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The Good Old Days

Last week we were given a copy of the semi-weekly Hepner Gazette dated Tuesday, August 9, 1892 which has some very interesting news items and ads in it. We are always interested in old papers, if for no other reason than to just compare the way things were said and done in those days, and we cannot go into our own files that far back in history for all of ours prior to 1918 were lost in a fire.

We found one story on the front page of this paper that we thought would be of interest to our readers of today. It is a full printing of a Town of Hepner ordinance No. 50 "providing for the supplying of the Town of Hepner, Oregon and its inhabitants with water for public and private purposes . . . and granting said H. V. Gates an exclusive franchise to construct and operate a system of water works for the town . . ."

The ordinance also set out the schedule of rates to be charged for water . . . and, that's the part we thought might be interesting now. The ordinance gives a complete breakdown of rates that were to be charged when the system was in operation, probably about 1893 or so. Here are some of the more interesting ones. (The whole list would take a column in this paper.)

MONTHLY WATER RATES
Barber shops—first chair, \$1.50 each additional chair 25c; Bath tubs—in boarding houses, hotels and barber shops, \$1.50, in private families, 50c; Breweries (unless governed by meter rates) \$10.00; Building construction—wetting 1000 brick, 15c; wetting one bbl. lime, 15c.

Family rates—one hydrant, \$1.50, one closet, 50c, one bath tub, 50c; Irrigation—each half lot or less (lots 50x100), \$1.25, each additional half lot,

\$1.00. (in no case will allowance be made for space occupied by buildings); Meter rates—1000 to 50,000 gallons, per 1000, 25c, 50,000 and over, 20c; saloons—flat rate \$2.50.

Sidewalk sprinkling—each 25 feet front or less with washing windows, 50c, each 50 feet front or less, with washing windows, 75c; Stables—each horse and cow including washing carriages, \$1.00; Stables, Livery—each stable including washing carriages, \$7.50; Soda water manufactories, \$3.00; Water closets—in hotels, boarding houses or saloons, one closet, \$2.00, in stores or public buildings, one closet, \$1.50; each additional closet, \$1.00, private closets, each, 50c . . . and on, and on, and on.

If any of our readers have any inclination to complain too loudly about present water rates they should feel better after reading this.

One other thing we found in the paper, though, that won't make present day readers too happy was an ad inserted by C. Ruhl, Baker and Confectioner. He offered fresh bread 22 loaves for \$1.00. Ah, yes! The old days . . . they must have been wonderful!

SIDELIGHTS ON THE COLD WEATHER

Noticed in an exchange paper that it really got cold down at Mitchell last week. That town's venerable news correspondent, Ned Norton reported that one afternoon he visited a resident there and saw two eggs, the shells still on them, on the man's kitchen stove. The owner of the eggs said he'd been all day trying to thaw out his breakfast.

From over Condon way one farmer reported the only thing he could get out of his Jersey cows was ice cream.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times
February 10, 1927

Mrs. M. L. Curran departed last Sunday for Portland where she will attend the annual spring millinery opening.

The small car of Adam Knoblock was destroyed by fire on Saturday evening near the ranch of C. Melville in the Alpine section.

A Ukelele club is being organized in High School, Miss Wright being the leader.

C. L. Lieuallen, traffic sergeant, was here from Pendleton the first of the week attending to matters of business pertaining to his office.

A birthday surprise party was given for Bill Ayers Friday at Hardman. An enjoyable evening was spent playing cards.

John Harbke of Portland spent Sunday in Morgan with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hardesty.

and government programs during the last year. A number of Morrow county wheat farmers have been active on these committees. Further particulars on the conference will be found in this week's newspaper.

Morrow county 4-H club members did an excellent job last weekend in a money raising scheme. The ways and means committee of the county 4-H council made arrangements for 4-H club members to sell 500 boxes of candy during the month of February. Candy went on sale February 2 and before the day was over 3/4 of the 500 boxes had been sold. By early in the week there were but a few scattered boxes left. Alfred Nelson, Jr., Lexington is chairman of the



LAW MAKERS AND VOTE MAKERS

Will a Democratic governor, Democratic House and a Democratic balanced Senate be able to meet the expectations of Republicans who voted for Democrats last November?

Of course this depends on expectations on one side and executive and legislative expediency on the other.

The Democrats in the legislature so far have been as forthright and efficient as the Repub-

licans, and that includes the first terms. At the end of the session there will be many Democratic legislators whose names will have state-wide acclaim and vote-getting power. Legislatures have always been candidate machines and the GOP seems to have had patent rights on it for decades.

There are enough members of each party to keep characters of either party from developing too much affluence on his own. **EDUCATION LAY APPROACH**
A group of bills representing the comprehensive recommendations of the interim committee on education was introduced in the House Thursday. A reorganization and consolidation plan is proposed for school district, the first being the calling of a convention of school boards in a county, elect members of a committee of nine consisting of board members and/or citizens

at large. This committee would hold hearings and make an overall plan for a county-wide administrative unit to create policies for conduct of grades from 1 to 12. When completed the bill will provide for submission to the state board of education. If approved a county election would be called to give the voters an opportunity to pass on proposals including consolidation.

The right of appeal to the circuit court is provided in this bill.

Another bill in this package provides for an increase in the basic school formula from \$80 per census school student to \$120.

PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTS
A high percentage of failures in muscular fitness tests taken during January in Oregon pose a problem for school and college physical directors.

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TO THE EDITOR . . .

To the Editor:
Allow me to add some records to Morrow county winters.

I saw a fall of 36 inches of snow in early December, 1883. This remained on the ground for a long time and went off with a rush which caused large ditches along canyons and two men were drowned in Clarks Canyon.

Considerable snow fell in early December 1889 which caused a month of feeding weather. We then had a month of spring-like weather and on the night of Feb. 14 snow began falling and reached a depth of 30 inches followed by a lot of zero days and we did not get a chinook wind until March 20. The loss of cattle and sheep was the worst ever known. Hendricks Bros. and Florence Bros. were regarded as the cattle kings of the county. Bruce Kelly was riding for Florence Bros. and he told me a number of times in later years that they were running very low on hay and in order to save their calves they took 300 head of yearlings down to the sands where bunchgrass was stirring high and turned them loose. The snow still covered the grass and they recovered 30 head of that bunch the next fall. Bill Hendricks saved 67 head of cattle on the Rock ranch.

Flo Summers, Chas. Sperry and several of the Hendrick Bros. had driven several hundred head of cattle up to the Big Bend section of Eastern Washington and the winter lasted so long that they lost all their cattle and their saddle horses.

The lone Independent of Dec. 12, 1919 carries the following item: We will state the snow covers the ground to the extent of 20 inches and at 6 o'clock this morning the temperature was 25 below zero, and 22 degrees at 9 o'clock. About the same along the branch. Telephone advice this morning give the temperatures at 34 below with two feet

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Last week we announced the annual meeting of the National Association of Wheat Growers which is being held in Lincoln, Nebraska this week. I stated that it appeared as though Morrow county would have no representation there. Vernon Munkers, president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association stopped in at the office on Saturday to inform me that he and Mrs. Munkers would be leaving that evening with the delegation of Oregon wheat growers on the special railroad car made up at Pendleton. The group planned to arrive home early next week.

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association announced their annual range bull sale which will be held at Ontario on February 15 and 16. A good selection of bulls is being offered.

Last Sunday I had the opportunity to see the registered Suffolk sheep flock owned by Don Greenup. Over the past few years Don has accumulated the sizeable farm flock of sheep. Deciding to specialize in Suffolk he has disposed of every thing else and has purchased a couple of top Suffolk ewe flocks in the state. By the looks of his lamb crop he will be able to provide a lot of good Suffolk rams to Morrow and adjoining county sheep men. A Suffolk ram purchased last fall by Don from the Eldon Riddle flock at Monmouth is one of the most promising rams that I have seen.

of snow at Hardman and 45 below at Parker's Mill. I am sure that Les Matlock and Bill Padberg will verify any of the above statements.

BERT MASON
Portland, Oregon.

The annual weed control educational meeting has been scheduled to be held on February 28. Both annual and perennial weed control will be discussed. Watch for further particulars. On March 1 a demonstration for the control of morning glory will be started on the Gar Swanson farm south of Lone. Gar has offered a 16 acre field for this demonstration. Various chemicals both new and old will be compared. Cooperating in the demonstration will be several chemical companies as well as the extension service and experiment station of Oregon State college. Farmers with a morning glory problem will have the opportunity to watch, first hand, the results of the demonstration.

Visiting at the Frank Anderson farm one day last week I had the privilege of seeing his new Hereford herd sire which he purchased last month at the National Western livestock show at Denver. The bull, of CK breeding is one of the thickest, deepest, heavy-boned bulls we have seen in a long time. While we have not had a chance to see it, we understand that Harvey Smith bought a Mill Iron breeding bull at this same sale which is an excellent individual. These bulls should do much in improving our beef cattle not only in these herds but in others throughout the area as bulls from their breeding are made available to other ranchers.

The 1957 Wheat Industry Conference is drawing near. It will be held at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland on February 19 and 20. An excellent program has been planned as well as the reports of the committees which have been working on problems in marketing, production and land use, farm incomes and cost

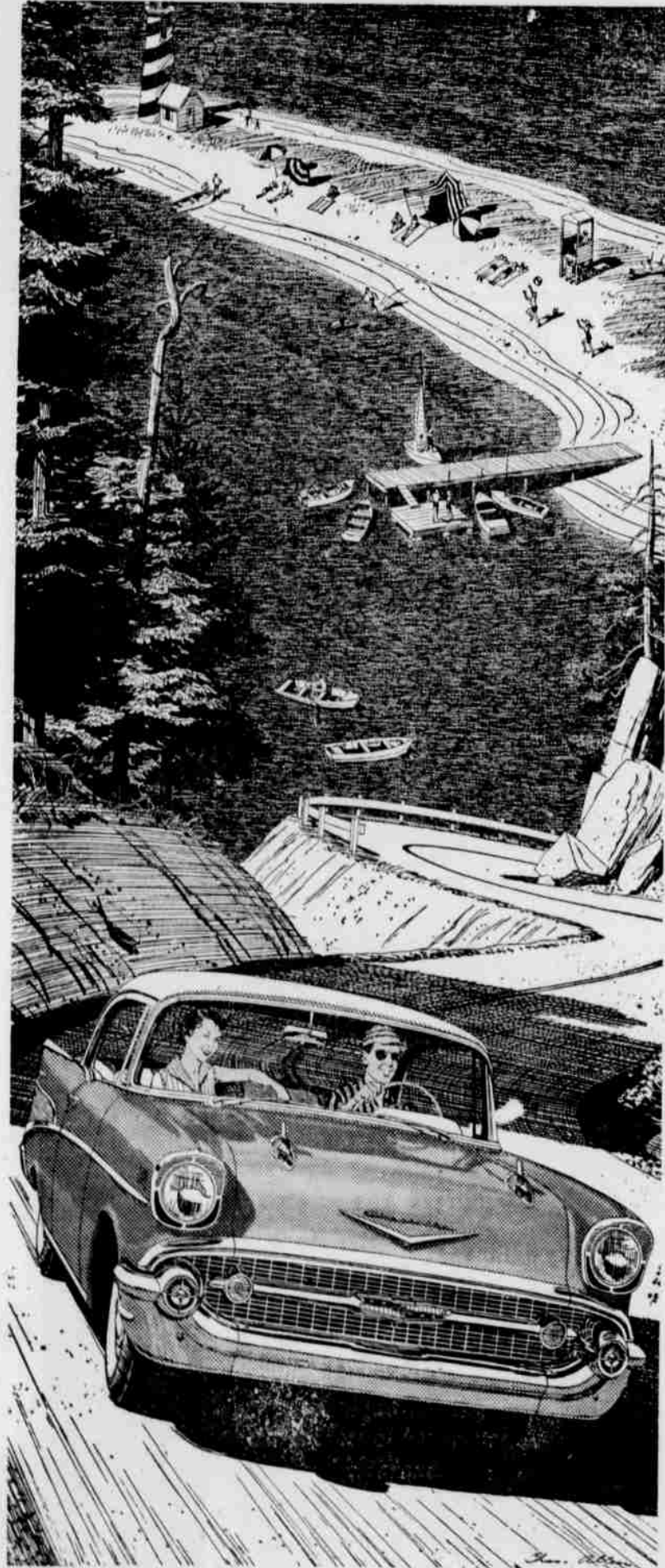
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HEPNER
Thurs., Fri., Sat., Feb. 7-8-9
Chasing The Sun
Enjoy deepsea fishing, swimming, surfing plus
plus
Tension At Table Rock
With Richard Egan, Cameron Mitchell, Dorothy Malone
Sun., Mon., Feb. 10-11
Moby Dick
With Gregory Peck, Richard Basehart, Orson Welles
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Tues., Wed., Feb. 12-13
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With Barbara Stanwyck, Barry Sullivan, Scott Brady
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