

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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**MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER**

## HEPPNER WILL REBUILD

Just at present there seems to be little stir in Heppner over the proposition of rebuilding the burnt over district. It is just possible that many of those who suffered the loss of their buildings in the recent conflagrations have hardly had time yet in which to gather themselves together and formulate plans for new structures. In the business districts they will be required to conform to the ordinance covering the erection of buildings, and this means that they will have to build of brick or concrete. At this time, also, these people are contending with the increased costs in materials and labor, as well as the scarcity of labor, so it behooves them to take time for deliberation and fully understand where "they are at" before going ahead.

It is certainly very unfortunate for the city that we have had to suffer such a severe shock at this particular time, and we feel that our people fully appreciate just what they are up against. On the part of some there is manifested a feeling of uneasiness and impatience and the expression of thoughts to the effect that Heppner will never rebuild; she can never be the town she once was, and if she does not soon rebuild much of her business prestige will have been lost. However there is little foundation for this and all those who understand the Heppner spirit have no part in such pessimistic mouthings.

We desire to see the work of rebuilding start just as soon as possible and believe that things are so shaping themselves that this will be the case. A new hotel is the vital need of the town just now, and the proper kind of hotel accommodations will have to be secured. The proposition of a suitable hotel for this city is not easy to solve and it is going to require a lot of capital to construct a modern building, properly equipped. To bring this capital together is the problem now confronting those interested, and while some work is being done along this line, so far as we are able to learn there can be no definite announcement of plans at this time.

Other business buildings are needed and these will be forthcoming in time, but in reality the general business of the community is going forward as usual, even though somewhat restricted as to accommodations, and we feel that before many weeks have passed there will be pleasant announcements to make that will have to do with the plans of a number of substantial business buildings that will go up on the burnt district.

In the meantime it would not be out of the way to suggest that all of the burnt over district be thoroughly cleaned up and made as slightly as possible under the circumstances. This much can be done to improve the situation, while those who seem to be suffering from excessive perspiration because of the apparent slowness in rebuilding can have time to cool off.

The Military Police are organized for the purpose of giving protection to the various communities of the state. It is an organization supported by the State and Federal governments. Morrow county comes under the protection of this organization and a squad of the Police are now stationed at Heppner, ready to cooperate with the civil officers and the peace and order in maintaining citizens in general, in putting down any sort of disturbance, and in the fighting of fires. Farmers, especially, should not fail to call upon them and they can be communicated with night or day at their headquarters in Heppner.

## PENALIZING PATRIOTISM

With a few notable exceptions newspapers and periodicals have met dependably the periodic appeal of the hour. With their help the Government has come through its financial campaigns with flying colors. Without it, these campaigns might have failed. Their reward is to be put under new postal zone regulations, beginning July 1, so severe that many will be compelled to discontinue.

During the past year over 1300 newspapers and periodicals were forced out of existence by the high cost of paper and production. On top of this comes an increase in postal rates ranging from 50 to 900 per cent according to distance. Why did Congress revive the antiquated, sectionalizing zone system, abolished by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and

denounced by President Wilson when Governor of New Jersey, and by the postal investigating commission under the leadership of Charles E. Hughes in 1911?

The claim was that it was to assure the Post Office Department "cost of service." The final result will be to decrease revenue, just as the doubling of the price of postal cards has reduced the income form that source. The incompetency of those who drafted the "rider" to the war revenue act of 1917 which provided the zone system is shown in the following anomalous condition: A quantity of newspapers or magazines, made up and billed through by the publisher to a point west of the Mississippi, will under the new law cost approximately eight cents per copy. A single copy of the same periodical, dropped in the street box, collected and "worked" through the post office and delivered to the addressee, will cost but four cents!

It is a curious situation when wholesale mailings by publishers cost double that of a single copy mailed by a private citizen, particularly when the argument for the passage of the zone law was simply to secure "cost of service."

Thus is the patriotism of the press paralyzed by short sighted legislators.—Leslie's.

## IDEALS THAT INSPIRED RECENT JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

New ideals that inspired the recent July Fourth celebration were outlined clearly to the Division on Women's War Work of the Committee on Public Information by Miss Josephine Roche, director of work with the foreign born. She said: "We proclaim a new Declaration of Independence for the whole world, which all people will share, instead of America alone. We have always been proud of Independence Day and the ideals that brought it into being, and on this particular Fourth, 1918, if the women of 1776 could be here they would realize that their descendants have not drifted away from these ideals and that the Americans who have come more recently to this land have been drawn by the same vision of freedom which the founders of the Republic had.

"These great groups of our foreign born are the people who have been fighting for centuries for democracy and liberty in the Old World just as our ancestors fought here. A wonderful faith in America, a trust that they will here realize their ideals and find for their children a better chance, bring them to us. We are beginning to understand we have as much to learn from them as we have to teach them, and that altogether we must work for the realization of our ideal America.

"Never has there been such an 'all-American Fourth' or one which expressed so truly and fully the intent of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. From all quarters of the globe America has drawn to herself loyal citizens bringing her the best from the old land. New faith and strength will leap in the hearts of those people fighting in Europe against autocracy and terrorism, when they learn the tidings of this Independence Day on which their former countrymen so overwhelmingly reaffirm the pledge of America to the oppressed of the world."

What a pity it is that President Wilson made such grievous blunders in picking the men to whom he has entrusted the conduct of the war plans. He could easily have gotten much better timber, and might easily have had the war won long before this. We have men in this town that can discount McAdoo, Baker, and the whole lot at Washington—at least that is the conclusion one is inclined to form after hearing them dilate for a few hours on the subject of what should and should not be done in the circumstances. Their stock of knowledge on subjects military is something at which to marvel, and we feel life impeaching the whole bunch at Washington for failing to make use of their valuable services. But it was ever thus. The wrong man is usually chosen and we have to mull through a crisis in any old shape, while if real genius were recognized we could sail through with colors flying.

## THE RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION AND THE FARMERS

The United States Railroad Administration has established a agricultural section, whose particular duty will be to look after the relations between the railroads and the Department of Agriculture. Its purpose is to give all possible assistance to the agricultural development of the country. The extension work of the Department of Agriculture and the stimulation of agriculture, especially in relation to transportation, will be assisted as much as possible by the new section.

## LOANS TO OUR ALLIES

The United States has now loaned to our allies \$6,091,530,000. The advances average about \$400,000,000 a month. These loans to our allies are an

alogous to leading weapons to friends who are aiding you in the defense of your own home. The money is being used to defeat our enemy, to maintain armies fighting side by side with our soldiers, and fleets patrolling the same oceans with our sailors.

## PATRIOTISM WITHOUT HESITATION

If our soldier boys deliberated as long over doing their duty as some of our people at home hesitate over doing theirs, the victory would be doubtful.

It is a sort of financial cowardice to hesitate to put your money in United States Government securities, and to deliberate over the wisdom and patriotism of the investment is to hesitate in supporting our soldiers.

## THE NATIONAL GUARD

The adjutant general of the state, who has just returned from Washington, brings word that the federal government desires the creation of a numerous and comprehensive national guard, represented fully in each of the towns of the state. With the call for several millions of troops abroad the government realizes that exigencies may occur at home requiring armed forces of considerable magnitude, and that the national guard is the natural source upon which to draw in such emergencies.

This will offer opportunity for men who are exempt from the draft, either because of dependents or because of age beyond or below the maximum or minimum army limit, to serve their country effectively. Just at this time there will be a dearth of arms and supplies, because the factories are working full time to supply foreign needs, but as soon as possible there will be forthcoming both guns and equipment. Meantime organization and training may begin in earnest everywhere. The rudiments of military activities are easily learned without either uniforms or rifles. All that is necessary is the presence of some man of military experience, and willingness on the part of men to sacrifice their time and comfort to engage in frequent drill. Hitherto the weakness of the national guard has been lack of authority on the part of officers to compel the men to attend drill. That ought to be cured in the present emergency by patriotic devotion everywhere.

A competent and well drilled home army of 2,000,000 men ought not to be difficult to organize in the 48 states with the months to elapse before the close of the year. It is to be hoped that they will not be needed in actual combat, but there is no assurance that they will not be needed. We are living in an age where the future is uncertain and explosion always possible.

This paper is not in position at this time to make a definite announcement regarding the putting up of a new hotel in Heppner. We have taken the matter up with Mr. Wilkins of the Palace Hotel Co., and he stated to us that he is working on a proposition of securing funds for the building of a modern hotel on their lot, the plans contemplating a structure that will cost at least \$60,000 for the building and equipment. From what we learned from Mr. Wilkins, he is assured of \$30,000 of this money from substantial stockmen and farmers of the county, and he is asking that the balance, \$30,000, be supplied by the people of Heppner. He has placed this proposition before a number of the business men and is awaiting their action. He feels that the time is very short for action if anything toward the building line is to be accomplished before winter sets in. Mr. Wilkins further states that should this money be raised, he can guarantee the beginning of work inside of thirty days.

Mr. Wilkins has had many years experience in the hotel line in Heppner and feels that he is capable of understanding what is needed here, but he will not take hold of any proposition whatever that does not comprehend the construction of a first class, modern hotel in every respect, and the plan he has sketched out is for a 75-room house, all outside rooms. The business will pay good dividends and should appeal to those who have money to invest. We hope to be able to make more definite announcement regarding this proposition within a week or so. The Palace Hotel Co., of which Mr. Wilkins has been the manager, is working out a plan of reorganization and will be in position to sell stock within a very short time.

**City Fire Alarm Arrives.**  
 The new electric siren fire alarm is here and will be installed as soon as the starting switchboard comes. The alarm will be placed on the roof of the Roberts building with the operating cord in the telephone office. Whenever the alarm is sounded a small alarm is given in the power house enabling them to get the pressure on quickly. It is claimed by the manufacturers that the siren can be heard for twelve miles and there can be little doubt that it will be able to arouse even the sleepiest of our residents.

Dick Wells got badly burned in the face on Sunday by the explosion of a can of chloride of lime. His eyes filled and it appeared for a time that his sight might be affected but no serious injury was sustained, and under treatment of a physician Mr. Wells is getting along in fine shape.

Prof. H. H. Hoffman will be located at Kennewick, Wash., for the coming year as principal of the schools, instead of Toppinsh as mentioned in our last issue. Our informant evidently had the two points confused, and the professor himself gave us no definite information as to just where he would be located.

D. A. McAtee and son are planning to erect a good business building on the property recently purchased by them from the Eiks, and adjoining the property of McAtee & Alken. Mr. McAtee is in Portland this week completing arrangements for beginning work on the structure. When completed this building will add much to the appearance of Main street and will be commodious enough to house several lines of business. Patterson & Elder will have their barber shop there and we understand that Louis Pearson will also occupy a part of the building with his tailoring establishment.

Mrs. F. N. Frye entertained in honor of Mrs. Maurice Frye on Wednesday afternoon last, the Frye home in West Heppner being thrown open to some fifty guests. A program of vocal and instrumental music was the chief feature of the afternoon. Misses Charlotte Winnard, Elizabeth Phelps and Velma Case rendered solos on the piano and vocal selections were by Mrs. Marie Sims, Mrs. Maurice Frye, Mrs. Lillie Turner and Miss Neva Childsey, Mrs. Dr. Winnard presiding at the piano. Mrs. Frye has a very rich contralto voice and her selections were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and a picture of the guests, ensemble, was taken by Mr. Frye to be carried home with them on their return to Chicago.

**TO RED CROSS KNITTERS**  
 Attention of Red Cross knitters is called to the new shipment of yarn that has arrived at headquarters. You can get your supply now by calling at the Federated Church from 2 to 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons.

**NOTICE!**  
 Any person who drives over any fire hose with auto, wagon, or any kind of vehicle when such hose is being used at fires or by the fire companies at practice, or any other time, will be prosecuted.  
 By order of the City Council,  
 W. W. SMEAD, Mayor.

**NOTICE**  
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