who buy baskets will be given a free ticket for the dance.

Boardman.

H. C. Oliver, traffic manager of the O-W. R. & N. Co., was here Thursday looking up our depot facilities.

Moore Bros., O-W. R. & N. Co., contractors are here getting men to help in putting up a water tank at Messner.

Mrs. S. C. Mack left for a two week's visit with her parents in Richmond, Wash.

Richard Johnson of Portland came Wednesday and is building on his new homestead.

J. C. Ballenger returned this morning from a business trip to Hermiston.

A road meeting was held in the school house Monday afternoon. Quite a few from this vicinity and Castle Rock were there.

Monday evening a meeting was called to organize a farmers' union. Mr. Brown of Portland was the principal speaker of the evening.

A school meeting will be called in Castle Rock next Friday at 1 o'clock. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

PRESIDENT THANKS ELKS
FOR THEIR SUPPORT

Exalted Ruler, H. H. Hoffman has received the following communication from President Wilson in response to a telegram sent him by Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. Elks.

"The White House, Washington, March 26, 1917.

The President thanks you cordially for the good will which prompted your kind message, which has helped to re-assure him and keep him in heart.

Tumulty,
Secretary."

Five hundred thousand Elks thru telegrams, have pledged their loyalty and support to the President and Nation.

Short Horns for Sale—I have two yearling Shorthorn bulls for sale. See animals at my ranch.
GUY BOYER.

Cass Matlock Dies
At Pendleton Home

Early Settler of City and Country Was Veteran of Indian Wars in Oregon.

Pendleton Tribune.
Caswell J. Matlock, one of the early settlers in this county, died at 2:15 this morning at his home, 330 Water street, after an illness of many months, during which time he had hardly left his bed. During the past three days, the family has felt that the end was coming and all the members of the family except Dee, were at the end.

Mr. Matlock was born May 3, 1837, in Ponton county, Tenn. The family moved, in 1839 to Dade county, Mo., and in the spring of 1853 crossed the plains, settling in Lane county, Oregon.

In 1871, Mr. Matlock came to Umatilla county where he engaged in the sheep business in the section which is now a part of Morrow county. This ranch he retained until 1905 when he sold and took over the management of the Pastime theater here.

He is a veteran of the Indian Wars having volunteered as a private in 1855, during the Rogue river war. He served until the close of the war the following year. On October 4, 1860, he was married to Mary A. Bennett and to them were born six children: Mary Susannah Matlock, who died when a child; Lucy Jane Donaldson of ePendleton; Edward Lane Matlock, who died in 1913; Charles DeWitt Matlock of Salmon, Ida.; Mrs. W. D. Burford of Lewiston, Ida., and Caswell Guy Matlock of Pendleton.

He was the oldest of the eight children of E. L. and Susannah Matlock, only two of whom, J. D. Matlock, formerly mayor of Eugene, and T. J. Matlock of Heppner, survive.

The funeral was held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon from the residence, Bishop Paddock of the Episcopal church officiating.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
LEAVE FOR NAVY

Heppner Young Men Are Responding Promptly to Call to the Colors Many More Will Go Later.

This, Thursday, morning was a sad scene of parting at the local depot, when four stalwart young men of Heppner, three of them high school students, bid farewell to relatives and friends. The young men will go directly to Portland to take the examinations, and if they are successful, they will go on to San Francisco to become recruits in the United States navy. The boys who left today were Cecil Lieualien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lieualien of Rhea Creek, Edgar Copenhaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Copenhaver of Sand Hollow, William Wawter Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford of this city, and Robert J. Hopkins, whose parents live in Peck, Kansas. Mr. Hopkins has been linotype operator in The Gazette-Times office for the past year.

Many more of our young men have signified their intentions of going either into the army or the navy. Joe Pickett left last Sunday and Lamont Slocum went Wednesday. Both will go into the navy.

Last week Linus Judd and Chas. Ayers, young men who joined the army last summer and went to Mexico, left last week to report for duty and are probably now stationed at Vancouver.

YOUNG MEN HURRIES TO
PORTLAND TO ENLIST

Wilbur Slate, a young man who has been working at the Frank Parker ranch below Heppner, came to the house Wednesday morning and announced to Mr. Parker that he was going to join the army, that the country was in need of his services. He came to town, and when informed that he could enlist here, the young man replied that he did not care to wait. He paid his own transportation to Portland going down on the train Wednesday.

LEXINGTON HIGH
WILL PRESENT PLAY

The students of Lexington high school will present the play, "Farm Folks" at Lexington Friday night. The entire cast will go to Lone Saturday evening, where they will again put on the show.

The cast of characters is taken by the following students: Arthur Campbell, Carl Allyn, Merle Saxe, Teddy Johnson, William McMillan, Leona Leach, Nora Shaw, Edna Bauman, Edith Reaney, Elsie Allyn and Dona McMillan.

High School Play
Pleases Big Audience

Local School Presented "Home Ties" Friday Evening at the Opera House.—Proceeds Large.

The play, "Home Ties," given at the Opera House Friday evening for the benefit of the high school was a very successful affair, from the standpoint of the audience as well as from the standpoint of the entertainers. The receipts, nearly \$100, will go into the school fund for providing some necessary equipment.

The play was a clever comedy-drama, in four acts, cleverly acted, and pleased the audience greatly. The parts were given out with an idea as to the fitness of each person for the part they were to take, and the result showed that good judgment had been used.

The leading parts were carried by Norma Frederic as Ruth Winn, the country girl who had spent some years in the city; Garnett Barratt as Martin Winn, Leonard's father; Cecil Lieualien as Leonard Everett, a son of the soil and an old-time sweetheart of Ruth's who wins out in the end; Norton Winnard, a city acquaintance of Ruth's whose suit is unsuccessful; Muriel McCarty as Alma Wayne, a city girl and Ruth's roommate at boarding school. The minor parts were taken by Willette Potter as Aunt Melissa, Martin's sister; Cecile Devore as Lindy Jane, an inquisitive little negro girl who helps around and pulls many a good laugh while she is doing it; Neva Hayes as Mrs. Poplins, a widow with a pension and "sympoms"; Earl Gordon as Josiah Tizzard, an umbrella vender and one of Mrs. Poplins' symptoms.

No single one on the cast can be said to stand above the rest, for all were excellent and handled themselves as though "to the manner born."

Great credit is due to Mrs. Lucy T. Wedding who directed the play, and her efforts were greatly appreciated.

Music was furnished between acts by members of the school and faculty.

HEPPNER HAS BIG
PATRIOTIC MEETING

Local Citizens Show They Are Awake to Grave National Crisis—Fred Steiwer Makes Strong Appeal for Preparedness.

Heppner had its place in the sun of patriotism last Saturday when 1500 citizens gathered at the Fair Pavilion in a great patriotic meeting. A half holiday had been declared and as a result all the business houses were closed.

Senator Fred Steiwer of Pendleton was the chief speaker of the occasion. Mr. Steiwer's address was filled with oratorical patriotism and he made a strong plea for the country's preparedness. When he stated that he would never again vote for a United States senator opposed to preparedness, the pavilion resounded with applause. He discussed at some length the crisis which confronts the government and appealed to the young men especially to do their duty.

C. E. Woodson and H. A. Noyes of this city also spoke. Rev. Woodson declared that this country has stood all that it seemed was possible to stand and he thought it was high-time that the people of the country were standing solidly back of the President to maintain the Nation's honor. He was roundly applauded.

"Our fight is not with the German people, but with that crowned head back of the German people who dictates to those German people what they shall do," said C. E. Woodson. According to Mr. Woodson, Germany has made plot after plot, which were ample reasons for a declaration of war on the part of the United States.

A feature of the meeting was the attendance of a large body of Lexington people, who came up without eating dinner, in order that they could arrive in time for the opening address. Headed by W. G. Scott and the Lexington band, the citizens of that town paraded through the streets of our city in true patriotic fashion. The band music was much appreciated.

Heppner high school students led the singing under the supervision of Miss Marion Long, who presided at the piano. S. E. Notson acted as chairman and introduced the speakers. He also made a short opening address which benighted the occasion.

Farmers Will Build
\$18,000 Elevator

Contract Has Not Yet Been Awarded But Work on New Structure Will Begin in Near Future.

The Heppner Farmers' Union decided at the meeting which they held in the court house Tuesday afternoon that they would build a grain elevator on their property adjoining their warehouse which will be of one hundred thousand bushels capacity. The elevator will be built of wood material and the estimated cost is \$18,000. The plan of the elevator will be about the same as the concrete elevator recently completed at Pendleton at a cost of \$31,000. The local farmers had at first dwelt upon the idea of a concrete elevator, but when the cost was considered, the idea was dropped and that of a wooden elevator taken up.

Those who have studied the question say that there are many points in favor of the concrete elevator, but local farmers figure the wooden elevator will handle present needs and will more nearly correspond to the finances of hand.

A party of farmers, consisting of W. G. McCarty, H. Fred Tash, Dan Rice and C. E. Jones went to Condon today to inspect the Condon grain elevator.

Theo. Cork Dies in Heppner.
Theo. Cork, for many years a resident of Morrow county, who made his home in Grant county during more recent years, died at the Heppner Sanatorium in this city last Sunday after a brief illness. The cause of death was pneumonia. The body was shipped to Lexington for burial.

Glasses fitted satisfactorily by Dr. Winnard, or money refunded. His prices are reasonable, and he is where you can always find him. No charge for testing eyes.

Mrs. S. E. Van Duyn of Spokane is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. J. Ayers. Mrs. Ayers has been in poor health for some time past.

Sam Wood, who sells Royal Club, was in town today. He now travels in a new Buick roadster.

Lone News Notes.

Mrs. C. C. Chick and her sister, Mrs. J. H. Wilt, were passengers for Portland Wednesday of last week, where they are visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Clark, who lives in the vicinity of Heppner, came down to visit with her mother for a few days. Her mother is keeping house for Mr. Gillet.

Beech Haines and wife were Heppner visitors Wednesday of last week, going up by the stage.

W. H. Cronk and wife motored over to Condon one day last week where W. H. had some business matters to attend to.

Spencer Akers from Heppner was an lone visitor on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherford and a daughter from Olex, were in lone one day last week. They were the guests of Mrs. John Cochran.

Frank Robinson was a business visitor to Portland one day last week, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Burlington returned to Mabton, Wash., Thursday, after visiting with her son at lone for several days.

We saw George Currin of Heppner on his streets one day last week. He was busy shaking hands with his many friends.

Miss Galbreath, one of our popular school teachers, was a Heppner visitor over last Saturday.

The Doak family from Lexington were visitors at lone last Sunday, being guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doak of our town.

Born—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Winters, on March 30th, a boy. Mother and child are getting along nicely.

Earl Morgan, T. M. Benedict, and W. F. Palmateer jilted to Heppner one day last week.

Frank Young, one of our prosperous farmers, is wearing a broad smile these days. He received a telegram one day last week from his wife, who is over at Monmouth, stating that he was the daddy of a fine boy.

Speedy Dryden, Bender's whirlwind deliveryman, went over to Pendleton last Monday for a short visit.

Herb Olden and Jesse Dobyns jilted over to Pendleton last Monday where Mr. Olden has some business to attend to.

Fred McMurray, who has been up in the Idaho country for some time, returned to lone last Monday evening.

Alfred Rivers delivered a new Paige car to one of the bankers at Arling a few days ago.

Leonard Carlson is driving a brand new Paige these days. Better look a little out now, girls.

Mrs. Frank Holmes, who has been very sick for several days, hope she will soon be up and about again.

Will Puyear is grinning pretty loud these days. He has a fine new girl at his home, born April 3rd. Walt says if she can't fight she will make a good nurse.

Uncle Joe Osborne of Cecil has purchased a fine new Velle car which will help him get over the many grain fields he has to look over.

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WOOLGROWERS URGED
TO HOLD THEIR WOOL

President W. B. Barratt of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association today wired the following messages to S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers Association and also to Hon. N. J. Sennott, Representative of the Second Oregon District at Washington, D. C.

Hon. N. J. Sennott, M. C., House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Notify National Defense Committee that Oregon Woolgrowers have resolved to act in conjunction with Committee in every way possible. We will urge our members to hold their wool, making the Government a preferred purchaser. We are heart and hand with everything to aid our country in this, her hour of crisis. OREGON WOOLGROWERS' ASSN., W. B. BARRATT, President.

The telegram to Mr. McClure was substantially the same and is as follows:

Mr. S. W. McClure, Sec. National Woolgrowers Assn., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Have just wired National Defense Committee through our Congressman that Oregon Woolgrowers Assn. will urge its members to hold their wool, making government preferred purchaser. We join with the National Association in putting forth every effort to serve our country's interest first in this, her hour of need.

W. B. BARRATT, President Oregon Woolgrowers Assn.

Death came to one of the infant sons of F. J. Lucas early Tuesday morning. The infant was in the crib with his twin brother, and when attended to a little past midnight, seemed to be in perfect condition. On going to the crib at 4 o'clock the child was found to be dead. In this sad affliction the family of Mr. Lucas have the sympathy of the entire community.

ORGANIZED RELIEF
FOR WAR'S VICTIMS

Heppner Organizing to Carry on a Sustained Work—Meeting Sunday Night Arouses Much Interest For War Victims.

The great war in Europe has been going on for about two and a half years and has left in its wake untold want and suffering among the non-combatants in various countries on the continent. Organized relief was undertaken at an early stage of the war in this country, and the people of Belgium have been the center of much of the relief work that has been carried forward. We quite well remember that not long after the beginning of the war a meeting was held in Heppner in behalf of the Belgian relief fund, and a considerable sum of money was forwarded to the committee as a result. Since then, so far as we know there has been no effort made to help further along this line until the meeting on Sunday evening at the Christian church, which meeting, by the way was not largely attended by the citizenship of this place though those who did come were well repaid for the time spent and were enthusiastic in their response to the invitation given them to contribute to the relief funds. We have not forgotten, of course that the war still goes on and that the people of Belgium, Poland, Armenia, and Serbia are literally starving by the millions, and yet America has been the great benefactor, financially, of the war, and perhaps because of the fact that the war and its sufferings have become to be such common, every-day happenings, we fail to respond to the call for aid that is constantly coming to us, and in a measure have forgotten the duty we owe to humanity.

The meeting on Sunday evening was planned for the purpose of calling these things to our special attention and arouse the proper spirit of charity in our breasts. Mayor Notson presided and in a short address set out the object of the gathering. He was followed by Attorney C. E. Woodson, who, in well chosen words made a plea for aid for the war sufferers in Belgium and closed his address by making a number of sensible suggestions as to ways of saving some dollars for this purpose, and also impressed the plan of a properly sustained effort from the people of Heppner, this to be kept up until the war closes and beyond that period if necessary, as it is realized that the suffering caused by the war will not end when it ceases.

Pastor MacDonald also spoke upon Belgium and emphasized the good points set out by Mr. Woodson. He was followed by Pastor Noyes, who spoke more particularly on the needs of the Armenians and put before the audience a well authenticated picture of the terrible conditions that prevail in that devastated country the people of which have been the unprotected victims of the "Terrible Turk."

A voluntary contribution was called for and \$37.66 raised. This sum has been considerably increased by other money that has been handed in and it will be forwarded to the proper authorities to be sent on to its destination in Europe.

To further the idea of organizing permanent and sustained relief work, a committee consisting of T. B. MacDonald, H. A. Noyes, Vawter Crawford, C. E. Woodson and T. E. Chidsey was appointed to take steps to this end. This committee met on Monday and decided upon a plan of action which has for its object the enlistment of the entire community in this work. All of the churches, secret societies and benevolent organizations of the community will be called upon to appoint a representative from their respective bodies to form a general relief committee, and this committee will then come together and formulate a plan of action. They are called to meet at the office of Woodson & Sweek on next Monday evening at 7:30.

There is no question as to what Heppner will do; our people are sympathetic and liberal and this call will be met in the right spirit.

Buggy Smashed in Runaway.
The one horse, two seated survey, of Mrs. R. W. Snider was badly demolished in a runaway which occurred on the main street of Heppner Tuesday afternoon. Luckily no one was injured in the corner at the time. While turning the buggy at the power house the buggy turned over. Then the horse stopped. Mrs. Snider found transportation home by the use of a rig from one of the local stables. She resides on Willow creek about two miles this side of Lexington.