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## OXMAN-HARRINGTON SECURE CONTRACTS

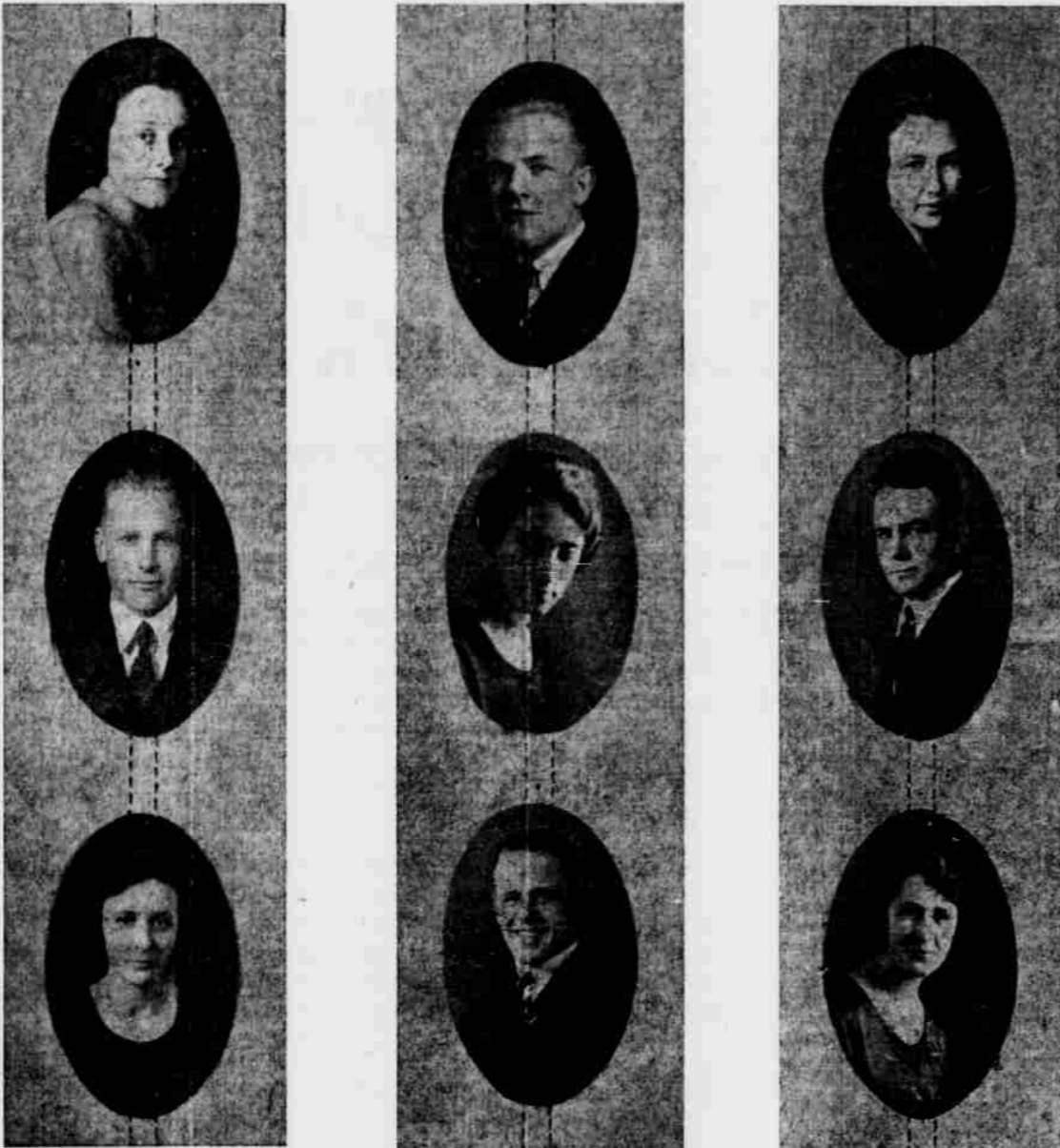
Two Units for Grading Secured by This Company on Bid of \$4,800,000. Made by Morrow County—Work to Begin Promptly—Commission to Build Bridges in Heppner.

Oxman and Harrington were the successful bidders for the work of grading two units of the Oregon-Washington highway in Morrow county. The contracts were let to them by the highway commission at its meeting in Portland the past week upon the following bids being opened: Lexington-Heppner unit, \$4,896 and Heppner-Jones Hill unit, \$5,294. Morrow county also submitted bids on this work from Lexington to Heppner, the figures submitted by Judge Campbell being \$41,900, or just 11 more than that of the successful bidders.

These bids are considered to be very reasonable and are quite satisfactory to both the commission and the county court. Work will be commenced right away and the job of grading is to be completed by the first of September. It is presumed that camps will be located at Heppner, and that as a result things will open up here somewhat.

As Heppner's part of the results to accrue from co-operation with the state highway commission, there can certainly be no complaint. In the construction of the macadam through the city, which is on the line of the O-W highway and made a part thereof, the city has spent the sum of \$15,000. This is to be matched by the commission and will be spent in the construction of three bridges within the city limits, the changing of the highway from a point just east of the Farmers Elevator warehouse directly across the McHalley property to connect at the head of Main street and thence up Main street to connect with the macadam at the hospital corner. One bridge, 48 feet wide on solid concrete abutments, is to be built over Willow creek on May street at a cost of \$7500; another at the head of Main street which will cost \$3500 and another over Hinton creek to cost \$1750. The balance of cost over \$15000 for this work will be borne 50-50 by the state and city. The city is also to secure the triangular piece of land lying north of the highway on the McHalley property and to maintain this as a park and tourists' camping ground, which is to be known as McHalley Park. This is the program as now laid out, so we are informed by Commissioner Barratt, who returned home from Portland yesterday.

## GRADUATES '21 CLASS OF HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL



Annie Hynd  
Elmer Peterson  
Betta Neal

Roland Humphreys  
Audra Grogan  
Edward Chidsey

Kathryn Pattison  
Edward Hall  
Pearl Young

## Frail Girl Decoys International Plotters

"The Message of the Mouse," by Mr. and Mrs. George Randolph Chester, with Anita Stewart as the star, which will be shown at the Star theater on Wednesday and Thursday, June 8 and 9, is being advertised as the splendid work of the United States Secret Service in doing in running down those who would work against the country's welfare. Hallam Varric, the mastermind of a subtle plot that sought this country's undoing through the merchant marine, had established a spy system whose tentacles reached into the soul of our government. But between his love of a patriotic American girl and his watchfulness of the secret service, his plans went awry.

The girl, on the other hand, not only fought against his unspoken love, but put her frail form between him and the wrong he would have done her a dramatic "The Message of the Mouse" is a country's undoing through the merchant marine, had established a spy system whose tentacles reached into the soul of our government. But between his love of a patriotic American girl and his watchfulness of the secret service, his plans went awry.

In Former Years. We are perhaps going through times of stress in Morrow county at the present, but then there have been other times when things were not so rosy. For instance, many may remember that back in the '90s there was a period of time when business depression existed and prices were low and there was little sale for what the stockman and farmer produced at any price. We are reminded of an old Heppner Gazette, or rather the copy was handed us by one of our friends who had picked it up on the same being of June 18, 1895, and here are some of the things we noted.

The school board met in special session for the purpose of hiring a principal of the school and his assistants. The principal was chosen and his salary fixed at \$100 per month. He was given three assistants and these each received \$50 per month. Among the assistant teachers chosen at that time were Addie Jones and Addie Conlee. The janitor of the school building had been receiving the magnificent salary of \$25 per month, and this was reduced to \$20.

The market quotations on wheat at Heppner at that time ranged from \$2.40 per barrel; head sheep going at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per pound while stock sheep were bringing only \$1 to \$1.50; wool was 5 to 8 cents and hives were selling from \$2.25 to \$2.50; butter, per cent, 25 and 40 cents and eggs 8 cents a dozen.

## FRED ALBERTON CASE IS CALLED BY DEATH

For the past year and a half, Fred A. Case had been a constant sufferer from an incurable malady, during which time he was seldom free from the severest pain, and through all of which he bore up as a man of courage and strong will. By nature a man cheerful of disposition, he maintained this characteristic right to the last, though many long weary months of suffering had greatly enfeebled his form and left him a helpless victim of an incurable disease.

At his home in this city on Saturday, May 28, 1921, the final call came to Fred Alberton Case, and his many friends in this community were grieved to learn that he had passed to the beyond.

Funeral services were held from the Federated church on Tuesday afternoon, May 31, 1921. With his family he was buried in the Masonic cemetery, and interment was in Masonic cemetery. The services were largely attended, the Order of Eastern Stars attending in a body, and there were many beautiful floral offerings.

Fred Alberton Case was a native of Iowa, having been born at Mechanicsville in that state on August 14, 1871, and was aged 50 years, 9 months and 14 days.

At his home he came to Oregon in early manhood and his home has been made at different points in the northwest since. With his family he came to Heppner about four years ago for a time working for his brother, M. L. Case, here, and later going into the express and transfer business which he followed until he became ill.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. P. Case, son Donald and daughter Velma. Besides these, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Case of Clatskanie, three sisters, Miss Minnie Case, of Clatskanie, Miss Harriet Case and Mrs. Case Vann, of Heppner; two brothers, M. L. Case of Heppner and George Case of Mermet, Oregon.

Mr. Case belonged to the Masonic and Yeoman lodges, holding his membership in the former order in St. John's lodge of Seattle, Wash., and for many years he was organizer in the state of Washington for the Yeoman lodge, and we understand held a policy of insurance in this order.

## Commencement Exercises At Pine City School

The graduation exercises of the Pine City high school were held at the schoolhouse here on last Friday evening and a number of people from Heppner were in attendance. The address to the class was made by S. E. Norton of this city, and others going out with him were L. A. Hunt, going out with transportation, Mrs. Shurtz, Superintendent, and Rev. E. L. Moore. Three students of the school were presented with diplomas of graduation, these being Mary Bartholomew, Stella Carlson and Louis Carlson, and the following is the program as carried out in detail:

- Invocation..... Rev. S. M. Mathea
- Song, "When Friendly Night Is Come"
- Oration, "Self-Respect, Self-Knowledge, Self-Control. These Three Alone Lead Life to Sovereign Heights"..... Mary Bartholomew
- Oration, "Education"..... Louis Carlson
- Oration, "Friendship"..... Stella Carlson
- Song, "Graduation Song"
- Class Poem..... Louis Carlson
- Class Will..... Stella Carlson
- Class Prophecy..... Mary Bartholomew
- Address..... Mr. S. E. Norton
- Presentation of Awards of Attendance..... Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtz
- Song, "The Call to Action"
- Presentation of Diplomas

Prof. W. L. Suddarth, the Pine City school has been under the supervision of Prof. W. L. Suddarth during the past year, who has brought it to a very successful close. Prof. Suddarth and wife have been retained in the school for the coming year.

At the close of the program, the Heppner folks, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Bartholomew, started on the return trip home and when out about three or four miles from Butter creek a wheel came off the car and it was very late at night when Heppner was reached. This was after a walk had been made back to the Chas. Bartholomew place for another car. Barring this mishap, however, the visitors enjoyed their visit to Pine City very much and speak highly of the splendid program that was put on by the school.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Sunday, June 5, 1921.

Communion services in morning at regular hours. Bible school, preaching and musical. Christian Endeavor service at 7 p. m. and children's. Everyone is welcome at all public services. We can be of material help. Come and worship with us. LIVINGSTONE.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Conover, of Wattsburg, Wash., accompanied by their two granddaughters, Lucile and Happy Roberts, visited at the home of Vawter Crawford in this city for a couple of days, while they were on their way to Bend, where their daughter, Mrs. Lettie (Roberts) Humphreys, now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Conover and their family formerly were engaged in the transfer and mail and coal business here.

Mrs. Pauline Quaid came up from Portland on Tuesday and is spending a week here looking after her interests.

## 'Mrs. Temple's Telegram' Well Presented By Students

The Juniors and Seniors of the Heppner high school presented in a very creditable manner, indeed, the comedy play, "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," at the Star theater on last Thursday evening.

Owing to the fact that there were a number of other gatherings in the city on that evening, the audience at the theater was not as large as it should have been but this did not detract from the enthusiasm of the players nor detract in the least from the splendid rendition of every part by the members of the cast.

Violet Merritt, as Mrs. Temple, had the leading role and was well ably assisted by Ted Young, who as Frank Fuller in the cast also impersonated for a time John Brown, kept up a lively string of chatter that kept the audience in laughter as well as being the means of saving himself and his friend, Mr. Temple, from more serious difficulty. The other members of the cast were: Ellis Irwin, Jack Temple, Adlene Sivoulos, Mrs. Fuller, Oren Hill, Wagon, the butler; Annie Hynd, Mrs. Jones; Pearl Hall, Mrs. Temple's sister; Paul McDuffee, Captain Sharpe; Edward Childsey, John Brown. These each sustained their parts well and added their part to a complete "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" making success.

Between acts, "The Love Nest," from the musical comedy, "Mary," was sung by Velma Case, Mary Clark, Violet Hynd, Vera Mae Crawford, Horace Shabee and Leola Bennett, and the Misses Case, Clark and Bennett presented, by request, their Scotch song and dance.

A matinee performance was presented in the afternoon and this was well attended by the school children.

At Henriksen of Cecil, Morrow county, was an Enterprise visitor a few days the past week. Mr. Henriksen is one of the big stockmen of Morrow county, owning a large alfalfa farm at Cecil and valuable hay and range land in the mountains south of Heppner. This was his first visit to the Wallowa country and he was greatly surprised to find such a well developed section.

From such advertising as he had seen of the county, Mr. Henriksen said he had gained the impression that Wallowa was the town of the valley and Enterprise was a wide market in the road, and he was pleasantly surprised to find here a progressive little city with handsome public buildings and paved streets. He praised the scenery and the nice farm homes, but was a little disappointed in that it was a little around Cecil they speak of alfalfa in capital letters. While the alfalfa crop here is just getting nicely started, the mowing machines are busy cutting the first crop at Cecil and before snow flies again probably three or four more cuttings will be made.—Enterprise Record-Chief.

## CONDON TAKES FIRST; HEPPNER SECOND GAME

Heppner fans were made to rejoice on Monday afternoon when the home ball team defeated Condon in a hard fought game, 7 to 3. The story had been somewhat different on Sunday, and the bunch from Condon did up the locals 2 to 5. This naturally made them feel like they had everything their own way, and the Condon backers were offering odds on their team up till the time the first inning ended. At the beginning of Monday, Condon was the first up and the sluggers from the Wheat City were unable to mark up anything on the scoreboard. For Heppner, 2 runs were made, and then it was a case of no score for either side for several innings when along about the seventh, Condon secured 2 on errors by Heppner, but the home team had in the meantime put the mark up to 5 and continued to hold tight to the end, although by one more count for the visitors while they put across two more and ended the game with the first half of the ninth.

Good ball was played both days and the gate receipts were boosted by the large attendance both Sunday and Monday.

Other games are being arranged which will be announced later.

On June 1st Jas. Hart retired from the management of Hotel Patrick, which position he has filled since the hotel opened for business the first of January. Roy F. Van Slyke, of Portland, a man who has had experience in the hotel business, succeeds Mr. Hart, he having arrived here with his wife on Friday last, owing to his wide acquaintance with the people of Heppner and the traveling manager, Mr. Hart has been a popular manager of the hotel and his large number of friends here will regret to learn that he has severed his connections with the hotel. He has not yet decided just where he will locate but expects to remain at Heppner for a time and take a needed rest.

E. Benefield of Irrigon was a visitor in Heppner, Wednesday. In the early history of Morrow county, Mr. Benefield was located on a farm out northeast of Lexington, his place being a portion of the W. F. Barnett farm at the present time. He retired from farming here a good many years ago. For the past few years he has been contracting on the state highways and was here yesterday to meet about getting a sub-contract from Messrs. Oxman and Harrington.

E. J. Merrill, who runs one of the best farms in the vicinity of Hardman, was in Heppner for a couple of days this week on business. Ed says that there was some pretty nippy weather out his way a couple of nights last week and some of the early vegetables were made to suffer. The frost also had turned some of the grain fields a little brown on the road in from Hardman and Mr. Merrill thinks no very serious damage was done.

## UMATILLA FOREST NEWS

Two camps of four to six men each have been established on the Five Mile fence construction project and the work is being vigorously pushed. It now appears that the whole fifteen miles will be completed in time to be of service this season.

Charles McDevitt and Charles Ely are preparing to build about three miles of fence along the forest boundary in the Hall canyon region. This will serve as a connecting link between the Five Mile fence and other private fence and will almost completely enclose the Five Mile cattle range on the north. This fence, like the Five Mile, has been proposed for a couple of years but owing to scarcity of help and high costs actual construction has been delayed till now.

Copious warm rains lasting nearly two weeks have covered the entire western division of the forest. The snow was reduced rapidly and others state that they never knew the roads and trails to be more boggy. At both construction camps on the Five Mile fence, complaint was made of the difficulty encountered in moving supplies and fence material. Wagons were displaced by packed animals but trouble was still experienced. All the creeks are carrying good sized streams of water but in this region, owing to the fact that all of the Gurdane district is densely timbered, there are no floods nor erosion. All of the streams are clear.

Archie McCampbell, government hunter, has established headquarters in the Gurdane district where he is learning the country, putting out traps and preparing for a quiet season. Mr. McCampbell is quite a successful hunter and trapper and we are glad to welcome him. For the month of April he ranked second highest in number of cats and coyotes taken in the biology survey district embracing Oregon and Washington.

The range in the lower altitudes is reported to be the best in years. Reports from the North Fork of the John Day are especially good. In the higher elevations the season is late but the prospects are excellent.

Bob Cullick, cattle man of Lena, brought a wagon load of salt to the Five Mile range. To dodge the soft mud he attempted to return home by way of Arbuckle but found the road to be blocked with snow. He returned home by way of Ellis ranger station and Matlock hill.

A person visiting the construction camps on the Five Mile fence project would get the impression that wimpus, boogiehugs and sidewall gougers were to be seen and heard in the pole jungles and around the swampy meadows in the vicinities of Matlock prairies and Squaw Flat. They are reported to be coming much more aggressive as evening approaches. During and immediately after heavy rains while the ground is soft and miry the boogie-hug hunt with great persistency in hopes of finding a victim mud-bound. The sidewall gougers are supplied with three short legs and three long legs which adopt them to sidewall locomotion. A man pursued by a sidewall gouger should make a dash for level ground. But in his haste he must remember to steer clear of mud holes where he might bog down and fall a victim to the crushing embrace of a boogie-hug. At all times he should keep a sharp "weather eye" lest he should be impaled upon a long barbed, spear-like tail and be borne away by a swift-winged wimpus of the air.

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE with your camp fire. PUT IT OUT.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS for POSTMASTER, Government Clerk, Railway Mail Men, women, 18 to 65. For free particulars, write Raymond Terry (former Civil Service Examiner), 100 Continental Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Pat Foley, owner of Hotel Patrick, is up from The Dalles this week. Mr. Foley also runs the leading hotel in his home city.

The "Mayor" of Cecil has returned, thanks to the efforts of his patient, kindly and sure-footed quadruped on which he was mounted. The peaceful valley was aroused from its slumbers by the riding of the "Village Constable John" on a goat. Where can our "Deputy Mayor" be during these troublesome times?

## Farm Help Available.

An opportunity to get farm help from the list of disabled ex-service men is now open to the Oregon farmer. The men are being educated by the government and are required to take farm experience in practical farm work along the lines of their specialties—horticulture, farm crops, dairy, animal and poultry husbandry, and general farming. Since wages are paid by the government the farmers getting the men have to provide only board and room, together with the opportunity to get real training in their specialties. Some farmers find it profitable to pay a bonus for high quality work. Farmers wanting this help may write to J. Ivan Stewart, supervising officer of the federal board at Corvallis.

C. Melville, farmer of the north Sand Hollow section, was doing business in Heppner today. He reports a fine outlook for the crops in his part of the country.

Mrs. Julia Mettler, of La Grande, spent Saturday and Sunday in Heppner, visiting with friends and old-time acquaintances. She returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Jones and daughter, Miss Stella, arrived from Portland on Saturday to participate in the Decoration Day services and to make a short visit with friends here.

Egbert Young was an Eight Mile farmer in Heppner on Monday. Mr. Young is looking forward to an abundant wheat harvest this season and renders a fine report regarding growing crops in the Eight Mile wheat belt.

## DECORATION DAY IS FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Many Take Part in Parade and March to Cemetery—School Children and Pruders Are in Line—Soldier Dead Are Honored.

Decoration Day was very fittingly observed at Heppner. The largest gathering of citizens that ever came together in the city for that purpose joined with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps, and at 9:30 a. m. a parade was formed at the fair grounds which reached past several blocks. This was headed by the few remaining Grand Army veterans in autos and escorted by soldiers and sailors of the world war, members of the American Legion, and followed by the members of the Relief Corps, also in autos. Some 300 school children, each bearing a flag, was a striking feature in the parade, and then there was a fine showing by the fraternal orders of the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Odd Fellows and Elks. The procession marched to the cemetery, where the beautiful memorial service of the Women's Relief Corps was held about the monument erected and dedicated by that order to the unknown dead of past wars.

The Boy Scouts also held an impressive decoration service about the grave of one of their departed, and the members of the Knights of Pythias also held their beautiful memorial service which was quite impressively delivered. It is worthy of note that there was an almost universal decoration of the graves at the cemetery; all graves of soldiers and members of the orders of Elks, I. O. F. and Knights of Pythias being especially marked and flowers laid thereon.

Returning to the fair pavilion the further program of the day was carried out. The main feature of this was the address of Hon. J. D. Stevens of Portland. The speaker, a Grand Army veteran, held the audience in close attention for an hour and delivered an oration highly patriotic and instructive. The strong plea was made for the proper observance of Memorial Day, the speaker urging that this be a day sacred and apart from the usual avocations and pleasures and one that is held sacred by all regardless of creed or politics, that the nation's dead may be properly honored. In fact, the speaker stated, a movement is now under way to have all sports on that day prohibited by legislative enactment. He was gratified to note the splendid interest taken in the day by Heppner's citizens and hoped to see this interest grow.

The Boy Scouts were presented with a beautiful flag, the gift to them by the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps. Mrs. D. E. Gilman making the presentation address which was beautiful and impressive. This was responded to by W. O. Livingston, scout master, and it is sure the gift is greatly appreciated by the Boy Scouts.

The program was arranged and the day's exercises under the supervision of the Women's Relief Corps, and their president expressed their sincere appreciation of the splendid manner in which all responded. All business houses of the city closed for the day, and there was a general and genuine spirit of honor to our departed dead prevailing.

## Many Things Happen in Movies—Not in Script

In the fight between Roy Stewart, as Bob Burns, and Harry Dean Stanton, as Villain, newest drama of Western life, "The Lone Hand" at the Star theater Monday and Tuesday, June 6 and 7, "The Lone Hand" star unintentionally scored a real knockout.

The two men had been fighting in a lonely desert cabin when the villain launched a final thrust. Stewart waited and an upward swing from the hip caught the villain flush in the face. Down he went, blood spurting from his nose, and although this was not in the script, the director was thoroughly satisfied. In fact, all were contented, with the exception of Van Meter.

## Umatilla County Grains Approve

When the National Grain Growers committee was in the west U. L. Purdick, a member of the committee, visited Pendleton, talked the matter over with a number of banks and two of the banks issued letters stating that they could conceive in no way in which the Oregon Grain Growers contract could affect a farmers relation with the bankers. These letters have been reported at various meetings. A careful canvass of the situation has failed to reveal that any Umatilla banker has in any way opposed the Oregon Grain Grower. Many of them state that it is a first class thing and will really improve the farmer's credit with their institution.

## Oregon Wool Growers Offer to Advance Money

A letter from the management of the Oregon Wool Growers states that they are prepared to advance to their members as much as a dollar per fleece on an average quality of wool. The organization is practically on top and is making satisfactory progress. We believe that any farmer who is having difficulty to obtain some money on his wool clips should get property investigated this, as we believe them to be a reliable firm.

## Sign-Up Campaign Continues

The Oregon Grain Growers are pushing their campaign at the present time in Umatilla county, as well as in Washington and Clackamas counties, also in the Willamette valley. At the present time there are 2,911,158 bushels signed up, almost an even four million. Of this Morrow county has 1,025,185 bushels. We are still on the long end of the double tree.