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LADIES TO BOOST FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Organization Perfected With Object In View of Making Heppner More Attractive.

With the highly commendable idea in view of making Heppner more beautiful and thus a better town to live in, a meeting was called of the women of the city to meet with Mayor Vaughn on Wednesday evening at the Council rooms. In response to the request of the Mayor a number of the leading ladies were present and an organization was launched with the election of Ada M. Ayers as president, Carrie Vaughan, vice president and Sylvia Wells secretary-treasurer.

Mayor Vaughn acted as temporary chairman of the meeting and brought up the matters he has had in mind for some time, touching betterments for the city and stated how he thought an organization of the women would be the means of bringing these things about. The Mayor also stated that it was his intention to offer prizes for displays of flowers and shrubs to be made each year at the county fair for a series of years, the object being to stimulate the growing of flowers and plants in the homes and on the grounds of the citizens. As stated by the Mayor, there will be numerous questions about various improvements coming up that the women are particularly interested in putting over, and their sense of the fitness of things makes them particularly qualified to take hold of the job.

Others addressed the meeting on the subject of similar organizations elsewhere, and what they had accomplished, and there was no small amount of enthusiasm and interest manifested.

The ladies will begin at once the work of interesting all the women of the town to become members of the organization and the work of making Heppner beautiful will be taken up in earnest.

The Mayor gave the ladies much encouragement in regard to the water situation, stating that while he felt an additional supply of water could not now be had for the coming summer, yet the steps were being taken to secure this by at least another season, and he could guarantee that what was wanted in this direction would be forthcoming, though the job was a big one.

With an organization of this nature, working in conjunction with the city government, it is expected that the library will soon be re-established on a good footing, and made better than ever. This move will receive hearty support. The ladies will use their influence in getting a lot of new sidewalks built, backyards and alleys will be cleaned up, and in fact there is no end to the good things for Heppner that we may confidently look forward to.

This paper received an interesting letter this week from Robert Hopkins, formerly employed in this office and now in the service of Uncle Sam. Bob is on the U. S. Duncan which is at present in Cuban waters. We take it from the tone of the letter that he would just as soon be relieved from the service and return to civil life, now that the war is over. However, Bob, if Old Man Hindy gets too foxy over on the border line, you may see some real excitement yet.

The Masonic Lodge of Ione, in conjunction with the ladies of the Eastern Star of that place, have planned to give a grand ball at Ione on the evening of Friday, February 21st. All arrangements had been completed for giving this ball on December 21st, last, but owing to the flu it had to be abandoned. A grand time is promised everybody on this occasion.

County Sells Property.

The property of the county at the rear of the Star theater, where the road machinery and tools have been stored, has been sold to Vaughn & Sons and just as soon as the same is vacated by the county, they expect to work over the buildings and premises and make a store room for new and second hand automobiles and other vehicles. The county is arranging to have a new building put up on the lots purchased last week at the Fair Grounds. This will be a dual purpose building, so constructed as to be of use for sheltering stock when the fair is in progress, and at which time the most of the machinery will be out on the roads at work. Plans are being drawn for this work and the county will soon be ready to ask for bids on the material necessary for the construction.

COMMERCIAL CLUB REVIVED

The Heppner Commercial Club has been revived and by the election of new officers and the adoption of new methods of operation it is hoped some things helpful for the community may be accomplished. In response to a call issued by the retiring president and secretary, Messrs. C. L. Sweek and W. W. Smead, a goodly number of citizens came together on Friday evening last, at which time President Sweek and Secretary Smead made their final reports and announced their entire willingness to retire from the responsibilities of office in connection with the Club. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Club had a perfectly clean slate so far as any money belonging to the organization was concerned, and there appeared to be nothing in the way of starting off with a new board of officers and committees. The election was proceeded with and W. P. Mahoney was chosen as president, P. A. Anderson, vice president and S. A. Pattison, secretary-treasurer.

Following the election the Club acted upon the suggestion and motion of C. L. Sweek that the chairman of each committee with the three officers constitute the executive committee, which is empowered to meet for the purpose of transacting business for the Club. A motion also empowered the executive committee to revise the bylaws to conform to the present needs of the Club.

A new departure in regard to the memberships was also adopted, and in the future there will be no dues. What money the Club will have to have will be raised by other means.

The appointment of committees by the president will be announced later.

ATTENTION BOYS.

All boys between the ages of 16 and 20, whether in school or not, who wish to join the Boys' Working Reserve, may do so before Feb. 15th. D. W. BOITNOTT, Enrolling Officer.

Mrs. Frank Turner states that her sister, Mrs. L. Sweek, of Monument, who was so seriously injured about five weeks ago, is recovering very slowly, and as yet she is unable to get about. Her recovery seems to be gradual, however, and it is expected that in due course of time she will be well again.

MORROW COUNTY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13

The Morrow County Fair Board, consisting of Oscar Keithly of Eight Mile, Ike Howard, of Ione, F. R. Brown and Mrs. Shurte of Heppner, at a meeting in Heppner last Saturday elected Oscar Keithly, President and F. R. Brown, Secretary for the coming year. Mrs. Shurte was appointed Superintendent of the Club exhibit, Miss Edith Thorley, Superintendent of the Domestic Science and Art Department.

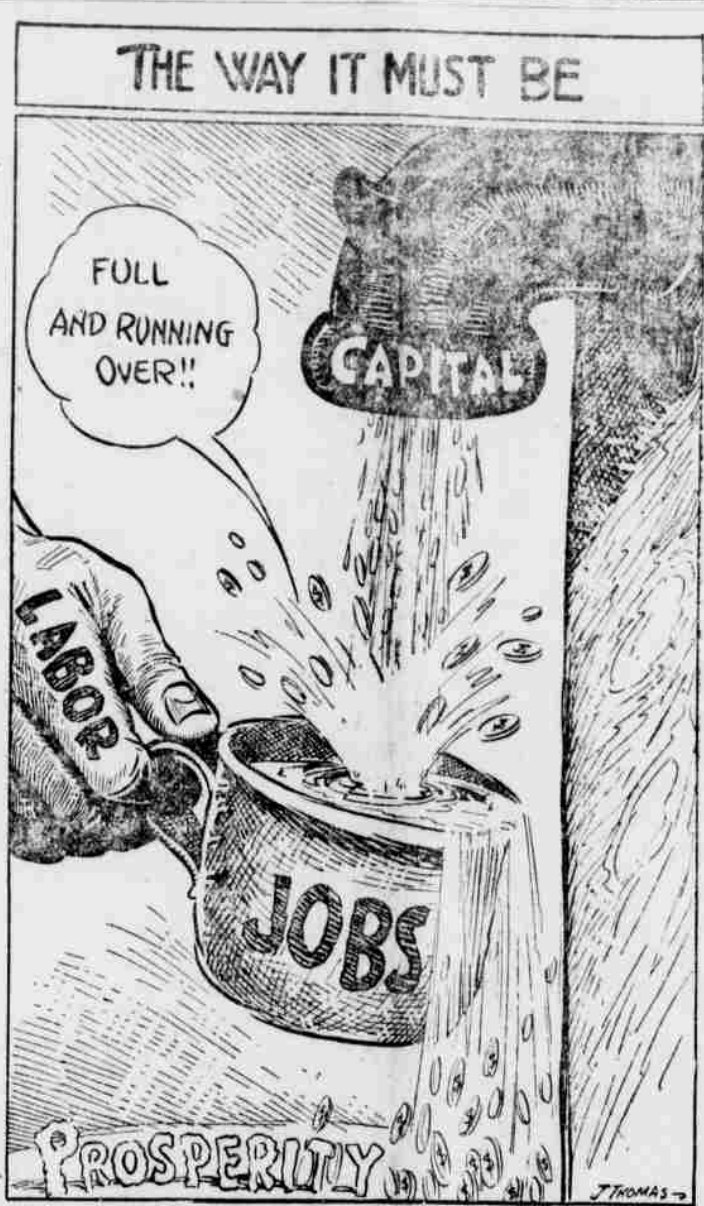
The new board has taken up the work of making the 1919 Morrow County Fair a winner and have announced that it will be up to the people to say whether or not this is the last County Fair to be held here. They have arranged a special knocker's class open only to those who spend as much time working for the success of the Fair as the members of the Fair Board. If you know now that you are going to have a kick coming next Fall and want to enjoy that kick get busy now and boost.

The premium lists will be mailed about March 1. If you have suggestions to make the Board wants them. Special prizes are to be offered for individual farm, community and special exhibits. There is only one way to make our Fair a success. Plan now, talk for it all the time, work for it all summer, and bring your best exhibit September 11.

F. R. BROWN,
Secretary Morrow County Fair Board
Sec. Morrow County Fair Board

Makes Several Car Sales.

Mrs. Albert Bowker reports the sale of several cars this week. Dr. Chick was the purchaser of a Dodge Roadster, Ed Hunt received a new 5-passenger Buick touring car, the Tum-A-Lum Co. are the purchasers of a new Ford touring car and Morrow County has purchased a Ford roadster which will be at the disposal of the newly appointed road master in the prosecution of his labors about the county. Heppner Garage has the agency for several of these standard cars and the prospects for business seem to be picking up.



LEXINGTON COUNCIL STARTS IMPROVEMENTS

At the Council meeting held last Thursday, S. G. McMillan was appointed councilman to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of W. E. Pointer to accept the office. W. P. McMillan was appointed Recorder to fill the vacancy caused by H. L. McAlister refusing to accept that office.

It was ordered that Arcade Street be graded, and H. E. Warner is now at work with his tractor and the County grader. This street is low ground and in wet weather is always in bad condition. The crew is making a wonderful improvement on this street. It is intended to have other streets graded at this time. The council will order several sidewalks to be built.

A committee was appointed to investigate and report on the cost of a proposed extension of D Street. This extension would run east past the school house and connect with the County Road on the hill above Tom Nichols' house. This would give a direct level road to the warehouses, and would save all wheat teams pulling down into town and back up the hill to the warehouses. This road should have been built on this line at the time the town was laid out.

LYCEUM NUMBER COMING; OTHER H.S. NOTES

The next number of the Ellison-White lyceum course will be presented at the High School Auditorium Wednesday night, February 26. On account of the hanging up of everything during the influenza epidemic it has made it impossible for the lyceum company to furnish the numbers first signed for and instead are furnishing substitute numbers to complete the schedule. The number which will be presented February 26th is the Ionian Serenaders, a company consisting of four young women who sing, read and play skillfully both in ensemble and individual selections. The price of admission has not been definitely decided upon but will probably be 75c for adults and 35c for children and students. Everybody should attend this number as it will be a rare treat.

After having been closed down for five weeks during the flu ban school has been running again for a couple of weeks. The students were all a little blue at first because of the prospects of not being able to complete the year's work, but when told by the heads of the institution that it was possible for everyone to make their credits if an excess of energy was applied, everybody has been "digging in" and the failures this year will probably be below what they are in normal times.

The High School basket ball quintet played the Town Team a fast game of basket ball last evening, but the town boys were a little too much for the less experienced basket tossers of the school as is shown by the uneven score of 16 to 6. After practicing a bit more, however, we firmly believe we shall have a fair team and are now arranging for some outside games. The schedule will be announced as soon as completed.

Two girls teams of the High School, the Submarines and the Cruisers as they were named, put on a basket tossing exhibition to complete a double header. This game was hard fought from start to finish but the Subs, getting off with a pretty good lead, were able to keep the upper hand throughout the game and the final score showed 12 to 8 in their favor. The girls are taking a great interest in basket ball and will play more games for the benefit of the public later.

Lincoln's Birthday was appropriately remembered at the High School yesterday afternoon when Mr. S. E. Notson made the students of the upper grammar grades and the High School a short address on "Patriotism." His speech was short but to the point and the students could well profit by his examples set forth.

Henry Schwarz of Heppner was in Lexington on business this week.

R. H. Lane went to Pilot Rock last Monday to buy a load of beef cattle.

W. C. Worstell, pastor of the Christian Church, preached at Ione last Sunday.

Mrs. Jeff Jones, and Mrs. Ellis Hendricson visited with Mrs. W. O. Hill, one day last week.

Arthur Beymer was called to Portland last week, having received word that Mrs. Beymer was sick.

Ray White is visiting with his parents, having been stationed at the Bremerton Navy Yard for the past year.

W. J. Davis has returned from a two months visit to his old home in Michigan. He reports a very mild winter, so far in the Eastern states.

Marshall Hooper, Assistant Superintendent of Banks, was in Lexington last Thursday, and made a regular examination of the Lexington State Bank.

John Denny is a new arrival from Monmouth, Oregon. He has leased a part of the Newlon ranch, northeast of Lexington, and will engage in wheat farming.

Mrs. W. P. Scrivner has purchased from W. T. McRoberts, 60 feet frontage on Gale street immediately in the rear of the Scrivner property on Main street. This will give an outlet to her property and room to care for their blacksmithing business.

TO HAVE FINE SHOW BUILDING

Portland, Feb. 13.—Leading livestock men from Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Montana, representing many millions of dollars worth of pure bred and range stock, were in conference here and adopted definite plans for a half million dollar exposition building. A suitable home is wanted for the annual Show and sales of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. A structure covering approximately ten acres of ground, with all thoroughly modern facilities for the showman and spectator, is planned. The building will be erected this summer and a big show held this fall, November 15-22. Those interested in the livestock industry will head the subscription lists. The annual exhibition, now in its ninth year, will draw attendance from as far East as the Mississippi River and exhibits of livestock of all kinds from the entire Pacific Slope. Taking part in the conference were the following, who are directors of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition:

Frank Brown, President, Carlton, Oregon; William Pollman, Vice-President, Baker; F. M. Rothrock, Spokane; A. D. Dunn, Wapato; W. B. Ayer, Portland; C. L. Hawley, McCoy; J. N. Burgess, Pilot Rock; Thos. Carmichael, Gaston; Ed Carey, Carlton; C. C. Berkeley, Hay Creek; George Dickson, Prineville; Ed Schoel, Suver; W. K. Newell, N. C. Maris, A. C. Ruby, Portland; H. C. Brown, Portland; F. A. Koser, Rickreall, Ray Fox, Lyons.

WILL HAVE ENGINEER HERE.

We are informed that the City Council have employed a civil engineer to go over the ground of the proposed pipe line from the timber to Heppner. The gentleman will be here during the coming week and represents a firm of engineers of Kansas City. His firm is now carrying on some work in Idaho and from there the engineer will come to Heppner. With a view, also, of getting expert opinion on the contract between the city and Mr. Gates, a copy of that instrument has been in the hands of a prominent attorney in Portland for the past three weeks and it is expected that a decision from him will be forthcoming most any day.

INTERESTED IN THE JOHN DAY PROJECT

F. R. Brown, of this city, is in receipt of a letter of recent date from Hon. N. J. Sinnott, concerning the John Day irrigation project, in which he says:

"I had a talk yesterday morning with Director Davis concerning the state and government co-operative report upon the John Day Irrigation project. The director informed me that he had been investigating all the various irrigation projects referred to in the different co-operative reports and that he was of the opinion that the John Day project was a very expensive one. I shall be glad to submit to the director of the Reclamation Service any data or information you may have not set forth in the co-operative report.

"However, I would suggest that if possible your district send to Washington your engineer or some one thoroughly familiar with the project from an engineering standpoint and let him take up the matter in person with the director of the Reclamation Service. This has been done by those interested in irrigation along the Deschutes river and in Malheur county, Oregon.

"In case the appropriation for one hundred million dollars for homes for returning soldiers passes as urged by Secretary Lane succeeds it is his intention to choose one or two projects in each arid land state. He says that he will choose the most feasible projects. While I would be glad to submit any data in favor of your project I could not do this with the force and intelligence that your engineer or some one thoroughly conversant with the project could do. I am daily receiving letters from prospective projects in Oregon and am advising them all whenever it is possible to send an engineer to Washington and take up the matter in person with the department.

"In these hearings I shall be glad to render any service that I can to your project as well as other projects called to my attention. It will be two weeks possibly before the Appropriation Committee decides whether or not it will favor the above appropriation.

"If I can be of any further service in this matter let me know."

WOULD RESERVE MALHEUR LAKE FOR BIRDS

The Attempt of Those Who Would Commercialize This Natural Breeding Ground Should Be Defeated.

House Bill 376, now before the Legislature, would be the means of preserving to the United States and the State of Oregon, the great natural breeding grounds and wild fowl reserve of Malheur Lake—Interests are working at present that would destroy this and commercialize the lands covered by the waters of the lake, by drainage. The bill now before the legislature is a step to prevent this, and we gladly give space to the following letter of State Biologist Finley:

Portland, February 8, 1919.
Editor, The Gazette-Times,
Heppner, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Theodore Roosevelt was the most far-sighted President this country ever had in saving our wild birds from extermination. He said that wild birds were absolutely necessary to future agricultural development in the United States, because they are the natural check upon insects and other pests that take \$800,000,000 annual toll from the farmers.

He saw the complete extermination of the myriads of wild pigeons of eastern North America, because these birds were not protected on their breeding grounds. The common people were thus deprived of a food supply.

August 18, 1908, President Roosevelt issued a special proclamation creating Malheur Lake as a Federal Wild Bird Reservation. It is recognized as the greatest wild bird refuge in North America. It is one of our greatest memorials to Theodore Roosevelt.

Promoters under the guise of increasing agricultural land in Harney county, have a lobby at Salem to drain this alkaline lake and use the alkali-crusted soil to lure new settlers to Oregon. Their completed plans to destroy Malheur Lake Reservation are now before the State Land Board for action.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has had charge of this area and since 1908, has paid wardens to protect it. Oregon is morally bound not to commit the commercial crime of destroying it. Malheur Lake Reservation is as wonderful as Crater Lake, Mt. Hood or the Columbia Highway. It is an asset to Oregon and the United States as one of the last great wild fowl nurseries.

DENNIS MCNAMEE PLANS NEW BUILDING.

The construction of a substantial new building on his lots at the southwest corner of Main and May streets is announced by Dennis McNamee. According to the plans drawn by Contractor Denisse the building will be of concrete, with pressed brick facings, two stories and cover the entire lot. It will contain all modern conveniences of steam heat, hot and cold water in each department, and the construction cost is placed at \$32,000. The idea of Mr. McNamee is to put up a strictly modern department house, something Heppner has needed for a long time. Thus the work of rebuilding the burnt district is being planned, and before many months that part of our little city will have taken on a greatly improved appearance. Mr. McNamee is to be congratulated on his enterprise.

HAROLD CRAWFORD CHIEF ARCHITECT OF TUM-A-LUM LUMBER CO.

Harold Crawford chief architect of Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., came in from Walla Walla on Wednesday. Mr. Crawford, in answer to request, has made tentative drawings for the new hotel building going up on the Stocum corner, and he will present complete drawings and blue prints for the inspection of the promoters. We understand the hotel company are quite well pleased with the plans proposed by Mr. Crawford.

FRANK TURNER, J. W. BEYMER AND LOUIS PEARSON, ALL VICTIMS OF RHEUMATISM.

Frank Turner, J. W. Beymer and Louis Pearson, all victims of rheumatism, are at Hot Lake Sanatorium, where they are taking the hot baths and finding relief for their sufferings.

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