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## FIRST NATIONAL MAKES CHANGES

Annual Meeting Held on Tuesday—  
Frank Gilliam is Chosen Vice  
President and John Kilkenny  
Director.

The annual meeting of the First National Bank of Heppner was held on Tuesday at their banking rooms in Heppner, and some changes were made in the personnel of the board of directors and officers of the institution. J. B. Natter resigned as one of the vice presidents and A. L. Ayres retired from the board of directors.

The affairs of the First National were found to be in very excellent shape and the past year has been a prosperous one for this institution which has grown to be one of the very strongest banks in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Natter, who resigns from the vice presidency of the bank, has been connected with the institution as a stockholder almost from the time it was organized. He was elected vice president in July, 1909 and has served in that capacity and as director of the bank continuously ever since, proving himself to be an excellent advisor in financial affairs. He is still continued on the board of directors but owing to feeble health he has asked to be relieved of further official responsibility. Mr. Natter, because of his long residence in Heppner, and his ability as a financier, has been a valuable assistant in directing the affairs of the First National through all the long years of its business career in this community.

Mr. A. L. Ayres has continued as director of the bank for the past sixteen years, and his retirement from the official board at this time is accepted by the stockholders with the knowledge that his services have always been greatly appreciated, and that much of the success attained can be attributed to his helpful advice.

Frank Gilliam was chosen to take the place of Mr. Natter as vice president and the place of Mr. Ayres has been filled by the election of John Kilkenny on the board of directors.

Mr. Kilkenny has had no particular experience in conducting bank affairs, yet he has been a dealer with banks for many years in a very large capacity. His business affairs have grown in the county in the past 25 years from very humble beginnings. When he landed here a quarter of a century ago, along with Jim Garty, the two of them had less than five dollars between them. Mr. Kilkenny started his career in "the sand" as a sheep man on borrowed capital and has made good. He is now perhaps the largest individual land and sheep owner in this part of Oregon and his wealth can be rated at close to the half million mark. His close attention to business and superior business ability brought him to the front rapidly and his addition to the directorship of the First National should prove to be a very wise choice on the part of the stockholders.

Officers and directors elected were M. S. Corrigan, president, Frank Gilliam, vice president, T. J. Mahoney, vice president, W. P. Mahoney, cashier, W. P. Cox, assistant cashier, E. L. Wallace, assistant cashier, H. E. Storm, assistant cashier.

Board of directors, M. S. Corrigan, Frank Gilliam, T. J. Mahoney, W. P. Mahoney, W. O. Minor, J. B. Natter and John Kilkenny.

### Harold Cohn Takes Interest in McRoberts Garage.

Harold Cohn this week purchased an interest in the W. T. McRoberts garage and the firm is now known as the McRoberts-Cohn Auto Co. As the name implies, the new firm, besides conducting the largest garage in this section of the state, will also engage extensively in the auto business. They expect to have a fully equipped machine department installed just as rapidly as possible, and will be prepared to handle all kinds of auto repair work.

This new firm should be the means of creating a lot of business in the auto line in Heppner, as Mr. Cohn has had some considerable experience as an auto salesman and he will push this end of the business. Mr. McRoberts, who has successfully engaged in the livery business in Heppner for a number of years past, has a lot of friends throughout the county and he will be a hustler for business.

The firm contemplates handling a number of the leading makes of autos and trucks.

## MET DEATH WITH SMILE

S. E. Notson is in receipt of a letter from W. S. Wharton this week that gives a short description of the engagement in which his son, Willie, was killed. For a long time it was impossible for Mr. Wharton to learn of the cause of his son's death and the description comes from a soldier companion in the battle with Willie, who is now in the hospital at Camp Lewis recovering from wounds received at the same time. This soldier is Stephen Maki and his company and the one Billie was with were attached to the Fifth Army Corps the latter part of June. It was on the 18th of July in the Chateau Thierry sector where Billie fell. Maki states that they were in the front line trenches, when they knew that they were to go forward the next day. While cleaning their rifles and sharpening their bayonets Billie remarked "This old rifle is going to make daylight through some German tomorrow." At 4:30 they were ordered over the top, and had to fight their way inch by inch till they had gone about seven miles. Just at 7 o'clock they encountered a terrific machine gun fire. They were ordered to fall to their knees, and just at this time Billie observed a German at his left and shot him. As he was ducking to his knees a shot went through his heart and he reeled back and fell in Maki's arms. When asked if he was hurt, Billie smiled but did not speak, and being asked again if anything could be done for him, Billie smiled again without saying a word, and he died with this smile on his face. Maki states that just an hour later he received a shot that took his arm off at the shoulder and another shell took off his knee cap. He further states that during the day of July 18th more than half of the 5th Army Corps was cut down like grass. All day and all night they fought with the Germans determined not to yield ground. The 16th, 17th and especially the 18th was probably the hardest fought battles during any part of 1918. It was the turning point that sent the German army backward, and kept going ever thereafter. Mr. Wharton further states that the last letter they received from Billie was on June 14th, and he was then on his way to the front. He stated that he had made up his mind that he was going through and coming back to the good old States again. If he was killed he was going to try and get at least 10 Germans before they got him. Mr. Wharton says "we are proud that he has been a part of the Allied Armies that have brought safety, peace and honor to the world."

### Was Former Resident of Heppner.

Many people of this city will remember Frank Hale, formerly in the barber business in Heppner, and who left here about six years ago for his old home in England. Mr. Hale made many warm friends in Heppner, and it was understood that when the war broke out he had entered the service of his country, and just how he had fared no one knew. Miss Josephine Richardson has received the following short letter from Mr. Hale, who was with the Royal Air Force and writes from Bascombe Downe, Salisbury, England:

Dear Joe:  
A few lines just to let you know I am still on top and have not quite forgotten you. I have had the pleasure of meeting one or two boys from dear old Oregon. It renewed old times to have a chat with them and to see a bit of baseball, etc. Well Joe we are all glad the war is over and I am glad to say I have come through OK, but am still in the service. Give my kind regards to your father and mother, also any of the old boys I used to know. I am still living in hopes to drift out Oregon way again some day. Will write you a long letter when circumstances permit as I guess you know everything is censored. Well good bye Joe, and the best of luck. As ever,  
F. HALE.

Regards to Bub Clark and Dick Wells and all the boys when you see them.

D. M. Ward and wife, who were sick for sometime in Heppner, being victims of the flu, are now well again.

Hon. C. E. Woodson departed the last of the past week for Portland, where he attended the reconstruction meeting, and then proceeded on to Salem to be ready for the opening of the legislature on Monday last.

Roy Neill was a visitor in town from Butter creek yesterday. He was accompanied by R. F. McRoberts, who with his wife are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neill on Butter creek. Mr. McRoberts is a cousin of W. T. McRoberts of Heppner and an old-time friend of the Neill brothers of Butter creek. His home is in Portland.

## NOW FOR THE BIG "OUCH!!"



### Farmers & Stockgrowers National Hold Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank of Heppner was held at their office in the bank on Tuesday, a large majority of the stock being represented. The reports of the bank were gone over and the stockholders and directors were well pleased with the substantial showing made during the past year. The new bank is a lively youngster and is making a healthy and steady growth in business. The officers and directors chosen for the coming year are J. W. Beymer, president; Frank Anderson, vice president; J. W. Creath, vice president; S. W. Spencer, cashier and C. M. Sims, assistant cashier. The directors chosen are W. T. Matlock, J. G. Thomson, J. D. French, Emmet Cochran and Joseph M. Hayes.

### Mrs. Turner's Sister Seriously Injured.

Mrs. Frank Turner received a message from Monument Thursday of last week stating that her sister, Mrs. L. D. Swick, who lives near there was seriously hurt on the previous day, by a load of wood overturning and pinning her beneath the wagon seat. Mrs. Swick and her youngest son, Dewey, were in the wagon when it ran off a narrow place in the road and upset. The boy managed to jump and hold the horses but Mrs. Swick was caught by the wagon seat and narrowly escaped death. She was not only rendered unconscious but suffered the break of collar bone, one arm, one rib, a sprained ankle and a severe cut about the head. Dr. Johnson of Long Creek was called and attended Mrs. Swick but she is still in a very critical condition. Her son Howard, who has been stationed at Camp Lewis, was called home Sunday to be at his mother's bedside. He has not received his discharge, however, and will have to return to the camp for that as soon as his mother is able for him to leave.

### Struck Out to See the World.

Martin Howard and Melvin Olinger aged respectively 13 and 15 years, are missing from their homes at Milton and their parents are looking for them. The boys have been traced to Walla Walla where they purchased tickets to The Dalles. That the boys were traveling in style is shown by their buying Pullman tickets. They are the sons of W. C. Howard and J. E. Olinger of Milton.—Pendleton E. O.

## A DEBT TO HEROES

The Fifth Liberty Loan will be known as the Victory Loan.

Victory is not merely a matter of jubilation, accepting surrender of a beaten foe and dropping the gun to take up the plow share in the furrow where it stood when the call to arms came.

The Victory Loan is one of the many great obligations that come to the victors. President Woodrow Wilson and the members of the American peace delegation are now in France looking after the world obligations. Our part now is to prepare to pay in small measure the debt we owe our khaki and blue clad champions.

A large part of the money to be raised in the Victory Loan campaign next April will be used for the rehabilitation of our wounded men. The government will do its utmost to restore every wounded American soldier and sailor to health and self-supporting activity.

When the wounded man has been given complete medical and surgical treatment he will be considered by the Federal Board for Vocational Education. If his disability prevents return to work he left at the call of the government a wide choice of occupation is open to him.

If the injured man needs an artificial limb or appliance of any sort the government will provide it. Until his special treatment or training ends he will receive regular compensation and the family will receive the allotments. The war risk insurance will be paid until the end of the vocational training if the course is elected without necessity, but in this case the allotments will not be paid the family.

Instead of finding dependent cripples and beggars made so by an unappreciative country, they will be highly trained heroes whose sacrifices will not be tarnished by lack of gratitude.

If you are worth victory prepare now to buy Victory Bonds.

### Sells Balance of Land.

Clark & Gray have disposed of the balance of their land holdings on Skinner creek to C. A. Minor and Jern O'Connor. Messrs. Minor & O'Connor purchased a portion of the Clark & Gray land some time ago, and this latter deal takes over what was left of the McBae place, purchased by Clark & Gray some two years ago. The consideration was \$50,000.

### Departs With Perfectly Good Cuticle.

Volunteering to the sacrifice of 30 square inches of perfectly good skin, Earl W. Gordon of this city, who is at present attending a school of pharmacy in Portland, submitted to an operation at the hands of Drs. Aiken and Berkeley at a hospital in Portland the past week. The operation was no picnic and Earl has found that getting over it is just as uncomfortable as though he were recovering from the effects of a very severe burn. The doctors had under their care a young orphan boy who had been badly injured and required the grafting of 100 square inches of skin. Volunteers were called for, and Earl, with another fellow student contributed 60 square inches. This orphan lad was run over by a train and had one leg cut off, and later was playing with gasoline and severely burnt the other leg. The lad was 8 years old.

### Henry Pleiss Dies of Influenza.

Henry Pleiss, young farmer living near Heppner, was brought to town on Saturday, suffering a severe attack of influenza. He was taken to the hospital and placed under the care of a physician and competent nurse, and all that was possible was done to save him but the disease had taken too firm a hold and he passed away on Sunday night. Funeral services were held at the grave on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. H. A. Noyes officiating. Mrs. Pleiss, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Osmin, is also sick with influenza and was down at the same time with her husband at their home some few miles south of Heppner. She is reported as getting along well at present. Mr. Pleiss leaves \$5000 insurance which he secured early in the summer.

### Buys Skinner Creek Land.

John McEntire, prosperous sheepman of this county, who has been running the Whetstone ranch on Hinton creek for the past two or three years, closed a deal with G. U. Krebs the past week whereby he takes over 4360 acres of land situated on Skinner fork. This land is partly range and partly wheat land and is one of the best places in that part of the county. The consideration involved the sum of \$53,000. Mr. Krebs and his sons took hold of this land about four years ago, coming here from Portland. They made good and have returned to that city to reside for the present.

## SCHOOL CLOSED 'TILL FEBRUARY

City Board of Health Clamps Lid Down Tight.

The City Board of Health has clamped the lid down tight on the public school until the first Monday in February, and then it will depend altogether on how the flu situation is whether permission will be granted to take up the work.

This is made necessary if the epidemic is stamped out, as it is hoped it may be within the next week. A very few new cases are reported now and most of those afflicted are recovering, but with children, as with older ones, days of convalescence are drawn out and entire recovery is a slow progress. Many pupils have returned to their studies in an unfit condition and soon take down again with the result oftentimes that the second attack is much worse than the first. Also, these convalescents are what is known as carriers of the disease and expose others. Owing to these facts it is thought best to keep the lid on for at least a couple of weeks more, and then some, if found necessary.

This announcement is made by the full authority of the City Board of Health, who met on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of canvassing the situation, and this is their decision.

### Council Makes Offer to Mr. Gates.

In consideration of taking over the interest of the Heppner Light & Water Company in the city water plant, the council, at a special meeting on Monday night decided to tender an offer of \$15,000 to H. V. Gates, president of the Company.

Mr. Gates had before the council for their consideration, a proposition to sell the city his interests in the plant, which proposition was published in these columns last week. The council in the meantime had taken time to get at the sentiment of the people of the town with regard to a municipally owned water system, and so they have put this offer up to Mr. Gates, for his acceptance or refusal. He has not been heard from, and it is likely that when he is the offer will be turned down. It gets the matter up for consideration, however, and the council can proceed along other lines should Mr. Gates refuse the proposal.

There seems to be a pretty well defined attitude on the part of the city to tackle the water proposition with a view to taking it over and owning it exclusive of all private individuals. The council is getting warmed up to the fact that we must secure an abundant and pure water supply, and the indications are that they and Mr. Gates will get together and that before a great while a deal will be consummated whereby the city will take over the entire ownership of the water plant, and it is not improbable that it will include the electric plant also. In this good work we shall hope to see the council receive the undivided support of the citizens of the town.

### THE FEDERATED CHURCH.

The usual services may be expected next Sunday and if schools open on Monday, January 20th or before there will be no need of masks on Sunday the 19th. In case the situation should become worse so that school does not open Monday, Sunday School will not be held on Sunday but regular church services will be held. So far as wearing masks is concerned, if men will endure the inconvenience of a mask for the sake of a game of cards it ought not to be considered a great sacrifice for the sake of maintaining religious services. Nurses wear masks, the soldiers wore not only the ordinary but the much more uncomfortable gas masks, and if this pestilence should continue with us for some time we may as well get used to them first as last.

H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

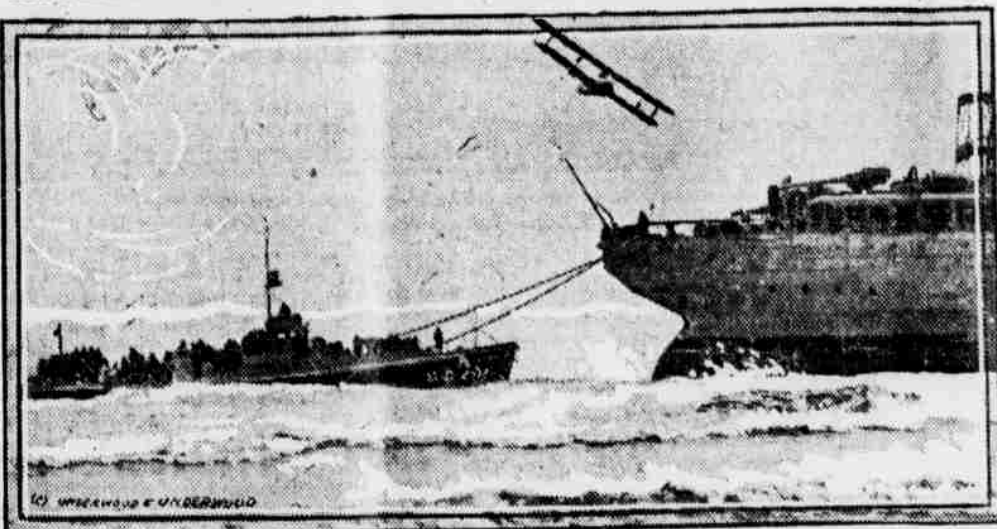
### January Sale called Off.

Messrs Brown and McMenamin, of the Farmers Exchange of the Inland Empire, have decided to call off their January auction sale that was announced for the fourth Saturday of this month. They deeming it best to not bring a crowd together at this time, and in this decision we believe they are wise. The February sales date will be announced later.

### Sells Sand Hollow Place.

Ernest Edwards has disposed of his place in Sand Hollow, for which he received a neat sum, and will leave shortly for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, who reside near Hillsboro, Oregon.

## AIRPLANE DELIVERS NEWS TO YANKS OF THEIR OWN DISASTER



Newspapers, in which were detailed accounts of their own disaster, and cigars by the armload, all delivered by airplane while the work of rescue was going on, was the experience of some 2500 wounded and returning Yanks on the stranded transport Northern Pacific, which went on a sandbar off Fire Island. And it was Uncle Sam's new submarine chasers (shown here in actual rescue work) which were able to get in close and land every man.