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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

MORROW COUNTY'S ROAD PROGRAM.

County Judge Campbell has for a time past been in some doubt as to just what was the proper procedure in getting the county started off on its road program. The former court had put \$19,000 of money into the paying of the road between Heppner and Lexington and it was expected that this would be returned in cash, and that work down the line might thus be continued and more grading done this Spring. The Judge had worried over this item a lot, and finally he concluded the best thing to do, after having written the commission and getting no satisfaction, was to go to Pendleton and take the matter up with Hon. W. L. Thompson, acting chairman of the commission, and throw it out. With this end in view, he invited Messrs. C. E. Woodson, W. O. Minor, Vawter Crawford, F. R. Brown and Commissioner G. A. Bleakman to accompany him to Pendleton on Saturday and assist in putting the claim of Morrow county before the commissioner. This was done, and our delegation learned a number of things to the benefit of themselves and the county at large.

We had been informed on many points in regard to highway work by Jas. F. Stewart in the meeting last week, and were prepared to get down to business in the short time allotted by Mr. Thompson, and it is only necessary to state at this time that if Judge Campbell had any doubts as to the proper attitude to be assumed by the County Court in reference to bonding the county for road funds, these doubts have been everlastingly removed and he now sees his way clear.

This paper is fully convinced from what we have learned during the past two weeks that but one thing can be done by our people in this road matter: bond the county and get just as large a sum of money as this proceeding will permit. There is no use to go up to the State Highway Commission with empty hands; we will get nothing and will thus be shut out from participating in the splendid road program that is being prepared.

It will be our purpose to keep our readers informed the very best we can in regard to the progress of the bonding measure in this county. At this time there is a splendid sentiment in favor of going the limit. We have a fine example in the election recently held by our sister county, Umatilla, whose people have gone in for bonds by a vote of 9 to 1, and they are now getting lined out for their share of the state funds, though not a single bond has yet been disposed of. There can be no doubt about what Morrow county will do, and the preparing of petitions and the calling of a special election should progress just as rapidly as possible. No argument is required to convince the people that they need good roads. It should require but little argument to convince them that the way to get what we want is to go after it and put up the money. The state is going to do its full share.

THE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The drive for Morrow County's quota of memberships in the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce is on this week and should be closed up in proper time. As was stated last week Mr. Scott of Lexington took over Lexington's quota and guaranteed it, while 27 business men of Heppner stood for the portion to be raised here. There should and will be no question of reaching our entire quota.

After reviewing the plans and purposes of this organization, Mr. Sidney B. Vincent, writing in the Oregon Retailers Journal of February, 1919, makes this statement:

"The State Chamber of Commerce functions very much as any city commercial organization, except that the scope of its activities are so much greater, and in many respects perhaps even more important than city commercial associations. The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce was brought into life for one prime object—the creation of a unity of sentiment for all things beneficial to the State of Oregon. That is the whole story in a few words.

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AN EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATION.

As an object lesson in co-operation on the part of the State Highway Commission in road building we call attention to the work now under way across the north end of the county on the Columbia Highway.

Morrow county put in \$19,000 for hard-surfacing last year, and then our Court also turned over what funds Districts 1 and 2, of the north end, had, amounting to \$22,000, making a total of \$41,000. To complete the Highway through the north end of the county will require the possible expenditure on the part of the State Highway Commission of about \$150,000 more. This is the way the Commission is co-operating and shows what can be expected for other work in the county when we have worked out our program and are ready to co-operate further with them.

St. Patrick's Made Enjoyable Season In Heppner.

The annual celebration of St. Patrick's season was made an enjoyable occasion in Heppner, and many were the citizens of Celtic extraction gathered in Heppner on Saturday, Sunday and Monday to engage in the various exercises. The program had in the main been arranged under the auspices of the Hibernians and a special program was given on Saturday evening at the High School Auditorium, the main feature of which was an able address by Thos. Mannix, of Portland. Mr. Geo. C. Hennessy, also of Portland was present. This premier entertainer remained over until the close of the festivities on Monday evening and injected fun and merriment into all the various meetings. Local talent assisted, also on the program Saturday evening. Special services for the Hibernians were held at the Catholic church Sunday and Monday forenoon. Monday afternoon was given over to the field sports at the Monahan farm. Rugby football was played and there was footracing and a general good time, all of the festivities closing with a big banquet, prepared and served by Mrs. Mike Curran at the banquet room in I. O. O. F. hall, thus fittingly closing a season of real pleasure and profit, in which the traditions of Ireland were fully sustained.

Child Accidentally Killed.

A very sad accident occurred at the farm of Arthur Gammell near Lexington on last Thursday afternoon, when the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gammell met her death. Little Willa May, aged 3 years, 10 months and 10 days, was riding, with another little sister along with Mr. Gammell on a Walla Walla weeder while he was at work in the field. Mr. Gammell had made

a platform of boards on the weeder and he considered it perfectly safe for the children to be riding on, and consequently was not apprehensive that an accident might happen to one of the little tots. The first that he knew that anything was wrong was the apparent choking of the weeder, and stopping to examine found that the child was missing. In some unaccountable manner she had been drawn under the machine and her neck broken. There were no other marks or scratches on the body except a slight abrasion on one leg, which might indicate that the little one had been letting her feet drag on the ground and was in this manner pulled under the weeder. Mr. and Mrs. Gammell were prostrated with grief over the sad accident and it comes to them as a very great shock, indeed. The little girl was buried at Lexington on Friday, W. C. Worstell, pastor of the Christian church, officiating.

Morrow County to Bond.

Vawter Crawford, publisher of the Gazette-Times at Heppner, who is here today with a delegation from Morrow county says that a special election will be held soon for the purpose of voting bonds for good roads in Morrow county. It is proposed to bond the county to the limit, \$200,000. Good roads enthusiasts in Morrow county are much encouraged over the road bonds vote in Umatilla county.—Saturday's E. O.

George Marlatt and wife, of Jefferson, Oregon, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Eva Dumas, arrived at Heppner on Sunday to be present at the funeral of the late J. W. Marlatt.

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Now, there are 52 Saturday afternoons off, which makes 26 days, which, taken from 69, leaves 43 days, from which deduct 15 legal holidays, which leaves 28 working days; but every man gets two weeks' vacation on full pay, which, taken from 28 leaves 14 days; and as every man has an hour each day for dinner which amounts to 13 days in a year there is only one day left. This day happened to be St. Patrick's day and the Irishmen refused to work on St. Patrick's day so, the contractor arranged for a couple of GARY MOTOR TRUCKS to take the place of the six teams and drivers and so settled his labor troubles and solved his hauling problems without a strike or lockout and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

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