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## MORROW GROWERS SURE OF GOOD WHEAT YIELD

### High Prices Expected to Combine With Bumper Crop to Swell Pockets of Farmers.

(By Robert Lee Ringer in the Ross Festival edition of Portland Evening Telegram.)

Wheat growers of Morrow county are in a very confident mood. The high prices of last season made them fairly prosperous in spite of a light yield on account of a dry season, but this year they are figuring that both a big yield and high prices will ring the bell together for them and they are making preparations accordingly. Late snows gave plenty of time to get ready. Some big outfits are in the field already on the lighter soils north of Lexington and as soon as the fields dry a little to the south thousands of acres will be sown, clear up to the foot hills of the Blue Mountains.

Very little planting was done last fall. While Morrow county is strong for winter wheat, as a usual thing most of it is planted in the latter end of the winter rather than in the late fall. But last year was so dry that the ground was not fit for the ordinary fall work until very late and then it froze up soon after that, so that the farmers had to go into winter quarters early.

With very little preparation made for the 1920 crop, the growers have kept an anxious eye to the weather at all times and after a careful study of it they are practically unanimous in expecting a big yield this year. First there was a heavy fall of snow in December. There was very little frost in the ground at the time and the moisture worked down deep. A fairly open winter followed and the tillers of the soil rounded up their stock preparatory to rushing the crop into the ground about the middle of February.

### Groundhog Tricked

The groundhog had double-crossed them, however, and instead of spring weather, frosty nights followed with alternate freezing and thawing that began to work all the moisture out of the ground and might have been disastrous. But on the night of March 1 it began to snow. Eight inches fell in the upper regions of Rhea and Willow creeks, four inches at Heppner, two inches at Lone and rain at Heppner Junction. It was four days before the fields were bare around Heppner and every bit of moisture went into the ground as fast as it melted. The result is that the ground is in perfect condition. The season is a little late and the weather ought to warm up early and give the crop a quick start, which will be a big boost to keeping the moisture in the ground.

Considerable property, especially wheat lands, have changed hands in Morrow county since last harvest, but it is too early to determine yet whether it is the forerunner of a boom in practically the only remaining cheap wheat lands in the country. Prices have gone so high in Sherman, Wasco and Umatilla counties and in the Walla Walla and Palouse sections, that many of the old time wheat growers from those fields are picking up cheaper acreage in Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Their advent is most welcome in that section for two reasons. First, the growers there have always insisted there was no proper reason for the big difference in the valuations of their lands as compared with other recognized sections. Second, and more important, it will result in a better grade of farming by bringing in some of the blood that has developed and made the reputation of other sections.

### Cultivation Only Need

Dozens of men have demonstrated in the last few years that proper cultivation is all that is needed to make crops as sure in Morrow county with less than fifteen inches of rainfall as they are around Weston with over twenty inches. Scores of good farmers have made good for themselves and bought out their neighbors who failed, only to make the newly acquired land as productive as their original holdings. The secret is good farming practice, timely plowing, proper planting and proper summer fallowing. It will probably be only a short time before other crops will be tried in the summer fallow and the present generation may live to see diversified farming carried on in Morrow county.

the job for \$100 per acre at present prices. He gave no hint of what it was because he was not sure of his ground on it yet.

## Lexington Plans Big Celebration on Third of July

The eagle will scream at Lexington this year. The anniversary of the Nation's birth which comes on Sunday, will be duly observed in most approved fashion on Saturday, July 3rd. A committee of business men and citizens are at work lining out a program which should prove attractive to a large number of people from over the county. Among the sports are listed horse races, foot races, bucking contests and ball games. There will be a dance in the evening. "Death to the blues" is the slogan which Lexington has adopted in putting over a successful celebration. Complete details will appear in The Gazette-Times next week.

## Fire Rout Shearers at Huddleston Sheep Ranch.

Members of the McFerrin shearing crew were routed out of their beds in a bunk house at the J. B. Huddleston ranch near Lone Rock recently, when fire broke out. Some of the men did not have time to save their clothes and Loren Matteson and Gus Hale were losers to the extent of one good watch, about thirty dollars in currency and a coat. The origin of the fire is a mystery. To cap the climax the shearers had all their work clothes stolen from them. Shearing season at the Huddleston ranch this year proved a lively one indeed.

### TAYLOR-BRIGGS

At the residence of Rev. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette University in Salem Wednesday, June 16, occurred the marriage of Ray M. Taylor to Miss Lea Briggs. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Doney. Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Briggs, parents of the bride were present at the wedding. Immediately following the ceremony, the bridal party left for Heppner, where they will make their home. Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of Heppner high school and of the Willamette university. She is quite an accomplished musician.

## Heppner Boy Commended For Splendid School Work

At the commencement exercises at Hill military academy, June 16, in Portland, Donald Bowker, of Heppner Junction, was named as one of the first class and commended for his excellent work at the academy. At



the close of the graduating exercises a competitive drill was held by a reception and dance for the graduates and the newly elected officers. Hill Military Academy was one of the schools to have military equipment granted it during the past year by the government. The cadets also receive many advantages from camping trips and social affairs.

## Vocational Training Is Given in the U. S. Marines

Washington, June 18.—A vocational system instituted this month will develop the United States Marine Corps from its present strength of about 17,000 men up to the 27,400 just authorized by Congress and causing a waiting list to be maintained, recruiting officials announced here today.

This system, something new in America's military establishment enables a youth to equip himself in trades or business for civilian life while serving Uncle Sam, broadening his mind by travel, building a sturdy physique and getting the wisdom of discipline. He gets paid for going to school.

Spokane—Edward P. Gilbert, aged 77, a pioneer nurseryman of Spokane is dead. The late Mr. Gilbert was a member of the Pioneer's society, having come to Spokane in 1864 from Michigan. He will be remembered by many old settlers as having established the first nursery station in Spokane.

C. E. Woodson, J. A. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Spencer and Roy V. Whites are among Heppner people attending the big convention in Portland this week.



## CHAUTAQUA WILL COME HERE AGAIN NEXT YEAR

### Local People Enjoyed Week of High Class Entertainment—Guarantors Will Face Only Small Deficit In Bringing the Westcoast Chautauqua Company Here.

The people of Heppner are for the Chautauqua strong. There may be one or two or maybe three who do not sanction this form of entertainment but the Heppner public is for the Chautauqua. This was shown by the large crowd which filled the tent to capacity nearly every night of the six days run of the Westcoast company. And it was further demonstrated when more than sufficient tickets were contracted for in order to assure the Chautauqua for Heppner next year.

The Chautauqua is one of the great community institutions. It makes it possible for smaller cities and towns to enjoy the same talent as people in the larger centers enjoy. From Elsie Mae Gordon and the Ithacan quartet of the opening numbers down through the week until the last sweet notes of the St. Cecilia Singing orchestra had died away the entire program was all that could be expected.

It was too bad that some people were not fortunate enough to hear the address of W. H. Nation on "What I Think of Your Town." It was a splendid lecture. Mr. Nation has the community problem right in the palm of his hand, and as he holds it up to his audience and begins to solve it for your enlightenment, it soon begins to dawn that the knocker has no place in the scheme of development for bigger and better communities. Mr. Nation pointed out the value of a community standing together, of the results to be obtained by buying at home and made an earnest plea for better community life, and a community center for young people.

## Little Friends of Annabel Turner Entertained at Party

The little friends of Annabel Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turner were entertained at the Turner home last Saturday afternoon, the occasion being Annabel's fourth birthday. The feature of the party was a peanut hunt on the lawn. Birthday cakes made by Mrs. R. W. Turner, grandmother of the little hostess, and Mrs. Fred A. Case, were served. Those present were June Hickey, Elizabeth Ashbaugh, Dona Haynie, Henrietta Ashbaugh, Doris Cox, Ruth and Margaret Misseldine, and Ruth, Jeanette and Annabel Turner.

Mike Doherty, prominent farmer and stockman of Pilot Rock was here on business Wednesday. He was accompanied by his sisters, the Misses Catherine and Bride Doherty.

## GOOD ROADS WILL TAP HEART OF GRANT CO.

### Survey of Heppner-Monument Road Nearly Complete—Heppner-Ritter Road Ready For Travel—Thriving Trade Should Result.

The completion of the Heppner-Ritter road makes Heppner the nearest trading point for four hundred families of Central Grant county. Considerable trade has come from the Ritter country in times past but more of it should be attracted this year now that the new road is finished.

The survey of the Heppner-Monument road, for which bonds have been voted, is nearing completion, according to Engineer C. R. Burns, who has charge of the work. This road goes by the way of Hardman. The local court is trying to get the Grant county court to complete the survey from the Morrow county line connecting this road up with the John Day highway.

That Pendleton is jealous of Heppner's position in regard to the John Day trade may be gained from the following which appeared this week in the Pendleton East Oregonian: "Work has begun at Ukiah on repairs to the John Day grade and the Bridge Creek grade which will again make possible the hauling of freight from Pilot Rock, Pendleton and Ukiah into the John Day country. The work was inspired by a report recently to the Pendleton Commercial Association that trade was being diverted to Heppner because of the poor condition of the road.

"The association appointed a committee which took up with the county court the matter of relief from this condition. The court has notified Harry Huston, roadmaster at Ukiah, and he has put men at work raking off the rocks in the road, filling in the bad holes and blasting out a few of the major obstructions in the road. About eight miles of road will be worked over.

### Work Is Temporary

"Only temporary work will be done on the Bridge creek and John Day grades as the county's road building program calls for a new road to the north fork of the John Day river and the Grant county line. This road, yet to be surveyed, will follow Camas creek from the Mettle place below Ukiah to its junction with the John Day river. It will eliminate the long John Day grade and many other heavy pulls.

"Cattlemen of the Long Creek and Fox Valley vicinities occasionally drive out their cattle to Pilot Rock to ship, as that point is nearer than Heppner. The large bands of cattle have torn up the road in many places and have made the road too rough for these same cattlemen to haul back provisions from Pendleton and Pilot Rock. Thousands of dollars in trade have thus been lost to this section because the roads have not been kept up.

### Trade Diverted

"The Grant county and south Umatilla cattle countries have long been under the eye of Pendleton and Pilot Rock and have been considered tributary to these points as trade centers. Better roads although longer have been maintained into Heppner via Monument and of late trade has been more and more diverted to the Morrow county seat."

## LOCAL CLUB TAKES ISSUE WITH HERMISTON

When Dean T. Goodman advised the automobile editor of the Portland Oregonian, Lair Gregory, that the best road between Portland and Pendleton would be found by the way of Arlington, Olex, upper Eight Mile, Heppner and Pilot Rock, he caused an awful commotion down Hermiston way. Replying to the Oregonian last Sunday the Hermiston Commercial Club contends that the best road is to be found through the lower sand country.

The matter was brought up for discussion at a meeting of the local commercial club last Monday evening and it was decided to follow out Mr. Goodman's suggestion, which is: the Heppner and Hermiston clubs will go in on a fifty-fifty basis to secure a representative from the Oregon Motor Car Dealers Association to go over all the roads through this section of the country and then let the Portland man say which is the best route.

Mr. Goodman was a traveling salesman for many years and says that he always found the best road from June to the last of September to be the upper or Olex, Heppner, Pilot Rock road. It is of vital importance for the tourists to know the best road, and Mr. Goodman believes that by following out his suggestion an unbiased opinion may be received. The local club will issue a letter to the club at Hermiston notifying them of the action taken.

## Now Really, Isn't It Too Bad

Under the caption of "Some Nerve" editor Pattison of the Herald laments to the nth degree over the sad mistake the people of Heppner made when they permitted a show to come into town, a show that had the nerve to ask the audience to carry out the chairs at the conclusion of the performance in order that there would be no delay in taking down the big tent and getting it ready for shipment.

Now there are a few peculiar circumstances attached to Brother Pattison's laments. In fact he is mingling his smiles and tears as it were, for in his double column spread on his "editorial" page he tells his readers what a fine thing the Chautauqua is and how smart local people are in bringing such an organization to town, and yet he can't get away and let it go at that. So down in the corner just under the applause is the amendment "Some Nerve."

Oh what a slam on Heppner's manhood. Decrepit old men who are unable to carry out a little five pound folding chair. Oh, shame on the women of Heppner, then, who have allowed themselves to become "dainty."

The audience last Saturday night demonstrated that they have the community spirit and that is a spirit that the Herald editor seems not able to comprehend. He did not go to the Chautauqua guarantee. That is his business. But people who believe in a Chautauqua so strong that they can back it up in spite of a required guarantee, and who support that Chautauqua even to the extent of carrying out the five pound folding chairs after the performance, are not to be jumped all over and called E. Z. Marks. They are all of them conscientious, well meaning people who are really doing something for Heppner. Brother Pat writes like a man who had something stuck in his craw. It won't either come up or go down by trying to carry water on both shoulders.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday, June 21, 1920.

Everyone, regardless of race, color or church affiliations will be cordially welcomed at all public services. Bible school, Sunday 10 a. m. Communion and preaching at 11 a. m.

Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. and preaching at 8. Come and enjoy the privilege of worship with us. W. O. LIVINGSTONE, Minister.

## FOR SALE—Roll top office desk.

See Gary Anderson at Court House.

W. B. Finley was in town today with a sample of his fine wheat which gives every promise at this time of making an excellent yield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cronk and son Earl are spending the week in Portland, attending the Shriners convention and enjoying the annual Rose Festival.

The families of E. R. Huston and T. J. Humphries motored over to Pendleton the last of the week and spent Sunday attending the convention of the Christian church.

Orie Downing, who has been attending high school in Spokane, has arrived in Heppner to spend the summer vacation with his mother, Mrs. T. J. Matlock at the farm home on Hinton creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lucas and children Miss Lovelle and Ray Lucas were in Heppner today from their farm home near Lexington. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lucas' sister, Miss Elza Love, who is visiting at the Lucas home.

## Umatilla County Man Buys Large Morrow Wheat Ranch

One of the largest deals in Morrow county wheat land was recorded last week when J. N. Scott of Pendleton bought the M. R. Morgan ranch, situated nine miles southwest of Lone, for a consideration of \$78,800. There are 1920 acres in the ranch. Mr. Scott takes immediate possession of the place, although he will receive but one-fourth interest in the 1920 acres now in crop. This represents Mr. Morgan's share of the crop. The Morgan ranch has been farmed the past several years by Messrs. H. R. Smith and H. V. Smouse.

Mr. Smouse also sold a half section of land adjoining the Morgan property to Mr. Scott. The Umatilla county man is yet undecided whether he will lease or run it himself through a foreman. Other Umatilla county men have purchased land in this same section, W. B. Shafer of Athena, R. W. Brown, Andrew and Leonard Douglass of Weston all having farms that join or are adjacent to the property purchased by Mr. Scott.

Present prospects indicate a heavy yield of wheat on the Morgan ranch this year. The wheat is mostly of the turkey red variety and should run 25 or 30 bushels per acre if not more.

## Will Move to Hood River.

Mal Church this week disposed of his property located in the northwest part of the city to Wm. Cunningham, and he will move to Hood River valley at once. Mr. Church recently purchased a 40-acre tract of stump land near Dee, and he will take up the task of transforming this into berry and orchard land, for which purposes the tract is well situated when the brush and stumps have been cleared away. Mr. Church has been a resident of Heppner and Morrow county for about 30 years and he and his family take their departure from here regretfully, yet feel that they are making a move that will in the end prove very beneficial. Their many friends here wish them abundant success in their new home. Maple Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, tendered Mrs. Church a farewell reception on Monday afternoon which was largely attended by members of the lodge.

## Enjoyed Pleasant Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olden, of Fairview, accompanied by Jesse Dobyns, son of Mrs. Olden, enjoyed a very pleasant family reunion at the home of Mrs. W. T. Smith, an aunt of Mrs. Olden's at Estacada, Oregon. The event took place on Sunday, June 13th, and there were present on the occasion some seventy-five relatives of the family from all over Oregon and parts of Idaho, with representatives from Missouri. Unbeknownst to Mrs. Smith, these all gathered at Portland and proceeded in a body by automobile to the Smith home, where the day was spent in a grand good time, the younger generation of the family getting acquainted with the older and partaking of the fine banquet that the visitors had brought along. In this reunion brothers were brought together that had not met for a period of forty years. The event happened on the occasion of Mrs. Smith's birthday, and is a part of the family history that will never be forgotten.

## Communicated.

The name of E. L. Vinton, the energetic and popular district highway engineer has been mentioned in the local newspapers several times. The glowing accounts of his bravery and heroism while travelling amongst the heavy snowstorms, etc., of the past winter will still be fresh in the memories of his many friends. One of the latest episodes to occur in the life history of E. L. Vinton, D. E., was his loss of memory on the eve of his marriage. He arrived in the town of his bride elect and suddenly found he had left his wedding suit behind. His actions can better be imagined than described. A good Samaritan was soon found making inquiries in Heppner for a bridegroom without his clothes and was seen to hand E. L. his missing suit case and we heard that E. L. did say "I WILL" before he forgot what he had to say.

## Two Alfalfa Ranches Sold.

E. M. Shutt and R. M. Oviatt have just completed a deal in which Fred Buchanan has sold the old Ike Howard ranch, near Lone, to J. M. Youm and Lawrence Funk of Wasco, Sherman county, for a consideration of \$31,000, which price includes all this year's crop of hay and the farm machinery. These gentlemen will take immediate possession of the ranch, and are much pleased with their purchase. They will be welcome additions to the citizenship of that community.

Mr. Shutt also sold the Jeff Beamer alfalfa ranch of 280 acres on Lower Rhea creek, to Julian Rauch, who has been running the old Barker place on upper Butter creek, for a consideration of \$23,000, which includes all crops and farm machinery and some stock on the place. Mr. Beamer and family are figuring on moving to the Willamette valley. Mr. Rauch is a single man at present.

Both the above ranches have been sold twice by Mr. Shutt during the past six months.

## CELEBRATION WILL MARK RITTER ROAD COMPLETION

### Famous Springs Now Within Easy Reach of Heppner Over Road Tapping Rich Interior Country—Weekly Band Concerts To Be Given During Summer.

The Heppner-Ritter road is completed. This announcement was made this week by Judge Campbell and county road master W. L. McCaleb. As a result Ritter people are happy. They have long wanted a good road over a direct route to Heppner, and now that they have it, they have decided to celebrate the occasion. Ritter has issued an invitation to Heppner people to be their guests on Monday, the 6th of July. The invitation is not only for Heppner but for all Morrow county people. There is an excellent hotel at the Springs and ample accommodations can be made for as many as may wish to attend.

At the present time there is but one place on the Heppner-Ritter road which may give motorists any trouble, and this place, which is of swampy nature owing to heavy rains, may be completely dried up by the Fourth. In case it hasn't dried up, Mr. McCaleb guarantees that he will have it in a passable condition anyway.

The Heppner Commercial Club went on record Monday evening as highly favoring the Ritter celebration and a committee was appointed to prepare a part of the program and also as many people to attend the celebration as possible.

Professor James Austin, leader of the local band announced to the Club that just as soon as seats and lights were installed at the Fair grounds, the band would commence giving weekly concerts. A committee was appointed to put the grounds in shape and the first concert will be given next Friday evening.

## Budget for State Work Now Being Raised

In an initial effort Portland has raised more than \$35,000 a year—a total exceeding \$105,000 for the next three years—towards the \$450,000 budget sought by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce to carry on its intensive state-wide development work.

Last month this has been tentatively fixed for the resumption of the Portland campaign to increase the present figures to \$60,000 a year, which is Portland's quota. The fact that two big conventions are in progress at the present time, and that the Shriners will convene here next week, makes this recess desirable. Despite these handicaps, however, many of the workers in the Portland canvass favored continuing at work. But the opinion prevailed that better results would be achieved after the conventions.

The majors and captains have retained their lists of prospective subscribers and are expected to turn in several thousand dollars before the canvass is actively resumed.

The intensive canvass throughout Oregon began June 15th in six cities—Corvallis, Eugene, Bend, Enterprise, Marshfield and Klamath Falls. These places are thoroughly organized for the effort and early reports indicate that they will more than meet their quotas.

Other cities where the canvass will be conducted during the next two weeks include North Bend, Newport, and Jefferson county: Walla Walla, Harrisburg, Albany, Bandon, Redport, Cottage Grove, Myrtle Point, Madras, Toledo, Prineville, Joseph, Springfield, Lakeview, Coquille, Redmond, Gardiner and Maupin.

## Wedding Ring? No! Borrow One? Sure!

When Henry Minor was about to join his fiancée at Hymen's altar, he made the horrifying discovery that he had forgotten the wedding ring! The only way out of the difficulty was to borrow one from the wife of a friend, but had Henry known what troubles he was inviting, he would have halted the nuptials at any cost so that he might return to his room and get his own bridal ring, which lay on his bureau.

This is the central idea of the story of "Romance and Rings," the new Paramount-Drew comedy starring Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew, famous comedians, which will be shown at the Star theater next Sunday. It is a charming story, every scene of which is filled with laughs, and the picture as a whole is truly on a par with the high standard already established by the Drews in film comedy.

The story was written by Elma Anderson Whitman and directed by Mrs. Drew.

Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Livingston returned last Saturday from Pendleton, where they attended the convention of the Oregon State Missionary Society of the Christian Church.