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## HIGHWAY COMMISSION BOOSTS EAST ORE. ROADS

### Contract Let for Surfacing Oregon-Washington Grade From Lexington to Gilliam County Line—Bonds Sold and Contracts Let Totaling \$434,481.

(Wednesday's Oregonian)  
Eastern and central Oregon road affairs predominated at the state highway commission meeting yesterday, although those sections have no representative on the commission since the death of E. E. Kiddle. It was the first session for Commissioner John F. Yenn. There is a drive under way by Malheur, Baker and Union counties to speed up the grading of the old Oregon Trail, which connects with the Columbia river highway at Pendleton, and Grant, Wheeler and Gilliam counties are pressing the commission for more work on the John Day highway. Deschutes and Jefferson are seeking development of The Dalles-California highway and Deschutes and Crook are asking for help for the McKenna highway. All these projects received encouragement.

The commissioners, however, were somewhat astonished at the drop in the prices of highway bonds. The road body offered \$1,500,000 of 4 1/2 per cent bonds and the bid received was from Carstensen & Earle and associates on a 92 1/2 basis, which is the lowest bid since last August, when 96 1/2 was offered and accepted. In November the price was 94.58. The commissioners decided that \$500,000 was enough to dispose of at 92.71. If the roadmen were disappointed at the bond prices, they were pleased at the bids presented by contractors, which were better than usual.

### Some Counties Hampered.

Various counties owe the commission money, which the latter stands in need of, but counties with bond issues in many instances can sell their bonds only at par, and the par bond market doesn't exist just now. The commission intimated that the legislature might come to the rescue by authorizing the highway commission to accept county road bonds as security for loans until the market is such that the counties can sell satisfactorily.

If urgency and eloquence and a disposition to cooperate count for anything, long strides should be made this year on the old Oregon Trail. Contracts were awarded yesterday for grading 19.3 miles of this road, from Nelson to Huntington, in Baker county. The Baker county court offered \$115,000 to apply as the commission sees fit from Baker to Huntington, and then borrowed \$5000 to pay for contractors' estimates on the North Powder section. Malheur county had a delegation offering money for grading from Huntington to Ontario, the end of the old Oregon Trail. Union county, now that its bonds have been validated by the supreme court, asked for bids to be advertised from the Umatilla county line at Kamela, to Hilgard, and from Hilgard to LaGrande all of which is also on the trail. Teton county's request was granted. This will be a road with a 14-foot top, or 20-foot width of grade.

### Gilliam Asks for Survey.

Definite progress is in sight for the immediate survey and location between Arlington, where the John Day connects with the Columbia highway, and Condon, 25 miles, so that the county can

spend its money on grading the road this spring. Gilliam county has \$85,000 in bonds for this work and desires action. The survey was ordered. Wheeler county offered to go 50-50 on grading an impassable four-mile stretch between McKenna grade toward Tilley, on the John Day highway. This work will be advertised in March and work will start in April. If possible, Grant county's representative asked the commission to grade the John Day highway from Mount Vernad to a point beyond Dayville, the end of the present contract, but offered no help, explaining that the county is without funds. Grant county has bonded to the old 2 per cent limit and the commission reminded the delegation that it can now bond to 6 per cent.

Representatives from Washington, Columbia and Clatsop counties ask the commission to designate as a state road the so-called "inside loop." This the commission declined to do. The delegation next said that if the commission would make the survey the counties would grade at their own expense and some day the state might take the road over. Chairman Booth suggested that the quickest way to get the road would be for the three counties to designate the route as a market road, then apply their funds on it. As a market road project, the counties can call on the highway department for a survey and by applying their market road funds on the route it can be developed within a few days. The commission explained that there are many sections not so well provided with roads as the inside loop and which are already on the state highway map.

### Offer Made to Linn.

If Linn county sells its bonds and thus raises funds to grade the Pacific highway from Tangent to Harriburg, the bids to pave between Tangent and Albany, was the promise given the Linn county delegation.

Jefferson county wants The Dalles-California highway built from Madras north. It is now under contract from Madras south. The county has \$25,000 for the Madras-Gateway section and a similar sum for the Gateway-Trout Creek section. These bonds have been advertised for sale January 15. They are 6 per cent securities, which must sell at par. No action was taken in the matter by the commission.

Deschutes county has no money for culverts. The state will advertise for culverts as the new grade can be used. As to state help on the Sisters-Bend road, the commission promised nothing until after the legislature meets. An agreement, however, was made to expedite construction of the Redmond-Prineville road, as soon as the engineers are ready, advertisements will be ordered for the 2 1/2 miles east of Prineville toward Mitchell. Owing to the financial stringency in Crook county, the county court asked that the work be started at the earliest possible date so that \$40,000 of county money can be used.

### Sherman Funds Available.

Sherman county offered \$250,000 for a north and south road through the county on a 50-50 basis for grading and graveling, with a promise of a similar 50-50 proposition when the time comes for paving. The commission explained that this proposed road was embodied in a bill which the governor vetoed with other road bills a year ago and that the action taken by the legislature on the veto will be an indication of what it wants done with this route.

Yamhill county asked that instead of macadamizing the 5 miles between Sheridan and Willamina the stretch be

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## MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COM. OF FARM BUREAU

### Co-operative Marketing Main Feature Discussed—Bureau to Furnish Members Gasoline and Distillate the Coming Season.

The Farm Bureau Executive Committee, together with about 25 farmers of the county, gathered at the office of County Agent Hunt Saturday and held an important meeting. Ed Rietmann, vice-president, presided in the absence of President Keltjy. The most important matter up for consideration was that of cooperative marketing of farm products, and this was gone into thoroughly. The gasoline and distillate question was also discussed, and these two important commodities are to be handled by the Bureau the coming season by Mr. Hunt as manager. He expects to get a good grade of gasoline laid down at Heppner for 25 cents, while distillate will be procured at 22 cents, and cost of distribution will be covered by an additional 1 cent per gallon. It was decided to send the Farm Bureau News to every farmer and stockman in the county during the coming year.

Mr. D. E. Gilman has returned home from a visit of six months duration in the East and Canada. Mrs. Gilman has been absent since the meeting of the Women's Relief Corps at Indianapolis early last summer she being a delegate from Oregon to the National convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wheelhouse of Arlington were among the visitors in Heppner over the week-end to enjoy the celebration by Heppner Lodge of Elks. Mr. Wheelhouse is a leading business man and sheepraiser of his section.

hard-surfaced. The county has a standing offer to contribute \$2000 a mile on paving. The delegation also suggested that the Gaston-Yamhill section be laid out and that instead a pavement be laid. No action was taken by the commission.

Clackamas county requested the commission to advertise for bids next month for a bridge across the Clackamas river to the county to pay the bill. Granted.

Baker county old Oregon trail, Nelson-Huntington section, unit 1, grading 9.16 miles; unit 2, grading 10.22 miles. Copenhagen Bros., cost estimates, \$222,070.

Curry county, coast highway, Port Orford-Hubbard creek, grading 1.6 miles. J. R. Hill, \$23,629.50.

Gilliam county, Arlington-Morrow county line, guard fence, Solheim & Gustafson, \$5386.50.

Morrow county, Lexington-Gilliam county line, surfacing and guard fence, 25.3 miles. Oregon Hassam Paving company, \$39,955.

Wasco county, Seufert-Deschutes river section, surfacing 12.5 miles. A. D. Kern, \$83,440.

## WAR IS DECLARED ON PREDATORY ANIMALS

Elmer Williams of the U. S. Biological Survey, is in Heppner and states that in cooperation with the sheepmen and the Farm Bureau he is preparing to declare war on predatory animals in Morrow county. Mr. Williams states that he is putting two trappers at work immediately and they will gradually rid the whole county of the pests. The coyote population has increased greatly during the past few years in Morrow county, but the state as a whole is gradually being rid of them through the work of the government trappers. This part of the shepherds who now get what is coming to him and the losses of our stockmasters from this source should be gradually less from now on.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps and Rev. Stephen Phelps were outpicking passengers on the local Monday. The former will visit with friends during the week at The Dalles and Hood River, and Rev. Phelps will visit with his wife and daughter residing at Vancouver, Wn.

Mrs. Margaret Louy died at her home in Tule on last Sunday and was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at that place on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Louy's maiden name was Margaret Harbo, and she was a pioneer resident of Morrow county. She leaves her husband, J. P. Louy and a daughter, Mrs. James Townsend, who resides near Tule.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB GETS REPORT ON JOHN DAY

### Engineer John H. Lewis Here Tuesday Evening and Gives Interesting Report on Present Status of John Day Project as Shown by Introductory Work of Engineers.

There was a called meeting of Heppner Commercial Club on Tuesday evening at the council chambers, the purpose of which was to listen to a preliminary report on the John Day project by Engineer John H. Lewis.

Some other work of the club was also taken up and disposed of. A report of W. W. Smead, relative to the Morrow County Fair was to the effect that the county court would at its February meeting make an appropriation of \$1000 for the benefit of the fair, this sum having been provided in the county budget. Mr. Smead further stated that it would be the policy of the fair management the coming year to encourage the merchants of the city to offer substantial prizes, and he suggested that when the fair was pulled off it would be manifest that this policy had been the means of creating much interest among exhibitors. Also, the fair management will cut out the carnival features heretofore presented for amusement and in lieu thereof will put on a program of amusements and stunts handled by the local folks. The Farm Bureau and the Commercial Club have signified their willingness to cooperate in every way possible to put over the fair at Heppner the coming fall.

The club endorsed the plan to place the available market road fund of the county this year on the Jarmon-Lexington road as requested by the Butte Creek Road Association and the County Court will be asked to do this.

Mr. Lewis, having been called on, spoke before the club at considerable length on the John Day project, a subject with which he is very familiar because of his years of practical contact with this great irrigation scheme. Having been employed by the board of directors of the John Day project to make a preliminary survey, Mr. Lewis, cooperating with D. C. Henry, consulting engineer of the reclamation service and soil experts of the Oregon Agricultural College, is now prepared to say that the project is entirely feasible and practical. He states that there are fully 300,000 acres of choice lands coming under the survey that are extremely desirable at any per acre cost up to \$200. The reclamation service and soil experts have now passed on and approved the project.

Speaking directly from a photograph and map, Mr. Lewis stated that the irrigation canal will be built out of the John Day at an elevation of 1349 feet and will require a dam 243 feet high, diversion point to be 240 feet above the present low water mark in the John Day river.

A storage reservoir will be provided at the dam site sufficient to contain 900,000 acre feet of water, which will allow accommodate the water duty. It required for 200,000 acres. Mr. W. Powers, irrigation expert of O. A. C., in his certification of lands has shown the water duty required to range from 2 1/2 acre feet per acre on the high elevation to 5 acre feet per acre on the extreme low land on the northern part of the project, giving an average water duty of 2 1/2 acre feet per acre.

Additional storage will be provided at the Carby reservoir site where an 85-foot dam will hold back 175,000 acre feet, while another dam in Eight Mile canyon of 385 feet would store 275,000 acre feet. This extra storage is believed to be necessary in order to provide for seepage and also to be prepared for extreme low water that occurs in the John Day river in occasional years.

The water study of this project is one of the best that has ever been made of any project in the state, having complete records which have been obtained by the U. S. Geological Survey for the last 15 consecutive years, and which show beyond question of doubt that more than a sufficient amount of water is available for this magnificent project according to the proposed plans.

## Heppner Commercial Club Will Send Delegates to Irrigation Congress, Portland

The Heppner commercial club will have a strong delegation at the meeting of the Irrigation Congress in Portland on Friday and Saturday of this week. The great importance of this state meeting is brought home to the club at this time on account of the interest this community has in the John Day project, and the delegation going from here will leave nothing undone of which it will promote that project. The delegation chosen to go from here consists of the following gentlemen: W. P. Mahoney, M. D. Clark, Chas. Thomson, J. P. Conder, L. A. Hunt, F. R. Brown and W. W. Smead. We understand that it is the intention of the majority of these men to attend the congress personally rather than by proxy.

Mr. Lewis was unable to give any definite per acre cost on this project and could not say as to just what time in the future he could furnish this information. He believed, however, that it will be considerably under \$200 per acre, which is the estimate given out by the soil experts, and said that the project would pay for itself in three years. The land at present valuation would average about \$5 per acre. When the project is completed and water turned in the valuation would be around \$200 or more.

Mr. Lewis stated that of the 23 projects now in successful operation in the northwest, each of them have paid for themselves in from two to three years of operation, and that the land valuation increased to a point that any man would not hesitate to take up the land at the present price and realize his fortune as soon as the project is in operation.

However, it will take considerable work and continual hammering away to get this project under construction. Nothing great was ever done over night and a lot of conscientious hard labor will have to be done to put this project over. The engineer's report is, briefly, that the water is there and is, prospect for getting it over the 300,000 acres leave no doubts whatever. The soil to be reclaimed is comparable with that of Shilo, which has been cropped for 2000 consecutive years. The engineer's report also includes several good possibilities, chief among them being the Umatilla rapids.

This being also the time of meeting of the directors of the John Day project, Clay C. Clark, president, was present from Arlington and followed Mr. Lewis in a short talk, expressive of his appreciation of the engineer's report and great with his enthusiasm for this project which he believed that Arlington would send a large delegation to Portland to attend the irrigation congress and put in their boost for the John Day.

## Newly Elected Councilmen Assume Their New Duties

L. E. Bisbee, elected City Councilman and D. Clark, newly elected city councilmen, were sworn in at the regular meeting of the city dads on Monday evening. E. G. Noble and John F. Vaughn retiring. The newly elected mayor, Oscar Borg, did not qualify as he is preparing to leave the city. It was decided, however, that Mr. Borg be sworn in a little later, and he will then resign the office so that the vacancy can be filled by the council. Just at present there does not seem to be anyone available, so Mayor Vaughn continues on the job.

Aside from routine business, the council considered the application presented to pay \$50 per month on the salary of Prof. James Austin as an instructor of the band, this amount having already been appropriated by the Commercial Club. The council turned down the proposal.

### Have Very Neat Shop.

Wells Brothers have about completed the interior arrangements of their new barber shop, but one bath room yet lacking, but the necessary fixtures they have a very neat and handy shop, and those big, upholstered leather chairs are going to prove a drawing card.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Olsen and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whittell, farmers of Rhen creek, were visitors in Heppner for a few hours today.

Mrs. John Kilkenny of Hinton creek is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Kate Russell, of Condon. Mrs. Russell came over for the Elks dedication, accompanied by her son Ed.

## HOME HEPPNER LODGE OF ELKS IS DEDICATED

### Large Number of Members of Order Present for Celebration and Enjoy Good Time.

The splendid new home of Heppner Lodge No. 258, B. P. O. E., was dedicated by appropriate exercises on last Saturday afternoon. Preparations for this important event in the life of the lodge has been going on for weeks and when the time arrived the program went through without a hitch.

The members of the order, and especially those belonging to the home lodge, began to gather in the city on Friday, and when the time arrived for the big opening banquet of Pat Foley's new hotel, there was little room left save for the boys wearing the emblem designating them as members of the antient herd. A grand feast was enjoyed in the new dining room, and then the big show was given at the Star theater under the auspices of the lodge and in charge of Carry Housemann. This was greeted by a crowded house, and many of the features presented were greatly enjoyed. Leading stars in the performance were the Misses Lola and Lois O'Neill, daughters of Jack O'Neill of this city. The vaudeville performance was also repeated on Saturday evening. Following these performances the Elks and their ladies were entertained in its hall by dancing and other amusements.

At 2:30 Saturday afternoon the dedicatory services were held in the lodge room and were in charge of Francis A. McMenamin, who acted in behalf of Exalted Ruler Chas. B. Cox who is sick in Portland. Francis V. Galloway of The Dalles, district deputy grand conductor was introduced and conducted the ceremonies, assisted by officers of the local lodge. The ceremonies were quite impressive.

Snell's orchestra of Arlington furnished music and there was also singing by Miss Gladys Lane of Heppner and Miss Crossfield, who is teacher of music in the schools at The Dalles. Representatives from many outside lodges were present, and there was a great home gathering of the members of Heppner Lodge No. 258 and a mark of progress of the lodge has been made that will ever be remembered.

### Committee on Co-Operative Marketing to Meet in Portland on January the 11th

County Agent Hunt received a telegram this morning to the effect that the date for the meeting of the joint committee on co-operative marketing of the Farm Bureau, Farmers Union and State Grange will be held at the Imperial hotel in Portland on the 11th of this month. The Morrow County Farm Bureau will send seven men to this meeting, these being E. W. Turner, E. M. Halden, Andy Hood and Jeff Jones from Heppner, Joe Devine from Lexington, Ben Morgan from Morgan and F. Raymond from Tule. Agent Hunt will also be there. He went to Tule this afternoon to attend a Farm Bureau meeting and thought it possible that he might go on from there to Portland to attend the meeting of the Irrigation Congress, but was not sure that he could, as he was expected to answer a call to go to Irigton for another Farm Bureau meeting.

### LAPHAM-WINNARD.

Stanley Lapham and Elvenda Winnard were married Monday evening at the home of W. O. Lyngstone, pastor of the Christian church. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winnard of Balm Fork and the groom is an industrious young man who has lived in Heppner for the past year or more. After spending their honeymoon in Portland, for which city they departed Tuesday morning, the young people will make their home at Bridal Veil, Oregon, after January 15th.

### ADKINS-BROWN.

Heppner friends have this week received the announcement of the marriage at Gresham, Oregon, on Saturday, January 1, 1921, of Mr. J. Albert Adkins of this city to Miss Miriam Luella Brown. The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride at Gresham, and the young people will be "at home" to Heppner friends after January 15th.

Mr. Adkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Adkins of this city and is in the employ of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. at this time. He left Heppner about two weeks ago and did not state his mission, the friends surmised what was going to happen. They will be ready to receive Albert and his bride upon their return to Heppner and extend hearty congratulations.

Bob Carey was in Heppner today on his way to Salem. He leaves in the morning for the capital city and will be ready to take his place in the legislature on Monday as Joint representative from Wheeler and Gilliam counties.

John H. Lewis, who was formerly state engineer, and who is now chief engineer of the John Day project, was in Heppner over Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the board of directors.

County court is in session for the January term this week, with both commissioners Meskman and Davidson on hand. There is much routine business to be transacted.

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