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## RACE FOR QUEEN GETTING TROPICAL

Harriet Heliker Steps Into  
Second Place After  
Willows Dance.

## LEXINGTON IS NEXT

Miss Doherty Expected to Change  
Order of Standings After  
This Week's Dance.

Miss Harriet Heliker, candidate of  
Willows grange for the honor of  
queen of Heppner's 1936 Rodeo,  
stepped into second place last Sat-  
urday night following the queen's  
dance at Ione. Up to that time,  
Miss Heliker had been at the bot-  
tom of the heap, but it's a different  
story now.

The standings of the candidates  
this week show Miss Genevieve  
Hanna of Lena still leading the race  
with a total of 19,500 votes;  
Harriet Heliker, 15,900; Dorothy  
Rugg, 14,700, and Betty Doherty,  
13,300.

These figures indicate that there  
will be a hot scrap along toward  
the closing hours of the campaign.  
It is expected that Miss Doherty  
may slip into the lead after this  
week's dance, although Miss Hanna  
showed a substantial gain at the  
Ione dance, advancing her count  
from 16,900 to 19,500. At the present  
stage, it is anybody's election and  
one guess is as good as another.

This week's dance will be held  
at the Leach hall in Lexington, in-  
stead of the grange hall as pre-  
viously advertised. The Pendleton  
Indian orchestra has been retained  
to furnish the music.

Plans for this year's Rodeo are  
going ahead, according to Henry  
Aiken, president of the association.  
New stock has been purchased and  
other features are being worked out  
to make this year's show one of  
the best in the history of the Hepp-  
ner western classic.

An opportunity will be given the  
Rodeo management to do some ef-  
fective advertising August 14 and  
15 at Walla Walla. The Pendleton

Round-Up association has been ex-  
tended the courtesy of staging the  
wild west parade at the Whitman  
centennial. George Strand, director  
of parades for the Round-Up,

was in Heppner Monday and ex-  
tended an invitation to the Rodeo  
association to participate in the  
parade. He suggested that riders and  
mounts from Heppner join the  
Round-Up forces and ride in this  
great spectacle which will be viewed  
by no less than 50,000 spectators  
each day. President Aiken has as-  
sured Mr. Strand that a delegation  
will be on hand from Heppner, the  
number to be determined at a later  
date. Some of the prospective par-  
ticipants are apt to be busy with  
harvesting operations at the time  
and it will be difficult to get away  
for two or three days.

Aiken plans to carry plenty of  
advertising material along and give  
the centennial visitors an invitation

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## Red Cross Official to Visit Local Chapter Next Week

A communication from the Amer-  
ican Red Cross, Pacific branch at  
San Francisco, bears the informa-  
tion that Ralph E. Carlson, First  
Aid and Life Saving representative  
of the organization, will be in  
Heppner July 31 and August 1.

Mr. Carlson's visit at this time is  
in the interest of the first aid and  
life saving program of the Morrow  
county chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell.

## Heppner Inventor Got Idea About Twenty-five Years Late

Heppner might have been known  
as the home of a clever inventor if  
Mike Roberts had gotten an idea  
some 25 years earlier.

A good many people living here  
now will recall that around the turn  
of the century there was a good bit  
of talk about a "motion" fan which  
was a product of the fertile brain  
of Mr. Roberts. Unfortunately, the  
fan never reached the volume pro-  
duction stage and after a few sea-  
sons both it and the story of its  
origin were forgotten.

With so much talk going around  
about air-conditioned houses, trains  
and the like, we were reminded of  
the time Frank (Mike) Roberts in-  
vented a fan for the purpose of  
cooling the atmosphere in passenger  
cars. Just how long Mike had  
had the idea he did not state. An  
opportunity to "spring" it came one  
time when he was aboard a pas-  
senger train between Portland and  
Heppner. It was one of those hot,  
dry days with which rail travellers  
of the era were so familiar. Con-  
ductor Allison, known to many  
branch passengers, was on duty  
and Mike commented upon the un-  
comfortable situation in the car,  
stating "Why doesn't the company  
do something about it?"

"What is there to do?" queried  
Allison.

"That's simple," Mike replied.  
"They can install a fan that will run  
while the train is in motion. It  
would be inexpensive to make and  
cost nothing to run."

The idea was relayed to J. P. O'  
Brien and he asked Mike what the

## Some Current Events Cause Us to Wonder

SOME things have been hap-  
pening the past few days that  
have caused us to pause and won-  
der. For instance: On his return  
from Portland Monday night Sam  
Notson lost his hat—that is, he  
forgot his sky piece. When he and  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gault ar-  
rived at Arlington after a devas-  
tating ride through the heat from  
The Dalles they decided to stop  
and partake of "the pause that  
refreshes" or a similar potion.  
Sam declares it was a soft drink  
and is seconded by Gault. There  
was some mention of a pretty girl  
behind the fountain. Anyway,  
when the trio arrived at Heppner  
junction, Sam discovered that  
he was minus his hat—and J. L.  
accommodatingly turned around  
and drove back to Arlington  
where the fedora was recovered.

When Sam arrived home he  
was wearing a big sunflower, emblem  
of the G. O. P. He displayed the emblem with pride and  
so far as is known it was the only  
one in Heppner. Wednesday  
morning Sam was standing on  
the street trying to convince some  
New Dealer of the error of his  
ways when a car bearing a Kan-  
sas license drove up. A good  
looking woman spied that sun-  
flower on Sam's lapel. And now  
the sunflower is missing. We are  
beginning to wonder just what  
the old republican wheelhorse's  
weakness is.

## Oregon Farm Prices in Rapid Advance Lately

The sharpest advance in the general  
Oregon farm price index for a  
long time was registered from mid-  
May to mid-June, with further in-  
crease indicated at mid-July. This  
is one of the outstanding facts  
shown in the most recent report on  
the agricultural situation by the  
OSC extension service. The increase  
in the index was from 68 percent of  
the 1926-1930 average up to 73, or  
a 7 percent gain in one month.

Two principal reasons account for  
the rapid advance in prices for a  
good many farm products and foods  
according to the report. These are  
serious drought damage to crops east  
of the Rockies and stronger industrial  
activity and demand conditions in  
this country and in most foreign  
countries.

In respect to demand, the report  
says that business activity was at a  
higher level in June than at any time  
for several years, bringing the average  
of industrial activity for the first half of 1936 to 12 percent above  
the first half of 1935.

The principal drought belt extends  
from the northern Great Plains in a  
southeasterly direction to the south Atlantic coast. The final out-  
come depends now very much on  
how corn and other late maturing  
crops come out. With good rains  
not too long delayed yields of such  
crops might still be fairly good, but  
gross production of farm products  
this year is already certain to fall  
materially below early season pros-  
pects.

The circular, which is available  
from county agricultural agents,  
goes into considerable detail re-  
spect to the various commodities,  
giving data on production, prices  
and other information of value to  
farmers in planning their produc-  
tion and marketing program. A new  
feature in the report just issued is  
a table showing the usual seasonal  
trend of farm prices in Oregon for  
several of the most important prod-  
ucts marketed from this state.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of thanking  
our many friends for the lovely  
gifts presented us on the occasion of  
our Golden Wedding anniversary.  
To each and every contributor  
we say "Thank you" from the  
bottom of our hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell.

## Some Things of Interest Seen on Los Angeles Trip

(By The Editor)

Here we are, back from Los Angeles—destined, so "Jerry" Aiken says, to be the world's largest city. The largest and most successful national Elks convention was held there last week. That was the main object of our trip.

A bit ironical was the news of  
Heppner's earthquake tremor, re-  
ceived while we were in Los Angeles,  
itself a noted quake spot, while in our lifetime in Heppner  
no such experience was before  
known. L. A. felt no tremor during our visit, however the weather was unusual—this time unusually hot.

We visited Jared "Jerry" Aiken, better known to old-time Heppner friends as "Spec," in his office on the 11th floor of the Bank of America building. He is manager of the Los Angeles office of Rathbone, King & Seeley, insurance brokers and agents for Lloyd's of London. Jerry's company wrote the insurance covering all phases of the big Elks conclave, no little task as underwriting goes.

As we looked out the office window at the beehive of activity 11 stories below, Jerry spoke of the earthquake two years before. It happened shortly before he arrived at L. A., but the office force ahead of him told of the experience. The walls appeared to fall against them, and it looked as if the Bank of America building and, another tall building across the street were going to crack heads. Those in the office stumbled along the walls, grabbing at them for support as they made their way to the door and down the hall to the elevators, each instant expecting it would be their last. The buildings in that section held, but Jerry said uncer-

tainty of the quake's recurrence plays a large part in the insurance game, as all types of business must have coverage against this risk the same as against fire and water. And the premiums come pretty high.

Jerry was one of the most interesting "things" we found in L. A., probably very naturally so, as we were kids together; and as he is still widely remembered here we know there are many others equally interested.

When we, Mrs. Crawford and I, first called at the Aiken home, Jerry was absent on a yachting trip with friends to Santa Catalina. We were greeted by Marie, that is Mrs. Aiken, nee Marie Curran of this city. The perfect hostess, Marie served hors d'oeuvres, and our party went out to dinner, returning to greet Jerry shortly as he returned from the yacht, red as a lobster from sunburn. The sunburn treated him pretty rough for a couple of days, but that is all a part of life in the sunny southland.

Los Angeles takes an event like the big Elks convention in its stride. An extra large wave washes the surface for a moment, it is true, for the Elks celebration is one of the largest meetings in the country. Convention visitors numbered 50,000, it was said, while official delegates totaled some 26,000. However, the increased activity in town hardly compares with a Rodeo day in Heppner.

The southern California metropolis has everything so well organized for holding conventions, and so many conventions are held there, it is almost a matter of routine. Convention-holding in L. A. is a

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## Hayes Starts Work on New Service Station

Work was started Tuesday morning  
on a new building at the corner of  
May and Chase streets which  
when completed will be used as a  
service station by Glenn Hayes.

The new building will be 22 x 34  
feet and will occupy part of the old  
Star lodging house site. It will be  
of frame construction with concrete  
floor, and will be finished in stucco  
and plaster.

Mr. Hayes was busy Tuesday  
morning laying out the ground and  
assembling materials. He plans to  
do most of the construction work  
himself and will have the plant  
ready to open in about six weeks.

There will be two rooms, one for  
greasing operations and one for an  
office. The gasoline pump will be  
covered by an awning and will be  
easily available to motorists.

## Jobless Seek Work in Morrow County Fields

Eastern Oregon's grain crop is  
attracting quite an army of laborers  
this summer, if the number of men  
seeking work in Morrow county  
is a fair barometer.

During the past week the county  
agent's office has been besieged by  
men seeking employment in the  
grain fields and an effort is being  
made to locate as many of them as  
possible.

It is thought that the drought  
areas of the middle west are respon-  
sible for some of the job ap-  
plicants, while Governor Martin's  
edict relative to employables on relief  
doubtless is a contributing factor.

With harvest in full blast it is  
time for both employer and employee  
to meet on common ground at this time.

## SHOWER FOR MRS. MASSEY.

Mrs. Clarence Wise and Miss Lora  
Gillman were hostesses for a bridal  
shower honoring Mrs. Al Massey,  
Saturday afternoon, at the Massey  
home. The house was tastefully  
decorated with petunias, cosmos and  
snapdragons. Mrs. Massey was the  
recipient of many gifts. A pleasant  
afternoon was spent, at the close of which the hostesses served refreshments to the guests, the list  
including Mesdames Ivie Applegate,  
Glen Sherer, William Massey, Chas.  
Massey, George Nelson, Nettie  
Flower, Iris Slavens, Levi Morgan,  
Kenneth Akers, Al Sherman, Harold  
Lillian Lowman, and the  
Misses Anabel Turner, Ellen  
Morgan and Olive Nelson. Mrs. Massey  
also received a gift from Mrs. H.  
O. Tenney, who was unable to attend  
the party.

## CITY TO TRY NEW PUMP.

The water committee of the city  
council met with M. L. White, rep-  
resentative of the Howard-Cooper  
corporation of Portland, last night  
and decided to install a pump recom-  
mended by Mr. White at the pump  
well on upper Willow creek. The  
pump put out by the Portland con-  
cern is guaranteed to produce 250  
gallons of water per minute. On a  
20-foot lift it will produce 15,000  
gallons per hour and on a 10-foot  
lift it will produce 21,000 gallons per  
hour.

## GRANGE MEETS SUNDAY.

Willows grange will hold a busi-  
ness meeting Sunday, July 26, at  
which time Mrs. Marie Ledbetter,  
chairman of the agricultural com-  
mittee, will present a program of  
talks, 4-H club reports, songs and  
readings.

Willows grange members  
are now having an attendance  
and membership contest between  
the ladies and men of the grange.

For the same reason that my fan  
was not adopted by the railroads,  
replied Mike. "They could attach  
fans to the batteries of cars, and I  
guess that's what they are doing if  
they have fans in the cars and  
buses."

"You see, I was just about 25  
years late in offering my suggestion  
and the Roberts "motion" or "mo-  
mentum" fan is still just an idea,"  
Mr. Roberts stated in closing the  
interview.

Sell your surplus stock through  
Gazette Times Want Ads.

## TEN 4-H BOYS TAKE 3-DAY JUDGING TRIP

15-Car Caravan Carries Hundred  
Clubbers to Union and Wallowa  
Counties; Sleep in Hay Loft.

Bright and early Monday morn-  
ing, July 13, ten 4-H club boys met  
in Heppner ready to start on the  
400-mile 4-H judging tour through  
Wallowa and Union counties. Clarence  
Biddle, Lexington 4-H club leader,  
accompanied the boys and drove  
the caravan to the fair grounds.

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The Morrow county group joined  
the groups from other counties at  
Union, and from there on 15 cars  
were in the judging caravan. Doc  
Allen, assistant state club leader,  
also joined the group at Union.

Monday the experiment station  
at Union was visited. Here the  
experimental plots were ready for  
harvest. The trip had been planned  
for this time so the boys could  
see these plots at harvest time. The  
experimental work was explained  
by an expert from the state college.

Monday night the 100 boys and  
their attendants slept in a large  
hay loft at the experiment station,  
where their beds were made down  
side by side on the hay. Fun among  
the boys continued far into the  
night until someone called for quiet  
and reminded them that several of  
the club leaders present had been  
up since 3 o'clock that morning to  
make the trip possible for them.  
Morning found articles of clothing  
hard to locate, and all were called  
upon to help one lad who couldn't  
find any of his.

The following day several dairies,  
stock farms, hog and sheep herds  
were visited, directions for judging  
given by Doc Allen, and judging  
contests held.

The caravan arrived at Wallowa  
lake at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,  
and the boys took a swim and went  
rowing. Some of them rounded  
up two elk and saw them swim in  
the water, after which they returned  
to camp, had supper cooked by  
the boys, made down their beds  
and then went to look over the  
power plant owned by Pacific Power  
and Light company, on whose  
property they were camped. General  
assembly was then held around  
the campfire, when old-timers told  
tales of Chief Joseph and his tribes.

Wednesday morning the boys visited  
the power plant at Wallowa Falls. As they  
were assembling to leave a number of the  
boys were late in returning to the  
general group. After waiting for a  
half hour Doc Allen gave orders  
for the boys to line up and put the  
tardy boys through the spanking  
machine. Plans were to stop again  
at the lake for half an hour, but  
the laggards had taken up the time,  
so the caravan started out. The  
next stop was at the tomb of Chief  
Joseph where a large