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CITY PREPARES FOR
WATER BOND ISSUE

Mayor and Council Are Ready To
Take Over Water Supply.—H.
V. Gates Confers and Tells
What He Will Do.

The mayor and city councilmen of Heppner are ready for a new deal on the water supply. This was announced by Mayor Vaughan in a council meeting last Monday evening, at which time H. V. Gates, president of the Heppner Light & Water Company, was present.

The report of Burns & McDonald, hydraulic engineers of Kansas City, Mo., has been received by the city and in speaking of this report, Mayor Vaughan said, "we find it most complete in every detail, and now we have a starting point and know somewhat about how to proceed."

In getting control of its water plant, as pointed out by the mayor and councilmen, it will be necessary to buy the present plant of the Heppner Light & Water Company. When asked what his price on the plant was, Mr. Gates stated that he was not ready, off hand, to set a price, in fact he did not believe that he would set a price, believing that disinterested engineers could arrive at a value that would be satisfactory to both parties.

Mr. Gates spoke at length on his proposed power plant on upper Willow creek. He would take the water out just below the Yoakum place, where he has already secured water rights, run it through conduit lines to his power plant, erected on two acres of land secured by the city at the forks of Willow creek. From there, the city could take the water on into town. Nothing came out of the meeting and it was decided to call a meeting of the Heppner Commercial Club, which took place Tuesday evening.

Gates Has Three Propositions.

The Commercial Club called a meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss the situation and a large number of citizens were present to talk over the problems with Mr. Gates and the members of the city council. Every man who spoke expressed himself as being very much disappointed with the service which the town had been receiving and endorsed the steps taken by the city government to get a better water supply. Mr. Gates also spoke from the standpoint of the Heppner Light & Water Company. At this meeting, President Mahoney of the Club, upon the motion of W. B. Barratt, appointed a committee of five to meet with the council to arrive at a more definite plan of procedure. This committee, which consisted of W. B. Barratt, chairman, C. E. Woodson, Michael Kenny, S. E. Notson and J. G. Thomson, met with the council on Wednesday evening and outlined three different propositions which the city might consider.

Would Sell Plant For \$25,000.

The first proposition made by Mr. Gates before the council and Club committee was that the Heppner Light & Water Co. would sell their plant to the city for \$25,000.

The second proposition made was that the company would sell the plant and six miles of conduit pipe line on the upper right fork of Willow creek for a consideration of \$40,000.

The third proposition made by Mr. Gates was that the company would sell the local plant, construct the pipe line to the forks of the creek, with six miles additional conduit line from the Yoakum place to the forks of the creek, for a consideration of \$80,000. This last figure comes under the estimates given by the engineering firm to the city by several thousand dollars.

Mayor and Councilmen to Dallas.

Before any contracts are signed up or final action taken toward actual laying of a pipe line to the forks of the creek, Mayor Vaughan and some of the councilmen will go to Dallas to inspect the plant of Mr. Gates. This plant is said to be one of the most complete in the Northwest and the city of Dallas is furnished with an abundant supply of gravity water. While there they will inspect various forms of pipe used by Mr. Gates and especially one which Mr. Gates has found extremely satisfactory. This type of pipe is manufactured by Mr. Gates there in Dallas.

Mr. Gates is an engineer of many years experience and he has offered his services to the city as an advisor in any matters which may come up. His company will go ahead with their new electric plant on upper Willow creek, regardless of what disposition

ARMY MEN WILL
SPEND FIVE DAYS HERE

First Sergeant A. J. Yarbrough, Sgt. Louis Main and Sgt. Clarence Hawes, United States Army, Camp Lewis, Washington, will arrive in Heppner tonight to spend five days on recruiting duty. They are not only recruiting for Camp Lewis, but for Siberia, Alaska, China, Panama and the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands, and the United States, including the Mexican border. All branches of the Army are now open for enlistment for men between the ages of 18 and 40 years; men for the staff corps can enlist as long as they are not over 55 years of age. All men enlisting for foreign service are required to enlist for a period of three years, but may apply for discharge at the expiration of one year's service. Men who have had previous military training can enlist in any branch of the service they may choose for a period of one year. Men joining the Quartermaster corps or medical department can enlist for a period of one year, regardless of whether or not they have had any previous military training. There are no reserve clauses attached to either enlistments.

The officers are making a special effort to obtain men for Siberia to relieve those units now on duty there. There is apt to be lots of excitement in this service, mixed with some danger, so the Army wants men for this service who have real fighting blood in their veins.

Owing to the short enlistment and early service abroad, numerous enlistments are being made at this time. Since the first of March 70,000 men have enlisted or re-enlisted. Another cause for so many enlistments during the past few months is that the army department offers a great educational feature as a part of the new peace time army. Men in Uncle Sam's army are not idling their time away; they are going to school, either to complete their elementary and secondary education, or getting some advanced education in some vocation which they expect to follow in civil life.

Recruiting officers can be found at the post office, or on the streets any time of day or night.

Receives Big Order For
Weeders From Montana

C. E. Jones, manufacturer of the Jones Weeder, received an order this week from farmers in Montana for 50 sections of the famous weeder. Every year sees a greater business for the Jones Weeder and this weeder has proved to be all that Mr. Jones has claimed for it.

Mrs. B. F. Snell of Arlington is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lena Snell Shurte. Mrs. Snell had been spending a couple of weeks at Hot Lake, where she went for recreation and to partake of the baths, but the weather was too hot for comfort and Mrs. Shurte made the trip to Hot Lake the fore part of the week and brought her mother here.

Is made of the water question and he hopes to be able to give the city cheaper power. "My interests are still in Heppner and I am as much interested in the solution of this water problem as any citizen of the town," concluded Mr. Gates.

PRICES OF WHEAT
IN FOREIGN MARKETS

The prices of wheat in the various countries fixed or guaranteed to the producer by their respective governments for the years 1918 and 1919, as reported on July 16th by the Division of Foreign Markets, Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, are as shown on the table below. Where prices were fixed for the different grades of wheat the average of these prices is shown as the fixed price for that country.

Country	Guaranteed Price
Algeria	\$2.36
Argentina	1.55*
Australia	1.44
Austria-Hungary	2.21
Brazil	2.65
Belgium	2.15
Canada	2.245
Denmark	1.97
Egypt	2.67
France	3.94
Germany	2.10
Italy	4.33
Morocco	1.58
Netherlands	3.23
Portugal	3.53
Spain	3.96
Sweden	2.95
Switzerland	3.25
Tunis	3.25
United Kingdom	2.28**
United States	2.295***

* No guaranteed price was made by the Argentine Government to the producers, but fixed minimum price for export wheat was established at \$1.55 per bushel.

** The British Government, under provisions of the "Corn Production Act" which became effective on August 21, 1917, fixed the minimum price of wheat to producers at \$1.65 per bushel, the maximum sale price for home-grown wheat at \$2.28 per bushel, and the maximum for imported wheat at \$2.40 per bushel. The maximum sale price for 1919 has been fixed at \$2.16 per bushel.

*** No. 1 Northern Spring Wheat at New York.

In this table all conversions of foreign prices into United States money have been made at the par value of the foreign moneys without regard to current exchange.

Earl E. Gilliam Returns
From Service In France

Earl E. Gilliam, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilliam of this city, returned last Sunday from Brest, France. Mr. Gilliam left Heppner last September and was sent to California for a few weeks training before being ordered overseas. He sailed for France on the 28th day of October and arrived in France just three days before the armistice was signed.

During his stay over there, Mr. Gilliam was detailed to library duty and most of his work was confined indoors. As a consequence he missed much of that rain which has made many disagreeable days for the doughboy in France. Most of the winter was spent in Brest. A few days after Mr. Gilliam received his orders to report back to the United States, his outfit was sent into Germany, so it was only by luck that he was not detained in France for a much longer period. He is mighty glad to be back in Heppner again.

Little Girl Had Operation.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Beymer underwent an operation Wednesday for the removal of her tonsils. Dr. C. C. Chick performed the operation.

ALL GRADE TEACHERS
FOR NEXT YEAR HIRED

All the grade teachers in the Heppner public schools for the coming year have now been hired. Manual training will again be taught in the high school, after being dropped for two years. The course will be in charge of Ray K. Atkinson, whose home town is Brookings, South Dakota. Mr. Atkinson comes highly recommended.

Another feature of the coming school year will be the inauguration of the opportunity room. This room will be in charge of Mrs. E. H. Morrison, who comes from Portland. The idea of the opportunity room is to give pupils from the 3rd to the 7th grade inclusive, who are lagging in their studies, a special chance to make up the work and go on with their fellow pupils. This plan has worked most successfully wherever tried out and is considered a progressive step in conducting school work.

Superintendent D. W. Boltrott will have with him as co-workers during the coming year the following corps of teachers:

Miss Martina Thelle of Portland, high school.

Ray K. Atkinson, Brookings, S. D. Manual Training.

Miss Bernice Dafee, New Rockford, N. D., Music.

The Commercial and English teachers have not yet been hired.

The grades complete are as follows:

Mrs. Ruth McAnally, Heppner, first grade.

Miss Daisy Slate, Tangent, second grade.

Miss Melba H. Griffiths, Corvallis, third grade.

Miss Lera Githens, Heppner, fourth grade.

Miss Jennie Shuman, Yakima, fifth grade.

Miss Thelma Selling, Portland, sixth grade.

Mrs. Nita Douglass, seventh grade.

Miss Belle Slate, eighth grade.

Is Employed in Office.

Billy O'Rourke, of Heppner, is a new employee in the Warren Construction office. His duties are those of timekeeper.—Pendleton E. O.

Mrs. Ellen Buseick Buys C.
E. Jones Residence Property

Mrs. Ellen Buseick has purchased the C. E. Jones residence in north Heppner. The property contains a two-story house and out-buildings with improvements. Mr. Jones has made no announcement of his intentions for the future, but does not contemplate leaving Heppner in the near future.

Honor Roll Grows.

During the past week the following new names were added to The Gazette-Times honor roll and will receive the paper for the next 52 weeks: L. H. Robinson, Hardman; Jas. Hansford, Flagstone, Idaho; John Mollahan, Clayton, Wash.; Albert T. King, Milwaukee, Ore.; Boss Huddleston, Lone Rock, and J. W. Fritsch, Heppner. Renewals are Mrs. Ida Harlow, Monument; V. T. Wigglesworth, Orofino, Idaho; David Wilson, Pendleton; L. W. Phelps, Heppner; W. B. Potter, Seaside; Mrs. Geo. F. Cook, Bellingham, Wash.; Paul G. Balsiger, Ione; and Mrs. N. L. Jones, Walla Walla, Wash.

"BIG FIVE" PACKERS
CONTROL FOOD PRICE

Washington, July 29.—Ability of the "big five" packers, Swift, Armour, Morris, Cudahy and Wilson, to determine from day to day the general level of livestock prices was declared incontrovertible in the third section of the federal trade commission's report on the industry made public last night.

Information obtained in the commission's investigation was cited to show that the "big five" have an interest in 28 of the 50 practical market yards of the country and a total voting stock in 22 others. It was said they buy most of the livestock sold at these yards.

"They discriminate against and put at great disadvantage independent buyers, who are their competitors," the report said. "They manipulate on occasions the livestock market in such a way as to cause extreme and unwarranted fluctuations in the daily prices paid for livestock. They have eliminated many competitors and prevented new ones from coming in. They have restricted the meat supply of the nation by manipulating the daily livestock prices and thus discouraging the producers of livestock."

"Of the meat trade in the hands of interstate slaughterers in the United States, the five big packing companies have more than 73 per cent of the total. They have the prices of dressed meat and packing house products so well in hand that within a certain limitation, meat prices are made to respond to their wishes."

Attended State Association.

E. M. Hilden, prominent Morrow county farmer, returned Wednesday from Portland, where he attended a meeting of the Columbia River Cranberry Growers' Association. Mr. Hilden is an extensive grower of cranberries in the lower Columbia river section and he finds this, next to growing wheat, one of the most remunerative occupations.

ENJOYS VISIT WITH
FRIEND FROM ILLINOIS

Attorney Francis A. McMenamin enjoyed a very pleasant visit the first of the week from Frederick B. Townsend of Sycamore, Ills. Mr. Townsend, who is an extensive land owner and practical farmer of Champaign county, Ills., was formerly president of the Pierce Trust & Savings Bank of Sycamore and is also extensively interested in timber lands in British Columbia. Being on a visit to this coast, he took time to come to Heppner and spent a couple of days with Mr. McMenamin whom he has known all his lifetime, and is furthermore, a neighbor and particular friend of the McMenamin family who reside in the home county of Mr. Townsend.

While here, Mr. Townsend was shown over the timber belt in the vicinity of Parkers Mill and taken through a part of the wheat section, where he saw combined harvesters in operation and enjoyed the experience very much, it being the first time he had witnessed the operation of one of these machines.

Mr. Townsend, as stated above, is now extensively engaged in farming in his state. He stated to a reporter of this paper that he was instrumental in securing the appointment of the first county agricultural advisor ever chosen for this work in the world and this man is still holding down the job and getting splendid results for the farmers of Champaign county, bringing back into profitable cultivation the worn-out lands of that section. An item of the results obtained is the fact that lands there are now selling at from \$300 to \$350 per acre that but just a few years ago could be purchased for around \$75. Mr. Townsend is a strong advocate of the county agent and says that it pays well to keep a man on the job all the while to attend to this work.

Mr. Townsend has visited other points in Eastern Oregon, likes what he saw of Morrow county mighty well, says the scenery of the Columbia gorge is unsurpassed in the world, and he expects to come back again, if for no other reason than to enjoy the ride over the Columbia highway. He departed for home Wednesday morning.

NOTICE TO ELKS.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special session of Heppner Lodge, No. 358, B. P. O. E. at the lodge rooms in I. O. O. F. Hall on Thursday evening, August 7th. A class of initiates will receive the work and some very important business matters will come up for discussion. Your presence is requested.

F. A. McMENAMIN,
Exalted Ruler,
H. A. COHN, Secretary.

INCREASED PHONE
RATES IN EFFECT

Statement From Pacific Telephone
and Telegraph Says Higher
Rates Result From Big
Wage Increases.

The following statement has been made by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in regard to the new rates:

"The increased rates for telephone service effective July 29th, which affect the entire State of Oregon, are a direct consequence of the heavy increase in wages effective June 16th, amounting to in excess of \$225,000 for the State of Oregon. These wages go to the people who work for the telephone company and who render this service."

The public has been very familiar with the difficulties involved in attempting to give telephone service under wages heretofore in effect. These rates are put in by the Federal Administration effective at once, because of the financial necessities precipitated by this heavy increase in wages. The rates in each particular instance are rates approved by the Postmaster General on or before June 6, 1919. These particular rates are made effective for the reason that in each instance they are believed to be just and reasonable, in and of themselves, for the service to which they apply.

They also constitute the only unquestionable legal rates in each and every instance. The public has been paying rates recently fixed in an order issued by the Public Service Commission of Oregon, which became effective May 1, 1919.

With regard to the Public Service Commission and its order, it will be remembered by the public that the investigation instituted by the Commission last November, and one of the most thorough ever carried out by any commission, resulted in an increase of rates effective in May.

The relief involved in that order, as stated by the Commission was designed to cover only wage increase which had been made effective the year previous, with particular reference to wage increases in November, 1918. The Commission withheld the application of increased rates until the first of May, and then made applicable the rates which have been paid since May 1st.

The validity of the Commission's action and of their order has been attacked in the state courts and the telephone company and the Federal Administration are forced to the conclusion that the only rates, the legality of which is beyond question, are the rates actually approved by the Postmaster General during the period of Federal control. They are the rates contemplated by the act of Congress and which will be effective for four months after Federal control or until reviewed by state authorities.

The increased rates will yield an annual revenue upwards of \$250,000 but as the increase in wages is upwards of \$225,000, the net return to the company with the new rates now made effective is approximately 2 1/2 per cent on the valuation of its property at \$13,464,000, as found by the Public Service Commission.

The new schedule of rates is identical with the one approved by the Postmaster General for the State of Washington, which was made effective March 1, 1919. The rates are the same in both states for exchanges that are comparable.

All business taken on and after July 29th will be at the new rates, and bills to present subscribers for the month of August will be rendered at the new rates.

The expenses of the telephone company have increased greatly, but in only a few cases have any increases been made in telephone rates. Most of the rates have remained the same as they were many years ago. Substantial increases in wages have recently been granted to employees and the only way to pay these increased wages is to make an increase in rates.

We believe that no further proof as to the advanced cost of living and the general high cost prevailing for labor and materials is necessary, and that the telephone-using public will accept this increase in telephone rates in the same spirit of fairness and consideration as it has the advance in almost every other necessity in these unusual times."

New Rates, Exchange, Heppner.

Business, unlimited service, per month	Wall Set	Desk Set
Individual Line	\$3.50	\$3.75
Two-party Line	3.00	3.25
Extension (with or without bell)	1.00	1.00
Residence		
Individual Line	\$2.75	\$3.00
Four-party Line	2.00	2.25