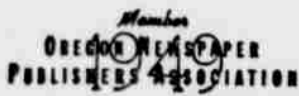


EDITORIAL



Ol' Hitchin' Post Returns

The modern version of the old hitching post is being installed in Heppner this week, only in this instance users of the posts will be required to pay for the privilege. Parking meters, like all other innovations of this day and age, are invading the smaller cities and towns, for each year brings an increasing number of automobiles with corresponding parking difficulties.

A certain amount of resentment exists relative to the new parking system, a resentment not justified inasmuch as up to this moment the meters have not been used. In another week it may be possible to get a line on the extent to which the opposition may mount but it is safe to guess that it will be punitive and confined to those who are inclined to find fault with anything that smacks of progress.

The city has been wrestling with the traffic problem for a number of years and decided upon the parking meters only after thoroughly investigating their value as a regulatory measure. It is true that a reasonable amount of revenue will accrue to the city's coffers in due time but at present the principal thought in mind is the self-regulatory feature of the meters.

It must be remembered that the meters are on only during business hours. They do not work on Sundays and holidays. It is for the purpose of giving people who have business to transact in town a chance to park in the business district that the meters are being installed. This will work a hardship, or at least an inconvenience, on those of us who are accustomed to driving up to our places of business and leaving the old bus all day long, but we'll get used to parking on a back street or forking over the penny, nickel or dime required to permit us to park in the metered area.

We drive to Hermiston, Pendleton, Walla Walla, The Dalles—almost any place these days—and think nothing of dropping in a nickel. Why should it be such an undesirable thing to have to do in Heppner?

The Myth of Cheap Public Power

The May issue of Fortune contains a long article on the nationalization of the electric industry, called "TVA Was Only the Beginning." One

section of it makes this observation: "Why should the Federal government get into the power business anyway? The most popular and persuasive answer is that it can provide power more cheaply than can the utilities. . . Unfortunately, the vaunted 'cheapness' of public power is a myth."

"It is a myth because public power is not cheap but subsidized. . . By what legerdemain does it become attainable at a reduced price just because the government is making it? At best, all that the government can do is to save the consumer the difference between its own bond interest rate and the six to seven per cent rate of return allowed private companies by the regulatory authorities. Any additional saving seemingly reflected in lower public power rates is purely illusory."

The subsidies which are given the socialized power systems take various forms. First of all, much of the investment in power facilities is commonly written off to flood control, land reclamation, river development, and other non-commercial purposes, and so is made to seem much smaller than it actually is. Second, the government systems are wholly or largely free of taxes—whereas a typical private utility must pay more than 20 per cent of all its revenue to the tax collectors. Finally, if a project can't make both ends meet, Congress pulls it out of the financial fires with an appropriations bill, and again all the taxpayers must chip in to pay the cost.

The truth is that socialism is a mighty expensive business. It is officially estimated that the proposed Columbia Valley Authority would cost \$2,300,000,000—and official estimates have a habit of proving notoriously inadequate. CVA is but one of the incredibly costly ventures into socialism that are now being whopped up. What makes the matter all the more serious, from a purely practical point of view, is that the Federal government will in all probability sustain a heavy deficit next fiscal year—yet we are being asked to spend untold billions for schemes which are not necessary, and which would inevitably undermine the liberties of all the people.

If government is to provide our power, why shouldn't it provide our food, clothes, newspapers and everything else? No one has come up with a satisfactory answer to that question, because the electric power socialists, in and out of govern-

ment, dare not put their scheme up to the people by its right name, "socialism".

It is gratifying to learn that the highway commission has included the Hardman-Chapin creek section of the Heppner-Spray highway in the 1949 budget of improvements. Seven and a fraction miles of surfacing will be done, presumably this year. There is no indication what the commission

intends to do about the road situation beyond the mouth of Chapin creek. Something will have to be done if the volume of hauling now in effect continues over a period of years. It would appear that the funds required to put the Heppner-Spray highway in first class condition if applied on construction of 26 miles of new road directly into Monument, would be a more practical solution of the road problem as it exists between Heppner and the John Day valley.

Jo and Jan Allison, two granddaughters of Frank W. Turner, are here from Portland to visit for a time. They returned from the city with Mr. Turner the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stark and daughters of Hay, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. Conser Adkins of Colfax Wash. spent the week-end here the ladies' father, J. C. Owens. During their visit they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Furlong.

30 YEARS AGO

Heppner Gazette Times, June 5, 1919

Road bonds carried by an 85 per cent vote. W. P. Mahoney, W. W. Smead, W. B. Barratt and John Vaughn attended the wool sales at Condon Wednesday afternoon.

Work on Columbia River highway through north end of Morrow county is progressing well. Camps at Boardman and Irigon are working day night shifts.

Frank Roberts has purchased the property just west of the Gazette Times office and is preparing to erect a new building 34x60 feet. When finished it will be occupied by Ed Chinn's Elkhorn restaurant.

Justice E. Jay Merrill was down from Hardman Monday looking after business matters.

Pete Curran is off the mountains with two bands of sheep this week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buschke Friday, May 30.

Born Tuesday, June 3, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kramer of this city.

Mrs. Julia Metzler came over from La Grande Friday and spent Saturday in the city. She works in the railroad offices at La Grande.

Misses Elaine Sigbee and Mary Crawford spent the past week-end at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner where they enjoyed themselves to the limit.

Mrs. M. Belle Thompson is up from Portland and is making a visit at the home of her son, R. I. Thompson.

Harrison Pearson and Miss Nettie Baisley young people of Butter Creek were united in marriage in Heppner Wednesday by Judge Williams.

Twenty-three cars of sheep left Heppner yards this morning. B. P. O. E. No. 358 present their "Days of '49" dance and carnival at the Fair pavilion Saturday, June 7 to raise the Morrow county fund for the Salvation Army.

DEMOCRATE TO UNITE

A united democratic party in Oregon with a state headquarters office in Portland, a \$5,200-a-year secretary and a bank account is the program of the state central committee, the Multnomah county central committee and national committee members who met in Portland last week.

The potential secretary, Jim Goodsell, a Clatsop county newspaperman, will have the extra job of raising the campaign funds.

\$102 TAXI RIDE

The first thing a 42-year-old woman did after a four-year term in the state penitentiary was to indulge in a \$102 taxi ride. Mrs. Imogene Fisher, the woman, had received a seven-year sentence for manslaughter but credit for good behavior brought her an early parole. She thought it would be easier to take a taxi from Salem to Klamath Falls than wrestling on a train or bus with her banjo, her guitar, her mandolin and an assortment of paintings and silver objects made during her stay at the institution.

NO WEEK END LOG HAULING

In an amended order made Friday, Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg ruled that log haulers may not operate on state highways Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays until September 1. In his rescinded order, issued only last week, the expiration date was September 15 and did not include holidays.

AFTER GASOLINE COWBOYS

Elirod "Hot Rod Doc" Wright, formerly with the state police stationed at Newport, has joined the state department of agriculture division of animal industry as a livestock theft investigator. He will work out of Salem headquarters and also is to assist in supervising the livestock brand inspection program.

ANOTHER PHONE BOOST

This business of boosting phone rates is getting to be an annual affair with PuC George Flagg. This week he gave the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company a \$3,563,892 annual boost in rates which took effect June 1. Last year he gave them a \$1,560,000 annual boost. The June 1 boost will send individual rates up from \$2.00 to \$9.00 a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Miss Ona Gilliam and L. L. Gilliam motored to Condon Wednesday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gilliam who departed for Syracuse, N. Y. the following day. They expect to be gone until the middle of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb of Walla Walla were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Sophronia Thompson.

Rev. and Mrs. Eric O. Robathan of Pendleton attended the commencement exercises in Heppner Friday evening.



OREGON'S RECOVERY

Oregon is making a rapid recovery from its greatest experience with mass unemployment.

Except for the one month of February Oregon had a lower jobless rate than the neighboring states, and less than the national average. There is too much population for the present job-creating industries on the Pacific coast, says John Kelly, executive director of the state post war re-adjustment and development commission in his monthly report to Governor Douglas McKay.

The horde of migrants moving to the Far West cannot be absorbed with existing facilities. Oregon is increasing in population at a more rapid rate than are the opportunities for work. There will be a repetition of unemployment next winter beyond the normal seasonal slack, unless Oregon acquires more instruments of employment—creates more jobs—or the influx of people wanes.

Oregon has increased its manufacturing establishments at about the same pace that population increased. In the past eight years the increase in jobs was approximately 45 per cent while population increases were 49 per cent.

NEW STATE JOB

It took Secretary of State Earl Newby weeks to find just the right man for the new job of public sellers of new and used cars and making sure they are conforming with Oregon laws—old and new. Just before departing for Washington D. C. this week on a state business trip Newby named Charles D. Wheeler of Milton, a newspaperman with state-wide popularity, who has edited and published the Milton Eagle for several years.

PLANNING GROUP NAMED

The buildings in the state capitol group—as a group are a mess.

A commission was created by the recent legislature charged with adopting a plan of development of the capitol area in Salem and the grounds adjacent, and to recommend legislation necessary to effectuate the plans. Governor McKay has just named the following as members of the commission:

Paul Wallace, Milton Meyers and Elizabeth Lord of Salem; Herman Brookman, Portland; George W. Gleason, O. S. C.; Sidney W. Little, U. of O., and R. W. Sawyer, Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fisher and sons of The Dalles were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Evans at their country home in the Social Ridge district.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson and family were here from Payette, Idaho to spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Cole and other friends.

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Local News In Brief

By Ruth Payne

Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. Elks, will be represented by two officers, Frank Connor, secretary, and Tom Wilson, esteemed lecturing knight, at the state convention being held in Klamath Falls this week-end. It is also planned to send a team to Klamath Falls to participate in the open trap shoot which is one of the features of the convention. Among those mentioned as being eligible to make the trip were Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Milton Morgan, Luke Bibby, Ralph Jackson, Earl Warner, Joe Aiken and C. C. Carmichael. However, final selection of the team had not been made at this writing. P. W. Mahoney is in charge of arrangements for the trap team.

On Saturday evening the lodge was host for another of its popular smorgasbords in the club room. Assistant hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlson and Mr. and Mrs. Van Hubbard of Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. John Healy of the Pine City district were shopping in Heppner Tuesday.

Miss Carol Miller who attended school in Pendleton the past year was a week-end visitor in Heppner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rippee of Condon and son, P. C. Lowell Rippee of Fort Lewis, Wash. were week-end house guests at the home of Mrs. Rippee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hlatt. P. C. Rippee returned to his station Monday evening.

Mrs. William Luttrell of Hermiston was over to spend the week-end holiday with her sons, Albert and Frank Connor and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Batty of Kimberley were shopping in Heppner Tuesday.

Mrs. Maude Robinson motored to Pendleton Saturday to attend funeral services of her nephew, the late Wesley Brookhouser. Mr. Brookhouser who at one time lived in Heppner, lost his life in an explosion at Hermiston Thursday when the spark from a welder's torch set off a blast in an asphalt tanker. Brookhouser, driver of the vehicle, was standing a few feet behind the truck and was killed instantly. Mrs. Robinson was taken to Pendleton by Mr. and Mrs. Conser Adkins.

Kenneth Batty of Hardman was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Mrs. Naomi Moyer and Mr. and Mrs. Conser Adkins motored to Portland Tuesday taking the Moyer's small daughter, Peggy Sue to the city for a medical check up at Doernbecher hospital. Betty Lou and Nancy Kay Moyer remained here with their grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Furlong during their visit in Portland, they will visit Mrs. Melvin Herrington who has been seriously ill for quite some time.

Miss Betty Adams is here from Vale for a short vacation and vis-

it with her mother, Mrs. Floyd N. Adams. Miss Adams taught at Vale this past school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grady and family returned Tuesday evening from a weekend trip to Woodburn and other valley points where they visited relatives and friends.

A. A. Scouten returned Saturday from a week's business trip to Portland. Returning with him was his nephew Bud Terry of Beaverton who will spend the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gentry and daughter Joyce of Portland were week-end visitors in Heppner at the home of her mother, Mrs. Allan Johnston and his aunt, Mrs. Alice Gentry. On Monday, Mrs. Gentry had as her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gentry and children, Phyllis and Gary, who were enroute to their home in Bend from a week-end trip to Elgin where they visited with his mother, Mrs. Ordie Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rood. In Athena they were guests at the home of Mrs. Gentry's mother, Mrs. Ray McQueen and Mr. McQueen.

Mrs. G. W. Thompson of Milton-Freewater was a week-end visitor in Heppner.

Adrian Bezona of Pendleton was a business visitor in Heppner Monday. The Bezona's have only recently moved from Hermiston to Pendleton where Mr. Bezona has a job in the pea cannery.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sluyter have moved to Condon for the present during which time Mr. Sluyter is employed on the construction of the REA electrical lines in that section.

A. C. L. Jetley arrived Monday evening from Monument to spend a week here in the SCS office. He spent the holidays in Burns with his family.

The Hynd family had as guests over Memorial Day Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott of Top and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Peterson of John Day; Charles and Jack Hynd and Miss Doris Schaeffer of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Hynd and son of Ukiah; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hynd and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shaffer Jack Hynd Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krebs of Cecil and their house guest, T. H. Lowe of Portland. Mr. Lowe who had not been to Heppner since the early '30's, remarked on the changes in the city and the number of new homes and businesses that had been built up in the years since his last visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengte and family moved their household effects to their ranch on Rhea creek Tuesday and Wednesday. The farm is the former Grant Olden place and for several weeks the Bengtes have been working to get it ready for their occupancy at the close of school. Mrs. Bengte reports a complete redecoration job on the entire house, an accomplishment achieved by herself.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatfield motored to Wallowa the last of the week to spend the holiday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scriver of Portland spent the week-end in Heppner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scriver.

Week-end house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings were Mrs. Gladys Corrigal and daughter Shirlee of Portland and Mr. Mrs. H. E. DeBok of Willamette, Mr. and Mrs. DeBok were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson.

Misses Marilyn and Verla Matthews of Emmett, Idaho are visiting in Heppner this week and are the guests of the Misses Juanita and Wanda Matteson.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tolleson were Mrs. Tolleson's cousin, Miss Irma Appleby, who was en route to Mobile, Ala. from Honolulu where she has been visiting a sister, and Miss Leila Tolleson of Walla Walla. Miss Appleby departed today for California.

Mrs. Carey Hastings motored to Pendleton Saturday taking her brother, Orrin McDaniel of Hardman, there for medical attention.

Fred Bookher returned the last of the week from Portland where he has been receiving medical attention at the veterans hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green and family returned to their home in Pendleton Monday afternoon after spending the holiday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green.

Mrs. Edna Hamlin has had as her guest the past 10 days, Mrs. Mary Hadd of South Dakota.

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Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley and children motored to Baker Saturday evening to spend the Memorial Day vacation with relatives and friends. They returned to Heppner Monday.

Mrs. Vivian Prock and daughter Barbara of Baker were week-end visitors in Heppner.

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