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EXPLAINS PRESENT ROAD SITUATION

Morrow County Road Districts Will Vote on Special Tax Levy to Prepare Road Bed.

Editor Gazette-Times:

In view of the calling of meetings in several road districts to vote upon the question of levying a special road tax upon each of these road districts, I have been asked to make a statement of the purposes of the proposed tax.

Under the law passed by the last legislature and approved by the people at the election held last June, bonds will be issued for the purpose of building a system of state highways. These bonds will be paid off by the automobile license fees. But in order to secure the benefit of the state money in building highways, it is necessary for the counties to invest some money. Two of the state highways are located across this county. The Columbia highway will run along the Columbia River across the north end of the county. Another highway will run up Willow creek to Heppner, thence east to the county line on the Pilot Rock road. The road districts along the Columbia River are proposing to vote a special tax to build the road bed of the Columbia highway. They will undoubtedly vote the levy. There are six road districts along the line of the Willow Creek-Pilot Rock road. The cities of Ione, Lexington and Heppner each constitute a road district, and there are three country districts, one extending from below Cecil to Jordan Siding, one from Jordan Siding almost to Heppner, and the third from a little below Heppner to the county line on the east side of the county. In each of these six districts notices have been issued calling for a special road district meeting on the 20th day of November to vote upon a five-mill tax levy.

It has been thought best to avoid a bond issue on the county, since not all parts of the county would be equally interested in this state highway. Hence, the plan has been adopted to let the people in the road districts lying along the route of the road determine whether they will assist in the building of the highway by a special tax. It will probably be some months before any of the state money is available for this road, but if the road bed is made ready for the surfacing by the state by the time the state is ready to do its part, it is necessary that part of it be done this year. The county and the districts must build the road bed on the grade established by the state engineer, and the road bed must be drained. The state will then put on the surface. If the county court shall agree with the state commission that a hard surface road is not advisable at this time, then the state will aid in the construction of a road meeting the requirements of a federal post road, which is a thoroughly well built macadam or its equivalent.

Now, the question up to the people of these road districts is whether they will assist in getting a portion of the state money, which our automobile owners help to provide, for the construction of the state highways, by voting the special tax levy. There should be a free and fair discussion of the question before the meetings are held.

Respectfully,
S. E. NOTSON.

Dr. McMurdo returned from Portland Tuesday evening. While there he purchased a nitrous oxide anesthetic apparatus which he will use to prevent the patients from feeling pain during an operation. This is one of the greatest anesthetics yet known, there being no unpleasantness as is experienced from the use of ether or chloroform. You feel no pain during the operation, and as soon as completed you are over the effects and free from any sickness. Operations such as the removal of adenoids can be done in a couple of minutes.

Rev. T. Brullette, of Portland, father of Mrs. J. E. Berwick, was here this week to be at the bedside of his daughter.

SPECIAL RED CROSS MEETING

at Council Chambers Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Election of officers and other important matters of business. A full attendance is requested.

MRS. A. M. PHELPS,
Secretary.

LOCAL SCHOOLS SHOW INCREASED ATTENDANCE

Where Other Schools Over the State Show Loss, We Note a Gain of Fifteen Per Cent.

From all over the state it has been noted that there is a sharp falling off in the schools, owing largely to the fact that so many of the young men of school age have been called to the service of the country. At Heppner, however, this condition does not obtain.

The attendance at the end of the first month, this year, was 315, as against 273 for the same period last year. In the High School the enrollment now is 86; a year ago it was 72. The increase in the grades and the High School is about 15 per cent. Most schools throughout the state show a falling off in attendance this year, especially in the high schools. Very naturally the school authorities of our city are well pleased with the enrollment this year, and at this time it begins to look as though we were going to be over crowded, for many more are expected to enroll with the beginning of the second month.

Dr. Turner, the well known eye specialist of Portland, will be in Heppner again Tuesday, Oct. 16th at Palace Hotel. In Ione Monday, Oct. 15th. Dr. Turner is a specialist of experience and standing and you will make no mistake consulting him about your eyes and glasses. Headaches relieved, cross eyes straightened. Satisfaction guaranteed. Consult him. Don't forget the date.

MRS. MILLIE BERWICK DIES AT HEPPNER

Mrs. Millie Brullette Berwick, beloved wife of J. E. Berwick, engineer on the Heppner branch, died at the Heppner Sanatorium Wednesday, October 10th, at 1:30 p. m., at the age of 39 years.

She was born in Woodstock, New Brunswick in the year 1878. She came to the Pacific Coast with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. Brullette, in 1880, and has spent nearly all her life in the states of Oregon and Washington. The talents for which she was so widely and favorably known in later years were recognized by the public while she was yet a child of 17 years. Her fine talents as a public speaker at this age won for her the appointment of lecturer for the W. C. T. U. throughout the states of Oregon, Washington and California. She was largely instrumental in finally carrying Oregon and Washington for the temperance forces. Both pulp and press were loud in their praise of her excellent work.

The secret of her ability is found in her early conversion and entire consecration of herself to her Savior. "Where He leads me I will follow" became the slogan of her life, and the main source and secret of her success.

Mrs. Berwick had greatly endeared herself to the Heppner people, though she had been a resident of this place but a short time. She was active in church work here and had charge of the very large young peoples' class of the Federated church. During the sickness of her husband in Portland last winter she was called to be at his side and helped to bring him back to health again, and with her husband she had returned to Heppner to live. She was a true type of the best that is to be found in a loyal and good wife, in a devoted mother and a lover of her fellow mortals. Her life was one of activity as she always found there was very much of good to be done in the home, in the church and in society.

Mrs. Berwick was the daughter of a Civil War veteran and dearly loved the old soldiers of the G. A. R. and was a great favorite among them. Thousands of these old men and their wives will miss her and deeply mourn her loss.

Besides her husband, James E. Berwick, she is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Berwick, and their son, Francis Beverly Berwick, six sisters and one brother, and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. Brullette of Portland.

Funeral services were held at the Federated church this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Berwick, and the remains will be taken to Portland for burial on Sunday.

Mrs. L. G. Herren announces that she is closing out, at a sharp reduction, her stock of ladies corsets in broken sizes from 21 to 27. This sale to last until the new stock arrives, which will be in about two weeks.

ANNUAL MORROW COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 15-17

The teachers' annual institute for Morrow county will be held at Heppner, beginning on next Monday.

Superintendent Shurtie has prepared an especially interesting program, with the following instructors and lecturers: Hon. J. A. Churchill, Salem; E. J. Klemme, Bellingham, Wa.; Albert Powers, Eugene; H. C. Seymour, Corvallis; Rev. H. A. Noyes, Mayor S. E. Notson, Mrs. H. A. Noyes and Dr. N. E. Winnard of Heppner.

The superintendent is especially anxious that the patrons of our schools and the citizens generally avail themselves of the opportunity offered to get in touch with school activities and hear the excellent lectures that will be given at the different sessions. Mr. Klemme, president of the state normal school at Bellingham, is an especially attractive lecturer and the Superintendent desires that he shall have a good hearing. He will be here for two days, only. By a look at the program herewith, it will also be noted that there are many other good things that should not be overlooked. All sessions will be held in the auditorium of the High School building, except that on Tuesday evening, which will be held at the Star theater.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1917
9:00—Opening and Enrollment.
9:15—Address. "Welcome." Rev. H. A. Noyes
9:35—Recess.
9:45—Food Administration. S. E. Notson
10:30—Recess.
High School Section.
H. H. Hoffman Presiding.
10:40—"Democracy and Education." E. J. Klemme
11:20—Recess.
11:30—"Squeezing Life Out of or Into Literature." Albert Powers
Grammar and Rural School Section.
Mrs. W. L. Suddarth Presiding.
10:40—Selection. H. C. Seymour
11:10—Recess.
11:20—"The Bible in the Public School." E. J. Klemme

Monday Afternoon.
1:45—"The Possibilities of Spare Moments." E. J. Klemme
2:30—Recess.
High School Section.
W. L. Suddarth Presiding
2:40—Selection. H. C. Seymour
3:15—Recess.
3:25—"High School Problems." E. J. Klemme

SELLS UMATILLA COUNTY LAND FOR \$162.50

Property of Hager Heirs at Adams Goes to Athena Man at Record Price.

From the Pendleton Tribune we learn that one of the largest land deals completed in Umatilla county was finished last week, when the 297½ acres, comprising the J. M. Hager place near Adams, was sold to John C. Walters of Athena at a price of \$162.50 an acre. The land is rated among the best wheat land in the county.

Mrs. Ruth McMurdo and Miss Sybil Hager of Heppner, and Mrs. Marie Sims, heirs of the late James Hager, were owners of the place and the sale was put through by Messrs. Estes & Friedly, a real estate firm in Pendleton. Prior to his death, Mr. Hager farmed the place for many years and considered it one of the best wheat producers in the famous Umatilla county district.

Barn Burns.

No little excitement was created in Ione on Friday when the barn on the premises of Frank Holmes was destroyed by fire. Just how the fire started was not learned, but it was a lively blaze while it lasted and the entire population of the city was out to witness the destruction. It had gained such headway when discovered that it was impossible to check the spread of the flames and the barn was soon reduced to ashes. It stood across the railroad track and well away from other property and there was no wind to spread the flames to other buildings. Since putting the above in type we have learned that the fire was caused from some burning trash along the railroad track.

CUMMINGS FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET.

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Grammar and Rural School Section.

Ethel Casey Presiding.
2:40—"Something Not in the Curriculum." Albert Powers
3:15—Recess.
3:25—"Debating." S. E. Notson

Monday Evening.

7:30—Musical.
"Bargains." E. J. Klemme
Music.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 16, 1917.

9:00—Opening.
9:15—"The Challenge of the Country." E. J. Klemme
10:30—Recess.

10:40—"Oregon Teachers Monthly." Albert Powers
11:20—Recess.

High School Section.

Bernard Pehr Presiding
10:40—Selected. J. A. Churchill
11:20—Recess.

11:30—"Footnotes to History." Albert Powers

Grammar and Rural School Section.

Clara Voyer Presiding
10:40—Selected. H. C. Seymour
11:20—Recess.

11:30—"Who Goes to School." E. J. Klemme

Tuesday Afternoon.

1:30—Opening.
1:45—Selected. J. A. Churchill
2:30—Recess.

High School Section.

N. E. Fertig Presiding.
2:40—"Developing Morals for the Adolescent." E. J. Klemme
3:25—Recess.

3:35—Selected. H. C. Seymour

Grammar and Rural School Section.

Grace H. Bossen Presiding.
2:40—Selected. J. A. Churchill
3:25—Recess.

3:35—"Visual Instruction." Albert Powers

Tuesday Evening.

7:30—Picture Lecture. H. C. Seymour
At the Star Theatre.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 17, 1917.

9:00—Opening.
9:15—"The Fourteen Reading Circle Books for 1917-18." Albert Powers
10:00—Recess.

10:10—Selected. Dr. N. E. Winnard
10:30—Recess.

High School Section.

L. A. Doak Presiding.
10:40—Selected. H. C. Seymour
11:20—Recess.

11:30—"Some Business Habits of School Teachers." Albert Powers

Grammar and Rural School Section.

Edna Carmichael Presiding
10:40—"Education for Leisure." Albert Powers
11:20—Selected. H. C. Seymour

Wednesday Afternoon.

1:30—Opening.
1:45—"Education and the Red Cross." Albert Powers
2:30—Recess.

2:40—Selected. H. C. Seymour
3:25—Recess.

3:35—Selected. Lena Snell Shurtie

THRESHING IS NEARLY DONE IN THIS COUNTY

Outside of Few Outfits the 1917 Crop Is Ready for Warehouse.—Some Seeding Now Being Done.

So far as we are able to learn at this time, the threshing of crops is about done in Morrow county. Here and there will be found parties who are somewhat isolated that are unable to get a machine to do their work but these are few and it is to be hoped that they will yet succeed in getting their grain threshed before the bad weather sets in. In the Eight Mile section threshing is completed with the exception of one or two outfits who are running combines. The seeding of summerfallow is progressing in many sections and the farmers are generally hoping for rains that the grain may be sprouted promptly. There seems to be abundant moisture in the ground a few inches under the surface and showers now would be the means of connecting this up. Many are waiting for rain before putting in their grain, this being the rule generally. There is promise of an abundant harvest the coming season from all indications at present, as crops will be put in at the proper time.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Patterson who left a few days ago, are now in San Francisco. They made the run to Winnemucca, Nevada, with Mr. Cochran at the wheel in 19 hours. They will tour California before their return.—Canyon City Blue Mountain Eagle.

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MC CULLOUGH BROS. SEEL STOCK RANCH

5700-Acre Ranch on Willow Creek Sold to Sherman County Men. Consideration \$90,000.

The big stock ranch, consisting of 5700 acres, of McCullough Brothers was sold this week to Miles E. Martin and Irvin E. Kunsman, of Moro, Sherman county. The McCullough ranch is located at the forks of Willow creek and extends up and down the creek for several miles, being one of the best stock ranches in the county. The purchase price is \$90,000.00 and with the land the deal includes 2000 sheep, 100 cattle, some hogs and all implements.

The purchasers are Sherman county farmers who desire to extend their field of operations and branch out into the stock business, and they expect to take charge of the place just as soon as all the papers in the deal have been passed.

The McCullough boys have been operating this plant for a great many years, at first owning only the original ranch of their late uncle, Tom McCullough, at the forks of Willow creek. They continued to add to their holdings, however, until they finally had one of the largest stock ranches in the county. They have run both sheep and cattle on the place and made a success. Having put in so many years at this kind of work they desired to take a rest and retire from the more strenuous affairs of ranch life, so decided to sell. The new owners are successful wheat growers of Sherman county, where they were both raised.

CAUTIONS TO HOME VEGETABLE CANNERS

By O. H. Benson, in Charge Boys' and Girls' Club Work.

1. In beginning home canning work take time to study fully the instructions in Farmers' Bulletin 839. Home Canning by the One-Period Cold-Pack Method. Club members should use NR circulars on home canning work, or the special instructions in home canning sent out by the State colleges of agriculture. Follow but one set of instructions. If you combine two it will lead you into difficulties and cause the loss of food products.

2. The instruction in Farmers' Bulletin 839 are based on the use of fresh, firm, sound, ripe products. When canning vegetables which have stood in the market place over 24 hours increase the time of sterilization as given in this bulletin about 20 per cent.

3. Do not begin canning large amounts. First, try out a few packs thoroughly and determine for yourself whether you understand the instructions and can follow them.

4. Use good rubbers. Most of the rubbers which are furnished with glass jars will not stand the boiling required for the sterilization of vegetables in hot water, steam, or steam under pressure, and might better be discarded and good rubbers procured.

Description of good rubber rings: Rubber rings for the average standard pint and quart jars, etc. should be 5-16 of an inch wide. They should be cut 12 to the inch, that is, 12 rubber rings placed one upon the other will measure one inch in thickness. They should stand up under sterilization in boiling water or in steam under pressure for at least three hours without injury to the rubber. Good rubber will stretch and return promptly to place without changing the inside diameter. They should be reasonably firm and able to stand abrupt bending without breakage. This description does not apply to rings for the special types of jars on the market.

5. Reports during the past 5 years indicate that 75% of the spoilage of food products in home canning is due to the use of poor rubbers, old Mason tops, and defective joints, springs, and caps.

6. Success in home canning by the one-period cold pack method depends upon a full understanding of the entire process. Observe especially that green vegetables should be blanched in live steam, tubers in hot water for not less than 5 minutes. Then dip them quickly in cold water. Pack at once in hot sterile jars and add boiling water. All greens, pod vegetables, green peppers, etc. should be blanched in live steam rather than water. Take time to pack all food products well into hot glass jars. A little salt or sugar should be added immediately, rubbers and tops put in place, and the jars partially sealed. These steps, if properly and quickly taken, have largely to do with the success of the method. The final su-

WHEAT LANDS MOVING IN NORTH END

A Number of Important Deals Put Through in the Past Few Weeks.

Real estate in the North End has been on the move the past few weeks, and several important deals closed up. There is a strong demand for wheat lands in that section and outside parties have been operating there for some time past.</