

Come to Morrow County

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SAGEBRUSH AND SAND GIVE WAY TO PROSPERITY

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It is not self-supporting. An active Ladies Aid assists very materially in carrying on the work of the church. The present pastor is Rev. A. D. Swigger.

Cemetery. For a number of years the community was without a cemetery but several years ago a tract of land was purchased across the railroad track between Messner and Boardman.

Telephone. Each year has brought new improvements and about 1919 a telephone line was built with Mrs. Leo Root as the first operator.

Characteristics of People. The community is united and shows the finest spirit of cooperation, is a friendly, sociable and kindly group of people—not excelled anywhere in these qualities.

Depot. For several years if one desired to take the train he was forced to trek up the road to Messner, which is the end of the Coyote cut-off on the O. W. R. & N.

Fraternal and Otherwise. The Grange is the leading fraternal organization on the project and has 72 members. Organized in April of 1919 it had a charter membership of 70.

ter, C. H. Dillabough; Overseer, Chas. Nizer; Lecturer, Sam T. Shell; Secretary, Adolph Skoubo; Steward, R. C. Mitchell; Assistant Steward, Homer Mitchell; Lady Assistant, Mrs. Ira Berger; Treasurer, Ira Berger; Gate Keeper, O. B. Olson; Chaplain, Mrs. Chas. Nizer; Pomona, Ceres and Flora, Mesdames F. H. Edwards, Ray Brown and B. Dillabough.

The Grange social club, called the Home Economics club, was organized April 7, 1927, with Mrs. Ray Brown as president. She was unable to complete the term so Mrs. Ed Kunze acted as president.

I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs. This lodge was organized in April, 1923, with C. G. Blayden, J. F. Brice, Erma Potter, J. F. Gorham, L. W. Woodward and E. F. Klitz as charter members.

Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors. April 18, 1922, the camp was organized and the list of charter members makes interesting reading: Consul, Jack Gorham; Banker, Nate Macomber; Adviser, D. F. Ransler; Clerk, L. V. Root; Escort, Paul Smith; Watchman, David Harper; Sentry, Henry Klages; Trustees, C. Macomber, E. K. Mulkey, Thos. Dempsey; members, Lyle Blayden, Ernest Brown, J. L. Jenkins, Glen Brown, Robert Johnson, Leon Kutzner.

The American Legion records have been lost or mislaid but facts concerning the post here show the organization was completed in Dec. of 1921 with 12 members. Stanley Hatch was elected commander and the name chosen was Elmer Melford post, honoring the lad who died during the flu epidemic while in the service.

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The Women's Auxiliary of the post was organized Jan. 28, 1922, with an enrollment of 14 members. The first permanent officers were Mrs. Morgan, president; Mrs. Grace Macomber, vice president; Mrs. Stewart, secretary; Mrs. Florence Root, treasurer.

Ladies Aid. The Ladies Aid is the second largest organization as it comprises all the women of the project who wish to be members, whether they attend church or not.

NOBLE SADDLES KNOWN THRUOUT WEST



E. G. NOBLE, MAYOR, IS FAMOUS SADDLER B. P. STONE, HARNESS MAKER, DOES WELL

Identified with the life of this section since the very early days when even Morrow county had not come into existence are two well known names, that of E. G. Noble, mayor of Heppner and the famous Noble Saddle.

Be it understood that in the early days this region, then a part of Umatilla county, was in the main a cattle and sheep country. The saddlery and harness business thrived accordingly.

E. G. Noble was born in Salem, Oregon, in 1871. His father, George Noble, one of our early Oregon pioneers, settled in Umatilla county in 1872 where, with other venturesome spirits, he engaged in the cattle business.

By 1883 Heppner had become quite a settlement and the main trading center for this vast area. The elder Noble at this time engaged in the saddle and harness business here while the son, E. G. Noble, started learning the trade. This business stands here today as a monument to these two who built it and it is still doing a flourishing business at the old stand.

Of late years Mr. Noble has somewhat retired from the store business proper, but still makes the Noble saddle with his own expert hands. He has never retired from Heppner and this county which he believes is the finest place on the globe in which to live and where his lifelong interests have been located.

In his official capacity he has been instrumental in promoting many measures for improvement in the city, consistent with justice to taxpayers. A successful business man, an excellent citizen and a staunch booster for this locality.

wards and conducted for many years. It is now owned by W. A. Price.

L. V. Root built the first movie house. (This is a very recent development.)

C. G. Blayden was the first mayor. Ralph Davis was the first station agent.

The first cabin on the project was built by Ashline & Grub on the land west of Hangoas.

Chas. Dillon owned the first poultry plant of any size.

Mr. Barnes, father of Charlie Barnes, did the first actual leveling of land.

Opportunities. The past year there were 2,643 acres of land cropped on the project. There are 35 miles of ditches. There have been but three ditch riders since the beginning.

In 1927 there were 364 head of dairy cattle on the project, valued at \$19,545. There should be double or treble that number here.

Famous Firsts. C. C. Paine ran the first hotel in Boardman.

C. G. Blayden had the first store in Boardman.

A Mr. Frick of Hermiston opened a small lumber yard which J. C. Ballenger purchased soon after.

man ranchers make money by feeding hay to his own dairy herd, if he has good cows. Many of the farmers prefer sheep for they are not so confining as cows and last year there was 4,248 head here, valued at \$50,173.

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DODGE DEALERS ARE WELL LOCATED



COHN AUTO COMPANY SHOWS NEW DODGE

Among those who look with optimistic eyes to 1928 as a banner year in the auto industry are the Cohn Auto company of Heppner, who are now displaying the new Victory Six Dodge, said to be the last word in automobile construction.

The Cohn Auto company has long held its place as among the leaders of this county in its line. Last year's sales records show their total sales as ranking second in the county.

meil, who started here in 1919 and have enjoyed a steady and increasing success ever since. Both have been residents and business men of this section almost their entire lives and are well known throughout the length and breadth of the district. Aside from the car agency their garage is well equipped with all manner of machinery for repair work over which expert mechanics have charge. They also feature accessories and make a particular specialty of Seiberling tires. With these tires today goes a written one year guarantee which fact is a great drawing card. A further description of the new Dodge will be seen in this issue. Another successful business firm operated by two live wire Morrow county boosters.