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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



Their Road Policy

The present county court, in our opinion, has made an excellent record as regards roads. Their only handicap has been the lack of funds. All road matters put before the court have received due consideration and where it has been possible to make improvements, improvements have been made.

While the broader plan of building permanent roads has been foremost in the minds of the judge and commissioners, we know, from actions they have taken and from expressions which we have heard them make, it is their desire to keep up local roads in all parts of the county, to the highest standard possible.

There is never a winter but what the roads are reduced to an almost impassable condition. It will take time and money to put these roads where they should be and built to withstand weather conditions.

In the meantime, when there is a little local washout in some particular district, the court urges that the man who first meets the condition, go to work at once and remedy it, instead of taking two or three days to come to town to inform the court of that particular washout.

We believe that a successful plan is being worked out by the court in conjunction with the Morrow County Farm Bureau in regard to keeping up the roads in the various districts. It follows somewhat along the line of the road supervisor plan, only the farmers pick the man in their respective districts rather than the court. Anyway its getting down to brass tacks on the road problem and is bound to work to a good end.

Condon is still bucking up against the same problem in the way of a water supply which Heppner only a few months ago decided to do away with. The Condon city council has decided to drill more wells. Unfortunately our sister city on the west does not have her mountain water supply close at hand.

Library Case Settled

By decision of the state supreme court, Pendleton's famed library controversy is a closed book. This long-contested action, having its origin with the probating of the will of Samuel P. Sturgis in 1896, became a matter of public concern with the filing of the first action in 1916 by the library committee of the Pendleton Commercial Association. The decision rendered yesterday is a final victory for the association.

The affirmed decision of Judge Gustav Anderson, of Baker, means that not only shall proceeds from the Sturgis trust fund be used each year for the benefit of the Commercial Association's library but also that the money which has accrued in the fund through reinvestment shall be made available. The fund was originally \$5000, but because the total income each year was not turned over to the library but rather invested in part or whole, the fund now totals between \$15,000 and \$20,000.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The president blames congress and congress blames the president, and in the meantime the peace treaty so far as the United States is concerned, remains unratified. Technically we are still at war with Germany. This may explain the persistency of prices to remain high.

A Memorial to Our Brave Animals

Permission has been granted the American Red Star, the counterpart, for dumb animals, of the human Red Cross, to erect a memorial tablet in the State, War and Navy Department Building at Washington, to commemorate the services of the American horses and mules that were killed in service overseas. There were 243,133 of these animals employed during the great war with a casualty of 62,862 animals, besides some 700 that were lost at sea.

Horses and mules played a most important part in military operations throughout the war area. Contrary to popular opinion, they were largely used for carrying supplies right up to the front, traveling in zones where it was quite impossible to work motor transports. A large amount of artillery was entirely dependent upon horse or mule transportation.

General Pershing paid the follow-

ing fine tribute to the horse and the part that he played in the war.

"The army horses and mules proved of inestimable value in prosecuting the war to a successful conclusion. They were found in all theaters of preparation and operations—doing their silent but faithful work without the faculty of hoping for any reward or commendation."

The tablet, first of its kind to be erected in any federal building, will be made of bronze, three feet by four feet. A number of noted sculptors and artists are now preparing the designs.

Your bolshevik will sneer at this monument to dumb animals but every man, woman and child with a decent mind, will applaud the feeling it expresses.

Col. Bryan isn't satisfied with three times at bat. How that man does enjoy fanning out.—St. Louis Watchman Advocate.

After attending the farmers' meeting last Saturday we can realize what good marketing facilities will mean to the wheat grower. If the farmer is once placed in a position when he can market his product the same as any other producer markets his product, he will not "glut" the market as in the past and prices will tend to remain stabilized. In other words, the farmer will eventually be able to reap the benefit of the winter price, or the better spring price, instead of having to take just any old price that is offered him. More power to the farmer in his effort to finance his own business.

To Save Rural Mothers and Babies

Many inquiries are made about the Sheppard-Towner Maternity bill recently introduced into the Senate and House.

This bill proposes to place within the reach of every mother—especially the rural mothers—public health nursing, child health centers, and instruction in the household arts on which child welfare depends, prenatal care and maternity care in the home or in the hospitals, as may be necessary.

This is to be secured by the cooperation between the federal government and the states on the 50-50 plan which has resulted in a great improvement in agriculture and the development of good roads.

No compulsion is involved, but a service is proposed for the mothers of the United States which can be utilized with dignity and which will show public responsibility or the welfare of the mother and child proportional to that already shown through the Smith-Lever law for agriculture.

Authorities tell us that most maternal and infant deaths are preventable. Why then are they not controlled? Because mothers do not have the skilled care and attention they need. If children are to be saved, mothers must have care during pregnancy and confinement and instruction in hygiene of maternity, infancy and childhood.

Experimental measures to secure such protection have proved their worth by a lower maternal and infant mortality in a few cities. The need in small communities and rural districts is even greater, if possible, than in cities, and by the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner bill local resources would be supplemented by a federal appropriation and this need would be met.

It may be noticed that the nearer we come to 1920 the more Mr. Bryan emerges from his obscurity.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Driving from here to Portland in an hour and thirty minutes would be considered as making pretty "fair" time, and so it would be. Yet Lieutenant J. H. Knight, pilot of the aerial mail between Cleveland and Chicago recently covered the 335 miles between the two cities at a speed of 155 miles an hour. It broke all previous records for a flight of more than 300 miles.

The operation of government railroads has placed a deficit at the door of the United States treasury amounting to \$700,000,000. This includes the Pullman lines and express companies. It presents strong argument for the anti-public ownership debaters.

Oregon has been given credit for having the most progressive road building program in the United States. There is only one other state which equals it. Still, Oregon has just begun to build roads, as it took years for a lot of our mud-lovers to see the light.

Brightness and Blessings

It cost the farmers of North Dakota \$16 per head to join the Non-partisan League. A. C. Townley, grand sachem of the league, promised them brightness and blessings, the strangulation of "Big Biz" and taxation with 100 per cent farmer representation. Now Townley has delivered both representation and taxation, with emphasis on taxation. Last year the farmers of North Dakota paid \$1,058,355 in taxes. This year they will pay \$4,540,826 in taxes—an increase of only 169 per cent. Minnesota is invited to follow North Dakota's lead and establish a Townley Soviet government. It will cost only \$16 a membership to listen to the big noise

and then have your taxes jobbed up 169 per cent. "Big Biz" in its most rapacious days couldn't have contrived a grander gold brick to bounce on the skull of a gullible public.—Country Gentleman.

The mystery of Mr. McAdoo's declaration that he would not attend the Jackson day banquet at Washington is apparently cleared up. He has announced that he will not be a candidate for president. Mr. McAdoo is a shrewd man and he doesn't propose to bet any money on a lame boss.—Corvallis (Ore.) Gazette-Times.

Heppner Must Have More Houses.

"What is a fellow going to do? I brought my family to your town, invested all the money I had in a business, there are no houses for rent and I am not in a position to build. In other words, my family is up against it for a place in which to live."

That is just the remark which we heard one of the younger business men of Heppner make only this week and his situation is identical with a large number of others.

If we are to keep family men in the town, and we believe the family man is the town's best asset; then some provision for proper housing must be made. Heppner is no different from nearly every other town in the country in regard to the housing situation; only that where other towns are going ahead with the solution of the problem, Heppner is sitting back, hands gently clasped, and waiting for we don't know what.

There is no question but what the housing problem is the most serious one facing the town today. Many families are living in tents, others are existing in cramped quarters that would put a city tenement to shame. Other families would come here if there were houses which they could rent.

A single man can get by for awhile stopping at the rooming house or hotel, he is not held down and can leave the town over night. The family man comes to stay and will make his permanent home here if given an opportunity, or that is, proper encouragement.

Pendleton has had this same problem to meet and she has met it and is meeting it by forming a building and loan company which builds houses with no profit to the company. Their system is working out satisfactorily.

Something like that might be done here. In any event we believe this is a matter of prime importance to the Heppner Commercial Club and we would like to see it brought up for thorough discussion at the first meeting of the Club. Heppner bids fair to either stand or fall just on this one problem. We have not been standing still, we have done less than that, we have gone back, and we will continue to go back just as long as we try to stand still. Let's go ahead while. Let's all get together for bigger and better things for Heppner and let's start the ball rolling with a move to build houses for the people who have chosen and will choose, his city for their homes.

Effect on All

Even the man who is not paying a cent of federal income taxes is directly affected by the tax, whether he knows it or not. It bears a relation to the cost of living that is not at all remote. It is true that large sums are paid to the government in income taxes by individuals and concerns, yet the tendency is to take these taxes into consideration in fixing prices in such a way that the net income is about what it would be in normal times without the federal income taxes. It is readily apparent that the effect of all this has a tendency to bring up costs on many of the products needed by the people. The government can help the whole situation by bringing methods of economy and efficiency into its own operations, so that the highly burdensome taxes at present can be relieved.—Kewanee, Ill. Star-Courier.

[JUBILEE! It was a notable event when the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the parent of the famous "S. O. Group," recently celebrated its golden jubilee. The chief figure in this great organization from the beginning was Mr. John D. Rockefeller. His constructive genius was the outstanding cause of the company's wonderful success. Mr. Rockefeller in a letter to a large gathering of jubilee banqueters, presided over by Chairman A. C. Bedford, stated that he and his brother William were the only surviving founders. The letter refutes the charge, often made that the organization was always ruthless in its methods. Mr. Rockefeller said: "The Standard Oil Company made a record without precedent in the history of commercial enterprise, in turning to its weaker and bankrupt competitors and offering them a chance to recoup their waning fortunes without any risk on their part excepting the putting in of their plants, many of which were superannuated and illly equipped to cope with the more up-to-date refineries even of that time. I am happy that all that stock prospered and did much better than they could have done under any other circumstances." It may be added that all the Standard Oil magnates made lavish contribu-

tions to public and benevolent purposes from the millions they amassed in trade.—Lestlie's.

Indications Point to Advance in Coal Price.

All indications point to an advance in the price of coal with a probable freight advance soon.

Coal shipments are now being received much more promptly and now is the logical time to lay in a supply of coal, because there is a reasonable amount on hand and because the price is less now than it will be probably in a few months.

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Show at Spokane Event of Interest to Women.

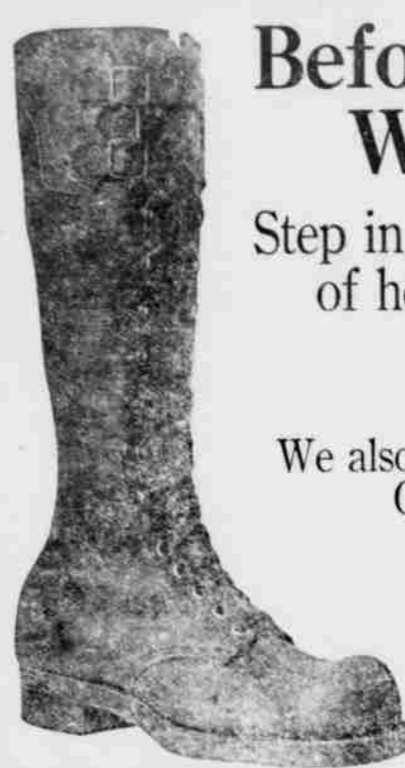
Spokane, Wash.—An event of much interest to women throughout the Inland Empire is scheduled for the assembly rooms of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce on February 12-14, under the name of the L. S. D. show. All manners and kinds of mechanical apparatus designed to relieve the burdens of the housewife are to be shown in operations at afternoon and evening sessions. The show is under the auspices of the women's organizations. Music will be provided and short talks by women from the university, college and normal faculties. The show is rousing much interest in the city and already a number of delegations from Inland Empire points are assured.

County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license on Saturday to Rolf Van Bibber and Miss Tilda Collins, both popular young people of this city. Judge Alexander L. Cornett

performed the ceremony and the young people left on a honeymoon trip to Portland. Mr. Van Bibber is a machinist in the Heppner Garage Repair Shop and the young people will return here to make their home.

Miss Gwendolyn Darbee, who is a student at the Washington high school in Portland, has been visiting for the past several days in Heppner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Darbee.

Ariehgh Arturs, Federal census taker, came in from Lena the last of the week, and reports that his work in that locality has been held up on account of numerous cases of the influenza.



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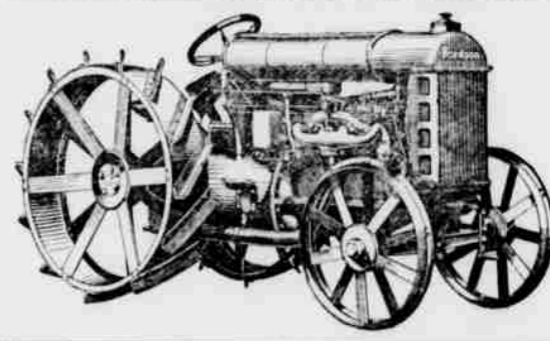
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