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LOCAL CLUB WANTS
DEATH PENALTY BACKCommercial Body Has Important
Meeting—Names Delegates to
State Convention—Band
Man Is Retained

The Heppner Commercial Club went on record last Thursday evening as favoring the restoration of the death penalty in Oregon. This action was taken after a resolution from the Pendleton Commercial Association had been read by Secretary Patten. While the Club expressed itself as favoring the restoration of capital punishment, it did not favor at this time, the calling of a special election for that purpose.

M. D. Clark was the unanimous choice of the Club as a delegate to the State Chamber of Commerce convention in Portland this month. Irrigation matters of vital interest to Oregon will be passed upon at the Portland meeting and at that time a delegate from the state at large will be elected to represent Oregon permanently in Washington D. C. to work for Oregon's interests in reclamation matters. Inasmuch as the John Day Project will mean so much for the development of this section, it was deemed imperative that the local club be represented at the Portland meeting. A number of other Heppner business men are planning to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Fred Currey, formerly city manager of La Grande, as well as past secretary of the La Grande Club, was present and spoke interestingly for several minutes on club management and gave the local club some valuable pointers.

James Austin was retained by the Club as band leader at a salary of \$100 per month. In this connection, President Mahoney brought up the matter of finances and it was decided to appoint a committee to draft a new plan for the raising of money. The Club took up the matter of reorganizing the Morrow County fair, and F. R. Brown, secretary of the Fair Board, outlined the proposed plan of action. He stated that the move had been endorsed by the Morrow county farm bureau and that a committee from that organization had been appointed to confer with the county court. Mr. Brown said it is proposed to form a stock company which would be capitalized at \$20,000. This would give the fair a chance to obtain large grounds and hold an exhibition such as is desired. President Mahoney appointed F. A. McMenamin, M. D. Clark and C. E. Woodson a committee to meet with the county court and committee from the farm bureau.

COUNTY COURT PASSES
ON ROAD PETITIONS

County Court met in regular session Dec. 3rd, 1919, with the following officers present: Hon. Wm. T. Campbell, Judge; E. L. Padgett, Commissioner; Geo. McDuffee, Sheriff; J. A. Waters, Clerk.

When among others the following proceedings were had to wit:

In the matter of the General and Road Claims against Morrow County, Oregon:

Now at this time the court takes up the matter of the various claims presented against the county and after due consideration of the same allowed the following bills: (List following.)

In the matter of Road District Meeting of District No. 2:

Now at this time the court takes up the matter of the canvass of votes at Road District meeting held at Boardman, on the 22nd day of November and report the following results of said meeting:

Total votes cast for ten mill tax 22

Total votes cast against 10 mill tax 00

Majority votes cast in favor of 10 mill tax 22

In the matter of Road District Meeting of District No. 4:

Now at this time the court takes up the matter of the canvass of votes at Road District meeting held at Astoria School House on November 29th, and report the following result of said meeting:

Total votes cast in favor of 10 mill tax 13

Total votes cast against 10 mill tax 0

Majority votes cast in favor of 10 mill tax 13

In the matter of Castle Rock, Voting Precinct:

Now at this time the court takes up the matter of changing the name of the Castle Rock Voting Precinct, and after the consideration of the matter, the court decided to change the name of said Precinct to Boardman Voting Precinct.

In the matter of Transfer of Funds from Heppner-Ditch Creek bond fund:

Now at this time the court takes

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MORROW COUNTY FAIR

It is generally realized by the farmers and taxpayers of Morrow County that the present fair is not a representative fair of a county the standing of Morrow. It may not be generally realized that Morrow County ranks third in cultivated land among the counties of the state, yet the fair now held is not one to enthrall the inhabitants with any very enthusiastic pride. We have a county with at least three basic industries. Grain, cattle, and sheep. The present limitation of our grounds practically force us to the holding of a garden product show. The first requisite of a good and a successful fair is unquestionably a good crowd. In order to obtain such a crowd something worth while for them to see is surely necessary.

We do not know of any other fair which has any standing in its own county or community that is not handled by a fair association, yet Morrow County has never had a fair association properly so called. The financing of the present fair now and in the past has been purely in the hands of the County court. A secretary and Fair Board consisting of two members appointed by the County Court have been given the responsibility of putting on a fair but the county has stood financially interested in the success of the fair and we believe that it is a statement that will go without argument that it will require a number of people who are financially interested in the success of the Morrow County fair to develop the kind of interest that is necessary to put this fair on a basis where it will command the respect and support of the vast majority of the people of the county. We believe that the county is entitled to a good fair; we believe that there are enough products, enough people interested in good farming and in good livestock, to support a good fair and we are certainly of the opinion that good fair and good exhibits go a long way toward promoting good agricultural methods and the production of good livestock.

Under a fair association a number of stockholders in the fair would be scattered throughout the county. These men would be financially interested in the success or failure of the fair and would work for its support and for its upbuilding. We are not going to advocate the purchase of stock in the Morrow County Fair association purely as a business proposition but we believe that it is the patriotic duty of every good citizen to take some stock in the fair. The State now has a number of fairs which are certainly very creditable exhibits and so far as we know all of these are upon an association basis. Wasco County and Linn County are both reorganizing their fairs and we believe that the importance of the fair is just as great now as it has ever been in the past, but in order to have any successful fair the requisite first, is public interest and the only way to really create a public interest in this fair in our opinion is to create a public financial responsibility through the scattering of stock to a number of stock holders over the county.

Many people believe that the success of the fair is greatly enhanced by the possibility of good races and in view of the fact that our state laws absolutely forbid gambling of any kind around the race track we do not see any good reason why races should not be put on in Morrow County. We people of America are naturally athletic people; there is always a great deal of enthusiasm in watching a good ball game, foot ball game or any of these tests of skill, and the popularity of good racing is probably greater now than it was ten years ago. If the county fair is to be upon a successful basis it will have to have more room and better buildings and greater facilities for handling livestock. At the present time there is absolutely no room for buildings to house livestock or a stock raiser who has gone to the trouble and expense of fitting stock for the show ring, feels like putting his cattle in a corral where they are exposed to the weather without any protection and where little or no arrangements for their care and maintenance during the days of the fair have been made, and to make these arrangements for their care and maintenance for the days of the fair grounds and better buildings. We trust that the people of the county will give this their careful consideration and let the committee in charge of the fair know what you really think.

This article is not written in the spirit of criticism of any past fair, for we understand that there is a decided spirit favoring a fair and that it has manifested itself in several fairs which, when the handicaps are considered, have been most excellent; but we do feel that as great a county as this, is entitled to an opportunity to put on a much better fair.

L. A. HUNT, County Agent.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Service 11:00. Sermon: "Thine, 'Labors New Place in the World,' Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service 7:30. Sermon: Subject, "None Other Name."

H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

SHOPPING OR HOPPING?

HEPPNER ELKS PAY
TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED

Heppner Lodge No. 358 Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks paid tribute to the memory of their departed brothers in a beautiful and appropriate manner in their lodge hall last Sunday afternoon.

The lodge room was filled with townspeople and Elks alike, who had gathered to observe the annual occurrence in Elksdom.

Judge Arthur C. Dayton, who was scheduled to deliver the address was unable to be present and his place was ably taken by Exalted Ruler Francis A. McMenamin who paid fitting tribute to the departed.

The members of the lodge marched into the hall in a body, while Cochran's orchestra played a march. Following the ritualistic service and opening ceremonies, Rev. H. A. Noyes, pastor of the Federated church offered invocation.

Mrs. Clifford M. Sims sang "Beyond the Dawn." This was followed by the reading of "Thanatopsis" by Miss Margaret Woodson. Mrs. R. J. Vaughan sang "One Fleeting Hour" just prior to Mr. McMenamin's beautiful eulogy to the departed brothers.

Mrs. Chester Darbee then sang "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," after which came the closing ceremonies of the lodge, the audience joining in the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Rev. Mr. Noyes then pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Frank W. Turner, who was on the program to sing, was unable to attend, owing to illness.

The following are the names of members of the Heppner lodge who passed into the Great Beyond during the past year:

O. E. Farnsworth, John Sheridan, Heppner; H. S. Neel, Lone Rock; Patrick Farley, Willows; Fred Welsh, Fossil; Charles Underwood, H. W. Foley, Condon and W. J. McDonald, who gave his life on the battlefields of France.

The snow came at the moderation of an extreme cold snap the first of the week with four to six inches covering the ground. Since then the precipitation has been steady until now about 18 inches is piled up over field and highway.

Stockmen generally are well prepared for the winter, provided the snow does not enforce too long a feeding period.

MRS. WHETSTONE DIES
AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Eliza Jane Whetstone, beloved wife of N. S. Whetstone died at the family residence in this city on Tuesday, December 9, after a long illness. She was aged 59 years, 9 months and 16 days.

Mrs. Whetstone had been in failing health for more than two years. Last summer she went east to the Mayo Brothers hospital and underwent an operation for the removal of cancer, which afforded the afflicted woman only temporary relief.

The funeral will be held this afternoon from the First Christian church of which she had been a member for many years. Rev. W. C. Worstell of Lexington will conduct the services. A complete obituary will appear in next week's paper.

Well improved Willamette Valley ranch to trade for small Morrow county wheat ranch. For particulars see Brown & McMenamin.

J. P. WILLIAMS IS
DEAD AT 82 YEARS

Joseph P. Williams, for thirty five years a prominent resident of Heppner, died at his home in this city Wednesday morning at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Williams was past 82 years of age. He had been in failing health for more than a year and his passing was not unexpected.

The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon, the Elks Lodge, of which Mr. Williams had long been a member, will have charge of the services and burial will be made in Masonic cemetery.

Joseph P. Williams was a native of the state of Missouri. He came west at the age of 16 and lived for a number of years in California. His only surviving relative, a daughter, Mrs. Mamie Woodward, lives at Woodland, Yojo county, California. She has been notified her father's death.

Mr. Williams had been a resident of Heppner for more than thirty five years and had ever been a prominent figure in the civic life of the city, being at the time of his death, city recorder. He had held the office of recorder and on for years.

A brother, Newt Williams, died in this city several years ago, shortly after Mr. Williams only surviving member of the immediate family, a sister, passed away.

Farmers Express Joy Over
Heavy Mantle of Snow

Morrow county farmers, and especially those who were fortunate in having their seeding this fall, are expressing joy over the big fall of snow. A heavy snowfall in this county, is as a rule, followed the next year by big crops, and that history will repeat itself again, is quite reasonable to believe.

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Special Session of Legislature
Is Called By Gov. Olcott

Reports from Salem that Governor Olcott will call a special session of the legislature for January 12. The governor's proclamation will be issued within a few days. Among the more important matters to be taken up at the special session is the workmen's compensation, which is held by many to be too low, in view of the present high cost of living.

Heppner Flat Ranch Reported Sold.

It is reported that J. F. Lucas has sold his fine wheat ranch of more than 900 acres on Heppner Flat to Jeff Jones and that the price paid was \$50 per acre. Mr. Jones is one of the big wheat farmers of the flat section.

FUEL SHORTAGE
CUTS TRAIN SERVICE

Sweeping Order Effects All Lines
Where Coal Is Burned—Sunday
Service on Heppner Branch
Discontinued.

As a result of the Nation's efforts to combat with the present coal shortage, passenger trains over the country are being cut off and in all, about 1500 trains will be affected. A number of coal burning trains on the O. W. R. & N. Co. come under the order of Regional Director Alston, and these orders were transmitted to every station agent in the system.

Train reductions took effect after midnight, December 7, and until the order is rescinded, there will be no Sunday train on the Heppner branch. While some trains have been taken off the main line, passenger service between Heppner and Portland will be no worse than it always has been.

Kansas Man Succeeds W. L.
Holmes at Lexington

L. D. Countryman and family have arrived from Kansas and Mr. Countryman will succeed W. L. Holmes as manager of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company at Lexington.

MEAT MARKETS CONSOLIDATE

The Central Meat Market and the Peoples Cash Market of this city have consolidated, the deal having been consummated Tuesday, where by McNamer & Sorensen of the Central buy the interests of Oviatt & Hapgood in the Peoples and only one market will be operated in the future. McNamer & Sorensen have moved their meat supplies into the Peoples Cash Market on Willow street, in the Gilman building, and will continue there. Messrs. Oviatt & Hapgood, who formerly lived in Sherman county, have not yet announced their intentions so far as the future is concerned. McNamer and Sorensen will continue as the Central Meat Market.

THE MCCORDS ARE COMING

This will be welcome news to the theatergoers and those who love genuine comedy. Mr. and Mrs. McCord have been entertaining the American public for a number of years and have established a reputation of mirth producers of a high order. They will appear in this city at the Star theater next Saturday under the auspices of the Ellison-White lyceum bureau.

PROSPECTS FOR RABBIT
CAMPAIGN ARE BRIGHT

County agent, L. A. Hunt, in company with D. L. Jamison of the United States Biological Survey, returned late Saturday night from a trip through the north end of the county, where they visited with a number of districts where the rabbit campaign will be put on in the next few weeks. Mr. Hunt reports that excellent progress is being made. All the competing communities are completing their quota in splendid fashion and the most commendable spirit is being shown.

Messrs. Hunt and Jamison made a trip into Gilliam county and held a meeting at the lower Eight-mile school house, where it developed that a large number of rabbits north of the Rock Creek station and around Blalock on the Columbia river and arrangements were made for calling a meeting at Lone Rock, The Gilliam county men have taken the stand that the rabbits on the John Day river are a serious menace to alfalfa fields so long as they are within marching distance, and an extensive campaign will be put on to rid that section of these pests by spring. The county agent will furnish poison and instruction for the use of the same if people in the lower Willow creek district who are interested, will put it out. A few remaining black tailed pests on the breaks of the grain fields will furnish seed for future generations and make additional expense to the farmers and tax payers. Mr. Hunt hopes that everybody will give their full cooperation towards furthering the rabbit campaign, for the present winter seems to be offering a splendid opportunity for definite results.

DR. CALLOWAY TO IDAHO

Dr. J. L. Calloway left last Saturday for his old home in Idaho, Mountain Home, where he will spend the winter with his aged mother, who is in failing health. He expects to return to Heppner in the early spring.

Eddie Reitmunn, Appointed
John Day District Director

Eddie Reitmunn, prominent young farmer of the Ione section, has been appointed one of the directors of the John Day Irrigation District to succeed Michael Kenny of this city, who failed to qualify. Mr. Reitmunn is a man who has ever devoted much of his time to the development of the agricultural resources of the county and his election to the directorate is considered a wise choice. He is vice-president of the Morrow county farm bureau at the present time.

B. G. Sigsbee Buys Residence
Property From Paul Webb

B. G. Sigsbee has purchased the Paul Webb residence property in north Heppner. Mr. Webb, who has been living in this city since selling his extensive sheep ranch on Balm creek, departed on Sunday with his family for Walla Walla, where they expect to reside in the future.

RETURNS TO MORROW COUNTY

T. W. Cutsforth was in Heppner last Friday for the first time in about ten years. Mr. Cutsforth has been living up in Alberta for a number of years, where he has been farming. Prior to going to the north country, he was a resident of the Lexington section and has returned to once more become identified with the farming industry in this county. Mr. Cutsforth and family arrived in Lexington about two months ago and Mr. Cutsforth will farm the Chas. Pointer ranch for Mrs. Pointer, who is his daughter. Mr. Cutsforth still retains possession of his 480 acre wheat farm in the Alberta country.

WINTER OF '89 WAS COLD

When the thermometer registers zero, Heppner people shiver a little. They remember the winter of 1889, when the thermometer registered zero for several weeks. That winter is remembered as the coldest in the history of the county. There have been winters in by-gone years that have lingered as unpleasant memories to many of our older residents. Bruce Kelley says the winter of 1889 was one of the coldest on record. The thermometer fell to 30 degrees below zero and stock died in great numbers. Mr. Kelly says he recalls when the snap had reached its highest point, A. D. French drove a four horse team from Rock Creek to Heppner and on up Willow creek to the Kelley ranch. There were few harder men than Mr. French and it is related that he made the trip with apparently no discomforts.

Christmas Gift Home Paper

No more acceptable Christmas present than a year's subscription to the old home paper for friends who have moved away can be made for the same money, says the O.A.C. press service. Unlike most other friends it never forgets to write, but 52 times a year it spreads a feast of news, rich in memory-stirring items that form the best possible stimulus to a visit "back home." Call on or write the editor today," advises the college editor.

Colleges Bees Profitreced

If profiteering is "getting all you can and keeping all you get" the O. A. C. bee colonies came well within that class last year. Thus it came about that the department of entomology had stores of honey for sale. How the bees were housed, fed and managed to get this result will be brought in the intensive 12-lesson bee-keepers' course Farmers' Week. Many disabled soldiers will take the course.

NOTICE OF GUARDIAN'S SALE OF
REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Guardian of the person and estate of Clarence Clayton Wells, a Minor will on and after Saturday the 10th day of January, 1920 at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the office of Woodson and Sweek in the City of Heppner, Oregon, offer at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the right title and interest of Clarence Clayton Wells, said Minor in and to the following described real property situated in Morrow County, Oregon, to-wit:

The South half of the Northwest quarter and all of the Southeast quarter Section 18 in Township 1. S. R. 23 E. W. M.

This sale is made under and in pursuance of a license and order of sale granted by the County Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon on the 24th day of November, 1919 in the matter of the guardianship of said minor authorizing this guardian to sell said real property.

JENNIE WELLS GRANT,
Guardian of Clarence Clayton Wells,
a minor.

GRANT COUNTY ROAD
SURVEY IS STARTED

State Highway Engineers Now Busy
Picking Best Route For Permanent Highway to Interior.

The State Highway Commission producing Holstein purebred from Heppner-Grant County road which was authorized by the Morrow County taxayers of a special election last summer.

Surveyor H. B. Glaisyer of the state highway engineering department, and a crew of men started work the past week making the preliminary survey. It is estimated that it will take several weeks to complete the work and that the survey will cost Morrow County \$6000. However this amount will be credited by the highway commission to Morrow county and will later be deducted from the cost of actual road construction.

Three feasible grades out of Heppner to the top of Heppner Hill are being considered, and it is possible that a five per cent grade may yet be obtained. It is also planned to eliminate several bad stretches across Heppner Flat. The road will follow up Rock creek from Hardman along the most feasible route, to Parker-Mill and thence across Sun Flower Flat to a point on the boundary line between Morrow and Grant counties.

This highway, it is estimated will cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000. This is the amount voted apportioned by the taxayers for this road. It is one of the most important trade arteries leading into Heppner and will have a mutual benefit for both territories which it affects.

SAY, IT SURE WAS COLD.

Ira W. Thornton, local garage man, says the hot water pipes in his home froze up tight last Sunday night. The ice on the pipes was so hot that Mr. Thornton might have burned his hands had he not used the precaution of wearing gloves while doing the "thawing out" stunt. He says that three inches of water in a pan under the stove froze solid the same night, and there was a fire in the stove all night. It was sure cold last Sunday night.

Defective Flue Cause of Fire
in McCaleb Home

The fire department was called out Tuesday just before the noon hour to extinguish a fire which had resulted from a defective flue in the W. L. McCaleb home on Church street. While conditions were much against the fire boys, on account of the snow storm, they made rapid progress and had the flames under control before they broke through the roof. Slight damage resulted to the property.

FINE WOOL WETHERS BRING
\$9.00.

W. C. Brown this week sold 1387 head of fine wool wethers to Smith & Allison of Bickleton, Washington, at \$9.00 per head. These wethers were yearlings, and the purchasers took the whole band, without making any cut. This is about the best price paid for wethers here this season.—Condon Globe-Times.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

The boys basketball team journeyed to Ione last Friday, where they met the respective teams of the Ione high schools. The local girls' team met defeat, the score being 22 to 14. However, our boys did better, defeating the Ione quintet by a score 31 to 15 in the last game. A return game will be played in Heppner in the near future.

The Athletic Association has installed a stove in the basketball hall. It will cost the association eight dollars a month for fuel and this expense will be met by the receipts from games to be played among the classes of the school and from outside games.

It has been arranged now so the girls' basketball team may have the use of the hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30. This is a good hour for the girls and will not interfere with the boys in their practice.

The Sophomore class will hold one of their class parties on Friday evening, December 12.

The Philomathian and Cleronian Literary Societies are planning and preparing a program which will be given jointly, sometime in January. Watch papers for further announcement.

The Heppner high school has entered the State Debating League, and we are hoping that some student from this school will get to go to Eugene to attend the State debating contest to be held sometime in May.