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ALL-OUT SCRAP DRIVE STARTS

Branch Line Not To Be Removed, Officials State

Committee Obtains Assurance at Meeting Held in Portland

There is no immediate danger of the Heppner branch of the Union Pacific railroad being discontinued, or even curtailed in service. That was the gist of a report made by President P. W. Mahoney to Heppner chamber of commerce at a meeting Tuesday evening. The report put at rest a rumor that has been persisting since the order went out for removal of the Shaniko line that the local branch would probably follow suit.

Mahoney stated that the chamber's committee, of which he was a member, met with railroad officials in Portland to discuss the matter and was assured that the company contemplates no such move here. There is a condition tacked onto that statement to the effect that any contemplated move doubtless will be justified by wartime necessity, which at this time the officials do not feel will arise.

It was pointed out that conditions on the Shaniko line are not comparable to those of the Heppner branch. Sherman county is largely a grain raising district, making business for the railroad line seasonal, whereas the Heppner branch offers a steady haul through its grain, livestock and lumber shipments. Furthermore, the Sherman county highway provides an avenue for ready truck transportation to the port facilities at The Dalles as well as main line warehouses. The crowning argument in favor of tearing up the track is said to have been the urgent need for rail facilities in the Portland and Vancouver shipbuilding yards.

Perlberg Death Shocks Community

Residents of Heppner and vicinity were shocked Tuesday morning to learn of the death of Ervin Perlberg, 26-year-old garage mechanic, who apparently took his own life at his cabin on the Kummerland property a few miles west of Heppner.

Perlberg had been employed as a mechanic in the Ferguson Motor company shop and when he left work Monday evening there was no evidence that he was dissatisfied with life. Members of his family state that he acted in the usual manner upon arriving at home. He lived in a small house apart from his mother's house on her farm adjoining the William Kummerland ranch. Typical of his studious nature, he had acquired an extensive library and he spent long evenings poring over the subjects in which he was vitally interested.

Ervin Rueben Perlberg was born at Heppner March 24, 1916. He attended the schools here and upon completing the high school course entered the University of Oregon where he spent one year. Returning to the county he worked several years for E. C. Doherty near Lexington and three years ago took a job with Ferguson Motor company which he held up to the time of his death. He was a careful workman, an earnest student and acquired a host of friends who regret his untimely demise.

Funeral services were held from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel Martin B. Clark officiating. Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Three-Day Campaign for Cast Iron and Steel Expected to Bring Out Bulk of County's Supply

A Ship Sinks... a Battle Is Lost

Somewhere a mother, a wife, a child weeps. A ship had gone down.

Unprotected by convoy, the ship shuddered and sank quickly as the torpedo crashed into its side. Down in the engine rooms the son, the husband, the father didn't have a chance.

Somewhere a man sobs. His little girl is dead.

Bombers roared overhead and dropped their explosives. The man heard his daughter's screams when the heavy timber and mortar fell.

Somewhere a soldier thinks. Of barbed wire and bayonets in his prison.

They had come suddenly in hordes—little men whose leaders told them they were chosen of God. The soldier's bullets were gone when still more little men came. The soldier thinks and wonders.

Today is scrap rally day in Morrow county.

Scrap is rolling in, truckloads of it, to the loading depots of the county, indicating that Morrow county citizens have heeded the call for more metal with which to make implements and munitions of war. From every direction cast off steel and iron is pouring in to help meet Morrow county's quota and to swell the grand total of the country in the people's drive to meet and vanquish the foes of democracy.

Here at Heppner facilities for loading were acquired by making use of the log-loading derrick just south of the Union Pacific depot. Scales of the Morrow County Grain Growers association are being used for weighing in the scrap from where it is taken to the loading derrick where the railroad company has spotted cars.

This is only the first day of the three-day drive and it is expected that when the last weighing and loading is accomplished Saturday evening, the bulk of the scrap iron and steel from the farms, back yards, automobile "bone-yards" and all other places where such material accumulates will be ready to roll on to Seattle where a steel plant will convert it into usable metal once more.

For the benefit of those who have scrap to turn in, C. D. Conrad, chairman of the county scrap drive, repeats certain conditions that should be adhered to. First, he urges that all scrap, or as much as is possible, be brought in during the three-day period in order to lessen handling of the material. Cars have been spotted at Heppner, Lexington and Ione. Second, scrap should be weighed at one of the Morrow County Grain Growers warehouses and then unloaded in a freight car. Third, weight receipts should be obtained as payment will be made on the weight of the iron as soon as it is shipped. Fourth, cast iron should be weighed separate from steel. All scrap steel should be loaded on cars and cast iron thrown off on a pile on the ground. Reason for this last suggestion is seen in the fact that approximate prices run \$8 per ton for scrap steel while scrap iron brings \$15 per ton.

Grain Alcohol Plant Assured At Arlington

Grain Growers, Inc. Push Plans to Move Plant from Carver

Manufacture of grain alcohol at Arlington will soon be a reality, according to word brought to Heppner Tuesday evening by Ben F. Walling and Frank L. Waller who been assisting the Grain Growers, Inc. in obtaining a plant and in organization work. The visitors represented the Arlington group at Heppner chamber of commerce meeting when Waller spoke at length on the growth of the movement to convert surplus wheat into industrial alcohol for war uses and for eventual manufacture of rubber.

Grain Growers, Inc. has purchased an alcohol plant which has been in service a number of years at Carver. Equipment of the plant will be moved to Arlington and set up for production of industrial alcohol, having a capacity between 2,000 and 2,500 gallons daily.

Waller recalled the fight that has been waging between the oil interests and the proponents of use of surplus grain. He pointed out that production of rubber from industrial alcohol is far more economical than the crude oil formula. A bushel of wheat will produce from two and one-half to three gallons of alcohol, which in turn will produce between seven and eight pounds of rubber at a cost of five cents a pound. And rubber made from alcohol is practically indestructible, he stated. On the other hand, rubber made from oil costs from 22 cents per pound and so far nor developed the efficiency of grain rubber. But powerful interests are back of the oil proposal and the best chance the grain interests have is to go to the people with something that can be proved superior.

A bill will be presented to the Oregon legislature calling for inclusion of 10 per cent of industrial alcohol in gasoline in this state. It was stated that similar action is being contemplated at Washington. Waller believes that in due time there will be thousands of industrial alcohol plants all over the wheat raising areas of the country. There are 36,000 such plants in Germany and they are counted by the thousands in Russia and some South American countries.

Alexander Wilson Passes Suddenly

Following an illness of three weeks, Alexander Wilson passed on Monday morning, October 5, at his home in Heppner. His physician had not thought his condition alarming but recurrence of a heart ailment with which he had been troubled a number of years brought life to a sudden close.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, October 7, from All Saints Episcopal church, Ven. Eric Robathan officiating. Interment was made in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Alexander Wilson had been a Heppner and Morrow county resident for more than 38 years, coming to Heppner in the spring of 1904 with his brothers, Robert and James. He was one of the pioneers of the Boardman project, where he operated an alfalfa ranch for a number of years, and also engaged in the sheep business during his early years in this district. He came to Heppner a number of years ago and purchased the residence property which was his home and which he developed as a lodging and tourist camp business.

Wilson was first married to Kate Dobson, a native of Ireland. To this union was born one child, Rena, now Mrs. Floyd Jones. The mother died when Rena was a baby, and Mr. Wilson did not remarry until May 26, 1941, when he took Anna Gallagher as his bride.

Mr. Wilson was born at Corduff, Ireland, November 2, 1885.

Besides the wife and daughter, he is survived by four brothers, Robert S. Wilson of Boardman; James H. Wilson of Oakland, California; William G. Wilson and David Wilson of Heppner, and three sisters, Mrs. Alva Jones of Heppner; Mrs. Jess Deos of Hood River and Mrs. William V. Crawford of Portland.

Members of the family coming to the funeral services included Jess Deos and W. M. Beeson of Hood River and Robert S. Wilson and family of Boardman.

COMES FROM BERKELEY

Miss Myra Wells was a guest from Sunday to Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells. Miss Wells is a student at the University of California where she is taking advanced work in her profession of nursing.

WORKING IN PENDLETON

Miss Ruth Green spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green. Ruth has a position in the office at the air base in Pendleton.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED

The Gazette Times dislikes apologies, but in view of the fact that the old family paper has been late twice in a row it seems proper to offer a reason for it. The force has been putting in long hours to catch up with the rush of work and on top of this, there have been some difficulties with the mechanical equipment that have not made publishing any easier. It is hoped these difficulties will be overcome shortly and then it will be less difficult to come out on schedule. In the meantime, indulgence of the subscribers is begged, for as we all know, these are strenuous times and many schedules are being broken.

Boyd Copenhaver Taken to Hospital

Boyd Copenhaver was taken to the Eastern Oregon hospital Wednesday evening after physicians examining him determined that he was upset mentally and should undergo a period of treatment.

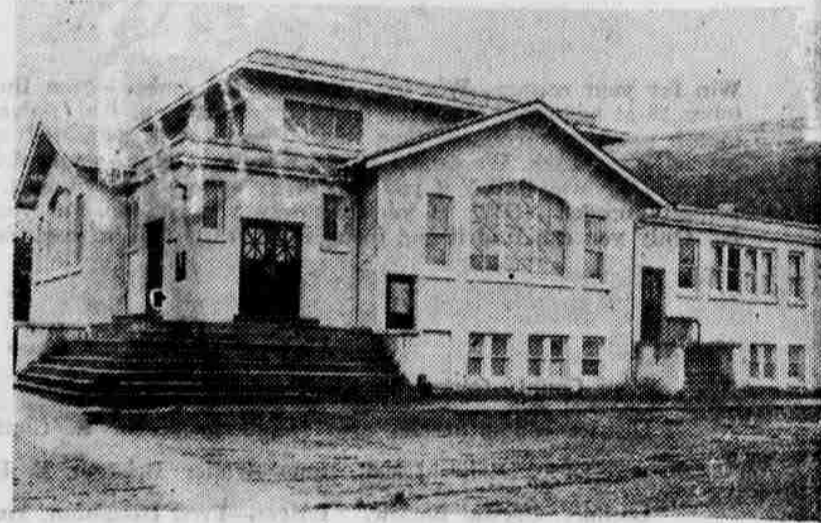
Copenhaver wrecked the furniture in a room at the Heppner hotel and repeated the performance at the county jail Tuesday night. At the hotel he broke up most of the furniture in the room he was occupying, throwing some of it out of the window. It was stated that he either fell or jumped from the window, landing on the roof of the hotel kitchen. He was taken to the Heppner hospital for treatment and later placed in charge of the sheriff's office. The following night he broke the water pipe in the county jail and further gave vent to his destructive passion by tearing the toilet bowl loose.

Court Favorable To Irrigon Road

A delegation of 40 Irrigon citizens waited upon the county court in session Wednesday at the court house to present a request for a better road from Irrigon to the munitions dump. The present road connecting the two points follows an indirect route and the delegation suggested a shorter and more direct road.

The court took a view in agreement with the proposed route and assured the citizens from the north end that something will be done about it in the near future. The ordinance department has established a new gate to the government property making it possible for a more direct entrance from Irrigon.

MORTGAGE BURNED SUNDAY



HAPPINESS and good cheer prevailed Sunday at the Church of Christ in Heppner when at a dinner spread for the occasion, Mrs. Cora D. Crawford, oldest member in point of service, lighted a match and applied it to the mortgage that has represented a building debt of 20 years' standing. Rev. Martin B. Clark, whose energies have been directed towards clearing the congregation of debt, presided and presented in turn, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Spencer Akers of Portland and former active member of the church, T. J. Humphreys, treasurer, Bennie Howe of the Methodist church, Frank W. Turner, who has raised funds, and Willie White, "99" state evangelist. Rev. Clark read the formal program of services when the church was dedicated, recalling names of many prominent members who since have moved away or answered the final summons.