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\$50,000 RANCH DEAL RESULTS IN ARREST

D. A. Watson Is In Jail For Passing Bogus Checks.

BIG SUMS INVOLVED

Deposits \$24,000 Check on Modesto, Cal., Bank With First National Here.

Heppner experienced a deal in high financing this week which elated her for awhile, then when its true color was revealed, filled her with remorse and consternation. As a result one D. A. Watson, 75 years of age, late of Modesto, Cal., has fallen within the clutches of the law and will be given a chance to explain to the jury the meaning of it all.

Watson Is Fraud.

In the course of the deal, to show that he was acting in good faith, Watson went to the First National bank of this city and deposited a check for \$24,000 drawn on a Modesto bank. He then wrote Mr. Henriksen a check for \$6,000 on the First National bank to hold the deal, and after passing of several other checks, he departed, so he asserted, on a hurry-up business trip to Condon.

When the First National bank communicated with the Modesto bank regarding the rating of Mr. Watson, they reported him to be a fraud. Immediately a net was set for him and he was located Monday at Pendleton, where, it was learned later, he passed off a number of checks on the bank here. From Pendleton he went east, and was next heard from Tuesday when a Huntington bank wired the Modesto bank if Mr. Watson's check for \$6,000 would be honored. The Modesto bank replied that he was a fraud and was wanted by the authorities at Huntington. The Huntington bank also notified the First National here that Watson was at Huntington, and the First National immediately swore out a warrant for his arrest and had him taken into custody there.

Deal Looked Good.

Mr. Minor and Mr. Henriksen were both considerably disappointed with the outcome of the deal, for if it had been as represented it would have been a boost to them and to the county as well.

Watson was to have paid for the ranch in cash, take immediate possession, and then he was going to expand between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for purchased cattle with which to stock it. He declared, and had good evidence to support his declaration, says Mr. Minor, that he had just disposed of a big tract of land in California and after looking all over Montana and Idaho for a place to locate, had decided that the Hamilton ranch was the best proposition that he had come across.

He looked and acted like a man with business judgment, declared Mr. Minor, and there was nothing to lead one to believe that he wasn't perfectly alright. There was only one thing in the whole deal which seemed out of the way to Mr. Minor. When it was suggested that they have a lawyer draw up the contract, Watson told Minor to go ahead and fix it up himself and it would be alright with

Heppner High School Rated As First Class

Prof. E. F. Carlton, U. of O. Recommends H. H. S. Be Admitted to Northwest Association.

The Heppner school board has just been notified by E. F. Carlton, Oregon representative of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools, that the Heppner High School meets the standards required by that association and that he has accordingly recommended that it be admitted to membership.

The standards of this association are quite high as is shown by the fact that out of the 255 standard four year high schools in this state only 29 have so far been able to meet the requirements. Approximately 50 measurements are taken which may be grouped as follows:

- (1) In general size of city, number of pupils, size of classes and work required for graduation.
- (2) Teachers, their preparation for the work, character and amount of work done.
- (3) Organization of the school, character and nature of.
- (4) Efficiency of instruction, moral and intellectual tone of the school.
- (5) Building, character and condition of, equipment, library, laboratories, etc.

For a number of years Heppner has had a standard four year high school, fully accredited by the state department and the colleges and universities of the state. The new standardization by the Northwest Association will give the school full recognition in other states and enable its graduates, so long as she holds this rating, to be accepted in the colleges and universities of other states without question.

CASE HEARD IN JUSTICE COURT.

The trial of the damage suit of John Kelly vs. Neal White was heard in the justice court here on Tuesday. Kelly was suing White for the value of 19 head of sheep, alleged to have been killed by White a year ago last fall, when the latter drove into a band of Kelly's sheep parked by herders on the main road out of Lexington and near the farm of Otto Rubl. The case had been pending settlement for some time, and finally came to an issue here, and was heard yesterday before a jury. C. L. Sweek appearing as attorney for the defendant. Kelly was suing White for the value of 19 head of sheep, alleged to have been killed by White a year ago last fall, when the latter drove into a band of Kelly's sheep parked by herders on the main road out of Lexington and near the farm of Otto Rubl. The case had been pending settlement for some time, and finally came to an issue here, and was heard yesterday before a jury. C. L. Sweek appearing as attorney for the defendant. Kelly was suing White for the value of 19 head of sheep, alleged to have been killed by White a year ago last fall, when the latter drove into a band of Kelly's sheep parked by herders on the main road out of Lexington and near the farm of Otto Rubl. The case had been pending settlement for some time, and finally came to an issue here, and was heard yesterday before a jury. C. L. Sweek appearing as attorney for the defendant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Minner were lone people visiting in this city on Tuesday.

Mr. Minor said he did this and when Watson looked it over he suggested a change here and there, as any business man would, and then agreed to it. The thing which struck Mr. Minor as being odd was his somewhat loose manner in this regard.

Watson had an automobile and chauffeur who drove him over the country. The chauffeur he picked up at Cascade Locks. He was a telegraph operator and was having a vacation at the time he fell in with Watson. Having proved his innocence of being connected with any of Watson's transactions he was turned loose. He was loser somewhat on a number of checks which Watson used to pay him.

Sheriff McDuffee left Tuesday night for Pendleton, going to Baker Tuesday morning. Mr. Watson was being held, and returned with him last night. Watson is now in jail awaiting trial.

Watson is an elderly man 75 years of age, and single, according to his statement. Authorities say he appears to be perfectly sane.

THE GREAT NATIONAL GAME



Monument Young Man Is Spotted Fever Victim

On Monday last occurred the death of Lyman Dewey Swick of Monument, Grant county, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Swick.

About three weeks ago Dewey was presumably bitten by a poisonous tick which caused a severe attack of spotted fever. He was rushed at once to a competent physician who was in attendance frequently during his illness but a complication of asthma developed which caused uncontrollable choking and a septic sore throat. Since last Friday he had been dangerously ill and Dr. Delnat of Prairie City was called in consultation but every effort to save his life seemed in vain.

At the time of his death he was 25 years, 8 months and 9 days of age, just in the prime of manhood and a very successful stockman.

He was very popular with both old and young which was plainly manifested by the large concourse of friends who were in attendance at the funeral.

Dewey leaves to mourn him besides his friends and relatives of Monument, John Day and Heppner, a broken hearted mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Swick, and one brother, Wm. Howard Swick of Monument.

The family of four were very happy on their large stock ranch, but now the vacancy is too large to be filled by anyone. In this sad loss the family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Stockholders of Hotel Heppner Hold Meeting

There was a meeting of the stockholders of Hotel Heppner on Tuesday afternoon last at the office of the secretary, C. L. Sweek.

The meeting had been called for the purpose of making some disposition of the property and there was a fair majority of stock present and voting.

After considerable discussion of the present status of the company, and the hearing of a proposition for taking over the property made by the present lessee, Mr. Bell, it was voted to place the disposition of the property in the hands of the board of directors with instructions to sell the property to Mr. Bell, or to anyone else on the best terms obtainable following which the corporation will be dissolved and go out of business.

WILL RUN FOR SHERIFF.

Frank Lieuallen of this city has decided to enter the race for sheriff on the democratic ticket. He came to this conclusion a little too late to get his name printed on the official ballot, hence he is asking the democrats of the county, when they go to the polls to vote on the 16th, to write in his name for that place, and he says that if nominated, he will make the race and do his utmost to win out in the fall election. Mr. Lieuallen has followed farming and ranching in Morrow county for a good many years, and but just recently retired from that line of endeavor. He is a native of Umattilla county and comes from pioneer stock and is well thought of by his friends and neighbors and should be able to carry his party strength in the race for the important office of sheriff.

MORROW-GILLIAM COUNTY BASE-BALL LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Ione	2	1	.666
Condon	2	1	.666
Heppner	1	2	.333
Arlington	0	3	.000

LAST SUNDAY'S SCORES.

At Condon 15, Heppner 6.

At Ione 4, Arlington 3.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PLAY.

Condon at Heppner.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barratt arrived home on Tuesday from Portland. They have been absent for the past three weeks and during that time toured much of the Willamette and Rogue River valleys.

Mr. Barratt attended a meeting of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Albany, the unveiling of the monument, "The Circuit Rider," at Salem, and the past week taking in the dedication ceremonies of the Robert A. Booth bridge at Winchester in Douglas county. There was a splendid group of people at the bridge dedication and the ceremonies passed off in a successful manner. Mr. and Mrs. Barratt traveled some 1300 miles while on the trip.

Earl W. Gordon has accepted a position with Patterson & Son, druggists, in this city and began with them this morning. He has been in the drug store of Dr. Donnelly, Mrs. Gordon is expected to join her husband by the first of the coming week.

Earl began his career as a druggist in the Patterson store in this city and he is glad to be back among old friends again. Vern Sage, who has been with Patterson and Son since about the middle of December, will seek labor in another field, possibly going to California.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mahoney of Portland have been the guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney in this city. D. J. is the eldest of the Mahoney brothers and though a resident of Portland for some years this is his first visit to Heppner. Mr. Mahoney is a traveling salesman and has been engaged in this line of work since he was a lad of seventeen. He represents the big wholesale merchandise firm of Butler Bros., of Chicago, and while visiting in this city is looking up business for his company.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Barlow are in town today from their home on Rhen creek. Mrs. Barlow returned home recently from Oregon City, where she had been for a few days, accompanying her daughter, Mrs. Shunk, to her home in that city. Frosts have done a lot of injury to strawberries and some other small fruit crops about here, says Mrs. Barlow, and the need of rain is being felt very badly in the Willamette valley as well as in the Eastern Oregon country.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marquart who reside out north of Lexington, were in Heppner Saturday. Mr. Marquart was not complaining about the crop outlook, but like all our farmers from out that way, he would be pleased to have some good showers of rain; the anxiety would be thus relieved. The grain has come very thick this season and a few days of northwest wind soon has a serious effect, especially where the ground is shallow.

L. E. Van Marter has again taken charge of the store of the Peoples Hardware Company in this city, succeeding Johnnie Hlatt, who resigned recently to go into business for himself. Mr. Van Marter, who has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business for the past year or so, was formerly manager of the hardware company and this work is not new to him.

Joseph Eskelson was in this city a short time Tuesday, making this a pleasant call. He arrived at Lexington on Sunday from his home in Salem for a short visit with members of his family in this county. He states that the Salem country was hit with heavy frosts during the past couple of weeks, and much damage to early fruit has resulted.

Wallace Jones of Creswell, Oregon, has accepted the pastorate of the Christian church at Lexington and is expected to begin his labors with the church there on the second Sunday in May. He is a graduate of the Eugene Bible University.

Anniversary Program Is Enjoyed by Oddfellows

In commemoration of the 105th anniversary of the founding of the order of Odd Fellows, Willow Lodge No. 66 of this city was host on Saturday evening to the members of the sister lodges of the county, and all branches of Oddfellowship represented here were gathered together in large numbers at the hall on this occasion.

There was an extensive program that was greatly enjoyed. Various lodges of the county contributed numbers, and a feature that was greatly enjoyed was the male quartet from the Pilot Rock lodge, this company coming "loaded" and rendering numerous fine selections that delighted everyone that heard them. There were some 150 members of the subordinate lodges and Rebekahs of the county, and after listening to the splendid program, light refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee was served and then a social time was had, in which the assemblage participated until after midnight. It was pronounced one of the best times the lodge in this city ever had.

The program was carried out as follows: Anniversary ritual. Vocal solo. Edna Vaughn. Address of welcome. S. E. Nelson. Selections, male quartet. Pilot Rock. Vocal duet, two members of quartet address, "Three Links, Past Present and Future." Rev. W. W. Head, Ione.

Piano solo. Miss Lee, Lexington. Swiss yodeling. Miss Roy, Pilot Rock. Selections. Male quartet. Each number on this program was first class and there were many responses to the hearty encore.

Arlington Battles Ione

Close Game; Score 4-3

With several new men in their line-up Arlington played Ione to a stand-still on the Egg City diamond Sunday. Ione edged their opponents in the ninth quarter, with the count 4-3. Ione still remains undefeated. They will play Arlington again next Sunday at Arlington.

SMOKER AT LEXINGTON.

On Saturday evening, May 10, a smoker will be staged at the Lexington gym for the benefit of the building fund. This smoker will be the best one of the season and there will be two main events staged. Harold Ahalt of Ione will take on Joe Blackwell of Heppner, men Burt Wright of Lexington and Ray Dempsey of Boardman will have another go, they having fought to a draw out at Boardman recently. The bout between Ahalt and Blackwell will be six 2-minute rounds. The admission charges for the smoker will be 25, 50 and 75 cents and the entertainment will be worth the money.

TO HOLD JOINT INITIATION.

At the regular meeting of Klan No. 33, Lexington, to be held on next Monday night, there will be joint initiation of both men and women at the Klan hall. The women have just recently been organized and new members are to be taken in at this joint meeting on Monday evening. The ceremonies will be followed by a good social time and refreshments. This occasion will also be in the nature of an anniversary celebration, it being just a year since the Morrow county Klan was instituted and it also being the anniversary of the national organization.

ATTENTION MASONS.

A regular communication of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., will be held Saturday evening, May 3rd. A full attendance of members is requested. Visiting brethren are made to feel at home. By order of the W. M., L. W. BRIGGS, Secretary.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONGRESS JUNE 3-5

Portland to Be Scene of Anti-Saloon League Gathering.

A "Council of War" in which moral forces of the Northwest will join to lay plans for an intensive campaign against violation and non-enforcement of the Prohibition laws has been called by the Anti-Saloon League of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, for June 3-4-5 in Portland.

A "Committee of One Thousand" is being organized to insure the success of this citizen's law enforcement congress and several nationally known speakers have already accepted places on the program. It is announced. In addition will be a number of outstanding figures of the Northwest.

In a letter to W. J. Herwig, Superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, Governor Walter M. Pierce pledges the congress his support, declaring "something must be done to arouse the citizens or the enemy of Prohibition in this territory will be in control. Dishonest officials and lax law enforcement today threaten the future of our civilization, the most perfect that man has ever developed. I find that apathy and indifference of our own people in the enforcement of the Prohibition Laws a severe handicap," he says. "Time for action is at hand and the time is ripe for a mighty movement for a vigorous enforcement of all laws. I will be pleased to do anything in my power to make this Congress a success. Let us make this Congress so great and so effective that there can be no mistake as to the sentiment, purpose and determination of the moral forces in the obedience to and the enforcement of our Prohibition Statutes."

A great law enforcement rally planned for Municipal Auditorium the evening of June 1 will provide the climax for the Congress. Governor Pat Neff of Texas is scheduled as the principal speaker of the evening and additional delegates from all parts of the northwest will join in the final meeting.

Other speakers now obtained for the three day series of meetings are "Pussyfoot" Johnson, world renowned reformer, journalist, author and globe trotter who, his supporters affirm, "lost an eye which will make England dry"; Dr. F. Scott McBride of Chicago, newly elected superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, and Dr. A. E. Cooke, the fighting parson of Vancouver, B. C. Dr. Cooke's subject will be "How Regulation and Control of the Liquor Traffic Does Not Work in British Columbia."

A survey of the benefits of Prohibition in the Northwest is nearing completion and will be presented to the Congress. This review of the dry law results in the three states is given by leaders of the Congress as the first object of the gathering. Other purposes they announce as follows:

Second: "To create a stronger sentiment for obedience to law; to make it unpopular for citizens to violate the Constitution of the land; to brand those who patronize bootleggers as criminals equally guilty with the bootlegger; to give attention to a more intense fidelity to all law, especially the Prohibition Statutes, as the only sane foundation of genuine patriotism, high morality and true citizenship."

Third: "To awaken and unite all moral forces in an aggressive and effective campaign for the enforcement of the Prohibition Statutes, by supporting and encouraging all faithful officers who are doing their duty and by the use of office all who fail to effectively enforce the Prohibition Laws."

Prohibition leaders declare the calling together of all moral forces in the Northwest states is "in recognition of the tremendous propaganda which is being carried on to nullify Prohibition and discredit the law."

The three Anti-Saloon Leagues have invited all organizations interested in law and order, churches, local, county and state W. C. T. U., Young People's Societies, Adult Bible classes to send delegates. Membership in the "Committee of One Thousand" will embrace citizens from throughout the three states. The initiation fee of \$2 will be used in defraying expenses of the Congress.

All sessions of the Congress, except the closing rally, are scheduled for White Temple, beginning Tuesday, June 3, at 7:30 p. m. Meetings will be held all day Wednesday and Thursday, ending with the Thursday night rally.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Lord's Day, May 4, 1924.

Give your soul, and God a chance to co-operate—go to church next Lord's Day. Our doors are wide open for all who wish to come. Communion and preaching at 11 o'clock, subject of the morning sermon, "What the Scriptures Teach About Foot Washing." The Christian Endeavorers hold their meeting at 7 o'clock, the subject being, "Christ's Temptation and Ours," and the leader is Jim Stout. Shall we look for you? Evening preaching service at 8 o'clock, subject, "Is Anger Christian?" We shall be delighted to have you worship with us.

LIVINGSTONE.

Mrs. Devine of the Needlecraft Shop has purchased the hemstitching machine of Mrs. C. C. Patterson and takes immediate possession of the same. She is now prepared to do all work in this line.

HEMSTITCHING.

Mrs. Bessie Thompson of Echo was called to Heppner on Thursday last by the very serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Francis Gordon, and has been in constant attendance at the bedside of her mother since. Mrs. Gordon is still very low and there is no hope held out for her recovery.

Students Raise Money For A Student Union

Long Felt Want at University of Oregon To Be Cared For by \$219,087 in Pledges.

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 30.—(Special.)—In a campaign lasting only three days, the students on the campus at the University of Oregon at Eugene raised more than \$200,000 to build a student union as their part of the University's \$5,000,000 gift campaign. Their total subscription amounted to \$219,087, most of them pledging \$100, payable over a ten-year period. Many of the dormitories and living organizations pledged one hundred per cent of their membership.

The student union is to provide a center for the social life and student organizations on the campus. It will contain offices for the student officials and the graduate manager, committee rooms, a dining room, reading rooms, and social rooms. The University of Oregon student body has grown so large that it is necessary to have some such center for a common meeting ground for students from all parts of the campus.

A number of other universities throughout the country have built student unions which have proved most successful. The student campaign sets a record for quick campaigning and is a challenge to the alumni of the University who are seeking to raise \$1,000,000 among themselves during the month of May, and to the people of the rest of the state who will have opportunity to make contributions to the Gift Campaign next fall.

The citizens of Eugene have offered to erect a \$500,000 auditorium as their part of the program, and the alumni have undertaken to provide an adequate library building, a memorial court in honor of the forty-seven University of Oregon men who died in the world war, and a men's gymnasium.

The \$5,000,000 gift campaign has been made necessary because the University is determined to keep its standards of instruction high despite increasing enrollment. This policy of giving Oregon students the best possible education has required that practically all of the University's income be spent on instruction, leaving scant margin for building purposes. The \$5,000,000 building program will provide all it is necessary in addition to the plant of the University that are required for the next five years' growth.

BOY IS BURNED WITH POWDER.

Earl Hootman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hootman, was severely burned by a powder explosion on Wednesday evening. With some other boys on the way home from school, one lad produced a tobacco can in which there was some black powder, and the suggestion was made that they "blow it off." A match was applied, but the powder failed to explode, and curious to know what the trouble was, Earl took a look at the can just as the explosion occurred. The result was a very badly burned face and he is now wearing a false face of cotton and gauze while his injuries heal. Following the explosion, the other lads immediately skipped out, leaving Earl to his fate. He rushed into the house of Henry Schwarz near by, and Mrs. Schwarz and Mrs. Kennedy ministered to his injuries, and the lad was taken to the doctor's office. One eye is swelled shut, but it is thought that all injuries to the boy's eyes are not serious.

Oregon breeders of pure bred sheep are marking their lambs with ear tags this month before they are too large to identify. Properly kept breeding records save much time in making out the registration papers. Permanent and regularly devised breeding records can be obtained from any good farm record book, according to H. D. Scudder, professor of farm management at the college.

DATE OF SCHOOL PLAY SET AHEAD A WEEK

Is it possible to tell the absolute truth—even for twenty-four hours? It is—at least Bob Bennett, the hero of "Nothing But The Truth," accomplished the feat. The bet he made with his business partners, and the trouble he got into—with his partners, his friends, and his fiancée—is the subject of the high school play to be given at the Star theater, Wednesday, May 14. The date was changed from May 7 to this time in order that more thorough preparation could be made for its presentation, and the managers assure all lovers of drama a treat on this occasion.

The cast of characters follows: Robert Bennett—Carl Canon. E. M. Ralston—Clarence Carmichael. Dick Donnelly—Reid Bausick. Clarence Van Dusen—Guy Hall. Bishop Doran—Bruce Spalding. Gwendolyn Ralston—Bernice Woodson. Mrs. E. M. Ralston—Fay Ritchie. Ethel Clark—Viola. Ethel Clark—Mable Jackson. Elaine Sigbee—Sable Jackson. Kathleen Mahoney—Martha. Dorothea Anderson.

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Announcement

To the Voters of Morrow County, Oregon:

The time has expired for the announcement of candidates for county offices and no one has announced for the office of County School Superintendent.

I am a duly registered member of the Republican party; I have all the requirements prescribed by law for the office of County School Superintendent; I have taught in Morrow County for four years, three years at Lexington and one year as principal of the Hardman school.

I am married and have a family of two boys, and my husband is teaching with me.

If the voters of Morrow County will write in my name on the Primary Ballot as Candidate for County School Superintendent and I am nominated I will accept the nomination and if elected, I will qualify and give my best efforts during my term of office to the schools of Morrow County.

HELEN M. WALKER.

Dated this 30th day of April, 1924.

For County Superintendent of Schools X Helen M. Walker

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