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PATRON-TEACHERS EN-DORSE INITIATIVE BILLS

Local Association Goes on Record as Favoring Bills and Pass Resolutions—Meeting Tuesday Evening—Listens to Stirring Speeches—Have Good Program.

The local Patron-Teachers Association held a very interesting and profitable session on last Tuesday evening at the High School and the main feature of the program was a discussion of the educational millage tax measures that will be voted on at the coming May primaries.

Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtle, county school superintendent, presented the elementary school bill, which provides for raising and distributing funds among the elementary schools. She presented facts to show that this means providing funds to help along the elementary schools would raise money from a very large portion of property that now escapes taxation for school purposes, except the small amount raised by the annual state tax. In Morrow county alone, there is much property lying outside of any school district that is owned by people living out of the county, and with the passage of this measure the schools of this county will be greatly benefited. Mrs. Shurtle also expressed the opinion, that if the measure is properly presented before our people it will receive practically unanimous support, as it should.

F. A. McMenamin presented the measure for higher educational institutions. Mr. Woodson was to have spoken on this bill but was called away and Mr. McMenamin kindly consented to take his place. His address was to the point. He showed how the higher educational institutions had been made to suffer in times past because of lack of proper support, but now that conditions had changed and everything was on a much higher basis of cost, it was next to impossible to carry on the work. The best professors and instructors were leaving for other lines of employment, and greatly increased attendance at the various schools was forcing them into a situation which, if not relieved by financial aid as provided in these measures, would virtually put the State University and Agricultural College out of business.

The past year the University's increase in millage income was only 3.8 per cent, while the attendance increased 152 per cent. The Agricultural College had a millage increase of 3.8 per cent and its attendance increased 148 per cent. Relief, therefore, must come to these institutions in which the state has a just pride, and our young people coming on to the stage of action and seeking higher educational privileges must not be forced to attend the colleges of other states, or else pass up this part of their preparation for life's battles. Mr. McMenamin stated that there will be an increase of at least 5400 students for the universities and higher educational institutions of Oregon this coming year. What is to be done; shall we vote down the only measures that will provide for taking care of them? A campaign of education must be waged between now and primary election day, May 21.

For the returned soldier there is also a measure before the people providing for a small millage tax to aid the funds already provided for by legislative enactment. The special session of the legislature put this measure up to the voters also, and S. E. Notson spoke in behalf of the bill. The funds already provided have proven to be entirely inadequate and if we keep faith with our boys who went over the water to fight our battles for us, we will see to it that this measure receives our unanimous support. "Lest we forget" is a good slogan for this bill, and Mr. Notson plainly pointed out that the great tendency at this time is to forget all about what the boys accomplished over there, and our promises made to them at the time of their departure, and he called us back to these things in a very forcible manner. He made the statement that there was one precinct in this county, which, it was understood, was going to vote unanimously against all these millage measures, and if such was the case with regard to this particular bill, he would blush with shame for that precinct. It will certainly not go on record as having forgotten the boys who made the supreme sacrifice on the battle fields of France, and to thus deny to those who were able to return, many of them crippled and maimed, this small favor of aid in getting an education that will assist them in fighting the future battles of life.

The various speeches created much enthusiasm in favor of the millage tax bills, and called forth the following resolutions:

Resolved, The two-million elementary school bill provides a just and equitable means for raising and distributing a state fund which will enable our school districts to maintain efficient schools and thereby relieve the burden of taxation upon the school districts, many of which are small and have a low valuation, and WHEREAS, our institutions of higher learning require speedy relief

because the present income does not even meet maintenance cost, and WHEREAS, class rooms, laboratories, and other necessary buildings must be erected, unless the doors of these institutions are closed to at least a thousand of our boys and girls this fall, say nothing of the soldiers and sailors whom the state pledged to aid in securing an education, and

WHEREAS, if the state keeps its pledge to the returned soldiers and sailors, it will be necessary also to vote for the Soldier's Educational Aid Tax, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Patron-Teachers Association of Heppner, does hereby go on record as endorsing the proposed bills for these measures.

MRS. C. E. WOODSON, Pres.
MRS. A. M. PHELPS, Sec.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted. A meeting of the executive committee of the association followed adjournment, and it was decided that the Patron-Teachers Association would get behind a campaign of education for these measures, the details of which will be made known later.

Other features of the program Tuesday evening were a duet by Coramae Crawford and Mary Clark, recitations by Eleanor Cohn and Kenneth Hill, representing the 5th grade pupils, and a solo by Miss Thelma Selling. A social time followed and the entertainment committee served refreshments of ice cream and wafers. At the next regular meeting of the Association will occur the annual election of officers.

Boardman Man Confesses To Charge of Arson

After confessing to Sheriff Til Taylor of Umatilla county and State Fire Warden H. Pomeroy that he had set fire to his grocery store at Boardman, W. M. Haskins was brought to Heppner Tuesday evening by Mr. Pomeroy and turned over to Sheriff George McDuffee.

Mr. Haskins was bound over to the grand jury and released after putting up \$1000 bail money. In the \$1000 which Boardman several weeks ago, the Haskins store burst out in flames several buildings removed from the fire. Conditions warranted an investigation by the state fire warden, which resulted in Haskins' arrest in Pendleton. His confession was secured by the warden and sheriff after eight hours of grilling.

MANY FRUIT TREES MAY YET BE SAVED

Winter Injuries May Prove To Be Not Permanent—County Agent Advises Treatment.

After the heavy winter freeze, which we have been forced to endure during the past winter, many of the fruit trees of the peach, cherry and prune variety, look pretty bad. Very little hope was entertained that the trees would live, let alone bear fruit this season. However, the damage is not going to prove as great as I first feared. Many of the trees it is believed will bear yet this season, and many more will not bear this season will not be a permanent loss. The limbs and a great deal of the heavier part of the branches of the tree were turned a very dark color and there is no doubt that this wood did sour.

This has greatly restricted the sap carrying capacity of the trees. The roots are still in tact and are beginning to throw some sap up into the body of the tree and will sooner or later show up some leaves on the tree. However, this should not be taken as proof conclusive that the trees are all right, they are far from that. They are going to be sick trees during the whole season, and unless there is some relief afforded many of the trees which do start to leaf out will probably die before leaf out. The best method for overcoming this situation is a heavy top pruning of these trees. Any tree which leaves out perfectly normal you need not worry much about. The peach tree seems to have suffered the most severely, in this case where the trees have suffered quite severely it is best to give them a heavy top pruning which will mean reducing the foliage at least two-thirds. It is a well known fact that it requires the new shoots to develop the fruit for the next year, and if this pruning is done properly many of the trees which have been felled would die will another year bear as well as ever. Some suggestions along this line might not be out of order. This pruning should not be done until the sap has pretty well started. If done too early the sap is likely to drift back on the cut on the tree, or near, and the top will not heal over properly. The cut should be made as near the trunk of the tree, or trunk of the main limb, as possible, and done as smoothly as possible with the idea of leaving as little knots as may be after they have properly healed over. It should however, be borne in mind that this pruning should be done sometime in April or before the middle of May. Pruning can be done

WE SOW TO REAP



SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS IRRIGON GROWING FAST

Citizens of North Morrow Town Pledge Site For New School Building—Bonds Will Be Issued—Ball Team is Organized.

Irrigon has gained forty per cent in population in the last six months, according to the school census. The people of that progressive town are going after a new school building in order to care for the rapidly growing enrollment and have pledged a site to the district upon which the new building will be erected. The building will be financed through a bond issue. The bond issue has already been authorized, according to County Agent L. A. Hunt, who attended a farm bureau meeting in Irrigon last Saturday evening.

Mr. Hunt says Irrigon is rapidly coming to the front and taking its place as one of the big irrigation districts of the Northwest. The people are very progressive and when they start after anything they don't stop until they have attained the desired results. The town is a unit in supporting a bond issue which has been organized here to uphold the honor and dignity of the irrigation metropolis and will be a credit to the championship of the Irrigation League.

C. E. Glasgow has been nominated to succeed J. G. Camp, resigned, as a director in the West Umatilla Irrigation District.

Shearing Season Begins.
Frank W. Turner left on Tuesday for Heppner Junction where he will set up his sheep shearing plant at the Deos ranch in preparation for the 1920 season. Mr. Turner has had his crew assembled for several days but work has been held up owing to unfavorable weather conditions. LaVerne Van Marter has gone to Rosevelt, Wash., with another plant, where he has an extensive run. Mrs. Van Marter expects to join her husband there at a later date.

Daughter at Fred Elder Home.
Emmett, Idaho, April 12.—(Special to The Gazette-Times)—Little Geraldine arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elder on Thursday, April 8, weighing 9 pounds. Mother and daughter are doing nicely and hopes are being held for Fred's recovery.

later, but for sick trees, trees that will require every ounce of available sap that the limbs can bring to the ultimate extremities of the trees, it cannot be done too early after the sap has finally started. If these instructions are carefully adhered to, it is believed that many trees which had been thought dead will be saved before the season is over.

We have endeavored to secure a specialist to go over this work from Corvallis to go over the situation, but so far have been unable to do so. The situation will have to be handled with such help as is here, and the County Agent will give all the time and advice possible to assist in overcoming what at first promised to be a very dangerous situation.

L. A. HUNT, County Agent.

LEGION WILL PERFECT ORGANIZATION SUNDAY

The Local Post of the American Legion Expect Charter Soon—Ione and Lexington Men Send in Applications.

The local post of the American Legion will be completely organized next Sunday, when a large number of ex-service men will meet in the council chambers. Application for charter has already been made and temporary officers have been appointed. It is expected that the charter will arrive by Sunday.

Nearly all the former service men are exhibiting considerable interest in the formation of a post here. Secretary Crego says that he has received a number of letters and applications from men at Ione and Lexington who are anxious to find out more about the post and become members.

Best Cow Proves It.
The best cow of the 1367 tested in association work in February gave more than three times as much milk and nearly three times as much fat as the average cow. Her record for 29 days was 1578 pounds of milk and 72 pounds of fat. The fat alone was worth more than \$40 for the short month of the year. Testing says press better than guessing.—O. A. C. Press Bulletins.

Big Beef Type Bset Feeders.
An 800 pound low quality steer brought at 5 cents, fattened to 1000 pounds and sold at 7 cents, shows a gain of \$30. A high quality beef type steer of the same weight bought at 10 cents, fattened to 1200 and sold at 12 cents, shows a gain of \$64—\$34 more than the scrub's. It pays to handle quality types, says E. J. Fjelsted, farm livestock fieldman for O. A. C.

RAGS—BOTTLES—SACKS
Rags, bottles, sacks. This will in substance be the cry of the man who goes out with the city of Heppner truck all next week gathering up rubbish.

Beginning on Monday its Clean-Up week all week and every patriotic citizen who is imbued with the essence of civic pride will have a pile of garbage for the truck man. Clean up will be the premises indeed, that cannot yield forth its quota of tin cans, broken bottles, etc. Just rake up your old trash in a nice handy pile for the truck man and you will be doing him a favor as well as yourself. Cleanliness is going to be a living virtue in Heppner beginning with Monday next.

Hat Repair Popular.
In the first millinery school held by Miss Lydia Doolittle, O. A. C. graduate and special demonstration agent, 28 hats were repaired by women at a total cost of \$19.03. The hats were worth \$100.50, as estimated by the owners. So popular are these schools where old hats are brought forth from scrap bags and transformed into attractive head gear that the rooms are too small and the hours too few to accommodate all women who want the work

ELKS BENEFIT BALL AT IONE GREAT SUCCESS

Local Elks Cooperated By Running Special Train to Dance—Lodge Hall Will Have Nice Piece of Furniture As Result.

Heppner Elks cooperated with the members of 358 who reside in Ione by running a special train to the Egg City last Friday evening and thereby aided their brothers in the sister city to make the Benefit Ball a great success.

Owing to weather conditions, the roads were in a poor condition for automobile travel, so Henry Cohn and L. V. Gentry, assisted by Bert Lewis, went out and sold sufficient tickets to guarantee the special.

Those attending the dance say it was one of the best they ever attended. The Ione members realized something over \$300 on the affair and the money will be used to buy a piece of furniture for the new lodge home in this city. C. B. Sperry and Frank Engleman were in charge of the dance. Sawyers' five-piece orchestra of Pendleton furnished the music.

EDWARD RICHARD CREWSDON.

Edward R. Crewsdon died suddenly at his home in this city last Tuesday evening following a brief attack of choking. He had but recently recovered from a severe illness. Mr. Crewsdon was 63 years, 6 months and 20 days of age and a native of California. He came to Morrow county about thirty years ago and had lived here a greater part of the intervening years, following the occupation of sheep shearer. He took up a timber claim south of Heppner, where the family made their home for a number of years. He is survived by his widow, Harriett Crewsdon and the following sons and daughters: Frank, Albert, Richard and Tom Crewsdon, Mrs. Laura Driskell and Miss Lillian Crewsdon of Heppner, Mrs. Cecil Hale of Walla Walla and Mrs. Ida Hogeland of Parkers Mill.

The funeral will be held from the Federated church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be made in Masonic cemetery.

Umatilla Pioneer Found Dead in Bed.

Colonel Horace Gready Newport, pioneer of Umatilla county and practically a life long resident of Hermiston where he was instrumental in founding the town, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. The cause of death believed to have been acute indigestion. He was in his 70th year.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Newport, a son, H. R. Newport, of Hermiston, and a daughter, Mrs. Pat Harwood, of Chicago.

Colonel Newport was born in Gallipolis, Ohio. In '78 he went to North Dakota and engaged in railroad construction work. He built 11000 miles of the Northern Pacific and had his headquarters in Mandin, North Dakota. The construction work was hampered because of Indian wars at that time and because of the war-like character of the undertaking, Colonel Newport was given the title of colonel by which he has been known.

In 1902 Colonel Newport came to Umatilla county and built the railroad in the old Maxwell Station Echo railroad. He was owner of a 120 acre alfalfa ranch which he later sold, but he retained his township property. He was the senior member of the Newport Construction company.

Funeral services will be held at Hermiston in the Methodist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. M. R. Gallaher officiating.—Pendleton Tribune.

Mrs. Wells Entertained Members of Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild held their social meeting at the home of Mrs. Clyde Wells last Thursday. Ladies assisting the hostess were Mrs. S. A. Pattison, Mrs. W. E. Prun and Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor. The rooms were prettily decorated with daffodils. Guests included Mrs. Ralph Crego, Mrs. C. C. Patterson, Mrs. Goodman Sr., Mrs. D. T. Goodman, Mrs. Hanson Hughes, Mrs. S. W. Spencer, Mrs. A. L. Ayers, Mrs. Dick Wells, Mrs. Chester Darbee, Mrs. Joseph Nys, Mrs. Emmet Cochran, Mrs. J. W. Beymer, Mrs. J. F. Lucas, Mrs. Paul Gemmill, Mrs. C. L. Sweek, Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, Mrs. Phil Cohn, Mrs. M. D. Clark, Mrs. J. F. Vaughn, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. J. O. Rasmus, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. W. R. Irwin, Mrs. B. F. Butler, Mrs. P. A. Anderson, Mrs. C. C. Gilliam, Mrs. L. E. Bisbee, Mrs. W. E. Prun, Mrs. S. A. Pattison, Mrs. Clyde Wells, Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor, and Misses Mary Farnsworth and Jenny Black. High honors fell to Miss Farnsworth and Mrs. Bisbee. Delicious refreshments of sherbet and cake were served.

FOR SALE—4 head of good work horses, one set of breeding harness, one 3 1-4 wagon with 12 ft. rack. VAUGHN & SONS.

Local Firm Will Install Fine Large Billiard Table

Gurdane & Son have placed their order with the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co. for an English billiard table, which is the largest of its kind manufactured and especially constructed. This table is not only the largest made, but is the most expensive obtainable. There are only 14 tables like it in the state of Oregon. The new table is due to arrive here between the first and fifteenth of May and local billiardists are awaiting with much interest, its arrival.

Heppner High Loses to Ione in Fast Game

The Heppner high school baseball nine went down to defeat before the Ione boys in a fast game which was played on the Egg City diamond last Saturday afternoon. Irwin starred for the locals, securing two two-base hits and a single out of four times up, and Davidson at short for Ione showed up to an advantage, both in fielding and hitting. Young and Orr for Heppner were opposed by Blake and Linn as batteries.

Next Friday afternoon the local high team will cross bats with the Moro nine on the Heppner field and on Saturday Lexington will play here. Ione heads the interscholastic league at the present time with two straight wins and no defeats.

A Pleasing Picture

A pleasing farce is John Barrymore's latest Paramount picture, "Here Comes the Bride," which is on view at the Star theater next Tuesday. The picture is adapted from the play of the same name by Max Marcin and Roy Atwell, which was produced with great success in New York on September 25, 1917, and it was adapted by Charles E. Whittaker, John Stuart Robertson being the director. The story deals with the love affairs of an impecunious lawyer who is entrapped into a marriage, although he loves another woman. How he gets out of the trouble is charmingly told. Faure Blinney is the leading woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Reid and Mrs. Joe Pickett left Tuesday evening for Portland, Arch Barnard took them to Arlington, where they caught the Arlington train.

WILSON IS CANDIDATE ON LEAGUE PLATFORM

Promises to Keep Country Out of War if Covenant He Made is Adopted Unchanged.

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson is flirting with the Democratic renomination for the presidency and it is believed here that his failure to demand that his name be withdrawn from the primary ballot in Georgia is evidence that he intends to run again on a platform of ratifying the league of nations covenant without change in order that he may thereby keep the United States out of war.

It is true that the President's name was actually withdrawn at the last minute by some of the signers of the petition entering it on the primary ballot, but not at the behest of Mr. Wilson himself, who remained determined not to commit himself. Thus the party leaders are faced with the same dilemma as at the new famous Jackson day banquet in January when they waited impatiently and in vain for some word from the party chief which would take him out of the race and relieve them of embarrassment. Their several embarrasments must now go on under the shadow of the belief that Woodrow Wilson will seek a third term.

Throughout the treaty fight, consistently in favor of ratification of the covenant without the slightest additional protection of the interests of the United States, the President has even refused to accede to any separate peace the majority in Congress might decide upon. He dismissed Secretary Lansing as the result of his having said that the American people would never accept the league if they understood its meaning. He rebuked Senator Hitchcock and others for breathing a spirit of compromise. He alone is responsible for the defeat of the treaty as amended by the Lodge reservations.

It is therefore now conceded by the Democrats in Congress that he will not be swerved from his purpose of insisting that he should be upheld in spite of the action of the large majority of the Senate to the contrary and of carrying the fight to the country in the presidential campaign. He has already stated that it is the leading issue. He has already denounced opposing Senators as traitors to the best interests of the United States. He has already declared that America must yield something of its strength to the new internationalism.

And thus he has stated and repeated that the unamended league stands for peace, and that he stands for

OREGON WOOL MEN MET IN PENDLETON

Growers Discuss Marketing—Will Confer With Buyers in Portland—Meeting Will Be Held in Heppner When Committee Will Report.

(By L. A. Hunt.)

At the call of the President, J. H. Dobbin, of Wallowa county, a committee of selected wool growers met in the county agent's office in Pendleton on Tuesday afternoon, to prepare plans and discuss details preparatory to the big wool-growers meeting to be held in Heppner. Those in attendance were J. H. Dobbin, President; Dan P. Smythe, Tom Boylen, Kenneth Warner, Dr. McClure, Joe Cunha, all of Umatilla county; Harry Bartholomew from Butter creek; Ed Neill, W. W. Howard from Pine City; R. W. Turner from Heppner; J. H. Towne from Portland; Fred Bennion, County Agent of Umatilla county and L. A. Hunt from Heppner.

Under general discussion of the sheep business there was considerable dissatisfaction expressed because of the fact that at present there are very few buyers for the sheep offered for sale and the people generally have not seemed to be satisfied with the conditions that have surrounded the marketing of wool in the past.

After considerable discussion a committee was finally appointed to study the marketing situation in general and make a definite report to the meeting to be held in Heppner. As a part of the study of this situation the committee will make a trip to Portland and meet with wool buyers and wool financiers in the state metropolis on Tuesday of next week. The members of this committee who will make the trip Monday night to Portland are men who are well known to all the shepherms of Morrow county and all of them big operators; Jay Dobbin of Wallowa county; Ed Neill and Jack Hynd of Morrow county and the Secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers Association, Mac Hoke. The date for the meeting at Heppner will probably be the 1st day of May, which happens to fall on Saturday. Every sheepman in the county whether large or small should make it a point to be at this meeting as the very latest development in the marketing situation and sheep industry in general will be discussed by Dr. McClure and Jay Dobbin, as well as the secretary of the state association, and every sheep operator that has a definite idea will be given a chance to give it expression. It is contemplated by the committee that a very decided change in that marketing of wool will be stated at that time and every sheepman given an opportunity to express his opinion upon the same, and we believe that no sheepman can afford to be absent. Remember the date.

Ladies Guild Will Meet

The Ladies Guild will meet on Friday afternoon at 2:15 in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Hostesses for the occasion are Mrs. J. F. Lucas, Mrs. Guy Boyer, Mrs. Emmett Cochran and Mrs. Arthur McAttee.

Children's Diet Lacks Milk

Four children out of Oregon ten no milk in their diet. Since milk is essential to normal development of children its use is sought by the child welfare workers. In Jackson county the home demonstration agent and farm bureau will cooperate with the Oregon Dairy council and local organizations in a milk campaign at Medford, May 5 to 8.

peace, that America must stand for peace, and that if the covenant is adopted immaculate and the people accept his verdict at the polls peace will reign. This is so much like 1916 that members of Congress dismiss it with a derisive smile.

Whether the President is again nominated or not, it is certain that he will influence the convention in bringing about the indorsement of his own attitude and that of his party in the Senate on the peace treaty. It is regarded here as certain that his administration will be indorsed and that those who insisted that the league be Americanized will be denounced. And hence it is considered no less certain that the Democratic party will contend in the campaign that if its chief had had his way entire there would be no future wars.

In the meantime Secretary Daniels is clamoring for a larger navy—a navy as large as England's by 1925. Troubles are brewing with Mexico, due to what members of the Senate and House declare to be a weak and vacillating policy. There is a growing impression that the United States cannot afford to have rapine and disorder and barbarism at its front door and wish it away by "watchful waiting." Japan is extending its suzerainty over Eastern Asia and showing its ambition to control the Pacific Ocean. Europe is filled with wars and rumors of wars. Human nature remains, and the same Congressmen say, and they do not believe Mr. Wilson's conclusions will be accepted without question.