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TWO LIVES ARE LOST IN WRECK

Engineer Sam Hanson and Section Foreman Frank Habelt Meet Death When Engine Crashes Through Bridge.

Two lives were lost in the worst wreck ever recorded on the Heppner branch line of the O-W. R. & N. Co., when engine No. 1716 crashed through the long trestle bridge in Horse Shoe bend one mile this side of Morgan last Saturday. Engineer Sam Hanson, who had been on the local run only two weeks, and Frank Habelt, for many years section foreman on the Heppner branch, met their death when the locomotive turned turtle into the raging waters of Willow creek.

John Malone, the fireman, had a miraculous escape when he jumped from the engine into the creek below. He succeeded in getting safely ashore although he says he never before knew how to swim.

The bridge had been condemned several weeks ago, according to information we have been able to gather, and work had once been started since that time to make repairs. That the bridge was regarded as unsafe is shown by the fact that trains were not permitted to pass over it faster than ten miles an hour. According to brakeman Grover Young, Engineer Hanson was pulling the train not faster than two miles per hour and at the time of the accident, the entire train had come to a dead stop.

The tender followed the engine into the creek below and one empty double-decked stock car was pulled in on one end with only the rear trucks remaining on the edge of the bridge. A loaded box car of wheat was between the stock car and the baggage car. The coupling broke between the first two cars, although railroad men say it is not likely under the circumstances that the rear cars would have left the bridge.

That the recent high waters weakened the bridge, there can be little doubt. Its shaky condition coupled with this and the fact that long heavy trains of wheat had been hauled over the line the past few weeks probably solved the exceptionally weakened condition of the structure.

The wrecking crew was put to work Saturday night and after working three days, the locomotive was finally pulled out of the creek. The body of engineer Hanson was not recovered until Wednesday afternoon. The body had apparently been buried under the cab in about three feet of mud. When found, the body showed deep gashes about the head and neck and a deep wound in the chest, indicating that one of the levers of the engine had possibly penetrated there. The body of the dead engineer was brought to Heppner to be prepared for shipment to The Dalles where burial will take place. Engineer Hanson is survived by his wife and a brother who has come from Portland to help make funeral arrangements.

The body of Frank Habelt, although once almost recovered, got away and the swift current prevented the men on shore hooking it again. Up to this time the body has not been recovered. Mr. Habelt had been section foreman on the Heppner branch for many years and had many friends throughout this section. He has no relatives in this vicinity, although it is said that a sister lives in Chicago.

LOST—One sorrel horse branded "O" on left side of head. Weight about 1200 pounds. Last seen near the Headquarters ranch on Balm Fork. Finder return to A. J. Westcott of Heppner and receive \$20.00 reward.

CANNING AND DRYING BEANS AND RHUBARB

Can Shortage Makes It Necessary to Dry Fruits and Vegetables When Possible.

Whenever practicable, the housewife should dry her winter supply of fruits and vegetables and the following suggestions may be of assistance in two very valuable articles of food that are usually canned.

String Beans should be prepared as for cooking and then dried in the sun or a warming oven. They will keep nicely all winter and are very delicious, but they must be soaked overnight before using. By parboiling the beans before drying, they require less cooking afterward.

Rhubarb should be cut into short lengths and dried in the sun or a warming oven.

For canning rhubarb, cut into pieces 1 1/2 inches long, scale 1 to 2 minutes and cold dip, then pack tight in sterilized jars. Three pounds will fill a quart jar. Make a syrup of one cup sugar to 1/2 cup water. This will be sufficient for one quart. Fill carefully with syrup, put on cover, partially tighten, and sterilize 20 minutes.

When rhubarb, late in the season becomes tough and fibrous, the juice may be extracted for jelly making. —Sarah L. Lewis, Assistant Professor of Domestic Science at O. A. C.

Local Physician Joins Medical Relief Corps

Dr. H. T. Allison of this city returned last night from Vancouver barracks where he completed taking the examination for the Medical Officers Reserve Corps of the United States Army. He passed the examination with high honors. This subjects him to be called to the colors at any moment. However he does not expect to be called for three or four months or until the new draft army is organized. There has been considerable rumor going the rounds that Dr. Allison was leaving Heppner at once, but he wishes to correct this idea. He will look after his practice here until the call comes.

Dr. Allison has had seven years of military training and thoroughly understands what is expected of a man in the medical reserve corps. According to Dr. Allison there is a great shortage of physicians in the allied armies of Europe at the present time and the same condition will exist in the United States Army after its strength has been raised to 2,000,000 men. When that time arrives the United States army will have need for 30,000 physicians.

Receives Highway Map.

The Palace Hotel, of this city, has received from the State Highway Commission a map showing the various roads throughout the state that will be improved in event the \$6,000,000 road bond bill is approved by the voters at the special election on June 4th. Persons interested in the subject of good roads will be able to obtain a good idea of the scope of the road bonding bill if they will call at the hotel, and inspect the map which has been posted for the information of the public.

Ed Brown, who has been farming in the Black Horse country, has moved to Heppner and will make his home here. He recently purchased the J. P. Conder property on Gale street. This property, besides being an ideal residence lot, already has a full concrete foundation completed and Mr. Brown intends to finish the house.

SURVEY ON HIGH- WAY IS STARTED

Engineer Bennett and Crew Have Arrived in Morrow County to Survey Out Lines For New Highway.

M. O. Bennett, state highway engineer, was in Heppner Tuesday interviewing the Morrow county court on the proposed highway for this county. Mr. Bennett and his crew of surveyors will begin their work on the east side of town and proceed from here to Nye. The survey has already been completed from Nye to Pilot Rock. Upon the completion of this part of the survey, Mr. Bennett announces that he will begin the survey from Heppner down Willow creek to the Morrow county line over the route as proposed by the State Highway Commission.

Mr. Bennett has already completed the surveys in Wheeler and Union counties as well as western Umatilla. He says that the voters in these counties are enthusiastic over the bond issue and he predicts that the measure will carry over the state.

"Road bonds will be the means of raising the money to start on a big, constructive road plan within the next two years," said Mr. Bennett, in talking to a representative of The Gazette-Times. "It means that Oregon will be taking a big stride in catching up with California and Washington in the matter of permanent highways and it is bound to put the state forward."

Mr. Bennett makes his headquarters in Pendleton.

Some Sheep Sales.

C. A. Minor this week contracted to John W. Creath of Portland, for Sept. 25th delivery, 3000 head of half-blood Lincoln lambs at \$8.00 per head. His son, Ellis Minor, of Cecil, has also contracted 1000 head of the same class of sheep to Jack Hynd at the same price. Mr. Minor has purchased a bunch of 700 head of 2-year-old half-blood Lincoln ewes and their lambs for immediate delivery, for which he paid \$11.00 and \$6.50. He also made a clean up with his cattle at Cecil and sent the last car load to the Portland market this week, receiving a price of 10 cents per pound. He considers this good for the character of stuff, it being the culls of his bunch of feeders.

Church of Christ.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "Another Reason Why Christ Died." In the evening the pulpit will be occupied by Hon. B. N. Hicks of Portland. Mr. Hicks is an expert liquor prosecutor, and will have a vital message for the community. Miss Dessa Devlin will lead the C. E. meeting at 7 p. m.

B. Trublood Smith and wife of Monument were Heppner visitors this week.

CASES DISPOSED OF IN CIRCUIT COURT

Old Grand Jury Reports.—Julius S. Ward, Alias Jack Del Monte Given Sentence of Indeterminate Length of Time.

Circuit court for the May term came to a close in this city Tuesday night after being in session the fore part of the week.

The old grand jury made its report and was dismissed. After the grand jury for the next term had been selected, cases on the docket ready for trial were taken up and disposed of. The criminal docket was the lightest it has been for many terms, only one case coming up at this time.

Jack DelMonte, whose true name is Julius S. Ward, who was held on an indictment by the grand jury on the charge of assault with intent to rob, pleaded guilty. When asked by Judge Phelps if he had anything to say in his own behalf, young DelMonte arose and made a lengthy statement.

DelMonte made an assault with a gun upon Lee Key in the Palace hotel several months ago and had been held in jail awaiting the meeting of the grand jury.

He offered no excuse to the court for past actions and asked for mercy only from the standpoint of what the future offered him. DelMonte appears to be a young fellow of considerable talent in the line of writing songs and poetry and did much of this kind of work while confined in the county jail. He believes he will be able to make his living in this manner after he has served his sentence. He was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years. The young man's mother is dead and his father is a preacher and lives at Santa Cruz, California.

A case in equity was that of Ada M. Ayers vs. Elizabeth J. Ayers, in a tax foreclosure suit. The case was settled and dismissed.

The case of Morrow County, a corporation, against O. C. Hinkle, Max Kern, Michael Keane and Northwest Timber Co., was dismissed as to Northwest Timber Co.

In law, the case of J. B. Sparks vs. Albert Bowker was settled and dismissed.

Other cases were The First National Bank of Heppner against James T. Morgan and Frank Elder, dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Heppner Milling Company, a corporation, against George McDuffee, sheriff of Morrow County, Ore., settled and dismissed.

Gurdane & Son against W. P. Hill, settled and dismissed.

Joseph Burgoyne against C. C. Rhea, settled and dismissed.

J. G. Tobias against O. D. Forbes and J. A. Klehn, settled and dismissed.

W. C. Winslow vs. E. G. Morgan. On trial before jury. Verdict for plaintiff for amount tendered in court. \$109.65 judgment on verdict.

Allen & Lewis, a corporation, against Mrs. A. J. Woodward. Default and judgment.

Mary E. Ball vs. C. B. McNabb. Settled and dismissed on motion of plaintiff's attorney.

J. A. Troedson and Carl Troedson against O. D. Forbes and John Klehn. Settled by stipulation.

Edw. McDaid and wife against Smith Towne. Settled and dismissed.

Carrie V. Vaughn et al, as Vaughn & Sons, against Sherman Wakefield. Settled and dismissed.

Ella B. Newlon against W. H. Crawford. Demur overruled and defendant given 20 days in which to answer.

DRAFT DAY NAMED SOON

Portland, Ore., May 17.—Every man between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, must register on the day soon to be proclaimed by President Wilson for the war census.

There will be no exceptions to this rule. Even if a man belongs to one of the exempt classes, he nevertheless must register if he is between 21 and 30 years of age. The Government will determine who is to be exempt after its records are complete.

Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, working under the direction of Governor James Withycombe, has put the machinery to work and his first request of every man affected by the census is that he make a careful study of its provisions to eliminate all possible confusion at the polls.

Registering for the war census should be no more confusing than casting a vote. The general plan for gathering the data for the Government is based on the ballot system. If every man is ready, War Census Day will pass like clockwork.

The man who tries to evade the provision will face a term in jail without the option of paying a fine. In almost every case throughout the State the census will be taken in the regular polling places used on election days.

There will be no reduction on water and light bill for service not used unless notice is given the company that same is not being used.

HEPPNER LIGHT & WATER CO.

WHAT VOTERS MUST FACE ON JUNE 4TH

Here is the List of Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Measures Submitted to Voters At the Special Election.

Constitutional amendments referred to the people by the Legislative Assembly: Authorizing Ports to create limited indebtedness to encourage water transportation. This amends section 9 of article XI of the Constitution by providing that municipal corporations designated ports may be empowered by statute to raise money for bonuses to aid water transportation lines between such ports and other ports and to assist in establishing water transportation on interior rivers of Oregon or on rivers between Oregon and Washington, or of Idaho and Washington reached by navigation from Oregon's rivers. Such indebtedness shall not exceed one per cent of the assessed valuation of the property in the municipality and may be incurred only by the majority vote thereon. Vote 300 yes; 301 no.

Submitted by the Legislature.—A bill for taxation of Oregon and California land grant—purpose, declaring and asserting the sovereign right of the State of Oregon to tax certain lands known as Oregon and California Land Grant and granted under certain acts of Congress; authorizing, empowering and directing the listing of such lands on the assessment rolls of certain counties, providing for the listing of such lands on the 1916 assessment rolls of certain counties, and relieving such counties from the payment of the said tax thereon until same is collected by such counties. Vote 302, yes; 303, no.

Submitted by the Legislature.—Limiting number of bills introduced and increasing pay for legislators. Vote 304, yes; 305, no.

Submitted by the Legislature.—Declaration against implied repeal of constitutional provisions by amendments thereto. Vote 306, yes; 307, no.

Submitted by the Legislature.—Uniform Tax Classification amendment. Vote 308, yes; 309, no.

Submitted by the Legislature.—Requiring election of city, town and state officers at same time. Vote 310, yes; 311, no.

Submitted by the Legislature.—Four Hundred Thousand Dollar Tax levy for new penitentiary. Vote 312, yes; 313, no.

Submitted by the Legislature.—Six Million Dollar State Road Bond Issue and Highway Bill. Purpose, authorizing the State Highway Commission to raise money for building roads in next five years in an amount not exceeding six million dollars, by selling four per cent bonds of the State of Oregon; limiting the sale of such bonds to one million dollars the first year, and two million dollars the second year, providing method of payment of interest and principal and for retirement of such bonds; to make the surplus arising from license fees collected on motor vehicles a fund to apply thereon; and providing for the construction and maintenance of hard surface highways, post roads and forest roads. Vote 314, yes; 315, no.

NOTICE OF ESTRAY.

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up and now hold at the Swen Troedson place four miles northwest of Morgan, one Jersey bull calf, four months old. Owner may have said animal by paying all costs. J. A. TROEDSON, Morgan, Ore.

FORESTER IS HONORED

The United States Geographic Board has approved the changing of the name of Bald Mountain, near Sumpter, Oregon, to Ireland Mountain in commemoration of the late Henry Ireland, who, for ten years, was supervisor of the Whitman National Forest on which the mountain is located. The change was recommended by the Oregon Geographic Board in recognition of the valuable work done by Supervisor Ireland in the administration and development of the Whitman National Forest.

Ireland Mountain is 8,330 feet high and has a Forest Service lookout station on its summit. This is the second natural feature of the North Pacific National Forest district to be named after a prominent forester. Plummer Peak, just south of Mount Rainier, being the first, named in honor of Fred G. Plummer, who did much valuable geographic work in the Geological Survey and later, as chief of Geography, in the Forest Service.

C. M. Schriver, one of the leading wheat growers of the Ione country, was called to Heppner this week for jury duty. Mr. Schriver paid this office a pleasant visit while in town and became acquainted with the G-T force.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adkins of Rhea creek spent several days in Heppner the past week visiting with relatives and friends.

Highway Commission Will Be In Heppner

State Highway Commissioners E. J. Adams of Eugene and W. L. Thompson of Pendleton will be in Heppner on June 2, to talk on the \$6,000,000 road bond issue. These men have been touring the state in favor of the road bonds and have been met by large and enthusiastic crowds upon every appearance. They have met men opposed to the bond issue in open debate and have been awarded first honors. It is said that both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Adams have all the facts pertaining to the issue and by these facts are winning over opposition to the issue every day.

The Farmers' Union, which has arranged to hold their annual picnic in Heppner on the same day, are making arrangements to have speakers here from the State Union and the State Grange to also talk on the bond issue. Morrow county voters will have an opportunity to become thoroughly enlightened upon this subject.

Crop in North End Looks Fine.

A trip through that section of Morrow county's wheat growing belt which lays north of Lexington, reveals that there are thousands of acres of wheat which is up and growing fine at this time. The heavy rains of last week hit that section full force and present indications are that another bumper crop will be harvested there this year. Another noticeable feature was the many new barns and residences that have recently been built on the farms in the north Lexington country. This, more than any other one thing, shows clearly the prosperity that abounds among the farmers there.

NOTICE.

Want good wheat farm or stock farm direct from owner. Give best price and complete description in first letter.

A. K. HILL, 419 Henry Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

HEAVY FLOODS CAUSE DAMAGE

Eight Mile Section Visited by High Water Which Injures Crops To Some Extent.

A regular cloud burst visited the Eight Mile section about six o'clock in the evening last Saturday.

The storm apparently centered on the Frank Fraters ranch and swept on down the lower country. On the Fraters place two hundred acres of growing grain was badly damaged, the well filled up with mud and fences and outbuildings were carried away. Mr. Fraters estimates his loss in the neighborhood of \$4000.

Tyndall Robison and Chas. Huston were also heavy losers and on the Dan Barlow ranch houses and machinery were taken away by the rushing torrent. Chas. Anderson, who was getting ready to build a new house, lost eighty sacks of cement and several thousand shingles. The total loss on account of the water has been variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Manager Sparks of the Star theatre announces that he will start with tonight in giving away cash prizes. Beginning with a \$5.00 cash prize tonight, the contest will continue throughout the week, running for the next six days, a dollar in cash being given away up until the last night when all winners through the week will be the only contestants for a bigger cash prize on the last night. Watch the numbers on your tickets.

W. W. Smead of the local National Agricultural Defense Committee announces that he has received word from J. W. Brewer, district agent, to the effect that the remainder of the present week will be devoted to gathering data from the farmers. All farmers who have not yet filled out the desired information blanks will help the cause by doing so at once.

BOARDMAN.

E. P. Dodd of Hermiston spent a few days in town last week.

C. G. Blayden drove overland to Scotts Mills. He expects to make the trip in three or four days.

Farmer Smith, O-W. R. & N. agriculturist was here last Saturday superintending his experimental gardens.

J. R. Johnson and family arrived last Wednesday from Portland. They made the trip in their car, stopping at Wasco to make a short visit.

Preaching services were well attended Sunday, although it was our busy time.

Miss Josephine Richardson has returned from a visit of two weeks in Portland.

Tilden Williams of Hardman was a business visitor in Heppner Wednesday.

FARMERS TO HOLD 4TH ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, June 2, Has Been Chosen As the Day and the Fair Grounds in Heppner for the 4th Annual Event.—Bond Issue Will Be Discussed.

The 4th Annual Morrow County Farmers Union Picnic will be held at the Fair Pavilion in Heppner on Saturday, June 2, according to the announcement made this week by the county president, E. R. Huston.

This has become an annual event in Morrow county and many people, especially the farmers, look forward to it from one year to the next with much anticipation. For this reason, the officials are bending every effort to arrange for a program of speeches, music and sports and other entertainment that will equal past years, if it does not excel.

One of the features of the picnic this year will be a thorough discussion of the road bond issue. It is generally understood that the farmers' organizations of the state are opposed to the road bond issue. However true this may be, it is a fact that the farmers are fair minded in their views on the matter and thoroughly believe in education. For this reason they will have prominent speakers on both sides of the question and they especially urge everyone who has not received enlightenment upon the bond issue to be present on this day and listen to a thorough discussion.

The details of the program for the picnic have not yet been worked out, but it is understood that officials of the State Union and members of the State Highway Commission will also be present. It is likely that the Heppner Commercial Club will have a hand in the entertainment, since this was the method adopted last year and the co-operation proved successful from every standpoint. More complete details as to the program will be announced in next week's issue of The Gazette-Times.

Receives Fine Sheep From New Zealand.

C. A. Minor received some choice sheep the first of the week which had been shipped to him direct from New Zealand. H. Stanley Coffin, of the Yakima country, Washington, who has been on an extended trip to the Orient during the past winter, procured the sheep for Mr. Minor and sent them along over with others that he was picking up for the Coffin Brothers. In this shipment to Mr. Minor are five head of Carriale ewes and one buck and eleven head of Romney ewes and one buck. These are very rare sheep and Mr. Minor is proud to get hold of them and introduce these breeds among his flocks. The sheep are all registered stuff and reached Heppner in excellent shape. Mr. Coffin is still in New Zealand and says that country is surely a stockman's paradise, all kinds of stock being fattened on the native grass and it is never necessary to put up any hay to carry the stock through the winter seasons, the grass being fresh the year around and sheep and cattle rolling fat all the time.

FARMERS—I pay \$8.00 per ton for old iron delivered at warehouse in Heppner. Want your old rags and junk. Buy and sell second hand furniture; pay highest market price for hides and pelts; old rags 75c per 100 pounds. GEO. W. VERDOT, at Second Hand Store, Heppner.

Burn For Rent—Will make good garage. Inquire at this office. 2t.

Dan Clark, livestock agent for the O-W. R. & N. Co., made an official visit to Heppner Wednesday.

SOLDIER BOYS APPRE- CIATE HOME COOKING

Somewhere in U. S. A. April 14, 1917.

Editor Gazette-Times:

On Sunday, April 8, our camp was surprised by the arrival of Mr. W. G. Scott, of Lexington, and my father and brother Charles. They had located us and must have thought that we were in need of a change of diet, for they brought along a supply of fried chicken, veal loaf, pies and other eatables not usually found in a soldier's camp. We appreciated the visit and the eatables. Last Sunday, Mr. Scott and some other friends invaded our domain again. We had an opportunity to partake of some of the products of Mrs. Scott's kitchen, consisting of pies, cakes, cookies, etc. Mr. Scott also laid in a supply of oranges and bananas. He also presented us with several baseballs, tips, etc., to enable us to occupy our time when off duty. If you think this squad of Company M of the Third Oregon Infantry do not have a warm place in their hearts for Mr. Scott, you should have heard the three cheers and tiger which they gave him. He is of the "salt of the earth," a patriot, and an appreciative and appreciated friend of the boys in uniform. May his shadow never grow less.

PRIVATE LEE W. NOTSON, Co. M, 3rd Oreg. Inf.