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**OREGON NEWSPAPER  
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**EDITORIAL . . . . .**

**Vote "Yes" on Both Measures**

At the forthcoming primary election, May 17, the people of Morrow county will be given an opportunity to end the question—"when is the hospital going to be built?"—by marking their ballots properly. This means that both measures submitted by the county court must be voted "yes". The first measure submits the proposal that the hospital tax be paid in its entirety in the forthcoming levying period. That means payment of an eight-mill levy rather than the two-mill levy provided in the original hospital measure.

Then it is necessary to do away with the two mill levy and the court has prepared a second measure on the ballot providing for that action. It is a simple procedure when properly understood and should result in clearing the way for an early start on the construction of the hospital.

It is pertinent to state here that the court took this step only after every other avenue of financing was explored and found impractical. The constant clamor for the hospital (the demand has been insistent long enough to be classed as a clamor), and the apparent earnestness of those pressing for the building, led the court and hospital committee to take action in the only manner left and that was to resubmit the proposal as heretofore stated.

Demand for the hospital should far outweigh any ideas of personal injury sustained through full payment of the levy at this time. Except for the larger taxpayers, none will suffer serious denting of the bankroll, and even many of the heavy taxpayers have urged a change in the method of raising funds so that construction might be started at an early date. There is no hocus-pocus about the measure. If you paid one dollar more under the two-mill levy, you will pay four dollars more under the eight-mill levy. It is just the four dollars this year than to pay the last two as simple as that. It may be easier for you to pay mills four years hence.

Again be reminded that to get the hospital at the earliest possible date vote "YES" on both measures.

**Why Not Turf and Light Field?**

From the student body of the Heppner High school comes the suggestion that the school cooperate with the Rodeo association in turfing the Rodeo field. That is a step in the right direction and this column begs to go a step further and in-

clude lighting the field so that night games could be played. Lighting might also make it possible to introduce new features into the Rodeo itself, offering additional entertainment to the crowds during the earlier hours of the evening.

From the standpoint of attendance at high school games and baseball in the spring and summer months, night games elsewhere have proved profitable. They offer diversion for sports minded folk who in most instances must forego enjoying these events due to press of business. There are many church people who enjoy the games but do not feel conscious-free about attending Sunday baseball. These people would attend the night games. This might not be practical insofar as the league games are concerned, but home folks get a lot of pleasure out of the "twilight" leagues, particularly softball, and a little play of this kind would be good for all of us.

The Rodeo field is an ideal set-up for a community playground and could be devoted to that use without great expense or causing any interference with the Rodeo. The improvements suggested would enhance the Rodeo, inasmuch as the dust nuisance would be largely done away with, and turfing would make the field more desirable for school sports.

**A Forty-four Hour Week**

Since taking over the Gazette Times in the fall of 1942 it has been the practice of the present owners to keep the office open the full six days each week. Not alone has it been open during regular business hours but most of the time well into the night. That has been necessary due to the limited amount of help, and likewise it has taken its toll in human energy. The time has arrived to do something about it and the publishers have decided to place the office on a forty-four hour week basis. The doors will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a. m. until noon on Saturday.

Cooperation of patrons of the newspaper and printing department is asked and we are sure that within a short time all will become adjusted to the new arrangement. It will still be necessary for the shop force to stay on the job after hours to turn out the work that comes in during the day, but to the outside world the office will be closed. It will be the aim of the publishers to call on the advertisers early in the week and work toward establishing a regular hour for publishing the paper, instead of getting it out "if and when."

**MISSIONARY TO SPEAK**

Marjorie Mahaney, missionary from Egypt, will speak at 8 p. m. Thursday, May 9 at the Assembly of God church. The public has been invited to hear her.

Homer Beale, district manager of Pacific Powe & Light Co., and William Frietag, chief clerk, both

of Pendleton, were in Heppner looking after company business Wednesday at the local P. & L. office.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plumondore left Saturday for their new home on the Sandy river where they expect to engage in berry raising. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Ms. W. L. Plumondore ex-

pect to join them this week-end.

Dr. C. C. Dunham drove to Portland Saturday morning to attend some lectures at Western States college. He was also in attendance at an executive session of the Oregon Association of Chiropractic physicians. Dr. Dunham returned to his home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parker drove to La Grande and Cove Saturday. In Cove they visited Mr. Parker's brother, John. In La Grande they attended a district meeting of the Order of Eastern Star. They returned to their home Monday.

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