

Eastern Oregon News

(From the Enterprise Record-Chief-tain.)

C. J. Yager, a pioneer of the North End, was called to answer the summons of death on Saturday, January 18th. For many weeks Mr. Yager has had very feeble health but death came to him suddenly and unexpectedly by his family and friends.

About four o'clock Saturday afternoon Mrs. Yager had stepped outside the house to get a pan of apples and when she returned she found her husband had fallen across the bed and was beyond recall.

Mr. Yager, with his family, came to this part of the country more than 25 years ago and was well and favorably known by the entire North End residents. He was a man of industrious habits, genial temper and honest principles. He had passed the three score and ten mark in years and was a member of the Catholic church.

His wife and two children were the only members of his large family that were permitted to follow his remains to their last resting place. His other children were living in other parts of the state and could not be reached on account of the crippled condition of the telephone wires. Funeral services were held at the house by the Rev. Peter Heuel and his remains were laid to rest by the side of a daughter in the Flora cemetery.

Mr. Yager's house burned the cold night of last winter and he and a small son had to wade, half clad, through the snow to a neighbor's half a mile distant. It was a hard task for him but he seemed to have recovered and was at Enterprise several times last summer and fall. He bought lumber for a new house expected to build it this year.

Eight New Autos Ordered.
With the ground covered deep with snow, eight new automobiles for the

coming season have been ordered at Enterprise through Rodgers Brothers. The men who will have the new cars are Fred W. Falconer, who has ordered two, Jay H. Dobbin, Jonathan Haas, W. P. Warnock, M. P. Crow, Charles E. Crow and H. G. Bauer. All have bought Ford cars. With the certainty that many others will get automobiles before summer comes, this part of the county is assured plenty of cars this season.

Liquor Cases End.
The last has probably been heard of the liquor indictments voted by the grand jury in the fall of November, 1911, and which had not gone to trial. District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe and T. M. Dill, assistant, reported to the court that there was not sufficient evidence to convict and Judge J. W. Knowles dismissed the charges.

The cases dismissed were those of the state against the following: Ora Graham, two indictments; Al Emmons and A. H. Chapman, three indictments; E. T. Schieur, two indictments; Cleaver Weaver and Joe Hale, one indictment; Jake Bauer, four indictments; Xavier Michellod, S. V. Davin and D. J. Staats, one indictment; San Inoo, three indictments; Lee Kamaye, four indictments.

Charles Blass of Flora was paroled after he had served the period to which he was sentenced. A fine was imposed in addition and he would have been kept in jail to serve this out if he had not received judicial clemency.

Visits Mute School.
While in Salem recently as a member of the state teachers' examining board, Supt. J. C. Conley, with other county superintendents, visited the school for mutes. He was greatly impressed with the work at the institution, and came back feeling that no deaf and dumb child

should be denied its benefits. "I was particularly impressed with the progress in talking made by the mutes," Mr. Conley said. "If the children are sent to the school young enough, nearly all can be taught to talk so you can understand them. They should go when four or five years old, and not wait until eight or ten or upwards. Then their vocal organs have become fixed from disuse, and cannot be developed readily."

"We asked questions of little boys and girls who could not hear a sound. From watching our lips and the play of our vocal chords they got our meaning, and readily answered. "The children are well cared for. They run and play like others and enjoy themselves thoroughly. In addition to the training in talking, they are taught to read and write and are instructed in the manual arts. The furniture used in the school is the product of their hands, and it is excellent, too."

"One curious thing reported by the superintendent was that often he had to interpret letters written by parents, because of misspelled words. The children know the words only when spelled correctly. If they are wrong, the young pupils have no idea what was meant, as they know comparatively few words, and cannot guess what was intended."

Mr. Conley said one bright little mute was asked who she thought the superintendents were. She answered that she concluded they were members of the legislature.

Land in Mixup.

Two interesting pieces of information regarding land ownership in the county were brought to light this week by Assessor C. H. Allen. He found one tract of 120 acres between Peter Beaudoin's ranch and the Elza Makin place that never has been filed on. When he first started running down the piece, he thought of course it was in private ownership. But finding the records not clear, he wrote to the La Grande land office, and was informed that the 120 acres was government land open to entry.

The land is the s 1-2 ne 1-4, nw 1-4 se 1-4, sec. 2 a. r. 45.

The other case involved two parcels which the state land board undertook to sell ten years ago, but was not able to convey title. Xaxier Michellod has been paying taxes on this land ever since. He has a good to it from John Wood of Walla Walla, a son of Solomon G. Wood, deceased, to whom the state board granted the land. The state however never conveyed title. There are 74.29 acres in this land which is in sections 7 and 8 township 1 south, range 47.

Planning for County Fair.

Stockholders in the Wallowa County Agricultural Fair association held their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon in the court house. Twenty-five attended and heard reports showing the association to be in a decidedly sound condition. The old directors were re-elected with the exception of B. B. Boyd, whose place was taken by W. C. Hinterman. Mr. Boyd is now in California.

The directors now are Jay H. Dobbin, Carl Whitmore, Wesley Duncan, W. R. Homles, A. C. Miller, W. C. Hinterman, C. A. Hunter and W. C. Dorrance. They will meet next Tuesday and elect officers.

At that time the premium list will be arranged for and plans begun for the 1913 fair. It is the intention of the men directing the fair to have the premium list in the hands of the people by March 1, thus giving all an opportunity to start in time and compete for prizes. Of course the association has set for its ideal a bigger and better fair than ever this fall, and nothing will be spared to realize this.

The financial statement presented to the stockholders showed that of the \$7,500 authorized capital stock, \$6000 has been subscribed. A campaign will be begun at once to get the remaining \$1500 subscribed. This would put the association out of debt and would enable it to erect a modern grand stand before the fair. Such a stand is greatly needed. Each fall the crowd is too great for the present bleachers, and many have to stand along the track to watch the races and sports. Conservative estimates indicate that the stand would pay for itself in a couple of seasons, besides adding to the comfort of patrons.

The added money also would put the association on a very firm financial footing, as it would prepare the way for the creation of a moderate surplus to carry the association through any bad year. In 1912 as the year before the fair netted a small margin above expenses but if the weather should be disagreeable all the week, there would be a heavy loss for someone to shoulder.

There are now 98 stockholders in the association. They are scattered all over the county, showing how representative the fair is.

Gwynne Sawmill Sold.

(Lostine Reporter.)

The Kroll Lumber company of Spokane bought the Gwynne sawmill at the trustee sale Tuesday, bidding it in at \$20,000. We are informed that the plant will be put in operation again next Monday. A crew of about eight men will be put to work at the planer, with a man by the name of Light in charge. It is also the intention to do some work at the sawmill and Q. E. Gwynne will be the boss there.

These Were Successful.

The following Wallowa county teachers passed the state examination held just before the holidays:
Five year certificates—Mrs. H. M. Ogan and Lenina Mallory.
Five year primary—Nettie Brock.
One year certificates—Harry E. Holly, Amy Olmstead, J. H. Leonard, Laura Hunt, Effie Houck, Jacoba Koel-owine, Mrs. Henrietta McAlexander, Bertha Womack, Rachel Dorrance, C. R. Eddleman, Mrs. E. May Barton, Mabel P. Boston, Lyle Murray, Mrs. Hattie Fisher, Claude L. Cole.
Max Wilson and Mrs. M. S. Pate wrote for credits.

Men Wander Two Days in Snow

(Pendleton East Oregonian.)

Last in a fog while hunting rabbits on the breaks of the Umatilla. Cushing Baker of Walla Walla and L. Gacht, a settler living seven miles beyond Toll Gate, wandered for two days in the snow before the fog lifted enough to permit them to get their bearings. This was the word received in Pendleton last evening.

Young Baker is spending the winter with his sister and brother-in-law at the Tanks, near the boundary of the Wenaha national forest reserve and he and Gacht set out on Tuesday morning in quest of rabbits. Though only a short distance from the cabin

of the latter when a heavy fog descended, they were unable to find their way back. They continued walking in the hopes of stumbling upon a habitation but Friday morning when the fog lifted they discovered that they had made their way to the headwaters of the Umatilla. Fortunately, each man had a small supply of provisions in his hunting coat when he started from home.

According to advices received from Toll Gate, the snow there is about twelve feet deep with each day furnishing a new fall.

Threatens Wife With Butcher Knife.

Dossie A. Green of Adams, who figured in a cutting affair Thanksgiving day, now finds himself the defendant in a divorce suit because in a drunken rage he seized a butcher knife and, under threat of death, he drove his wife and step-children out of the house into the snow-filled streets during the middle of night, according to a complaint filed in the circuit court, relates the Pendleton Live Wire. Shortly after this alleged inhuman act, which happened about two weeks ago Green was arrested at the instance of his wife and placed in the county jail to keep the peace. He still abides behind the bars.

Mrs. Green charges in her complaint that shortly after their marriage in Walla Walla, August, 1909, her husband commenced upon a course of cruel and inhuman treatment by cursing and nagging at her and more recently by threatening her with bodily violence. She alleges that he squandered all of his property in riotous living and failed to provide for her or her two children by a former marriage. However, the climax seems not to have been reached until about two weeks ago when he came home intoxicated, flourished a butcher knife and drove his family from the house after which he turned over the cupboard, broke the dishes and demolished other of the furniture.

Defendant asks the restoration of her former name of Addie M. Painter and \$75 with which to prosecute her suit. Will M. Peterson is attorney for the plaintiff.

THE FARMER SITUATION.

Inspired with hopes of doing good a man composed a piece
And told us how the future could
Be now as slick as grease,
"You follow my advice," say she,
"And save yourselves alarm
For all creation then will be
Attracted to the farm;
Through all the vanished ages
Farmers' help was treated wrong.
You must double up their wages
And not work 'em very long;
The hired man, a girl has he
That needs a hauling round
He don't have time to always be
A stirring up the ground.
Girls now-a-days have change a mite
From steady like and slow,
They're needing courting every night
And always want to go.
There's candy, theatres and balls
And moving picture shows
That for a lot of money calls
Where'er a fellow goes.
No difference when the men get home
And in their blankets creep;
When through the long night hours
they roam
They must have rest and sleep;
Our duty's plain—we cannot shirk
The hired toiler's ills,
The boss will have to do the work
And help him pay his bills
This plan is plainly feasible,
'Twill work just like a charm,
Then all the immigration will
Be headed for the farm.
Well, Mr. Scribe, you've showed your
sense
I hope you're satisfied.
Now I'll present some evidence
Upon the other side.
You're one of these here chaps, I see
That's raising a complaint
Because some folks have property
And other people ain't;
The profits of your business
Are squandered, then you squeal
Because your brother still has his
And claim a crooked deal.
The cards were stacked or else—'tis
claimed—
You'd have your share of pelf.
The distribution plans are blamed
When the trouble's with yourself.
You claim it ain't a fair divide
And curse the system when
'Tis not the method you deride
But the difference in men.
One person owns the home he craved
The other's paying rent;
One picture tells of money saved,
The other—money spent.
The homes of tillers of the soil
That make you feel so sore

May represent the constant toil
Of forty years or more;
They tell of self denials
And a saving day by day
While you shirked all the trials
And kept throwing yours away;
That farmer man he has a wife
He got her years ago;
She worked with him through mar-
ried life
When wealth came mighty slow;
They pinched and skimped and saved
to see

The slow appearing gains,
While raising up a family
To furnish city brains;
They now are simply in the swim
Where thrifty folks abide;
O'er higher waves they lightly skim
Joy riding with the tide;
It's this and that to be in style
According to the craze,
Of cash it takes an awful pile
To keep up now-a-days.
We don't have time for saying grace
Above our daily bread.
While striving for the faster pace
Of people just ahead;
'Tis not that cost of living
Is so different from the past,
It's the habit fashion's giving
For to live both high and fast.
Of all the fare upon the bill!
The tempting sweets galore
That make us stuff our hides until
They won't hold any more.
Next thing we hunt the doctors up
And chase them round a spell,
For every time we dine or sup
We don't feel very well.
First, drug dispensers give us hopes,
Then Osteopathy
The chiropractor patent dopes
And herbs of Hop Sing Lee.
The allopath, the homeopath
And every path there is
That leads unto a doctor hath
A rush of business.
We want to travel faster
So we purchase buzz machines,
If we have to put a plaster
On the home to raise the means
The auto brings the city sights
Right close up to our doors,
So's we can visit them of nights
And do it after chores.
When assuming a position
With aristocratic towns,
Our bank account condition
Must be good to furnish gowns—
And hats and other summary
To be up in the style
That satisfies the family
And undermines the pile;
So now, my friend, you understand
We're sailing high and fast
But there's breakers on the voyage
and
We'll run aground at last.
Our expenses are outrageous
So we trim where'er we can
And that means lower wages
For the farmer's hired man.

M. L. CARTER.

Kelly Will Not Sign Contract

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 27. — (Special)—Pitcher Ed Kelly, the big right hand work horse of last year's staff, returned his contract to Manager Bade yesterday unsigned, he being the first member of last year's team who seems unwilling to don the Bear's uniform for the coming season. It isn't because Kelly does not like Walla Walla or the Western Tri-State league, but simply the old salary question. Kelly believes he is worth more money, according to his letter to the management, and states that he will hold out until he gets it.

He has been wintering in Spokane and reports himself in the pink condition for another season's grind. Every fan remembers "Hard Luck" Kelly, as he was commonly called because of his unfortunate inability to win a game at the start of the season. His support was always poor and as he needed the best of action behind him to win, Kelly was often the goat on the road trips. In spite of this he worked hard and proved a good steady man on the mound.

However, the salary limit of the league does not permit fat salaries for any player. If they are worth more, they should be in faster company and as the matter now stands, Kelly belongs to Walla Walla and he must come to terms or be barred from organized baseball.

Immorality on Increase.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 28.—Believing that the offense of adultery is striking at the foundation of homes, Senator Carr has introduced a measure making the penalty for a married person found guilty, five years in the penitentiary. For unmarried persons the penalty would be not exceed a year in jail or a fine of \$1,000.

NEWS FOR THE RURAL SECTIONS

Observer's Big Asset

AFTER diligent search and at the sacrifice of considerable expense money The Observer has establish paid correspondents in a majority of all the big towns, and a vast number of postoffice and rural districts throughout Union and Wallowa counties. Within the course of a month this chain of paid correspondents will be complete and long and The Observer can then boast of the biggest news-gathering force of any out-of-Portland paper in the state. Scarcely a hamlet in the two counties but what will have its day-to-day news recorded weekly in The Observer. With a network of telephone wires, and rural route mail service, the combination works "going and coming" — The Observer gets the news from the rural districts by both letter and telephone, and The Observer, in turn, promptly reaches the readers with not only the country correspondence in full, but its varied other news "to boot"

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