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FARMERS' PICNIC BIGGEST SUCCESS

Day of Entertainment, Amusement,
and Education Brings Farmers
and Townspeople Into One
Body.—Many People At-
tend Annual Event.

"It was the best ever." That was the unanimous verdict of those who were fortunate enough to attend the annual Farmers' Picnic at the Fair grounds in Heppner last Saturday. We say "Farmers' Picnic" but really it is developing into something more than that. This affair is growing more and more into an annual event where not only the farmers, but everybody in the county, is taking more interest and greater results will come as the years go by.

From the time S. E. Notson delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the local farm bureau and the strains of "Home Sweet Home" died away in the late evening at the pavilion, there was something doing every minute.

County Agent L. A. Hunt responded in well chosen words to the welcome extended by Mr. Notson, on behalf of the local farm bureau and the Morrow County Farmers' Union.

At noon the picnickers indulged in a dinner in the pavilion, which was served cafeteria style. There was plenty of eats and while the food was being devoured, County Agent Hunt, acting as toastmaster, called upon a number of well known citizens for short talks. Through the introduction by the toastmaster, talks were forthcoming from W. P. Mahoney, cashier of the First National Bank; F. R. Brown, secretary of the Morrow County Fair Board; C. C. Calkins, county agent of Sherman county, and county agent Fluharty of Wasco.

Mr. Brown spoke on the John Day project and what it will mean to Morrow county. Mr. Brown would arouse a greater interest in this work.

Another speaker was F. E. Burns, secretary of the Boardman Commercial Club, who told of some of the things being accomplished in Morrow county's irrigated section which comes under the West Extension project.

In the afternoon session Mrs. H. A. Noyes led in a community sing. This was a feature much appreciated.

The big speaker of the afternoon was D. E. Stephens of the Sherman county experiment station at Moro. Mr. Stephens is an expert in dry farming. He pointed out that Morrow county receives on an average 10 inches of rainfall where the average fall in Sherman county is only 1-1/2 inches. Yet by the methods used in Sherman county better crops have been produced than have been grown in this county. Mr. Stephens is of the opinion that conditions in the two counties are so near the same that Sherman county methods would prove just as successful here.

Among other things, the Moro experimenter urged early discing as crops planted later than April 15, a rule, would not amount to anything. Mr. Stephens does not draw a line between deep and shallow plowing, but believes a six to ten inch furrow is deep enough. He favors turkey red and Forty Fold as being the best varieties for this section.

J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' Union in this state, told how the farmers had worked with the food administration and at the same time getting for the wheatgrowers of Oregon a square deal. Brown pointed out that in this the farmers had a hard fight, as it looked as tho "the cards were stacked against us." Contrary to the general belief, President Brown believes that within a few years there will be a surplus of food stuffs piled up, in view of the fact that England has given over many large estates and lots heretofore unused for wheat farming, to the raising of meat and other grains.

Others who contributed to make the program a success were Mrs. Geo. Dye, who rendered musical selections; Mrs. R. J. Vaughn and Mrs. Frank Turner, who sang, and a girls chorus from the high school. Miss Alice Cummings, who is an elocutionist of high ability, and Mrs. A. E. Binns, gave some readings which were greatly appreciated. Master John Turner delivered a recitation on "Boost" which fit the bill all right and John received an ovation for his efforts.

L. V. Gentry piloted a shipment of stock from Heppner to Portland yesterday and then went to the Imperial. Before becoming one of the prominent stockmen of Morrow county he was in the barber business.—Portland Oregonian.

BEND WOOL SALES BRING HIGHEST PRICES

The highest prices paid so far this year for Eastern Oregon wool, was paid at the Bend sale Tuesday. The American Woolen Mills of Boston, through their agent, Alex Livingston, bought the 3744-pound clip of John Atkinson for 54 1/2 cents. This was the first sale held in Bend in three years and was held under the auspices of the Central Oregon Wool-growers Association.

Ione Young People Wed.
County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license Wednesday to R. D. White and Alice Ionia Christopherson of Ione. The wedding took place the same evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Christopherson.

STATE ACCIDENT BOARD WILL BE RE-ORGANIZED

**Former Heppner Boy, Will T. Kirk,
Is Appointed by Governor.—Old
Board Was Unsatisfactory.**

Governor Olcott has announced that he will appoint J. W. Ferguson of Portland and Will T. Kirk, now head of the claims department of the industrial accident commission, as members of that commission to succeed Harvey Beckwith and Wilfred Allen, respectively. The governor said that he had written to Mr. Beckwith informing him that his resignation as a member of the commission will be acceptable to the executive office, his resignation to become effective as of July 1. Mr. Allen's term expired last January.

Under the new alignment and as provided for in the act, Mr. Marshall will represent the interests of employees, Mr. Ferguson the interests of employers and Mr. Kirk those of citizens of the state at large.

"I have watched the situation in the accident commission closely since it has been in the executive office and was rather familiar with it prior to that time," said Governor Olcott in making announcement of the changes in the personnel of the commission. "I am thoroughly convinced that the make-up of the board was not conducive to the best operation of the workmen's compensation law. The functions of the act are among the most important that any of the state boards or commissions are called upon to administer.

"Without wholesale cooperation on the part of the commissioners efficient handling of affairs and considerate attention to those interested in the operation of the act the greatest good from the compensation act cannot be obtained.

"I have had a long acquaintance with both Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Kirk and know personally that their qualifications are such as to assure harmonious and efficient handling of the commission's affairs. These appointments are unsolicited in both cases. They are entirely upon my own initiative and based upon my personal knowledge of their fitness. I am thoroughly convinced that the changes I am making are for the public good."

Will T. Kirk is a native of Oregon. He was born at Heppner in 1884. He attended school at Heppner and Pendleton and was a student at Columbia Junior College at Milton when, in 1903 the Heppner flood swept away the home and property of his widowed mother. As the burden of family support then fell upon him, with his mother and young brother and sister moved to Payette, Id., where he acquired an interest in the Payette Independent, one of the strongest republican weekly newspapers in that part of the state.

He was associated in this newspaper venture with Earl Venable, now private secretary to Senator Borah of Idaho. After Mr. Venable went to Washington with Senator Borah Mr. Kirk was sole publisher of the paper for a number of years and occupied a prominent place in the councils of the republican party in Canyon county. In 1911 he sold his Idaho newspaper and moved with his wife and two children to Portland, where he was connected with the Oregon Journal until two months ago, when he resigned to accept the position of head of the claims department of the industrial accident commission. He has been a consistent supporter of the workmen's compensation law as an instrument of large benefit to employers and workmen if properly administered.

Earle Hallock, former local boy who now works in the North Portland stock yards, will arrive in Heppner next Tuesday to make a visit with relatives and friends.

NOW, WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?



BARN IS CURB TO NEW BUILDINGS, COMPLAINT

Property Owners Petition City Council to Take Up Measures That Will Remove Livery Stable From Residence Section.

A few months ago Willis Stewart, veteran horse man and livery stable owner of Heppner was given permission by the city council to move the McRoberts stable from its old location on lower Main street to Mr. Stewart's fire-swept lot on the upper end of the street.

The stable was duly moved and today stands as the only building in an entire block. Property owners are preparing to petition the city council to have the stable removed, as they state they do not care to put up homes on their lots as long as the stable stands where it does at the present time. Several property owners are said to have made the statement that they would have prepared to rebuild their home long before this had the livery stable not been moved into that vicinity.

Mr. Stewart says that it is purely a business matter with him and that a settlement could have been effected in the beginning if property owners wanted to keep the barn out of that locality. He values his property and business included at about \$5000.

The council will probably take action in the matter at their next regular meeting.

The fact that this property remains vacant, thereby forcing taxes up on other property owners, is also pointed out in the petition.

Long Creek Man Is Dead.

Word was received in Heppner Wednesday telling of the death of George B. Rader of Long Creek, at his home there. Mr. Rader was a pioneer stockman of Grant county. His son, Fritz Rader, was in Heppner when the news was received here, and he left at once for Long Creek.

AGED COUPLE INJURED IN RUNAWAY TUESDAY

Buggy Overturns When Team Becomes Frightened at Automobile. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawson Taken to Hospital.

Frightened by a passing automobile, the team which Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawson of Heppner were driving from their ranch down Heppner hill, turned the buggy over. Mrs. Lawson received serious lacerations of the scalp besides being badly bruised on other parts of the body. Mrs. Lawson is 71 years old and the shock was a severe one. Her condition is improving daily at the Heppner sanatorium, where she was taken shortly after the accident. Mr. Lawson received one broken rib, but is recovering from the injury neatly. The buggy was badly demolished. The team was later brought into town by Ben Buschke, who farms the Lawson ranch.

Salvation Army Funds May Be Left At Postoffice

Chairman F. A. McMenamin says it has been almost impossible for the canvassing committee of the local Elks to see everyone in their drive to raise Morrow county's quota in the Salvation Army fund drive, and therefore Postmaster Richardson has consented to take subscriptions at the postoffice and give out the buttons to subscribers. Chairman McMenamin announces that \$800 of the total quota of \$1200 has now been raised and the Elks expect to have the entire amount raised within the next few days.

Sims Family Return Home.

C. M. Sims and wife and son returned Wednesday from an extended trip which took them to Portland and as far south as Eugene. They motored from here to Eugene and at that place Mr. Sims sold his car. They report a most enjoyable outing.

LOY M. TURNER WILL RE- PORT AT BAKER AT ONCE

Loy M. Turner has resigned as county surveyor and will leave for Baker county at once in answer to a phone message which he received from Baker Wednesday, calling him to his new position at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Turner will take up the work of county water master. He expects to leave Heppner accompanied by Mrs. Turner, on July 2. It is imperative that he become acquainted with his duties before the close of the present season in order to get a line on the work and make preparations for next season's work. Mr. and Mrs. Turner will make the trip to Baker county in their car and expect to make their new home in the city of Baker.

VAST FOOD STORES ARE HELD BY U. S. MILITARY

Supply and Demand Fail to Cut Prices While Country Is Full of Livestock.

Washington, June 24.—Referring in the House to the abnormally high prices of the necessities of life, Representative Fess of Ohio said:

"I was looking over the price current as furnished in the daily press. Meat is selling at a price never known before in the history of the country, and, at the same time, so far as we know, the product is not limited, but rather, extended beyond the normal. So it would appear that the law of supply and demand, which has heretofore operated to control prices, does not operate, and all of us are anxious to know why it does not. It is pertinent to ask what influence is at work to interrupt this law.

"I have made a little inquiry about the amount of meats held by the Government, purchased for the purpose of war, and I want to give you the figures. I would like to have the attention of the membership of the committee as to these figures, for I know they must carry some significance when considered in the light of the scaling high prices charged to the public.

Roast beef held by the Government on the 20th of May, 12,000,000 3-pound cans, which would be about 72,000,000 pounds; 17,300,000 2-pound cans, or over 34,000,000 pounds; 9,000,000 1-pound cans in addition to a great number of 12-ounce tins, or a total of something approaching 120,000,000 pounds of roast beef.

Corned beef, 5,600,000 6-pound cans, or 33,000,000 pounds; 18,000,000 2-pound cans, or 36,000,000 pounds; 9,000,000 1-pound cans; and 4,500,000 12-ounce cans; corned beef hash, 20,820,000 1 and 2 pound cans; bacon, 47,219,620 pounds.

"This represents about 282,000,000 pounds of meats held by the Government, which, according to a statement of the packers, represented five months of the activities of the packing interests which were operating to collect the meat products for the use of the Government. In normal times it is stated by the same authority that this would represent about two years of activity.

"I am not, and every Member will recognize this, criticizing the Government for purchasing these large amounts, because it was done in the midst of war for the purpose of feeding the soldiers of an army the duration of which nobody could estimate, and therefore the purchase is free of criticism. But here is my question: If the Government is holding to-day this vast number of pounds of meat with the country full of live stock and the price of bacon notwithstanding this tremendous supply, has reached the vanishing point of 60 cents, why is it that there is not a freedom of the operation of the law of supply and demand? And the question immediately comes to me, What is the policy of the Government in its action on price fixing?"

Arrives From California.

Lawrence Shutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shutt, has arrived in Heppner from Los Angeles, Calif., to spend the summer. Lawrence has been doing newspaper work in the southern California metropolis during the past two years.

Dentist Visited Here.

Dr. Wm. Hughes, Jr., well known Milton dentist, was in Heppner Saturday from Little Butter creek where he has been visiting at the home of his brother, P. A. Hughes. Dr. Hughes expects to move his office to Walla Walla soon, where he will specialize in pyorrhea cases.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hughes of Little Butter creek were in town Tuesday.

CITIZENS ASK BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

Will Ask City to Provide Fire Chief. Town Faces Higher Insurance Rates Unless the Risk Is Reduced Soon.—Meeting Friday Night.

The citizens of Heppner are demanding better fire protection. They want a fire chief, backed by a well trained volunteer organization to take charge of the fire truck which the city recently bought. They believe that the city should provide fire protection, but they are willing to go down into their pockets to pay for such protection at the present time and until such a time as the city can provide ways and means for paying for such protection.

These sentiments have been expressed by a large number of citizen-business men since the first meeting took place last Friday evening when Hose Company No. 1 met to discuss the problem and see if there was any possible way by which the town could have a fire chief who might take charge of and train a volunteer organization of fire fighters. At that time the men present decided that in the event the city was unable to finance the proposition, the citizens should take matters in their own hands and as a result they appointed Mike Curran fire chief and instructed the committee consisting of Roy White, E. M. Shutt and Chas. Thomson to solicit funds to guarantee the salary of Mr. Curran and such other expenses as might be necessary to keep up an efficient fire-fighting organization. These men went forth and shortly had subscriptions totaling \$155, raised solely among the business men of the town.

However, the sentiment is growing that it is a question which belongs to the city council of Heppner for solution, as some have pointed out that fire protection should come primarily from the city itself. Therefore, after a meeting was held at the Fair pavilion Wednesday evening and there was such a poor representation of citizens present, it was voted to call a meeting of citizens for Friday night in the Odd Fellows hall, at which time members of the city council will be present and the problem will be taken up for definite solution.

It has developed that insurance rates in Heppner stand in line for a substantial increase in the near future as a result of the report recently made to the state fire marshal by deputy marshal Stokes, who was investigating conditions in Heppner recently. The state fire marshal did not mince words in calling attention to these conditions and added that he was sorry to learn that Heppner had dispensed with the services of Fire Chief Curran. Unless better fire protection is provided at once, and under such conditions as put forth by the state fire marshal, there will be a rating of fire insurance in Heppner and that rating will be upward, not downward.

It is unnecessary to call attention to the serious and almost critical condition which faces Heppner today as regards fire protection. A repetition of past fires, such as happened here about a year ago, would find us just about as little prepared to cope with them as we were then.

IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY CITIZEN, AND ESPECIALLY EVERY PROPERTY OWNER TO ATTEND THE MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS IN THE ODD FELLOWS HALL TOMORROW NIGHT. DON'T FAIL TO BE THERE AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Made Good Shearing Record.

LaVerne VanMarter returned to Heppner Wednesday after completing a successful shearing season which covered a period of fifty days. The last three weeks were spent in the Shaniko district, where the crew finished up. Mr. VanMarter had charge of the Frank Turner shearing plant. He drove a big Mack truck through from Shaniko by the way of monument in two days.

Entertained at Bridge.

Mrs. Roy Cochran, assisted by her sister, Miss Muriel Cason, entertained at bridge last Thursday afternoon at the J. F. Vaughn residence on Baltimore avenue. Mrs. Arthur McVee was awarded first prize for high honors. Delicious refreshments were served.

Wool Market to Continue Strong.

The wool market is strong and will probably continue so according to the opinion of E. J. Burke, prominent wool man. Mr. Burke returned recently from Portland, making the trip here by auto.—Pendleton E. O.

DANCE

Fair Pavilion, Saturday,
July 5

Bowker's Orchestra. Tickets \$1.50

The floor has just recently been planed and smoothed and is now in excellent condition.