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THURSDAY, January 4, 1911

D. E. Gilman returned on Saturday evening from a visit of about a month to the states of Missouri and Illinois. He spent a greater portion of the time in Central Illinois where he did some good work in boosting Morrow county among the substantial farmers of that part of the Middle West. Being well posted on all conditions in all parts of the state of Oregon, Gene was able to do the right kind of work among the people visited, and good results will follow. Many people he saw during his stay East were wading with gumboots on in mud, gathering their corn crop, which by the way was almost a failure this season, many having to buy feed for their stock. Mr. Gilman was not slow in demonstrating to them that the we might have a failure of crops in this county once every three years, yet we could get far better cash returns for the investment and labor expended than are these people off the lands valued at \$60 to \$80 per acre. Morrow county, after all, has a great many advantages, especially for the man with moderate means, and not the least of these is the bully good class of people already living here. Just more of the same kind is needed, that is all.

N. A. Leach and wife, of Portland, visited over Sunday at the home of his brother, Dr. M. A. Leach. Mr. Leach has held an important position in the Portland office of Kerr, Gifford & Co., grain dealers, for a number of years, but has given up that place to accept a better one on the coast at the mouth of the Rogue river where this company has large interests that will in the future be under his charge. Alvah is a Morrow county boy who has made good and his advancement with this company has been from the bottom of the ladder up, and the new position pays him a princely salary.

Word announcing the death at Portland, on Saturday morning Dec. 30, of Mrs. Mollie Crawford, was received by her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson. Mrs. Crawford had been an invalid for the past year and almost continuously under the physicians care during this time and the immediate cause of death was from heart trouble. She leaves a husband and two daughters, one of whom is married. Her people here were prevented being present at the funeral which was held at Portland on Monday afternoon, as word reached them too late to catch the outgoing train. The sympathy of numerous Heppner friends goes out to the family in this sad bereavement.

Some interesting comparisons are shown by Government figures on Oregon's population, just gleaned from the last census by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The number of people to the square mile from 4.3 in 1900 to 7 in 1910. The drift of population during the decade was toward the cities and away from the farms. Ten years ago the percentage of people in cities of 2500 or more was 32.2 and on the farms 67.8; in 1910 this was changed, with 45.6 in the cities and 54.4 in rural Oregon. Harney, Lake and Malheur counties average less than one person to the square mile.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund of Morrow County for the Year 1911.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1911.....	\$ 7,057 08	
Received from Sheriff in fees.....	86 80	
Received from State—one-half of bounty..	1,008 50	
Received from Herman Goetsch estate....	85 85	
Received from Coroner.....	2 55	
Received from County Clerk, fees, etc....	2,692 90	
Received from hire of mule teams.....	22 00	
Received from City of Heppner, use of jail	2 00	
Received from Sheriff, 1907 taxes.....	85 06	
1908 taxes.....	295 63	
1909 taxes.....	440 40	
1910 taxes.....	53,138 86	
Received from transfer of Institute Fund..	102 82	
Paid 1911 State Tax.....	\$16,056 59	
Paid to Indigent Saldiers' Fund.....	250 00	
Paid General Fund Warrants.....	29,214 87	
Paid interest on the same.....	2,566 61	
Balance on hand December 30, 1911..	16,932 38	
	\$65,020 45	\$65,020 45

Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Road Fund of Morrow County for the Year 1911.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1911.....	\$ 904 21	
Received from State 1/2 Forest Rentals 1910	185 64	
Received from State, 5 per ct. Land Sales, 1910.....	288 20	
Received from State, 5 per ct. Land Sales 1911.....	272 30	
Received from City of Heppner.....	101 12	
Received from Board of Road Crew.....	14 00	
Received from Board of Bridge Crew....	148 80	
Received from Road Supervisors.....	10 05	
Received from Sale of Stove.....	5 00	
Received from Sale of Corrugated Culverts	17 60	
Received from Sheriff, 1907 taxes.....	16 94	
1908 taxes.....	47 49	
1909 taxes.....	69 97	
1910 taxes.....	15,327 95	
Paid Road Fund Warrants.....	\$14,592 62	
Balance on hand December 30, 1911..	2,816 65	
	\$17,409 27	\$17,409 27

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the School Fund of Morrow County for the Year 1911.

Balance on hand January 1, 1911.....	\$ 607 59	
Received from State Forest Rentals.....	185 63	
Received from State, 1911 Interest.....	2,651 52	
Received from sale of School house.....	15 00	
Received from Fines.....	6 00	
Received from Sheriff, 1907 taxes.....	16 94	
1908 taxes.....	47 49	
1909 taxes.....	69 96	
1910 taxes.....	13,135 02	
Paid Superintendent's Orders.....	\$14,493 35	
Balance on hand December 30, 1911..	2,238 80	
	\$16,735 15	\$16,735 15

Statement of the Indebtedness of Morrow County on December 30, 1911.

General Fund Warrants Outstanding Jan. 1, 1911.....	\$40,362 68	
General Fund Warrants issued during 1911	25,831 24	
Bounty Warrants Issued June 30, 1910 to Dec. 30, 1911.....	2,172 50	
Interest on same (estimated).....	3,500 00	
General Fund Warrants redeemed.....	\$29,214 87	
Warrants called, not paid.....	2,700 00	
Interest on same.....	243 00	
Warrants cancelled by Court.....	2,566 61	
Amount in General Fund to pay Warrants.....	13,989 38	
Total Indebtedness Dec. 30, 1911....	23,152 56	
	\$71,866 42	\$71,866 42

STATE OF OREGON, }
COUNTY OF MORROW, } ss.

I, W. O. Hill, County Clerk of Morrow County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct as shown by the records in my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court affixed this 2nd day of January, 1912.

(SEAL) W. O. HILL,
County Clerk.

For Trade

37 acres on Rock creek, 11 miles from Condon. Will trade for residence in Heppner. For particulars call on or address the Heppner Gazette. tf

Help Wanted.

These services of a middle aged woman or a girl wanted to do general house work for a family of three. Inquire at this office. 3t.

For Rent.

A blacksmith shop located at Hardman Oregon. A good opportunity for a good blacksmith. Terms reasonable. Possession can be given January 1, 1912. Apply W. W. Smead, Heppner Oregon.

An A. J. Jordan carving set will make a nice Xmas present. The only place to get it is at Gilliam & Bisbee's. 3t.

FELL AMONG THIEVES.

And the Old Man Didn't Know Which Set Was the Worst.

An old man from rural England with his wife was on a holiday in London and decided on an evening at a theater. He looked up the advertisements in the papers and selected a house where "All Baba and the Forty Thieves" was being played. It was a "cheap" house, the price of stalls being given as two-and-sixpence. The farmer was surprised, however, on arriving at the box office to be met with a demand for 6 shillings for the two tickets. The extra sixpence per seat, it was explained, was for booking. Then he was called upon to pay sixpence for a program, and the female attendant who showed him to the seats also asked for sixpence, in addition to which there was a shilling to be paid for hats and coats being taken care of in spite of his protest that they could take care of them themselves. A footstool was brought for his wife and was accepted without suspicion that it would be charged for, but the attendant who brought it demanded another sixpence, and finally opera glasses were handed to them and payment of another sixpence requested. Then the farmer went in search of the manager and finding him, said in a tone of deepest disgust: "You may do what you like with these tickets. There are so many thieves in front of the house that we don't think we want to see the forty on the stage!"—London Answers.

THUNDERSTORMS.

They Kill Over 300 Persons a Year in Madagascar.

Thunderstorms never occur in the arctic regions, and even the north of Scotland very seldom suffers from such a visitation. The nearer you get to the equator the more frequent and severe are the electric manifestations. In parts of Central Africa the average of thunderous days rises to the astonishing total of 250 per annum.

Yet there are curious exceptions. In Java and Sumatra, both intensely hot climates, there are but ninety-two storms yearly, and in Borneo only fifty.

The Gold coast of Africa has only sixty a year, which is less than occur in Florida, though the latter country is outside the tropics.

In Jamaica there is a thunderstorm every day during the rainy season, which lasts for five months. These storms almost always occur between midday and 3 in the afternoon.

Perhaps the most astonishing fact with regard to thunderstorms is that the island of Mauritius, which is only 550 miles east of Madagascar, has, on an average, only one thunderstorm in eighty years. Yet in Madagascar the lightning is more destructive than anywhere else in the world, the annual death toll being over 300.—Pearson's Weekly.

Costly Privacy.

Although a waiter, he was very human, so when he perceived that the young couple who had been assigned to his table had many matters tender and confidential under consideration he retreated to a respectful distance and stared at the opposite wall. The restaurant proprietor disapproved of that humanitarian attitude.

"Don't stand away back there," he said. "Go up and hang over that fellow's chair back for awhile."

"Oh, no," expostulated the human waiter. "They want to talk."

"Of course they do," the proprietor retorted. "That is why I want you to butt in. Every time you come near they will send you to the kitchen for a fresh order to get you out of the way."—New York Times.

Grim Relics.

A prison sale is held annually in Paris. The articles offered for sale are the clothes of murdered people, the instruments with which the crimes have been committed and the effects which have belonged to the deceased prisoners. Articles which have been taken to the prefecture of police and have not been claimed are also sold. The proceeds go to the Paris almshouse. Unclaimed jewelry is usually bought by ordinary brokers, but the articles which have belonged to criminals, especially those who are notorious, are bought at high prices.

Codging a Difficulty.

"Are you going to send the Sparkler girl a wedding present?"

"No, old Sparkler and I had a squabble yesterday."

"That's too bad. What was the cause?"

"I really can't afford his friendship. He has five marriageable daughters."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Fast Talker.

The orator spoke about the things he had not said, the things he did not believe and the things he would not do. "That fellow," observed the sailor, "is talking at the rate of about thirty notes an hour."—Judge.

A Faithful Likeness.

Sapleigh—I really don't think the photographer caught my expression, do you? Miss Keen (looking at photo)—I don't see any.—Boston Transcript.

A Strong Player.

Mother—What do you think you will make out of my daughter's talent? Professor—About a dollar a lesson, if the piano holds out.

His Monopoly.

"He has unbounded faith in himself." "In other words, he has a monopoly of the faith in himself, eh?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Stock Taking Sale

We are now busy taking stock and are throwing out all broken lines and remnants on the bargain counter.

You will find some good values.

We are still giving 10 per cent off on Suits, Waists, Coats and Sweaters for Ladies; on all Suits and Overcoats for Boys and Men.

Thomson Bros.

Henry Bode The Tailor, has secured the agency of the **AMERICAN LADIES' TAILORING CO.**, of Chicago, and invites ladies to inspect and select samples and the unrivalled fashions.

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ESTABLISHED IN 1887

OUR PATRONS

ONE and ALL—WE THANK YOU for the very gratifying holiday business we enjoyed.

We consider it an honor to have a largely increased number of people showing their confidence in the service of this store.

We wish to thank our many friends and customers for many courtesies and patronage so bountifully extended.

We hope you have had a Very Merry Christmas and will have a

BUMPER YEAR FOR 1912

A. M. Phelps The Grocer

I have purchased the jewelry business of Arthur Smith and am prepared to do all kinds of watch and jewelry repairing, also plain and fancy engraving. I solicit your patronage. C. R. Johnson.

On and after January 1st, 1912, the Heppner post-office will close at 6:30 of evenings. All mail for the Hardman-Monument stage line should be in the office by this hour. W. W. Smead, P. M.