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### Thank You, Mr. Leash

ANYONE who went to the mass meeting at the Elks hall Monday evening with the idea of hearing Mr. Leash and Mr. Kraft, box factory representatives, give a glowing version of an immediate advent of Utopia into Heppner was, we believe, thoroughly disillusioned.

Officials of the proposed venture made no exaggerated statements. They were careful to say what "may" or what "might" happen, and these whats were not such as to incite boom talk. Their appearance definitely was not that of the promoter, but rather of the cold-headed business executive who at all times leaves the door wide open to possibilities. There is, as Mr. Leash said, possibility that the proposed box factory might not become a reality; and such reality as he thought might occur was a "small" rather than a superlative venture.

The officials' appearance was such as to inspire confidence in their knowing of what they were about—in their ability, to be exact, to operate box factories, which is their specialty. It was plain to be seen that they were pleased to be so warmly received. As Mr. Leash said, eyeing the large assemblage gleamingly, "It appeared the company would have no difficulty finding plenty of help."

Evident it was that Mr. Leash liked to talk about boxes and cheese. If he attempted to promote anything, it was the product of the large cheese-making concern which consumes most of the boxes made by his company.

Though his audience was more or less left hanging on a thread as to if and when the Kraft subsidiary would establish a box factory here, Mr. Leash did leave them thoroughly interested in box- and cheese-making. If and when the box factory does come, everyone who heard Mr. Leash will want to see it operate, and such as may find employment there will undoubtedly feel that they are working "with" and not "for" the company as Mr. Leash said is the way his company's employees are accustomed to feel.

All in all, the officials' visit here was heartening. And to Mr. Leash as the principal spokesman, we cannot help but say thank you, we hope you come often.

### More Water

HEPPNER faces the need for more water. To satisfy that need the council proposes to purchase a pump capable of pumping 720,000 gallons every 24 hours, the pump to be operated by a diesel motor.

In checking over the situation to arrive at the pump solution, the city has had advice from a representative of a pump manufacturing concern to add to a firm confidence in the ability of the present well to hold up under heavy pumping.

In a previous test the present well did hold up for several days under heavy pumping. The water is said to have been lowered to a depth of thirty feet in the first few hours and thereafter held at that point. But one school of thought, many times expressed within the city, holds to the belief that artesian wells, such as the present well originally was, do not stand up under heavy pumping over a prolonged period.

The school of thought last referred to does not believe installation of a pumping plant, estimated to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2500, will actually increase the city's water supply, and that it

might destroy the gravity flow now obtained by siphon.

A considerable number of people in the city would like to see an attempt made to provide a gravity water supply for the city before an investment is made in pumping equipment. These people have cited bringing in the present well which flowed naturally for several years and supplied water to the city without pumping cost as an example of what might be had again. Contract cost of this well was \$2100 and by siphoning it is still giving enough water to supply the city (with addition of Kelley spring) except in the irrigation season.

It is said, on good authority, that the driller of the original well will practically guarantee to bring in another artesian well for the city and that he will arrange payment over a long period of time on an amortized basis. If such be fact and another good artesian well should be obtained (there is the first artesian well to add to plausibility), the city might be supplied with gravity flow water for many more years and thus obviate the constant expense which pumping entails.

Without intent of criticizing the council's action to obtain a pumping plant, it would seem the part of wisdom to give all public thought due consideration. The councilmen themselves, not pretending expert knowledge in the science of hydraulics, might find it profitable to retain an experienced, unbiased engineer, to give an expert report before proceeding. It should not be a matter of pump salesman vs. well drilling salesman. It should be only a matter of the kind of investment that will pay the larger dividends to the city over a long period of time.

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### ONE NEWS

## Moisture Down Half From Year Ago, Ione

By MARGARET BLAKE

Rainfall since the first of the month amounts to .33 inch. Since the first of September there has been 2.58 inches of moisture. For the same period last year the moisture amounted to 5.47 inches.

Billie Lundell, who sustained a broken arm while coasting a week ago, returned home Tuesday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundell.

The Rebekahs held a benefit card party at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Lundell and J. E. Swanson in bridge, and by Mrs. Inez Freeland and Geo. N. Ely in pinochle.

Study meeting of Women's Topic club will be held in Heppner at the home of Mrs. C. W. McNamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Algott Lundell returned Monday from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Troedson left Friday for Corvallis where they are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Troedson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ekleberry and family have retruned from a visit in Lebanon with Mrs. Ekleberry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chandler, and in Brownsville with Mr. Ekleberry's aunt.

Word from Leo Gorger is to the effect that he expects to return soon from Portland where he has been receiving treatment for an infection. His brother, Joe Gorger, left Sunday for California where he will recuperate from a recent major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson drove to Portland Sunday to take their daughter, Eva, and Miss Harriet Pointer of Lexington, to resume

their work at business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely and family of Boardman were visitors at Morgan on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ely and Geo. N. Ely were dinner guests of the J. A. Troedsons on Sunday.

Mrs. John W. Krebs of Cecil has returned from a visit in Portland with her mother, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindsey of Morgan entertained Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lindstrom, W. G. Palmateer and Carl and Verner Troedson at dinner on Sunday.

O. E. Peterson of Gooseberry departed Monday for an extensive visit with his sister in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Odom were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers, who recently moved on to the R. M. Akers ranch near Ione.

Mrs. Della Corson returned Tuesday from an extended visit in Chicago and other eastern points.

### Lexington Scouts Outpoint Heppner

At a joint court of honor for Heppner and Lexington Boy Scouts held at Lexington Monday evening, members of the Lexington troop came out on top. Featuring the meeting was the voluminous supply of cake served to the large attendance of Lexington folks and a small number from Heppner.

In commenting upon the affair, B. C. Pinckney, chairman of the local committee, said that the Lexington people are to be highly congratulated upon the fine interest they have developed in scout work. He expressed regret that Heppner was not more largely represented. The Heppner committee provided ice cream to go along with the cake, but underestimated the attendance.

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Elks ladies are cordially invited to attend annual Elks Card Party at the Masonic hall, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 P. M. Contract, pinochle and Chinese checkers.—Adv. 48-49

Mr. and Mrs. John Brosnan were business visitors in the city yesterday from the Butter creek ranch.



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