

The Week's News

Local and Personal Happenings in and About the City.

Peter Brenner was in from Eight Mile, Monday.

Semi-Weekly Portland Journal and Heppner Gazette only \$2.00 per year.

Dr. Higgs, Eyes, Ear, Nose and Throat. Glasses properly fitted.

Seed Rye, Wheat, Barley and Alfalfa for sale at Heppner & Co. Warehouse.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a window sale at Hart's candy store next Saturday.

Farmers attention! Come to Heppner and see the best Shire stallion that ever came to America.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Quaid left Saturday morning for Portland, where they have purchased property.

Phill Cohn will pay Highest Cash price for Beef Hides, pelts and furs at Heppner & Co. Warehouse.

Henry Bode, who recently underwent a surgical operation at the Heppner Sanitarium, is out again much improved in health and will soon be able to go to work again.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McCarter, of Missoula, Montana, are the guests of Mrs. McCarter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Noble. They will return to their home in Montana, Saturday.

Harry Bartholomew recently shipped six carloads of sheep from Echo, to the Union Meat company, of Portland. The sheep brought close to \$6 per head in the Portland market.

Mrs. S. E. Huelat received a telegram last Thursday bringing the sad news of the death of her brother, Chas. Belt, at Dallas. Mrs. Huelat left Friday morning to attend the funeral.

Mrs. F. P. Farnsworth wishes to announce that she will serve tea, under the auspices of the Episcopal Guild, at her home on Wednesday, March 14, from 3 until 9 p. m. Everybody invited.

Geo. W. Turner, a former resident of Morrow county, now engaged in the real estate business in Portland, was in the city this week. Mr. Turner brought up several people to look at Morrow county wheat lands.

Timber cruisers are locating outside people on the timber lands in the Long creek valley above town, and it will not be long before there will not be a tree standing on government land in this valley, says the Long Creek Ranger.

In the coming primary elections no man will be allowed to participate who has not already registered as a voter of the county, for the swearing in of voters on that day is strictly prohibited. Consequently all who desire to take part in the primaries should register before the books close for the primaries.

A representative of the Gazette visited Lexington one day last week. Within the past year there certainly has been a great change in the town. Many new buildings have been built. New business houses have started up and prosperity, thrift and growth are so apparent as to impress the visitor. The town has a good water system and electric lights. The first electric plant put in is entirely too small to meet the demand for lights and a new 14 horse power gasoline engine has been installed. A new 160 light dynamo is on the way, which will be large enough to meet present demands. The light plant is owned by S. A. Thomas, proprietor of the Wheatfield, which is a bright and progressive newspaper. Lexington is surrounded with a rich agricultural district. This country has great possibilities and is being rapidly developed. The Lexington country is able to support 50 times the population now there which will always make Lexington a good town.

L. P. Davidson was up from Ione, Saturday.

Wm. Collins, of Spray, was in the city yesterday.

J. O. Brown, of Willows, was a Heppner visitor yesterday.

Miss Anna Cramer, of Hardman, and Mrs. Rosa Harris, of Eight Mile, were incoming passengers on Friday's train from Albany.

A snow fall of three inches was the program of the weather clerk Wednesday morning. Everybody was glad to see the snow but it soon disappeared.

The road leading to Ione from Heppner is now receiving considerable attention. The road is being graded and greatly improved.

A. K. Fuller, of Lexington, has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination as sheriff. Mr. Fuller's petitions are now being circulated and will be filed with the county clerk in a short time. Mr. Fuller is one of Morrow county's prosperous farmers and is well fitted for the duties of the sheriff's office.

George J. Currin and Paul Hisler of Heppner, have purchased the remaining real estate holdings in the P. C. Thompson estate. Mr. Currin got 3000 acres, for which he paid \$6 an acre, and Mr. Hisler got 2500 at \$4 an acre.

Among the stock men attending the auction sale of B. F. Swaggart's horses and mules in this city today are the following: G. H. Russell, Tacoma, Geo. Sleet, Ellensburg, E. B. Tongue, J. W. Connell, Hillsboro, Nate Cecil, Cecil, W. F. Yohuke, auctioneer, Pendleton, W. R. Taylor, Athens, F. C. Perrin, A. Hamilton, E. A. Stinchfield, Seattle, W. H. Snell, B. F. Snell, Arlington, W. D. Larsen, North Yakima, James Hill, Helix, R. N. Stanfield, Echo, J. S. Warren, Walla Walla, Harry Sitton, Cecil, C. D. Barnard, Fossil, A. McLeod, Portland.

Sheep shearers are now beginning to arrive from outside points, to be in readiness for the shearing season which will soon be here. In what is known as the lower county in the northern part of Morrow county, shearing will begin about the 15th of this month. The clip this year in every part of the county will be heavy and of excellent quality. The winter has been favorable and sheep generally have had plenty of feed and are in good condition. Morrow county this year will produce about 200,000 fleeces, the number of sheep being a trifle smaller than last year. The price of shearing will be seven cents per head, and as a good shearer can turn off 100 head in a day, the shearers will make good wages.

For State Treasurer.

The only aspirant for the position of State Treasurer who has visited Heppner is Senator E. V. Carter of Ashland, who spent yesterday here in the interest of his candidacy.

Mr. Carter has, for 22 years past, been the manager of the Bank of Ashland, which institution he organized in 1884.

He was a member of the legislature in 1898 and served as speaker of the House in the special session that year and was re-elected as Speaker of the regular session of 1899. He also served as a member of the state senate sessions 1903 and 1905.

Mr. Carter's qualifications for the position to which he aspires are recognized as his business experience has been along lines that will insure an economical administration of the office.

Mr. Carter says: "I have already visited many sections of the State and I am very much gratified with the assurances of support which I have received from Eastern as well as Western Oregon. I believe I will be nominated for the position and if elected I will serve the people honestly and faithfully."

Hon. E. L. Freeland, who is an old friend and acquaintance of Senator Carter, is entertaining him during his stay in Heppner.

ORGANIZATION EFFECTED.

Heppner Wool Growers' Association Organized.

The Heppner Wool Growers' Association was reorganized in this city last Saturday.

It was a representative meeting in which about 40 of the leading wool growers of Morrow, Gilliam and northern Grant counties were in attendance. It is the purpose of the association to include all who are interested in the wool growing industry in the territory tributary to Heppner.

A. Andrews, president of the former organization of wool growers, called the meeting to order. D. O. Justus acted as secretary.

It was a meeting of business and considerable interest was shown among the many growers present.

The by-laws provide that the officers must be elected from the executive committee of the organization consisting of seven wool growers. The executive elected was as follows:

O. E. Farnsworth, D. O. Justus, George Perry, J. L. Howard, J. H. Wyland, John Kilkenny and R. F. Hynd.

The following officers were elected from the executive committee:

O. E. Farnsworth, president; George Perry, vice president; D. O. Justus, secretary-treasurer.

There was considerable discussion and the prevailing sentiment was to keep up a strong organization in order to help secure for the members their share of the summer range when the Blue Mountain forest reserve is created, and also the necessity of a more strict enforcement of laws for the prevention of scabies, the raising of the quarantine against Oregon sheep when shipped out of the state and other matters of interest relating to the sheep industry in general.

Another meeting will be held in Heppner on Saturday, March 10, when all of the growers who were not able to attend the last meeting are invited to come and join the organization.

The wool growers of the Heppner district feel that much can be gained by organization.

In the district tributary to Heppner at least \$1,000,000 worth of sheep are owned. There are many vital questions for the sheep men to handle and proper organization will bring results that can be only obtained through united effort.

Effective organization and strict enforcement of the laws in relation to scabies has almost entirely eradicated this menace to the sheep industry in Wyoming. In the Shan ko county and in Umattila county there are very few if any sheep infected with scab and there is strong likelihood that the quarantine will be raised at the two latter places this year. Such a condition can only be obtained through diligent work and united effort on the part of every grower. It is a matter of much importance and means much to the sheep industry.

It is no harder to get rid of scabies in the Heppner district than any other of the places above named. If the sheep men will work for it they will meet with success.

Ed Lindsay has returned from a visit to Seattle.

E. S. Cox, of Hardman, was a Heppner visitor, Friday.

C. W. Shultz, of Dallas, has accepted a position at Gibson's barber shop.

Geo. Vincent and J. L. Howard of Galloway, were Heppner visitors Saturday.

John Parkins and family, of Ritter, were business visitors in Heppner this week.

C. D. Robison, Geo. Perry and Henry Neal, of Lone Rock, were registered at the Palace, Friday.

L. D. Swick and Tunis Swick, the Grant county stockmen, were in the city this week buying supplies.

Fred Lockley, of the East Oregonian, was in the city the latter part of the week in the interests of his paper.

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THE CLARK HEIRS WIN

Grand County Farm Reverts to Oregonians.

The supreme court of Missouri has affirmed the judgment of the Grand circuit court for the plaintiff in the romantic and noted law suit of the Clark heirs for the possession of a farm of 100 acres located ten miles west of Trenton. The final turn in the case, which first came up before Judge Alexander of Gallatin, sitting as special judge here, rejects the present occupants and gives control of the land to the heirs of Cynthia Clark. The decision recalls a case of more than ordinary interest on account of a fact that it involved records extending as far back as 1851, and because of a tragic incident that surrounded the first legal steps.

The land in controversy was deeded by James Austin in 1815 to Cynthia Clark, the record reading "for and during her natural life; the residue in fee to the heirs of her body." Mrs. Clark afterwards transferred her interest to William Tabor, through whom the defendants claimed possession. When her husband died Mrs. Clark moved with her children to Oregon, and died in September, 1902.

After the transfer of her interest in the land to Tabor, it seems, he later instituted partition proceedings and bought in the land at public sale. The legality of this proceeding was attacked by the heirs. The Clark heirs claimed the land under the deed of James Austin, alleging that the deed their mother gave to Tabor was only for the life interest held by her. The documents supporting this claim had been reserved and soon after her death the suit was brought. The defendants, named as A. R. Brown, J. A. Claybaugh, Mary C. Claybaugh and Columbus Sires, claimed absolute title under the partition proceedings brought by Tabor.

W. A. Clark, in whose name the suit was brought is now a wealthy land owner and stockman in the West, and the other heirs have prospered materially. He was represented by Hubbell Brothers of Trenton; the defendants by Harbor & Knight of Trenton and Peery & Lyons of a baby.

The early development of the suit were attended by a tragedy. While on her way to Missouri in June 1903, Mrs. Mildred Swaggart, one of the heirs, learned at Denver that her home in Oregon had been visited by disaster. A cloudburst had flooded the country and two of her daughters were drowned in the flood.

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