

The Week's News

Local and Personal Happenings in and About the City.

Mrs. Phil Metschan is visiting friends in Portland.

Heppner merchants report a good holiday trade.

I. R. Esteb, of Gooseberry, was in the city Monday.

J. J. Adkins who has been on the sick list is improving.

Frank Baker, of Colfax, Wash., is visiting Geo. Whites.

Attorney Geo. F. Welch who has been very sick is improving.

J. A. McLaughlin, the mill man from Gurdane, was in the city Thursday.

Arlet Brock came up from Portland, Saturday evening to spend the holidays.

E. Jay Merrill and T. J. Merrill, of Hardman, were Heppner visitors Saturday.

Wilbur Swaggart, who is attending the State Normal school at Monmouth, is home for holiday vacation.

D. A. Herren is in from the Heppner Railroad & Coal Co's. coal mines to spend Christmas with his family.

Elmer Spaulding came up from Portland Dental College Friday evening to spend the holidays in Heppner.

Mrs. A. Behle, of Salem, came to Heppner Wednesday evening and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brock.

Frank Parker, who has been teaming for the Heppner Coal Co., left Friday for Anxvassa, Missouri, on a visit.

C. A. Laffler, mother and sister and T. D. Kelly, from Jewell county, Kas., are in the city and will locate here permanently.

Mr. Peck Thornton, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thornton, who has been suffering with pneumonia, is very much better.

Miss A. A. McGrew went to her home in Portland, Saturday. She has resigned her position as teacher in the Heppner public schools.

At the M. E. church South, Sunday, Dec. 28, preaching at 11 o'clock by Prof. W. C. Howard, at 7 p. m. by M. V. Howard. Sunday school at 3 a. m. A cordial invitation to all. F. C. Adkins, pastor.

Morgan Griffiths, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, a practical coal expert, visited the Heppner Railroad & Coal Co's. mines, this week. Mr. Griffiths was very favorably impressed with the prospects at the mines.

The New Year GAZETTE will contain the most elaborate and complete description of the resources of Morrow county of any paper ever printed in the county. Already a great many copies have been spoken for. The price is only 5 cents per copy.

Wm. Luelling, E. S. Cox and Rus Stilwell were in from Hardman, Saturday. They report about five inches of snow on the Hardman hills. Stock men are now feeding, being well supplied with feed. Logging operations at Geo. Hoyden's mill will soon be commenced.

We often hear of older people burglarizing places but The Dalles papers tell us that two youths, Peter and Carl Zirka, nine and fourteen years old, stole \$6 in nickles from a shooting gallery. The youngest boy will be surrendered to his mother who will endeavor to control him in the future, the older one will be sent to the reform school.

A wife of one of our business men was rushing to catch the train not long since and stopped in the store on her way to the depot. On inquiring of the clerk she found that her husband was in the barber shop. Rushing up to the barber chair she placed a most affectionate kiss on the latter covered cheek of her supposed husband and told the occupant to write often, but her husband viewed the parting scene from an adjoining chair.

Laurence Shutt is at home spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shutt. The boy is attending the Oregon Institute for the Blind, at Salem, and is making remarkable progress in his studies. His eyesight is no worse than it has been, and he can see to get around in day light almost as well as those who have good vision. He cannot see ordinary book print, however, and must attain book knowledge by means of raised characters representing letters. Laurence takes a great interest in his studies and is making fine progress.

A Merry Christmas
AND
A Happy New Year

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Heppner, Oregon

The late snow will protect and be of great benefit to the growing wheat. It will be no disadvantage to stockmen for they were already feeding.

"Oregon Literature," Prof. J. B. Hornoi's new book now on sale by the enterprising booksellers, J. K. Gill & Co., Portland, is a valuable work, especially to Oregon people. The principal writers of Oregon are sketched and selections from their writings are nicely arranged. Sam Simpson's "Beautiful Willamette" is presented in full and illustrated with half tones. This is worth more than the price of the book, which is only \$1. This book will undoubtedly have a large sale for it will be a valuable addition to the home library. Oregon people who have pride in Oregon literature, and desire a handy and complete work of reference should send to the J. K. Gill & Co., Portland, and get a copy of the work.

Election of Officers.

Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers Saturday evening, December 20:

Henry Jones, W. M.; H. A. Emerson, S. W.; C. C. Patterson, J. W.; George Noble, Treasurer; L. W. Briggs, Secty.; W. W. Lipsett, S. D.; Robt. S. Morgan, J. D.; Tyler, T. W. Ayers.

The A. O. U. W. lodge elected the following officers: J. H. Griffith, M. W. Dr. A. K. Higgs, Foreman; Geo. Thornton, Overseer; E. L. Freeland, Recorder; J. J. Roberts, Financier; Geo. Conser, Receiver; E. E. Morrison, Guide; Arthur Duckett, Inner Watch; J. M. Sprowls, Outer Watch; S. P. Garrigues, Trustee.

To Whom It May Concern.

From this date I will be compelled to charge cash on delivery of all fuel.

ELMER BEAMAN.
Dec. 25, 1902. 18 19

Strayed.

On or about November 1st, 1902, one large dark brown horse, almost 17 hands high, branded P B on left shoulder. I will pay \$10 reward for the return of the horse.

E. F. DAY.

DEATH OF D. A. SHEPPARD.
Had Been Dead for Some Time When Found.

D. A. Sheppard, a sheepherder and eccentric character, was found dead in his home near the O. R. & N. depot in this city, Monday morning by James Stevens, who resides near Sheppard's place. Mr. Stevens telephoned to Marshal Geo. Thornton who notified Coroner Kistner, and the evidence at coroner's inquest brought forth the following facts:

Frank Friedrich testified that he saw Sheppard Saturday afternoon and saw a light in his house about five o'clock in the evening. Did not notice anything unusual in Sheppard's actions.

James Stevens, nearest neighbor of the dead man, stated that he saw Sheppard Friday morning, just before he (Stevens) started for the mountains. He returned from the mountains Saturday and noticed that Sheppard's chickens had not been turned out, and that cows were running in his yard. Monday morning again noticed that the chickens were not turned out. Fearing that something was wrong, Stevens went to Sheppard's house Monday morning and opened the door. Saw Sheppard lying dead on the floor.

C. W. Oney said on the witness stand that he saw Sheppard in Heppner Saturday evening very much intoxicated. That Sheppard started for home about six o'clock in the evening, and asked Oney to come and see him Sunday. Oney went to Sheppard's house to fill his appointment Sunday afternoon. Knocked on the door, got no response and went away.

Orva Raby stated that Sheppard employed him to do some work Saturday. He finished the work and was paid by Sheppard.

The coroner's jury returned the following verdict:

Heppner, Oregon, Dec. 22, 1902.
We, the undersigned coroner's jury, empaneled by the Coroner of Morrow county, to investigate the cause of the death of D. A. Sheppard, find that from

the evidence introduced that deceased came to his death from natural causes.

FRED WARNOCK,
M. W. SMITH,
GEO. WHITES,
O. S. ANDREWS,
J. M. KERNAN,
J. L. YEAGER.

D. A. Sheppard has resided in Morrow county for a number of years, most of the time being engaged in sheepherding. He was a member of the G. A. R. The news of his death was wired to a sister living in Akron, Iowa. He owned a small house and lot near the O. R. & N. depot.

Shipments of Cattle.

T. A. Rhea returned Friday evening from the Butte Creek country. He says that a large number of cattle are now being fattened on alfalfa along this stream at the present time. During the past week Waldon Rhea, Harry Rogers, Chas. McBee, Jesse Moore, Robert Stanfield and Asa Thompson have sold about 300 head of beef cattle at four cents on foot.

This is a little early to be turning off beef cattle and the price is considered a good figure considering the fact that the cattle are being turned off so early. Geo. Vincent has contracted to deliver 230 head, a part of the lot to go on January 15, at 4 1/4 cents and the balance to be delivered on the first of March at 4 1/2 cents.

The market for beef cattle at the present time is encouraging. A prominent stock man stated to the GAZETTE that he believed prices would advance to 5 cents per pound by the first of April.

John McCarty shipped a carload of cattle from Lone to Portland this week. The prices were four cents on foot.

Most of the recent shipments have gone to the Union Meat Company at Portland. A few of the cattle have been sent to the Sound.

BOYS.

McGEE—In this city, December 22, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGee, a 19 pound boy.

ANDREWS—In this city, Thursday, December 18, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Andrews, a boy, weight eight pounds.

NEW ROAD NEEDED.
Would Cost But Little to Open Direct Road to Ukiab.

By the present wagon road it is 60 miles to Ukiab from Heppner. Ukiab is 50 miles from Pendleton. The difference in distance causes the trade of the Ukiab country to go to Pendleton.

By making seven miles of road at a cost not to exceed \$50 to connect North Jones prairie with the road at Sugar Bowl will make a direct road from Heppner to Ukiab, cutting off 21 miles of the distance and making a much better road.

W. O. Minor stated to the GAZETTE that he had been over this proposed new road with a wagon, and there is no grade to speak of. It would not be a difficult task to extend the road from Arbuckle to connect with the new wagon road up Willow creek, recently constructed by the Heppner Railroad & Coal Company. This would save three miles more, making the distance only about 36 miles, and the road would be good enough for heavy freighting, in fact just as good as the road from Ukiab to Pendleton. This would also reduce the distance from Heppner to Lehman Springs.

S. E. Clark, of Ukiab, who was in this city, Saturday, in speaking of the matter said:

"I would rather come to Heppner to trade for it is a better market for our produce. If this road is made in the spring, it will bring me to Heppner about once a week next summer to market my butter and produce."

MARRIED.

KEITHLY—ESTEB—At the parlors of the Palace hotel in this city, Monday, December 22, 1902, Mr. Oscar Keithly and Miss Eunice E. Esteb, Rev. J. C. White officiating.

Miss Esteb is the daughter of I. B. Esteb, of Gooseberry, a highly respected and pioneer citizen. Miss Esteb is an accomplished young lady with many friends.

Mr. Keithly is a prominent stockman of the Hardman district. They will make their home at Hardman.