

THE HERMISTON HERALD

VOL. XI

HERMISTON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1917

NO 18

WOULD KEEP COLUMBIA HIGHWAY ALONG RIVER

With the legislature considering road matters, the proposition of completing a road from the end of the Columbia highway across the state is receiving new attention. The Federal government has recently announced its aid policy to be carried out through the several states and this is proving an additional incentive for state and county action at this time.

Heppner people are endeavoring to have the commission adopt a plan that would route the highway through that city, leaving the Columbia below Arlington. From Heppner the road would go across country to Pilot Rock and then into Pendleton. This proposal will meet vigorous opposition from Arlington, Boardman and Irrigon in Morrow county and from Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo in Umatilla county. It is understood Arlington has already held a meeting and sent a delegation to Salem. Arrangements are now being completed to hold a meeting of all the towns interested as soon as representatives can be gotten together. At this meeting steps will be taken to bring further pressure to bear on the commission to prevent the Heppner road going through.

While there has been no sentiment against Heppner having a road from the river to that city the general expression is that it would be a mistake to route the main thoroughfare across the state that way. For one thing it would travel through a section the entire distance with very few people to accommodate. It is all wheat and stock

farms of immense acreages. Such a road would be of practically no benefit except to the tourist.

To keep the road along the Columbia to Umatilla and then through the four west end towns it would be of great service to the settlers along the way. They would pay the larger part of the construction through taxes as their holdings are worth more per acre than the lands further back that are not irrigated and very probably never will be.

To build such a highway through Heppner would be much more expensive. All material would have to be hauled in and that by team or auto truck for the greater part, as the railroad would not be accessible. The grades would be heavier and other objections would tend to make the road less desirable.

To follow the river route would be to keep on practically a water grade the entire distance. Much material needed in the construction of such a highway would be found right at hand and that not supplied locally could be delivered easily, either by rail or water. The route from Umatilla to Pendleton has already been located and surveyed. A change might be made near Echo which would secure the abandoned O. W. R. & N. roadbed, thus giving a water grade through that section at comparatively little expense.

It is believed with the superior showing in favor of the river road as against the Heppner route and a united effort by all interested this more practical line can be secured.

TO FLY ACROSS THE CONTINENT



Photo by American Press Association.
Ruth Law, for whom a special aeroplane is being built for a transcontinental trip in the spring.

IMPROVEMENTS CALLED FOR IN NEW POSTOFFICE LEASE

Thursday Postal Inspector H. F. Peacock was here and looked over the books of Postmaster Young. Before leaving he made public a matter that will be of great interest to patrons of the local office. It was the calling of proposals for a lease of a postoffice location for five or ten years. It will mean the replacing of the greater part of the equipment now in use with standard up-to-date material.

Bids will be received by Postmaster Young and close February 5. The building is to be ready for use July 1. The department is willing to pay a rental of approximately \$1500 and no objection is made to the present site provided the equipment is brought up to requirements.

There must be furnished with the building steam heat, light, water and an inside toilet. The room must contain not less than 1000 feet of floor

space, be not more than 80 rods from the depot and convenient to the business part of the city.

The woodwork in the partitions must be of quarter sawed oak facing the main lobby and all others used in equipping the office of straight oak. The equipment will include safe, work tables, desk, boxes, etc.

Instead of two windows as at present there will be three, money order and registry, parcel post and a third for general delivery and stamps. No call boxes are provided. The lock boxes will all be keyless and automatically lock when closed. Of these there will be 222 small, 30 medium and 15 large drawers.

All equipment and fixtures are being provided to cover the needs of the office for a period of ten years, by which time it is expected this will have become a second class office.

UMATILLA ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

The ladies of the new council expect to give a dance near Feb. 2.

W. H. Switzer went to Pendleton on the afternoon train Monday.

At council meeting Tuesday night it was decided to turn on street lights again.

F. A. Brown, former clerk at the Duncan hotel, is now special officer for the O. W. R. & N.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Paulu left for California Thursday morning. Mrs. Paulu is one of the new council women.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Carl Brownell went to Pendleton Tuesday. Mrs. Brownell's sister is very low at St. Anthony's hospital.

Mr. Hagedorn, of Vancouver, Wash., has been stopping at the Duncan for several days. He is buying cattle for the Portland market.

Mrs. Geo. Ayers spent Sunday night in Umatilla visiting with Mrs. Conlon and uncle, J. B. Switzer, leaving on No. 1 Monday for Portland.

Mayor Laura E. Starcher called a special meeting Wednesday evening to devise some plan in which they can cooperate with the other towns between here and Pendleton, to have the Columbia highway come this way. In talking with farmers in the interior they seem to feel this really the practical way as it naturally leads to better roads to the Columbia River which means cheaper rates by boat to ship their grain out.

PROPOSED LAW WOULD HURT FRUIT INTERESTS

The congressional measure designed to limit cold storage "eggs, meat or other perishable food products" to three months would knock the commercial apple and pear business into a cocked hat. Hence apple men are up in arms against its enactment and are asking the assistance of the press and the fruit growers in an attempt to defeat the measure. A personal letter from producers to the state senators and to the congressman from their district is the method suggested.

"The law if enacted will strike a particularly hard blow to apple and pear men," said Prof. C. I. Lewis of the O. A. C. Horticultural division. "Varieties like the Newtons and Winesaps are carried through winter and well into the next spring and summer, and all such fruit would be barred from interstate shipments by the proposed law."

"In addition to this the expense of branding the packages with all the data required by the measure would be a heavy charge on the fruit, which would have to be born by the consumer, thus adding to the cost of fresh fruit and thereby decreasing consumption. Producers and dealers alike have been working hard in a campaign to increase the use of good fresh fruit and to try to keep the price within reach of the people that need it."

"Our storage work has shown that some varieties of apples are benefited by storage and that they never should be put on the market before their natural season, which is the spring season. The passage of this bill, House bill No. 18444, would be detrimental to the best interests of the Northwest."

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Revival meetings are being held in this neighborhood this week.

Henry Neimeyer left this week for Yakima where he will find work.

Mason Bros. have purchased a hay baler and are doing extensive work.

Mr. Rodgers of Baker, spent a few days of this week with his sister, Mrs. Hooker.

Mr. Felthouse returned Sunday from a visit with friends and relatives in Spokane.

A farewell party was given last Tuesday evening at the Stewart home for Mr. and Mrs. McDonald.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Ott has been dangerously ill with pneumonia. At the present time her condition is slightly improved.

PREPARING STOCK FOR THE SHOW RING

Livestock intended for shows should be fed a well balanced ration over a sufficiently long period to make them fat and sleek at show times. This is called "bloom" in the show ring. Many of the most fancy animals are kept in roomy box stalls during the day in the warm weather, but are turned out at night for exercise and some grass. A pasture field consisting of mixed alfalfa and Bermuda grass would be splendid for this purpose.

Nothing is better than oats for any kind of livestock, and a mixture of oats, corn and barley in equal proportions should prove satisfactory. This should be ground finely and the animals fed three times a day. Roughage may consist of alfalfa hay, silage, Sudan grass and other fodders. One of the secrets of making "bloom" on animals is to give them as great variety of feed as possible, and feed them often. Most of the winning animals at the best fairs are fed four or five times a day.

It is always a mistake to show animals that have not been properly trained.

This may be easily done by taking a little time each day to get the animal to stand properly and go where directed. This work is an art, and it requires considerable experience to make an animal show to best advantage.

Before show time the animals will require considerable exercise and this may be had by leading, which will also help to train the animals to respond to guidance with grace.

IRRIGON ORGANIZES COMMERCIAL CLUB

To better care for the needs of the community and advance its interests, a number of citizens of Irrigon last Saturday got together and formed a Commercial club. It is the intention of the new club to work for town and country alike and cooperate in all ways possible with neighboring clubs.

The officers of the new organization are: W. M. Wadworth, president; Professor Suddarth, vice-president; M. E. Dobie, secretary; C. W. Caldwell, treasurer.

Klamath Falls—New \$13,000 steel bridge across Link river completed.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD GET TOGETHER MEETING

The new officers of the Commercial club are planning of something besides the regular meeting for the first Monday in February. It will be more along the lines of the "get together" meetings held in the past and all who have heard the plan are greatly in favor of it.

The Hermiston auditorium is to be secured to insure room for the big crowd certain to be out. There will be a program including three or four short talks, music, etc. Efforts are being made to secure a male quartette for several numbers and possibly the orchestra. There is also some thought of a one or two reel moving picture comic. At any rate a splendid program is assured by the committee and full announcement will be made next week.

Each lady attending is requested to bring a lunch for two. After the

program is completed the lunches will be sold at 50 cents per basket. The expenses of the evening, which will be very light, will be paid from the lunch money and all remaining will be given to the Neighborhood club to use on the park improvement.

Hermiston country people have always shown a desire for this sort of gathering where all can get together for a good time and become better acquainted. Besides providing for such entertainment the evening should net a good sum for the park. The committee felt all would be willing to assist in this as it is the only park being projected at this time. Last, but not least, it is hoped the gathering will create an increased interest in the Commercial club and more clearly emphasize the fact that it is an organization working for the good of the entire Hermiston country.

BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Misses Lena and Jennie Shaw were dinner guests of Mrs. Jas. Ware Sunday.

Col. Raley spent from Thursday until Sunday hunting. He was the guest of Pete Sheridan.

Mrs. C. H. Gardiner and Mrs. C. H. Shaw were passengers to Umatilla on the local Monday morning, returning Monday afternoon.

Mr. McKeen and sons of Hermiston are working for C. S. McNaught at Westland. Mr. McKeen is at the hay chopper and Edward and Harold are driving teams.

Dr. Wainscott was called from Hermiston Monday to attend Mrs. R. G. Attebury who is quite ill. It is probable that she will have to undergo an operation before she can recover.

Hiestand More finished hauling his hay Saturday and Jas. Ware and sons Tuesday. The chopper will now move to Stanfield for several weeks work after which they will return to Westland.

GOVERNMENT SEED FOR DISTRIBUTION

A consignment of government seed for free distribution has just been received by The Herald from Congressman Sinnott. The seed will be given out at once to applicants and those desiring same should call immediately as we cannot save for anyone. However, any who cannot conveniently call at the office may telephone or drop us a card and a package will be sent by mail, postage free.

TEN YEARS AGO

G. W. Tyacke is building a cottage on Hurlbert avenue.

Colonel H. G. Newport has sold his home at Echo to W. H. Boyd of that city.

G. W. Wotering expects to open his general merchandise store at Main and Second next Monday.

C. L. Wight of Lewiston has secured the lots on the corner of Main and First to erect a building 32 x 40.

H. A. Jones Wednesday received his appointment from Sheriff Taylor as special deputy residing at Hermiston.

Uncle Sam stables at Hermiston 56 horses which are employed in freighting machinery, building material and supplies to the dam site.

The contract the county has made for the new Butter Creek bridge provides for a steel structure to be completed within four months.

The big steam shovel and narrow gauge locomotives are all on the ground where they will be employed in constructing the great dam and reservoir.

Promptly at 10 o'clock Monday the doors of the First Bank of Hermiston swung open on its bronze hinges and Cashier Swayze was soon busy with customers.

The secretary of the interior has authorized the expenditure of \$5,000 for equipping the machinery operated by steam power on the Umatilla project with oil burning devices.

Dr. S. M. Strohecker has secured the appointment of physician to the reclamation service on the Umatilla project. He returned to Chicago Sunday for the purpose of closing his business there.

Last Friday Dr. G. W. Cole of Pendleton purchased 40 acres between Hermiston and the reservoir. He further arranged, in company with William Folsom and Skinner and Newport, to erect a double store, two story brick building at Second and Main.

SPECIAL MEETINGS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The special meeting at the Baptist church by Evangelist Williams opened Tuesday evening with a good attendance. Both interest and attendance are increasing and those who have heard him speak highly of Evangelist Williams. Special music is provided each evening.

Rev. Chapman leaves today for Haines, where he will occupy Rev. Williams' pulpit tomorrow, returning Monday. Rev. Williams will hold services here both morning and evening Sunday.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

E. P. Dodd, of Hermiston, was in town Tuesday.

Dave and John Beavert, of Stanfield, were looking over the project Tuesday.

Mrs. Alta Howard of Portland, came in Friday to make a visit with her brother, J. O. Lower.

Alton Klitz is confined to his bed with measles. He is doing nicely and will soon be back in school.

C. J. Wagoner traveling salesman for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. stopped over night Wednesday.

Monday evening 18 friends of Mrs. Boardman surprised her with a birthday party, it being Mrs. Boardman's birthday. The ladies served sandwiches, cake and coffee.

Chas. Kango bought a lot on the west side of town and is getting the lumber on the ground to put up a seven room house. Mr. Hang's family is now in Hood River where his children are attending school. They will move here at the close of the school year.

Last Friday night the people at Boardman gave a real old fashioned house warming in the Paice building. The ladies served sandwiches, cake, pickles and coffee. The music was furnished by different members of the crowd on the violin and piano. Fifty-two guests were in attendance.

OPEN RIVER OFFERS CHEAP FRUIT RATE

Last week mention was made of the possibility of disposing of all surplus fruits and vegetables to Libby McNeill & Libby at The Dalles. That company will take cherries, apricots, pears and string beans, but questioned the advisability of shipping on account of high freight rates.

Evidently Libby, McNeill & Libby did not know we have access to the Columbia river and its boat system. This was called to the attention of the Commercial club the first of the week in a letter from H. B. Hull, Umatilla agent of The Dalles-Columbia line. Mr. Hull says his line will make a rate of 10 cents per hundred from Umatilla to The Dalles on all green fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Hull also says Lewiston ships large quantities each season to The Dalles by boat and finds it profitable at 25 cents per hundred. With such inducements as are now offered it would seem a good proposition to investigate further by the individual growers or through a special committee of the Commercial club.