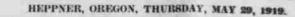
# \$290,000.00 FOR GOOD ROADS FOR MORROW COUNTY, ELECTION JUNE 2 1 OFFER HISTOFICATION THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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By John Snure.

Washington, May 26 .- The shadow of another enormous increase in railroad rates hangs over the public. Commers already overburdened by taxes and the high cost of living, are confronted with the necessity of makanother to meet the huge deficit which the Railroad Administration has succeeded in bringing upon the railroads of the United States.

General of Railroads Walker D. Hines, relative to the financial condition of the roads discloses that in 1918 the net deficit through operation was \$225,000,000. The deficit for 1919 promises to be far greater. For the first three months of the year, the railroads ran behind to the extent of \$192,000,000. If this rate of net loss to the government were

to be kept up throughout the year the total loss for the twelve monta period would be \$768,000,000, or a little more than three quarters of a billion. While it is not expected it will be that large, it will nevertheless reach a heavy total.

Thus far Mr. Hines has not an nounced that higher rates will be demanded. There is no escape, however, from the fact that an enormous deficit is being created and that the public, in one way or another, is going to have to meet it. It will either have to be met by increasing railroad rates or by the Treasury paying the amount of shortage and then collecting it out of the public, either through bonds or taxes or both. Whatever method is chosen, the average citizen will have to pay

the, fiddler. "Jones Pays the Freight."

In all probability it will be found impossible, or at least impracticable, to keep on piling up the deficit, to meet it simply by paying the money out of the Treasury and then to turn about and demand more public revenue. An increase in rates, at least in freight rates, and perhaps in passenger rates, appears therefore to be unavoidable.

This is no surprise to Senators and and others who have been following sale at that time. the developments in railroad matters

Elks to Put on Big Stunt. Heppner Lodge of Elks, who are sponsers for the drive for funds in this county being put on by the Salvation Army, will announce a big stunt in these columns next week. Look out for it and be assured that something is coming worth while. In the big drives last year for funds for the war work enterprises, the Elks raised among themselves from the lodges in this country, over \$6,000,-000, and they promised to help the Salvation Army when they were

eady to put on their campaign. They are asking this country now for \$13,-000,000, and their drive will be on from June 22 to 30. The quota for Morrow county is \$1200, and the ing a contribution in one form or Heppner Lodge of Elks will take charge of putting the job over.

# A recent statement of Director NEETING OF MORROY COUNTY FARM BUREAU

After an interruption of several nonths, due largely to the absence f a county agent, the Morrow County 'arm bureau resumed its regular essions.

The Executive Committeemen met in the Agricultural Agent's office with County Agent L. A. Hunt to discuss various matters of interest to the farmers of Morrow county.

It was definitely decided to send good delegation of farmers to visit Sherman county wheat farms and attend the farmers' picnic to be held at . the Government Experiment Station at Moro, June 14th, where leading wheat farmers of Sherman county will discuss farm practices under their directions. The Bureau opes that all of the farmers possible will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Upon motion of C. E. Jones it was decided to elect a committee of three o work with the County Agent and a committee from the Farmers' Union to arrange a farmers' picnic at some suitable place in Morrow county for

about June 21st, at which time the farmers visiting Sherman county could report upon their trip. President Auderson, Oscar Keith-

ley and C. E. Jones were accordingly elected. It was the unanamously expressed PROPOSED NEW HOSbehind the County Fair and make it the greatest possible success, and

that if possible at least one car load members of the House, to'shippers of registered stock be offered for

The County Agent was instructed with close attention for months past to proceed with plans for a grain As a matter of fact predictions were grading school and secure one for Morrow county if possible.



## **Memorial Day Services**

Decoration day will be fittingly observed in Heppner tomorrow, May 30, services beginning at 10:00 a. m. at the Federated church. Francis A. McMenamin will deliver the memorial address and there will be suitable music. The committee having the arrangements in charge request that everybody bring flowers with them to the church, and after the service there will join in going to the cemetery, where the graves of all the soldier dead will be decorated. Those having autoes are also requested to donate their machines for the trip to the cemetery, and business houses are asked to close from 9:30 until noon.

PITAL FOR HEPPNER

**Public Please Take Notice** 

appoint a competent person to conjust the examination. Adam Knoblock is confined at the Heppner Sanitarium just at present, suffering a slight attack if pneumonia. HEPPNER HIGH GRAD-

UATES LABGE CLASS

board in the districts holding the ex-

amination, to preside, and also to

Eight Grade Examinations,

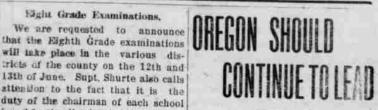
Heppner High School awarded class in its history on last Friday legislature. evening, when 22 of our young people received this evidence that they had acquired the necessary markings to entitle them to this honor at the hands of the school board and faculty.

Three of the number, Edgar Copenhaver, Paul Gemmell and Troy L. McCraw, because of their enlistment in the United States Navy, were allowed to make their graduation McCraw and Copenhaver are yet in since every dollar, principal and in-

The commencement exercises were carried out in accordance with the program, and the principal feature was the address to the class by President Carl Doney of Willamette University. Dr. Doney makes no preentions of being in the class of noted orators, yet he has a style of delivery and a command of language that makes him a very fascinating speaker. He announced to the people that he had no set subject on which to talk and therefore would not be circumscribed in his remarks, and then proceeded with an address that was full to the brim with the best of advice and wholesome instruction to the graduates, not overlooking to say a lot that was greatly appreciated by the entire audience.

The presentation of diplomas was made by Hon. C. E. Woodson member of the school board, who handled his part well, and then Miss Ruth Van-THE DOLLARS GROWING" Vactor, president of the senior class, in a choice little speech presented to the high school a beautiful painting of Multnomah Falls that will occupy

Savings Divisions, United States a prominent place in the auditorium Treasury Department, wishes to henceforth. Good music, both instruthank the boys and girls who mental and vocal, interspersed the



By B. L. Eddy.

Oregon has a great opportunity in the election on Jnue 3 to keep in the first rank of forward moving states. The reconstruction measures on , the ballot are worthy of support. They mean safe guarding the future and providing for the steady employment-of labor. They mean the creation of new taxable woalth and not the raising of taxation.

Oregon has kept in the first, rank of patriotic states.

The reconstruction measures were placed on the ballot at the request of the statesmen of the Lation and diplomas of graduation to the largest after careful consideration by the

The \$5,000,000 reconstruction bonding bill provides:

1. \$2,000,000 for reclamation of arid, swamp and logged off lands, provided the Federal Government allots Oregon an equal amount. This money will be spent in development

of Oregon. The expenditure of \$4,000,000 will create at least \$20,-000,000 of new taxable wealth. It and received their diplomas, though taxation instead of raising taxes,

torest will be repaid by the settlers. Soldiers, sailors and marines will be given preferential rights under Secretary of the Interior Lane's bill. The purpose of the constitutional amendment and the accompanying measure is to enable Oregon to get its share of the Federal appropriation if the Lane bill passes.

2. \$647,500 for the Land Settlement Commission. This money will be spent in developing new farm nomes in all parts of the state which will be sold to settlers, the primary idea being to provide farms for returning soldiers. These will not be given away but will be paid for on long time, both principal and interest.

3. \$2,352,000 for much needed public buildings throughout the state, not to exceed the following: New penicentiary\_\_\_\_\_\$500,000 Reconstruction hospital\_\_\_ 350,000 Oregon Agricultural College

buildings -----\_ 500,000 University of Oregon build-

ings \_\_\_\_\_ 500,000 State Normal School ..... 190,000 State Insane Hospital ..... 150,000 Armories \_\_\_\_\_ 207,500

made last winter that it would only be a short time until additional increases in rates would be sought. The and House Interstate Commerce Committees have been predicting for months that rates would go higher, although onerous increases in freight and passenger rates were made some months ago.

The effects of this prospective in crease in railroad rates are easily discernable. In the first place, testimony has been reaching Washington from every part of the Uffited States for many months telling of deep-seated dissatisfaction on the part of the public with the manner in which the railroads are administered. The complaint extends both to service and to high rates.

#### Dissatisfaction May Become Bitter. day.

If, now, the rates are still further increased, as it is generally believed they must be, it is hardly necessary to point out the situation which will Valley, their destination being Salem be produced. Little question exists at the present. Mrs. Benge and the that the widespread dissatisfaction children will go by train and Mr. church. Dr. H. L. Bates of Forest which has prevailed for months will Benge will drive through in his car. Grove will be the speaker. The become so intense as to result in a They do not expect to be located at storm of angry protest. Not only any one place very long and will Eldred Corson, Joseph Lowell, Chas. will shippers complain that they are visit different points in the Valley Cochran and Edison Morgan. unduly overburdened and seriously and later go to the Coast for the handicapped but all lines of business summer and then on to California, will share in the protest .- The gen- where they may decide to remain for eral public, which will find the prices the winter. Mr. Benge states that of necessaries still further enhanced, they will be back to Heppner again will not accept the increases in any for he is not content to live anykindly spirit.

Leaders in Congress have for some time been planning, to endeavor to enact permanent railroad legislation at the extra session of Congress or, R. J. Howard and Tom Boyd have if this were found impossible, to get a measure so fully under way that is the only member of the Howard it could be put on the statute books family to take down with the disnext winter. From all directions case and he is now getting along all there arises ovidences that the public right. The young son of Mr. Boyd wants the railroad question settled.

### Present Crisis Was Forecast.

lf, as expected, rates are still further increased the-demand for action

by the House and Senate will, of course, be intensified, . Under the way can be found to do it.

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After some further discussion of the completion of the final organiza- proposed, and the idea is meeting the re-investment of Liberty Bond The entire program was in harmony best informed members of the Senate tion of the Morrow County Farm Jureau this fall the meeting adjourned, to meet at the same place June 28th.

L. A. HUNT, County Agent.

## County Agent to Cooperate.

R. L. Benge and family will leave

where else than Morrow county.

Some scarlet fever cases are re-

ported in Heppner and the homes of

has gotten over the attack and Mr.

Thornton, operator at the depot is

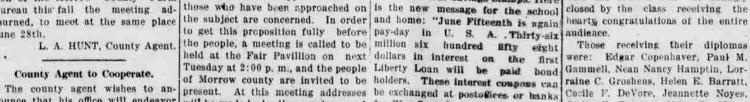
now down with the disease at the

nounce that his office will endeavor will be made by leading speakers, and for War Saving's Stamps." o cooperate with the farmers in the putting up of a first class hoshandling the labor situation as was pital at Heppner will be fully dis- this pay-day is, "Keep the Dollars so well done by Mr. Brown acting as cussed and such further steps taken Growing." We ask the young people county agent last year. He has as will be necessary to get the matter, of the schools to make a poster to several men listed now looking for under way. work.

He hopes to arrange for permanent this city is recognized by all. Do not slogans. office help very shortly, so that his fail to attend the meeting Tuesday office will be open at all hours of the afternoon and get in touch with this ing showing the planting of the

forward movement.

The baccalaureate address to the Heppner Sunday for the Willamette ione High school graduating class will be given on Sunday evening. June 1st in the Congregational graduates of lone High this year are



The slogan from Washington on

illustrate this slogan and shower the The need of such an insitution in homes of America with posters and

NEW SLOGAN IS "KEEP

The poster may be a simple draw dollar tree or, better still, it many be a bright idea all your own. If may

be drawn, painted or made of cut outs. The slogan should appear on it in large lettering and also the June Fifteenth message above.

C. S. JACKSON. State Director

Meet me at the Races Condon June 11, 12, 13 and 14.

MARSON DAVIES THE BUIRDEN PROST " SELECT ( PICTURES

The establishment of a new and carried home the April Fifteenth and program, and the chorus singing by commodious hospital for Heppner is May Fifteenth Treasury message on the pupils was greatly appreciated with enthusiastic support as far as interest in War Savings Stamps. Here with the occason and was fittingly closed by the class receiving the

> Those receiving their diplomas were: Edgar Copenhaver, Paul M. Gammell, Nean Nancy Hamptin, Lorraine C. Groshens, Helen E. Barratt, Cocile F. DeVore, Jeannette Noyes, Cecille E. Stevens, Alma G. Akers, Annie C. McDevitt, Ethel Copenhaver, Loye L. DeVore, Dessa E. Devin, Opal Hall, Lola June Hayes, Edward A. Notson, Emery Gentry, Jasper V Crawford, Ruth VanVactor, Tory L. McCraw, Sibyl Lorena Cason, and Dale Watkins.

> > Engineers Report Arrives.

The report of Burns & McDonald. civil engineers of Kansas City, who were employed several months ago to make a survey and report on the plant of the Heppner Light & Water Co., and also on the feasibility of constructing a gravity system of water works and bringing the supply from the mountains, having handed in their report to the city council. The report arrived on Tuesday and was gone over by the mayor and council. It is very complete in every detail and contains a full inventory of the water plant, as well as numerous drawings, diagrams and photographs.

Estimates are complete on the costs of installing a gravity system of water from the mountains, with the exception of the survey desired by the city covering the taking of water from Ditch creek and turning to care for what the city would use from the latter stream on account of the city supply taken therefrom. The property.

engineer of the company is now making his survey of this and the state and national highway along report will come a little later. The city council is well pleased city and Mr. Gates should be prompthope to be able to get everything state of Oregon. moving in that direction so that by

the coming spring, at the farthest, work may be commenced.

tate Soldiers Home ... 25.000 State Institute of Feeble

Minded \_\_\_\_\_ 20.000 The Governor and State Board of Control have promised' that these buildings will not be erected when a labor shortage exists, and that the money will be expended only when conditions as to unemployment exist, making it advisable to preceed with the work in order to give employment to labor.

Thus it will be seen that \$2,647,ee of the proposed fund is a permanent investment fund to be repaid with principal and interest and that he proposed building depends upon the necessity arising for employing arpius Gregon labor.

The six per cent indebtedness for permanont roads amendmont will permit Oregon counties to go ahead with their road building programs. It is a local option measure. Counties will be able to vote road building bonds up to six per cent of their assessed valuations.

The industrial and reconstruction hospital amendment will permit the location of the proposed reconstruction hospital at Portland.

The state bond payment of irrigation and drainage interest for the period of five years is designed to make irrigation and drainage district bonds salable at par instead of at runious discounts. The state will be protected with liens on the land benefitted. This measure will mean

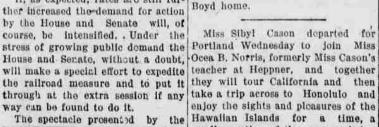
the investment of over \$20,000,000 in Oregon within the next five years. The state assures the payment of the interest on the settlers notes for five years anabling them to borrow money at better terms. The principal is not guaranteed. This measure means into Willow creek a sufficient supply development and the creation of more farm homes and additional taxable

-The Roosevelt Coast Military Highway bill provides \$2,500,000 for a

the Coast, provided the Federal Government appropriates \$2,500,000. with the report, so we are informed. This highway also means the openand they now express the opinion ing up of a large territory to developthat all adjustments between the ment and taxation. No money would be spent unless the state approprialy made and everything put in shape tion was matched by the Federal at an early date for securing the new Government. The building of this water system. It looks very favorable highway would be equivalent to' to the council at this time, and they building another railroad in the

The soldiers, sailors and marines

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goodly portion of the summer being spent in this recreation.

been placed under quarantine. Jack