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SHEEPMEN OPPOSE BEDDING-OUT LAW

Sentiment Unanimous At Meeting in Heppner Saturday.

FIGHT TO BE MADE

Umatilla Permits Join Wenaha Woolgrowers in Taking Issue to Secretary Jardine.

By unanimous action on Saturday afternoon, the permittees on the Umatilla forest, in meeting assembled at Heppner Hotel, went on record as being opposed to the bedding-out system. Some forty stockmen were gathered together and the meeting was presided over by E. A. Thompson, president of the Heppner section of the forest users association, who in well chosen words stated the object of the meeting.

The entire district was well represented by both sheepmen and cattlemen, as these industries are both interested in the administration of the forest service as pertaining to their line of business. However, the main topic for discussion, as stated by President Thompson, was the one night bedding out system required of the sheepmen by the ruling of the forestry department.

The Wenaha forest reserve was represented at the meeting by Elmer D. Bryson, of Walla Walla, secretary of their woolgrowers association. This association has been a prime mover in the matter of getting a modification of the bedding-out ruling, and have done what they could to get the local forest office at Pendleton, as well as at the Portland office to secure relief. Relative to this work, President Thompson called on Mr. Bryson, who in a brief talk stated the position of the sheepmen of his district, showing that they were unanimous in their demand to have this ruling set aside; however, all efforts had been unavailing so far. Mr. Bryson stated that it was impossible to move the bureau head; this system was apparently a pet of theirs and they determined to enforce it. It was his opinion that but few, if any, of the sheepmen were carrying out the order to the letter, even among those who professed to favor it, and the speaker showed how utterly impossible it was to strictly comply with the requirements of one-night bedding out. He asked for the co-operation of the permittees of the Umatilla forest association in the effort being made to get the grievance of the sheepmen before the secretary of agriculture, and he felt that relief might be reasonably expected from Secretary Jardine. Mr. Bryson suggests that the stockmen should have some say in the management of their own affairs on the summer range; he has been engaged in the business for a number of years and speaks with some authority on the subject, is also well acquainted with the members of his own association and knows their wishes fully; not desiring to dictate in any manner to the sheepmen of this section, he was nevertheless anxious that they join in the effort to get relief from an expensive and obnoxious ruling, and this was the object of his visit here.

Mr. Thompson then called on Herb C. Bryson, who is the attorney of the Wenaha permittees association, and has been making the fight for the sheepmen on this reserve. Mr. Bryson made an appeal to Col. Greely the 18th of last May in regard to the bedding out question, but was turned down. In the course of his address, the attorney made some statements which show that the present head of the forestry bureau is firmly committed to the current policy, and that there is nothing left but to appeal to the higher officials. Being thoroughly well posted on the matter, the address of Attorney Bryson was listened to with close attention and did not fail of bringing desired results.

In order to get at the feeling, locally, of the sheepmen on this subject, President Thompson called out a number, and they gave some figures in support of their contention that the one night bedding system is inconvenient, expensive, and withal hard to follow. The first of these to speak was W. H. Cleveland of Heppner. He had compiled some figures, which in the aggregate showed that the running of one band of sheep would add at least \$400 to the expense of caring for a band of sheep on the reserve during the four months period. He divides this as \$200 increased cost per season in hired help; \$25 per month increased cost in labor and equipment, and a 50 per cent increase, at least, in the item of salt. The system does not permit of the proper salting of the sheep, salt logs being impossible, and the spreading of the salt on the ground allows but a small portion of the band to get it, as those coming first tramp it into the ground and the others are left. The loss by predatory animals is also much heavier under this system, and there are other small items, also, that enter into the caring for a band under this ruling that are not found necessary under the system of permanent bedding grounds as used by the sheepmen all these years, and Mr. Cleveland can not figure that there is the least advantage to be gained in the

COUNTY COURT HAS DECEMBER MEETING

Court met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 1925, with all officers present, when were had the following, to-wit:

Court approved, continued or rejected the claims presented against the County and ordered warrants drawn in payment of approved claims. Court allowed \$15.00 per month to Pat McLoughlin on account of poor and also \$10.00 per month to Wm. Wilson on account of poor for Mrs. Sadie Bowen.

Court approved the road petition of H. E. Peterson and appointed Emil Carlson as a viewer and set December 17 as date of making survey.

Court also approved road petition of C. W. Benefield and appointed Hugh Grim as viewer and set Dec. 14 as date of making survey.

It was ordered that \$1400.00 be transferred back to the Motor Vehicle Fund from Market Road Fund to fully repay borrowed funds.

There being a petition of withdrawal of names and also a remonstrance against the petition of R. A. Thompson and others praying for the establishment of a County Road, the Court denied said petition.

Court approved the bond of W. A. McCarty as constable of 6th Justice of the Peace District.

Court canvassed the result of the special election in Road Dist. 1 and found that the election for a five mill tax carried by a vote of 18 to 1 and the Assessor was instructed to extend said 5-mill tax on the taxable property in said Road Dist. 1.

There was no return made on the vote taken as to a special tax in Road District 15 but it was understood that the same was defeated by a vote of 9 to 3.

There were no objections made as to the Budget for the coming year but owing to the fact that there was no report made by the State in regard to the State tax the final passage of the budget was deferred until said report had been received.

The following bills were ordered paid.

C. B. Orsi, Sealer	\$ 6.42
A. J. Chaffee, Overseer	75.00
A. D. McMurdo, Physician	13.00
Lydia Ritchie, Pension	10.00
M. E. Zoehert, Pension	10.00
Dorothy Patterson, Pension	10.00
Ida Fletcher, Poor	15.00
Jess Kirk, Poor	25.00
Henry Cramer, Poor	25.00
J. C. Walker, Poor	20.00
Pad Howell, Poor	20.00
R. Knight, Pension	25.00
V. Kane, Sheriff	72.85

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HIGH SCHOOL ITEMS

Basketball suits were given out at a meeting Monday night, and formal practice has begun under the supervision of Coach Finch. A definite team has not yet been picked, but several all members of the squad will work out for a time before the selection of a quintet. The floor will be available for practice during the Christmas vacation as well as while school is in session. The schedule for the year has been made out in part. This calls for a double-header with each school in the conference, one game to be played on the home floor and one on the opponents'. A tentative arrangement of the schedule, though some of the dates have not been definitely settled, is:

- Jan. 8, Hermiston at Hermiston.
- Jan. 15, Lexington at Heppner.
- Jan. 22, Arlington at Arlington.
- Jan. 29, Hermiston at Heppner.
- Feb. 5, Ione at Heppner.
- Feb. 6, Condon at Condon.
- Feb. 12, Lexington at Lexington.
- Feb. 19, Pine City at Heppner.
- Feb. 26, Ione at Ione.
- Feb. 27, Condon at Heppner.

To safeguard against epidemics of whooping cough, mumps or any other disease which is easily spread through a school, Dr. A. H. Johnston has spent a great deal of time at the school during the past week, examining children with colds, sore throat or other possible symptoms of a contagious malady. Children who show any tendency toward such ill health have been sent home to stay until the symptoms are no longer menacing.

The first of the series of interclass debates came off Monday with the freshmen and juniors victorious over the sophomores and seniors. The question "Resolved: that the direct primary should be established in the state of Oregon" was defended by Dorothy Herren, Jack Casteel and Terrell Bengtson for the freshmen class and Kenneth Merritt for the sophomores. The negative of the issue was taken by Earl Ayers, Marjorie Clark and Merle Beckett for the juniors and Margaret Prophet, Eugene Doherty and Clifford Driscoll for the seniors. Mrs. Helen M. Walker, Mrs. C. G. Smith and Mr. Finch were judges for both contests.

The appearance of the teachers' lunch room adjacent to the domestic science laboratory has been much improved by attractive curtains made and hung by Miss Miller. The drapes are of gay colored cretonne, with sash curtains of theatrical gauze appliqued with designs from the cretonne. Japanese panels on the walls have also added a touch of color and charm to the room.

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RED LETTER DAYS

By A. B. CHAPIN

WHAT WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HAD THEIR CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES, AND AFTER NEARLY ALL THE PRESENTS HAD BEEN GIVEN OUT — AND YOUR HEART WAS BEGINNING TO SINK BECAUSE YOU HADN'T RECEIVED A SINGLE THING — AND FINALLY THE SUPERINTENDANT REACHED UP FOR THAT BEAUTIFUL BIG DOLL WHICH YOU HAD NOT EVEN DARED TO HOPE FOR — OH — OH — NEVER WILL THAT DAY BE FORGOTTEN —

LYDIA HALE,
PLEASE STEP
FORWARD



ELKS SMOKER TAKES WILL ENTERTAIN KIDS

Bromeo Wins from "Cyclone" Santos in Main Event; Preliminaries Between Locals Are Fast.

In the initial smoker presented in Heppner this winter, sponsored by the Elks lodge in their hall Saturday night, local fistie fans witnessed some snappy bouts. As the main event of the evening Claire Bromeo of Salt Lake City, was matched against "Cyclone" Santos, a native Filipino from Manila, P. I., for a 6-round go. Preceding this were six 3-round preliminary matches of local talent.

Santos lived up to his acquired cognomen in the main bout, giving a great exhibition of shiftness and speed as well as punch, but Bromeo played the fox, keeping out of the way of Santos' smashes, and got the decision. Bromeo is an old hand at the game, having followed professional boxing for twelve years, and his experience was plainly evidenced against Santos, a comparative kid in the ring with only two years of whisks to his name.

In the preliminary matches Archer took the decision from Sharp in the first bout; Hake won decision over another Sharp in the second; Coppenher got decision over Parker; Elmer Backum got decision over Bus Michael won from Paul Aiken on a foul; and Frank Kestler won decision over Russell Wright of Lexington.

This smoker was well received and the management for the Elks announces that it is their intention to stage another in the near future, matching local talent and talent from nearby towns.

WILL GIVE CANTATA.

The grades of the Lexington school before Christmas" will be presented under the direction of Miss Vail, Mrs. White and Mrs. Turner. "The Night Before Christmas" will be presented on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium, and it is hoped there will be a full representation of the patrons and friends of the school present to witness the performance of the children and enjoy the program.

Prospect Is Good For Heppner-Spray Road

Commissioner Bleakman got home the end of the week from Portland, having spent a day or two in the city attending the meeting of the state highway commission, with whom he discussed the Heppner-Spray road proposition. Mention of this meeting was made in last issue upon the return of Judge Bengtson, and getting another interview with the officials of the commission, Mr. Bleakman has taken in this matter looking to the building of this road much sooner than he had expected. In fact, Mr. Bleakman returns home well satisfied with what was accomplished at last week's meeting with the highway commission. At the meeting in January the Federal Roads Bureau will have their budget completed, and it is expected that the Hardman-Spray cut-off will get a goodly share, for the road is badly needed by the forest service.

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Local Lodge of Elks Will be Hosts to Children at Matinee at Star on Christmas Afternoon.

Heppner Lodge of Elks will add somewhat to the Christmas cheer of the kiddies of this community. They have planned to give them a treat in the way of free attendance upon a matinee at the Star Theater on the afternoon of the 25th, and in our next issue we will be able to announce the play that will appear. We understand, however, that Manager Sigbee is planning something that will be especially entertaining to the youngsters.

All children of the community, up to and including the age of 14, will be the guests of the Elks on this occasion, and there is no doubt but that the show house will be well filled. This is the hope of the lodge at any rate, for they want all the kiddies of the community there.

Seal Quota Reached

6,500 Christmas Stickers Sold Here With Prospects that the Total May Reach 10,000 This Week.

Morrow county is coming right to the front in the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals, with her quota already reached and strong indications of a large surplus sale. The original allotment of 6,500 has been disposed of, and J. M. Burgess, who is in charge of the sale in this county, expects that with active salesmanship this week and next the total will reach 10,000.

School children of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are selling the little stickers with great zeal, many of them with designs upon the prize to be awarded by Mr. Burgess to the boy or girl who disposes of the greatest number. The nature of the prize itself is being kept a mystery, but it bids fair to be worth receiving. Gay Anderson and Alex Ulrich, both of the 7th grade, are in the lead, with sales amounting to \$9 and \$8 respectively, by Tuesday of this week.

Auxiliary Are Guests At Legion Party

The members of Heppner Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, were guests of Heppner Post No. 87, at a party at Hotel Heppner Tuesday evening. Having in mind an occasion several months ago when the members of the post were entertained by the ladies, and at which most of the entertainment was furnished by the guests, those in charge of the party Tuesday evening arranged it so that the auxiliary members held the center of the stage most of the time, and to say that "a good time was had" would be putting it mildly. One of the features of the evening's entertainment was progressive Tiddledy Winks and prizes were provided for the winners. Although somewhat unusual this game provided a great deal of fun. Refreshments were served by the post and the members demonstrated that they had been well trained by the manner in which they were prepared and served.

GRANGE PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT A BIG SUCCESS

Auction Sale of Many Articles Adds to Fund for Hall; Net Receipts About \$100.

Rhea Creek Grange presented their play, "Aaron Slick From Pumpkin Creek," to a packed house on Friday night; in fact, many were unable to get into the building and had to stand outside. The play went over big and those presenting it are well pleased with the way it was received.

Ray Oviatt, who is our informant, states that the auction sale of produce and fancy work, and numerous other articles, among which was a photograph, was the part of the program that brought in the money. A general admission of 25 cents was charged for the play, a free supper and dance and the auction sale were thrown in for plenty of amusement and general good time, and the way the articles went was a surprise. The total financial returns were \$135.55, and the net sum will be around \$100 to go into the building fund. The Grange hopes to have sufficient money on hand to start the work of building before a great while.

Election of officers was held on Sunday and resulted as follows: O. E. Wright, master; S. D. Wright, overseer; Nellie Wright, lecturer; F. S. Barlow, steward; Ray Wright, assistant steward; Mrs. O. C. Stephens, chaplain; Anson Wright, treasurer; O. C. Stephens, secretary; James Stephens, gate keeper; Pearl Wright, Ceres; Reta M. Oviatt, Pamosa; Mrs. C. R. Becket, Flora; Eva Wright, lady assistant steward; Anson Wright, buyer and seller; Ray M. Oviatt, reporter.

The installation of the new officers will take place early in January.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

In an examination held before Judge Bengtson on Friday, Mrs. W. H. Clark was committed to the Eastern Oregon hospital for the feeble minded. She was taken to Portland, where for a time she will be kept at the Louise Home and later taken to Pendleton for treatment in the hospital there.

Beginning next Wednesday, the teachers and pupils of the Heppner schools will have their Christmas holidays, school adjourning in time so that the teachers who desire to return to their homes can make their destination by Christmas day.

Mrs. J. B. Dufosse of New Rockford, South Dakota, arrived at Heppner Tuesday morning and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Hopper. She expects to spend a couple of weeks or so visiting with her daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stearns of Walla Walla, Oregon, were guests for a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scherzinger. Mrs. Stearns was formerly Miss Rachel Scherzinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Tindal Robison of Eight Mile have had as their guest for the past three weeks, Miss Pearl Owens of Portland, a niece of Mr. Robison. Miss Owens will return this week to her home in the city.

LOST—On the streets of Heppner Sunday night, December 13, a heavy double lap robe, black on one side, leopard spots on the other. Finder please leave at Heppner Garage and get reward. 2t.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Powell of Portland were visitors over the week end at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boyer on Hinton creek. Mrs. Powell is a cousin of Mrs. Boyer.

Chris P. Brown, who resides on a farm down Willow creek, underwent an operation for removal of tonsils this week. Dr. McMurdo reports his progress as very favorable.

Mrs. Ed. Burchell of Lexington is confined to her home with a case of influenza, reports Dr. McMurdo, attending physician.

A Xmas gift will be given to children under 7 years of age between 3 and 4 o'clock December 24, at Gordon's.

FOR SALE—At reasonable price, a grafalona and good selection of records. See W. T. McRoberts.

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This Week



Wise Men, Magicians. Same Thing. The President's Plan. A Women's Cafe.

The President says farmers can solve their problems, or some of them, by co-operative marketing. Could the President guarantee the farmers against prosecution, based on restraint of trade, if farmers combined, established market places and fixed prices?

A Government board now tells moving picture men that they may not exhibit their own pictures in their own theatres. If that were sound—of course it is NOT sound—farmers could not sell their own products in their own markets, which is what they SHOULD do.

And what, if anything, would Government do to help the farmers? A great deal is done for railroads. A Government board watches over them, raises rates when the railroad lacks reasonable profits, and says to the public, "Pay or walk."

Would the Government show interest of that sort in farmers and MAKE the public pay for wheat and potatoes enough to pay the farmer well?

Canada discovers a deposit of helium gas and the Canadian Government has bought the three producing wells, keeping for itself all helium rights.

In Canada the Government will keep and work these wells for the public benefit, and there will be no Canadian helium "Teapot Dome affair."

Give our Canadian brothers credit for that.

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals decides that the indictments in connection with the stealing of the naval oil reserves must stand.

It would be surprising, gratifying and new if the fact should be established that in this country a man cannot go free even when he steals one hundred million dollars. The general impression was that anything from one million up was quite safe.

A learned Britisher, translating the Bible, finds a mistake in the King James version. The men that the star guided to Bethlehem were not kings or "wise men," they were magicians.

In ancient days, the difference was slight. Unless a man was a magician the superstitious people thought little of his wisdom. That is why founders of new religions have been compelled to perform miracles, or pretend performance.

The great Kepler, working at his cosmic problems, depending on the Emperor for money and protection, had to pretend that he could read the stars and tell the Emperor's fortune, warning him or encouraging him, according to the stars. For the magnificent wisdom of Kepler, one of the world's six greatest astronomers and mathematicians, the Emperor had little use.

In the Swiss village of Piona men drank brandy, and got drunk. There was no cafe and the village was on a "hard stuff" basis.

The men wanted a cafe. The women objected, opened a women's cafe and ran it, supplying the men with light beer and wine and keeping an eye on them. Strange to say, the men who objected at first are now contented, and what is more important, they are sober.

Drunkness has disappeared from the village. Here we are trying just the other experiment, driving out light wine and beer, putting in bootleg whiskey. Time will tell which is the better plan.

P. C. Luther, devoting his life to planting trees, celebrates his sixty-third birthday by announcing his intention to begin planting 10,000,000 more trees. Charles L. Pack, president of the American Tree Association, wonders who can beat Mr. Luther's record.

It could be done easily if the Government would use half a dozen flying machines to scatter seeds along naked mountain ranges, swept by fire.