

La Grande Observer Special News from Union and Wallowa Counties

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North Powder School Board Inspects Union Building; to Pattern After It.

NORTH POWDER, (Special)—Mr. Evans and Mr. Hess, of the board of education, with P. G. Buchanan visited Union recently and looked over the new gymnasium at that place. The one here will be patterned after the one built there some months ago. On Sunday night, Roy Conklin and wife and J. W. Ricker, the principal teacher of Union, who supervised the building of the gym at that place, came up and looked over the grounds here. The ground has been purchased by voluntary subscription and in local funds. The school building is looking over the specifications and it is thought that several will submit bids on the building. It is reported that bids are being made on the bonds so there will be no trouble in disposing of them.

Weather Stormy.

Stormy weather has been prevailing for the past few days. Snow has been falling for the past day or two. It does not seem to be falling very long and white almost as fast as it falls. The recent bad weather is delaying the cutting of stock on range as stockmen are afraid that a snowstorm might cause a heavy loss.

Mrs. Andrew White received a telegram announcing the sad fact that her sister, Mrs. Lawrence, had passed away at a hospital in Salem. Mrs. Lawrence has been very ill for several months and her death was a shock to her many friends. Mrs. Lawrence came of one of the pioneer families and was born and raised in the vicinity of Haines. Her name was Miss Mary before her marriage and her family is well known throughout this section of Oregon. She contracted tuberculosis several months ago and everything that could be done for her has been tried but to no avail. She has gone in different places in search of health but failed. She left this world some months ago for Arizona but was so weak on reaching Portland that it was deemed best by her physician to go no farther and she was taken to the hospital and a small son to remain her last well as brother and sister, friends and relatives. Interment took place in the Haines cemetery Monday.

Business Men Meet.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club, Monday evening, it was decided to have a social gathering on the evening of March 28th. The entertainment will consist of a dinner, followed by a dance or card party and perhaps a play. The program has not been definitely arranged yet. Committees on finance, agriculture, public and entertainment were appointed by the president, taking the members of the board of directors as committees. At the next meeting, every man is supposed to bring a man for the purpose of increasing the membership. There is now twenty-five members and it is hoped that this number can be increased to fifty. The members also voted to affiliate with the State Chamber of Commerce. That will entitle them to send one delegate to the State convention.

Little Marie Dougherty was taken to the Baker hospital a few days ago and underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is reported to be recovering nicely and will be home before many days.

Rev. Clayton, the Baptist minister from the Cove, has been holding meetings at the M. E. church for the past two weeks. He has been assisted by the local pastor, Rev. J. McFarland. Fair crowds have attended these meetings and deep interest manifested by both old and young.

At the suggestion of Rev. Clayton, the people gave a pound supper to the local pastor's family on Friday night. They received many nice things. These meetings closed on Saturday evening.

Mr. J. Ledbetter has leased the vacant department of his garage to Tom Gillenberg and Arlo Ledbetter, who will have charge from now on. They will handle oil, groceries and autos.

Charles Law and family returned from Portland Thursday evening. Mr. Law came back to look after business. He is undecided as to where he will locate.

COVE FARMERS WERE AT MEET

COVE—(Special)—Several Cove farmers from this vicinity attended the Economic Conference both at Union and La Grande.

Mrs. A. L. Becker was called to Portland Saturday where she will attend the funeral of her nephew, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hempe, formerly residents of Cove.

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