

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1932.

NEWS OF MILTON

HESSSEL MOVES "JOINT" FIXTURES TO WESTON.

Personal Notes—Where They Will Spend Holidays—Mr. Politchett Gets a Hook in His Wrist—Mr. Raul Goes to Hospital—College Gives Two Weeks' Vacation—Ed Greaves Goes East.

Milton, Dec. 21.—While handling a wild horse one day last week, Asa Hesssel made the mistake to throw his index finger of the left hand out of place.

Ed Greaves, who lives eight miles south of town, near Basket Mountain, will leave in a few days for a three-months' visit among friends and relatives in Pennsylvania. He intends to stop off and visit the following cities on his way back: Denver, Omaha, Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo and from there down to Pittsburgh and on up through the state and to New York.

After spending a few days he will start on his way home, visiting Charleston, New Orleans, Galveston, San Francisco, coming from there to Portland by steamer.

The female school, three miles north of here, will give an entertainment at the school house next Wednesday afternoon. The school is being taught by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells and is in a flourishing condition.

Instead of canvassing the town to raise funds for the Christmas exercises here on Christmas eve, the churches have decided to charge an admission fee of 10 cents for adults, children will be admitted free. This is a new feature in Milton and probably a good one, as people are almost loath to death with agents and solicitors any way.

On account of smallpox and scarlet fever, the college will have two weeks' vacation.

Several who were vaccinated a few days ago are much sicker than those who have the smallpox.

The coon shot by Mr. Walden is not the "coon" that was shot at in Free water.

Mr. Lessor, who lived up near Basket Mountain, died last Friday of consumption.

Miss Maud Hornecker, of Free water, after an illness of three weeks, died at her home of typhoid fever, the 15th.

Ula Slatt, the popular clerk at Smalley's drug store, will spend Christmas week with relatives in Colfax.

Robert Frazier has returned from the Yakima country, where he went a few days ago to look after some business and is now clerking in the postoffice store.

Mr. Politchett, who lives north of Free water, tried to catch a coon one day last week with a pole slip hook, and in some way the pole slipped and the hook caught in his wrist.

The pole was cut off and Mr. P. was taken to Walla Walla to have the hook cut out. Mr. P. has a very sore arm, but it is not dangerous unless blood poisoning sets in. Elmo Walden shot the coon and intends to have it mounted.

Mr. Hessel, of Weston, president of the joint that has been doing business here for the last eight months, was in town several days last week, trying to compromise with the city officials in regard to the taxes imposed on some of its members a few months ago. Rumor has it that the city cut the fines from \$250 to \$100, providing he pay the costs and disband the company. So Wednesday night a meeting of the stockholders was held in the club rooms to consider the offer. All that was done at that meeting will never be known, but Thursday tables, chairs, empty bottles, barrels, kegs, etc., were loaded on a wagon and started toward Weston.

Mr. Clarence Lind and Miss Margaret Winnifred will spend the holidays in Spokane, Mrs. R. S. Gray and daughter in the Palouse; President and Mrs. W. C. Howard and Miss Fuller Shoard, in Heppner.

J. McKnight, who has had a painful wound last week by being struck on the leg by a vicious horse, while shoeing it.

A man by the name of Boyer has opened up a shooting gallery in town. Mr. Raul, who has been ailing for some time with heart trouble, was taken to Walla Walla for treatment. There is little hope of his recovery.

A masquerade ball will be given in the hall six miles up the river Christmas night. On the same evening six miles below town, at the Vincent school house, there will be a Christmas tree.

With two fights and a horse trial in Milton, and a shooting affair in Free water between a white and colored man, excitement was at a premium nearly all week.

Last Saturday 16 school masters and mams, two preachers, two doctors, one real estate man and a lawyer, were counted on the streets at one time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, December 15, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Rogers, December 16, a boy.

We see by a Missouri paper that a certain man there has harvested a second crop of oats this year. That nothing. Out here at Milton, last Tuesday, one could have seen a dozen men that sow and reap a crop of wild oats almost every week in the year.

A wild and wooly looking Hebrew, with tattered clothes, too large for him by one-half, surprised some of the natives here last week by telling them that he had seen better days when he was young. He was headed toward Walla Walla.

JOHNNY CAKE AND PANCAKE.

Weston Cornmeal Is Just About the "Proper Stuff."

Weston has the only corn mill in the entire Inland Empire. It is now in active operation under the management of F. H. Beate, and has created a market for considerable field corn cropped in the season in the vicinity of Weston, a constantly increasing amount of which will doubtless be raised and ground in years to come.

Among the very few weaknesses of the editor of this influential publication is a fondness for "Johnny cake" and he is so fond of it that he is proud of the fact that Weston cornmeal is about equal to the Sioux City brand for this delectable food product. For the welcome and nutritious breakfast pancake, Weston meal is unsurpassed. The ordinarily sad and silent "sinker" takes on a new and lightness of character and becomes a thing of beauty and a joy forever at the matutinal meal.

Manager Beate has a couple of tons or so of corn meal on hand. He recently established an agency with the Peacock mills at Milton, where he disposed this week of about 800 pounds. He went to Pendleton the

MALHEUR COUNTY

REGULAR LETTER FROM THIS PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT.

Wheat Grown Without Irrigation—Squirrel Pest to be Removed—Old Landmark and a Pioneer Pelt Buyer.

Ontario, Ore., Dec. 20.—A number of farmers in this vicinity have tried raising grain this season without artificial moisture. Among the prominent patches of this dry grain is that owned by A. F. Boyer and planted on 90 acres and planted near Mitchell butte on the Malheur river. Mr. Boyer reports that he threshed more than 20 bushels to the acre for the entire field. The average yield of dry rye in this vicinity is not more than 14 or 15 bushels per acre. Rye sells readily for one and a half cents a pound at the threshing machine. The good price is maintained by the large area of table and bench land further back in the mountains where the season is shorter and the grain is only grown for hay. This necessitates bringing in the seed from the river and other points. Rye never gluts the market in Snake river valley and never has to go for less than a cent and a half. Frequently the price of the better quality of two and three cents. No dry wheat has been planted and reported on although a few isolated patches have been raised.

The Squirrel Pest.

The gophers and squirrels of Eastern Oregon are not going to have full swing of matters hereafter as here before. When their long legs are used they will seek other quarters or die. A number of enterprising ranchmen have spread the doom of all of the rodent family, broadcast.

One farmer has a system of poisoning carrots leaving them lying innocently about the premises. Next to the love for its young, comes the gopher's love for the carrot. A few pounds of this medicine eradicates the pest on an average size farm. Another rancher poisons them with phosphorus poison. There is an attraction for them toward phosphorus and while it is used in connection therewith, it is known that the gopher and squirrel are scarce articles on this farm's place.

Another scheme is to be tried in the spring. This is a smoke blower and carries weight with its introduction. The apparatus consists of a bellows attachment to any kind of a pipe or vessel in which sulphur smoke can be made in considerable quantities. A discharge pipe several inches long is inserted into the burrow and the smoke driven into the ground by the bellows. This smoke annihilates the young as well as the old gopher.

Old Landmark.

A good deal of interest is being manifested in the old stone building work of a party of laborers who are tearing down the first store building ever built in the town. Nearly 20 years ago this old store building was built on the site of the present one. It was a small building of Weiser was purchased and moved to Ontario. During the early days of Ontario many tales of private and public life were told about this old building. Fortunes were made in the business of this store. It was the scene of one of Malheur's prominent present officials and business men formerly worked. A tale is recalled here of now he paid \$20 each for skunk hides under impression that he was getting sewer furs. The man who sold these was one of the most innocent looking fellows in the county and has since gathered quite a substance about him and makes a right good effort at preaching.

To be Irrigated.

The Stark canal, that is to water 30,000 acres of what is known as the Dead Ox Flat in the vicinity of Payette and Weiser is being put in construction for immediate completion as soon as the weather permits. This ditch is to be 16 miles long and will cost two dollars per acre for the land reclaimed. The water supply is the Malheur river with its reservoir 30 miles above the point of diversion. Up to June the Malheur runs water enough to reclaim many tracts of land like the Dead Ox Flat, but it is then shut down as if by some immense headgate somewhere above. The reservoirs are then to furnish the water for continuing the growth of the crops that have been started under the ditch. The Starks are expending \$60,000 on the canal as a result of several years of toil and thought. The scheme is looked upon here as second-class as to feasibility as the territory to be reclaimed will be necessary to bring it all under water. It is known as the "short season" crop season. The canal comes out of the river about eight miles above Ontario and runs through a timbered area, a part of Mitchell butte as well as a great deal of solid rock ditch work.

New Phone Line.

Two years since a telephone company put their instruments into many places about Ontario. The rate was very low and of course every one could afford a phone. Lovers found it very convenient. Most all the parties with marriageable children found them in close connection with all the other marriageable children. Nice little parties were arranged by phone. Physicians got more calls because it was easy to send a call from the country by phone. Everything went harmoniously until the telephone company notified the people that the rate would go up a notch or two. No argument could keep it at the old figure. The country people felt the rub even more than their city cousins. The result is Ontario is holding meetings in connection with Nyea, Arcadia, Owyhee and other places with a view of putting in a private line. This move seems to be materializing and the line is soon to be on the poles. Robert Van Gile, of Arcadia, is backing the "country" party of the project and is aided by money enough to construct the line.

NEW ACADEMY BUILDING.

Work is Progressing Slowly—Two Weeks' Work Yet to be Done.

Work is progressing slowly on the new academy building. It was expected that the building would be ready for occupancy by the beginning of school after the holidays, but it will not. The painters will be busy two weeks before they will have their work completed and then the finishing touches will have to be put on and the building will be ready to take the time of the completion of all arrangements necessary for moving into the building almost to the first of February.

Sharp-Forth.

Mr. J. E. Sharp and Miss Marie Fort were united in marriage at the residence of the Thompson Street Methodist church last evening at 5 o'clock. The Rev. Robert Warner officiating. Mr. Sharp conducts the barbershop on the corner of Main and Alta streets, and the bride is well known here. They will reside in Pendleton.

Going to Walla Walla.

Bishop Ketter, of the Olympia diocese, and his wife, Mrs. Ketter, are going to Walla Walla to take part in the services to be held at St. Paul's church on the 28th inst.—Walla Walla Union.

Arrive Home.

Joe Stansbury and bride arrived here Saturday from Independence, where they were married two weeks ago. They stopped a few days in Portland on their way here. Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury will make their home on F. S. Currier's ranch, near Adams.

CUPS AWARDED.

Walla Walla Poultry Show Ends—Premiums Paid in Cash.

Walla Walla, Dec. 22.—Today Army hall is being cleared of the remains of the poultry show which occupied it last week. All the birds have been removed, and the affairs of the show are being settled up as fast as possible. The premiums are being paid in cash, and the cups have been awarded. Norman H. Raul secured the \$25 cup for the best Barred Plymouth Rock, and E. C. Mills carried off the beautiful trophy for the best Silver Laced Wyandotte. The association will not meet again from the receipts, but there has been on hand over \$250 from other shows. This will be used as far as needed in defraying expenses. A small fund will be left over after all debts are paid.

Coming Society Wedding.

Mr. Nessie Ankeny and Miss Edna Evers will be married at the residence of the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ankeny, Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock. The bride is the daughter of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will officiate. Only intimate friends and relatives will be present at the ceremony. A wedding breakfast will be served, and at 1 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Ankeny will leave for their home in Washburn—Walla Walla Union.

Pioneer of Kansas Dead.

S. E. Walker has received the sad news of the death of his father, William Walker, at Coffeyville, Kan. The deceased was 82 years of age. The cause of death was attributed to heart failure.

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