



### CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNED FRIDAY

#### Term Closes Rather Suddenly.

What promised to be a rather extended term of the circuit court was brought to a close rather abruptly on Thursday by the dismissal of the Hardman road case. The Gilman-Wherry case went to the jury late Thursday evening and was soon decided in favor of the defendant, and the Hardman case came on to be heard the first thing Friday and promised a lengthy battle. This was a suit brought on an appeal from the action of the county court in disallowing claims for damages filed by various parties affected by the building of the Rock creek road. There were numerous witnesses on hand but upon the case being called, the District Attorney asked for dismissal because of error in the record. The case was dismissed, and the docket cleared of all matters at issue.

There being no further business calling for the services of the jury, they were excused for the term and departed for their several homes.

The following proceedings, not heretofore reported, were had:

Mabel Ayers Hughes vs. O. W. R. & N. Co., defendant permitted to withdraw answer and file motion to substitute J. Vale as real party to defend; motion allowed and answer of Jay Vale filed.

Bruce B. Kelly vs. J. M. Hager and S. P. Devin, co-executors; set for argument Dec. 12.

F. M. Templeton vs. Chas. Bockler; demurrer overruled and defendant given 15 days to file answer.

J. H. McHaley vs. W. H. Herren, et al.; demurrer to complaint overruled and 20 days to answer.

D. E. Gilman vs. A. J. Wherry and W. L. Twichell; trial before jury and verdict for defendant; judgment on verdict.

John E. Stevens, appellant vs. Morrow County, respondent; motion to dismiss appeal sustained.

Gwendolin B. Hinton vs. Chas. A. Hinton; findings and decree for plaintiffs maiden name restored.

Mary Wherry vs. Andrew J. Wherry; trial before court; decree denied and suit dismissed.

Dexter Horton National Bank vs. H. E. Johnson, et al.; confirmation of sale. Geo. P. Bryan vs. H. M. Beardsley et al.; default and decree for plaintiff.

Dennis Spillane vs. Lulu Wright et al. settled and dismissed.

State of Oregon vs. Martin Reid; dismissed on motion of District Attorney.

State of Oregon vs. James Moran; dismissed on motion of District Attorney and private prosecutor.

Ben Buschke and wife were in town on Friday, visiting friends. Ben has recently suffered the loss of entire band of hogs—some 52 head—the same dying with a disease similar to that that has been killing so many horses. This sickness is taking off the hogs of the county at rapid rate.

Oscar Otto is organizing a string band of twelve or more players, including violins, mandolins, guitars and cello. The club will soon begin practicing and should be able to furnish delightful music in a few weeks.

### It Pays.

From six head of cows, common stock at that, Henry F. Blahm sold cream in October to the amount of \$50.75. This was the creamery check. Henry has not been giving the dairy business any especial attention and these cows have received no feed other than that gathered from the pasture, and he figures this income as all profit. He is now going into the business on a more extensive scale and has added 14 Jersey heifers that will be fresh in the spring, to his milk herd. This stock was purchased on Saturday from Charley Pointer, of Lexington, and is good stock, being in the main registered cattle. When it is taken into consideration that Mr. Blahm has made no specialty of handling stock that produces butter fat to any extent, and that he has not fed his cows with this end in view, his showing is certainly good, and is an illustration of what from 40 to 50 more farmers in the vicinity of Heppner might be doing.

### A Pioneer Stockman.

John Shaw, of McDonald Canyon was doing business in Heppner on Saturday and while in a reminiscent frame of mind lined up the Gazette man to inform him that he is the proud father of a bouncing boy that arrived on the 18th of October. This young man has been named Robert C. Shaw in honor of his uncle, Robert Shaw, who is now a member of the Canadian parliament from Alberta, and was at one time assessor of Morrow County. John is mighty proud of this new youngster and feels that he has about reached the zenith of his earthly joys. Mr. Shaw is a native Oregonian, having been born in Roseburg, and his residence in Morrow County extends over a period of 43 years, during much of which time he has been extensively engaged in the stock business. He is entitled to be called a pioneer.

### Is Slowly Recovering.

Mrs. A. E. Patterson arrived home on Saturday evening from Seattle, bringing with her her sister, Mrs. F. M. Bowman, and also accompanied by her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDewitt. Some three weeks ago, at Seattle, Mrs. Bowman was the victim of an auto accident which came very near costing her life; in fact it was reported at Heppner that she had died from the effect of her injuries, but this report later proved to be untrue. The accident was caused by the giving away of the grade on which they were at the time and the machine turned turtle, Mrs. Bowman being caught beneath it. Her left leg was broken between the knee and hip, the bone being split nearly its full length, and she was otherwise severely injured. She will remain in Heppner until restored to health, and is slowly progressing toward recovery. Mrs. Bowman was formerly a resident of Heppner and has many friends here who greatly sympathize with her in this trouble and wish for her speedy restoration to health.

Henry Smouse was a pleasant caller at the Gazette office on Monday. He is farming the Morgan ranch south of Ione and has a splendid prospect. Many a weed has been killed in that section this fall and the growing grain is coming along fine.

### A Beautiful Token.

At the regular stated communication of Heppner Lodge No. 69, F. & A. M. on Saturday evening, following the regular order of business, P. O. Borg was pleasantly surprised in the presentation to him by the lodge of a beautiful Past Master's jewel. Frank Gilliam made the presentation speech and this was feelingly responded to by Mr. Borg. The jewel itself is of 14 karat solid gold of beautiful design and appropriately embellished with signs of the order and bears on the front inlaid in blue, the words "Heppner No. 69, F. & A. M.," and elegantly engraved on the reverse side the inscription "Presented to P. O. Borg, Nov. 18, 1911." Mr. Borg will wear this jewel on appropriate occasions with a great deal of pride, and it will become a highly prized heirloom in the Borg family; a just tribute to a very worthy brother of the order.

### To The Pen.

Sheriff Hayes departed on Saturday morning for Salem, having in charge Walter Conlin for commitment to the penitentiary. This was Morrow county's only contribution to the State penal institution for the November term of court, and he goes to serve a sentence from one to five years. Conlin admitted to parties here that he had served time in the pen before, and he is evidently no novice in crime, as evidenced by some of the smooth tricks he tried to work while in jail here. Before leaving he stated that he had secreted an iron bar in the jail and he defied Deputy Rasmus to find it. He had previously shown this instrument to Jake Dexter who was confined in the jail, but Rasmus and Judge Patterson failed to locate it on Saturday after Conlin had left. What he intended doing with this piece of iron is only a matter of conjecture.

### A Gift With a Thought In It.

What other Christmas presents cost so little and means so much as a subscription to The Youth's Companion—52 weeks for \$1.75? It is a gift which benefits not only the one who receives it, but every member of the same household.

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### DR. M. B. METZLER COMMITTS SUICIDE.

#### Community Is Shocked By Tragic End of Dentist.

Heppner was greatly shocked on learning early yesterday morning that Dr. M. B. Metzler had taken his life.

For some days past he had been drinking heavily—in fact had not been sober for some time. While in this condition, Mrs. Metzler was afraid to be at home alone with him, and on Tuesday evening she went to the home of Dr. Boyden where she remained all night, returning to her home about 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Dr. Metzler had come home a little after midnight, as he was heard to come into the house by near neighbors, went upstairs and evidently prepared to go to bed as he had taken off his shoes and trousers. From the appearance and position of the body when found, he evidently sat down on the edge of the bed, took his 22 special rifle and discharged the same at his head, the ball entering the right side about an inch and a half above the ear and passing out over the left ear. The body fell over onto the floor in a heap between the bed and the wall, where it was discovered by Mrs. Metzler on her return.

Mrs. Metzler came home and went upstairs to see if the doctor had come in during the night, and noticing that the bed was unoccupied, concluded he did not, and returned down stairs to light the fire and start breakfast. In a few moments their dog came down stairs whining and indicating that something was wrong, and Mrs. Metzler concluded to take another look, and found her husband as above stated. She immediately aroused her neighbors by her screams, and the news of what had happened soon spread.

Coroner Chick was immediately notified and arrived from Ione about ten o'clock. After looking into the case he decided it was a clear case of suicide. No letters or word of any nature was left by the deceased but from what he has said at different times to friends, it was known that he had threatened to take his life if he could not quit the drink.

The tragic end of Dr. Metzler is not only a severe shock to his faithful wife, but to the entire community as well. He was a man of excellent ability and in his profession could easily take a place at the head, as he was known to be one of the very best dentists on the Pacific coast. But, as with many another good and capable man, his enemy was drink. He had battled against the awful curse for years and tried hard to overcome the appetite but did not succeed. He carried insurance of \$2,000 in the Bankers Life.

Funeral services will be held from the Episcopal church on tomorrow, and burial will be conducted by the Elks, of which order he was a member.

In this sad affliction Mrs. Metzler has the sincere sympathy of the community.

### Distressing Accident.

Mrs. Walter O. Hill met with a distressing accident at the Christian church on Friday evening, just following the closing of the social. She was busily engaged in helping clear up the tables and had picked up a hand full of dishes. On turning to start for the kitchen she tripped against a leg of the tables and fell, striking a chair and cutting an ugly gash on her jaw which it was necessary to have stitched by the doctor. The fall was an unusually hard one, and it would have taken but little more force to break the jaw bone. As a consequence Mrs. Hill has been confined to her home since and compelled to live on broth.

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### New Course in Rural Hygiene.

"The farmer ordinarily gives far more attention to the health of his stock than to that of himself and family," said Prof. T. D. Beckwith, of the bacteriology department of the Oregon Agricultural College, in speaking of the course on rural hygiene to be inaugurated this winter during the short course.

"The point that the health of the people may be recognized in dollars and cents to the community escapes the average citizen in his mad scramble for more evident wealth," he continued. "For example, it is computed that the annual loss to the United States through human tuberculosis amounts to \$600,000,000 which is approximately three-fourths the value of the entire wheat crop of the country. This immense annual loss, about 75 per cent of which is preventable, is due solely to carelessness and ignorance of the most rudimentary rules of life and health. Of vastly greater importance than the money loss is the pain and suffering most of which can be prevented by a little care and knowledge."

The short course lectures, which will be illustrated with stereopticon views, will cover such subjects as water supply (especially from wells), their location and construction as to health; sanitary methods of sewage disposal, the use of and abuse of septic tanks; transmission of disease, such as tuberculosis and typhoid; flies and germ carrying; cause of colds and grippe and other epidemics.

### School Notes.

BY SUPT. NOTSON.

On Monday, I visited the school in District No. 24, a new district recently organized on the east side of the county. Miss Ruby Maxwell is the teacher. The school-house is new and is fairly well equipped, but more equipment will be added as soon as the finances of the district are in better condition. The work of the school is starting off well.

On Tuesday, I visited the school in district No. 20. Miss Alice Arnold is in charge of this school. A new blackboard and new window boards have been added since my former visit. The pupils are provided with individual drinking cups. The walls are tastily decorated. Every Friday afternoon, the girls devote an hour to the work in sewing as suggested in the new course of study.

L. Carlson, a substantial young farmer of Gooseberry, was in Heppner on Monday. Crop conditions were never better in his section at this season of the year and he is confidently looking forward to a heavy yield next fall. Hope his expectations shall be more than realized.

Dr. Taylor, deputy state veterinarian, is in Morrow County this week looking into the disease that is killing so many hogs. He pronounces it cholera, but others think different. However the Dr. is taking steps to stamp it out and we hope he may be successful.

The annual memorial services of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 3, 1911. Mr. A. E. Sanderson, of Portland, will be the orator of the occasion, and the public is cordially invited. The program opens at 2 o'clock p. m.

If we only had the chance we would like to whisper in the ear of some one of our friends who raise turkeys, that next Thursday is Thanksgiving, by virtue of proper proclamation of the President of the United States and the Governor of Oregon, and there is no turkey in our coop. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Ione and Lexington played a game of football, Saturday, at Lexington, which resulted in a score of 6 to 5 in favor of the Ione team. Mason, a fleet footed youngster of the Ione team, got around the end for a touchdown, while Art Parker, of the dairyman's team, went through the line and scored a touchdown unassisted.

D. O. Justus, C. A. Minor, George Perry and John Kilkenny were Heppner sheepowners who attended the meeting of the State Woolgrowers' Association at Baker last week. Mr. Minor was chosen as a member of the executive committee, thus giving Morrow county a place on the roster of the association. These men report a good meeting and a splendid time. The next meeting of the association will be at Vale.

J. H. Beazan has disposed of his shoe shop and business to Jasper Dubois, and will retire from active business in Heppner. The old gentleman has suffered a great deal of late with rheumatism and will go to some one of the various hot springs for treatment. Joe Dubois formerly ran a shoe shop in Heppner and for a time worked at the bench in the store of Mat Litchenthal. He is a good man at the trade and should have a fine business here.

According to reports, Bert Bleakman of Hardman is entitled to the blue ribbon as a producer of big spuds. He is exhibiting three potatoes that weigh respectively three, three and a half and three and three quarter pounds each, and he took out of one hill an unshapely spud weighing seven and a half pounds. This, however, seemed to be the most of one hill that had sort of "run together" in the growing. The potatoes are the American Wonder variety and good producers.