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Snow Brings Cheer

Gradually lengthening faces on farmers and stockmen were shortened a bit this week when a blanket of some four inches of the "beautiful" fell over this region. The ground was in excellent condition to receive the moisture and it is likely that most of the run-off will be absorbed in the fields.

After several months without moisture and going through an uncommonly long period of still, foggy weather, a mild snowstorm is indeed welcome. There may be some cold nights in store for this region but we must remember we still are in the midst of winter and anything can happen. One consolation comes from the fact that the snow has come late and barring some freakish break we should be starting garden preparations in a few weeks.

It has been a mild winter—the kind that makes us glad we are Oregonians.

That Park Question Again

Several times in recent years the question of a small city park has come to the fore and each time, like it is with the weather, there has been nothing done about it. Currently, there is another case of park fever and a committee from the chamber of commerce is endeavoring to locate a site.

It is not the desire of the chamber of commerce to plunge the city or the citizens into a spending spree for this and that in the way of improvements. In the matter of a park it is hoped that a small tract, (not too small, at that) suitably located near the center of town and already bearing some shade trees, be set aside for the purpose. The city has some lots suitable for anticipated needs. There are shade trees on two sides. There is ample room to install some playground apparatus for the children, a kitchen, weiner pits, fireplaces and other features necessary to make it of service to crowds of varying sizes.

It is proposed that business concerns, organizations and individuals assume responsibility for outfitting some of the features, such as tables, garbage cans and other of the less expensive items. In this manner more of the citizens will have an interest in the park.

These are some of the things contemplated for the central park. It is in the back of the minds of a number of civic minded persons to carry the

park idea further and seek improvement of vacant lots here and there over the city. This planning will depend some upon an increased water supply, but there are numerous spots which could be improved in this manner and help make our little city one of eastern Oregon's most beautiful and livable spots.

Bond Sales Moving Up

Progress is reported in bond sales during the past week. While far from attaining the goal in the smaller series of bonds, developments during the past few days indicate that bond buying is on the upgrade and if the present trend continues throughout the coming week this county should be near the goal.

A feature of the past week's trend has been the selling campaigns conducted by the schools. Urged on by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent, the young folks are establishing a mark for their elders to shoot at. The Lexington school has consistently carried on a stamp and bond sale campaign the past two years. This year Ione, Irigton, Boardman and Heppner schools joined in the campaign and the results of their efforts have been felt in the returns coming to headquarters. Heppner high and grade schools accepted one-half of the school quota and early this week had accounted for approximately four-fifths of their sum. It is expected the balance will be signed up by the end of the week.

While the school campaign will swell the buyer total it is the desire of the chairman and his committee that many more E bonds be purchased. This appeal is made to small purchasers, those able to buy only or two of the smaller bonds. It is estimated that full coverage in the county will not be attained until at least one thousand persons have bought bonds. The trouble heretofore has been that too many people have left the buying to the farmers and stockmen. Admittedly the ranchers, particularly the graingrowers, have been in good position to buy and they have done so nobly, but in order for the people to rightly assume their part in this war they must all buy bonds. The person who is putting all he can into the war when he buys a \$25 bond is doing his part just as surely as the neighbor who is able and buys \$250, \$2500, or even \$25,000 worth of bonds. The point is that each individual should assume his or her respon-

sibility according to his or her means, but by all means give that help. That is the only way we can secure stability after the war. You will be buying a stake in your country's future; helping guard against a postwar depression; backing up the men who are backing you, and above all, you will be helping to bring our fighting men home sooner.

A New Water Supply

It might be said that a town is only as good as its water supply. There is no other element so important to our daily life as water, for without it we perish. There is no substitute that will suffice for more than a very brief period. Consequently when we run out of water we begin looking for a new supply. That is the situation confronting the city of Heppner at the present moment and it is something about which the mayor and council have resolved that prompt action is necessary.

In the present situation it is desired to obtain a sufficient quantity of water to not only meet requirements now but to anticipate any growth that may come in the future. Changing conditions of living may result in greater use of water, while on the other hand, a more plentiful supply will have a tendency to promote development of lawns, gardens, shrubbery, trees and flowers. Not that those things are not grown, but to a greater extent. Should there be an expansion of the town's population, such growth would likely have to take to the hillsides. This would mean extended water mains and there would have to be a sustained force to provide ample household and garden supplies. These and other factors are being studied by the town fathers with a view to providing the city with an ample water supply for any contingency.

It is apparent that this is one improvement which cannot wait until after the war. The council took the first step Monday evening and it is hoped that drilling can start late in May or early in June. If the new well is located near the present pipeline from the mountains it will be possible to tap the new supply by late summer.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The American Legion auxiliary will meet at 8 p. m. Monday, Feb. 14 at the Oddfellows hall. Mrs. Harvey Bauman and Mrs. Dick Wells will be the hostesses.

MEETING SCHEDULED

Mrs. Anna Bayless will be hostess at her home Friday, Feb. 11, to the Women's Auxiliary of All Saints Episcopal church. The meeting starts at 2:30.

BISHOP COMING

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