

Anti-Saloon league in town as Prohibition edges closer

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO Dec. 23, 1915

• A case involving the handling of last year's grain crop is on trial in Circuit court today. It is the trial of J. F. Head, formerly in charge of the Joseph Milling Company's business, who was indicted on a charge of disposing of 1,925 bushels of wheat left in storage and not accounting for the proceeds. Charles McClain is the complainant.

• R.P. Hutton of the Anti-Saloon league has been

in the county this week looking over the field with regard to the enforcement of the prohibition law which goes into effect the first of January. He counted 483.5 gallons of whiskey in the railroad freight house in Joseph, all consigned to one saloon proprietor, from which he concluded there will be plenty of liquor on hand here after the state goes dry.

• Henry Fletcher has sold his fine Lower Prairie creek ranch of 490 acres to C. W. Peters and his son L. C. Peters of the Willamette valley. In payment he received a farm of 244 acres a mile and three quarters from Monmouth, two houses in Salem and the remainder in cash.



A Wallowa County diner, time and location unknown.

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70 YEARS AGO Dec. 27, 1945

• Danny Russell, Edna Roundy and Margaret Cronin had a few exciting moments Sunday afternoon when a plane in which they were returning from Clarkston developed engine trouble at about 7000 feet over the Grande Ronde canyon. The engine pounded, threw oil over the plane and faltered to a point where the plane began to lose altitude quite rapidly ... The only practical place to land was in a roadway where the plane was brought down with scarcely a bump.

• It took just 55 minutes Monday after the liquor store in Enterprise opened to completely sell out the day's quota of liquor to 186 thirsty customers seeking to lay in a supply of grog for Christmas.

• Mrs. A. W. Courtney

of 615 Chestnut St., Milton, sends in a renewal subscription to The Chieftain with this comment: "We have been readers of The Chieftain since 1884." This record would just about establish Mrs. Courtney as the oldest subscriber to The Chieftain as this paper was established in 1884, 62 years ago next May.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 23, 1965

• An election has been tentatively set for Friday, Dec. 31 to vote on the formation of an administrative school district which will in effect consolidate Joseph School District N. 6 and Imnaha School District No. 11.

• Photo caption: This tremendous bull, owned by the Wolfe Hereford Ranch, Wallowa, won the Champion Bull award at the 1965 National Polled Hereford Association Show & Sale held in Springfield, Illinois.

• Barbara Ann Nance, 18, and Barney Nance, 19, daughter and son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Nance, escaped with minor injuries when a truck owned by Jack's Tire Service went off the Lick Creek Road at the junction with the Joseph-Imnaha highway on Little Sheep creek Saturday afternoon. The truck went over a 15 foot embankment and landed upside down in the creek where the cab quickly filled with about 4 feet of water. Barbara was able to pull her brother out from under the water and open a door so they could get out.

25 YEARS AGO Dec. 27, 1990

• Photo caption: A cold front that sent temperatures plummeting to 24-below-zero in the Wallowa Valley last week had a dramatic effect on Wallowa Lake, which created its

own cloud cover as seen from Upper Prairie Creek.

• Oregon's minimum wage will increase from \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75 an hour on January 1.

• A family of four last week escaped an early morning fire that destroyed their 1972 doublewide mobile home on the outskirts of Wallowa. Eight members of the Wallowa Fire Department found the home of Mike and Bobbie Waters fully engulfed in flames when they responded to the call at 1:05 am Friday. The couple was able to escape unharmed with their two children, Robbie, 5, and Nicole, 2. All of the contents of the structure, including Christmas presents, were destroyed. Waters said he is "overwhelmed" by community response to the incident, which has included gifts for the children, money, clothing, furniture and dishes.

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