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## MORROW COUNTY HONORED BY APPOINTMENT

W. B. Barratt, Local Sheepman and Prominent Citizen Given Important Post—Will Make Good.

The announcement to Heppner friends by W. B. Barratt on last Sunday morning that he had received the appointment as Eastern Oregon's member of the State Highway Commission was the occasion of rejoicing on their part and caused a ripple of satisfaction to pass over the community when it was made known that our town and county had been thus honored.

Mr. Barratt is a practical, self-made business man who has grown up with the Heppner country, and for nearly forty years past has been prominently identified with the stock and farming industries of the section. He has made a success of his business and the first of the year retired from active participation in ranch affairs and turned the business over to his son, Garnet, thus leaving him in position to be able to give his entire time to the new appointment, if this is found to be necessary.

## MAPLE CIRCLE N. O. W. INSTALLS OFFICERS

At their regular meeting Monday evening, January 10th, Maple Circle, No. 259, Neighbors of Woodcraft, installed the following officers: Guardian Neighbor, Mary Lantzford; Advisor, Kate Swindler; Magician, Hannah Briggs; Clerk, Rosa Richardson; Banker, Cora Crawford; Attendant, Anna Boyd; Inner Sentinel, Della Botum; Captain of Guards, Letha Smith; Musician, Dora Starkey; Managers, Elsie Stevenson, Dora Starkey and Luella McCarty; Correspondent, Rosa Richardson.

Mrs. Elsie Stevenson was installing officer, and as usual did her part perfectly. Mrs. Stevenson has the entire ceremony of installation word perfect and induced each officer into her station in a natural and easy manner, and together with the Captain of Guards, Mrs. Letha Smith, the Circle has an installing team that they should indeed be proud of. They put on the work in a very beautiful and impressive manner.

Mrs. Stevenson has filled the position of installing officer for a number of years, and in appreciation of her services, Maple Circle presented her with a beautiful emblematic pin, of which Mrs. Stevenson is justly proud. There was a good attendance, and following the installation ceremonies light refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the ladies of the Christian church will hold a cooked food sale at the store of Humphreys Drug Co., beginning at 10 a. m. A variety of good things to eat will be offered the hungry folks of Heppner.

Dr. Chick reports the arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffiths in Iona on Saturday, Jan. 9th, of a daughter.

## Miss Minert Resigns; Mr. Humphreys Holds Office

To the great surprise of her numerous friends in Heppner it was announced on Saturday last that Miss Katie Minert, who at the November election received a very large vote and was elected without opposition to the office of county treasurer, had presented her resignation to the county court. Elsewhere in these columns Miss Minert gives her reasons for resigning, and it is certainly to be regretted that circumstances arose which made it necessary for her to take this step.

For the present, at least, T. J. Humphreys, incumbent, will continue to conduct the affairs of the office, and he may be persuaded to hold on permanently. We understand, however, that this in contingent upon the salary being raised to at least double what it is at the present time, which would make it \$1900 per year. If we were correctly informed, there will be a bill introduced at the present legislative session which will have for its object the reduction of the salaries of county officials of the state over, and some of the offices of Morrow county will doubtless come in for a raise, the treasurer and county school superintendent being included among those to get a lift in salary. Work in the treasurer's office has greatly increased and no doubt the demand for larger pay is justified, and as this is true the state over, a general salary bill will be prepared and introduced, and if passed should relieve the situation.

## Popular Young People Wed.

David A. Wilson and Miss Lucile Elder, popular young people of Heppner, were quietly married at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Alva Jones, last Saturday evening. Rev. W. O. Livingstone, pastor of the Christian church, performing the ceremony in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Jones as witnesses. The young people are domiciled for the present at the home of Mrs. Eugene Campbell on Chase street, where they are "at home" to their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are graduates of the Heppner high school, the former with the class of 1916 and the latter in 1915, in the commercial department, and since that time Mrs. Wilson has been almost constantly employed as stenographer in the office of Attorney S. E. Van Vactor, while Mr. Wilson has served as bookkeeper, first in the First National Bank of Heppner, then with the First National of Pendleton, and at present is connected with the Farmers & Stockgrowers Bank of this city. They have been kept busy during the week receiving congratulations from their many friends.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Sunday, January 16, 1921.

Sunday evening will be the date of the third sermon by the pastor on "Current Events that Menace Our Land," and the subject will be "How Should I Be Amused?" Next Sunday will be "Booze and the Eighteenth Amendment." The regular Sunday services will be held, consisting of Bible School, 10 a. m., Communion and preaching. The morning theme will be "The Duties of Church Elders." The Christian Endeavor will meet at 6:25 p. m. You should see these young people in one of these services. A cordial welcome awaits you at all of these services; come and be with us.

LIVINGSTONE, Minister.

Good family grade Newtowns, face and fill, \$1.52 per box parcel post prepaid. Send check or money order.

PHERRY WILLS, Hood River, Or.

## IT'S ACTION SHE WANTS



## COUNTY COURT MEETS FOR JANUARY TERM

County Court met in regular session at January term with the following officers present: Hon. W. T. Campbell, Judge, G. A. Bleakman, Commissioner, L. P. Davidson, Commissioner, Geo. McDuffee, Sheriff, J. A. Waters, Clerk.

When among others the following proceedings were had, to-wit: The Court took up the matter of various claims presented to them at this time for payment and after due consideration of the same the following claims were allowed and ordered paid: (List follows)

Official bonds of Sheriff, Tax Collector, Clerk and Treasurer were approved by the Court.

C. C. Chick was appointed County Physician for the ensuing year.

W. O. Minor was appointed official road viewer for the ensuing year.

Road petitions of G. W. Hildebrand, et al.; J. R. Ashinuet, et al.; H. Vernon Jones, et al.; W. F. Barnett, et al., continued until next term of court.

Petition of John Louy, et al., read, accepted and Arthur Erwin appointed to act with the regular viewers to view said road.

Regular jury list of 1921 drawn at this time.

The Gazette-Times appointed official county paper for 1921.

Resignation of Katie Minert as County Treasurer accepted, and T. J. Humphreys was appointed by the Court to fill said vacancy.

County Court authorized the Road Master to reduce common labor \$1.00 per day. Truck drivers to be paid \$4.00 per day and board.

Court adopted resolution to cooperate with State of Oregon to carry out the provision of the Market Road Act.

Court instructed Clerk to subscribe for the Iona Independent for the year 1921, for the county.

No further business Court adjourned for the term.

## Road Claims Allowed by Court.

First National Bank, Special No. 4	\$1,678.90
Market Road	413.94
Special No. 1	10.00
W. E. Alexander, et al. Special No. 1	411.73
J. L. Jenkins, et al. Special No. 2	2,061.67
C. H. Bartholomew, Special No. 4	29.25
Tri-State Company, Special No. 4	68.87
State Ind. Accident Com., Special No. 1	6.71
Special No. 2	44.23
Special No. 4	15.33
Heppner Farmers Elevator Co., Special No. 4	14.40
Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank, Special No. 4	114.62
Bank of Iona, Market Road	122.86
Oskar Huber, Road No. 3	2,881.80
M. P. Wadsworth, Special No. 4	21.50
Bank of Iona, Market Road	129.37
Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank, Special No. 4	21.59
Morrow County Bond Fund, General Road	647.73
General County Fund, Special No. 3	488.74
Percy Jarman, Special No. 4	24.08
W. L. McCabe, General Road	200.00
Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank, Special No. 4	102.00
Bank of Iona, Market Road	439.55
Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank, Market Road	85.97
Frank Beavert, Special No. 1	72.20
H. Grimm, Special No. 1	598.75
State Industrial Accident Commission, Special No. 1	46.52
Market Road	11.55
Special No. 4	17.99
Jos. Burgess, Special No. 4	17.00
Market Road	17.00
Tom-A-Lum Lumber Company, Special No. 4	1.00
C. H. Bartholomew, Special No. 4	79.40
Gilliam & Bisbee, Special No. 4	24.85
M. Szepepek, Special No. 4	27.15

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**Bury Baby Son.** Mr. and Mrs. Mead of Heppner, Oregon, accompanied the body of their infant son, Lee Irvin Mead, to Hermiston Monday. The baby was born December 19, and died December 31. Funeral services were held at Heppner, January 1st by Rev. Livingstone, assisted by his wife, and they left the following day for Hermiston where interment was made in the local cemetery. Mrs. Mead is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. McCoy of this city.—Hermiston Herald.

## BROTHERHOOD CLUB IS LAUNCHED THIS WEEK

Gathering at Hotel Monday Evening Takes Preliminary Steps—Permanent Organization Evening of January 24.

A group of Heppner's business men met in the lobby of the hotel on Monday evening to consider the advisability of organizing a civic Brotherhood. Those present were Messrs. Chas. Thomson, W. O. Dix, E. R. Huston, M. L. Case, T. J. Humphreys, Sam Hughes, J. P. Conder, J. M. Hart, J. A. Waters, J. G. Thomson, Vawter Crawford, Prof. Howard James and W. O. Livingstone. A temporary organization was formed with Prof. James as chairman and W. O. Dix as secretary. Those present were enthusiastically in favor of such an organization as was outlined at the meeting. It was decided that the Brotherhood contemplated should be thoroughly democratic, non-partisan politically, and not to be used in any manner as a political tool, a place where all the men of the city and surrounding community might meet on a common plane lunch together and discuss such subjects as are of common interest. It is not to be associated with any church, and sectarian religion is not admitted. It was decided to call the organization the "Brotherhood," and the meetings to be held monthly. The first meeting was set for January 24 at the hotel at 8:45 p. m., where a sixty-cent luncheon will be served. The annual membership fee will be fifty cents. The program committee for the first meeting was appointed with E. R. Huston as chairman, and the advertising committee with W. O. Livingstone as chairman. Every man in the community above the age of eighteen years is eligible, and cordially invited to join the organization. The membership fee will be the only financial investment required.

## NEW POWER RATES FOR HEPPNER L. & W. CO.

Effective after January 1, 1921, the following rates will be charged by Heppner Light & Water Co., as per order of Public Service Commission of Oregon. Two weeks ago this paper published an extract from the report and order of the Commission, giving the lighting rates, and owing to the crowded condition of our columns last week, we did not publish the power rates as promised.

Not being able to fully comprehend just what the terms used in the table of rates signifies, it is not up to us to state just how much per cent increase will be the outcome of this fixing of new rates, but an electrician of the city figures that it will be somewhere around 49 per cent, and may reach 45 per cent. The commission evidently has favored the company strongly here, and when the bills come in the first of February there will doubtless be laid the foundation for a lot of "blue air" on the part of power users and some mighty kicks will go up.

Primary Rate—First 100 k. w. h. per month, 12 cents; next 400 k. w. h. per k. w. h., 19 cents; excess over 500 k. w. h., 8 cents.

Secondary Rate—First 200 k. w. h. per k. w. h., 8 cents; next 800 k. w. h. per k. w. h., 7 cents; excess over 1000 k. w. h., per k. w. h., 6 cents.

Following this the order lays down rules for measuring the demand of motors in excess of 25 horse power, or to any exceptional or unusual use of energy. No demand shall be considered for less than one horsepower. Based on demand as determined above, the minimum charge will be: First 2 H. P. per H. P., \$1.75; Next 8 H. P., per H. P., \$1.40; excess over 8 H. P., per H. P., \$1.15.

**Electric Rates.** City of Iona. The rate under which the City of Iona shall purchase wholesale electric service shall be as follows: First 2000 k. w. h. or less, \$200.00 per month; next 2000 k. w. h. per month per k. w. h., 8 cents; next 2000 k. w. h. per month per k. w. h., 7 cents; excess over 6000 k. w. h. per month per k. w. h., 6 cents.

## LEGION BOYS WILL NOT HOLD SMOKER SATURDAY

Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion, announce that they will not hold the million dollar smoker on Saturday evening at I. O. O. F. hall as previously arranged owing to the fact that they will not be able to secure the hall, and a suitable place for the smoker to be held cannot now be found. The boys will try, however, to find a room suitable to hold their gatherings in, and when this is done, announcements will be published as to future events.

On Saturday evening last the Legion met and held its annual election of officers the following being chosen: Ralph E. Crego, commander; Walter Moore, vice-commander; Marshall Phelps, adjutant; Beal Gurdane, finance officer; Ray Rogers, athletic officer. At this meeting it was planned to give smokers at regular intervals, but as stated above, these plans have been abandoned and will await future developments. Some very excellent war pictures, taken at the front of actual conflict, and censored while the war was in progress, have been released to the American Legion by the War Department. Five reels of these pictures will soon be presented at Heppner under the auspices of the local post and the public will be properly advised as to when they will appear.

## Dr. Leonard R. Purkey In Bad—Sells Dope in Portland

Portland papers this week made mention of the arrest of Dr. Leonard R. Purkey, osteopath, having offices in the Morgan building, Portland, for furnishing morphine to a "dope fiend." A little "frank-up" caught the doctor all right, and he was taken before a U. S. Commissioner who fixed his bond at \$1000 for his appearance before the U. S. grand jury, and there is to be further developments.

Dr. Purkey was formerly located at Heppner and enjoyed a very good practice here and at Lexington, and friends here are sorry to learn of his getting into trouble with the government authorities. However, from what the papers had to say, Dr. Purkey was caught red-handed, and he will have to take the consequences.

## Attended Washington Wool-Growers Meeting in Spokane

Attorney F. A. McMenamin was called to Spokane on business last week, and happened to be in the city at the time of the meeting of the Washington Woolgrowers Association. He had time only to take in one day's session of the convention, and states that he enjoyed this very much. There was in attendance some 200 delegates from over the state and the convention presented an air of lively interest and genuine enthusiasm. Mr. McMenamin was impressed with the very large attendance, which was in sharp contrast with the recent gathering at Pendleton of the Oregon association.

A question bearing on the cooperation of the wool men of the three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho was brought up while Mr. McMenamin was there, and a plan to bring them together will doubtless be undertaken as a result. The sentiment seemed to be that this would prove of great benefit to the producers of the three states whose interests are so naturally mutual. Many of the delegates present wore new suits made of virgin wool which they had purchased for very reasonable prices of one of the Northwest woolen mills, and a point was made by showing that there is little excuse for the excessive prices of good clothing being charged the public these days when such garments as these men wore had been purchased for about one-third of what the average retailer in the cities was charging for as good quality material. Somewhere down the line someone was making a mighty big profit, these men asserted.

Prof. E. J. Klemme, of Bellingham, Wash., State Normal, was in Heppner over Wednesday and delivered three very instructive and entertaining lectures at the high school building. In the afternoon he spoke to the pupils in the afternoon to the Patron-Teachers Association and in the evening to the general public. Prof. Klemme appeared here under the auspices of the Patron-Teachers Association and all who heard him are lavish in their praise of his extraordinary ability as a lecturer on popular educational subjects and of his ability as an entertainer as well. He was greeted by a large audience at the high school auditorium last evening.

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## DIRECTORS FOR JOHN DAY DISTRICT ELECTED

C. A. Minor, Heppner and Arthur Wheelhouse of Arlington, New Directors—A Lively Contest Develops.

Election of directors for the John Day Irrigation District was held in the three precincts comprising the district on Tuesday. Ballots had been prepared with the nominations of C. C. Clark of Arlington and Ed Rietmann of Iona. These men were up for re-election, and the names of C. A. Minor, Heppner and Arthur Wheelhouse, Arlington, were also proposed and written in on the ballot.

In Precinct No. 1, comprising the lands lying in Gilliam county and adjacent to Arlington the returns gave Rietmann 12, Clark 12, Minor 21, and Wheelhouse 20. Precinct 2, Cecil, went solid for Minor and Wheelhouse and they got 13 votes each. Up to the time of going to press, we have not learned how precinct 1 voted, this being in the Garty district. However, it is fairly expected that Minor and Wheelhouse will carry there also and by a very large majority.

A lively contest over the election of directors sprung up within the last week, apparently arising over the 50 cents per acre assessment placed on the lands within the boundaries of the district by the present board of directors. This caused much dissatisfaction on the part of the land owners, hence they sought out new men to be placed on the directorate.

Mr. Clark has been and now is one of the greatest boosters the John Day project has ever had; is thoroughly conversant with the irrigation laws, is on the job day and night working for the success of the project and it is to be regretted that he cannot be retained at the head of the district's affairs at least until all the preliminary work has been completed which is now so well under way and due in so large a measure to his untiring efforts.

Mr. Minor and Mr. Wheelhouse are both good men and they will no doubt put forth their best energies in carrying out the work under way and in so doing are entitled to and should receive the unanimous support of the people of Morrow and Gilliam counties.

J. B. McCorkle is arrived from Portland Tuesday and is now installed in the First National Bank as one of the book-keeping force.

## Star Theater

### Announcement

For a short time we will show but five programmes per week, as follows:

- One programme on Monday and Tuesday.
- One programme on Wednesday and Thursday.
- One programme on Friday.
- One programme on Saturday.
- One programme on Sunday.

Commencing Saturday, January 15th, the first show will start at 7:45, thus giving those who cannot attend until after eight o'clock a chance to see the entire show. We suggest, however, that all who wish to see all the show arrive by 8:30 unless in sufficient numbers to justify expense of running longer.

**A GOOD LINE-UP FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK.**

Next number of Lyceum Course Monday, Jan. 24th.

## FIRST IN IMPORTANCE

to the residents of any City is plenty of good, wholesome water; Second in Importance is good electric service. Neither of these utilities can be operated without assistance financially and favorable public sentiment.

The Public Service Commission of Oregon regulates the operation of all private utilities, it determines maximum rates to be charged for service. It has access to all construction and operation cost data of the utilities.

It has held two meetings in Heppner to adjust rates of the Heppner Light & Water Company.

In the succeeding orders the Commission has advised that the Heppner Light & Water Company is being operated at a loss, and that it "cannot continue to do so, and unless relieved it must discontinue operation." For three years past it has been charging up an annual loss of \$5000. Justly and legally the Company is entitled to revenue sufficient for operating expenses and a return upon its investment.

On January 1st, 1921, the Commission increased rates (which are now effective) in Heppner, Lexington and Iona, which increase will no more than overcome the annual deficit; any higher rate would impose a hardship upon some patrons. The Company does not want, nor will it at this time ask for, any further increase. It will try out the new rate for a month or so, and hopes its patrons will meet it "half way" in the sacrifice it is and has been making.

It is waiting for the coming change in the affairs of the country to put it on a paying basis again and its patrons on an easier rate for service.

Thirty-five per cent of its expenses are expended in Heppner for labor, fifty-three per cent are expended for fuel. Whenever these two factors are reduced, rates will be reduced.

## THE HEPPNER LIGHT & WATER CO.