

## French Reviews The Legislature

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The few theorists of pure democracy, those who hold with the old ways and older ideas, are constantly giving the house some arguments against new ways of doing things.

Saturday, for instance, there was long debate over three bills that will give cities the right of eminent domain with which to condemn or buy parking lots. A few years ago such a thing would have been unheard of and it would have been said that a man rich enough to buy and drive a car could jolly well park it at his own risk. The elders can remember toll roads and toll bridges and younger ones know of toll ferries, so it has not been very long since there were men giving debate over the idea of governmentally supported roads. Perhaps this notion of publicly owned parking space is not such a new or far reaching step.

What to do with automobiles has been quite a question in this session and it has cropped up in several other bills. The freeway bill and the zoning bill all have the automobile as a background.

Residents along the highways oppose the freeway bill. Yet it seems perfectly simple that if we are going to have fast roads there must be restriction about how often cars can come onto them and how much in the way of gas station, restaurants, etc., can be permitted along the roadside. And unless some one is given the power to zone in the semi-urban districts there will be confusion worse confounded.

At the end of six weeks, 42 days, the legislature is still floundering around without enough information on the important things to make up its mind. The tax picture appears reasonably easy to figure, but something other than reasonableness may be used to solve it.

Excise or income tax will be changed to bring in some five million more per year of tax offset money and about the same amount raised in some other way to put in the general fund for needed expenses. Methods of raising this will likely be some luxury taxes, some gambling taxes, perhaps a tobacco tax. A sales tax may be passed if it is written so as to appeal to the school people, the pensioners, the property tax payer and the men who will be asked to put up the money to carry it. That is quite an order.

Every legislature gives more power to government, until the state now has power over people far beyond the dreams of the socialists in their heyday of the nineties. The state licenses doctors, dentists and all other medical men and controls all health and sanitation as a means of public safety. Nearly every business, profession or industry is either licensed by the state or uses the power of the state to license its own members. The wheat men are now in process of getting into that position more definitely. However, the government has inspected wheat and tested it and been in control of feeds made from it for a long time.

All this may be democracy inasmuch as the people do have something to say about who runs the industry, but it is a restriction on individualism, and individualism was a right that our forefathers cherished more strongly than they did democracy.

All of which indicates that legislators do make the laws alright but have little to do with the trends that make the new laws necessary.

The question of how long the session will last cannot be adjudged with any degree of assurance. There is little of importance in the hoppers except the two big controversial questions about which few members have any good information. The school bill still confuses despite the mass of figures that have been distributed and printed in the papers. Only a few seem satisfied with any plan so far devised and perhaps they are correct for no plan yet does the things for schools that should be done with \$16,000,000. There has been too much of an attitude to let the thinking be done by others. That is hardly good legislation and it will probably not prevail until the end of the session.

**SELL HOME**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells have sold their residence property on Church street to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Alderman and will give possession by March 1. The Wells' recently bought the former Hughes place from Mr. and Mrs. John Hlatt which they will occupy along with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cochell.

## Greatest Crowd Ever Entertained By Local Lodge Attends Elks 50th Anniversary Party Here Saturday

A crowd estimated at exceeding 1000 persons attended the 50th anniversary party of Heppner lodge No. 358, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Saturday afternoon and evening. At no time since Feb. 22, 1897, can it be recalled that a crowd comparable to that assembled in the lodge building Saturday ever gathered here for a similar observance.

Elks were here from many parts of the northwest. They came by bus and by private conveyance—delegations from the nearby lodges, car loads from other not-so-near lodges and by ones and twos from lodges all over Oregon and from Washington and Idaho. There were so many visitors that the possibility of getting a registration became remote early in the day. The entire building now at the disposal of the lodge was so crammed and jammed with humanity that there was no time to bother with counting noses.

The program as published in these columns last week was carried out. Entertainment for the ladies was provided at the Masonic dining hall while the men, as many as could get into the lodge hall, attended the initiation ceremony when 26 candidates were welcomed into Elkdom. At least 400 witnessed the initiation. Others found entertainment in the club rooms or in the reading room, while still others wandered in and out of the building.

A feature of the lodge session was an address by Frank Lonergan, past grand exalted ruler, who is no stranger to the Heppner lodge. He has visited the lodge or delivered a memorial address to the public on various occasions and his talks are inspiring.

Other prominent Elks present at the lodge session were F. W. Garesche, grand exalted ruler, and A. P. Mohr of Hood River, president of the Oregon State Elks association.

Evening entertainment consisted of a grand ball with the addition of a floor show by a professional troupe imported for the occasion.

Aside from the information relative to the organization of

the Heppner lodge contained in the anniversary program, Leslie Matlock, one of the three living charter members of No. 358, produced a clipping from the East Oregonian's 50 years ago column which had a paragraph from the EO of Feb. 1, 1897 as follows: "Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. Elks, was duly instituted on Wednesday afternoon and evening by D. Solis Cohen, district deputy grand exalted ruler. A delegation from Pendleton was present, also groups from The Dalles, Portland, Baker and Astoria. Heppner lodge has as charter membership 35 including W. E. Brock, J. W. Morrow, E. L. Matlock, John Horn, Leslie Matlock, Frank Gilliam and others."

Of the above-mentioned charter members but one remains, Leslie Matlock. He and Frank Roberts, also of Heppner, and Waldon Rhea of Spokane, were present as honored members of the lodge. Matlock was charter member No. 8, Rhea No. 11 and Roberts No. 17.

It was January 27, 1897, that a special train brought to Heppner some 200 distinguished Elks from The Dalles, Portland, Pendleton and other lodges to initiate and organize Heppner lodge No. 358. (We have no authority on the matter but believe the ceremonial was held in the old Knights of Pythias hall in the Fair building, now the case apartment building. Later, when the Oddfellows building was completed the Elks rented lodge room there until their own building was completed and ready for occupancy. Erecting a building the size of the Heppner Elks home was a big undertaking and the lodge had to assume a heavy indebtedness. Faced with a crisis a few years ago, the lodge decided to go on a club basis and since then all indebtedness has been wiped out and today No. 358 has a complete debt and club home free of debt and second to none in these parts.)

A couple of paragraphs from the program will reveal to those not in the know how Heppner came to have an Elks lodge: "It was Feb. 16, 1868 that

a small group of theatrical men met in New York's Bowery and, inspired by patriotic devotion and friendly association, conceived and brought into the world a fraternity based upon the divine admonition, 'Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you.' It was the birth of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

"It is much more than a 'whoop and a holler' back to that same year when a land claim was established on a small plot of ground nestled in the bunch-grass hills of eastern Oregon, which was destined to be the future townsite of Heppner, Oregon, the name of which was officially received its name in the winter of 1872. In the succeeding twenty-five years the progress of Heppner was interspersed with many historical events. By 1896 it was the trading center of an inland empire extending over an area of ten thousand square miles. The principles of Elkdom had long before penetrated the western frontier but Grand Lodge regulation disapproved the establishment of lodges in cities of less than 5000 inhabitants. Pendleton and The Dalles had been granted charters and friendly relations existed between them and the inland communities, but modes of transportation and communication were slow and tedious. In spite of these obstacles, the brilliant rays of Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love were piercing the hinterlands. Heppner must have an Elks lodge."

"A courageous group of businessmen, assisted by established lodges, soon convinced the Grand Lodge officials that the then small town of 800 inhabitants was the center of a domain great enough to support an Elks lodge. Through their untiring efforts a special dispensation was granted in July 1896 and the charter granted in December of the same year. Thus came into existence a lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the smallest town in the United States and its possessions. To our knowledge this proud distinction still prevails. The biggest little Elks lodge on earth."

## Swim Instruction Course Scheduled

Persons interested in becoming swimming instructors will be interested to learn that an opportunity will be offered them to take a course later this year. The Red Cross will conduct a school at Portland or some coast town for the purpose of training instructors who may have summertime jobs with swimming pools.

To aid local applicants, the Morrow county chapter of the Red Cross will pay expenses at the school. It is hoped someone will take the course from Heppner and at lone, where, although there is no pool now it is expected there will be one before too long.

Jack O'Connor, county chairman, will be glad to talk this school deal over with anyone interested in taking the course.

**GRANGE AIDS BAND FUND**  
At the last executive meeting of the Rhea Creek Grange it was voted to give \$100 to the Heppner school band for use in the purchase of uniforms and to sponsor other efforts to help the band and its leader, Billy Cochell, achieve the goals for which they are working.

Everything is free in connection with the courses. The only requirement is that those signing for the course take an interest and complete it.

## CHARCOAL-FROM-SAWDUST STUDY MAKES PROGRESS

Further progress in converting sawdust and similar wood waste into charcoal either for industrial use or domestic fuel is reported by H. O. Ervin, research engineer at the Oregon Forest Products laboratory at Oregon State college, in an article published in the magazine Wood.

While the wartime market for charcoal has dropped off considerably, Ervin says prospective electro-metallurgical plants in the northwest may depend on a suitable available supply of charcoal. Charcoal briquets as domestic fuel are also a possibility as prices of other fuels advance.

Methods of converting Douglas fir sawdust to charcoal have been improved in the pilot plant at Corvallis so that now the yield per hour has been doubled compared with early operation. Gas developed in the process serves as fuel to keep the retort in operation after the first hour of preliminary heating. A tar is also produced for which profitable uses are being sought.

E. L. Bucknum received word Tuesday morning of the birth of a nine pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bucknum Sunday at Riverside, Calif.

## Former Resident Of County Buried At The Dalles

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, from the C. R. Calloway & Son chapel in The Dalles for Ralph Butler, who passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, at his home at 422 E. 12th street, that city.

Butler, a native of Wasco county, was a resident of Morrow county for 15 years, residing at Cecil where he had a dairy ranch. He sold his interests here in 1944 and moved to The Dalles. He was born at Tygh Valley February 23, 1879. He farmed in Union county several years prior to coming to Morrow county.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Daisy Deane Butler, The Dalles; Mrs. Nellie M. Jones, Rogue River, and several nephews and nieces. Mr. Butler was a member of the Old Wasco County Pioneers association.

Here to attend the Elks party was Joe Farley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Farley. He came to Heppner from John Day where he visited a week with his brother, John Farley.

## 'A Request That Was Granted' Ends Life of One Who Featured in Incident Naming Burnt Ranch

Oregon, a huge volume printed in 1903, and from private diaries.

James N. Clark, who had been a teamster and freighter between The Dalles and Boise, settled at the mouth of Bridge creek, probably in 1865, although some think a year or two before. He was a married man and he built well.

Late in 1865 he sent his family away for safety for the Indians were getting bad on the Canyon City road, which ran by the Clark place, turning there up Bridge creek to go south of Mitchell to Fort Watson. In February 1866 Clark and his brother-in-law, George Masterson, who was staying there, went across the John Day to get a load of wood from a drift.

While they were loading the wood they noticed their horses becoming excited and when Clark stepped out to observe he saw an Indian. They cut their horses loose and started for the house to get their guns which they had carelessly left behind.

As they came up on the bank they saw Indians between them and the house. They gave chase but when they reached the house

found that Indians were already inside so they made for the Pennington place seven miles up Bridge creek. The Indians followed.

After they had gone two or three miles Masterson's horse began to fall and he called to Clark to let him get on double with him. Clark looked back and saw Chief Paulina, head of the Snake Indians, who was too close already for the white men to make the change.

Clark told Masterson to jump for the brush. He did and found a deep hole in the creek under an overhanging root where he hid from the Indians who stopped to find him instead of continuing the pursuit of Clark.

At the Pennington place Clark enlisted the aid of seven men who returned with him. Masterson was still in the water and nearly chilled to death, it having been nearly four hours since he had taken to the creek. Masterson lived at Shoo Fly in later years.

The Indians burned the house, which gave the place its name of the Burnt Ranch. It later was a stopping station on the way to the mines of the John Day. Clark was broke again so took

## P-TA Favors Early Operation of Rural School Measure

Early operation of House Bill 80, the rural school measure passed at the election in 1946, is favored by the Parent-Teacher associations of Morrow county. This was made apparent at the February meeting of the Heppner P-TA when visitors from the lone and Lexington associations were present.

A motion was made and carried that the association would fight any proposal which advocated postponement of operation of the bill.

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, legislative committee chairman, reported on parent-teacher endorsements of various measures before the state legislature. It was especially recommended that the local P-TA favor the redistribution of House Bill 9.

The local group also favors a bill to provide a school lunch program under the supervision of the state superintendent.

Mrs. B. C. Forsythe, lone, gave a talk on leadership, stressing that with leadership we also need "followship."

Under the leadership of Billy Cochell, music instructor in the Heppner school, the girls chorus including Clarice Moore, Merlene Miller, Beverly Eberhardt, Shirley Wilkinson, Barbara Slocum and Beverly Youcum sang several numbers, with Joan Corwin at the piano. Ramona McDaniel, assisted by Beverly Eberhardt, Lois Key, Imogene Hendricks and Roy Carter, gave a demonstration in office practice, including typing and the learning progress and methods employed in the classes of Mrs. Helen Estudillo. Mr. Pate's physics class showed various aspects of the course of study. Don Gilliam spoke on the practical learning facts of science, with Gladwin Hudson, Randall Peterson, Kenneth Schunk and Betty Keeton assisting in the demonstration. Miss Keeton, representing Mrs. Corwin's class in English, read an essay.

Superintendent Corwin spoke on the salary schedule and the housing accommodations for teachers in Heppner.

Miss Margaret Hughlett's home economics class prepared the decorative tea table for the refreshment committee, which consisted of Mrs. Ted Pierson, Mrs. E. O. Ferguson and Mrs. R. B. Rice.

Miss Glavey's room was the room court for the largest attendance of parents.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Merle Miller, chairman.

## Home Boys Placed On Duty at Army Recruiting Office

In accordance with the new regular army's policy of placing qualified personnel on duty in or near their homes, Master Sergeant John E. Bold, the Pendleton army recruiting station commander, announced this morning the addition of two former residents of this area to the local recruiting staff.

The two new men, Master Sergeant Jim E. Cherry and Master Sergeant Charles H. Stonestor, are well-known to many residents of this territory, particularly in the vicinity of Milton, Freewater and Walla Walla.

Sergeant Cherry, who was born in Portland, attended McLoughlin high school, where he played on the football team. Sergeant Stonestor, born in Spokane, lived in Walla Walla for 15 years and starred on the

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## \$92,000 Water Improvement Plan Gets Council Okeh

At a called meeting Monday evening the Heppner city council accepted plans for improvement of the town's water system drawn by L. E. Stockman, engineer of Baker, and will prepare at once to carry the plans into execution.

First on the list of preparations is the matter of financing the improvements which are estimated to cost not less than \$92,000. This will require the floating of a bond issue and a special election will be called for the purpose of obtaining the sanction of the taxpayers and water users. A certain amount of time must elapse before the election can be held but it will be a matter of a few weeks.

In the meantime, work of drilling a new well somewhere between the city limits and the present city well, probably on the lower part of the Wilkinson ranch, can be started within a few days. The city has a contract with A. M. Edwards, Lexington well driller, but at the regular February meeting the council notified him that he must get on the job within 30 days or consider the contract void. It is understood another contractor is prepared to move in on short notice if awarded the job.

Biggest single item in the improvement program is the construction of a 750,000 gallon reservoir. This alone is estimated to cost \$51,000. Another \$24,000 will be required in the overhaul of the pipeline. The council authorized a \$75,000 bond issue to cover these two items.

The site chosen for the reservoir will be in the vicinity of

the county's reservoir in the Barratt pasture. It will be lower than the county reservoir and yet high enough to serve the proposed residential district on the hill above the school property. Stockman assured the council that steel and concrete for reservoir construction is available, as well as plenty of contractors who will be willing to take the job of building it.

The one reservoir now in use has a capacity of 250,000 gallons. It will remain in use and with the new one will give the town a total storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons.

From an engineering standpoint it was deemed advisable to abandon the site on the hillside above the Monahan place. Then, too, it is known that the water emerging from the springs in that vicinity is hard and it is almost certain that well water would be of the same quality. The council is considering a new site farther up the creek, probably on the Wilkinson ranch.

Wherever the new well is drilled, it will be necessary to replace the concrete pipeline with steel pipe, or some other durable material such as transit. The pressure produced with the additional flow of water could not be controlled by the present line.

The council is faced with the necessity of relaying some of the system within the town's limits. Much of the pipe in use has been in service altogether too long and in some cases the mains are too small to provide ample water for domestic use, let alone irrigation or fire protection.

## News Briefs Around Town

Mrs. Margaret Justus, early pioneer of the county, is critically ill at her home on upper Hinton creek. She has been ill about two weeks, according to her son Nels who was in town this morning.

The Reverend and Mrs. J. P. Sorlein were Portland visitors the first of the week, driving to the city Monday and returning Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Walker and baby son came home Wednesday from St. Anthony's hospital, Pendleton.

The P-TA study club, working on the problem of adolescents, met Feb. 19 at the home of Mrs. E. O. Ferguson. Subject for the evening was "Growing All the Way Up." The topic for the March 19 meeting will be "Recreation, Family Style."

Ruth Chapter No. 32, O.E.S., will meet Friday evening, Feb. 28. A good attendance is requested by the worthy matron, Mrs. Tom Wells.

Mrs. Ernest Edwards arrived in the city Tuesday from her home at Hillsboro to look after business matters in connection with the estate of her late husband.

Guests at the Frank Engkrath home Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd of Richland, Wash. Boyd is an engineer and Mrs. Boyd a laboratory technician at the Hanford project. They came to make arrangements for delivery of a new Kaiser.

to the road and with C. M. Lockwood ran a stage in 1867. One night he stayed with Howard Maupin at Antelope and during the night the Indians tore down a stone fence and drove off some stock.

Maupin told Clark, who was driving stage, to keep a lookout for the Indians and they were seen toward Trout creek from the road that ran over the hills between Antelope and the John Day river. Clark returned to Antelope and with Maupin and a stage passenger went in pursuit of the Indians.

As they came up to them Maupin shot the chief in the thigh. The other Indians abandoned the stock and fled. When the white men came up to the wounded Indian Clark recognized him as Paulina who had chased him and Masterson up Bridge creek and asked Maupin for the privilege of finishing the Indian, a request that was granted.

The story goes that Clark scalped the chief with a knife that had been stolen from his ranch.

—Giles L. French.

Beverly Forster of Tillamook is visiting here this week with her brother Lewis and sister Adelle.

John Parker and children, Jay and Mary Ann, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parker.

Mrs. B. F. Swaggart, who was reported improving last week, left the hospital but after a few days had to return for further treatment. While she is quite ill at the present time, it is expected that she will recover and be able to leave the hospital in a few weeks. She is at the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

**\$70,000 AAA Money Available Here For Conservation Work**

A county conservation budget of \$70,000 for work to improve and conserve soil and water resources on Morrow county farms and ranches in 1947, was announced yesterday by Henry Baker, chairman of the county AAA committee.

This is Morrow county's share of the funds provided by congress to combat soil erosion and depletion under the 1947 agricultural conservation program, Baker explained. The 1947 allocation is slightly more than last year's conservation funds, he said.

The funds will be used to share with farmers in the cost of carrying out approved conservation practices, the chairman said. Payment rates are set to reflect about half the cost of performing erosion control, soil building and water control measures.

Although the county committee has approved 35 practices for the 1947 program, primary emphasis will be given to the conservation measures most urgently needed and which would not be performed in the necessary volume without program assistance.

Farmers and ranchers can make out farm plan sheets at the county office now for participation in the 1947 program, the chairman said. He pointed out that May 1 is the final date for filing farm plans, and stressed that operations need to be obtained prior approval and specifications for each practice before the work is done, to qualify for the conservation payment.

**Marion Palmer Gets First Tillamook Calves**

Marion Palmer, farmer near lone, was the first Morrow county farmer to receive dairy calves through the Tillamook Herd Improvement association surplus. Mr. Palmer is looking ahead in having some high producing milk cows for family use in a few years.

## Mustangs Capture District Title in Play-Off Contest

Heppner, lone and Boardman Slated For Tourney Play

By BOB MOLLAHAN  
Little Wh'at League Final Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct
Heppner	10	1	.909
lone	9	2	.818
Boardman	5	5	.500
Umatilla	4	6	.400
Lexington	2	8	.200
Irrigon	1	9	.100

Coach Leonard Pate's victorious Heppner high school varsity basketball squad annexed the Little Wheat league championship title Friday afternoon by eking out a 29 to 26 victory over the powerful lone Cardinals at Echo, in what proved to be a slambang, shiner-diller contest from the opening jump to the final gun. The Mustang season record stands at this point 17 triumphs out of 19 starts.

The top three teams of this conference, Heppner, lone and Boardman, automatically have berths at the district tournament at Echo Feb. 27, 28 and March 1. Coach Francis Ely's lone crew will tackle the tough Athena squad in the tourney curtain raiser Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Heppner outfit will be featured in the evening's main event at 8:45, when they battle the rugged Boardman Yellow Jacks.

Summary:

Heppner	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Mollahan, f	2	1	2	5
L. Rippee, f	0	0	1	0
Greenup, f	2	2	0	6
Parrish, c	5	1	3	10
D. Rippee, g	1	2	5	4
Peck, g	0	0	0	0
Corwin, g	1	1	4	3
Totals	11	7	14	29

lone	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Doherty, f	0	1	1	1
Crawford, f	0	2	3	1
Herman, f	0	0	0	0
Drake, c	6	2	1	14
Bergstrom, c	0	0	4	0
Jepson, c	0	1	1	1
Ball, g	3	1	1	7
Pettyjohn, g	0	1	1	1
Rietmann, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	9	8	13	26

## Health Association Chooses April 16 For Annual Dinner

April 16 is the date and lone will be the locale of the annual banquet and business meeting of the Morrow County Public Health association, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Claude Graham, president. In choosing lone for the meeting center, the association is following a policy adopted several years ago to give the people of each community an opportunity to attend—something many members feel unable to do if they have to go elsewhere.

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will be the guest speaker, and there will be other numbers on the program.

To members of the association, those whose dues are paid, the dinner will be free. It is the desire of the association to have every family in the county represented on the membership roster, and anyone not now a member but wishing to be is asked to contact Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Heppner, prior to April 1.

## LOCAL YOUTH ADVANCED TO RANK OF CORPORAL

From Vienna, Austria, comes word that Pfc George E. Tucker, son of Mrs. Mildred Tucker of Heppner, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal. George is with the 16th Airways and Air Communications Service squadron. He writes his mother that there is lots of snow in Vienna, and also lots of skiing. Pvt. Edwin Tucker, another son, is still in Japan. He recently experienced an earthquake there.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license was issued Wednesday by County Clerk Barlow to Clarice Virginia Moore and Clarence Edwin Baker, Miss Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore of Heppner and Mr. Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker of Gooseberry. The marriage will take place at 8 o'clock p.m., Friday, March 28, at the Methodist parsonage, with the Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein officiating. Parents of the contracting parties will be the only witnesses.

Ray Conyers and Arlin Hug of Boardman were negotiating business at the courthouse in Heppner Monday.