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C. E. Woodson of Heppner, who, with Frank Sloan of Stanfield, organized 24 other members in the lower house against a property tax for the 1925 exposition, is registered at the Imperial. These two representatives expected that the Portland fair committee would arrive with strong organization to advocate the property tax idea, so they conceived the idea of gathering into one fold such members as might prefer some other plan of finance. With this object they started circulating a petition and within a few hours had a majority of the house members pledged. They were astonished when they discovered that they had the whip hand when all they had looked for was a small but cohesive minority. Thereafter they merely waited for the property tax advocate to begin operations, but this plan was abandoned before being put to the test.—Oregonian.

This states the facts about right, Mr. Woodson informs us, with the exception of the item referring to the members first signing. There were 34 instead of 24, and the number was increased to 43 before those preparing to present a bill for a property tax abandoned the idea.

Birth of a New County

The following is taken from an editorial in the Arlington Bulletin of December 16th:

"There are a number of big things to be done, namely, organizing the north end of Gilliam and Morrow counties into a new county with harmonious interests."

Webster defines harmonious as being agreeable, symmetrical, symphonious and concordant. If Arlington and Boardman can not be all of that we feel that Webster lived in vain. We should like to expand with this idea. Baker and Pendleton are planning on dividing the state. We should like to ask Arlington if it could be "symphonious" with the capital of this new state located at Boardman, being fully "symmetrical" with the county seat at Arlington. With the past display of unwashed political linen we feel we have a right to ask for this new capital, situated as we are on the banks of the mighty Columbia and at our very door, the Mother Lode of Soapstone. If this has a discordant note may we suggest that we make it concordant by

locating both capital and county seat at the mouth of Six Mile canyon. Heppner please take notice.—Boardman Mirror.

Slat's Diary

By BOSS PARQUHAR

Friday—Jake & me lost pritty near all are breths getting home tonite. they is a kid down town witch is very short tempered & he got mad at me & Jake for calling him Tarzan. pa told me that the men fokes has so much more wark to do than the wimmen fokes has ma sed Mebb by so but the wimmen fokes Does more wark than the men.

Saturday—I had to laff at pa this afternoon. he slept and fell down on the side walk down town. but I laffed in sekret for I new he was provoked. ma sed Whats the matter did you fall down & he replied & sed No I didden fall I am just lying down here to kinda cool off and rest up. It was cold as ice to. he didden tawk much enny more.

Sunday—I am glad they cant lick you in Sunday skool or if they did I wood of got a plenty today. just for leaving a bended pin on the seat where Art set down. how did I no he wood set on it. The teacher just fassened her eyes on me & I cudden get them off of me.

Monday—Went to a nother party tonite & had a good time xcept Ted & Jane got pritty thick with each other. Ted is all ways saying funny joaks witch makes a hit with silly headed girls like Jane is & lots of others to. I cud say joaks to only I cant never think of them.

Tuesday—Saw Jane today at skool & she tride to be akting frendly to me but I up & told her I sed I aint nobuddys fool. & she sed back Well I gess nobuddy wants you. I dont no what she ment. But it made me sore.

Wednesday—I herd pa a arguing with mr. Gillem tonite. Mr. Gillem sed a womans place is in the home where she shud ought to be. pa sed no siece a woman has got a rite to wark & she is intitled to a mans wages. I no he thinks thataway because ma gets all hissen evry Sat. nite. Or else they is a lot of trubbel over Sunday.

Thursday—went to the stoar to reple to a ad for a delivry boy soze I cud get sum money ernt for Christmas. the boss sed I must have my shews shined up & my hare cut & two \$ in change. believe me if I had two \$ and all the other fixings I woodent need a ole job. ennyway I didden xcept the posishun.

Why Farmer's Bloc?

Just now there seems to be much discussion both for and against the formation of the so-called farmer's bloc in Congress. As touching this question, the following from Senator Capper, of Kansas, a man who is perhaps just a little better able to

speak on the subject than any other one national legislator, is to the point:

"The agricultural bloc came into being as a natural result of the situation existing among the farmers of the country and will dissolve itself into thin air immediately that situation is solved.

"The group was not a defiance of anything or anybody, but was merely for the purpose of seeing that the farmers got what was due them. The farming industry was in a state of absolute collapse at the present time. Farms capable of producing thirty-two billions of new wealth annually are in the very worst possible shape. Both young and old men are getting away from the soil to go to the cities, and those who stay behind cannot afford to buy seeds, tools, etc. Neither can they afford to pay the present wages demanded by farm help. These conditions resulted in a tacit understanding among senators from the West and South, both republicans and democrats, to do everything in their power to relieve the farmer.

"The American farmer today is the only business man in the world who always sells at wholesale and who always buys at retail.

"It was not the agricultural bloc which put over the emergency tariff measure but another group. Senators who thought alike on any given question were warranted in getting together and working as a unit. New England manufacturers, New York bankers, and other industries take similar means of obtaining desired legislation in congress."

"The custom has so long been the sole property of the populous East, that they cannot realize that it is proper for the farmers of the West and South to get what they want by standing together. The fact is, the farmers the country over are being brought to realize that they have a lot to gain in the way of getting things over in congress by standing together, and the lesson is being largely gained through the work of the Farm Bureau organization; this is now becoming so strong that the farmers can get proper recognition when matters pertaining to their welfare are put up to the national legislative body.

"The 1925 fair tax proposition was passed by the legislature in the form of a gasoline tax, but it is a question now as to whether the action will be sustained by the supreme court. President Roy Ritner of the senate, upon the advice of the Attorney-General, refuses to sign the measure, owing to the fact that there was not the sufficient sixteen votes required by the constitution to pass a measure in the senate—fifteen votes having been cast in its favor to fourteen against. The question will go up to the supreme court for settlement, and it is the opinion of Representative Woodson of this city that the action of President Ritner will be upheld. It was shown very conclusively by the attitude of the senators and representatives that there was no particular opposition to the holding

of an exposition in 1925, because it is generally recognized that it will be a good thing. It was also quite clearly manifest that the state at large thinks the city that will receive the greatest benefit, should also bear the largest share of the burden of financing the proposition. Should the supreme court uphold the action of President Ritner, it will then be up to Portland to get the fair proposition on the ballot by petition at the regular election next fall.

We wish all and every of our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We thank you and the business men of Heppner and vicinity for the very liberal patronage you have extended us through the year 1921 and promise to merit a continuance of the same for 1922.

The past year has been a pretty strenuous one for the business and industrial affairs of Morrow county. So much depends here on the success of the farmer and stockman, and these two lines of endeavor have been hard hit during 1921; their labor has been profitless to a very large extent and the heavy slump in wheat has effected every class. We are optimistic, however, and look forward to the new year with brighter hopes. There has been in more recent days a better price and demand for the wool and sheep, and the present indications are for an improvement in wheat prices. Morrow county will come back, and rapidly, too, when there is the least possible inducement. We have been "up against it" before and weathered the storm, and everyone is going forward, facing the new year with a faith that all will be well. We will forget quite soon the trials of the past and prepare ourselves to enjoy the same prosperity that is awaiting us. Thus we bid farewell to 1921.

Heppner passed a joyous and happy Christmas. The greatest factor, perhaps, in this joy was the giving to others, and we are glad to note that those who are in dire need seemed to be uppermost in the minds of our people. Generous gifts were made to those of our own community, and then the suffering ones in the New East and other lands were thought of, and many generous offerings taken to help in the work of caring for these. Churches, Sunday Schools, lodges and various other organizations have joined in this work, and there will be a fine sum go out from Heppner to help the sufferers in other lands.

Will Take Up Farming at Irtigon. C. L. Freeman, who has been head clerk in Minor and Co. store here for the past four years, has resigned, and right after the first of the year he will move with his family to Irtigon, where in company with Oscar Otto, he will go on a 48-acre tract of good irrigated land and begin the business of raising alfalfa, poultry, bees and milking dairy cows. Mr. Freeman has had some experience along these lines in the past and the venture will not be new to him. Mr. Otto is also a very handy man around a garden and ranch, so the new partnership will have no trouble in making good. The tract is about three miles below the town of Irtigon, is good deep soil, free from sage brush and lies along the river and can all be covered by irrigation. The friends of Messrs. Freeman and Otto wish them success in their new field.

FEDERATED CHURCH. There will be preaching on January 1, 1922 at 11 a. m. and also at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor: Junior at 5 p. m.; Senior at 6:30. E. L. MOORE, Pastor.

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First National Bank. A Thought on the New Year. In sincerity, the Directors and Officers of the First National Bank have devoted their time, thought and money to make this institution a true servant of the people. They feel gratified in the confidence and loyalty expressed by the people. 1922 is another year, and we shall continue to serve the people in the best way we know. Our desire is that you give us the opportunity to prove to you the usefulness of our service and equipment during the coming year. Phone 53