

JAMES GASTON LAID TO REST

WALLOWA, Or., (Special)—The community was greatly saddened Friday morning, when word was received from Portland, telling of the passing away of James H. Gaston, at that place December 8th, 1924. Mr. Gaston was born in Oregon County, Kansas, January 25, 1875. He came to this country in the early eighties, in company with other members of his family. He has lived here almost continuously, since first coming here. In 1897 he was united in marriage with Miss Katie Cousins, to this union were born five children, as follows: Roy J., Laura, Dee, Eugene, and Irvin, all residents of this section. Three brothers, Frank, Charles and Archie, all residents of Placerville, California. Mrs. Gaston lives in this city, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Port Scott, Kansas. Besides a host of friends and neighbors, Mr. Gaston's friends are numbered by his wide scope of acquaintances in all parts of the county.

For many years Mr. Gaston has made his home on his homestead a few miles east of town, where he has demonstrated his capability to deal with the rugged life of pioneer life, in building a home, from the unimproved domain.

The remains were shipped from Portland, arriving here Saturday with funeral services, conducted under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. lodge at 2:00 o'clock Sunday. A very impressive service was given, with a large gathering of brother members aiding in the service. Mr. Gaston has been a devoted member of this organization for many years. He was also one of the staunch members of the Grange here, attending the meetings regularly, and always ready to aid with any of the activities of the organization. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their great loss.

E. G. Johnson was here the last of the week, from the north woods, where he has a logging contract. He reports logging operation progressing well in that section. The ground is frozen hard, and very little snow to bother. Ed Bell and Guy Oliver, are also busy finishing a logging contract in that section.

John Knott, has been quite poorly for the past several days. George Smith.

This meeting of the Wallowa Grange was quite well attended here Saturday. A short business session was held in the forenoon, at which time nomination of officers for the organization for the ensuing year were made. The ladies of the Grange served a bountiful feast at noon. The meeting was opened again at 2:00 in the afternoon, at which time other matters of importance were taken up for discussion.

A roll call was read, with all members present responding cheer-

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MORE INDIANS IN U. S. NOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—An increase in the country's Indian population and a marked improvement in health conditions in their reservations were noted in an annual report by Indian Commissioner Burke.

Growth by 255 in the past year to a total of 246,292 in a population total entirely dependent on the difference between the birth and death rates, is accepted as proof that the Indians are becoming a healthier people.

Campaigns being conducted against trachoma and tuberculosis, the most prevalent Indian diseases, are yielding results, and the commissioner looks for additional improvement in the coming year.

A gain in school attendance also was noted, 66,484 Indians having been enrolled in various schools.

representing an increase of 4071 over 1922. In three years, the number of teachers in the Indian summer training schools has grown from 24 to 325.

Although oil and gas operations on Indian reservations were less than normal, the Indians reached 226,910 acres; 49,446,458 barrels were produced, and the total revenue was \$29,145,517. A tract of 160 acres on the Gumbo reservation in Oklahoma was leased for nearly \$2,000,000 and several others brought more than \$1,000,000 apiece. The Indians alone realized \$2,479,452 from oil and gas.

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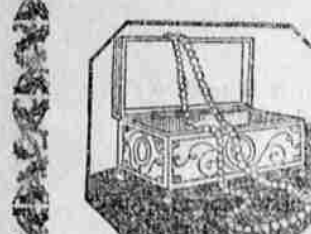
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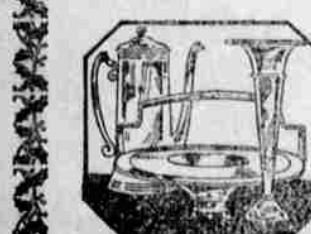
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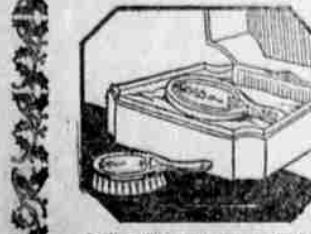
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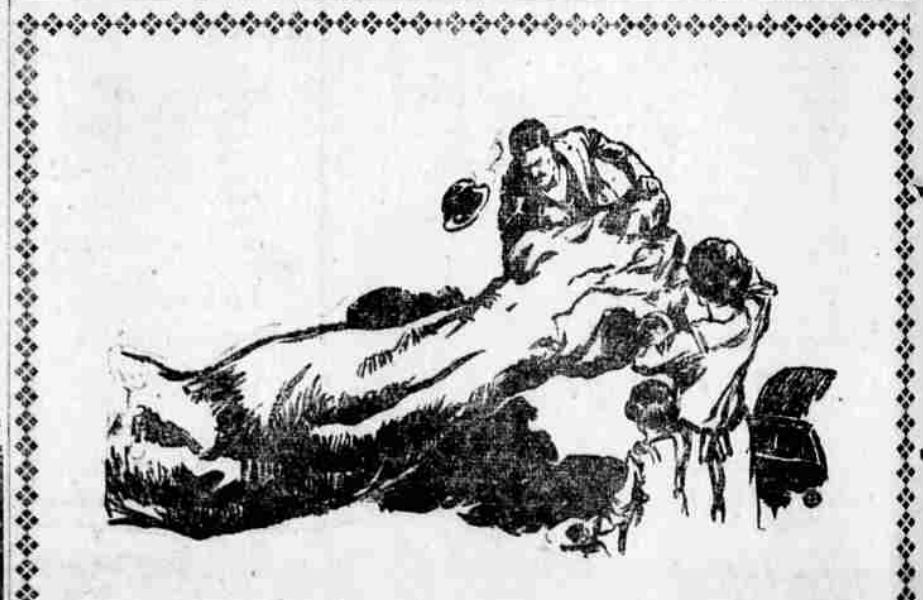
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