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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

SHALL IT BE WATER—OR JUST TALK.

Shall Heppner have a sufficient water supply, or shall it be just talk?

We are led to ask this question at this time for the reason that so far, nothing but talk—empty talk—is being indulged in.

It was our privilege to be present at the council meeting on Monday evening, and after the regular routine of business had been gotten out of the way, to be entertained, so to speak, with a "discussion" of the water question.

Mr. Gates was present and endeavored to get some expression that would indicate just where our new city council stand on the propositions he has made concerning the water and light plant, and from all that we were able to gather, after sifting this rather prolonged conversation, was that the council at the present time had formulated no specific plan of action.

What's the matter? Was not the present council elected on a platform that authorizes them to get water for the city, get it quick and more abundantly? They were. Then why proceed to talk the proposition to death. The time is already far spent, and to get a hustle on now will give us no relief the coming season.

Mr. Gates has made two propositions to the city, and we believe that one of them should be acted upon: The proposition of joint ownership and occupancy of the conduit line from the mountains to the city. This proposition will mean the purchase of the equity of the Heppner Light & Water Company in the present water plant, and this equity will be sold the city on an arbitrated basis. Perhaps the cost will be around \$35,000. It is estimated that it will cost \$50,000 in round numbers to lay the conduit line from the mountains and connect up with the system in Heppner. Should the city undertake the job on an independent basis, it is easy to see that some \$80,000 in cash will be required. Then, should the lighting plant also be taken over, as some contend it should be, the city is up against an outlay of \$140,000—an impossible proposition. So talk along this line is simply delaying the game and getting nowhere.

We have been informed that preliminary steps are being taken concerning points in this proposition, and that the council is not sleeping altogether on the job. Well and good. But if you have anything in mind, gentlemen, that can be placed before the people in concrete form, so that they can understand it, give it to them.

Our plan is to take up this latter proposition of Mr. Gates. Accept the joint ownership and occupancy of

the conduit line. This, as we understand it, does not mean a partnership in the water system. The right to water and use of the conduit would be an independent right. Were the city to run an independent pipe line for the 4 1/2 miles above the site of the power plant, the water it conveyed would be lost for any power use, and would by reason of that loss destroy the practicability of any power use whatever. Joint use of a conduit means economical use of all the water. Aside from that, by reason of the Heppner Light & Water Co. operating its power plant, it could save the employment of one man by the city to safeguard the gate.

All this talk at this time of getting rid of Mr. Gates, seems to this paper to be impracticable and unreasonable. We are now up against a cold blooded business proposition. Go at it in a business way. We can get along with Mr. Gates very well for the next ten years, providing we can have control of the water plant, and if his proposition makes this possible, take it up and present it to the people for their approval. Work out the preliminaries, call your election with the proposition and facts fully before the people of the city. They will put it over.

We wish to heartily indorse the sentiments expressed in the last issue of the Herald concerning the Morrow County Fair. If we should add anything to this statement of facts, we should say that in years past there has not been the success of the fair that our business men expected, they can take a very large part of the blame. They did not give it unanimous and hearty support, and left its running largely to the former secretary, who, to make the fair go as well as he did, was forced to "take the bull by the horns." He made mistakes, surely, but it is our candid opinion that withal, he got good results for the county, which could have been far greater with the hearty cooperation that the secretary of the Fair Board has a right to expect.

A DEPLORABLE SHIPYARD STRIKE

The Seattle shipyards strike will cost the workers \$4,000,000 a month wages.

The strikers were getting \$4.46 for unskilled labor and from that up to \$7 for an 8-hour day.

They "demand" \$6 a day for common labor and \$1 an hour for skilled labor, and a 44-hour week.

The strike is conducted against a government-awarded wage scale and on contracts for government ships. Under the Macy award in a single shipyard \$200,000 increased back pay was awarded.

The strike is bound to increase the number of unemployed men and bring down wages all around.

The strikers are trying to involve all other trades, but the carpenters in shipyards are refusing to join.

Director General Pietz of Emergency Shipping Board says, "The government is not so badly in need of ships that it will compromise on a question of principle."

FIELD AGENTS DISCUSS WORK.

The most profitable types of community farm work in Oregon, and the best means of carrying them on through the county farm bureaus,

was the subject of a joint conference of the county agent, home demonstration, and club workers at Corvallis, January 27-February 1. Farmers are banding themselves together to make farm work more profitable and farm life more satisfactory. Farmers are organizing bureaus in Jackson, Deschutes and Wallowa counties, and electing committees for all community enterprises adopted in the coming year's program. Like organizations will be formed by the farmers in all county agent counties as rapidly as practicable. Through all farm bureaus the poorer as well as the richer farmers are brought together to stay together in promotion of their common interests.

THE GOLDEN TRAIT.

Out in our neighborhood are two grocers.

Each has about the same stock, gives about the same service; has about the same fixed prices and credit rules.

But one groceryman makes a mistake in about half the bills he sends.

He is always in a hurry but never seems to get much of anywhere, and his statements are not more mixed up than his deliveries, which are a scandal as to promptness, exactness and neatness.

The other grocer sends out correct statements; his orders are delivered on time, and according to the way they read on the bill. He is a business man.

Which grocer gets most of the business?

You are absolutely wrong. The careless cuss does the business; eight-tenths of it.

That's one reason why he gets mixed up; he's too busy.

The haphazard chap is one of those fellows who was born friendly.

He honestly wants to know about the baby's blessed little tummy ache, and the wife's deceased aunt.

While he takes your order, he cheers you up; we never heard a sharp word or a complaint out of him.

The smallest tot in the district can take a five-dollar bill and a written order to him and get as good, or better service than father could.

He is obliging and all that, but chiefly he is kindly and a neighborhood comfort.

And he gets the business, and his competent, long-headed, chill hearted competitor does not.

This world forgives the kindly man an awful lot.

In three months the Y. M. C. A. has shipped to the American soldiers overseas, 102,378 baseballs, 192,378 footballs, 29,304 baseball bats, 29,870 gloves and mitts, 3,581 masks and 1200 chest protectors. Continued interest in boxing on the part of soldiers caused the Y. M. C. A. to ship 4,460 sets of boxing gloves. In addition to this playground balls, basket balls, soccer, volley and medicine balls to a total of 26,429 were sent over.

This athletic equipment is furnished the American soldier entirely free of charge by the association and since the war started the Y. M. C. A. has undoubtedly been the largest purchaser of athletic goods in the world. Al Orth is in France looking out for the welfare of the men and Bill Lange is about to join him. Until the American soldiers return the Y. M. C. A. will continue to serve them, work being maintained

at more than 3500 units at home and abroad.

Spent Nine Months in Hospital.

Floyd L. Barlow, in town a short time today. He returned home from Camp Lewis shortly after Christmas, having received an honorable discharge from the service. Floyd left Morrow county for Camp Lewis with the first big lot of boys and he never got any further, though his company went across. He was unfortunate enough to get the measles, and from this he suffered one complication after another that kept him in the hospital for nine solid months, during which period he underwent five different operations and came near passing to the realms of bliss. His disappointment was great in not being able to accompany the boys of his company to the front. The parents of Mr. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barlow, are this week moving to the Eight Mile farm of Noah Clark, which place they have rented.

Members of Fair Board Appointed.

The county court, at their session the last of the week appointed Ike Howard of Ione and F. R. Brown of Heppner as directors on the Fair Board, to take the places made vacant by the resignations of Jack Hynd and W. W. Smead. It is understood that Mr. Brown will be chosen secretary of the Board, he has given signified his willingness to take that position. The members of the Fair Board are now Oscar Keithley of Eight Mile, Ike Howard of Ione and F. R. Brown of Heppner.

Roy V. Whitels the past week sold some 200 acres of railroad land to L. H. Martin. This acreage joins the lands lately purchased of the Brown brothers by Miles Martin, and will be added to that place. Mr. Whitels also put through the deal with Mrs. A. M. Slocum of Portland, for the corner on Main street south of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank, which is to be occupied by the new three-story hotel. The purchase was made for J. W. Beymer and Jeff Jones.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. International lesson, "Jethro's Counsel." Morning service 11:00 a. m. Sermon theme: "The Gospel of Kindness." Evening service 7:30 p. m. H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES.

I. O. O. F. Hall. Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Spirit." Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at Mrs. Gene Slocum's. Everybody is welcome.

The material has arrived for the making of refugee garments by the Red Cross. The chapter is desirous of having this completed promptly and asks that the ladies call and get their allotments of material for sewing. The demand is urgent.

A dance is announced to take place at the Fair Pavilion on Saturday evening, Feb. 22, celebrating Washington's birthday. Music will be provided by a four-piece orchestra. Watch for further announcements.

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