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50-YEAR FRANCHISE ASKED BY POWER CO.

Ordinance, read Twice Will Be Acted on by City Next Monday.

WILL GRADE STREETS

Improvement to Come as Weather Permits; Sign at Junction to Have Permanent Form.

A main feature of the regular council meeting on Monday evening was the consideration of the ordinance presented, granting a franchise to the Sherman Power company for operation of its business within the city limits. This company is the successor of Heppner Light & Water company, and now have under construction a long distance transmission line to Heppner, via Condon, leaving their line in Sherman county at De Moss springs. This company will continue to furnish electric power to Heppner citizens, and it is understood that they will apply for a fifty-year franchise from the city. The ordinance was passed to its second reading on Monday evening by the council and the final reading will be on the 14th, next Monday, when the council meets again for that purpose.

The big sign being erected for the city at Heppner Junction is to be given iron support instead of wood, according to action on the part of the council Monday evening. The work of putting up this sign is in the hands of Berry and Hottam, and it will contain statistical matter pertaining to Heppner and Morrow county.

Just as soon as the time is ripe for the work, the grading up of the streets of the city off Main street will be done.

Mayor Noble announced the appointment of his standing committees:

- Ways and Means—C. L. Sweek, Jeff Jones, Chas. Thomson.
- Health and Police—M. D. Clark, C. L. Sweek, W. C. Cox.
- Elections—C. L. Sweek, Jeff Jones, W. C. Cox.
- Licenses—W. C. Cox, M. D. Clark, C. L. Sweek.
- Fire and Water—Chas. Thomson, L. E. Bisbee, W. C. Cox.
- Streets and Public Property—Jeff Jones, L. E. Bisbee, C. L. Sweek.
- Ordinances—C. L. Sweek, M. D. Clark, Jeff Jones.
- Finance—M. D. Clark, C. L. Sweek, L. E. Bisbee.

There may be many people in Heppner who do not know just who compose the roster of city officials, and as we have been handed the list by the city recorder, we shall pass it along for future reference:

Mayor, E. G. Noble; councilmen, C. L. Sweek, Jeff Jones, Chas. Thomson, W. C. Cox, M. D. Clark, L. E. Bisbee; recorder and municipal judge, E. R. Huston; treasurer, W. O. Dix; city water superintendent, W. H. Pray; chief of police and fire chief, S. P. Devin; city attorney, J. J. Myers; city health officer, Dr. A. D. McCurdo.

Explosion of Gasoline Destroys Knoblock Car

The small car of Adam Knoblock was destroyed by fire on Saturday evening near the ranch of C. Melville in the Alpine section. The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline, and with the car went the bed, coyote traps and guns of Mr. Knoblock, as well as several coyote scalps.

Mr. Knoblock is one of the government hunters working in this county and had his traps set for coyotes in the vicinity of the Melville place near Alpine. Being sick and unable to look after the traps, his stepson, Elba Fuller and another boy took the car. They rounded up the traps and coyotes, and then thought they would return home, but got off the road and after traveling some time found it necessary to replenish the gasoline in the car. This they did from an extra supply carried in a can in the car, and in order to see what they were doing, were holding a lighted lantern, and this ignited the fumes from the gasoline and caused the explosion. The lads had no chance to recover anything from the car, but they each escaped serious injury, young Fuller having his eyebrows and hair singed and a slight burn on the face.

ADDITIONAL BOARDMAN NEWS.

Ray Barlow has returned to school after a siege of flu.

"The Hand of the Law" is the play to be given by the high school March 4. This will be one of the best plays ever given by the students and that is saying much, for Boardman High school plays are always exceptionally well put on.

Boardman is to be represented in the declamatory contest this year at Heppner. The final tryouts will be held February 21. The four lower grades, four upper grades and high school will each have representatives. Mr. Kelly expects to go to Heppner Saturday to attend the Morrow County Declamatory League meeting.

A Washington Day program will be given Friday, February 18th, at school at which time the medal for the Lincoln Day essay will be awarded. An exhibit will be given of the school work in each of the rooms that day, from 1 till 2, when the program starts. Everybody invited to attend.

Supt. and Mrs. J. O. Russell were visitors Sunday at the J. R. Johnson and Fred Kelly homes. Mr. Russell is superintendent of the schools at Stanfield this year.

The freshmen and sophomores had a party Feb. 4th. Although the crowd was small it was congenial and all had a merry time with games of various kinds.

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DEPUTY COLLECTOR TO BE HERE.

Deputy Collector Pigg of the Internal Revenue office will be in Heppner at the court house, Feb. 6 to March 1st, inclusive, to assist in making out income tax returns.

Pioneer Woman Called By Death This Morning

The death of Mrs. James Cowins occurred at the family home in East Heppner at 2:00 o'clock this morning due to infirmities of old age. Mrs. Cowins was 83 years of age, and with her husband and family came to this place more than forty years ago, where her home has been continuously since. She is survived by her husband, one son, Wm. Cowins, and two daughters, Mrs. Emma Garrigues and Mrs. M. L. Cantwell, besides a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of whom were present when Mother Cowins passed away. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but announcement will be made later. We hope to give a complete obituary notice in our next issue, not being able to get the data together for this issue.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Harold Dobyns, government trapper with the U. S. Biological Survey, was a visitor here on Wednesday. He will now have his headquarters at Pendleton. Mr. Dobyns is feeling a little better than a week ago. At that time it looked as though the state legislature would knock off the appropriation of \$50,000 heretofore allowed for cooperation with the federal government, and had this been done the trapping of predatory animals in this state would have ceased. This has been restored, however, and the work will continue as heretofore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Nichols, and his mother, Mrs. Thompson, of Lexington are convalescing from a severe attack of the flu. Dr. McMurdo also reports that the family of W. F. Barnett and their daughter, Mrs. Hank Parker, Prof. Johnston, principal of the Lexington school, and Miss Alexander, music teacher, all victims of the epidemic, are now on the road to recovery, the teachers being able to resume their duties in the school on Monday.

The Ed. V. Price representative will be at Wilson's on February 14 and 15, with a display of fine woollen suitings. Come in and select a suit.

M. R. Morgan, suffering from injury to one of his eyes, and confined for a week or more in the Heppner Surgical hospital, was able to return to his lone home on Wednesday of last week, quite fully recovered from the effects of the operation he underwent for the removal of the injured eye.

Commissioner Geo. Bleakman, who makes trips to Heppner from Hardman every day, is authority for the statement that the snow in the mountains south of his home town is about three feet on the level, and his part of the county has not had such a thorough soaking in many years.

W. A. McCarty of Hardman was a business visitor in the county seat on Monday, February 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hughes, a son. Dr. McMurdo reports mother and baby doing nicely.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, February 15th. The hostesses for this meeting will be Mrs. Bea Buschke and Mrs. Lorena Isom.

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Born—At Morrow General hospital in this city on Wednesday, February 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burnside of Eight Mile, a 10-lb. daughter.

Paul Aiken came in from Portland on Tuesday. He has been at work in the city for some time with the Maytag washing machine people.

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THE DARKEST DAY IN HISTORY

By A. B. CHAPIN



VISITED IN CALIFORNIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris P. Brown and family returned recently from a pleasant trip of three months to Southern California. They visited with the Ed Browns, former Morrow county folks, in Los Angeles, and with report a most delightful trip. Misfortune overtook them on the road home, however, as their car was in a week near Albany, delaying them two days, and they were caught in the last big snow storm at Portland, taking a day to get as far as The Dalles and another day home. "We never thought just how much we enjoyed getting the paper until we were away from home," Mrs. Brown remarked when in town Saturday, "but we were mighty anxious to get it each week."

Artie Brown Called By Death Early Sunday

Artie Brown, aged 44 years, who two weeks ago suffered a stroke of paralysis while at Reid's saw mill and was brought to town for medical treatment, passed away on Sunday morning last, after suffering additional strokes. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning at the Christian church, Milton W. Bower, pastor, officiating. The services were attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased, who was a native son of Morrow county and was well known here.

IRRIGATOR GRANGE NEWS.

A card party was held at Frank Fredericksen's February 5. A good crowd attended and a good time was had by all. After a taffy pull lunch was served.

Our community is being visited by the flu. Some are getting better and some are taking it. A few of the small children are having the chicken pox. The Williams children are broken out very badly at this time.

The B. E. club met with Mrs. Frank Fredericksen February 3. The afternoon was spent in fancy work and visiting. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Chas. Benefiel February 17. The club will give a social at the school house Saturday night, February 12.

Elmer Benefiel is visiting home folks on a three-months furlough from Vancouver barracks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright and son Don took dinner and spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. McCarter of Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarter are leaving this week for Vale, Ida. They are shipping a car of household goods and stock. Chas. Benefiel of Irrigon will go through with it.

Chas. Benefiel and son Bert went to Boardman Saturday and brought back a load of hogs. Mr. Wright is also going into the hog business as he has purchased three fine large porkers.

Everybody is pleased to see Grand-ma Graybeal out and around again after several weeks of sickness caused by a fall from a gravel bed.

Road work will start again February 9 after several weeks of idleness due to the cold weather and snow. The snow is now all gone and the ground is drying out nicely.

SHALL STATES OF GREAT NORTHWEST BE DENIED A WISE POLICY OFFERED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SOUTHWEST

E. B. ALDRICH

In Pendleton East Oregonian. Secretary Work's objection to the Umatilla rapids project seems based on his view that the irrigation end of the project should stand on its own feet and not be aided by the power feature of the project.

The secretary does not assume the irrigation end of the Colorado project should pay its own way. On January 12, 1926, the interior department gave to the press the official report of the secretary approving the construction of the Colorado project by the federal government. Here is one paragraph from that report:

"On the Colorado. The money for this development should, I believe, be provided by a bond issue of the United States. It should be for a sum sufficient to provide for the construction of the dam, the power plant and the ALL AMERICAN CANAL. An additional sum should be included in the authorization to pay interest on bonds sold during the period of construction, and until such time as the revenue will meet interest charges. Providing the money for this development through a special bond issue will obviate disturbance of the regular fiscal operations of the government. It will provide provision by the budget for the money needed during construction. The bonds could be sold as money would be needed. Construction would extend over a period of between five and ten years if work were carried on at a rate to secure the greatest efficiency."

The All-American canal is to cost \$31,000,000 according to the estimates. At the present time the water for irrigating Imperial valley comes from Mexico. The All-American canal is undoubtedly needed and should be built as should the other features of the Colorado project.

The charges that Secretary Work would impose upon water users there may be understood from the following paragraph from his report: "Water supplied for domestic, industrial or irrigation uses should be delivered at the dam, at points along the river agreed upon and at the terminal of the All-American canal. Prices for this water should be such as to at least repay all of the cost of OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE of the canals and an equitable part of the operating expenses of the dam. This with the revenues from power, will, we believe, repay the entire investment in this development with four per cent interest."

What that means is that settlers in Imperial valley will be required to

pay for the operation and maintenance of their canal but not for its construction charge. In other words the power end of the project is to provide the big thing—to wit, the \$31,000,000 canal. To pay an "equitable part" of the operating expenses of the dam will be easy for such operating expenses will be low. The big charges in connection with the dam will not be operation but for interest payments and for amortization of the construction cost. If Secretary Work means for the irrigators to help meet such charges he does not say so.

It will be evident from the foregoing sections and from other sections of Dr. Work's report on the Colorado project that he expects the power sales to carry the project through. It is estimated that this can be done by selling the power at three mills per K. W. H. at the switchboard.

It has already been estimated by engineers of the interior department that the entire cost of the Umatilla rapids project, including power development, irrigation, navigation canal, railway relocation, etc., can be paid from the profits from power sold at two mills per kilowatt hour, or one mill lower than the estimated selling price of the Colorado river project.

Rapids Project More Feasible. If the interior secretary will apply to the Umatilla rapids project the same policy he upholds on the Colorado our project can not only be built but it can be paid for more easily than the Boulder canyon project. The matter of pumping for irrigation at Umatilla rapids offers no difficulties because such pumping will be during summer months when the demand for power for heating and for illumination will be slack. The energy of the river may as well be used.

The policy of making power sales help carry the cost of a reclamation project is sound. It means that the people of the region affected, will help pay, without knowing it perhaps, for a development of general public advantage within the region. That policy is more businesslike than is the policy of making such payments out of the federal treasury.

The Umatilla rapids project is feasible and can be built whenever congress wishes to act. The essential thing is that the northwest be given the benefits of the wise policy that has been suggested with a view of aiding the southwest. Surely the people of the northwest and their representatives in congress will be justified in asking such treatment. Perhaps the secretary of the interior is not aware of the fact he is discriminating against the states of the great northwest, and that the Columbia, now entirely unused, is the greatest power river of the west.

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Date Set for Library Vaudeville Stunts

March the 8th is the date set for the home talent vaudeville to be presented by the different organizations of the city under the auspices of the Heppner Public Library association. The ball has been started rolling and is gaining momentum daily.

Some numbers have already been chosen and rehearsals started. Neighbors of Woodcraft were among the first to get started and promise a lively number. The Masons have their part of the program lined up as well, and the American Legion and Auxiliary are preparing stunts. Besides these the Knights of Pythias, Elks, Odd Fellows and others will also take part.

The nature of the numbers is a deep secret, being carefully guarded in order that the program may be a complete surprise. That it will be of high order throughout, however, is assured as all may know who are acquainted with the nature of home talent productions here in the past.

The production will be staged at the Star theater. Keep the date in mind—March 8—and watch for more particulars.

Also keep in mind the library days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, open from 3 to 5. If you haven't yet joined the association, give your name with 25c to Mrs. Arthur McAtee, secretary-treasurer. Funds are needed to keep the library going. However, it is not necessary to belong to the association to borrow books. This privilege is open to everyone.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

John G. Clouston, forest ranger with headquarters at Pomeroy, Wash., who has been on detail work at the headquarters of the Umatilla National forest in this city, will leave Thursday for his home. He will attend a meeting of wool growers and cattle and horse growers to be held at Walla Walla Friday and Saturday before going on to his home.—Pendleton E.O.

Mrs. M. L. Curran, Mrs. O. T. Ferguson and Mrs. Jared Aiken drove to Portland Sunday in the Curran car. Mrs. Ferguson acted as chauffeur for the party. Mrs. Curran goes to the city to select her spring millinery, while Mrs. Ferguson will consult with specialists regarding a trouble from which she has been suffering for some time.

The Ed. V. Price representative will be at Wilson's on February 14 and 15, with a display of fine woollen suitings. Come in and select a suit.

Dr. McMurdo reports an increase in the population of the county during the past week. On January 27th, at their home on Butter creek, to Mr. and Mrs. James Daly, a daughter, February 9th, at their home near Heppner, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christenson, a 9-lb. son.

W. O. Dix, of the firm of Hiatt & Dix, is confined to his home by sickness, and it is reported that he will have to remain in for some time as he has suffered a return of a trouble of long standing, but one which has not bothered him much for the past year or two.

Howard Young, residing in this city, suffered a severe cut to one of his ears on Friday. While running he fell, striking the ear on a rock, and it required some stitching to tie it back again. Dr. McMurdo treated the injured member.

Dr. McMurdo was called to the home of M. S. Corrigan on Butter creek Tuesday where he found Mrs. Corrigan suffering a severe attack of influenza. She is reported to be improving at this time.

Born—At their home on Eight Mile, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden, Wednesday, February 9th, a 9-lb. daughter, Dr. Johnston attending.

Mrs. M. L. Curran departed last Sunday for Portland where she will attend the annual Spring Millinery Opening Week in that city.

Alva Stone, government trapper, underwent an operation here on Tuesday for the removal of his tonsils.

S. Hamblen of Arlington was a visitor in this city on Tuesday, coming here to consult a physician.

NOTICE OF SALE OF ANIMALS. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon, the undersigned has taken up the hereinafter described animals, found running at large on his premises in Morrow County, State of Oregon, and that he will on Saturday, the 5th day of February, 1927, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, at his place one mile west of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the said animals, unless the same shall have been redeemed by the owner or owners thereof. Said animals are described as follows:

One aged brown mare mule, with harness marks, brand M on left shoulder; one brown mare mule colt, brand M on left shoulder. FRANK S. PARKER, Heppner, Or.

Elks' Card Party

Valentine's Night FEBRUARY 14

ELKS' TEMPLE

Public Invited

\$1.00 per couple.

MISSIONARY MEETING TUESDAY. The Womens' Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet in the church parlors next Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 15, at 2:30. We would like to have a good attendance of the members and friends. Come and join us. MRS. LININGER, Secretary.

This Week



Good Lending. Gov. Smith—Mr. McAdoo. If Carnegie? 1,000,000,000 for Golf.

If North and South America cannot set before the rest of the world an example of peace and common sense, something is wrong with North and South America. This year the Latin Republic will spend \$100,000,000 developing railroads, and most of the money will be borrowed in the United States. Chile is negotiating a \$40,000,000 loan in New York to electrify the Chilean State Railways. Apparently those South American republics have public officials sufficiently honest and competent to manage State railways.

The financing of desirable industrial enterprises in South America by United States banks is a useful investment for American money.

When Andrew Carnegie sold his mills to United States Steel he would accept only special bonds, wouldn't take preferred stock as a gift, laughed at the common stock saying it wasn't even water, it was "air." Recent figures would surprise and probably annoy Mr. Carnegie's Scotch thrift. The steel company in 1926 earned \$199,004,741, enough to pay \$17.96 a share on the common stock, a new record of peace-time prosperity in the steel business.

One billion dollars will be spent on new golf courses and clubhouses this year, including the cost of 1,000 new golf clubs starting and maintenance of old clubs. If the nation could build a thousand new flying machines one for each new golf club, to protect the links and placid gentlemen playing on them, it would be a good thing.

Dry raiders seize \$25,000 worth of "blending" machinery used to manufacture benedictine, chartreuse, and other liqueurs. The "blending" has been going on, full blast, for four months. Many an American has damaged his mucous membrane, absorbing the product of that machinery.

Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, himself widely discussed in connection with the Democratic Presidential nomination, says Governor Smith, of New York, "is the outstanding Democrat in the United States."

On the other hand, Mr. Milton, editor of the Chattanooga News, says William G. McAdoo is the only man for Democrats to nominate. Mr. Milton says Governor Smith cannot be nominated because "the country is seventy per cent dry, and no wet can be elected to the Presidency." Governor Smith's friends say, "wait and see."

John D. Rockefeller still has the New York Stock Exchange seat that he bought in 1883, forty-four years ago. He never uses it, keeps it perhaps to remind him of old days when he was making money for himself before he began spending his millions in Rockefeller Foundations, institutes, fighting disease—for other people.

That seat, which probably cost Mr. Rockefeller less than \$50,000 he could now sell for \$180,000. If he holds it a little longer, it will be worth \$200,000.

Russian husbands and wives will be interested in their mail from now on. For a divorce you simply notify the authorities that you want it, then send word to your better half through the post office and that settles it. You are divorced.

In China the thing is more serious. The natives hate strangers as cats hate dogs. They are tired of watching immigrants spend money, having courts and taverns built, and are glad when the time comes to murder a few. The murdering seems to be close at hand.

Uncle Sam has some of his ships there, and unpleasant news may be expected.

After the Boxer rebellion, when the other nations compelled the Chinese to pay millions in damages, this nation handed the money back.

But that won't help our popularity. When Europe was in trouble, Uncle Sam sent an army of two