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2 CENT REDUCTION WHEAT RATE SEEN

Morrow County Farmers To Save \$25,000 by I. C. C. Decision.

TAKES EFFECT OCT. 1

Portland Wins Differential Fight; Oregon Commission Ruling Upheld, Says Corey.

That freight rates on wheat from Heppner branch line points may be reduced at least 2 cents a hundred pounds, is the report reaching this city following the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission made public Friday, in which it upheld the differential existing between Portland and Puget Sound points and generally revised rates in a manner more in accord with the demands of farmers of the Columbia river basin. The new rates are effective October 1. Local men who have studied the situation consider the decision a victory in the grain rate fight carried before the commission through the efforts of Columbia basin wheatgrowers by Arthur M. Geary, Portland attorney, though no statement has yet been received as to whether the wheat-growers were granted all concessions asked for.

The Heppner rate, it is believed, will be reduced from 22 1/2 to 20 1/2 cents. The saving to Morrow county farmers through the reduction should amount to \$25,000 annually, it is said.

In order that more benefit may be gained from the rate reduction this year, Henry W. Collins, northwest manager of the Farmers National Grain corporation, wired the Chicago headquarters asking that effort be made to get the new rates on wheat put into effect immediately. Reply was received from Geo. S. Milnor, general manager, that everything was being done to this end.

The Interstate Commerce commission's decision comes as a substantiation of the Oregon Public Service commission's ruling in 1924, which was temporarily nullified by federal court injunction awaiting the federal commission's decision, says H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission, in a statement made public shortly following news of the new federal ruling. The Oregon commission's ruling provided for a reduction of grain rates on intrastate shipments from branch line points of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company. The federal commission's decision apparently bases its new rates on the charges contained in the Oregon commission's ruling, but makes them applicable to joint line and export shipments as well, Mr. Corey declares.

Portland has received the news contained in the new decision with jubilation, as maintaining of the 10 per cent differential in her favor over Puget Sound ports not only means lower freight rates for Columbia basin wheatgrowers but assures her position as the leading wheat shipping port on the Pacific coast. Seattle, on the other hand, has announced that she will continue to fight for abolishment of the differential.

SIGNS, NUMBERS UP SOON; CITY INDEX IS EXPLAINED

Do you know where you live? Maybe you don't now, but next Tuesday morning, and thereafter, if you live in Heppner, you will know that you live at such-and-such a number on so-and-so street, for Tuesday evening, if the expectations of the street sign and house number committee of the Lions club are realized, every street in town will be indicated by pretty white-lettered-on-blue-background baked enamel iron signs, and every house will be numbered with two-inch aluminum numerals.

The project, sponsored by the Lions club, authorized by the city council and carried out by the Lions club committee in conjunction with the streets and public property committee of the city governing body, is about to be completed, and when finished, every street, business house and residence in the city will be officially designated and catalogued. The numbers and signs, authorized by ordinance, have been purchased outright by the city, and are to be put in place Monday by the gratis services of Lions and Boy Scouts. No charge is made to property owners for the metal numerals. When the "tacking" committee calls, they will knock at the door and make known their business, conferring with property-holders as to the spot desired for the number to be placed. The cooperation of residents is asked in order to expedite the work, as it is hoped to complete the work Monday. In case there is no one at home when the committee calls, residents should not be surprised on their return to find a number tacked in a conspicuous place on their dwelling.

For division streets, in order to have central points from which to start numbering, Main and May streets were selected by the committee, Main being the division street east and west, and May, north and south. Hence, streets running

UNCLE REACHES AGE 108.

There is now living in America a man from Turkey whose alleged age is 100; a pretty ripe old age, indeed. The United States seems as yet not to have produced a citizen reaching this extreme age, but we have recorded once in a while the passing of an individual well beyond the century mark in years. Mrs. Chas. Furlong of Eight Mile handed this office a clipping this week from the Sheelina Democrat, Shelbina, Mo., giving account of the death of John H. Oliver, an uncle of hers, at the advanced age of 108 years. Mr. Oliver passed on October 29, 1928. He was born January 29, 1820, and had lived three months longer would have reached the age of 109 years. It was but recently that Mrs. Furlong was apprised of the death of her uncle, receiving this information upon writing to her relatives in Missouri and making inquiry concerning him. She saw him last when on a visit home 33 years ago.

Heppner Came Near Being on Rhea Creek

(Oregonian "Those Who Come and Go") The city of Heppner, county seat of Morrow county, came near being located at a site some 15 miles distant on the upper waters of Rhea creek, according to Frank Gilliam, hardware merchant and banker of Heppner, who was registered yesterday at the Imperial hotel. Mr. Gilliam first arrived in that country 60 years ago, before there was any town. The territory was settled only by stockmen, who had homes in the creek valleys and ran cattle and sheep over the rolling hills which were covered with bunch grass and sagebrush. The bunch grass in those days, before it had been pastured much, was the finest stock feed and grew in abundance. Mr. Gilliam said. No one thought of growing wheat on the hills for some 15 years. In 1872 a store was established at the site of the present Rhea creek bridge on the Heppner-Hardman road. In the same year Henry Heppner and Morrow debated whether to place a store there also, but finally selected the site of Heppner on Willow creek. Spencer moved his store to Heppner a few years later and soon the trading post grew into a town. All of its goods were "freighted" in by mule and horse teams from Umatilla where they had been unloaded from boats, or from The Dalles, until the coming of the railroad in the '80s, said Mr. Gilliam.

RETURNS FROM TRAINING.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo arrived home on Sunday from Fort Lewis, Wash., where he spent two weeks at the officers training camp. In this service Dr. McMurdo wears the stripes of a captain and is known as Capt. McMurdo. His brother, Dr. How E. McMurdo, was also at Fort Lewis from his home in San Francisco, and after the work of the camp was finished they spent a week together visiting. Dr. McMurdo states that he had a very pleasant trip of a day to Victoria, B. C., and also took time to drive to Rainier National park.

MOVING JEWELRY STORE.

J. O. Peterson, jeweler, is getting moved to his new quarters in the Case building adjoining the post office. While the work on the room is not entirely completed, it is expected that it will be ready in time for Mr. Peterson to open up there on Monday next. He will have a neat room in which to carry on his business.

METSCHAN ENTERED IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

Republicans Pick Portland Hotel Man to Succeed Geo. W. Joseph.

IS FORMER RESIDENT

Candidate Announces Adherence to Party Principles, Retention of Commission in Platform.

Heppner, especially her older residents, may feel more than a passive interest in Oregon's new candidate for governor, named to succeed the late Senator George W. Joseph by the republican state central committee in Portland last Saturday. Phil Metschan, who received the nomination, was once a resident of this city, being proprietor of the old Palace hotel along toward the beginning of the twentieth century. Since leaving here, he has greeted his old-time Morrow county friends in the position of manager of the Imperial hotel in Portland. Hotelman Metschan has long been a factotum in republican politics of the state, and he had charge of the organization of the present state central committee as its chairman. S. E. Notson, member from Morrow county and chairman of the rules and procedure committee at the caucus, reports Metschan's nomination on the 14th ballot with 20 of the 36 votes cast, shortly after it appeared that a deadlock was imminent and the rules committee was considering the preparing of a resolution to allow the presentation of new names in nomination.

Metschan Gains on 13th.

On the 12th ballot, Mr. Notson said, it seemed hopeless that any of the existing candidates before the committee would be able to swing a majority, but with the 13th the trend in the voting changed and with the 14th, the swing to Metschan was sufficient to put him across. Julius Meier, who had asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration, was the second strongest candidate on the deciding ballot, carrying 10 votes. The names of ten men were considered, all of whom gained some following. Of these Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, and Ralph Hamilton, president of the state senate, were among the strongest contenders in the early balloting, but gradually lost in strength as it became evident that neither could swing a majority.

The caucus did not attempt to adopt a platform, though pressure was brought to bear by followers of the late republican nominee, Mr. Joseph, to have his platform adopted, with the assertion that they would bring out an independent candidate if this was not done. Mr. Notson, who declared that he was not representing Morrow county but one-third of the republican voters of the state, was among those who contended that it was not within the province of the state committee to adopt a platform, and this opinion prevailed. The committeemen deemed it their duty, he said, to pick the best man possible who would have the best chance to win in the November election, and to let him formulate his own platform. This Metschan had done shortly after his announcement as a candidate before the committee, and prior to his nomination. His platform follows:

To Stand by Principles.
"I believe in party government. I am attached to the principles and ideals of the republican party. I shall adhere to these ideals and principles, and, if nominated and elected governor, I shall attempt to make them effective for the well-being of the citizens of Oregon."

"I shall rigidly apply to the business of the state the same principles of efficiency and economy that I have applied to my own business. This pledge can be effectively fulfilled only by basing appointments on merit, and exacting from employees the same character of service that is required of individuals subjected to the competition of private life. Merit shall be the controlling basis of my appointments and that merit must be consistently and continuously displayed as a condition of tenure of office."

"The development of the resources of the state, its timber, its agriculture, its manufactures, its shipping, and its fish and game will have my earnest support and direction. There will be no favoritism displayed between localities, industries or individuals."

"I shall vigorously enforce all the laws."

"I am an ardent supporter of the plan for the development of the Columbia river for power, reclamation and transportation purposes through federal action that is now being advocated by our delegation in congress, since it is my conviction that by federal action alone such development be effectively accomplished."

CLARA A. MIKESSELL CALLED BY DEATH

Native of Illinois, Widow of Civil War Veteran, Came to Morrow County in 1885.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this city on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Clara Ann Mikesell, a pioneer resident of this community, who answered death's call at Heppner General hospital on Monday afternoon, at the advanced age of 82 years and 25 days. Services were in charge of Rev. Glen P. White, the pastor and were attended by friends and relatives, members of the Woman's Relief corps of which deceased had long been a member, and San Soule Rebekah lodge, through respect to members of the family belonging to that order. The floral offerings were profuse and very beautiful. Interment was in the family lot at Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Mikesell had been an invalid for many years, and during the past four years had been cared for at the hospital, her ailment being such that it would not yield to medical treatment, and she patiently and with good cheer awaited the final outcome.

Clara Ann Clark was born near Quincy, Illinois, July 3, 1848, and died at Heppner, Oregon, July 28, 1930, aged 82 years and 25 days. She was married to Henry D. Mikesell on November 8, 1866, following the young man's return from service with the Union army. Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell moved to near Nevada, in Vernon county, Mo., and here their eldest child, Mrs. Emma C. Rankin now of Heppner, was born. They returned after a short time to their former home in Illinois and later again moved to Missouri, where the other children, Alva and Willie E., were born. It was in September, 1885, that the family came to Morrow county, settling near Gooseberry where Mr. Mikesell took up a homestead and farmed for a number of years, then moved to Heppner. Mrs. Mikesell had been a resident of this community for the past 32 years.

Mrs. Mikesell is survived by one daughter and one son, these being Mrs. Emma C. Rankin and Willie E. Mikesell of this city, besides 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She had been a lifelong member of the Methodist church and a member of Rawlins Relief corps of Heppner, in which organization she was active until impaired health made it impossible for her to get about.

Citizen of Lone Rock Favors Sign for Road

(Condon Globe-Times.)

"It would be to sign the county court put up a 'To Heppner' road sign where the Heppner road forks with Condon-Lone Rock market road about three miles east of town," said Guy Huddleston of Lone Rock, when in town Monday. "Just a few days ago a car of tourists missed the turn-off to Heppner and drove to Lone Rock before discovering their mistake. And it is not uncommon for people to make that drive before finding out they are on the wrong road."

"It wouldn't be so bad," Mr. Huddleston continued, "if the Lone Rock creek portion of the Lone Rock-Heppner road were in better shape. It's a shame to direct people over such a road with a car but it is necessary after they get to Lone Rock by error."

Mr. Huddleston says that having is in full swing in the valley with crops about an average. He was in town with Bert and Ellis Cason.

Reclamation Congress Meets at Burns Aug. 7

Many of the present and future reclamation policies of Oregon will be considered at the annual meeting of the Oregon Reclamation congress at Burns August 7-9 which will be attended by an unusually large number of public officials as well as the regular members.

The second day of the meeting will be devoted largely to the annual field day demonstrations at the Harney branch experiment station. Of particular interest this year is the operation of a large irrigation well which is making good crops while drought is affecting those not watered.

LEGION WILL MEET.

Heppner post No. 85, American Legion will have their regular meeting at Legion hall on Monday evening, August 4. Important business for the meeting will be the election of officers, and a large attendance of the membership is urged.

FOR SALE

Wheat ranch, three year lease Morrow county on 1200 acres, one-quarter rent. For sale on account family problems. Summer fallow clean. Mr. R. F. Wigglesworth, telephone 1F13, Heppner, will show ranch. Joe Fisher, Owner, 780 Mississippi Ave., Portland Ore. 20tf.

BIRD POPULATION MAY BE INCREASED

Plan Told Lions; Street Signs, House Numbers To Go Up Monday.

ROAD WORK TO START

Camp Rising Rapidly; Need of Sign Seen; Miss Heppner's Portland Appearance Cited.

An opportunity for increasing the game bird population of Morrow county, naming of a day for placing of street signs and house numbers in the city, Heppner-Spray road progress, and Miss Heppner's Portland appearance, were matters discussed at the Lions club luncheon Monday. In addition, S. E. Notson, republican state central committeeman, reported briefly some of the activities of the committee last week-end when he helped in the selecting of the republican nominee for governor.

B. R. Patterson and J. D. Cash told of the game bird idea. An especially favorable propagation season has been experienced at the state game farm in Pendleton, and it has become overrun with Chinese pheasant. The birds are being put out to individuals who agree to care for them until such time as the birds are able to "go on their own." Permits are granted through application to Gene Simpson, superintendent of the state game farm at Corvallis, and when the permit is presented at Pendleton the individual is given thirty young birds, enough feed to keep them and instructions as to their care. Mr. Cash got an allotment of birds Sunday and is keeping them at his city residence. Mr. Patterson believes an opportunity is thus afforded to greatly increase the number of game birds in the county, if farmers especially will cooperate. He has offered to do his bit by grouping permits that may be left at the Patterson & Son drug store, in order to gain advantage of truck load delivery from the farm. This has been done in other counties, he says. He reported that game farm officials liberated 300 of the young birds at various points in the county last week.

Boy Scouts to Help.

Samples of Heppner's new street signs and house numbers were displayed by Jasper Crawford, chairman of the city administration committee, who asked cooperation of other Lions in putting the signs and numbers in place. Next Monday was named as the day on which the work will be done, with a ready response of members to help do the job. It is expected Heppner streets will assume rather a civilized air, with the appearance of the signs. When the job is completed the city will be completely indexed. Paul Marble explained the plan to be followed in putting up the signs and numbers and Rev. B. Stanley Moore, scoutmaster, offered the help of the Boy Scouts, who will assist with the work.

Paul Gemmill and Earl Gordon called attention to the business in attitude to be held August 6-7 under the auspices of Oregon State college and the Oregon Retail Merchants' association. Manager B. G. Sigbee is donating the use of the Star theater each afternoon where lectures accompanied by picture slides will be given. Mr. Gordon urged participation in the window trimming contest, as one of the greatest benefits to be gained from the conference. To aid in putting this across President Sweek appointed a special committee with Mr. Gordon as chairman, and B. R. Patterson and Chas. Thomson, members.

Says Sign Needed on Road.

G. A. Bleakman, county commissioner, reported that the camp on the Heppner-Spray road is being rapidly constructed, and that actual road work will be started the first of the week. That a considerable number of men will be employed is evidenced by the size of the camp, which resembles a small town, he said. Garnet Barratt told of going over the road recently and asserted he called attention to the lack of a proper sign to indicate the point where the road leaves the John Day highway, and believed steps should be taken to provide the same as a convenience to travelers who might wish to come this way. He suggested a sign of an advertising nature, to which Mr. Bleakman took exception, saying that such a sign would not be policy until the road is completed.

Paul Marble and Jasper Crawford, both of whom attended the Lions northwest picnic at Portland July 16, at which time Miss Heppner was entered in the beauty pageant at which Miss Oregon was selected to compete for the title of Miss Universe at Galveston, Tex., next month, made a delayed report of the event. Miss Alma Wehmeyer was complimented for having represented Heppner in a creditable manner. Miss Portland was chosen Miss Oregon, with Miss Medford as alternate. Mrs. P. M. Gemmill, chaperone, was accorded a great deal of credit for the capable manner in which she conducted Miss Heppner's appearance.

THOMPSON IN PORTLAND.

(Oregonian "Those Who Come and Go") In those horse-and-buggy days, traveling salesmen had a tough time. They carried six, eight or ten trunks and that was more than any salesman could take care of, so the traveling men hired young chaps who were known as "packers." A packer took charge of half of the number of trunks, opened them, fixed up the display, and packed them again when the drummer was ready to "make" another town. The life of the packer was no pink tea, even though he did travel and see the scenery. One of these packers was Robert Thompson. After going into Morrow county several times he saw the possibilities and he resigned as packer one day in Heppner and hired out as a clerk in the store where the traveling man had written an order. Mr. Thompson liked the country, so he saved and bought some of it, and today he is a grain grower and sheep operator. Mr. Thompson arrived at the Imperial yesterday, registering from Heppner.

Harvest Season Half Over; Wheat Moving

While farmers in the more northerly wheat-growing belt of the county are winding up their 1930 harvest, those farther south are just getting well under way, while reports indicate that others nearer the mountains in the south end will begin within the next two weeks. General reports are that yields on the lighter soils in the north end have been better than anticipated.

Movement of wheat to warehouses has been pushed rapidly, and houses at Lone, Lexington and other points to the north along the branch are experiencing their peak business for the season, while receipts are still on the increase in Heppner due to the later harvesting season in this territory. Considerable new wheat has already been shipped from branch points, most of that loaded at Heppner being in bulk and consigned to the federal marketing corporation, says C. Darbee, local agent of the O-W. R. & N.

Farm Board Leaders to Meet Oregon Wheat Men

Arthur Hyde, secretary of agriculture, and Alexander Legge, chairman of the farm board, are going to bring their ideas on the present world wheat situation directly to the farmers of the Pacific northwest at meetings in Spokane and Pendleton August 8 and 9, according to arrangements just completed with the extension service of Oregon State college. The Pendleton meeting will be on the 9th.

At the meeting in Pendleton the farm leaders hope to meet farmers, bankers, and college extension workers of Oregon and southern Washington and Idaho.

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT.

Don C. Case, with his mother, Mrs. May Case, arrived in Heppner yesterday for a visit of a couple of days with relatives and friends. Don, a graduate of Heppner high school, with his wife, conducts a thriving malted milkshake business in Spokane, while his mother makes her home in Seattle. His sister, Miss Velma Case, is secretary to the managing editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Though Don has done well with his line of business in Spokane, he is considering establishing a like business in the more densely populated East. Among ex-Heppnerites he sees occasionally in Spokane are Andy Hayes, night clerk in the Mitchell hotel; Shirley Straight, with the Camern ice cream company, and C. C. Calkins, manufacturer of seed-wheat treating machines.

FORMER TEACHER MARRIED.

A wedding of interest to Heppner people was an event of Sunday last at Spokane when Clara Ema Dennis was united in marriage to Horace Alton Trimble. The young people announce that they will be at home at St. John, Wash., after August first. Mrs. Trimble was teacher of domestic science and art in the Heppner school last year and during her stay in this city made many friends both of students and patrons of the school. The young couple were formerly schoolmates at Washington State college, Pullman.

10TH CAR LOGS MOVED.

A. A. Bergevin, in charge of log shipments to the Milton box factory, superintended loading of the tenth carload at the local yards of the O-W. R. and N. company Tuesday. The logs are being taken out of the timber on the Horace Yocum place up Willow creek and hauled to Heppner by truck. When his organization gets under full sway Mr. Bergevin reports an average of 1 1/2 car a day will be loaded.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. B. Stanley Moore, missionary-in-charge. Holy communion at S. Church school at 9:45. Celebration of the Lord's Supper and sermon at 11. Young People's Fellowship at 6.

LEXINGTON HERE SUNDAY.

Dallas Ward's all-star ball tossers from Lexington are scheduled to meet Heppner's league aggregation at Rodeo field Sunday afternoon at 2:30. A red-hot game is in prospect, announces the local management.

J. F. Irwin, district forest supervisor from Pendleton was in the city this morning.

BUSINESS SCHOOL PROGRAM ARRANGED

Merchants Will Compete In Window Trimming; To Report Survey.

BANQUET IS SLATED

Three Experts from State College And Merchants' Association Here August 6 and 7.

Advertising, salesmanship, and merchandising problems of Heppner merchants and business men are among the main topics to be discussed before the annual business institute, sponsored by the Oregon Retail Merchants' association and the Oregon State college school of commerce, which will open its two-day session here next Wednesday, August 6, at the Star theater.

What's the matter with present day advertising? Does it pay? Is the policy of credit granting a profitable one for the retailer? Is this policy a good one for the community? How can a merchant weed out his "boarders"? These are a few of the questions that will be answered by Prof. H. T. Vance, head of courses in merchandising at the state college, and Prof. E. E. Bosworth, accounting and auditing instructor, who will handle store management.

Advertising Building Shown.

Professor Vance will construct and develop an advertisement from the ground to its completed form, using an electric projective machine and slides to illustrate his points. Ads which have been submitted by local merchants will also be thrown on a screen and these will be analyzed and constructively criticized.

O. F. Tate, secretary of the retail merchants' association, will lead discussions on modern store arrangement, illustrating his talks with material recently made available in middle west where the modern store has made its greatest strides. He will supplement his theories with visits to local stores, offering advice to those who want it and receiving rough sketches of their establishments and later submitting revisions suggesting possible improvements.

One of the outstanding features of the institute, according to P. M. Gemmill, chairman of the committee in charge of the meetings in Heppner, is the banquet Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The program following the dinner will be of particular interest to salesmen of all kinds, Professor Vance discussing problems pertaining to retail selling.

Window Display Factors Cited.

Another feature which is attracting much interest here and in other cities where the institutes are being held is the window trimming contest, for which both local and state prizes have been offered. The visiting business authorities will judge the windows the first day of the meetings and announce the winners at the banquet. In connection with this contest, Professor Vance will name five outstanding factors in window display and illustrate this talk with pictures of correct and incorrect methods.

The program for the first day includes discussions on retail advertising and salesmanship by Professor Vance, accounting for retail business and retail credits and collections by Professor Bosworth and store management by Prof. Tate. Following a morning of special conferences the second day, the sessions will conclude with discussions on window trimming by Professor Vance and store organization and management by Professor Bosworth in the afternoon.

Other facts of interest to business men, such as an announcement for the first time of the results of national business researches in various fields, will be given and will make the meetings have a wide appeal, those in charge here believe.

Round-Up Judges Chosen; Parade Date is Changed

Three Washington men have been chosen judges for the 1930 Pendleton Round-Up, Aug. 28-29-30. They are Allen Drumheller, Walla Walla; Ben C. Boone, Seattle, and William Switzer, Plymouth.

As a new feature this year, the Round-Up will hold its historic Westward-Ho parade Friday morning at 10 o'clock instead of Saturday morning. This change was made so that the arrangements would not conflict with the "Over the Hill" pageant feature which is held each Saturday at the Round-Up and which this year will be held not only at Saturday afternoon's show but on Thursday afternoon as well, in observance of the hundredth anniversary of the covered wagon, and in honor of the one hundred fifty New Yorkers, who as members of the Oregon Trail Memorial association, will visit the Round-Up Thursday.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Church of Christ will meet Tuesday, August 5, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Lucille McCarty. All members and friends are urged to attend.