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HIGHWAY WILL BE GRAVELED COURT ASSURED

Commissioner E. E. Kiddle Goes Over Situation With Judge Campbell—Makes Trips Over Various Roads in County.

Commissioner E. E. Kiddle of the State Highway Commission was a visitor in Morrow county the fore part of the week, leaving for other points on Wednesday morning. Arriving in Morrow county on Sunday evening, after being met at Arlington by Judge Campbell and riding over the Willow creek highway on the way up as far as Iona, when it became dark, he continued the trip on up to Heppner the next day, taking in every part of the work covered by the Huber contract. Mr. Kiddle also took time to go over the road from Heppner out to Hardman, and of this he made careful observation, and upon returning to Heppner Tuesday evening a meeting was held with the County Judge and two of the highway engineers, Messrs. Vinton and Hallock, who were called upon to furnish some estimates.

Some time ago the entire county court, together with the district attorney and other citizens of Morrow county, met with the Highway Commission in Portland and took up the matter of settling the surface of the Willow creek highway surfaced so far as it will be finished, and the results of this meeting were far from satisfactory, the court returning home very much discontented. While they did not get a cold-blooded turn down, it was very evident that the commission would do nothing, and it appeared that the money and work thus spent on this Willow creek road would be simply wasted and both the court and the taxpayers were facing a gloomy future regarding the problem of saving the grade.

The visit of Mr. Kiddle here at this time was for the purpose of fully informing himself as to the exact conditions. The problem of Morrow county not being the only one the commission is up against the commissioner is going over roads in which the state is interested in various other portions of the Eastern Oregon country. He will now return to the regular meetings of the commission prepared to give that body some information of a very practical nature, gathered up on this trip and by coming in personal contact with the situation as it exists in the various sections.

Judge Campbell is assured by Mr. Kiddle that Morrow county and the Willow creek highway will now be moved up to first place for consideration by the commission. Further than this, it was agreed at the meeting on Tuesday evening, after getting the estimates on what it would cost to gravel the road bed, that the state would proceed at once with the work of graveling an eight-foot track on the highway and covering the twenty-five miles of the Huber contract.

It should be understood that the specifications called for by the state require that sixteen feet in width be gravelled, and the commission has up until now stuck strenuously to these specifications, regardless of the fact that Judge Campbell contended right from the beginning that eight feet would be sufficient, and that the grading should be done on this basis; and had this plan been adopted there would have been plenty of money to complete the work right up to Heppner and beyond. Butter creek, and then some to spare. However, Mr. Kiddle's mind remained on the graveling of the road, and his son Bert and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs going over from this city to attend.

Thye Won Match In Two Straight Falls From Jepson

Ted Thye won in two straight falls from Nels Jepson in their match at the Star theater last Saturday evening. The match gave promise of being a long one as Jepson early in the contest demonstrated that he was a near match for his opponent and he kept Thye pretty busy.

However, after Jepson fell over the ropes into the orchestra pit, where he landed on his head and shoulders on the concrete floor, he was greatly weakened. Thye got the first fall, a double wrist lock and body scissors, shortly after Jepson's injuries.

Jepson won the sympathy and admiration of the large crowd of fans when he went back into the ring and finished the match, after his left eye was nearly swollen shut and he had a bad bruise on his shoulder.

The second fall came after about five minutes of wrestling. Thye again pinning his opponent down with the same holds as in the first fall.

After Many Postponements Legion Smoker Is Sure Go

The much heralded and oft-times delayed smoker of the local post of the American Legion will be a sure go this time, according to R. E. Crego, who says a most entertaining program for all former service men of Morrow county is being arranged to take place in the I. O. O. F. Hall Friday (tomorrow) night.

The Legion had first planned a big street carnival, but at the last minute the amusement company sent word that they would be unable to come. The carnival was therefore called off, and a smoker was planned for last Saturday night. This was later postponed owing to so many other attractions taking place on the same night.

Now that the affair has been shifted for next Friday night, legion officers are confidently looking forward to a large attendance and are issuing an invitation to every former service man and especially urge his attendance. There will be wrestling and boxing matches by local talent and a general good time and social evening.

Republican Women Voters to Meet With Central Committee

You are requested to attend a meeting at the Council Chambers, Saturday, October 23, at 2:30 p. m., at which time plans will be made and matters of vital importance to the success of the Republican cause in Morrow county will be discussed and acted upon. This will be the most important meeting and we hope the most interesting one you will attend during this campaign.

At W. D. SMITH, County Chairman. C. L. SWEET, Sec. County Com. E. E. NOTSON, State Committeeman.

Instructor Makes Inspection Tour of Portland Schools

Mrs. E. H. Morrison, teacher in the local public schools who has charge of that department known as the "portunity room," left on Tuesday for Portland where she will visit that city and learn how the work is carried on there. Mrs. Morrison is making this tour while in session at Pendleton.

JOHN JURDANE WAS OLDEST MAN IN COUNTY

John Jurdane, aged 97, the oldest man in Umatilla county and a Civil war veteran, died last Friday night at Pendleton. He had been in failing health for some time, having taken ill with an attack of influenza several months ago.

Mr. Jurdane was a native of Scotland, although he was born on ship within a few miles of the Atlantic coast while his parents were enroute to America. His early manhood was spent on the seas and he was a sea captain for a number of years. He enlisted for service during the Civil war and was wounded.

Prominent in the affairs of Umatilla county at one time. The town of Jurdane was named in honor of the Umatilla county pioneer.

Although living far beyond the number of years allotted to man on the average, Mr. Jurdane's mind remained clear and active up to the last. Funeral services were held in Pendleton on Sunday afternoon, D. C. Jurdane, son of the deceased, and his son Bert and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs going over from this city to attend.

HE'S JUST KIDDING HIMSELF



TRI-STATE TAKES OVER FARMERS ELEVATOR

Terminal Company, Besides Operating Flour Mill and Warehouse, Will Carry on Wholesale Grocery Business and Buy Grain.

The Tri-State Terminal Company, a million dollar corporation, the stock of which is owned entirely by farmers, has come into Heppner.

A deal is being closed whereby the company will take over the holdings of the Heppner Farmers Elevator Company, which included the grain elevator and two warehouses, flouring mill and general forwarding business.

In addition to the warehouse, milling business, etc., the terminal company will also carry on a general grocery business, which will be in charge of W. D. Hayden. Mr. Hayden has traveled into this territory for a number of years for the Tri-State company and is well acquainted with local people and business conditions.

The company will also handle produce. E. R. Huston, manager of the Farmers Elevator Company, will remain with the Farmers in his present capacity until such time as the affairs of the company are wound up.

Morrow First at Gresham and Second at State Fair

The Morrow county exhibit won first place at the Gresham fair and second at the Oregon state fair, according to W. W. Smead, who has just returned from the Valley. While Morrow county had a wonderful exhibit of grains and drew forth much favorable comment, there was a woful lack of fruits and vegetables. Everything considered, Morrow made a good showing.

Grand Patriarch and Team Coming From Pendleton

Grand Patriarch R. F. Kirkpatrick and team of Pendleton will remain in the Morrow county exhibit at the Oregon state fair, according to W. W. Smead, who has just returned from the Valley. While Morrow county had a wonderful exhibit of grains and drew forth much favorable comment, there was a woful lack of fruits and vegetables. Everything considered, Morrow made a good showing.

Red Cross Roll Call Will Start On Armistice Day

The Fourth Annual Red Cross Roll Call will take place this year from November 11, Armistice Day, and will carry on until Thanksgiving Day.

Observations and Impressions of the Journal Man

By Fred Lockley in Oregon Journal. (At the state fair Mr. Lockley also takes a look at the Morrow county exhibit, and is tutored in relation to Morrow's resources by an ardent Morrow fan who deals in the largest kinds of figures, all of which have the goods to back them up.)

"Morrow county per capita is one of the richest counties in the state," said W. W. Smead to me as I stopped to look over the Morrow county booth at the state fair. "Listen. We harvested over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat this year. At \$2.50 a bushel, that means an income of \$5,000,000 to the county. We export about 120,000 sheep annually, which means not less than \$1,000,000 to Morrow county sheepmen. We ship out an average of 2,250,000 pounds of wool, worth about \$500,000, while the income from our hay, or which we raise 30,000 tons, amounts to another half million. That makes a yearly income from those four items of \$7,000,000. Out total population we estimate at about 7000, which makes a per capita income of \$1000 a year in our county. If you will size up our fruit and vegetables, our melons and honey and our other products, you will see we have many additional sources of revenue.

I moved to Eola, just across the river from Salem, in 1867. After five years I moved to the Alesia valley, where I spent another five years. I put in the next five years in the largest egg shipping plant in the world, at Eola, Oregon. In 1889 I took up a half section of dry land near Eola, in Morrow county. In those days Heppner, the county seat, founded by Henry Heppner, was a village of about 200 people. The men I remember best in the Heppner of 40 years ago were Henry Heppner, Frank Mattox, Ed Bishop, Gov. Rea, Ed and Tom Matlock, Jim Sperry, Henry Blackman and Phil Cohn. Our little village has grown to a city of 1200. Eola is the next largest community. Then come Lexington, Harlan and Boardman. When R. E. Vaughan, the postmaster, was drowned in the big flood of 1903 I was appointed postmaster and served in that capacity 10 years.

"Yes, I guess I know nearly everyone in the county. We have some of the biggest sheepmen in the state up our way. Take such men as John Kilkenny, C. A. Minor, W. T. Matlock, Pat Connell, Mike Kenny, Bruce Kelly, Mike Marshall and Kenny Wright. They all have biggest sheepmen in the state up our present we have about 240,000 sheep in our county. The wool we take best is from Merino ewes crossed with Lincoln rams.

"When you drop in for a visit with William Padgett you will find him farming 1200 acres, most of which is in wheat. It is the largest egg shipping station in the whole O. W. R. & N. system. 'Farmer' Smith has looked up the figures and can give you the exact facts on it. We are beginning to raise in a large way Yellow Dent corn for our silos. It runs from 75 to 100 bushels to the acre. With irrigation such as we have at Harlan and Boardman we raise wonderful crops of melons and grapes. Yes, Morrow is a county with a great future."

Dobyns Kills Seven Bears.

H. W. Dobyns, known as "Davy Crockett," was a Pendleton visitor Saturday, exhibiting seven bears, two Canadian lynx and two coyotes which he killed during the past two weeks on the Umatilla forest reserve. The pelts were placed on display in the window of Geo. C. Beer hardware store. Dobyns, who is a United States Biological Survey trapper is known as one of the most efficient in the service. Two sheep-killing bears were killed on the Antone Vay range on the John Ross range and the one on the Warner Shoberly range. The lynx was trapped in "Fruit Valley" on the R. G. W. Doherty range—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Ed Nelling Shipped to Market.

Ed Nelling left for Garfield this week. He had from Montana bands of sheep moved from Montana to Garfield, and will ship part of them to the eastern market. The remainder he will ship to Echo and take them to his Butter creek ranch—Echo News.

FOURTH STRE THEATER TONIGHT

THE CHURCH OF EVANGELISM with the double standard of morals. Also Harold Lloyd in one of his \$100,000 2-reel comedies, "From Hand to Mouth."

MORROW IS COUNTY OF VARIED INDUSTRIES

Volcanic Ash Soil Has Everlasting Harvest and is Better Soil Than That of Other Sections, Says Garden Editor.

Morrow county is a large county, extending twice as far south as it does along the river. Its altitude is from 250 feet along the river to 4000 feet on the southern plateau, which is timber land. Not many vegetables are raised, commercially, at an elevation of over 2000 feet, but everyone in the county has a home garden and orchard.

An irrigated strip ten miles wide, lying along the Columbia river, is where most of the vegetables and fruit are raised. This is called "the sand belt," but it is really deep volcanic ash and exceedingly rich soil—the most productive land of any project in the northwest. It surpasses the Willamette valley soil in that while the valley clay soils have produced wonderful crops for 40 or 50 years they are now becoming depleted, while this deep volcanic ash is so exceedingly rich in chemical elements that all it needs is water and manure, in the form of decaying roots, etc., so that while wheat production is decreasing on our clay soils, these ash soils that raised at first 15 bushels of wheat to the acre, raise more and more each year they are crepped and are now raising 50 bushels to the acre.

There is now water on about 25,000 acres and they are working on an irrigation project which will extend from the ten miles now covered to 15 to 18 miles inland. This is called the John Day project. The climate in the north is the same as that of Jackson county. All kinds of fruit and vegetables do well here, even hot weather crops. Peanuts grow finely here and make a good yield. While not extensively grown, strawberries were shipped this year. A few specialties were shipped a lot of it and there are several acres of sorghum which will be made into "syrup." Forty years ago syrup was made quite commonly out of sorghum here in Umatilla county—Oregonian.

Voters Outside of the State to Cast Their Ballot By Mail

Voters away from their home precincts are preparing to cast their ballots by mail this year. County clerk J. A. Waters has received letters from a number of Morrow county people outside of the state who want an official ballot sent to them in order that they may vote at the November 2 election.

BLAKE-JONES, (Ione Independent.)

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Knappenberg in Portland last Saturday evening when Miss Margaret Jones and Earl Judson Blake, both of Ione, were joined in wedlock.

The bride wore a becoming gown of cloth, her tulle veil held in place with a band of orange blossoms. She carried a large shower bouquet of roses. Her only attendant was her sister, Miss Katherine. She was given away by Rev. J. L. Jones of Idaho, officiated during the beautiful ceremony of the Congregational church.

The bride is an attractive girl and a graduate of the Ione high school and has been acting and lately postmaster of Ione for the past three years. Mr. Blake, the groom, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Blake. He was reared and educated in Ione and is a steady and industrious young man who has fitted himself for work in mechanical engineering.

QUEER BIT OF BUSINESS IN SAMUEL & NEPHEW

Here is What the Office Manager Tried To Do.

The following is taken from the New York Herald: The house of Samuel & Nephews, Inc., having cooperated with several other concerns in a lawsuit for damages, and the defendant having become bankrupt, the office manager went to represent the Samuel corporation at a creditors meeting.

He returned from this and reported that he had done a grand stroke of business, for which Samuel's fellow creditors had given him great applause. He had succeeded in arranging to have all the bankrupt debtor's available assets divided among the other creditors, signing off all the claims of his own employers and had incorporated with this settlement a perpetual agreement on the part of Samuel Nephews, Inc., that they would hereafter participate in all the lawsuits in which they were interested hereinafter be engaged.

Old Mr. Samuel said: "Well, I don't care so much about the first part of the arrangement; I always expected it to be a bad debt. I only went into the fight as a matter of principle. But as to this agreement to go into all future lawsuits—they may not concern me—I may disapprove of them."

"Oh, said the envoy, 'the agreement only means that you will engage in such suits as you do approve of. It is all subject to the approval of your board of directors.'"

"Does the agreement say so?" asked Uncle Samuel. "No, the agreement is unequalled and unconditional, but it really means that all these future actions shall be subject to the approval of your board."

"Very well then," says Uncle Sam, "put that into the document distinctly in black and white, before we ratify it." "Never! Not on your life!" said the envoy.

What did Uncle Sam do? What would any man of sense do in such a case? And Uncle Sam, though a good fellow, a good neighbor and a generous friend, is no fool.

"Very well then," says he, "I will appoint your successor and we will have a new deal. Instead of a combination to bring lawsuits, we shall make one to prevent them, and settle disputes amicably out of court. That's my notion, and your successor shall carry it out."

Prominent Ione Young Man Weds Willamette Valley Girl

Harley E. Sperry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Sperry of Ione, and Miss Winifred Hansey were united in marriage at the office of County Judge Campbell at the court house in this city on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. O. Livingstone, pastor of the local Christian church, performed the ceremony. The bride recently came to Ione from her home in the Willamette Valley and the groom is well and favorably known in the Ione section, where he has been associated with his father in the warehouse business. The young people will make their home in Ione.

SPEAKERS URGE ELECTION OF R. N. STANFIELD

Congressman Sinnott and Mr. Toose Agree Here In Interest of Republican Success—Plan For Greater Nationalism Made.

Republicans of Oregon should stand solidly behind the candidacy of Robert N. Stanfield in his race against George E. Chamberlain for United States Senator.

This was the statement made both by Congressman N. J. Sinnott of the second Oregon district and Walter L. Toose, Sr., of Salem, who are touring Eastern Oregon in the interests of the Republican party and both of whom spoke in this city recently.

Mr. Sinnott appeared at the Star theater last Thursday night and addressed a large audience. His statements regarding the league of nations and the manner in which he showed up the betrayal of the constitutional interests of the United States and American traditions, met with prolonged applause.

The flag of internationalism would fly high over the Stars and Stripes under the league plan, according to Mr. Sinnott. The master hand of Lloyd-George is plainly evident in the league covenant, for as pointed out by the congressman, under the working of the league, the United States would be outvoted by Great Britain seven to one in any controversy that might arise. And also, the smallest nation in the league would have a vote equal to the United States, the richest country in the world. America would pay the bill for policing Europe and we would, instead of being freed from the scourge of war, be everlastingly tied up to all the petty embroilments that have grown or may grow up out of world-wide feuds in European countries.

Mr. Sinnott strongly urged the election of Robert N. Stanfield for senator and pointed out that under the ruinous free trade policy, enacted under the Underwood tariff, farmers and stockmen especially are being forced to the wall. Mr. Stanfield is committed to the policy of a strong protective tariff and will back up the incoming Republican administration in putting over the party's policies.

Mr. Toose, who is an orator of great ability, spoke much along the same lines as did Congressman Sinnott. He called attention to the pigmy qualities of Mr. Cox, stood him up alongside of the great statesmen of America of former days and the present and the comparison brought out strongly the marked difference between the men who made and maintained the traditions of our country and the man who is going over the country making any kind of a speech to at the occasion in his effort to catch the votes.

Mr. Toose briefly called attention of his audience to the fact that Governor Cox no longer dwells on the slush fund charges, now that they have fallen flat. "Do you think that the American voter can be bought for thirty cents?" asked Mr. Toose. "Well this is the amount raised to buy your vote, even if the charges of Mr. Cox were true."

Summarizing.

Regarding his stand on the League, Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican candidate for President, gives the following summary: It seems to me that there should not remain a shadow of a doubt about my exact position as regards the proposed league of nations as drafted at Paris and submitted to the Senate and as regards the great world sentiment for a better understanding among nations to discourage war and generally to advance civilization. Let me restate my position as explicitly as my power of words permits:

First—I am unalterably opposed to going into the league of nations as that particular proposition now stands. That proposal is contemptuous of and potentially destructive of the American Constitution. It is not favored by the American people.

It is gratifying to know that this problem is being solved so satisfactorily to all parties concerned and may it hasten the day when the Willow creek highway will be open for travel.

The substance of these things has been said in some form or other in every address, and I say it all definitely now, because I am not at all feigningly reported and I want America to understand my thought of cooperation as well as the abiding opposition to the league proposed.