

IRONING OUT RUTS IN ROAD

Crew of Men Busy on the
La Grande - Wallowa
Lake Highway Near
Wallowa.

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Jack Semmeling of Pendleton, has been in town the past week in the interests of the Northern Life Insurance Co.

A crew of men have been working at the worst place on the highway between here and Lostine, for the past several days. Gravel is being hauled and dumped into the mud ruts, while a team has been kept there the greater part of the time, to pull cars thru the soft ground. A large amount of cars have had trouble in passing this point, in fact very few cars have been able to get through without help. The county road crew have been busy the past several days in finishing the work commenced near the cemetery east of town last week. The freezing weather began late the job could be finished. The finished grade will eliminate the pull at this point by the uniform grade coming around at a higher point from the east, and with the top of the ridge on the west side being cut down considerably.

The Wallowa grange met Saturday, March 1st. A dinner was served at noon by the ladies of the grange. The afternoon was devoted to business coming before the meeting. Three new members were initiated into the order. A number of members discussed the proposition of ordering seed, thru the grange. It was thus be able to take advantage of wholesale prices offered by seed houses. Many also expressed themselves in favor of the shipment of livestock by the grange themselves. A plan of this nature has been under consideration of a committee of the Wallowa county Pomona grange for some time. However, nothing definite has been announced as yet. Many feel that the time has come when conditions warrant as much of a saving at every point as possible, and feel that if a system of this kind can be worked out, that it will be the means of saving a considerable amount of profit.

A careful check has been made on shipments of hogs which have been shipped by growers themselves, which show that after all expenses are met, shipments can be put onto the market at considerably less than \$1.00 per hundred. The local freight carried a large number of cars of stock to the Portland market, the last of the week. A number of cars of hogs and cattle being loaded at points up the valley, while a few cars were also loaded at this point.

C. A. Hunter commenced plowing soil on his valley farm east of town the last of the week, while the frost has not all left the ground at all points, the surface is in good shape for the breaking of sod. With the absence of storm for a short time, many will be able to plow the well drained places. Many of the farmers have been quite busy the past couple of weeks repairing fences and doing up other odd jobs before the rush of spring work comes on. Reports from the upper part of the valley state that the ground is drying off rapidly and farming operations will soon begin, some of the farmers are already springing their alfalfa fields.

Wheat-Drying Nicely.
The most of the fall sown wheat is showing up nicely where the grain got started last fall, and has been uncovered from the snow for any length of time it is showing up green. In other fields which did not get up, the warm weather has allowed the young shoots to come through and can be seen in dry rows at most points. The last of the week the ground froze considerably a couple of nights, some fear that should the freezing continue that some of the small grain which has come through this

spring will be injured. The ground squirrels have been coming out in large numbers during the past week. Unless a great deal of poisoning is done they will no doubt be as plentiful as ever. When they do not show up until well after the warm spell of weather started in the early part of the month many thought that they had perhaps been killed off by the water running into their holes, drowning them. From appearances at this time it shows this to be a mistaken idea.

J. L. Maxwell shipped stock from here to the market the last of the week.

J. B. Plasm went to Portland with some of the stock shipments Saturday.

Road Muddy.
The road from here to Maxville is reported to be very deep in mud at many points, making travel virtually impossible with automobiles. From a point west of town where the dirt road hits the highway, to the foot of the Valentine hill, the mud is said to be extremely deep in places. Some stock has been moved from the feed yards to early pasture. John McDonald moved part of his horses to the brakes toward Minam early in the week. He reports an abundance of old grass, which will assure plenty of feed for stock until the young grass is started good. The early pastures where the snow has been gone for some time, new grass is beginning to start quite good.

The new industry being started here by the Idaho-Oregon Tie Co., has been the means of furnishing jobs for some of the fellows who are out of a job at this time. A number of men are at work on the cut over land of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company north of here. Some of the men report that very good wages can be made at this work. A ready sale for good ties can be had when they are put at

the track at from 25 to 50c each. A considerable number of cases of measles and scarlet fever are reported in and around town. Duane Lathrop, who underwent an operation at the hospital here early in the week for appendicitis, is reported to be recovering quite rapidly.

PORTLAND'S STAND LIKED

PENDLETON, Ore.—Portland business men are with the farmers of eastern Oregon in their efforts to get legislation that will give them a chance to tide the present emergency that is faced, according to W. W. Harrah and L. L. Rogers, who returned from Portland, where they attended the meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and farmers.

Gratification over the interest displayed by the business men when the real situation was put up to them relative to conditions faced by agriculture was expressed by Mr. Harrah.

BLOSSOM DAY EXPLOITED
SALEM, Ore.—Although the date for Salem's annual Blossom day has not yet been fixed, directors of the local chamber of commerce have authorized the printing of 5000 so-called Blossom day cards for distribution throughout the country. The cards will contain an attractive photograph of a Blossom day scene in Willamette valley, with appropriate wording. These cards will be used in attracting visitors to Salem.

Last year more than 15,000 visitors were in Salem on Blossom day, and it was predicted that a larger crowd will be attracted here this year. It is probable that Blossom day will be held late in May.

Correct this sentence: "I am always free from worry," said the wife, "when you are out for an evening with your wonderful men friends."

MANY VISITING PROMISE NOW

PROMISE (Special)—The telephone directors held a business meeting at the home of Boyd Carper Friday evening.

There was a party and taffy pull for the young people at the home of James Leonard Friday evening and a very pleasant time was reported.

Leo Kenworthy made a business trip to Wallowa Saturday. Mrs. Charles Bennett has been suffering from rheumatism. The literary club held its regular meeting Saturday night. The meeting was well attended and everyone had a good time. Walter Carper made his regular trip to the logging camps with meat Friday.

Lewis Newby and William A.

Reed made a trip to Wallowa the last of the week, returning with the road tools and powder with which they expect to begin work on the road near Vester Henderson's soon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. William Sanner, John Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bennett visited Sunday at Charles Bennett's.

David Garrett and Harvey McDonald had Sunday dinner at the home of Charles Carper.

Mrs. William Reed and children, Myrtle Olsen, Howard, Theodore, and Miss Nora Carper and Jim Barton spent Sunday afternoon with John Carper's family.

Truman and U. Poulsen are now at home as the wood cutters at Maxville have been laid off.

Charles Carper has a contract with Bowman-Hicks to put in a bridge at the Summit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Poulsen left Tuesday for Enterprise, where they intend to consult Dr. Thompson about their baby's illness.

Mrs. Lewis Newby and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Carper visited Sunday afternoon at the

home of Jesse Garrett. William Carper was quite sick Sunday night from poison, which he got in a tablespoon full of sauer kraut, but is much better now and able to work. He intended to begin plowing the middle of this week.

Howard, Harold and Robert Carper are cutting wood this week for Alfred Carper.

On account of bad roads and extra heavy mail the Promise stage driver is using a four-horse team.

Leo Kenworthy is sawing wood for Jesse Garrett's home use.

Tex Williams has been hauling hay from Lewis Newby's to his place.

Women's Feet Bigger Shoe Dealers Report

CHICAGO, (I.N.S.)—Women's feet are getting bigger. These words may be the blunt way of conveying a harsh fact, but they were chosen by experts at the National Shoe Retailers Association's recent convention here. They agreed that whereas the run of customers usually ordered 5 1/2 in the old days, they are now tending to 5 3/4, 6 or even 6 1/2. They need to get the smaller size. But after now takes her morning walk in a No. 7. Their feet are either getting bigger or customers are coming to believe it's better to be comfortable.



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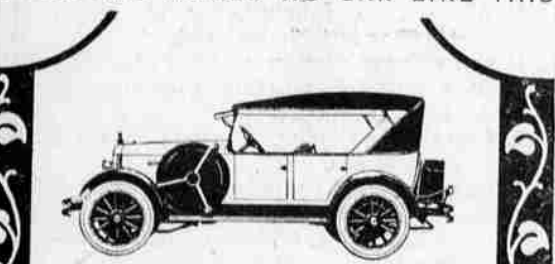


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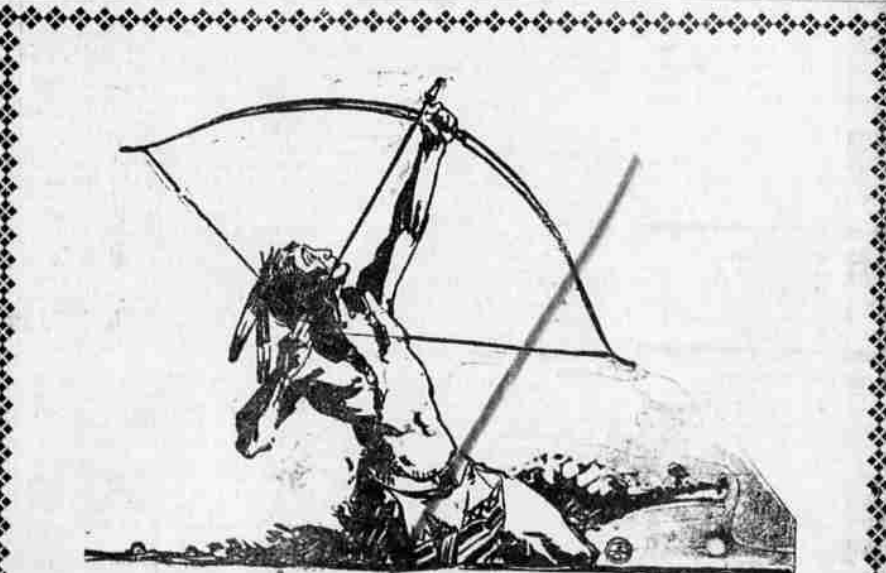
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