

BAKER COUNTY HAS AN UTOPIA

Taxless Mining Town Resposes Over Mile Above Sea Level

BAKER, Aug. 12.—There is a town in Baker county in which the inhabitants have no municipal taxes to pay, and patrons of city water works do not look forward to the paying of water rent, and its name is not Utopia. This town has other distinctions. It looks down on all other incorporated cities of the state from an elevation of 6500 feet above sea level. It has no money in the treasury, no delinquent levies no municipal tax and owns a gravity water system supplying the purest mountain water.

This town is Greenhorn, and it has a city charter from the state with all the offices of a city. James Dickson is the mayor. It is in the heart of the Greenhorn mountains, surrounded by primeval forests, beautiful mountain streams in which speckled trout abound and it is said there are deer in the forests, of course in season—also an occasional bear or other wild animal. Lying under the shadow of Vinegar hill, the highest peak of the Greenhorn mountains, it makes an ideal place for the person wanting to camp out during the summer months, getting lac keto nature.

To be an inhabitant of Greenhorn means that one is interested in mining and if you should be a sojourner for a few days in that section it will be strange if you do not become a mining fan also.

Polka Dots



The polka dot has been much in vogue this summer. It is being worn in suits, dresses, coats and street dresses.

NEW CREAMERY AT NO. POWDER

NORTH POWDER, Aug. 12.—A big joint grange meeting was held at Wolf Creek, Saturday, August 6 for the purpose of discussing the probability of a co-operative creamery somewhere in this vicinity. As far as is known at this time, North Powder has the preference, being centrally located and having plenty of good water and power. The selection, however, remains to the choice of the members, says the News.

If the plan goes through the institution will be run on the Rochdale system. Each member will have but one vote regardless of the amount of shares he holds. According to the promoters, Messrs. Diggs and Wilkins, investors will be guaranteed 3 per cent interest, as the products of the plant will be sold through the Pacific Co-operative League chain of stores.

The plan is to collect cream from Westberly to the east, and as far west as the Grande Ronde valley, and from the Burnt River section. Besides the making of butter, cheese and other produce will be manufactured and sold through the chain stores. The plant is to cost \$10,000, and will be up-to-date in every respect.

Messrs. Diggs and Wilkins were in attendance at the Wolf Creek school house Saturday evening, and according to reports all farmers in this territory and in the Tolocast district will attend.

French Blind Fly Old Glory



Wounded French soldier, "Victory Village" at St. Cloud, France. The houses were presented by the Allies. Here is a blind veteran in a home furnished by Americans. In gratitude he flies the American flag.

PENILETON PIONEER IS 86 YEARS OLD

PENILETON, Aug. 12.—"A big life the city whose growth has been steady and which will continue steadily," is the way Lot Livermore, Penileton's oldest pioneer, characterizes his home today on this his eighty-sixth birthday.

Mr. Livermore says that he has watched with interest since 1869 the development of Penileton from a small hamlet to the enterprising city of 1921. "Penileton," he said this morning, "does not owe her size to booms. The growth in business has been normal and as such will endure in the future."

Mr. Livermore came to Umatilla in 1868 and entered the general merchandising business in that city. He well remembers how Penileton citizens took the county records from that town and brought them here. He remembers also that the local men were forced to return them but that they were finally awarded them when Penileton, after a fight, was made the county seat.

Mr. Livermore was born in Ohio and with his parents came to the age of 16 to the Willamette valley by ox team. Umatilla, when Mr. Livermore settled there was a bustling town. Steamboats plied between The Dalles and Umatilla and there was much freighting from Umatilla to Boise.

Mr. Livermore, despite his years, is in good health and still takes an active part in the business circles of Penileton.

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AGED ELGIN WOMAN DIES

ELGIN, Aug. 12.—Mrs. E. Apitz, after a year's illness, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mike Fitzgerald, last Saturday. Mrs. Apitz was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1837, and married there coming to this country with her husband in 1862. Five children were born to the couple, only two of whom are living. Mrs. Apitz's husband preceded her in small hamlet to the enterprising city of 1921. "Penileton," he said this morning, "does not owe her size to booms. The growth in business has been normal and as such will endure in the future."

The deceased leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Mrs. Mike Fitzgerald, of Elgin, and one son, E. E. Apitz, of Hillyard, Wash., as well as several grandchildren. She was a member of the Lutheran church the most of her life, and was buried Sunday in the Highland cemetery by the side of her husband. The Rev. H. L. Willis had charge of the funeral services.

BARGAINS

No. 21—A 5-room modern house on Pennsylvania St. well furnished, owner wants to leave, will sell for cash at a bargain. Price \$4,200.00

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LOSS OF \$2000 IN HEPPNER GRAIN FIRE

HEPPNER, Ore., Aug. 12.—Fire starting from a threshing engine spread into the wheat field at John Heppner's farm near Lexington yesterday and destroyed 50 acres of fine wheat entailing a loss of around \$2000.

One hundred and fifty tons of hay were destroyed by fire this morning on the old Hager farm six miles above Heppner. Fire was started last night to burn the grass and stubble around the stacks as a guard against fire. A watchman guarded the stack all night, but after he went to breakfast a spark ignited the stacks.

NOTICE.
An ice cream social will be held at Lagoon Chapel Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. 8-10-21

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HOLM GROCERY.

WALLOWA COUNTY NEWS.

WHAT BEING HAULED TO ENTERPRISE WAREHOUSES

Monday morning saw the first new wheat brought in to Enterprise. It came from the farm of J. L. Stagg, who makes a practice of sowing early, and was bought by Kerr, Gifford & Co. Mr. Stagg is combining his wheat on his farm three miles north of town and both quality and quantity are good.

On Tuesday Bauer brothers began hauling grain from the 300-acre tract they have rented from George S. Craig, just east of town. They began threshing on Saturday and could have got a load in that day if they had wanted to crowd it. They are heading and threshing with a stationary machine.

Men who have looked at the threshing crop predict that it will run 35 bushels to the acre. This is from land which was overlooked by the early settlers, but it has produced several good crops of fall grain when the ground was properly worked. The Bauer brothers, William and Ott, also have 200 acres of land belonging to their father, Jacob Bauer, lying immediately against the city limits, which is now in summer fallow and will be seeded fall, thus insuring another good crop for the brothers. They have had enough of spring wheat and are now taking no chances. G. W. Franklin also is hauling wheat from Lower Prairie and shortly the grain will be coming from all directions.

FRIENDS HAZE BRIDEGROOM.

When the American Legion friends of Glenn Strickler learned of his marriage last Thursday, they decided to capture him and give him a hazing. He was required to roll a pennant with his nose on the pavement on Main street, then was handcuffed and placed on the platform of a truck where he sang for the amusement of the crowd. The ceremony closed at the swimming pool south of town, into which he was thrown with his clothes on. Just to prove he was a good sport, he followed this up with a plunge on his own account.

Mrs. W. R. Holmes returned home on Saturday from Portland and Corvallis. At the latter place she spent some weeks at the home of her son Fred A. Holmes.

W. G. Ashur has disposed of his last land holdings in Wallowa county, having just traded 80 acres near Wallowa for land at Weiser, Idaho. Couch & Tulley negotiated the exchange. Mr. Ashur now lives at Weston. He owned the former Frank Kernan farm on the Innaha for a short time.

Frank Crippen, former La Grande high school athlete and now a sophomore at O. A. C., is in Enterprise for a few days' visit with H. M. DuBois, the new superintendent of the local schools. Mr. Crippen is said to be one of the most promising short distance men O. A. C. has had for years.

N. M. Harris and wife arrived from La Grande on Tuesday and went to the Swamp creek camp of the East Oregon company where Mr. Harris is now cooking. He and his wife are from Virginia and are making a tour of the country, working their way as they go. They stop at a place long enough to save up money for another trip.

PINE VALLEY FOREST FIRES

PRAIRIE CITY, Aug. 12.—About ninety acres of land was burned over in a forest fire last week in the Pine valley district. It is said the fire was confined to small timber and the damage is not very heavy.

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THEATRES CHANGE HANDS.

The O. K. Theatre in Enterprise and the moving picture show in Joseph have been bought by H. M. Maloney and John W. Joergel, who will take possession August 15. The business is owned by the Enterprise Theatre corporation, all of the stock of which was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Goodfellow. This stock was bought by Mr. Joergel and Mr. Maloney. The purchase included the good will and lease and part of the equipment of the O. K. and all the equipment of the Joseph house, and also many pictures already bought by the Goodfellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow will take a real vacation, going to Chicago and then to Florida, where Mrs. Goodfellow's mother and sister live. They will return west to the Willamette valley, where they have a fruit farm near Salem. They have been in Enterprise since the house was open-

TO CONTINUE RELIEF WORK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Official word of the arrival at Riga of Americans released from Russia reached the state department Thursday and relatives were notified by the department in every case where addresses were known.

Negotiations at Riga and Iteval for famine relief will proceed on the assumption that all other Americans who choose to leave Russia will be given facilities to cross the frontiers. It was said authoritatively. There are known to be many Americans there who, although not in jail, have been prevented from leaving and the soviet authorities are reported to have promised to circulate announcements that this permission will be granted them.

Appropriation of five million dollars to be used by the president to aid in Russian relief was provided in a bill introduced Thursday by Senator King, Democrat, Utah.

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