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## A Serious Matter

HOW can Morrow county regain the terrific loss of livestock sustained in the last ten years?

That is an important question, raised by H. D. McCurdy at Monday evening's chamber of commerce meeting when he cited figures from the county assessment rolls for the years 1920 and 1940 to show how alarming the reduction in livestock population has actually been.

Mr. McCurdy's figures showed a reduction in valuation of horses and mules in the county from \$527,000 in 1920 to \$50,000 in 1940. There were 8464 head of horses and mules in 1920, only 1744 head in 1940. Yes, but this loss is made up by increased value of taxable tractors, you say. But it isn't. Tractors in 1920 were valued at \$117,000; in 1940, \$155,000; a gain of only \$38,000.

Sheep declined in number from 146,000 in 1920 to 84,500 in 1940. In 1920 the taxable value of sheep was \$811,000; in 1940, only \$172,000; a loss in taxable value of \$639,000. The tax levied against sheep in 1920 for county purposes was \$15,261; in 1940 it was \$2,816; a loss of \$13,000.

Mr. McCurdy gave other figures, but these are sufficient to show the trend of the serious loss of tax revenue to Morrow county from the livestock industry in the last 20 years. It is a matter which needs some real thought, for normally the livestock industry is a good big part of the county's meal ticket. It must be salvaged if the county is to maintain, or regain, its former status as a livestock county.

It is well to look where damage has been done to the industry, and for everyone to work in every way possible to remedy the causes.

It is known that curtailment of summer ranges by the federal forest service has been a very damaging factor to the sheepmen. Unfavorable market conditions over a series of years have hurt, as has the prolonged number of drouth years that have lessened range carrying capacity. It is impossible for one not trained as a doctor to diagnose all the ailments. The fact remains that the curtailment in livestock raising is hurting the county greatly. Everyone should lend a sympathetic ear and then turn a helping hand wherever possible.

## A Cause for Pride

HEPPNER'S swanky new postoffice drew choruses of "o-o-o's" and "ahs" of admiration when people poured through it at open house Saturday. A heavy visitation continued through Sunday with a slight tapering off each day since, as folks became generally educated in working the new combinations.

In appearance and equipment the new postoffice takes its place among the most modern business plants of the city. It is a source of satisfaction not only to Chas. B. Cox, post-

master, and his force, but to the public as well.

There are a few inconveniences to those who have been wont to talk over topics of the day while waiting for the morning mail, as they arrived in the lobby some minutes before the mail was out. The new sloping bottoms of the mail boxes obscure vision into the work shop, whereas at the old stand folks could tell at all times if mail were being dropped into their mail boxes; and the post-office force is better sheltered in case one should occasionally stop to read a postcard before dropping. At the new office, also, there is so far complete absence of the pictographs and writings that adorned walls at the old one, leaving less entertainment of this nature.

But such inconveniences, actually are all to the good, and it is to be hoped that those inclined to vandalism will display the pride evidenced by people generally, and assist in keeping the new building one of the neat and clean show places of the city.

The town is obligated to Postmaster Cox for his untiring effort in getting Heppner a new postoffice; to the builders for their progressiveness in adding an attractive building on Main street, and to the postoffice department whose sanction made it all possible.

## Tax Receipts Still Under Year's Roll

Collection of \$208,144.45 on the current tax roll and \$47,542.86 of delinquent taxes for a total of \$255,691.31, as of December 1st report by Clerk C. W. Barlow, left the amount collected still short of the total current roll, \$290,728.69.

Delinquent taxes as of January 1, 1940, totaled \$248,695.37, and with deduction of \$45,542.86 collected so far this year are now reduced to \$201,152.51. There remains \$82,584.24 to be collected on the 1940 roll, all of which is now delinquent, making total delinquent taxes at this time of \$283,736.76.

## 4-H PARTY HELD

To end a successful club year, the "Stitchers II, III, and IV" held a dinner party Thursday, November 28, at the home of Mrs. C. D. Conrad, the club leader. The members, all high school students, their mothers, and Mrs. Rodgers were present. A good time was had by all.

Nothing like a letter from home as a Christmas present. Why not give the Gazette Times for a year?

In new location across street from creamery. Come in and look around. You are always welcome. We have many good buys in used linoleum, washing machines, stoves, sinks, ironing boards, dressers, tables, chairs, violin, shirts and socks for boys, overalls, etc.

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# Dance

**HARDMAN I.O.O.F. HALL**  
**SATURDAY**  
**Dec. 7**  
**LUNDELL'S ORCHESTRA**  
**75c the Couple**

## WILLOWS GRANGE NEWS

### Willows Grange Calendar Full

By MARY LUNDELL

Willows grange takes this opportunity of thanking the friends and neighbors of E. C. Heliker, who so generously assisted in making Saturday night's dance a financial success. We especially thank "Bud's" orchestra who so liberally cut the usual fee for music. We thank the ladies who brought baskets, and the auctioneer, Mr. Runnion. We thank the ladies who contributed the cakes for supper and the friends and members who assisted in the dining room and kitchen.

After all expenses were paid, \$72.50 was forwarded to Ernest with the best wishes and a bit of cheer for the holiday season, while hopes for a speedy recovery accompanied the small community gift. Cheerio, Brother.

The December calendar is chock full of interesting grange events, the first being initiation in the 3rd and 4th degrees on Saturday, Dec. 7. Candidates who were unable to attend the last meeting will be obli-

gated in the 1st and 2nd degrees.

On the evening of December 7 the last of the 12 degree pins will be given away. Your name may be the lucky one drawn, so you had better be present to receive it.

The Home Economics club will meet at the home of Mrs. Elsie Peterson on Wednesday, Dec. 11. As election of officers was postponed until the December meeting, this will feature a part of the business session of the club.

Members working on fancy work and aprons are requested by the committees to speed up their work and have it in the hands of the committees not later than Dec. 11, if possible.

The annual H. E. C. bazaar will be held in the grange hall in the afternoon and evening of December 14th. A supper will be served from 6:30 o'clock on by the club ladies. A sumptuous menu consisting of chicken pie, creamed, tender peas, crispy salads, flaky breads, fluffy potatoes and coffee, such as only grange ladies can make. Generous helpings of your favorite pie will complete a meal worth \$1 of anyone's money. Tickets on sale a 45 cents and prices to suit the family

parties. There will be dancing in the evening, music by a good orchestra.

On December 21 the grange will have a Christmas program during the lecture hour and distribution of gifts. Grangers are welcome.

Morrow County Pomona grange will hold its regular meeting in Ione on January 4 with Willows grange as hosts.

Subordinate granges of the county have been invited to meet on the January 4th meeting for joint installation of officers. Chas. Wicklander of LaGrande has been invited to serve as installing officer.

The installation will follow immediately after the lecture hour. The public is invited to attend both the lecture hour and the installation of officers.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Christian Women's Missionary society met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lester Doolittle and observed Christmas with an appropriate program. Mrs. Jeff Jones, leader presented three papers and a playlet by various members of the group.

Hay for sale at Lexington. Vernon C. Brown, Ione. 40-43p.



**"I'VE OPENED MY PACK. COME IN AND PEEK!"**

## The season's biggest gift discoveries are here!

● There's a real adventure ahead for you—if you haven't yet seen our gift collection! You'll find stunning necklaces, enchanting silver patterns, and gay, inexpensive little gifts, appreciated for their fashion. And when we hear you say "Oh!" and "Ah!", we'll know you've discovered our fascinat-

ing new Christmas Elgins! Here is beauty of design at its best—dainty, gentle, lovely in the women's Elgins—handsome, vigorous, and masculine in the men's. Elgin prices are from \$24.75 to \$750.00. Launch your voyage of discovery now. Come in and see our thrilling selection today!



**A**—Silverware—bright with the richness and glow of the Christmas spirit. A wide selection of lovely patterns.

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**C**—Brilliantly created 15-jewel Elgin—the traditionally perfect gift. Exciting beauty for a charming lady. \$24.75.

**D**—Rings of exquisite loveliness and enduring sentiment in a pleasing variety of entrancing styles and stones.

**E**—The gift of unquestioned taste and charm—a jeweled cross and chain. Ideal choice for discriminating women.

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