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Herman Rothchild of North Powder has again shown his gallantry in failing to prosecute the only son of a lady who lives in Baker, because that son had cashed a check in his store which check proved to be worthless. The many good traits of Herman Rothchild are known to a few, but every once in a while the good in Herman comes out and is so pronounced that the entire county takes just the proper notice of it.

Just as a reminder it might be well to call the attention of the Union horse show committee that the snow is off the mountain and the green grass will soon be here, indicating that arrangements will soon be made for the great horse show of Eastern Oregon in June.

The city will endeavor to get along the best way possible without the three chimes that tell us when the dinner hour arrives. Most of us can tell from that inward sensation of a little organ known as the stomach.

After all Governor Withycombe seems to take the judgeship matter in his own hands and the veto ax has fallen, forever preventing the revival of the judgeship question in Union and Wallowa counties.

With nineteen thousand acres of land to be irrigated near Echo, and with a contract let for the work at six hundred thousand dollars, it would seem that the idle men in the state of Oregon now have a chance to work.

Don't think, however, that the wooden menu will be all there will be to eat at the Commercial Club banquet a week from Friday night.

A Baker minister has noticed that there is a revival in business. No longer any argument.

UNION COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

Lewis Z. Terrall left for Iowa last week, on a visit to his old home. He expects to return in two or three weeks. Abel Eaton is making many improvements about his home place on Railroad street, grading the grounds, making new stables, fences, etc. E. J. Sayre, who recently traded his Catherine Creek ranch for Oklahoma property, will remove to Oklahoma soon, and will make his home there. A. B. Davis returned Sunday from Portland, where he marketed a car of prime hogs at a price slightly above the regular quotations. He

A Busy Unpacking of New Spring Goods Announces The Coming of Spring at N. K. West's

This Store Leads In Showing of New Spring Apparel for Women



This department fairly glistens, glitters and glows with the many, many new Spring suits, coats, skirts, dresses and waists that we are showing. And why this store leads is because here every garment is man-tailored, distinctive in style and tailoring as only a man-tailored garment can be—also here is something no other store can say, "We have not one single woman's suit, coat, dress or skirt left from a previous season." Think what this means! Our money is not tied up in old stock; therefore, giving us a chance to carry a larger stock of new Spring styles for your selection, and also by buying here you are absolutely sure of not getting a last year's style. We invite your inspection—Easter is only a short ways ahead—April 4th this year—less than 5 weeks away.

- New Spring Suits \$15.00 and up
New Spring Coats \$8.00 and up
New Spring Dresses \$10.00 and up
New Spring Skirts \$4.00 and up

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Distinctive New Spring MILLINERY Now on Display in the Exclusive Millinery Department in the Balcony.

Fancy Flowered Rajah Silk 65c yard

A regular \$1.25 grade—extra heavy—secured at a special price from the wholesale house because they were overstocked. Rajah silk is the best wearing washable silk there is made—Special price, yard 65c

New Spring White Goods 10c to \$1.00 yard.

We are now showing an unsurpassed showing including all desirable plain and fancy weaves and qualities to suit every purse. Lawns, shertes, voiles, patine, crepes, dimities, madras, linene, nainsook, organdy, batiste, mulls, middy cloths, poplins, repp and many others.

New Spring Dane Cloth at 30c yard

A half wool goods comes in the new shades, putty, sand and Belgian blue, priced at yard 30c

New Spring Wool Dress Goods 50c to \$2.25 yard

The very latest weaves and colors which will be in very popular favor for Spring wear—whipcords, prunellas, panamas, covert cloths, wool charmeuse, granite, French serges and black and white checks. Buy your Spring sewing needs now while our stock is complete.

was well pleased with the result of his trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hart are at present in Star, Idaho, where Mrs. Hart is reported in very poor health.

Mrs. J. V. Mitchell expects to leave early next week on a visit to her people near Athena.

Mayor C. E. Davis is reported Friday morning gaining in strength and making satisfactory advances toward restored health. Many friends will be pleased to learn this fact.

Mrs. J. S. Galloway has returned from La Grande, where she spent the winter with her daughter.

John Minnick and Clarence Miller left for Portland Tuesday, to be absent until the last of the week.

J. V. Mitchell, of the O.-W. R. & N. force, expects to go to Pendleton Monday next.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Butterfield entertained a large crowd at five hundred Friday evening of last week. There were twelve tables, and the evening was most enjoyable.

G. H. Miles, of Pawnee, Oklahoma, arrived this week, and has taken possession of his new home, the Sayre place on Catherine Creek. Mr. Miles is related to the Greens, who came from Oklahoma last year, and will be a

valuable acquisition to this section. Dr. Erwin has recently added some new equipment to his dental office, and now has one of the best equipped offices of the class in eastern Oregon. (Elgin Recorder.)

While splitting wood Monday, Mrs. E. W. Clark had the misfortune to cut her thumb, almost entirely severing it from the hand. The wounded member was stitched back and although very painful, seems to be getting along all right.

Mrs. Goodwin, of Marshfield, Ore., visited a few days in Elgin this week going on to Minam Tuesday for a visit with her brother, Contis Goff.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilstrap are planning to spend a week or two visiting Mrs. Gilstrap's parents in Pine Valley the first of March. They have been constant in their work here and are in need of a short rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hallgarth moved to the camp Friday, where Mr. Hallgarth will be employed.

H. H. Weatherspoon left Monday afternoon for various eastern points, where he will spend some time disposing of Elgin apples.

Mrs. Williams and little son, of La Grande, were guests at the J. C. Christiansen home a few days this week.

Mrs. Birk has returned to her home in La Grande, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mayo.

Mrs. Maddison, whose home is on the Pothill road, went to La Grande Friday, where she will visit until spring opens up.

Mrs. Hinghey, of La Grande, visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Baird.

Mrs. Martha Harris returned to her home in La Grande Monday, after a visit with her brother, S. L. Burnaugh and family.

Joseph News Items. Joseph, Feb. 27.—(Special).—During the last few days we have had considerable snow which is appreciated by stockmen and farmers. All the frost is out of the ground and the snow that falls now goes into the ground.

Attorney A. M. Runnells is in Portland this week on legal business connected with the Lee Hartshorn ranch deal. Les Hartshorn and G. W. Gildersleeve are with him. Mr. Gildersleeve is part owner of the Les Hartshorn ranch.

Dr. Verdo B. Gregory made a professional trip to Wallowa Wednesday. Dr. Gregory was recently confined to his bed with a very bad illness but has apparently recovered miraculously.

H. B. Davidhizer returned from the "outside" Wednesday where business had called him for a few days.

Dr. J. B. Gillis of Joseph has left for Milton, Oregon where he intends to locate after spending three years in this vicinity. The cause of their removal was that all of the family had not enjoyed the best of health while in Joseph. Mrs. Gillis and son have been absent all winter at Walla

Walla where the boy is attending school. They have made many friends in Joseph which regret very much that circumstances have come about that necessitated the move they have taken. All wish them the best of success in their new field. Dr. Carver of Chicago University takes Mr. Gillis's practice. He comes highly recommended.

The Masons moved their masonic equipment to the Roup building Wednesday. Mr. Roup has fitted up a nice cozy room for the local order which is a credit to any lodge.

A. B. Hall of Wallowa was in Joseph Monday advertising a horse sale to be held at Wallowa the 8, 9 and 10th of March. This will be one of the biggest horse sales ever conducted in this county. There will be buyers from all over the United States to purchase all grades of horses.

George Russell of Swamp creek was in town this morning on business.

Joel Long of California is in Joseph this week looking for a location if suitable land can be secured. Mr. Long has traveled extensively and says this valley looks exceptionally well to him.

Mrs. Link entertained a few of her friends Friday afternoon at her home on lower Main street. All report having a fine time. Dainty refreshments were served.

Matt Head and wife have moved to Island City where he intends working in the flouring mill at that place. Their many friends wish them success but regret their going.

Frank Wiles a pioneer of Wallowa county is very ill at the home of Mrs. Sheets and it is feared that one of his limbs will have to be amputated before he can recover. Mr. Wiles' limb has bothered him for many years but of late it has been getting worse caused by his advanced age.

Dr. Miller of Birmingham, Alabama has accepted a position in the Joseph hospital as assistant to Dr. Verdo B. Gregory. Since coming to Joseph, Dr. Gregory's business has grown to such proportions that he is unable to care for all his patients in the style that he likes.

Word was received in Joseph from San Cruz, California that Grandma Hamilton died there January 29th, at the home of her sons, George and Nathaniel. For many years she was a resident of Joseph. At the time of her death she was 80 years old.

Mrs. J. A. Branson entertained at her home Friday afternoon. All the ladies took their work and an enjoyable as well as profitable afternoon was spent. Luncheon was served.

The Odd Fellows have moved into their new home which was formerly the old Presbyterian church. It has all been remodelled and is finished very nice inside.

Luther Lloyd of Imnaha is in town this week on business. Dr. Miller of the Joseph hospital reports the birth of twins—a boy and girl at the home of Len Emmons on Alder slope February 29th.

TESTIMONY TAKEN IN SUIT.

D. & M. Company's Action Against Two Districts Is in Court.

Testimony was taken last week before Miss Edith Odle in the suit brought by the D. & M. Sheep and Land company to prevent the collection of special school taxes levied by districts 15 and 71 relates the Enterprise Record-Chief. The plaintiff seeks to restrain the two school districts, the county treasurer, and the sheriff from proceeding with the tax collection.

Sheriff Marvin and Treasurer Franklin testified regarding the records in the levies. J. E. Jackson and W. E. Davis, clerks of the two districts, told of the proceedings at the elections when the tax was levied. T. P. Coleman and X. Michelod also testified.

The efforts of the plaintiff, represented by Daniel Boyd, were directed to seeking to show that legal notice of the meetings when the taxes were voted had not been duly posted, also that all who voted were not legally qualified to do so. The names of those who voted were produced and Sheriff Marvin was called to testify whether they were taxpayers.

D. W. Sheahan was at the hearing as counsel for district 71, and O. M. Corkins represented the county. The testimony will be submitted to Judge Knowles who will give his decision in vacation. This action is a natural result of the settlement of homesteaders in the old range country.

A school district was unthought of there a few years ago, when sheep ranged at will over the hills. But the public land has been taken up and families are thick enough to make schools well patronized. The sheep company has extensive tracts of land still used as pasture within the boundaries of the school districts, and is not interested in maintaining schools for the settlers.

Emigrant Girl "Makes Good."

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 26.—Two years ago, Miss Mary Gyarmati, then 16 years old, arrived in St. Paul, following a long journey from Sopron, Hungary, to meet her brother Joseph. At the union depot an officer met her and told her her brother was awaiting trial for murdering his wife. Without an acquaintance in the United States, and unable to speak a word of the English language, the girl was forced at tender age, into the world. Under the care of nuns of St. Agnes' Catholic church, she made good. Today she was married to Gesa Domokos, a fellow countryman, who also has made good.

Moose Attention. There will be a social meeting Tuesday night. Bring your wife and sweethearts. COMMITTEE.

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