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FACTORY MEN VISIT

Bisbee Succeeds Phelps on Council; May Buy Pump

Diesel Plant Considered to Augment Water System

Rejoining the city's legislative force after several years, L. E. Bisbee, veteran in the city's service, was greeted at Monday evening's council meeting as successor to the late R. C. Phelps. Mayor Bleakman expressed pleasure in announcing Mr. Bisbee's willingness to accept proffer of appointment, and the old work horse settled into harness with his colleagues immediately.

Snapping up business to clear the way for the public mass meeting with representatives of the proposed box factory, held later at the Elks hall, the council ordered advertisement for bids for purchase of a pumping plant as the principal matter of business. The plant was estimated to cost between \$2000 and \$2500 installed, and if purchased will be placed at the first artesian well at the forks of Willow creek to keep the city supplied with water. The pump specifications call for pumping 720,000 gallons every 24 hours, or triple the amount now used by the city.

Representatives from the volunteer firemen attended the meeting and asked for space in the back room of the city building where they may install ring and seats for staging smokers. The request asked permission to remove part of a partition, and because he thought such removal might weaken the roof support, Mayor Bleakman left the matter in the hands of the streets and public property committee for thorough investigation.

All members of the council were present, including Mayor Bleakman, Councilmen Wilson, Mahoney, Tibbles, Ferguson, Bennett and Bisbee. Other officers present were Recorder Huston, Treasurer Dix, Attorney Nys, Watermaster Rasmus, and Policemen Schunk and Hayes.

Elks' Music Comedy To Benefit Band

Practice is expected to start as soon as music is received on a musical comedy to raise funds to send the school band to the state contest, announces Dr. R. C. Lawrence, chairman of the Elks committee in charge of the affair. With Lawrence on the committee are V. R. Runson and Hubert Gaily all of whom helped with the successful presentation last year.

Lawrence is extending an invitation to all music talent in the city to participate and it is expected to give personal invitations to all who participated last year. Mrs. Ture Peterson has accepted the invitation to direct the music, Mrs. Harold Cohn to direct the dances, and Miss Marjorie Parker to be pianist. Presentation will be made in about six weeks from the time practice starts, Lawrence said.

207,000 Bushels Sold To Government Here

Total purchase of 207,000 bushels of white wheat under the government purchase program, ending Saturday, is reported by the local AAA office.

Considerable of the purchase wheat has already been loaded out of warehouses on the branch, stimulating movement on the railroad the last week.

4 Below Last Night Coldest in 2 Years

Four below zero was recorded last night by the government thermometer of Len Gilliam, local weather observer, to reach the lowest point in two years as Morrow county is being treated to its first real touch of winter for the year. Gilliam took the reading this morning and did not know just when the low point was reached. At time of reading the mercury had started up again and had reached 7 above. The last fall of snow, starting Tuesday night, was measured at 1.2 inches and contained .08 inch of moisture.

The new onset of winter has been general over the county. Though no reports of temperature from outside points were available this morning, reports of snowfall show increasing depths toward the mountains. Harley Anderson reported four inches on the level at his place in Eight Mile yesterday and the boys who have gone up on Shaw creek above the timberline skiing the last few days reported yesterday that a good 18 inches on the level was present there.

Winter's onset over the state has resulted in complicated traffic conditions, and a slide at Oneonta on the Columbia river highway Tuesday afternoon had this artery to Portland blocked, both railroad and highway. It was reported it would take three days to clear the slide from the highway.

Heppner-Condon Play Decisive Tilt Friday

Friday, Feb. 10, the Mustangs will meet the Condon Blue Devils in the last home game of the season in the local gymnasium. Inevitable thrills are in store as Condon attempts to upset the Heppner quint's chances of winning the league. The two teams are equal in most respects, the Mustangs previously edging out a 6 to 33 victory on the Blue Devil's floor.

Following are the standings in the western division of the Upper Columbia Basketball league:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Heppner	4	1	.800
Fossil	4	2	.666
Arlington	3	3	.500
Condon	1	4	.400

Garden Club Starts Clean-Up Project

Bi-monthly clearing of garbage with different times set for north and south Heppner was undertaken as a project of Heppner Garden club meeting at the home of Mrs. D. M. Ward, president, Monday evening. The ladies expect to arrange for garbage removal service from homes on certain days at a nominal monthly charge.

A constitution prepared by Miss Rose Leibbrand, secretary, was adopted. New members inducted include Mrs. B. C. Pinckney, Miss Maude King, Miss Cecelia Nordstrom and Mrs. W. C. Rosewall.

Cecil Dance Nets Paralysis Fund \$28

J. O. Kincaid, local chairman, reports net proceeds of \$28.40 from the dance staged at the Cecil hall Saturday, the 4th, to benefit infantile paralysis sufferers in honor of the President's birthday. The money was turned over to B. C. Pinckney, treasurer, and Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county chairman, expresses appreciation of the efforts of the Morgan and Cecil communities.

Willows grange and Morgan community were joint sponsors of the affair under Mr. Kincaid's chairmanship.

Rosewall-Gentry Enter Local Field As Ford Agents

Main and May Garage Opens Saturday With New Heads

Rosewall-Gentry Motor company will open for business in Heppner Saturday as Morrow county Ford agents. The new company is occupying the garage building at the corner of Main and May streets, vacant since the Latourell Auto company ceased business here several months ago.

The new company returns a Ford agency to Heppner after an absence of two years. With W. C. Rosewall, recently of Walla Walla, as manager and Emery Gentry, native Heppner son and now of Weston as co-partner, the company will handle the full line of Ford cars, with complete parts and accessories and will specialize in a complete, up-to-date repair shop.

Mr. Rosewall has had several years' connection with Ford agencies, having operated dealerships at Enterprise and Walla Walla before entering the local field. Not only experienced in the garage business, he is also acquainted with eastern Oregon conditions and he expresses pleasure at the opportunity of working with the people of Morrow county.

Mr. Gentry, son of Mrs. James Gentry of this city, is a native product, having been graduated from Heppner grade and high schools before entering the garage business at Weston several years ago.

He expects to continue in active management of the Weston business which includes a Ford dealership, but his venture into the new business here at this time is an expression of confidence in the future of the "old home town."

Mr. Rosewall returned from Portland yesterday evening, having gone to the city on business in connection with Saturday's opening. He and Mrs. Rosewall have taken residence in the Millard Rodman house on Court street.

LUCILLE HALL PASSES

Mrs. Earl W. Gordon received telegraphic word this morning of the death of her sister, Miss Lucille Hall. Only meager news was contained in the telegram from Guy Hall, brother, sent from Payette, Idaho. Miss Hall was thought to have been at Rawlins, Wyo. She resided here for several years when the family home was made here and attended both grade and high school here.

VISITS IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. W. P. Mahoney is visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Mather, at Santa Barbara, Cal., on the return from the National Wool Growers auxiliary convention at San Angelo, Cal., at which she presided as president last week. Mr. Mather, one-time high school athletic supervisor here, is now teaching at Santa Barbara Teachers college.

BABY SON PASSES

Jerry, 2-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Prock, lost a battle against a natal illness when he passed away at the family home Saturday. Services were held from the Phelps Funeral home Tuesday afternoon, with interment in Masonic cemetery.

Read G. T. Want Ads. You may find a bargain in something needed.

Court Denies Supporting Increase In Judge's Salary

Answering a statement of Representative Fatland that they were supporting the proposed salary increase for the office of judge, now before the legislature, Commissioners Neill and Peck yesterday forwarded to Mr. Fatland a denial of such support. In a letter received locally, Fatland said:

"As you must know, is it impossible for the members of the legislature, unless they are particularly familiar with local conditions, to place a value on the services of county officers. We must depend, to a large degree, on the advice and suggestion of the local people who pay the bill. In the case of Judge Johnson, the other members of the county court and a substantial group of heavy taxpayers requested the increase. For that reason the bill was introduced. There has been practically no opposition to it."

In answering Mr. Fatland's statement, the commissioners wrote:

"This is not correct and we wish to take this opportunity of setting forth our opposition to the increase as members of the court and further that as private taxpayers we are strongly opposed to the increase."

"We believe that at this particular time the move for increase of Judge Johnson is particularly inconsistent. In 1932 at the start of the depression Mr. Johnson, as a private citizen, was a strong advocate of economy in the affairs of the county. One of his strongest proposals was for county officers to take a 10 per cent cut on all their salaries. This was done."

"We believe the raise is unnecessary for the judge is a single man, and he ran for this office when he knew what the salary would be."

"In the matter of the increase of the salary of district attorney, this is another case where the man ran for the office knowing what the salary would be. In addition the district attorney has a private practice which adds to his income, and his wife is also at the present time, and for the last three years has been drawing a salary from the state of Oregon."

"For these reasons we believe that an increase in these salaries is not justified and we are opposed to the bills."

Representative Fatland stated in his letter that a bill to standardize district attorney salaries over the whole state had been introduced and if passed would render inoperative the bill affecting only the local office. He believed the state-wide bill set a minimum of 1800 a year, the amount to which the local bill would raise the local district attorney's salary.

Lions Meet Talks Factory; Hears Report

Heppner business men packed Monday noon Lions luncheon when it was expected to meet officials of the proposed box factory. The officials did not arrive until 2 o'clock in the afternoon and business of the meeting consisted of arranging for the mass meeting that evening, with selection of J. G. Barratt as community spokesman.

Jackson Gilliam, home on visit from his studies at Whitman college, entertained with a vocal solo accompanied by Miss Marjorie Parker, and gave report of a national youth conference he attended last fall at Naperville, Ill. The interest manifested at the conference in the nation's social evils indicated that progress will be made in weeding out crime and raising social standards generally, young Gilliam believed.

SITE OFFER GETS CONSIDERATION OF BOX CONCERN

County's Interest Expressed by Large Turnout at Meeting

Heartfelt welcome was extended H. E. Leash and Leonard Kraft, officials of the Bridal Veil Lumber & Box company, when people of Morrow county overflowed the Elks club room Monday evening to hear from them the possibility of establishment of a factory unit at Heppner. Tendered the visitors was a subscription list of 32 names each guaranteeing \$100 toward the provision of a site on which to establish a plant, the result of three hours' effort by the local committee. This list was to certify the city's faith in the venture and was underwritten with the understanding that the committee would later call for wider spread donations to make up the amount.

In introducing the visitors, J. G. Barratt, chosen as spokesman for the local committee, predicted the hope of a boyhood dream, that some day Heppner would see an industrial development from the hinterland timber, was about to be realized.

Mr. Leash as principal spokesman for the visitors announced they were definitely considering establishment of a box factory at Heppner, the extent of which would be determined by conditions. He accepted the proffer of a site to take under advisement with other members of his company, having headquarters in Chicago. He said a definite proposal for providing electricity was expected Wednesday (yesterday) from Pacific Power & Light company, and that if it were found juice could not be obtained from this source establishment of a diesel plant was probable.

Heppner people were not encouraged to build hopes too high, as the visiting officials said a number of problems remain to be worked out and every step must clear through the Chicago office before it could be taken, and that some hitch might keep the plant from coming at all. He intimated that the Heppner plant would link in with the Bridal Veil operation, one of four plants already operated on the west coast, and that box sides would probably be the principal output at first. It was expected a sawmill would not be established if not found absolutely necessary.

In their plan of operation, Mr. Leash said, every tree cut is used in entirety, necessitating the production of lumber as well as boxes. He outlined the production process in considerable detail, and told how his company had been the principal source of box supply for the Kraft Cheese company since that concern first started. Mr. Leash gave his experience in operating box factories as covering 35 years, in which time he has served as factory designer and efficiency expert as well as production manager. International Woodworking corporation is the national affiliate of the Bridal Veil company.

Both he and Mr. Kraft told of operations of the company at Bridal Veil and at Cathlamet, Wash. While employees of the Bridal Veil plant were asked to affiliate with the A. F. of L., they have had no plant tie-ups anywhere in the United States from labor trouble, and a number of their plants are unorganized. The company's scale is usually larger

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