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MUSIC AND NOT SPEECH WANTED FROM CUMMINGS

Straw Vote Puts Heppner in Bad Light As Regards Political Situation—Crowd Fills House to Hear Post-Singer and Then Vanishes.

Harry Cummings, ardent advocate of republican principles and a poet-singer who has a faculty of filling up a house with a loud-cheering audience, failed to come through with the goods last Friday night at the Star theater.

Mr. Cummings who held the meeting without the sanction of the republican county central committee, and who contrary to the statement of the democratic press of Heppner, is not a recognized leader of local republicanism, and the paper making such a statement is living up to its past reputation of garbling the news, had prepared a lengthy program, which opened when he sang his political song to the tune of Turkey in the Straw.

This was followed by the taking of a straw vote. While the vote was being taken, Mr. Cummings spoke of maladministration of the democratic party and flayed Mr. Cox and his associates when the votes were counted, Cox had nearly all of them. It was a travesty on a sincere man's honest intentions, put on by a lot of people who did not take seriously the occasion or the manner of their voting. Of course the ballot box was stuffed until its poor sides were bursting.

Mr. Cummings had prepared a wonderful speech, a speech which was filled with axiomatic truths of democratic mission. His arguments as on the League of Nations are as good as any we have ever heard, but if Mr. Cummings had the masterful ability of a Henry Clay or a Daniel Webster, still he would not be taken seriously. People like to hear him sing and play, but when it comes to political speechifying, they have no time for him. And above all, they do not want to encourage his political whims by favoring his candidate in a straw vote. Had he advocated Cox or Debs we are sure that Mr. Harding would have been the victor.

Sherman Wakefield Will Hold One of Largest Auction Sales

One of the largest auction sales ever held in Morrow county will be conducted at the Sherman Wakefield ranch 3 1/2 miles southwest of Heppner, on Saturday, October 30. Mr. Wakefield will offer for sale 67 head of draft horses and colts, 27 head of cattle, 10 hogs, a Case threshing outfit, cook house, 9 wagons, one 14-foot Deering header, 4 3-bottom plows, 2 2-horse harrows, 2 grain drills, 2 double discs, 1 1000-bushel grain bins, several stacks of straw, 20 tons of wheat headings, household furniture, 15 sets of harness, 200 chickens and various other personal property. A complete list of the stuff to be offered at auction will appear in next week's issue of The Gazette-Times. F. A. McMenamin, who has officiated so successfully at a number of previous sales, will conduct this sale for Mr. Wakefield.

Football Season Will Open When Lexington Plays Here

The 1920 interscholastic football season for Morrow county will be ushered in tomorrow afternoon when the young hopefuls of Heppner high will act as hosts for the eleven from Lexington high school and the game will be played on the depot grounds in this city. This will be the first game played in Heppner in three years, and under the tutelage of Professor Heard, the local boys should give an excellent account of themselves. They have been practicing faithfully. A big street rally preceding the game will be held this evening.

Legion Boys Cancel Engagement With Street Carnival

The big thing is off. Owing to some unavoidable circumstances, the street carnival company which the local post of the American Legion had billed for Heppner this week, will not be able to come and have wired the local Legion officers to that effect.

Ollie Ferguson Will Dispose of His Stock and Machinery

Ollie Ferguson, prominent farmer of Sand Hollow is making preparations to hold a big public sale at his ranch on Saturday, October 16, when he will sell a number of horses, farm machinery and other equipment. See his ad with list of stuff in another column of The Gazette-Times. F. A. McMenamin is the auctioneer and F. R. Brown will serve as clerk.

Mrs. Albert Osmin Is Dead From Apoplexy at Ontario

Mrs. Albert Osmin of this city died at the Holy Rosary hospital at Ontario, Oregon, Sunday, October 4, from apoplexy. She was the beloved wife of Albert Osmin and was aged 52 years, 10 months and 25 days.

Mrs. Osmin had gone to Ontario only a few days ago with a small son, where the boy was to undergo an operation. Her death came quite suddenly.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Christian church, Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating. Burial was made in Masonic cemetery.

Besides the husband, the deceased is survived by three daughters and three sons and her aged mother, Mrs. E. A. Hurdwange of near this city.

Patron-Teachers Association Will Meet Tuesday, Oct. 12

The October meeting of the Patron-Teachers Association will be held at the high school auditorium at 5:30 p. m., Tuesday, October 12th, (next Tuesday) at which time a suitable program will be given, and business pertaining to the association will be transacted. Miss Dufresne is to have charge of the musical part of the program, and the subject for discussion will be the social welfare of our young people. The discussion will be general, so come prepared to talk, and don't fail to bring a friend with you.

Two Big Deals in Morrow County Real Estate

J. T. Cantwell, father of Lee Cantwell, was down from Walla Walla last week, and while here he sold his quarter section of land in upper Eight Mile to Phil Griffin at \$35 per acre, the deal being made through the real estate agency of E. M. Shutt. Mr. Griffin is also owner of the old C. E. Jones ranch, adjoining this quarter, which now gives him some 1100 acres of good dirt.

Mr. Shutt also reports the consummation this week of the real estate deal wherein Mrs. Elizabeth Salisbury and her son Jay, of Sprague, Wash, purchased the Albert Kerber and Ed Burchell wheat ranches north of Lexington, the former ranch of which brought \$70 per acre. The Salisbury's brought with them some \$18,000 of outside money in cash as first payment on this land, which is not a bad commodity to use just now.

Recall O. Henry Stories.

Who has not read O. Henry? And who does not recall "The Halibut," one of the most charming tours de force in all his repertoire? This story has been made into a film for Wallace Reid, under the title "You're Fired!" It is coming to the Star theatre Sunday.

With such players as Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts and Raymond Hatton in the cast, the production is a most delightful entertainment.

The Thye-Jepson match which will be held at the Star theatre on Saturday evening will be a wholesome affair and one which the ladies will need have no hesitancy in attending, is the assurance given by Manager Sirabee. The ladies are especially invited to attend.

THAT WAS AN AWFUL BLAST UP IN MAINE



NEW WOOL WAREHOUSE GOES INTO PORTLAND

Two Million Corporation Completed—Will Aid in Financing 1921 Clip in Northwest—Bankers Are Interested.

To aid in financing the 1921 wool clip of the northwest, organization was completed on Monday of the Western Wool Warehouse Company, a \$2,000,000 corporation which has purchased a warehouse site of three acres, equipped with a two-level dock, at St. Johns.

The wool warehouse company was organized by a group of Portland and Oregon bankers, with several of the largest wool growers in the state, and it will operate an independent warehouse where wool, both consigned and unconsigned, will be handled, graded, stored and marketed. It will be operated by experienced wool men.

The warehouse will qualify under the United States wool warehouse act, designed to make wool receipts of warehouses complying with the act more negotiable.

Three hundred thousand dollars of the capital stock has already been subscribed by the directors of the company, Portland bankers and business men.

"The establishment of this warehouse will be of tremendous benefit to the Oregon wool grower," said S. F. Wilson, vice-president of the company. "We shall be able to make, by re-discounting, from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in wool loans, while in the season the warehouse will be enabled to store grain and other commodities."

The officers of the company are M. L. Jones, ex-president Oregon State fair board, president; S. F. Wilson, vice-president; Bankers Discount corporation, vice-president and general manager; A. T. Lea, secretary Oregon state fair board, and imperial potentate Al Kader temple, secretary, and R. H. Cochran, treasurer.

Heppner Post Will Entertain Service Men at Social Affair

The Heppner post of the American Legion was obliged to call off the much advertised street carnival and high jinks which were to take place during the last four days of this week, but the boys are determined to show the ex-service men of the county a good time in one way or another. So they will give a social affair and smoker in the I. O. O. F. hall in this city on the evening of Saturday, October 16, and are issuing an invitation to all former service men to attend. An interesting program is being arranged.

MR. CUMMINGS IS GRATEFUL.

I am most grateful to my many friends for their large attendance and hearty appreciation of my efforts in conducting the speaking Friday night. It is most regrettable the theater building was not nearly large enough to hold the crowd. The building is not fit to hold a political meeting in, and it was not built to hold a Harry Cummings crowd anyhow. Now I am going to find a building that will hold all my friends. I will sing my song for you and give you some genuine Missouri fiddling. I will have at least one good speaker besides myself. We will make it so plain to you that you will just have to vote for Senator Harding and Stanfield. Look in next Gazette-Times for announcement.

Cordially,
Pd. Adv. HARRY CUMMINGS.

MR. LEATHERMAN, FATHER OF MRS. J. J. WELLS, IS A GOOD GARDENER AND HE RAISES ALL KINDS OF GARDEN STUFF ON THE WELLS FARM NEAR THE EDGE OF TOWN ON THE WILLIAMS CREEK ROAD. IMAGINE HIS FEELINGS THE OTHER DAY WHEN HE WENT OUT INTO THE GARDEN AND FOUND THAT ROBBERBATS HAD TRANSGRESSED THE PROPERTY AND WANTONLY DESTROYED SQUASHES, MELONS, AND OTHER VEGETABLES, AND MADE THE GARDEN A SORE SIGHT. THE GUILTY PARTIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ACCOUNT.

The board of directors of the John Day Irrigation District held their regular monthly meeting in this city on Tuesday at the offices of Secretary F. R. Brown. C. C. Clark, president of the board and director Eddie Rietmann were the two outside men attending. Routine business was taken care of. Mr. Clark returned to his home in Arlington Wednesday morning.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all our kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in our bereavement, we take this method of extending our sincere thanks. We especially wish to thank the members of the Old Fellows and Rebekah lodges for their loving sympathy and beautiful floral offerings.

A. W. Osmin and Children.

CARSNER PREDICTS STANFIELD VICTORY

Local Sheepman Says Sentiment For Bob Is Strong Over State—Views Future With Confidence.

"Stanfield sentiment over the state is growing and I look for him to be elected by a large majority," said R. J. Carsner, well known local sheepman and candidate from Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties for representative in the state legislature. "In the present indications, will poll his party's vote this year and Oregon will be truly represented in the halls of Congress. Why should we send a democrat back to Washington when Oregon is purely republican in principles. So far as Eastern Oregon is concerned, I have not found a republican who is openly opposed to Stanfield," continued Mr. Carsner, "but I do want to tell you that there are a number of democrats in the state who are opposed to George E. Chamberlain and they are making no bones about fighting him for re-election."

Mr. Stanfield is an ardent booster for greater things for Oregon. He believes that large factories should be attracted to this state and especially the woolen goods industries. The raw materials are produced here, and since freight rates are so high, he questions the logic of transporting our wool across the continent and then shipping back the finished product.

"The Deschutes river has enormous potential water power and offers excellent sites for such factories. There is only one item in which the East may have it over us, and that is cheaper labor," said Mr. Carsner, and he added, "we can overcome that when V. G. Gentry and I go to work." Mr. Carsner views the future of the sheep and wool industry with confidence, but believes the stockmen generally will thrive under normal conditions only under a republican administration.

Hart Fine Rider.

Some of the finest riding ever seen in a film is to be found in the William S. Hart new Artcraft picture, "Square Deal Sanders," pictured by Lambert Hillyer from the story by Chas. Alden Seltzer, which is at the Star theatre Friday. Mr. Hart presents one of the finest portrayals of his screen career and his support headed by Ann Little is eminently satisfactory.

Lexington High School Notes.

The student body of Lexington High School held its first meeting September 14, 1920. This was for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The following were elected: President, Earl Ward, Vice-President, Herman Hill; Secretary, Opal Leach; Treasurer, Wilma Leach.

It was decided to buy rosters caps with the high school colors on them. At a second meeting several matters were discussed. It was decided to purchase apparatus for the Physical Training Classes. This will consist of a volleyball, basket ball, hand ball, etc.

R. S. McCormick was elected newspaper reporter.

It was voted to issue a second number of The Lexonian. The staff elected were: Editor-in-chief, Earl Ward; Business manager, Herman Hill; Assistant editor, Wilma Leach.

The Athletic Association also met and elected officers for the year. Those elected were: President, Herman Hill; Vice-President, Dallas Ward; Secretary-Treasurer, Elmo McMillan.

Moses Duran was chosen manager of the foot ball team and Lewis Allyn captain.

At the first meeting of the Thespian Club the following officers were elected: President, Gladys Davis; Vice-President, Herman Hill; Secretary, Wilma Leach; Treasurer, Beulah Tucker; Critic, Opal Leach. It was decided to give two public plays during the year as well as several shorter programs.

The Seniors also held their first class meeting for the purpose of electing their class officers. Those elected were: President, Earl Ward; Vice-President, Gladys Davis; Secretary-Treasurer, Moses Duran. They also selected their pennant in the colors old rose and tan. They took up the discussion of the plan to give a play for the purpose of defraying their graduation expenses.

The Freshmen elected their class officers. Those elected were: President, Clark Jackson; Vice-President, Mable Riden; Secretary, Maxine Gentry; treasurer, Elmo McMillan.

The high school girls are planning to organize a Glee Club.

Friday night, October the first, the school house was the scene of much merrymaking, when the upper classes gave the freshmen and teachers a reception. Nearly all the freshmen were present and a good time was enjoyed by all. The room was beautifully decorated in the colors of each class, one corner being given over to the colors of each class, and streamers running from the center to each corner. After much frolicking, refreshments were served. These consisted of ice cream and wafers. About twelve o'clock everyone departed, feeling tired and sleepy, but happy.

The high school, together with the seventh and eighth grades, have assembly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The assembly officers are, Gladys Davis, pianist, Mrs. Walker, song leader, Duval Tucker, Mary Duran, Senior representative, Herman Hill, Junior representative, Kathleen Slocom, Sophomore representative, Maxine Gentry, Freshman representative, Valls Ward, eighth grade representative.

RAYMOND MCCORMICK, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Anderson of Ione are visitors in Heppner today.

Morrow County Road District Situation Discussed

By W. L. McCALEB, Roadmaster.

For many years the road situation in Morrow county has been a source of much concern to the County Court. While it naturally occurred that in the course of the county's development the call was for more roads, the road money was insufficient to build and maintain them. The result was that roads had to be built in order that the ranchers could get to market, and not having the money to build properly many roads had to be built in the cheap places rather than in the places they really belonged.

For the same reason much of the road maintenance had to be neglected until the entire system became in a run-down condition.

At the present time the tax valuation and regular road levy (which is 2 1/2 mills) is about the same as in years gone by, thus the regular road fund is about the same while the purchasing power of the dollar has fallen off more than one-half of what it was before the war. This is especially true in road matters since the demand for road machinery and labor is far in excess of the supply, while the call for more roads and better roads is much greater than ever before.

With the increase of demand on the one hand and the decrease of the purchasing power of the dollar on the other it is found that the regular road money, when spread out over the county is far too thin to do much good. In fact at the present valuation the State Highway Commission estimates an annual maintenance of \$200 per mile on their roads after they have cut them to grade and rocked them and call them permanent roads.

The regular road tax levy furnishes the county with \$19 and a fraction per mile for both maintenance and construction on its roads that are of common dirt and rock and sand and mud, just at the soil happened to be where the road was made.

This, together with many other facts which the county road officials have developed and observed leads them to the conclusion that they will not be able to maintain the roads as roads should be maintained entirely out of their regular road levy.

The Court at its September meeting redistricted the county making most of the districts smaller. They think by so doing the results will be better and more satisfactory both for the Court and for the residents of the various districts.

Many of the districts have already shown much interest in the move and have asked the Roadmaster to supply them with blank forms that they may petition the Court at its meeting on November the third to call a meeting in their respective districts that the people of the district may get together and talk over the road situation of their locality and to vote on the matter of a special road tax that will be levied on all the taxable property of the district and expended entirely in the district and on the exact road or roads or parts of roads designated in their petition. It appears that this special tax plan is an excellent one as every cent of the money must go into the exact spot that is designated by the voters. It appears to be the best solution of the district problem for the coming year.

The law so provides that in order to call such a meeting the court must be so petitioned not later than their regular meeting in November. And petition blanks for this purpose may be had by applying to the county clerk or roadmaster.

Each road user of each district should be interested in this matter for money spent for road improvement is like money spent for seed as it will produce and return many fold if properly applied.

Local Sheepmen Hopeful As Market Trends Up

Improvement in Situation in Large Part Due to Confidence in Harding's Election.

(Portland Oregonian)

There has been a decided improvement in the sheep market recently. Valleys and sheepmen view the future with confidence. The trading operations of the last month have almost cleaned the producing sections east of the mountains of feeder and breeding stock. The growers ascribe not a little of the improvement to the practical certainty of Mr. Harding's election.

All this has now been changed and the condition that exists is one of strength. Buying in the sheep countries has become brisk, with prices steadily advancing, and the demand for feeders is greater than the supply. The heavy purchasing of breeding ewes demonstrates plainly the confidence of sheepmen that the industry is on a sound basis. There is a shortage of sheep, as well as cattle and other livestock, in the country, and when the markets become adjusted to the new economic basis the supply condition should keep prices stable. This readjustment has already taken place in the sheep industry.

Warehouses Man Optimistic.

T. J. Mahoney, general manager of the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse company, who has just returned from a trip through Idaho, found the sheep market in excellent shape in that state. "The country is in good physical condition," said Mr. Mahoney. "There was a fine corn crop and a big hay yield and with feed in abundance the sheep industry has taken on new life. Buying has been very active of late, to such an extent that the feeder lambs have now been almost entirely sold out. Ordinarily a good many feeders are still left unsold at this time of the year."

"Sections like Condon and Heppner do not produce early lambs, but go in for feeders. These have all been cleaned up in these sections in the past two weeks."

"Ten cents a pound is being paid for mired lambs in the country now. They were selling as low as 8 cents earlier in the season."

"With the lambs gone, the wethers are beginning to move. Two-year-olds were sold at Nampa at 7 cents, which is almost as much as they are bringing in the markets."

Ewes in Good Demand.

"Trading in ewes has become very brisk. Two outfits in Harney county sold their ewes, 2700 in one bunch and 2300 in the other, two- and three-year-olds, at \$13 a head and several bunches of yearling ewes were sold at \$11.50 to \$12 a head. These prices are less than prevailed last year, but considerably more than ewes were selling for recently. Sixty days ago they could not be sold at all."

"A feature of the trading is the demand that has come from Montana for Oregon ewes. Both breeding stock and feeders are wanted at advancing prices throughout the country because of the abundance and reasonable price of feed."

"Stockmen feel that the bottom of the sheep market has been reached and there is everywhere confidence that the sheep situation will further improve."

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Morrow County Joins Opposition to Highway

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

Sentiment in Morrow county is with Umattilla county people in opposing the proposed Columbia River Highway extension from Umattilla to Wallula, a letter from the Heppner Commercial Club today says. The letter was in answer to a communication addressed by the Pendleton Commercial Association to nearby counties, asking their opinion on the proposal.

"There are between 25 and 30 miles of road graded in this county for the Oregon-Washington highway," secretary Pattison writes. "Whether this will be surfaced this year this county has serious doubts. We feel that Eastern Oregon should stand together for a square deal on roads rather than to direct travel and business to Washington."

The Heppner club has taken no official action on the matter but it is believed to be favorable to suggesting that present projects serving Oregon interests be completed before such a project as the Wallula road is considered.

Pine City School Notes.

Our high school is running smoothly with thirteen pupils enrolled. The pupils of the high school extend a vote of thanks to the patrons who were so good as to standardize our school this fall.

High school students who will graduate this year are Stella Carlson, Mary Bartholomew and Louis Carlson.

Most of our laboratory equipment and books have arrived.

Mary Bartholomew, who is visiting in the eastern states, will soon be with us again.

Louis Carlson was elected president of the student body.

ELKS ATTENTION.

There will be business of extra special importance for your consideration at the regular session of Heppner Lodge No. 254, R. P. O. E. in this city next Thursday evening, October 14th. Your presence is requested.

GAY M. ANDERSON, Secretary.

WHAT UNION 17 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION WHERE IONE, OREGON WHEN OCTOBER 16 AND 17, 1920

Some of the speakers to be present are Miss Fae Steinmetz, state president of Oregon Christian Endeavor; Rev. Clarence Eaton, Ore., Glad Meyer, president of Union 17; and Glen Wallace, second vice-president of Oregon Christian Endeavor. There will be special music. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Watch this paper for detailed program next week.

Cal Berger, Ione farmer, is here on business today.