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COURT CONFIRMS PROJECT ELECTION

Judge and Commissioners Meet and Also Discuss Present Highway Situation—Will Meet With Commission in Portland Next Month.

The County Court met last Monday afternoon in Judge Campbell's office in the court house and officially confirmed the election of directors and desire to organize under the John Day Project. The election was held at Cecil last Saturday and was carried unanimously, 61 votes being cast in favor of organizing an irrigation district. The directors elected to the board are C. C. Clark of Arlington for Gilliam county and John Kilkenny of Fand Hollow and M. D. Clark of Heppner for Morrow county. The court made their order for the organizing of the district.

The county court and their attorneys are still a little puzzled as to what turn the highway situation will take as pertains to the Willow creek road. Bonds of \$125,000 were voted for this particular 39 miles of road between Heppner and the Gilliam county line. The amount voted was on estimates furnished by the highway engineers and Mr. Thompson of the Commission. Yet when the tender was made by the county to the Commission in Portland recently, Judge Campbell and Attorney C. E. Woodson were informed that the amount was short by about \$30,000 of what the road would cost and the only thing that could be done would be to cut the mileage.

The County Court has a desire to build the entire road, once they start, and believe that the matter will be worked out satisfactorily once they get bids for what the work may be done. The bids have not yet been asked for, because there is some technicality over the right-of-way which has yet to be straightened out with the railroad company.

The bonds for the Willow creek highway have not yet been sold, and anyone who thinks that Morrow county has been paying interest on the proposed bonds can disabuse their minds at once. The bonds will be put on sale just as soon as other preliminary details have been completed. After the road meeting in Portland, Wednesday, September 3, there will probably be something more definite to report.

Fast Driving Makes Good Roads Bad—Motorists Asked To Have A Heart

"Have a heart" and save the roads. This is a slogan that might well go out to local motorists who are inclined to cut loose and break a few speed records on our macadam roads as well as breaking up an otherwise smooth and firm surface on the highway.

By contrasting the surface of the macadam road within the city limits, where the speed is held down to somewhere within reason, to the same road out of the city limits, one can see at a glance what rapid driving is doing to the macadam. It seems as though the county court is powerless to prevent speeding on the country roads where it is possible to speed, so the court is asking motorists to cooperate with them in helping to keep the roads in good condition, by driving at a more moderate rate of speed. When the rains come the roads will become firm and will pack, but until that time the roads must pass through a critical period. The roads are all right if judgment is used by those who ride on them.

Dr. Ralph C. Swinburne Back To His Practice In Seattle

After nearly two years with the Dental Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve Force, Dr. R. C. Swinburne, formerly of Heppner and still an extensive property owner here, has returned to Seattle, where he will resume his dental practice. Dr. Swinburne will specialize in oral surgery, according to the Seattle Star and his new office is located at 705 Broadway, in the Dr. Lamson office building. In the Navy Dr. Swinburne won a lieutenant's commission.

RENTS FARM AND WILL MOVE TO CALIFORNIA

Frank Frates has rented his Eight Mile farm to Harry Aubrey of Wasco and will leave in the near future with his family for California. Mr. Aubrey is a cousin of Joe Beatty, another well known Eight Mile farmer.

Largest County Bond Issue.

St. Louis County, Minn., by a vote of about 9 to 1, carried on July 1 a proposition for the issuance of road bonds to the amount of \$7,500,000. This is the largest sum ever voted or set aside for road building by any county in the United States. The second largest was that of Dallas County, Texas, voted a few weeks ago of \$6,500,000.

LONG CREEK WOMAN DIES IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Marie Steach Smith, wife of Carl Smith of Long Creek, died August 21, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. Funeral services were held at Long Creek. Mrs. Smith formerly attended Jefferson High in Portland and also Heppner High school. Later Mrs. Smith taught school and did newspaper work in Grant county. She is survived by her husband, her baby daughter, Marie, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Steach of Long Creek, three sisters, Mrs. Della Cohoe, Mrs. Crystal Constantine, and Miss Alta Steach, and three brothers, Clair, Dean and Maurice.

Rents Hynd Property.

W. H. Cronk, local manager of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company has rented the Jack Hynd property on the schoolhouse flat and will move his family here from Ione.

Piano Dealer Here.

John A. Rooney, representing the Schwan Piano Co., of Portland, spent a few days in Heppner this week. He left for Pendleton today. Mr. Rooney has an ad in another column of this paper which offers some excellent values to prospective piano buyers.

Heppner Party Has Accident

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kenny and party were here yesterday, getting their car repaired, as it sustained some damages when they went off a narrow grade in Vinson canyon, between Heppner and Pilot Rock. The men drove back to Heppner yesterday afternoon, while Mrs. Kenny and a companion continued their trip north by train.—Pendleton Tribune.

Sailor Returns From Service.

Cecil L'Heuallen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L'Heuallen of Rhea creek, returned to Heppner Wednesday after serving two years in the United States Navy, most of which time was spent in doing convoy duty forth and back across the Atlantic. Mr. L'Heuallen was a popular student of the local high school at the time of his enlistment.

Knight Of The Grip Is Poet. 'Twas He Who Wrote The Poem "The Heppner Ride"

Heppner was favored this week by a visit from a man who presents the successful combination of traveling man, orator and poet. He is no other than Thomas Murray Spencer, the poet-laureate of Montana. And while he is referred to as Montana's poet laureate, Oregon might just as well have claimed a share in the honor; for it was in Oregon that Mr. Spencer first wrote some of his best poems. However, Oregonians were slower to recognize the true value of the man. So he went to Montana and soon became famous by immortalizing landmarks and early settlements in the north state.

Thomas Murray Spencer was the man who wrote "The Heppner Ride," a poem which so graphically described the ride of Leslie Matlock and Bruce Kelley in their wild dash down the valley to warn the people of the flood. Mr. Spencer had traveled through this territory for a number of years prior to the Heppner flood and was therefore quite well acquainted with local conditions.

Mr. Spencer has been a "knight of the grip" most of his life and is quite widely known among traveling men. His first attempt at verse writing was made when he was 17 years of age. It was a medal contest. Having an inspiration to write at night, he penned the verse which lifted the medal but it was broadly hinted the poetry was not original, but the college authorities admitted they could not find a duplicate. This unkindness throttled the ambition of young Spencer and killed for 30 years a bud that promised to develop into a real flower from the standpoint of verse writing.

For many years Mr. Spencer's talents were given over to oratory and his speeches were delivered in behalf of the traveling men of the United States. It was through his oratorical powers that he landed the convention of the Travelers' Protective Association at Peoria in 1894 for Portland. He did it alone and single handed after addressing the delegates from 34 states.

One of Mr. Spencer's poems which has attracted widespread attention is "The Manly Prayer" and it has passed the gauntlet of literary criticism and is still going strong. Its four verses are as follows:

The Manly Prayer.
The Master loves the manly man
Who God-like in his image made,
Commanding all things and who can
Assert the right the Master gave.
He has no need for earthly shrine,
Hemmed in by superstitious creed,
But Moses-like he seeks to climb
The heights to be with God indeed.
All decked in fragrant bloom,
That shames the censor's scented air
God's sunlight will dispel the gloom
That wraps the soul in honest prayer.

With arms uplifted manly prayer
Will ever reach a gracious God,
And nobler souls will welcome there
The One who trods as Moses trod.



Rooms for Teachers and High School Pupils Are Wanted

The scarcity of housing facilities in Heppner at the present time makes it more imperative than ever that extra effort be put forth to find rooms for teachers and high school pupils who will be coming into Heppner within the next few weeks. Prof. D. W. Bottnot is asking for the cooperation of the people of the town in this respect, and he further asks that everyone having rooms to spare will kindly list them with him. The housing situation gives promise of growing more acute as the weeks go by and unless some new dwellings arise in Heppner soon, a serious condition will exist which will do untold harm to the city.

Creamery Makes Improvements.

Extensive interior improvements are being made to their building this week by the Morrow County Creamery. New walls are replacing the old ones and after this will come new paper and fresh paint, adding materially to the appearance of the place.

Ten Thousand Dollars For Best Round-Up Performers

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 27.—Ten thousand dollars, cash, trophies and entrance money have been announced in prizes for the tenth annual Round-Up at Pendleton, Sept. 18, 19 and 20. The money will be divided among 19 events.

Prizes of \$900 are up for both the cowboys' and cowgirls' relay races. The cowboys' bucking contest carries \$750 in money and a \$350 prize saddle to the winner, while the steer roping contest carries \$700 and also a prize saddle to the winner. The steer bulldogging contest purse is \$550 and a division of the \$10 entrance money charged each contestant.

The cowgirls' bucking contest carries \$200 and a saddle for the winner, as well as other trophies. The Indian pony relay race is for \$200, the pony express race for \$325 and various other events such as the Indian race for thoroughbred, squaw race, war bonnet race, wild horse race and others for \$105 each. Purses alone total \$5,600.

NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ARRIVES AT LEXINGTON

Rollien Dickerson, the new principal of the Lexington schools, arrived in that city last Saturday from Roseburg, preparatory to taking up his work for the coming year. The Lexington schools had planned to open on September 1 but owing to a shortness of teachers the directors have postponed the opening until the 7th and hope to have a full corps of instructors lined up by that date.

Visited Here From Yakima.

Mrs. R. A. Thompson of Heppner recently enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Wm. Lowden, Mrs. Henry Morrison, sisters, Mrs. W. C. Brown, mother and Mrs. S. J. Scott, grandmother, and also Mrs. Ross, from North Yakima.

Buys Sprinkle Property.

S. A. Pattison bought the Lee Sprinkle residence property last week and will take immediate possession. The property is located in the south end of town. We understand Mr. Pattison paid \$1050 for the place. The Sprinkles have gone to Portland to reside.

Butter Scoring September 1.

The August butter scoring contest has been postponed to September 1. This is the last contest before the state fair, where the next will be conducted. Creamerymen who intend to exhibit cubes are invited by V. D. Chappell to send samples to the agricultural college by September 1 and get a line on their product and how to get it in best shape.

Entertained For Friend.

Miss Leta Humphreys entertained on Tuesday afternoon for her house guest, Miss Louise Nimmo of Albany, at the Humphreys home on Water street, by asking in a few friends. The afternoon was pleasantly spent by the young women, who brought their fancy work along. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those present were Mrs. E. R. Huston, Mrs. C. C. Haynie, Mrs. Jesse O. Turner, Miss Melba H. Griffiths, Miss Millie Rood, Miss Lera Githens, Miss Louise Nimmo and Miss Leta Humphreys.

ATTENTION SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES

All ex-soldiers, sailors and marines are requested to meet at the Fair pavilion on Sunday, September 7th (first Sunday in September) to arrange for parade and other features of Soldiers and Sailors Day at the Morrow County Fair.

OREGON STATE FAIR—

Salem, September 22-27.—Splendid agricultural, livestock and industrial exhibits, high class amusements, a superb racing card, bigger and better than ever.
A. H. LEA, Secretary, Salem, Ore.

LEGION CONVENTION IN PORTLAND SEPT. 17TH

Former soldiers, sailors and marines from every section of the state of Oregon will gather in Portland on September 17 and 18 for the first state convention of The American Legion, the national organization of men who fought in the great war. Sessions will be opened at the public auditorium at 2:30 on the afternoon of the 17th with an address by Theodore Roosevelt, who, with George A. White of Portland, is credited with the conception in Paris of the organization of former service men. Roosevelt refused to accept the national caucus at St. Louis to accept the office of national chairman but is a member of the joint executive committee of which 17 members were selected at St. Louis and 17 at Paris.

Election of state officers and the naming of delegates to the national convention of the American Legion at Minneapolis, November 10, 11 and 12 will be the chief object of the convention in Portland. There will be accredited delegates from every post of the American Legion in the state—there are now 31—but the meeting will be opened to all members of the organization.

Through its legislative committee in Washington, The American Legion, representing 3,000 local organizations of American veterans of the Great War, will give its active support to the Johnson bill in Congress which calls for the deportation of undesirable aliens and denies readmission to deported enemy aliens. This bill has already been passed in the House and is now before the Senate Committee on Naturalization and Immigration. Under its provisions enemy aliens who have been interned at Fort McPherson, Ga., and other concentration camps may be sent out of the country.

Failure of Congress to require alien slackers to serve in the recent war will constitute one of the blackest pages in the history of America's war preparations, according to an article on "The Sacred Alien Slacker" by Representative Roscoe C. McCullough of Ohio in the current issue of "The American Legion Weekly."

Star Theater Will Locate Temporarily In Otto Building On Upper Main Street

The Star theater will prepare to move next week into the Otto building on Main street. Since the old theater building at the corner of Main and Willow streets was torn down to make room for the new hotel the Star has held forth to its patrons in the exhibit pavilion at the Fair Grounds. Now that the time approaches when the exhibit pavilion must be given over to the Fair, the Star must move again.

Manager Sparks had hoped to be in a permanent location before this, but he has been waiting for quarters in one of the new buildings that gives promise of rising in the near future. He has taken a lease of one year on the quarters obtained from Mr. Otto, which are in the same building and join the Otto music store. By making a few alterations, the theater will have a seating space of 28 by 72 feet, so will be able to provide for the patronage with convenience.

The Star is putting on a big special program for the next few weeks which will include some of the biggest releases in filmdom. Mary Pickford is coming Sunday, August 31, in "Romance of the Redwoods." Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 1 and 2, Dustin Farnum in "The Virginian." Pauline Frederick in "Bella Donna." Thursday, Sept. 4, and the same night Fatty Arbuckle will make you laugh in that big comedy, "A Reckless Romeo." Gladys Brockwell in "Gambling in Souls," Friday, Sept. 5. Douglass Fairbanks, "The Modern Muskateer," Saturday, Sept. 6. Mitchell Lewis in "The Sign Invisible," Sunday, Sept. 7, and on Monday, Sept. 8, Chas. Ray will be here in "The Family Skeleton." Sept. 10, Dorothy Phillips in "The Heart of Humanity." Sept. 9, Tom Mix in "Cupid's Round-Up." Sept. 11, "Mickey," the funniest show on earth. Sept. 20, Blanche Sweet in "The Unpardonable Sin." Oct. 4, Mary Pickford in "Daddy Longlegs."

Lexington Briefs.

Mrs. Nell White and son Vivian of Lexington have returned home from a two weeks visit with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waid, of Stanfield. Mr. and Mrs. White will spend the week-end in Portland and will be accompanied by Mrs. J. M. White and son.

Gerald White, Earl Ward and Clifford Thomas went to Hood River the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waid and son Vernon of Stanfield, formerly of Lexington, are spending some of these warm days at Seaside.

Prompt Action Saves Daughter's Life.

Spokane, Wash.—A six year old daughter of J. A. Fraser, of Oroville, was bitten by a rattlesnake that coiled on the door step. The mother gashed the wound with a butcher knife, placed a tourniquet above the cut, and saved the child's life.

BOARDMAN-IRRIGON FORGING AHEAD FAST

Heppner Business Men Made Visit There Last Week and Find Abundance of Prosperity. Dairying Will Lead.

"Morrow county's irrigation project in the north is the finest thing of its kind in the West," said W. Claude Cox, Heppner business man, upon returning from a visit to Irrigon and Boardman last week in company with County Agent L. A. Hunt and W. P. Mahoney, cashier of the First National Bank.

"Why, I was certainly surprised to find such a fine country over there," continued Mr. Cox. "Those level fields of alfalfa around Boardman were a revelation to me, and fruit, why up there at Irrigon every place we stopped we were fed with all the peaches and melons we could get away with."

The men were primarily interested in the dairy situation at Boardman and Irrigon, as this industry promises to become of great magnitude in a few years. Already hundreds of tons of alfalfa are being produced and as the project enlarges this production, of course, will be increased. The idea now among the Irrigon-Boardman people is to get in more cows and in this they will have the cooperation of the county agent, Mr. Cox and Mr. Mahoney. Already large shipments of butterfat are being made to the local creamery from the Boardman neighborhood.

The visitors found every farmer under the project doing well. In fact, there is not a single instance where a farmer has failed to meet his payments on the place. Prosperity over there is genuine and of course all of the irrigators are happy and contented. However, they all express the desire for a good road connecting them with Heppner.

Messrs. Hunt, Mahoney and Cox were treated to a fine chicken dinner at the home of John Jenkins on Sunday and also sampled some of the fine water from the artesian well of J. R. Johnson.

Traveled 1800 Miles.

S. W. Spencer, Dr. R. J. Vaughan, Thos. Brennan and Leslie Matlock, who went to Klamath Falls to attend the Elks' convention, made quite an extensive auto trip, covering 1800 miles before returning to Heppner the last of the week. They motored down into California while in the south and before returning home, took in a large part of the country of Southeastern Oregon.

Fine Peaches at Irrigon.

The Gazette-Times received two boxes of delicious Elberta peaches from F. H. Rieks, the pioneer orchardist at Irrigon, last Friday evening. We can't say that we ever ate any peaches that tasted better and we will say that we have eaten a good many that came from Shasta county that didn't taste half as good. When it comes to growing fruits, melons and vegetables, the world can take a back seat to our thriving community in the center of irrigation out there along the Columbia. Mr. Rieks produces the goods.

Injured Man Improves.

M. H. Gillette, who was seriously injured in an accident on the local branch of the O-W. R. & N. railroad two weeks ago, and his wife was killed, is slowly recovering at the local hospital. Mr. Gillette remembers nothing of the accident. All he recalls yet, is putting on his coat before leaving home that morning.

Former Heppner Woman Visits.

Mrs. Ray Hyland of Eugene was a guest last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Waters in this city. The Waters and Mrs. Hyland were friends in Ione a number of years ago. Later Mr. and Mrs. Hyland moved to Heppner, where he was in charge of one of the departments of Marquardsen's store. Mr. Hyland died in Eugene last winter during the flu epidemic. Mrs. Hyland left on Saturday for Pendleton.

Variety of Roads Traveled.

Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties present all the variety of highways one could desire. H. W. Wagner, of the Umatilla Flour & Grain Co., says, Mr. Wagner returned last night from a five-day trip to Umatilla, Arlington, Heppner, Ukiah and Pilot Rock, making a circuitous trip of 350 miles. Some of the new river highway below Umatilla is in fine shape, he reports, while at other places detours through soft sand are necessary. Rough roads were encountered between Heppner and Pilot Rock but in spite of these obstacles, tourist travel seen was the heaviest ever.—Pendleton E. O.

New Zerolene Booster Arrives.

A son weighing 8 1/2 pounds arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Milholland in this city on Wednesday evening. Mr. Milholland is the local agent for the Standard Oil Company.

Announcement

To the People of Heppner and Surrounding Territory:

We are pleased to announce that we are now the established agency in this district for

SHERMAN-CLAY & COMPANY

and will handle their pianos and the celebrated pianola. Among the many high grade pianos which we represent are the

Steinway and Weber

We have just received a shipment of pianos, including the Aeolian player. We will be pleased to demonstrate.

Catalogue will be mailed on request.

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