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BIDS RECEIVED FOR PIPE-CONSTRUCTION

Geist Brothers of Pendleton Low Bidders on General Construction of New Water System—Firm Pipe Turned Down—Matter Still Unsettled.

What kind of a pipe do the people of the city of Heppner wish installed in their new gravity water system, is the question being asked by the mayor and council.

Bids on pipes and general construction work were opened last night in the Odd Fellows banquet hall, in an adjourned meeting of the council. The meeting was carried to the hall from the council chambers in anticipation of the large crowd of interested taxpayers who would attend. The anticipations were fulfilled. A large number of citizens were on hand, and with the large number of bidding contractors present, the hall was well filled.

After the various bids had been opened, read and tabulated, Mayor Vaughan suggested that the council resort to the process of elimination, in order that the matter in hand be expedited. In the matter of general construction bids, Geist brothers, Pendleton contracting firm, were found to be the lowest bidder for the laying of wood pipe. This eliminated all other contenders.

Taking up the question of wood pipe, the argument developed over merits and demerits of iron pipe as against redwood. The sentiment was universally in favor of the redwood pipe, so this eliminated the two bids on iron pipe. As there were two bids on redwood, it was finally decided to accept the lowest bid, which came under the higher bid by \$500, so thus was the high bidder on the redwood pipe eliminated.

The two remaining bids on pipe are from the Pacific Coast Culvert & Flume Co., of Portland and the Walla Walla Concrete Pipe Co. The council expects to decide today on the type of pipe they will use.

It developed that the bid of the Pacific Coast Culvert & Flume Co. was the lowest received, insofar as material is concerned, but the one construction bid received for the laying of the "Armo" pipe, was \$10,000 higher than the lowest bid received. Thus making the total cost of installing the Armo pipe considerably higher, and beyond the city's financial limit.

In passing on the awards of contracts, an important feature as set forth by the council, is the time of delivery for materials. It is planned to rush the work of laying the pipe, at the greatest possible speed, and the city does not desire to have the work held up on account of delay in pipe shipments, whatever style is adopted.

The Concrete Co. understand, in the event they receive the job, would set up their plant in Heppner, and the pipe would be manufactured here. This would mean the employment of a large number of men and would tend to put some of the money back into circulation here.

However, it is the united aim of the mayor and the council to select the pipe which will give the longest service for the amount of money expended, and to that end, they are going into every possible source of information on the subject of pipes. The matter will be definitely settled before the end of the week. We are giving herewith the names of the bidders and the amount of each bid.

Bids:	
(a) Using California Redwood Pipe throughout:	
Pacific Tank & Pipe Co., \$47,251.00	
Geist Bros., general contract	26,030.50
Extra for coating pipe	1,372.50
Total for complete job, \$74,654.10	
(b) Using Iron Pipe:	
American Wood Pipe Co., \$43,070.88	
Geist Bros., general contract	26,030.50
Extra for coating pipe	1,330.00
Total for complete job, \$70,431.38	
(c) Using Concrete Pipe Flow Line:	
Walla Walla Concrete Pipe Co., \$27,555.00	
Geist Bros., general contract	24,527.50
Pacific Tank and Pipe Co., Redwood Pipe Coated	17,933.77
Total for complete job, \$70,016.27	
(d) Using Armo Iron Pipe:	
Coast Culvert & Flume Co., pipe	\$42,511.10
J. D. Hanley, general contract	34,528.25
Total for complete job, \$77,039.35	

STATE COMMERCE MEETING FULL OF SNAP AND GINGER

"The State Chamber of Commerce meeting in Portland last week was certainly full of snap and ginger," said F. R. Brown of this city who attended as one of the delegates from the local commercial club.

"There were no long, drawn out speeches," said Mr. Brown, "none of the talks extending over thirty minutes, and it took Secretary Dodson of the Portland chamber only 25 minutes in a stirring talk to outline the future possibilities of Oregon's development. Mr. Dodson pointed out the efforts which are being made to locate large eastern manufacturing plants on the Pacific coast and more especially Oregon and Portland. Mr. Dodson also pointed out the vast potential water power resources of Oregon, showing that the water power tributary to Portland is ten times greater than that tributary to San Francisco and the trading radius even greater."

Another outstanding feature of every speech made at the convention was the fact that every speaker put irrigation foremost as being the one greatest factor in Oregon's development. No local issues were brought up, all subjects touched upon, having a bearing on state-wide development.

Jas. Stewart, representative from Wheeler and Morrow counties who is making his headquarters in Portland as Oregon manager for the Hiram Johnston presidential campaign, injected a little mirth into the meeting near the close of the last session, when he got up and announced that the people of Oregon could realize their efforts to get a return of the \$6,000,000 reclamation fund to this state, by electing a Western man as president.

Boardman Men Here On Heppner-Boardman Road.

O. H. Warner, Sam. H. Boardman and A. W. Cobb, prominent and progressive business men of Boardman, were in Heppner on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week interviewing the county court in regard to the Heppner-Boardman highway. Boardman wants adequate highway connection with the county seat and the south end of the county should act as a unit in seeing that they get what they want. It is as much to the interest of Heppner that this road be built, as it is to the interest of Boardman.

Palace Hotel Property Sold to M. S. Corrigan For \$8,500.

The Palace Hotel property at the corner of Main and May streets was sold at bankruptcy sale in this city on Monday to M. S. Corrigan for \$8,500. Two bids were received, J. W. Beymer bidding \$8,000. The property went to Mr. Corrigan, as his bid was considered the best. However, the sale is subject to the approval of the referee in bankruptcy.

Morrow County Men Attend Walla Walla Convention.

W. H. Cronk, manager and Albert Adkins, salesman of the local Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company office, D. L. Countryman and C. E. Kellogg, managers respectively of the Lexington and one office of the Lexington, were attending the annual convention of managers and salesmen of the company this week. Mr. Cronk will remain over a few days to attend to some matters of business.

Fords and Tractors Coming.

Chas. H. Latourel, authorized dealer in Heppner, announces that he expects a shipment of Fords and Fordson tractors to arrive sometime this week. People who are planning their order for next spring are going to be out of luck on delivery at that time, according to word received from Detroit, because there is now a great surplus of orders on file and the demand will naturally grow greater toward the spring and summer months. Therefore, Mr. Latourel admonishes, you had better place your order now, and not wait until spring.

Lexington Bureau Meets at Lexington.

Lexington Farm Bureau held its regular monthly meeting January 3. The president being absent, the assistant president Arthur Gammell called the meeting to order. A letter from county agent L. A. Hunt was read and suggestions acted upon. Mr. Joe Devine was elected road man for our district. Mr. Bernet was elected to look after orchard work, and Mr. Albert Traylor to look after irrigation.

The following program was given: Recitation—Mrs. J. McMillan; Recitation—Maxine Devine; Talk—Rev. Wm. Morris; Song—Rev. M. L. Petelle; Talk—Rev. M. L. Petelle. Every one had a good time.



LOCAL CAMPAIGN IS ON FOR IRISH LIBERTY LOAN

F. A. McMenamin Chairman of Local Forces—Gilliam and Morrow Quota Is \$12,500 and State Is \$100,000.

The drive for raising \$10,000,000 for the new Irish Republic by selling Liberty Loan Bonds, will be under way on the 17th of January. The drive will close on the 26th of January. Oregon's quota is placed at \$100,000, announces state chairman, Dr. Andrew C. Smith of Portland, and he has appointed F. A. McMenamin of Heppner as chairman of the organization in Gilliam and Morrow counties. Mr. McMenamin has the local organization well under way. For Morrow county the committee announced consists of John F. Kenny, John Kilkeny, Jas. Cart, Father Cantwell, Pat Connell, and Mike Kenny. For Gilliam county, John Monahan, Frank Smith, Jas. Murtha, and Father J. B. Wand.

To complete the details of the drive, a rousing mass meeting will be held in Heppner on Sunday, January 18, at which time a number of outside speakers will be present and plenty of entertainment is assured for those attending.

The Irish Republic organization is made up of 72 per cent of the voting population of Ireland.

DOES A HEN SIT, OR IS IT A FACT THAT SHE SETS

Heppner, Ore., Jan. 7.—To the Editor—Oregonian: Does a hen sit? (You bet you) I can bring about a condition that even roosters will sit, and the yarn is worth telling. Away back in 1883 an old Prussian asked me to make some dumplings. Yes, I made the dumplings, using baking powder to leaven them. They looked all right but they were the stickiest things anyone ever tried to eat. Almost instantaneously every one at the table had a dumpling fast in his throat, and say, it was jolly good fun to watch the big nosed Prussian try to claw the dumpling out of his throat, that is provided you did not have a dumpling fast in your own throat. Well, everything finally terminated and we got to a point where we could throw those dumplings out into the yard. Before you could say Jack Robinson, every chicken had a dumpling fast in his throat, and every darned chicken (more than 100 roosters and all) were sitting (not set) on their posterior ends, frantically trying to claw the dumplings out of their throats. What caused these chickens to sit ought to be clear to the dullest mind, for if they didn't sit, they could not use their feet to dislodge the dumplings and every darned one of them would choke. A hen sets, she never sits (the Oregonian to the contrary) unless she has eaten some of my dumplings. Disappears. Such rotten argument. If you set an alarm clock, does any part of it disappear? But that is another story. Traps of all kinds are set and where they are not properly secured they are dragged away. When a hen sets on a nest of eggs, she lays on her breast and abdomen. Nothing can sit on these parts. The Oregonian said more than one half of the voters

BIG INCREASE IN TAX LEVIES FOR COUNTY

State, County, Road and School Tax Run Levy Up and City of Heppner Tax Payers Must Meet A 43 Mill Tax.

The high cost of living has not overlooked the operation of district, town, county and state affairs and the tax levy in Morrow county will be higher than in past years. Some districts have gone in heavily for better roads and better schools and increased taxation is the normal result.

The taxpayer who resides in Heppner faces a levy of 43 mills. The tax includes a state tax of 3.6 mills, county tax of 5.5 mills; general school tax of 1.2, making a total of 10.3 mills. In addition to this there is a road tax of 2.5 mills, high school of 1 mill and a special road tax of 16 mills, and special school levy of 14.3.

Boardman Men Will Attend Irrigation Congress In Portland.

S. H. Boardman, god-father of Morrow county's northern town and Col. Emmett Callahan, another one of Boardman's leading citizens, will form a part of Morrow county's delegation to the Irrigation Congress of which meets in Portland the last of the week.

Local Oregonian Meets For the Home Stretch.

There won't be any more vacation for Heppner school kids until next June. The mid-winter holidays have come to a close and school was resumed on Monday after a two weeks lay off. Professor Boitnott says the pupils are getting down to good steady work and everything is running smoothly.

Three of the teachers failed to register present, when the opening gong sounded last Monday morning. Miss Melba Griffith was detained in Corvallis on account of the illness of her mother, as was Miss Bebe, who spent the holidays in Portland. Miss DeLoe who went to Montana for the Christmas season, also failed to return.

The student body has decided to cast its lot with the State High School Debating League and will be in the same district as Gilliam, Wheeler and Umatilla counties. The winner from this district will go to Eugene next spring during Junior Weekend to compete for the state championship.

Miss Curran Entertained.

Miss Marie Curran entertained for a number of her friends at her home on Church street last Thursday evening. About 25 guests were present. Refreshments were served following the dancing.

of this state were ignorant because they voted to express their disapproval to ratifying the negro suffrage amendment. Here I purge until the Oregonian starts something else. HARRY CUMMINGS.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green at their home in this city on Friday, January 2.

Miss Essie Shutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shutt of this city, has gone to Portland, where she expects to remain for several weeks.

J. W. Beymer, president of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank, who with Mrs. Beymer is passing the winter months in Portland, came up Wednesday evening to spend a few days looking after business interests.

County clerk Waters issued a marriage license this last week to the following: William H. Garner and Lorraine Tafel, residents of north Morrow with Echo as their post office, and George A. Legler of Hamilton and Leona M. Schmidt of Lexington.

N. Thompson, a farmer in the Ella district has not been a resident of Morrow county very long, but after renting land here for a year has reached the decision that this is a mighty good place in which to live, so he is making arrangements to buy some land. He was in Heppner on business today.

C. S. Burns, of the firm of Burns & McDonald, contracting engineers, is in Heppner this week from Kansas City, going over the bids received for construction work and pipes for the new gravity water system. Mr. Burns is one of the partners of the firm which made the preliminary survey, and drew up the plans and specifications for the system, as well as estimating the cost for the entire plant.

Basket Ball at Exhibit Hall Tomorrow Night.

What gives promise of being one of the fastest and most exciting games of basket ball ever played in Heppner, will be staged tomorrow night, when the Heppner quintet will meet the fast lone aggregation.

The locals have been practicing faithfully the past week and feel that they are in condition and will give a good account of themselves. Sims, Anderson, Van Marter and the two Crawfords will comprise the Heppner five, but up to the present time the lone team is an unknown quantity.

The game will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock and an admission price of twenty-five cents will be charged. All proceeds above expenses will go into the high school athletic fund.

Miller Is a Good Rider.

Ed Miller rode the goat in the Elk's lodge in Heppner one night last week and because he showed such unusual proficiency in hanging on, a brother member presented him with a handsome elk tooth watch charm, of which Ed is justly proud.—Ione Independent.

Miss Beulah Barker Marries.

Miss Beulah Barker, for a number of years a resident of Heppner, where she attended and later taught school, was married the last week to Frank A. Helms of Echo. Mrs. Helms has been teaching in the Echo schools. They will live at Echo.

Butter Creek Man Rents Ranch.

J. T. Ayers has leased his Butter creek farm to J. B. Coxen and Frank Ayers for a total of two years. The land, which totals about 200 acres includes some that is in alfalfa and considerable grain land. Mr. Coxen was formerly a barber in this city, but has had considerable farming experience.

San Souci Rebekah Lodge Installed Officers Friday.

San Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33, held installation of officers in their lodge rooms last Friday evening. Mrs. Sadie Sigbee was installing officer and the following officers were installed: N. G. Linnie Thornton; Vice N. G., Lillian Turner; Secretary, Opal Hall; Treasurer, Pearl Chidsey; Warden, Mollie Barlow; Conductor, Florence Hughes; I. G., Opal Briggs; O. G., Olive Fry; R. S., to N. G., Myra Noble; L. S., to N. G., Pearl Wright; S. to V. N. G., Arvilla Haynie; L. S., to V. N. G., Emma Jones; Chaplain, Millie Rod.

A banquet marked the closing hours of an enjoyable evening.

Church at Lexington Has New Piano.

The First Christian church at Lexington now has a new piano as the result of enterprising efforts of members of the Endeavor society, says Rev. Wm. C. Wardwell, pastor of the church, who was in Heppner on Saturday.

The Endeavorers held a basket social recently, the proceeds amounting to one hundred dollars, a substantial amount on a piano and the instrument was purchased Saturday from a Heppner dealer.

Rev. Mr. Wardwell announces that the evangelistic meetings now in progress at the Lexington church, are meeting with marked success, there having been, up to Saturday, 12 additions to the church.

G.T. CHRISTMAS NUMBER CAUSE OF COMMENT FROM TRADE MEMBERS

Compliments are still arriving on the Christmas number of The Gazette-Times which went out to our readers on the 18th of December. We have just received a nice letter from Mr. F. E. Carr, manager of the American Type Founders Company in Portland, in which he says:

"When we received the Christmas edition of the Gazette-Times which you were kind enough to send us, we thought at first it was a large metropolitan daily and we could hardly believe our eyes that a country office could issue so excellent a Christmas edition."

"You ought to be highly complimented upon the general typography of the entire paper, particularly the splendid class of advertising it contains. The advertising, to our notion, could not be improved upon, in fact, even the advertising in our large metropolitan dailies, where they have every facility for displaying ads in admirable shape, has nothing on you."

Heppner Gazette-Times Has A Splendid Issue.

(From the Enterprise Record-Chiefetan.)

Of the various Christmas editions published by eastern Oregon newspapers reaching this office, none compares with that of the Heppner Gazette-Times published by Vawter Crawford and his son, Spencer Crawford. The senior member of the firm, Vawter Crawford, is a brother of O. G. Crawford of the Record Chiefetan staff, and there is a feeling in the two offices that the papers of the two towns are first cousins.

The Gazette-Times holiday edition is notable in many respects. Its columns are filled with valuable material of great local value and its advertisements present an irrefragable argument for the people of Morrow county to shop at home. In a mechanical way the number is most admirable. Reading matter and advertising is set with neatness and artistic finish, and the press work is perfect. The cover in three colors, all the product of the Gazette-Times shop, is particularly effective.

Morrow county should be proud of a newspaper equipped and managed like the Gazette-Times, as it is an asset to the whole community and especially to the large and progressive business interests of Heppner.

Warns Foreign Governments That U. S. Is Ready for War

That the United States is ready for war and that all foreign countries had better watch out, is the substance of several letters found in the possession of Charles Anderson, an insane man, who was brought to Heppner the last of the week by Deputy Sheriff Vosen from Boardman. The man is a stranger here, is about 40 years of age and admits that he was held for a time in an asylum in the state of Washington. Another letter written by the man is addressed to the governments of the world and the Holy God at Medical Lake, Wash. The letter continues in a most rambling fashion and is evidence that the writer is in poor mental condition. He will be committed to the Eastern Oregon branch asylum at Pendleton. Anderson worked as a section hand on the railroad at Boardman the past few months.

C. W. B. M. Met On Tuesday at Home of Mrs. McRoberts.

The C. W. B. M. met at the home of Mrs. W. T. McRoberts on Gale street on Tuesday afternoon and was very interesting program was given by Mrs. Anna Keithley's division. A large number of the membership was present. Following the program refreshments were served.

Stalter Ranch Sold

E. M. Shutt, whose real estate sales have averaged about a ranch a week ever since he resigned the Sheriff's office, this week negotiated a deal whereby James H. Gentry, of this city, had bought the old Dan Stalter ranch, six miles east of town, from H. Taylor Hill, of Monmouth. The farm consists of about 1047 acres and the consideration was in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

Mr. Gentry's son, Emory has concluded to take Mr. Shutt's advice and stay with his dad on the farm, letting the other fellow seek the professional career while he makes the money and builds a sure future, so he and his father aim to bring this fine ranch up to the highest standard of improvement and production. They will take charge of the same early in the spring.

Lodge Members Watched the Old Year Pass Out.

The membership of Willow Lodge No. 66 and Rebekah lodge No. 33 was well represented at the watch party at the lodge rooms last Wednesday evening. The last hours of old 1919 were happily spent in games music and conversation and refreshments were served.

IT IS CITY WATER AFTER FEBRUARY 1

February First Will Find Town in Class Having Municipal Water Works—City May Buy Boiler To Use As Auxiliary—Tom Hughes Is Recorder.

The city of Heppner will pass into the class of towns having municipal water works the first of February. On that date, as per contract with the Heppner Light & Water Company, the city takes over the water plant and will thereafter conduct the same.

At the council meeting on Tuesday evening, Mayor Vaughan and members of the council urged Mr. Gates of the light and water company, to continue to furnish water to the city as in the past, until the new water system is installed, but Mr. Gates is anxious to be relieved of the water burden, "the sooner the better." So in all likelihood, the city will prepare to run the water business after the first of the month. Men in the employ of the light and water company will continue to look after the matter of pumping. Mr. Gates has offered to the city for \$700 the boiler which was formerly used in the old plant. He estimates that it can be put in shape for \$150, and also pointed out that a new boiler would cost three or four times the amount which he offers this boiler for.

Engineer C. S. Burns, of the firm of Burns & McDonald, who has been spending the week in Heppner, substantiated Mr. Gates in the statement that no matter how good the gravity supply, there would probably be some time in the life of the town, when the wells would have to be resorted to and that the plant at the wells should be in shape for operation at any time.

At the regular meeting on Monday evening, Thomas Hughes was appointed city recorder to fill the unexpired term of the late Joseph P. Williams. Mr. Hughes immediately qualified and took up his duties.

The council voted to appropriate \$25 a month to the Heppner Commercial Club, in promoting the general welfare of the city.

City attorney Nys was instructed to prepare an ordinance fixing the license of \$15 a year on small trucks and delivery vehicles and \$25 per year on two ton trucks doing delivery business in the city.

Gazette-Times Has Some Free Seeds For Distribution.

Our subscribers and friends are hereby notified that we have received from Washington, D. C. through the courtesy of Congressman N. J. Sinnott, a bag of garden seed, vegetable, which you are welcome to if you will call at the Gazette-Times office. As we have a limited supply only, but two packages will go to a person, in order that the seeds will go around. Call early and get yours before they are all gone. They are free for the asking.

Hayes Sells Heppner Ranch.

J. M. Hayes, who recently purchased the F. E. King home and five acre tract at Riverside, announced today the sale of 1790 acre ranch south of Heppner, in Morrow county, to E. F. Clark of Heppner. The ranch is partly in plow land and partly in grazing land. For the plow land he received \$125.00 an acre. Mr. Hayes expects to center his interests in Umatilla county.—Pendleton E. O.

Baldock Gets New Post

R. H. Baldock, who has been one of the chief assistants to District Engineer M. O. Bennett, of the eastern Oregon Department, state highway commission, will be transferred to Baker, effective January 1. He will have supervision over highway work in Baker, Malheur and Harney counties with offices in Baker. Another portion of Mr. Bennett's large district will be looked after by another assistant, C. C. Kelly, who will be sent to The Dalles. His territory will include Wasco, Sherman, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. Mr. Bennett will retain offices here and personally supervise the seven counties in this vicinity, including Wheeler, Gilliam, Morrow, Grant, Umatilla and Wallawa.—Pendleton E. O.

Mrs. Calkins Passes.

Mrs. Ruth L., wife of John L. Calkins, died in Ione on Tuesday night of December 29, 1919, aged 39 years.

Mrs. Calkins, whose maiden name was Hague, was a native of Minnesota and was married at Spring Valley in that state in 1895. In 1903 she came with her husband to Morrow county. She was the mother of ten children, eight of whom are now living. Several weeks ago she was taken to Portland for an operation for the removal of gall stones, which proved to be of a cancerous nature and death was the ultimate result.

Funeral Services Held in the Ione Baptist Church on Friday Morning.

Funeral services were held in the Ione Baptist church on Friday morning, conducted by Rev. L. K. Dickson of Portland.—Ione Independent.