

EDITORIAL



Let Well Enough Alone

Heppner and other communities that would be affected are somewhat disturbed by the rumor that the railroad company and the post office department are contemplating discontinuance of the present mail contract between Arlington and Heppner and the substitution thereof of a star route mail service, presumably on both the Heppner and Condon branches. It is hinted that both the company and the department are trying to effect economies; that the railroad company is not now breaking even on the mail contracts, and that the department is desirous of obtaining contracts at smaller figures than now paid on the branches.

It must be remembered that official notification has not been received, but that is no reason for sitting back and doing nothing about the contemplated move until action is taken. To await official action may be too late to protest. We are entitled to consideration and from this end of the line there appears no justifiable reason for curtailing the service. If our population were growing less instead of bigger; if business of the transportation line and the post office department were growing less there might be some justification in such a move. As it is, it appears that an effort should be made to extend services rather than curtail them.

The Heppner and Condon branches are now and have been for several years serviced by mail trucks. It must be admitted that this has been more satisfactory from the standpoint of mail and express service than the former handling by train because of the irregular schedules carried out on the branch lines. The trucks come through with the mail and express and return to Arlington for freight. It has been a service meeting with the approval of business houses and has justified, in a measure, the action of the railroad company in cutting service from six trips a week to three trips. The shippers cooperated with the rail officials in effecting this wartime emergency, although at the time there was no small amount of misgiving, relative to reestablishment of six-day service. Regardless of the misgiving, the company has, through a sub-contract with the Flatt Freight Service maintained good mail and express service and there has been no expressed desire on the part of the public to seek a change. That is why now, with this apparently well-founded rumor afloat, there is surprise and chagrin among our people that we should be considered unworthy of mail service as good as that now in effect.

There may have been times when the Heppner branch of the Union Pacific was not paying too well, but such times ran concurrently with poor business in all lines. In recent years there has been a steady run of freight, what with heavy yields of wheat and activity in the lumber industry, added to stock shipments. The company has succeeded in eliminating the passenger and express and light freight business and deals mostly in carload lots with routings from terminal to terminal, as from Heppner to Portland, or to eastern terminals. That is a desirable business and the local public has no quarrel with the company for attaining this position in the shipping field. However, the shippers feel that they are paying enough in freight bills to justify a little concession on the part of the company in

maintaining the present mail and express service, as well as the daily freight accommodation. To that end they stand ready to make a protest against the proposed move.

Business People Are Invited

Heppner business people, as well as those from the other towns of the county, might do well to accept the invitation of the agricultural interests and go on the field day trip next Thursday—June 1. Not only would it be good public relation practice but those going on the tour would have an opportunity to learn something of the program which is being carried out by the farmers to make agriculture permanently productive and lucrative.

It is interesting to note that many of our farmers are adopting practices advanced by the agriculture department and advocated locally by the county agent's office and the soil conservation service. The reason for adopting the practices is that it has been demonstrated to them that they are sound. They make for a more permanent production—profitable production—and this means as much to the business man in town as it does to the business man on the farm, for in truth more and more farmers are becoming business men every day.

Through the action of the chamber of commerce there will be an opportunity for business man and farmer to fraternize briefly at the Rhea Creek grange hall. The business men are sponsoring the lunch and the chamber of commerce will go in a body to the hall to spend an hour or so at the lunch table and enjoying the motion picture on soil conservation and the discussion of that subject by a specialist from Oregon State college. It is an opportunity for mutual enjoyment which should not be passed up by either the farmers or the business men.

The manner in which Senator Wayne Morse cleared the hurdle at the primary race indicates that the republicans of Oregon are not altogether clear on what is meant by "regular" republican.

A stockman should know how to handle a bull.

As we see it, the fall election will not be so much a matter of contests between candidates of opposing political parties as one of preserving our political rights. Those who believe in preserving free enterprise will logically vote republican, while those who want to throw away the rights of the individual, or who think they will get more benefits through a socialistic government will vote for the candidates who advocate the CVA, socialized medicine and all the other crackpot ideas emanating from "planning" headquarters.

Hartley, Iowa, Sentinel: "Beware of any scheme that advocates additional Federal control, increased spending and increased taxes. We in the United States have taken our freedom for granted but must do so no longer. There are many who under the guise of "Security for All" would take it away forever."

Donkey Softball On Local Agenda For 31st of May

Heppner softball fans will again have an opportunity to witness the classic of the softball world—a donkey ball game. The Junior chamber of commerce is sponsoring the event which will be held at the Rodeo field Wednesday, May 31.

Starting time of the game will be 7:30 p.m. The field will be lighted for this special event, the donkey manager, Jack Moore, having a set of lights for places not so equipped.

It has been several years since a donkey team has visited here and fans will welcome this occasion for while little of the science of the game is exhibited, the donkeys provide plenty of laughs with their droll indifference to what is going on, even if they are part of the show.

WOODSMAN CUTS FOOT IN COPPING ACCIDENT

Orville Gentry suffered a bad cut to his foot Tuesday while cutting saw logs on Balm creek. His axe caught on a limb and when Gentry jerked it loose he lost control of it and it struck his foot. While no bones were cut, the flesh was cut quite deep, effecting a painful wound.

Morse Allen, for whom Gentry works, brought the injured man to town for medical assistance.

MANY ATTEND RECEPTION FOR MRS. RACHEL JACKSON

A crowd estimated at between 300 and 400 people gathered at the new Masonic hall in Hermiston Friday eve. to participate in the reception tendered Mrs. Rachel Jackson, grand warder of the grand chapter of Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star.

Numerous grand lodge officers and past worthy grand matrons were present, as well as large delegations from neighboring lodges. Ruth chapter of Heppner and Locust chapter of Ione both had large delegations in the audience. Mrs. C. C. Dunham, accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, sang a request number for Mrs. Jackson, Malotte's "The 23rd Psalm."

30 Years Ago

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Heppner fire department held annual election of officers Tuesday evening. Mike Curran succeeds Ed Huston as fire chief. The fire ladders will be called out to drill twice each month. The siren will be tested on Wednesday noon, on the practice days.

Sanford Clark received three broken ribs and a cracked collar bone as a result of being thrown from a plow at the Wightman ranch below town.

A number of local Masons went to Pendleton Friday to take the Commandery degree. Those making the trip were David Hynd, H. C. Githens, George Aiken, Ray Saager, W. E. Pruy of Heppner and Harvey McAllister of Lexington.

Several of the lower grade pupils are enjoying a picnic at Hager grove, four miles above town on Willow creek, this afternoon.

In the primary election last Friday every candidate of both parties was nominated without opposition.

R. W. Turner delivered 600 head of sheep to Echo parties the first of the week. These sheep were sold several months ago on contract.

Sixteen seniors of Heppner high school will receive their diplomas on Friday evening. Included in the class are Elizabeth Phelps, Edythe Boyd, Cyrene Lieualien, Ruth Huddleston, Herbert Hynd, Etta Devin, Everett Pattison, Margaret Doherty, Alma Devin, Violette Corrigan, Odile Groshens, Bernice Githens, Erda Frad, Neva Clabaugh and Max Rogers.

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Sunday shows continue from 1 p. m. All evening shows start at 7:30 p. m., unless otherwise advertised.

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