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HEPPNER'S FLOUR MILL.

At last the backbone of Heppner is strengthened. Oscar Minor, Alex Thompson and E. R. Bishop, business men and capitalists, say that this flouring mill shall run. Wheat is being piled into its bins, and a miller is on the way to start it up. Its importance can be figured in short order. Every business man and grain raiser in this county can figure the money they have scattered to the winds in allowing it to lie idle since it was erected. It is a "running mate" for our wool industry and we must unite in our support of it.

THE CITY ELECTION.

Tuesday morning, the day of the city election, found the active political workers in the field, and the consequence was a polled vote of 239, an exceptionally strong vote. Conser, as mayor, and Briggs, as treasurer, came out with majorities to be proud of. For recorder, J. P. Williams carried a majority of 29, the reprocuration for his well known courage in posing on his principle of doing what in his judgment is right. The vote for councilmen place in office J. R. Simons, S. P. Garrigues and Geo. Noble, three business men of the town, in whom people have confidence, owing to their business interests and business capacity.

NEW CHARTER.

The Heppner charter bill, which has just passed both the senate and house, has prompted considerable speculation on the part of our many citizens who failed to review its contents. The city attorney gives us the information that it invests in the city council considerable more power than the old charter, and changes the date of election from the first Monday in February to the first Monday in December, and beginning with the first of next December, elects the city officers for a term of two years, instead of one, as now. It invests power in the council to enforce the building of sidewalks, the cost of which adjoining property can be forced to pay.

WORLD'S WHEAT SUPPLY.

Regarding the supply of wheat on hand January 21, 1899, throughout the world, Bradstreet's last week remarks: "European stocks, though larger in the aggregate, make an even more bullish exhibit, being nearly 9,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago at this time, and therefore heavily below the totals held in recently preceding years. The aggregate American and European stock on January 21st, as reported by telegraph and cable to Bradstreet's was 114,424,000 bushels, against 123,749,000 bushels last year at the same date and from 40,000,000 to 65,000,000 bushels smaller than the amounts held at corresponding periods in 1897 and 1896. Notwithstanding, too, that the usual period for Argentine shipments has arrived, the United States is still the source of 80 per cent of the current world's shipments, and less is heard about impending competition from Russia in the spring. Foreign confidence in ability to get wheat—the present advance has met with a rather cool reception abroad—is rather interesting in view of the straightened condition of European stocks, and is probably based on the idea that the yield of wheat the world over in 1898 was sufficient for all needs. Opposed to this view, however, is the claim that the cereal year began with stocks of wheat abnormally reduced, and that 13 and not 12 months' consumption must be taken care of from last year's admittedly heavy yield. It might be recalled in this connection, however, that the visible stocks of other grains, which last year helped out when wheat became high in price, are much smaller than they were a year ago, and the world's supply of cereals, as a whole, is not as elastic as might be gathered from a study merely of the American or even the world's figures of wheat production last year."

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY will not receive the findings of the Egan court-martial for several days yet, as it is customary for the secretary of war to refer the finding of the court-martial to the judge advocate general for a legal review before forwarding it to the president. There is no doubt that the finding was guilty on both counts. This finding may be approved, set aside or mitigated, in the judgment of the president, and the general impression is that it will be mitigated. While the opinion that Egan deserves punishment is general, there are few who think, in view of his long and honorable service, that it should be as severe as dismissal from the army.

THERE has been much talk about the plain intimation on the floor of the senate that Mr. Andrew Carnegie was paying regular advertising rates to get anti-expansion articles, furnished by his agents, inserted in the agricultural papers, marked copies of which are now flooding the mail of senator. The disposition of the senators appears to be to regard it as a joke on Carnegie, which has helped the finances of numerous agricultural editors and had no effect, whatever, in Washington. Senator Hoar was at first inclined to defend the purchase of space in newspapers to affect public sentiment, but Senator Chandler compelled him to admit that the purchase of editorial opinion was an act involving moral turpitude.

INDIAN NAMES.

They Are to Be Preserved For Historical Purposes.

Representative Ross has introduced House Bill No. 70, an act to collect the Indian names of rivers, creeks and mountains in Oregon; to appoint a commission to compile the same.

This bill is right and proper from a historical point, because it is of interest to the people of the whole state to preserve all matters of history connected with pioneer times in Oregon.

We think, however, the commission would find but few names which had their origin among the Indian tribes, which are now in use.

Such names as "Yaquina," "Umqua," "Chester," "Chewanacan," "Coquille," etc., while they are of Indian origin, were undoubtedly given to the rivers, mountains and creeks by the early settlers, and because of the fact that a tribe of red men bearing that name lived in the vicinity or inhabited that region.

Some of the names of rivers or creeks, while having an origin connected with the red man, do not tend in the least to endear him to the old pioneers or their posterity.

Take our little station "Leland" and it calls to mind one of the saddest tragedies of early times. It took its name, and that of "Grave creek," where it is located, from an Indian massacre of the Croley family, one member of whom, Leland, was a young lad.

"Rogue river" is of Indian origin and took its name from the fact that the tribes who inhabited the valley had not learned to observe the commandment respecting a neighbor's goods.

"Louise creek," in the original Indian dialect was "Anapoose," and had the same meaning as the English name and was descriptive of the normal condition of noble reds, who roamed and made love to the beautiful Indian maidens on the banks of that classic stream.

"Galice creek" has its origin in an episode that took place in early times between the "pack train" men and an old Indian who lived there. Old John would watch for a male train to strike camp, and then he would draw up his old red blanket until only his eyebrows and face were visible, seat himself on the ground near the camp fire, and every turn in the culinary operations of getting supper would cause him to say, "Nika lika muck muck," which was an appeal for something to eat. Packers were liberal men and the appeals of even a savage never went unheeded, but patience sometimes, when overtaxed, will call out other qualities in the man, and these rude pioneers, when they had filled their old beggar almost to bursting, on the evening of their arrival were not in good humor when he took up his station for breakfast and commenced his same plaintive wail demanding "gleece," which meant bacon. They concluded to fill him up for good, and taking a side of fat bacon, they cut slices and handed to him, which he greedily devoured for a while. At last he signified a sufficiency by shaking his head and saying, "Waka lika gleece." But you may judge of his surprise when the packer drew a six-shooter and, cocking the weapon, drew a bead on old John and banded him another slice and ordered him to eat it, and another, each time enforced by coercive demonstrations with the pistol until the old Indian's outraged stomach could stand no more. He lost his appetite for gleece and the creek has always borne the name of Galice creek since that event.

These names could be collected and their history and meaning ascertained in a far more accurate manner from the old pioneers of early times, than from the few Indians now living. They could furnish the true history connected with many of these names which could not be gathered in any other manner.—Grants Press Observer.

VISITING MINSTRELS.

A Strictly First-Class Entertainment Enjoyed by Heppnerites. Today a bond of friendship is established between the young people of The Dalles and Heppner that will enjoy a period of life-long duration. The talented gentlemen of the minstrel club in their entertainment exceeded the expectations of the packed audience. Every member played his part with the grace of professional "stars."

Beginning with the grand opening overture, "Black America," their stage appearance and harmony of voices at once put to flight the misgivings of the skeptics in their estimate of an amateur entertainment. The lines of black pated into obscurity as all eyes were brought to a focus on the handsome face, figure and costume of the dignified interlocutor, Mr. N. J. Sinnott, and there remained until the diminutive, imitable John Hampshire introduced for the special benefit of Frank Johnson the famous comic song, "Mr. Johnson, Don't Get Gay." The prolonged encore demonstrated the appreciation of the audience, and from that time on it was an anxious expectation of the "good thing" that followed.

"Arms' Anvil Chorus," by William Frank, a young man of 18, satisfied the audience that Mr. Frank's sphere is undoubtedly with the future famous singers of the world. Besides a magnificent voice, he has a personal appearance insuring a successful theatrical career.

Arthur Clarke, the other "end man," as the boys express it, "was alright" in "I Don't Care If You Nigger Come Back." Mr. Clarke is a whole show in himself, and should by all means "adorn the cork," for the benefit of the world's dyspeptics.

Will Crossen, as he sang "My Ann Elizer," made a great hit, and the musical juveniles of Heppner will keep "Ann Elizer" and Will in their minds for a long time to come.

"Did you hear about Bartholomew?" as told by Clarke put the "doons" to flight. Well, the story was only half told.

Next came Hazel Wand and Lela Kelsey in their vocal duet, "How I Love My Lu," assisted by the company in a delightful chorus. These two little tots are marvels and took the house by storm. Graceful and sweet voiced, they simply stole the hearts of old and young.

"The Quaker City Trio," Messrs Will Frank, Bert Barrett and Fred Snipes, rendered a selection of popular songs, and provoked the audience by refusing to linger longer.

Cary Ballard gave an exhibition of athletic feats, and in his long distance somersault over the heads of the audience brought back to mind all the old-time circus professionals who have "tumbled through the air with the greatest of ease." His athletic build and pleasant face and natural ease leaves him in our minds as an ideal tumbler.

Messrs. Dawson and Murry in their legerdemain and other tricks gave that horrible old "night-mare" a great start with our juvenile element. The deception of Mr. Dawson with that miserable dagger and long edged sword, as he thrust them into his arm and into the poor nigger in the sack, made us all forget the pretty features of the show.

If he would only add the "midnight revels of the burying ground spooks" he would have half the fathers and mothers jumping out of bed in response to the agonizing yells of the kids at all hours of the night. Time will work Mr. Dawson out of the grocery business, now Herman's work is done.

Hampshire and Clarke came to our relief in their original sketch "Life in Alabama," and when they got to the cake walk rehearsal, in their elegant attire and graceful step denoting they had the admiration of our "sweethearts and wives" completely cornered.

In conclusion came the cake walk led by the cute little muscots, Hazel and Lela, and followed by all the members of the troupe in various makeups. Each couple were truly entitled to a cake, and would turn the old plantation negroes green with envy. Each couple stepped round in great style, but had that "coon" with brass buttons given that cake to any one but Hazel and Lela every pugnacious member of the audience would have been on the stage in double quick time. Hampshire and Clarke could have had anything but the cake if they had stayed in sight a little longer. The writer recognized an old time friend by the name of Gifford, one of the "yaller gals," by those "yaller" stripes—you all saw them—and the dust on 'er shoes.

Thus concluded an entertainment from which everyone adjourned with a feeling that the boys had given them a show which they would take the whole family to again if given a chance.

Professor Baldwin, a young, skillful musician, leader of The Dalles orchestra, dispensed the music of the evening in a very pleasing manner.

After the show the opera house seats were set aside and a number of the society gents and ladies remained to tender the minstrel boys a welcome to our social circle and after a short visit repaired with the majority of the troupe to the parlors of Jas. Hart for oysters.

The ladies at home, by mutual consent, under the leadership of several Heppner boys, all met at the Palace, and from that time on the boys entered into a jolly round of pleasure, singing, dancing, etc., which kept up with decided interest until toward morning.

The strictly gentlemanly deportment of the young business men of The Dalles made the night's pleasure an example for young men who deem rudeness and excess necessary for a "jolly good time." This visit and successful termination of a most enjoyable entertainment and social affair will rebound to our small city's credit, from the fact that the young business men of both towns are in an overlying mood of kindly consideration

tion which hard business competition cannot remove, and they will encourage the prosperity of each other's interests and towns.

The local Elks score another victory, and in the selection of Mr. Bert Phelps to put it through to a success made no mistake, as he was equal to every emergency.

Should The Dalles boys have occasion to visit our town in the future they will find the "hand of friendship" extended with sincerity.

The Palace hotel registered the following names as members and associates of the minstrel company: Art Clarke, Jack Hampshire, Billie Crossen, Bert Hollister, N. J. Sinnott, Billie Frank, C. E. Dawson, B. A. Gifford, Carry Ballard, Fred Van Norden, Prof. A. T. Baldwin, H. D. Parkins, Bert Barrett, Fred Snipes, Chas. Heppner, Robt. Murry, R. A. Sprey, Hazel Wand, Lela Kelsey, Capt. O. S. Wand and H. Hampshire.

GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

From the Long Creek Eagle. Tom Keeney and Tom Hinton departed on Tuesday night's stage for Heppner from which place they will go to California on a visit with relatives.

Rev. Barnhart has just concluded a series of meetings at Hamilton. The reverend gentleman is a good speaker and enjoyed large audiences at Hamilton.

The interest in Tuesday's election will center in the contest for city marshal. W. B. Mynatt, J. E. Masterson, V. O. Kelly and Gus Sloan are each aspirants for that office.

It is reported that Henry Peterson, a resident of the Middle Fork, who was sent to the asylum about three months ago, will be allowed to return home if no objection is made by his neighbors.

Fred Galton, Lloyd and Chick Miller, formerly residents of Grant county, are spending the winter at Dawson City. The mother of the Miller boys is also in that country, where she is running a road house, known as a hotel in this country.

J. D. Kirk, F. D. Arnold and Julius Shields were in Long Creek from the Middle Fork last Friday. Mr. Kirk was recently appointed postmaster at Ritter, to succeed Mrs. M. E. Powell, who had resigned, and has taken charge of the office and moved it to his store at the McDuffie hot springs.

C. H. Finn, who at one time was a candidate for district attorney of the old sixth judicial district, including Grant county, and who was suspended from practice for one year by the supreme court last April for unprofessional conduct, was last Saturday readmitted, the remainder of his sentence having been remitted. This action was recommended in a petition signed by a large number of prominent Union county citizens, and the attorney-general, who was in office at the time of the hearing, made no objections.

ODDITIES OF POISON.

Some May Eat With Impunity Certain Foods Which are Rank Poisons to Others. The constitutional differences and peculiarities which exist among individuals should always be carefully watched and considered.

One person can handle poison ivy with impunity while another is poisoned if only in the vicinity of the vine and without contact. Some members of a family residing in a malarial district will suffer regularly with chills and fever, while other members will not be at all affected.

Food that is actually poisonous to some persons, will not so act on others. One person may eat all kinds of green fruit and vegetables with impunity, while another person could do so only at the risk of life. Certain kinds of fish are actually poisonous to some people and perfectly wholesome to others.

It is this peculiar condition of the system which constitutes the danger point in the individual case and should be prudently observed by each one for himself. Intestinal derangements frequently arise from and are aggravated by certain kinds of food. Thus a person affected with kidney or liver troubles should not eat very white bread since the extreme whiteness is often produced by the use of alum with an inferior article of flour, and as alum is known to be poisonous in its effects on a sound constitution, this is why alum baking powder is never used by people of judgment and discretion.

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INSTITUTE AT LEXINGTON.

Well Attended and a Success in Every Particular. The teacher's institute held at Lexington Saturday proved a very interesting and beneficial one, the teachers entering into their important work with enthusiasm, to the entire satisfaction of county superintendent Shipley. Besides those in attendance from Lexington many were from Heppner and Ione.

The institute opened under the inspiration of music, after which followed this program: "Character Building," by Rev. Beauchamp, was ably handled; "School Management," by Miss Snell; "Aristocracy in Government," by Prof. Howard; "History," by Prof. Stannard; "Geography," by Chas. Smith; "Mathematics," by Rev. Beach; "Physiology," by Prof. Stannard and Howard. Each subject developed more or less discussion, which was enthusiastically received.

A day and evening session was held, the former in the school house and the latter in the Christian Church.

In the primary room of the school house, Mrs. Stannard, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Beymer had prepared and set a sumptuous repast, where the "luncheon man" was completely satisfied as occasion demanded with the delicacies for which these ladies are noted for serving.

Rev. Beauchamp's contributions were of intense interest to the assembly and enhanced its interest very much.

The following resolutions were introduced in the institute in justice to not only Superintendent Shipley and Prof. Stannard's energy and interest, but to the exertion on the part of the above mentioned ladies who contributed so much to the success of the occasion.

Resolved, That we, the local Institute of Morrow County, assembled at Lexington, February 4th, do hereby express our appreciation of the most excellent dinner prepared by the ladies of this city, which has contributed very largely in making the institute a success, and is a sound proof of the large-heartedness and generosity of the community.

Resolved, That we commend the energy and interest manifested on the part of Superintendent Shipley and Professor Stannard in fostering the school interest to these institutes.

At the evening's session a spirited discussion took place relative to placing the responsibility of procuring the text books in the hands of the committee, which was voted down.

The teachers in attendance were: Prof. Chas. Smith, Prof. Stannard, Miss Dona Barnett, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Alice Glascock, Prof. Howard, Mrs. M. L. Oney, Mr. and Mrs. Balsiger, Miss Lena Snell and Mr. John Balsiger and County Superintendent Shipley. Many visitors were present also, among whom were Rev. Beauchamp, Miss Lilly McNay, Mr. Louis Balsiger, Mrs. S. C. Stannard, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Beymer, Mr. Jas. Leach, Mr. Andrew Raney, Mr. John McAllister and many others.

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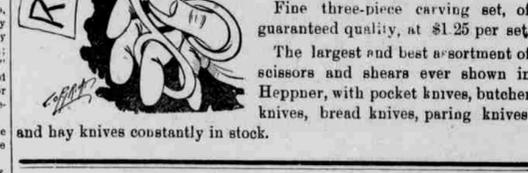
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