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Local Men Return From Visit to Nation's Capital

Bartholomew and Krebs Impressed With Big Edifices

The size of government buildings and the large forces of workers who man them were among the outstanding impressions of the nation's capital as reported by Charles Bartholomew and John Krebs, who arrived home from there Sunday, in talks before the Monday Lions luncheon at Hotel Heppner. Lons christened re-opening of the hotel dining room with their luncheon, it having been closed since recent change of ownership of the hotel property.

Krebs and Bartholomew attended a national meeting of local directors of grazing districts set up under the Taylor Grazing act. While results of the meeting were generally satisfactory, all the regulations do not fit Oregon conditions, they believed. This government set-up is singular in that it promotes "home rule," however, and the men expected that such amendment of rules as may be necessary to meet Oregon's needs will be forthcoming.

The men, Mr. Bartholomew accompanied by Mrs. Bartholomew, went east and returned by train. The trip was enjoyable throughout, but western train service is far superior to that in the east was the impression gained.

Both men reported on the size of the department of interior building which has 85 acres of floor space, houses 6500 workers and has a dining room in the basement with facilities to feed 2000 people at one sitting. Prices here were quite reasonable, though one might easily pay a dollar for a sandwich most anywhere in the city.

Tours were made of places of interest in and about the capital, and the men looked in on congress in action. Mr. Bartholomew was impressed by the apparent ludicrousness of congressmen orating to vacant chairs in the hall of the house of representatives. The main point, he determined, was to have the speech recorded in the congressional record.

The entire Oregon delegation had dinner with Representative Pierce, and called on Senator McNary. They were unable to see Senator Steiwer, however, as he was absent in New York.

The local representatives were in town Monday to attend a meeting of the local district advisers and directors, with Marvin Klemme, regional grazer from Burns. All were present at the luncheon, including besides those mentioned, L. D. Neill and Bill Kilkenny.

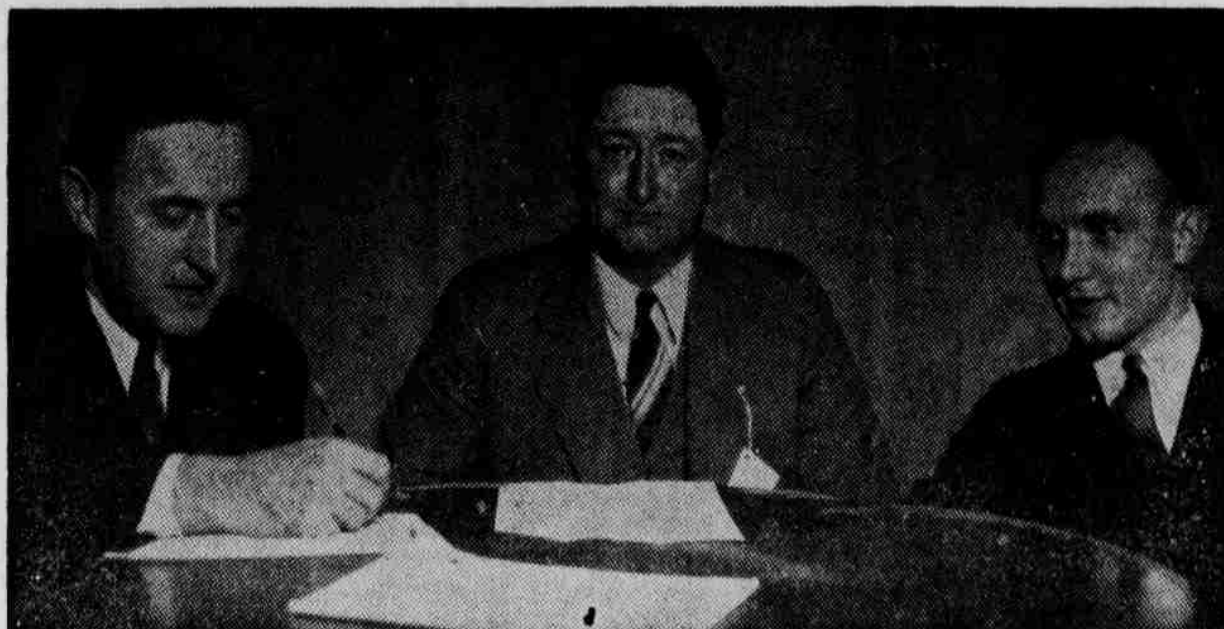
Two enjoyable entertainment features were presented by Charles Evans and Anthony Helit, CCC enrollees. Evans gave a charcoal cartoon talk of professional caliber and Helit played several numbers on his piano accordion, a real accomplishment in view of the fact that he played entirely by ear, having never taken a lesson.

MRS. WEDDING PASSES

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lucy T. Wedding were announced in the funeral notice column of Tuesday's Oregonian, to be held in Portland yesterday afternoon. Though no definite word is known to have been received by friends here, it is presumed that the Mrs. Wedding is the one who taught in the local high school for several years in the middle teens. Mrs. Wedding was instructor of English for many local high school alumni who remember her motherly nature which caused interest in her English students to go beyond their reception of the subjects she taught.

Marshall Fell visited from Portland this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Fell.

Eastern Oregon Wheat League Elects Officers



Charles W. Smith of Corvallis (left), named secretary-treasurer of the league at its La Grande banquet Saturday night; George Peck of Lexington, chosen president, and Emil Schano, The Dalles, elected vice-president. —Courtesy Portland Oregonian

George N. Peck Heads Wheat Men For Coming Year

E. O. League Hears Governor, Others at La Grande Meet

The Eastern Oregon Wheat league concluded its 1937 annual meeting at La Grande Saturday with election of George N. Peck, Morrow county, president for the coming year; Emil Shanno, Wasco county, vice-president, and Charles W. Smith, Corvallis, secretary.

Governor Charles Martin, principal speaker at the banquet Friday evening, emphasized the importance in these troublous times of close adherence to our American ideals of social responsibility.

George E. Farrell, Washington, D. C., who was scheduled to discuss matters of agricultural adjustment, was unable to be at the meeting. C. E. Carter, assistant administrator, came out from Washington, D. C., in Mr. Farrell's place. There has been some fear, Mr. Carter said, that in arriving at an adequate adjustment of wheat production in the United States, some discrimination might be made against the producers in the Pacific northwest states since this section has consistently been a heavy surplus area. Such fears are entirely without basis in fact, he assured, since any discriminatory reduction program would be impossible of administration.

C. C. Chapman, editor of Oregon Voter, discussed at spirited length the present upset labor situation in the country, with special emphasis on the intolerable condition in the Portland area prevailing at the present time. The real solution, Mr. Chapman intimated, lies as much in adequate enforcement of the present laws by public officials as in the passage of additional remedial legislation. The policies of the labor leaders, according to Mr. Chapman, do not represent the opinions of the majority of the members of the representative unions. The quarrel on the Pacific coast is not between the employer and employee—the real quarrel is between the leaders of the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O., each of whom is striving for dominance. The gist of Mr. Chapman's remarks was that while in any particular controversy one group of leaders might be more at fault than the other, the public in general could not pin its hopes on eventual dominance of either group.

J. M. Parrish, secretary of the Tri State Wheat Transportation council, outlined the background of this council and emphasized the necessity of adequately financing it if its purpose in assisting wheat farmers in maintaining equitable freight rates were to be continuously effective.

The transportation committee, of which E. H. Miller, Lexington, is chairman, again expressed the opposition of the wheat league to passage of the Pettingill bill. Two other bills, sponsored by labor, namely the 70-car-train bill and the 6-hour-a-day and the full-crew bill were also opposed by the league. The league requested the Interstate Commerce commission to hold a hearing in Portland before granting the request of the railroads for a flat 5 percent increase in freight rates.

The Federal Programs committee, of which Mac Hoke, Pendleton, is chairman, strongly endorsed the idea of production control as a necessary part of future agricultural programs. The present soil conservation program was declared to be excellent but not of itself sufficient to stabilize farm income. The committee recommended voluntary control up to the point where burdensome surpluses of major farm crops were accumulated; but went on record as endorsing individual farm quotas when two-thirds of the producers of

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Elks' Sorrow Lodge Hears Judge Johnson

Paying tribute to the high principles of the order as exemplified in the lives of departed brothers of the last year, Judge Bert Johnson addressed the annual lodge of sorrow of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, at the lodge hall Sunday afternoon. Honored by the services were T. J. O'Brien, W. H. Turner, J. C. Swift, J. J. Wells, numbered on the roll of departed for the year.

Bert Mason, exalted ruler, presided. Alvin Kleinfeldt, Christian minister, gave the invocation and benediction, and a quarter, J. A. Anglin, J. G. Katin, Russell McNeill and Richard Tuller, sang "Crossing the Bar" and "Going Down the Valley." Mrs. McNeill was piano accompanist and played the funeral march to which members entered.

Edgar A. Matteson, Native Son, Called

Edgar Matteson, 59, native of Heppner and life long resident, succumbed to a lingering illness at his home about 10 o'clock last night. He was the son of R. P. and Virginia (Tippley) Matteson, early pioneers, and is survived by brothers Newt of this city and Walter of Porterville, Cal., and a sister, Mrs. Hulda Gabler of Monument.

Funeral services are announced for tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Pentecostal tabernacle, Rev. E. D. Greeley officiating and Case mortuary in charge. Interment will be in Masonic cemetery.

County Broadcast Slated Over KOAC

Morrow county's soil conservation program will be given the state radio spotlight next Tuesday when a special program will be broadcast over KOAC, Oregon State college radio station, at the noon hour.

Joseph Belanger, county agent, will tell of accomplishments in this county in an interview before the KOAC "mike," while in Corvallis to attend the annual conference of extension service workers. Mr. Belanger will leave for Corvallis this week end.

TRACTOR SCHOOL ATTRACTS

Two hundred people registered at Braden-Bell's farm implement school last Friday, and those in charge report pleasure with the Show's success. Among those in charge were H. R. Money, district "Caterpillar" representative, and Walter H. McGhee, district John Deere representative.

WILL GANGER PASSES

Announcement was made in the daily press this week of the death of Will Ganger, former Ione resident and for many years a garage operator in Pendleton. Among surviving relatives are a brother, Sam Ganger of California; sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Sparks and Mrs. Mary Burt of Portland.

RAINFALL AHEAD 1936, 10-YR. MEAN

3.08 Inches in Last Three Months Brings Total to 13.07; Highest Since 1927

Morrow county missed getting its usual good rains in September but a wetter than usual November compensated to raise the rainfall so far this year to above that for the entire year of 1936 as well as the ten-year average.

Records of Len L. Gilliam, government weather observer at Heppner, show total precipitation for the year to date at 13.07 inches. Total precipitation for 1936 of 9.22 inches was below the ten-year average of 10.54. Though precipitation has been nil for December so far, there is still time to bring the total above that of 1927, the last wettest year, which showed 13.11 inches.

Only .36 of an inch of moisture was recorded by Gilliam for September. October was better with .94, while Novembers total was 1.78. The readings at Heppner are indicative of conditions which prevailed over the county generally. Wheat fields now have a normal amount of moisture for the season, general reports indicate, while range grass has responded exceptionally well. The grass cover in the mountains is said by old-time stockmen to be in the best condition they have ever seen it this time of year.

The timbered region has enjoyed balmy weather to date, while the county generally has been treated to a prolonged Indian summer. Freezing temperatures have prevailed at Heppner for the last few nights, with a low of 20 degrees above zero Tuesday night.

Local residents have been able to smile so far as they read of winter's onslaught elsewhere, but the lighting of smudge pots in California orange groves and donning of heavy wearing apparel on Miami beach while the Rocky mountain section is gripped by Boreas causes some to look with satisfaction upon well-filled fuel bins.

John Austin Injured in Seattle by Car

Chester Darbee, depot agent, received a letter from his brother-in-law, John Austin, yesterday morning telling of Mr. Austin's confinement in a Seattle hospital suffering from injuries sustained last week end when he was struck by a car in the Washington city. Mr. Austin, who made his home here with Mr. Darbee for several years, had gone to Seattle several weeks ago.

Though the injuries were severe, Mr. Austin did not succumb to them as announced in a daily press report the end of the week, and hopes are held for his recovery.

J. I. Purdy district freight and passenger agent for Union Pacific railroad, was a business visitor in the city yesterday from his headquarters at Pendleton.

City Dads Order Big Christmas Tree

Heppner's city dads say Christmas is not Christmas without a tree. Accordingly they authorized a large tree to be obtained and placed in a principal intersection on Main street when they met for regular business Monday evening.

Plans for sidewalk improvement on Court street were discussed, and rapid progress was reported as being made in removing the condemned buildings at the corner of Main and Center streets, with Lee Slocum in charge of the work.

E. L. Morton was acting mayor in the absence of Jeff Jones, and other councilmen present were P. W. Mahoney, L. D. Tibbles, R. C. Phelps and D. A. Wilson.

Red Cross Over Top; Report Incomplete

Though still short in number of memberships, Morrow county has gone "over the top" for its quota of \$300, announces Russell McNeill, county chapter chairman. A few reports from individual workers have yet to come in.

Though the official roll call ended Thanksgiving day, quite a number of persons were not contacted, and anyone wishing to join the Red Cross who has not done so, may have the privilege by calling at First National Bank of Portland, Heppner branch, where Mr. McNeill will serve them.

Elects New Officers Grazing District

Directors and advisers of Morrow County Grazing district met at the county agent's office Monday and Tuesday. Business of the district was gone over with Marvin Klemme, regional grazer from Burns, and Chas. H. Bartholomew and John Krebs, directors, made report from attendance at a national meeting in Washington, D. C., from which they had just returned.

John Krebs was named chairman of the board of advisers, and Bill Kilkenny president of the board of directors when new officers were elected Monday.

FIRE AT STORE

The ladies ready-to-wear store of Mrs. Agnes Curran was damaged by fire about 10 o'clock Monday night. Mrs. Curran was out of the store for a short time, and returned to find the blaze arising from the day-enport. Smoke and water damaged stock some, though the blaze was quickly subdued by the fire department. She had no insurance on the stock. An adjuster was in the city this mornig to adjust loss on furniture and damage to the building belonging to Mrs. Leta Babb.

PARTY POSTPONED

The party slated by Woolgrowers auxiliary has been postponed to Friday, Dec. 17.