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## FARM BUREAU SEEKS TO INITIATE MEASURE

### Bill Providing Tax of Five-Tenths of A Mill Will Go on Ballot to Provide Funds to Fight Predatory Animals and Rodents.

At recent meetings of the local Farm Bureaus held at Boardman, Wells Spring, Irrigon, Alpine, and Cecil it was definitely decided to ask the Morrow County Farm Bureau to approve a plan of submitting to the voters of Morrow county a measure, at the November election, calling for one quarter of a mill tax to go into a fund to provide for the control of the rabbit pest in the northern part of the county. According to Judge Campbell this would give a fund of about \$3500, which should be enough to carry on the work for at least the next two years.

At the June meeting of the Farm Bureau it was decided to incorporate with this the idea of exterminating the squirrels and coyotes and to ask for a one-half mill tax instead of one-quarter of a mill. This measure will affect the stockmen who are interested in the coyote pest, the alfalfa man who is troubled with the rabbits, and the grain men who are afflicted with ground squirrels.

The money will be spent under the direction of the County Court and the Farm Bureau. It is possible to secure a hunter to be paid half by the Federal Department, one-fourth by the county and one-fourth by the sheepmen of the county to assist in exterminating the coyotes. At the present time the sheepmen are largely defraying this expense themselves, paying an individual bounty running as high as \$20 to \$25 per head. This plan will not do away with the payment of bounties, but no coyote killed by a government hunter can receive a bounty from the County Court. It will, therefore, have the effect of lessening the amount of money paid out by the County Court for bounties, as it will decrease the number of coyotes in the county and therefore, will relieve considerable strain from the present bounty fund. This measure has not only received the endorsement of the local Farm Bureaus mentioned, and the County Farm Bureau, but has also the approval of the Heppner Commercial Club. We believe that this is a very worthy measure and should receive unanimous support.

So far as we know there is no opposition to the measure. It is to be remembered that last year the men who fought the rabbits in the northern part of the county raised practically the entire money themselves. The men who have been fighting the squirrels have been paying their bills. The men who have been fighting the coyotes have largely been paying their own bills. This manifestly is not entirely fair as the wild land breeds all these pests and yet where the owner is not a resident of the county, there is practically no effort made on his part and no expense borne by his property towards combating these pests. As it is planned to work in cooperation with the farmers, the entire expense will not be borne by the taxpayers, but will be apportioned partially through taxes and partially through the cooperation of the sheepmen and farmers of the county.

The following is a copy of the measure as it will appear on the ballot:

### AN ACT

Providing for a levy of five-tenths of a mill on the dollar of taxable property of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, to be used in the destruction of predatory animals and rodents in the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, and providing for the expenditure of the money arising from said levy.

Be it enacted by the people of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon:

Sec. 1. That there shall be levied upon each dollar of the taxable property of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, as shown by the tax roll for the year 1920, in addition to the regular county levy, a tax of five-tenths of one mill, to be collected and paid in the same manner as other county taxes are collected and paid.

Sec. 2. That the money arising from said levy shall be expended under the direction of the county court of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, in connection with the Federal Government and the farmers and stockmen of said county, in the destruction of predatory animals and rodents, fifty per cent of said money to be expended in the destruction of predatory animals and fifty per cent in the destruction of rodents, during the calendar years 1921 and 1922.

Walt Smith and Chas. Dean are up from Ione today. They report a very heavy rain for the Ione section and believe that the roads will be greatly benefited thereby, and small delay will result to the farmers, who have about all completed their threshing throughout the north end of the county.

WANTED—Six good men for construction work. Apply R. C. Green, Standard Oil plant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rhea of Rhea creek were in the city today.

## Morrow County Creamery Takes Over Ice Business

The Morrow County Creamery Company has taken over the ice business of the Heppner Ice & Soda Works from E. E. Beaman, according to an announcement made this morning by W. Claude Cox, creamery manager. Mr. Beaman also expects to dispose of the soda end of the business.

The creamery company has manufactured ice for their own use for the past three or four years. Now they intend to greatly enlarge the capacity of their plant and adequately supply local consumption by next summer. The plant will be increased to 5000 pounds capacity.

## Boardman Girl Badly Burned When Oil Sets Fire to Clothing

Boardman, Ore., Aug. 24.—Miss Kathleen Marshall, 17, daughter of M. C. Marshall, prominent stockman of Boardman, was severely burned about the body and face by an explosion of oil in the kitchen. It seems that a can of kerosene was sitting on a shelf near the stove and in some manner was jarred from the shelf upon the stove in which a fire was burning. Miss Marshall first tried to put out the fire in her clothing at the well, but finally accomplished it by rolling in the dust. She is being cared for at the home of Mrs. C. E. Hein.

## News About Oregon Industries

Portland, Ore.—One carload a week or 52 carloads a year of building toys are shipped from Portland by the Konstrukto company, which converts alder trees into funmakers for the children. When the company was formed four years ago 250 sets were put on sale. A member of the firm went east and made a demonstration at the meeting of the National Association of Toy Men, which resulted in the sale of two carloads. The third season this grew to 26 and now it has doubled. The wood is secured along the Columbia near Troutdale.

Portland, Ore.—Because the largest livestock exposition in the world is still not large enough to accommodate its Portland business, preparations are being made to build additions to the Pacific International structure in north Portland and ground is now being filled in for that purpose.

Albany, Ore.—While a new building is being erected here for the Alco Wood Products Company, recently destroyed by fire, the firm will operate a plant at Springfield. A planing mill has been purchased for this purpose.

Salem, Ore.—Approximately 1,500,000 pounds of evergreen blackberries will be marketed in Salem this year, according to estimates by a local canneryman. Based on the prevailing price of six cents a pound they will net the growers \$90,000.

Portland, Ore.—Because its old plant was unable to accommodate its business the United Manufacturing company, which makes mattresses, bed springs and comforters, has moved to a new building. This factory has 65,000 feet of floor space and is equipped with additional machinery.

Jacksonville, Ore.—A narrow streak of quartz giving indications of widening and which appears rich in gold heralds the opening of what will probably be a really heavy vein in the Poorman creek district. Miners estimate that it will run from \$500 to \$1000 to the ton. The discovery was made on the Mankins & Bell claim.

Portland, Ore.—Rubber heels, soles, taps and mechanical rubber goods are being turned out in such quantities by the Portland Rubber Mills that the firm has found it necessary to discontinue its jobbing business. It will now distribute only Oregon made goods and will push the sale of packing and tire repair material.

Dallas, Ore.—As rapidly as construction can be pushed the new sawmill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company is rising near the location of the one destroyed by fire last month. It will have the most modern conveniences and is to be equipped by November 1.

Klamath Falls, Ore.—Twenty-five hundred acres of marshland here are to be converted into a vast mint farm, probably the largest in the world when it is all planted. The tract is just now being prepared and plans are being made to irrigate it.

Roseburg, Ore.—With the purchase by a local cannery of 900 boxes of Bartlett's last week the harvest of the Umpqua valley pears has begun. The fruit are not extraordinarily large but the quality is excellent this season.

Baker, Ore.—Purchase of five and a half acres of land near the depot here by Tobin & Salmon of New Richmond, Wisconsin, has just been announced, also the company's intention of erecting a planing mill immediately. A quantity of lumber has already been contracted and delivered on the ground.



## HARDMAN WOMAN DIES AS RESULT OF BURNS

### Anna Hill McDonald Succumbed on Friday From Injuries Received in Fire—Was Native of Ontario, Canada.

Anna Hill McDonald, 52 years of age and a beloved resident of south Morrow county for nineteen years, passed away at the home of George McDonald last Saturday morning following injuries received in a fire on the preceding Wednesday.

Anna Hill McDonald was born in Stormont county, Ontario, Canada, May 17, 1857. She was married May 25, 1887 to Neal McDonald. They came to Sherman county, Oregon, thirty eight years ago. Mrs. McDonald came to Morrow county nineteen years ago and since that time had resided in the Hardman section. The surviving children are as follows: Elizabeth Thompson, Tygi Valley, Wasco county; Neal McDonald of Morrow county; Sam of Portland, Mary A. Thompson of Oregon City; John J. of Hardman; Alberta Overturn, Darby, Montana; George B. of Hardman and Ellen Thompson of Spokane, Wash. Dixon and Janet preceded the mother to the other world.

She joined the Presbyterian church thirty years ago. She died Saturday morning and the funeral service was held at the home of the deceased, twelve miles south of Hardman Sunday morning, being conducted by Mrs. W. O. Livingstone of Heppner. The remains were laid to rest in Hardman cemetery.

Portland, Ore.—Making of window shades on a small scale has proven so profitable to C. R. Poake that he has recently moved his plant into new quarters and gone into the manufacture of window screens in Portland.

Seaside, Ore.—A second heavy purchase of spruce timber on Tillamook head gives the Crown-Willamette Paper company one of the largest operating bodies of pure spruce and hemlock in the northwest. The H. E. Noble tract, which sold for approximately \$250,000, will be consolidated with the recently purchased Hammond Lumber company lands.

Gold Beach, Ore.—Fish are running so heavily in the Rogue river this season that cannerymen almost ran out of this last week and it required special express shipments from the American Can company in Portland to relieve them. The finest quality of spring salmon are reported coming in great numbers into every coast stream in the state.

Portland, Ore.—A six million bushel potato crop for Oregon is the estimate made for this year. Ideal growing conditions will probably put production far ahead of last year.

Portland, Ore.—The fact that every nook and corner of a house can be furnished with made-in-Oregon goods was amply demonstrated by the furniture exhibit held here during buyers' week. Twenty-six firms making everything from phonographs and lamp shades to twin beds and kitchen cabinets were on the list of manufacturers from this state who had products on display.

## LOCAL OIL COMPANY MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

### Standard Constructing New Concrete Garage at Plant—Further Investment Contemplated in Heppner.

The Standard Oil Company of California is making extensive improvements at their plant in this city. A construction company is now busy at work removing wagon sheds and barn and a new concrete garage will rise shortly to house the motorized equipment which the company recently installed.

Other changes will be made about the plant which includes the moving of the filling station out into the center of the yard.

Standard Oil has made a remarkable growth since coming into this territory a few years ago and their service has meant a lot to farmers and townspeople.

We have been reliably informed that the company has under contemplation, further extensive investments in Heppner which will mean much to the town as well as the company.

## Trucks Believed Solution of Freight Congestion Situation

The serious freight congestion throughout the country continues to cause agitation by industrial and commercial heads for universal utilization of the motor truck as a means of bringing to an end the stagnation from which business has suffered.

The source of the trouble with which business is afflicted is more a congestion at railway terminals than a shortage of cars. In large cities it is now commonly true that freight cars are delayed for weeks before they can be unloaded. Not only are the cars tied up at a time when every car is needed for active use, but large investments are involved and factories slowed down waiting for materials.

Meanwhile in the agricultural districts crops and perishable produce are ruined in the aggravating wait for long-haul carriers to distant markets. The general opinion of business men seems to be that a steady employment of trucks at terminal points is the only solution for the prevention of a repetition of the present predicament.

The inadequacy of the railroads to meet the situation and to cope with it is recognized and admitted by virtually everyone who has had opportunity to study present transportation conditions. Leading statesmen, financiers, shippers and railroad officials are growing more ardent every day in their advocacy of wider support of truck haulage.

## Federated Church Scene of Public Wedding Sunday

The Federated church was the scene of a pretty wedding last Sunday evening, when Miss Daisy Clapp became the wife of Ward Millan. Both are members of the evangelistic party which has been conducting a series of revival meetings at the Federated church during the last two weeks. The wedding was of a public nature and was witnessed by a number of local people.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

N. A. Clark moved his family into a suite of rooms in the Gilman building this week.

Mrs. Carl C. Haynie and daughter Donna are spending a few days in Portland this week.

Al Henriksen, the well known Cecil stockman, is looking after business matters in Heppner today.

W. P. Mahoney, cashier of the First National Bank, left for Portland this morning, to be absent several days on business.

Mayne Moore, who helps John Bryson at the Independent garage in Ione, was a Wednesday business visitor in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wingfield of Monument are in Heppner today. Mr. Wingfield is a prominent stockman of Grant county.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Maxwell returned last Sunday evening from a two weeks vacation trip to Seattle and Victoria, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Latourell returned Sunday from Portland, making the trip in their Ford coupe in about eight hours.

Jack Mulligan, who sells new pianos and tunes old ones, is over from Condon this week. He recently returned from a business trip into Grant county.

Chas. Thomson, of the firm of Thomson Bros., was a passenger to Portland this morning, where he goes to look after business affairs, as well as to enjoy a few days of recreation in the metropolises.

Mrs. A. M. Phelps and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, left on Tuesday morning for Ione where Miss Phelps will enter school. Mrs. Phelps expects to remain in the east about six weeks visiting with relatives.

G. T. McFadden, manager of tire sales for the Walther-Williams company of The Dalles, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Heppner on business and while here placed the agency for Firestone tires with the Cohn Auto Co.

J. H. Pearson, Little Butte creek farmer, was in the city today and reports that his ranch made an excellent yield of wheat this year. The Lena section was not overlooked by the rain which visited Morrow county this week, according to Mr. Pearson.

Mrs. Henry Kerber, age 63 years, died at the home of her son, Albert Kerber, five miles northeast of Lexington on Tuesday night at 12 o'clock. Mrs. Kerber had been ailing for some time, and the immediate cause of her death was an internal hemorrhage. The body was brought to Heppner by Undertaker M. L. Case, who prepared the body for shipment to St. Joseph, Mo., her former home, to which city the remains were sent this morning, accompanied by members of the family.

Dr. McMurdo was called to the mountains Sunday evening to wait on Mrs. Ruth Rowe, of Monument, who had been thrown from a horse and quite seriously hurt. The family are camped at Butcher Bill prairie and Dr. McMurdo made the trip out there from Heppner in one hour and fifty minutes. Mrs. Rowe received a broken rib, badly bruised breast and her right wrist sprained. She was thrown against a tree, the accident being caused by the breaking of the cinch on the saddle.

Editor Athey of the Hermiston Herald, accompanied by his son, passed through Heppner Tuesday, returning home from a fishing trip over on the Metolius river. Mr. Athey saw murder in his eye, for a young man at Madras directed him home by way of Mitchell and Spray, and he went up against some roads that were never intended for even a Ford to attempt to go over. To get from Heppner to Hermiston just at this particular season of the year is no pleasure either and Mr. Athey took to the hills leading out to Boardman and from there he would have good sailing into Hermiston. This office acknowledges a very pleasant call from our fellow craftsman of the Herald.

Morrow county was visited by a general heavy rainfall Tuesday night and a part of Wednesday, lasting fully twelve hours. The immediate result was the laying off for a few days of numerous threshing crews, with no serious damage reported. Roads will be very generally benefited just at a time when it will be much appreciated by the grain haulers. No doubt such a rain would be of very lasting benefit to the roads if we had a system of dragging that would be followed up after each such rain as fell this week. Some day this system of handling our dirt roads may be inaugurated in Morrow county, and when that time arrives we can expect to travel over much better highways. This big rain should be a great help to the summerfallow lands.

Inskip-Swearngen. Addison D. Inskip and Miss Lydia Swearngen were united in marriage on Monday by Justice E. Wheel at his home in Condon. The bridegroom is a prosperous farmer of the Gwendolyn neighborhood and Mr. and Mrs. Inskip will make their home there.—Condon Globe-Times.

## Lewis Cason Receives Broken Leg When Thrown from Horse

Lewis Cason of this city received a fracture of the left leg just above the ankle, last Friday, when he was thrown from his horse. The accident occurred at the Oran Wright ranch on Rhea creek. Mr. Cason was brought to town by Mr. Wright, where he as at once given surgical aid and the fracture was reduced. He is now recovering at the home of his uncle, Walter C. Cason on Center street.

## Gasoline for Heppner Goes In Ditch Near Union Jet.

A ten-thousand gallon car of gasoline destined for the use of Heppner motorists, went into the ditch near Union Junction, above La Grande last week. Geo. Milholland, local agent for the Standard Oil Company has received word that this car, along with nine others, was the victim of one of the worst freight train wrecks to occur in Eastern Oregon in some time. The cars all left the track and for a time gasoline was flowing freely. Residents living near the scene of the wreck were not slow to take advantage of the situation, and large holes were scooped out to receive the precious fluid and the gas was carried away in pails or whatever receptacle came handy.

## 'Yankee Doodle In Berlin' At Star Theater Tonight

For the first time in the history of the theater, a conjunction has been formed between the eloquence of the silent motion picture and the appeal of palpitating, living, human participants. The result, a dazzling combination of beauty and convulsing filmed satire, arousing patriotism, will be offered at the Star theater, for this evening (Thursday).

Mack Sennett's biggest film feature, "Yankee Doodle in Berlin," greater indeed in power, scope and significance than his recent success, "Mickey," will be shown.

## NOT THE LENDER BUT THE BORROWER IS HIT

(An editorial from the Pendleton East Oregonian.)

Upon the November ballot will be a measure making it illegal to lend money in the state of Oregon for more than four per cent on ordinary loans and five per cent on contract money. The measure, if it becomes a law, will do more damage to the state than any other law ever proposed, and there is a real danger of its being adopted.

The superficial judgment of the average person is that the measure is a good one and ought to be passed. "It will give us cheaper money," he says to himself, "and the banks are profiteering anyway. Four per cent is enough for them." What they do not stop to reason out is that such a law would operate to injure the borrower and not the lender.

Seventy per cent of the money loaned in Oregon today is money that comes from outside the state. This estimate is made by men familiar with financial conditions as they exist. The four per cent limitation law would mean the immediate withdrawal of this money. Loans would be called, mortgages foreclosed, the money collected and invested in other states where higher rates prevail. Not only would this outside money be withdrawn but the money of our own banks, capitalists and other lenders would be sent to other states. It is no more reasonable to suppose that a man with money to lend will take the legal rate of interest in this state if he can send it across the borders to another state and get a much bigger return than it is to suppose that a farmer will sell his wheat for 50 cents a bushel in Oregon if he can get a dollar a bushel in Washington. A law might fix the price in this state but it can never compel a man to sell his money or his crop within the borders of this state.

It will not be the lenders of money who will suffer. They will get just as much for their money as ever they did. But what about the borrower, and that term includes every businessman, every industry, every home builder. The loans he has will be called in and there will be no money available at the legal rate of interest. Either he will have to patronize an illicit usurer or go without money. In either case he faces disaster and ruin. Industries will have to shut down, business will be at a standstill and the wage earner will be out of a job.

If these facts are properly brought to the attention of the voters, there is small likelihood that the four per cent limitation measure will become a law, but because the measure appears to promise relief, it will win many voters unless there is an effective campaign of education and information.

Marshall Fell and family have returned to Heppner after spending several months on the Fred Buchanan ranch just above Ione.

## INCREASE IN RATES TAKES EFFECT TODAY

### Passenger Rates Go Up 20 Per Cent and Freight Charges Increase 25 Per Cent—Pullman Now Comes High.

Increased passenger and freight rates take effect on the O. W. R. & N. lines today. All passenger fares will be twenty per cent higher from now on, the fare from Heppner to Portland being \$7.55. Locally the freight rates will be twenty-five per cent higher, while in the middle West and points east of Montana the increase will run as high as 33 1-3 per cent.

If Mr. Passenger takes Pullman accommodations now, he must figure 50 per cent to the cost of his ticket. Chair cars will undoubtedly grow in demand.

Freight officials state that the increase in freight rates should not cause more than a 2 per cent increase in the cost of living. Upon most of the articles of common daily consumption the transport charge is so small that an increase in rates has no appreciable effect on the family budget. On bulky articles like coal, where transportation is a large part of the process of production and distribution, the increase necessarily boosts prices.

## Charles Ray's Fans Have Treat in Store

Admirers of Charles Ray who were worked up to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the baseball game in "The Pinch Hitter," will find special delight in the new Thomas H. Ince-Paramount production, "Greatest Lightening," which will be presented at the Star theater next Sunday.

In this photoplay Mr. Ray becomes a speed demon and the climax of the story sees him in the racer of his own make run down the villain who has beaten and defrauded his father of the sweetheart of the hero. The name of the story is derived from a racing auto, and Mr. Ray plays the part of the village blacksmith who is the inventive genius of the community.

He has already won considerable notoriety by his Seamless Nose-bag the Imperial axle grease, the Non-Slip Hitching Post and the Little Giant Potato Slicer, when he builds "Greatest Lightening" with a view of winning the big automobile race. When the race starts his auto balks. He gets it repaired, however, just in time to start out and overtake the villain fast disappearing over the brow of a hill in a powerful six cylinder car.

## THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday, August 29, 1920. The Bible School will open at ten o'clock with the very interesting lesson of the "Beginnings of Solomon's Reign." There is a place for every one here, good music, good instructors, and a good time for all. The Communion and preaching service will follow at eleven o'clock, the morning theme will be "The Unanimous Church."

The evening service will open with the Christian Endeavor at seven o'clock, the evening sermon theme will be "The Unknown Christ."

You will be given a hearty welcome at all these services.

W. O. LIVINGSTONE, Minister.

## Christian Science Services.

Sundays, 11:00 a. m., I. O. O. F. Hall.

Testimonial meetings, Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, at Gene Sloum residence. Everyone welcome.

## Alaskan Pulpwood Possibilities.

Alaska is about one-fifth the size of the United States. The Behm Canal timber unit, on the Tongass Forest, southeastern Alaska, has a stand of approximately one billion feet board measure, of which \$8 per bushel in spruce and hemlock timber, all suitable for pulp wood.

Alaska is not all snow and ice. Potatoes, turnips, beets, sugar beets, carrots, parsnips, celery, rhubarb, radishes, onions, cabbages, cucumbers and peas are grown in Alaska.

Pulpwood will be sold from the Alaskan National Forests with such provisions for future supply as will assure the permanence of the industry.

According to Government estimates it is believed that a complete exploration of the National Forests in southern Alaska will show that there is a quarter of a million horse power of undeveloped water power possibilities.

The records of the Weather Bureau in Alaska show that the average winter temperature of the ports of Prince William Sound, 30 degrees above zero, is the same as that of New York and Boston, and that of Nome, zero, is similar to that of Manitoba and Montreal.

It is of interest to note in connection with possible pulp plants in southern Alaska that labor in Alaska is accustomed to work on a piece basis rather than a time basis, and this would probably be reflected in the employment of labor for logging operations of pulp mills.