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Ione 3, Condon 2

Ione base ball team takes opener from Condon in a close game that was featured with many plays that would look well in a late season game. A large crowd from Heppner, Lexington and the country were in attendance and were treated to a good afternoon sport. The game was played in the usual friendly contest that is always shown between Condon and Ione and the umpiring of VanMarter and Blake was approved by the fans.

While Roche was obliged to pitch the game with a lame arm, he showed his old time skill by striking out 11 Condon batters, getting 3 strike-outs against "the Arlington was horse, big Bill Josephson." Clow of Condon was not so fortunate, having but 5 strike-outs. Ione batters pounded the ball with ease but met strong opposition in Condon fielders, Roche and Lewis each making long drives, only to be caught out by exceptional fielding.

Boardman comes to Ione next Sunday and think they can repeat the trick they played at Boardman last year. We have the best balanced team that Ione has ever put out and with the reserve players on hand, will be able to entertain the fans with some real games.

A move is now underway to form a four team league with Condon, Heppner, Boardman and Ione. The matter is now up to Heppner and if they can put out a team, the league will open Sunday with Boardman at Ione and Heppner at Condon. The intention is to arrange a schedule so that Ione will not play at home on a date when Heppner has a game and for Heppner to play at Condon or Boardman when Ione plays at home.

Come out and help Ione win the pennant.

Morgan Institutes Rebekah Lodge

A delegation of 38 people went down to Morgan from Ione Monday night, March 31, the occasion being the instituting of a Rebekah Lodge at Morgan. Mrs. Etta Bristow was the appointed instituting officer with sisters Mary Swanson, Lena Lundell and Verda Ritchie assisting.

The new lodge will be hailed as Sapphire Rebekah Lodge No. 163. The following officers were installed:

N. G.—Lilly Morgan.
V. G.—Lucy Harbison.
Sec.—Alta Troedson.
Treas.—Este Bauernfiend.
Warden—Mrs. H. C. Witzel.
Con.—Augusta Lindstrom.
R. S. N. G.—B. F. Morgan.
L. S. N. G.—Alfred Troedson.
R. S. V. G.—Echo Palmateer.
L. S. V. G.—Nettie Morgan.
I. G.—Melissa Hargott.
O. G.—Martin Bauernfiend.

After this, the Ione Rebekah team conferred the degrees to 8 candidates and after lodge was dismissed, all wended their way down stairs where the tables were gorgeously loaded with fine sandwiches and cake and everybody seemed to do their duty when they put their feet under the tables and all enjoyed the banquet. One of the nice cakes disappeared before supper time and no one seemed to want to plead guilty, but we think if the truth were known, that one J. E. Swanson and H. C. Witzel could tell us something about it if they would.

Our best wishes go to the new lodge at Morgan and we hope it will grow and prosper and be a shining light in our little neighboring city.

One who was there.

Morrow County Taxpayers Should Fight School Unit System

For your consideration we reprint the following from the Echo paper, whose community are opposed to the measure in Umatilla county:

That the county unit school measure is not acceptable to the voters of this community was evident Tuesday evening when, after hearing an explanation of the measure given by B. B. Richards, the taxpayers and citizens who attended the mass meeting voted unanimously to adopt resolutions setting forth their opposition to the proposed plan. The city hall was well filled with citizens of Echo and the adjoining districts, and a delegation came from Hermiston to hear the speaking.

B. B. Richards, of Athena, opened the meeting with an address explaining the features of the county unit measure and how its application to Umatilla county would affect the schools and school patrons. He stressed the point that the proposed law would mean a gift to the county at large of all school property, and in addition to this it would mean a grant of all authority and control of the school to one man. He demonstrated that the proposed board of five directors could not possibly function to supervise the schools of this whole county, and the result would be that the county superintendent would control the educational system.

The claim made by Mr. Green that he could conduct the school system under the unit plan at a saving to taxpayers was disputed by the speaker, who showed conclusively that the proposed plan would necessitate greatly increased expenditures. Mr. Richards insisted that the county unit plan is unfair and un-American in that it makes it possible to take from the people all their school property and control of schools against their wishes, and to place the educational system under absolute control of one man, from whose decisions, no matter how arbitrary or unjust, there is no appeal.

A few remarks were made by J. T. Llenallen on the methods used in getting signatures on the petition for putting the measures on the ballot. A check of the signers showed that a majority of them pay no taxes in the county, and that more than half of the signers live in Milton, a city that will not be affected by the proposed measure.

After the speaking a resolution expressing opposition to the county unit was presented and adopted, receiving the vote of every one in the hall. Following is the resolution:

Be It Resolved by the citizens and taxpayers of School District No. 5, at Echo, Umatilla County, Oregon, in mass meeting assembled this 19th day of March, 1924:

That we are opposed to the county unit plan of supervision and administration of our school for the following reasons:

That it takes the power to govern our schools out of the hands of the people and places it in the hands of one man who can not know the local needs, and who may favor one district to the disadvantage of another.

That the judgement of three representative men of the community are now found on our school boards, is better, even in educational matters, than that of a stranger who is not familiar with conditions; and therefore the authority of the local school boards should be maintained.

That it will increase taxes unless wholesale consolidations are made, and that such consolidations without the consent of those concerned is unjust.

That when people have nothing to say about how their tax money is spent they lose interest in the things for which it is spent, and that a lack of co-operation between parent and school will prevail.

And, most of all, it is unfair, unjust and undemocratic, for districts of the first class to have to vote on this measure, when they are not affected by the law that does affect all second and third class districts.—Echo News.

Ione Takes First Game

The High school baseball team easily defeated the Condon team on the local diamond last Saturday by a score of 9 to 2. Our boys out-played the Condon boys in every way and at no time were they in danger of defeat as the score shows. The Ione boys have a hard line up of games to play, but are confident that they can hold their own with any of the opposing teams.

A new variety of sunflower, called the Early Japanese, has been grown in Wallowa county the past three years very successfully. It is said to be much earlier and easier to harvest than the old type. A small shipment of this seed has been received by county agent Morse and anyone wishing to try out this variety can obtain a small amount by calling at the county agent's office at Heppner.

Is Five Cents on the Dollar of Valuation Too Much to Earn?



If a business worth \$10.00 earned \$5.00 net income in a year (or \$41 a month), would it be considered an unreasonable profit and proof that its prices were too high?

The railroads are in that situation today.

The 1923 net return for the whole country was less than 5 per cent. As of December 31, 1919, the Interstate Commerce Commission gave to the railroads a tentative valuation of \$18,000,000,000. With actual figures for 1920, 1921, 1922, and with 1923 conservatively estimated as \$1,100,000,000, there has been invested in the railways since this tentative valuation a net amount of \$2,371,583,000, making the value as of December 31, 1923, \$21,271,583,000. On this amount the Railways in 1923 earned an aggregate net operating income of approximately \$997,610,000, or 4.69 per cent.

The Government guarantee of earnings expired August 31, 1923. If this guarantee had been continued—as repeatedly but erroneously claimed—the Government would owe the railroads more than a billion dollars.

Last year the roads handled a record volume of business but could not earn the fair return of 5 1/2 per cent to which the Interstate Commerce Commission, under the Transportation Act, has found they are entitled. If the roads cannot earn 5 1/2 per cent in a big year, what will they do in a small year? —

The Transportation Act provides that if a road in any year earns more than 6 per cent it shall pay one-half of the excess to the Government. The Act is, therefore, a limitation rather than a guarantee.

Give Transportation Act Fair Trial

The Transportation Act should be given a fair test and its merits judged by the results of a normal period of reasonable length. The year 1923 was the first since the war under conditions approaching stabilization.

What the railroad situation demands just now is not more law but more confidence. The railroads have emerged from the winter of the war, restored their morale, made enormous investments of new money, and in 1923 handled a peak business with universal satisfaction.

The Transportation Act is the only really constructive railroad legislation of a generation. Previous acts were almost solely repressive. In framing the Act the public interest was paramount. The Act directs the Interstate Commerce Commission to "give due consideration to the transportation needs of the country and the necessity of enlarging railway facilities in order to provide the people of the United States with adequate transportation."

Give the Act a chance. Don't amend it. If the roads are let alone they should make as good a record for efficiency this year as last.

Constructive suggestions are always welcome.

C. R. GRAY,
President.

Omaha, Nebraska
February 1, 1924.

UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM

Eye Specialist Coming

Dr. Clarke of the Clarke Stram Optical Co., Portland, will be in Ione at the Ione Hotel parlor, from 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, April 8th for the afternoon and evening, doing optical work. Dr. Clarke makes monthly trips to Ione. The Clarke Stram Optical Co. are one of the oldest and best known optical firms in Portland.

Weather Report

The weather report of R. E. Harbison, Observer for Morrow county at Morgan, for the month of March, state the total precipitation of rain was 0.48; snow fall trace inches; days clear 7; cloudy 10; partly cloudy 14; killing frost 17, 21, 29; hail 20, 28; wind W. Total rainfall since Sept. 1, 1923, 4.67 inches.

The Christian Endeavor societies held a convention last Saturday night at the Christian church. A cafeteria supper was served at 6:30 in the basement to the delegates and members of the society and immediately after supper all assembled in the auditorium of the church where instructive and entertaining talks were given by the delegates of Union 17. Special music was rendered by Misses Helen Balsiger and Gladys Lundell which was much enjoyed by all.

A real revival meeting begins at the Christian church on April 13th, with Paul De F. Mortimore minister.

Curfew Ordinance Passed

It was a quiet but business-like meeting of the city fathers Tuesday night. The curfew ordinance and ordinance regarding vacating part of street for school purposes were passed. By unanimous consent of the council, P. J. Linn was appointed temporary marshal during the illness of Mr. Franks. He was instructed by councilman Bryson to be diligent in his duties regarding the stray cows, the pesky roaming chickens and to clean up the city park.

It was also ordered that the week of May 5th, be designated as Paint Up and Clean Up week and the Mayor will issue his proclamation before said date.

Heppner Fans Hungry For Sport

It was interesting to note the wonder and admiration of those Heppner people Sunday as they watched the Ione ball players on the field. It was a hungry taste for the sport that appealed to their finer senses and we of the tender heart, sympathized with them, knowing the anguish they suffer in that their own village can not muster together a team they could call their own. Oh, well! they have the court house.

Having lived in Oregon for the past 70 years or thereabouts and never having had the opportunity to witness a smelt run, Walt Smith drove to the Sandy river near Portland Tuesday to gaze and gawk at the scene.

Hand us in your news items.