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CITY GREETES 9TH GROWERS ASSEMBLY

Santa Claus Coming Again for F. & S. Bank Depositors

7.59% Dividend Set as Interest Payment In Liquidation.

Depositors of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National bank will have their faith in Santa Claus strengthened—at least 7.59 percent.

A year ago a Christmas present was made them when the liquidating institution paid depositors the final dividend which completed payment of 100 cents for every dollar deposited. Now, announces J. L. Gault, receiver, checks are in preparation for payment of 7.59 percent interest for the time their money was tied up, on authorization of the comptroller of the currency.

With 100 percent payment already made, the additional payment will make 107.59 percent return to depositors, one of the outstanding liquidations of any closed bank anywhere.

Mr. Gault explained that the deposits of a closed national bank draw interest during the period of liquidation at the state's legal rate, or 6 percent in Oregon, provided sufficient funds are collected to pay the depositors in full plus such interest, the interest being calculated from the date the bank was closed by the comptroller up to the date the final 100 percent was paid. This accounts for the fractional 7.59 percent dividend.

Checks covering this dividend are now being prepared by the receiver. When completed they will be forwarded to Washington for final audit and signature of the comptroller, whereupon they will be returned for distribution, which should be, Mr. Gault thinks, about the holiday season.

Father O'Reilly Sorrow Lodge Speaker

Father P. J. O'Reilly will deliver the address before the B. P. O. Elks lodge of sorrow Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. Special music has been arranged for the occasion. Alvin Kleinfeldt, Christian minister, will deliver the invocation and benediction. The public is invited.

Departed brothers of Heppner lodge the last year were D. G. Florence and Ralph M. Corrigan.

ACCIDENT HALTS TRIP.

L. H. Guild, Millard Rodman, Earl Fulkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Morris had their intended trip to Portland and the O. S. C.-Nebraska football game sadly disrupted last Saturday morning when their car skidded on the slippery pavement between Ione and Morgan and overturned on its side. The occupants escaped injury, though the car, belonging to Mr. Guild, was damaged on its side and top. They gave up the trip, though the car was driven back on its own power.

LEAVE FOR WEISER.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Case and daughter Janet left Tuesday for Weiser, Idaho, where they will make their home. They were honored with several farewell events before leaving.

MEETING POSTPONED.

Woolgrowers Auxiliary meeting has been postponed until Dec. 11 at 1:30 p. m. at Lucas Place.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball a 7½ pound girl at their home in this city Saturday.

Wheat Fields Mecca For Game Birds—But Luck is Tough

Thousands of "honkers," those prizes of all game birds, were inhabiting north Morrow county stubble fields on Monday, the closing day of the season, reported Dave Wilson, R. C. Phelps, Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Herbert Hynd, who invaded the hounds. But the wise old geese were hard to bag. Only two were dropped.

Though slightly foggy, the "ceiling" was not low enough to keep the birds from flapping out of range of the guns whenever the hunters neared. One wise old bird would crane his long neck around, take a squint, then sound the warning that would cause the flock to take off to safety.

"I never saw so many geese in my life," said Dr. McMurdo, who averred that the honker is not such a "silly goose" after all.

JAMES HOWELL COX HELPED BUILD CITY

Veteran Carpenter Called by Pneumonia; Rites Today; Came Here Just After Flood.

Funeral rites are being held this afternoon from the chapel of Phelps Funeral home beginning at 2 o'clock, for James H. Cox, veteran carpenter, who came to Heppner with his family just after the flood of 1903 and assisted in rebuilding the city. Alvin Kleinfeldt is the officiating minister. Interment follows in Masonic cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Cox who passed away several years ago. Mr. Cox succumbed to a 13-day attack of pneumonia at Morrow General hospital about 10 o'clock Tuesday night. All immediate members of the family were with him at the end.

James Howell Cox was a native of Missouri, being born at Hunnewell, that state, July 18, 1854. He married Margaret B. Prewitt at Shebina, Mo., in 1880. They came west in the early 80's and located at Dayton, Wash., in and near where Mr. Cox plied his trade of carpentering until the family home was moved here in 1903. For several years the Cox home was made at Waitsburg, near Dayton, and there they became acquainted with the Hollis Conover family who came to Heppner at the same time, Mr. Conover engaging in the dray business, and the Conovers occupied one of the first houses constructed here by Mr. Cox. The first two houses he built were located just off Liden Way in north Heppner.

Housing accommodations were in demand after the 1903 disaster, and Mr. Cox was kept busy building houses, many of which still stand as mute tribute to his craftsmanship. Besides contributing generously of his craft in building the city, Mr. Cox also was the city's building moving engineer for many years. Among the difficult jobs of this nature which he accomplished was the moving of the old livery barn which now stands on the south end of Main street, and which Mr. Cox supervised moving from the space now occupied by the Ford garage.

For many years the Cox home was made on the west end of Baltimore street, but for the last several years Mr. Cox has resided in his house on Jones street.

In his many years of residence here he made friends with all with whom he came into contact, and the community feels a keen loss in his passing.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Vivian Ball of this city, and two sons, W. Prewitt Cox of Oregon City and Harold Cox of Heppner, also a brother and two sisters in the east. Mr. Cox was aged 82 years, 4 months and 13 days.

Lions Assist Plans For Entertaining City's Visitors

Final Reports Given; Timber Purchase, River Work Told.

Final reports in local preparations for entertaining the Eastern Oregon Wheat League conference tomorrow and Saturday were made to the Lions club Monday luncheon by the cooperating committee, F. W. Turner, Spencer Crawford, Earl W. Gordon and Joseph Belanger.

A window decorating contest, placing of welcoming signs, housing arrangements and provision of courtesy cars were reported as making favorable progress. A number of Lions offered use of their automobiles for courtesy cars. Help of Boy Scouts was also expected in showing guests the location of rooms.

Proposed purchase by the government of timberlands in the Willow creek watershed, and a river conference attended by Col. T. M. Robins, divisional army engineer, were matters brought to the club's attention by S. E. Notson.

Colonel Robins attended the river conference at Arlington Saturday and expressed himself as favorable to the river being developed for transportation. He announced that channel improvement between Celilo and Umatilla has been under way without fanfare and will soon be completed. This improvement will provide a clear channel 150 feet wide and seven feet deep over this stretch.

"Believing that use of the river will stimulate development toward greater usefulness for transportation is the thought behind the make of Kirk Thompson of Spokane who announced through Inland Empire Waterways association that he has six tug boats on the way from Seattle to tow oil on barges inland as far as Attalia, Wash.," Mr. Notson said. These tugs are a shallow water, double-screw type, which Mr. Thompson believes can be operated on the river now. Two 150,000-gallon capacity storage tanks have already been erected near Attalia to receive the cargo. The Inland Navigation company also announced its intention to place two double-screw boats on the river in the near future, Mr. Notson said.

Mr. Notson and J. L. Gault conferred with Representative Walter M. Pierce last week on the matter of timber purchase, and Mr. Pierce reaffirmed his intention of doing all possible to accomplish the desired end of having timber at the head of Willow creek watershed put within the national forest. Mr. Pierce also said he would follow the lead of Inland Empire Waterways association in working for development of the Columbia river.

President Ray P. Kinne called attention to the appropriateness of Christmas decorations on the streets at the time of the wheatmen's meeting. Liberal adornment of curbing and store fronts with greenery representative of the season would do much toward furthering the holiday spirit, he believed.

FIRST SNOW FALLS.

First fall of the "beautiful" starting at noon today omened that Eastern Oregon Wheat leaguers will be heartened thereby over prospects for growing crops when they meet in annual conference here tomorrow.

Miss Irene Beamer was home for Thanksgiving from Forest Grove where she attends Pacific U.

Where Committees Will Meet

Weed Control, Soil Conservation—I. O. O. F. Hall, opposite the county agent's office.
Production, Marketing and Handling—City hall.
Federal Farm Programs—Library.
Transportation and Rural Electrification—Elks' club rooms.
Taxation, Legislation and Finance—Elks' club rooms.

Roster of League Officers, Committees

Heading affairs of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league as it convenes in its ninth annual conference here tomorrow are E. Harvey Miller, Lexington, president; Chas. Nish, Condon, vice-president, and Chas. W. Smith, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

Committee heads are: Taxation and legislation, George Peck, chairman, Jim Hill, Jr., secretary; production, handling and marketing programs, Chas. Harth, chairman, G. R. Hyslop, secretary; transportation and rural electrification, Bert Johnson, chairman, W. W. Lawrence, secretary; federal farm programs, Mac Hoke, chairman, R. McKennon, secretary; weed control and soil conservation, O. L. Babcock, chairman, Harry Avery, secretary.

On the executive committee are H. V. Smouse, Ione, Morrow county; Lloyd Smith, Mayville, Gilliam county; Harry Proudfoot, Wasco, Sherman county; John F. Putnam, Fossil, Wheeler county; James K. Hill, Pendleton, Umatilla county; E. H. DeLong, La Grande, Union county; Hugh Wilson, Joseph, Wallowa county; L. J. Kelly, The Dalles, Wasco county; E. N. Dodd, Haines, Baker county.

Range Improvement Greeted Heartily

With applications for improvement on more than 200,000 acres of range land, livestock operators in Morrow county are hailing the range program, under the Agricultural Conservation act, as the most beneficial and practical program ever submitted to the livestock men.

Participation in the plan has been far more active than had been anticipated by the administration. Abbreviated as the list of permissible practices has necessarily been, livestock operators have been able to do a great deal of work on their range which they have been wanting to do for years, but have been forced to forego. Spring development will probably lead the list of practices carried out under the 1936 program. Livestock men are insistent that the range improvement work be made part of the 1937 schedule.

UNION MISSIONARY MEETS.

Mrs. Alta Brown's report on the Portland preaching mission, and Miss Leta Humphreys' talk on "Negroes and Negro Spirituals" featured the Union Missionary society meeting at the Church of Christ on Tuesday afternoon. The forty ladies present joined in singing some Negro spirituals. Mrs. S. E. Notson led the devotional, Mrs. S. H. Shannon offered prayer, and Mrs. Henry Tetz and Mrs. E. L. Morton sang solos.

GRAND OFFICER COMING.

Oscar Effenberger of Tillamook, deputy grand exalted ruler, Oregon north, will make his official visitation to Heppner lodge Monday evening, Dec. 14. Initiation and special entertainment are on the program for the evening.

LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING.

American Legion Auxiliary will meet the evening of Dec. 7, at the home of Mrs. Floyd Adams.

Dr. Bell, Governor Martin Headline Conclave Events

Barratt Toastmaster; Amplifier Coming; Program Crowded.

Two last-minute program changes were received this morning from Chas. W. Smith, secretary. L. E. Williams, assistant cashier, will represent U. S. National bank of Portland, instead of A. L. Mills, Jr., and Ron Kennedy, secretary Pacific Northwest Grain Growers association, will give a 15-minute talk on the aims of his association.

Heppner becomes the focal center of Eastern Oregon's large wheat industry tomorrow as the ninth annual conference of its league of growers starts grinding on matters of vital importance to its well being.

Members of the major committees started arriving in the city today and this evening will finish the drafts of material for consideration under the various departments, taxation and legislation; production, handling and marketing programs; transportation and rural electrification; federal farm programs, and weed control and soil erosion.

Headlining the speaker's program at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon will be Dr. E. J. Bell of Washington, D. C., assistant to the chief of the western division, AAA, who will explain the 1937 federal agricultural program.

The morning program will open at 9:15 with selection by the Heppner school band. Welcoming address by Mayor-elect Chas. B. Cox, himself an active league member and first president of the organization; response by Chas. Nish of Condon, league vice-president; address of E. Harvey Miller, president; report of Secretary C. W. Smith, and a discussion of "Effects of Currency Fluctuation upon Trade," by A. L.

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Grazing District in North End Fostered

The new grazing district in the north end of Morrow county is well on its way with articles of association and by-laws already prepared and ready for submission.

The five incorporators of the association—Jack Hynd, Cecil; John Krebs, Cecil; L. D. Neill, Echo; Chas. Bartholomew, Echo, and William Kilkenny, Heppner—met at the county agent's office a few days ago to work out details of the new association.

The grazing district will include some 230,000 acres lying mostly in Morrow county, but including a small amount of range land in the northeast corner of Gilliam county and in the northwest corner of Umatilla county. Unregulated grazing in this section has, over a long period, brought a condition which in the opinion of stockmen using the area, required immediate remedial action if this large section of land is to continue as usable range for livestock.

A meeting will be called some time in January by the Department of Interior at which time the range users in this range area will vote on the question of establishing the grazing district. The association now being set up will then be in a position to start immediately on the involved job of drawing up rules for range users.