



Attempted Train Wreck.

An attempt to wreck the local train was made by some unknown party on Tuesday morning. Shortly after leaving the depot at Lexington, and while the train was not yet under full speed, they ran onto a fish plate that had been placed on the rail. The obstruction was discovered by the engineer, and the emergency brakes thrown on, but this did not prevent the engine passing over the piece of steel. Had the train been running at full speed it would have been derailed. What motive could be behind this it is hard to conjecture. The case will doubtless receive some investigation at the hands of the district attorney who was on the train at the time. This also suggests to Supt. Notson, who was going to Ione by the same train, that it was a good time to get rid of a few undesirable county officials and work the recall on them. Judge Patterson, Supt. Notson and Dist. Attorney VanVactor all being among the passengers. The placing of the fish plate on the rail might have been the work of some thoughtless boys, with no criminal intent but it could have caused a serious accident.

Women Of Woodcraft.

Maple Circle No 259, of Heppner, installed their newly elected officers on Monday evening last. Cora D. Crawford was installing officer. Following the ceremonies, a lap lunch was served and a social time enjoyed. The new officers are: Guardian Neighbor, Mrs. G. A. Stevenson; Advisor, Mrs. E. F. Campbell; Past Guardian, Mrs. J. L. Yeager; Magician, Mrs. Mabel Slaght; Clerk, Mrs. Rose Richardson; Banker, Cora D. Crawford; Attendant, Mrs. J. H. Cox; Captain of Guards, Mrs. A. G. Devore; Inner Sentinel, Mrs. Allen McFerrin; Outer Sentinel, Mrs. A. J. Cook; Manager, Mrs. Emma Hale; Musician, Mrs. Ida Gray.

Grand Chancellor Frank Wrightman, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal L. R. Stinson, both of Salem, made an official visit to Doric Lodge No. 20, K. of P. on Tuesday evening. These gentlemen have been taking in the lodges of the Grand Domain of Oregon and departed on Wednesday for Ontario. Mr. Wrightman delivered a splendid address on Pythianism to the assembled Knights, and proved himself to be an orator of no mean ability. He was followed in an able manner by Mr. Stinson, who, by the way, has occupied his position with the order for the past sixteen years, and is a walking encyclopedia of information and experiences gathered concerning the state of Oregon from the trips that he has taken over the field, and it is very interesting indeed to listen to him speak. A banquet of clams and other necessary "fixins" followed the close of lodge and a fine social time was spent. The visit of the grand officers has enthused the Knights and filled them with renewed vigor.

Arrangements have been completed for holding a revival meeting at the Commercial Club building, commencing Feb. 5. The services will be conducted by Rev. E. P. Warren, Rev. John McAllister, Rev. W. A. Pratt, and Rev. Mr. Owen.

Club Meeting.

The Heppner Commercial Club held a meeting at the council rooms on Friday evening, a goodly number being present. Two matters were brought to the attention of the body for consideration that have to do with the development work that is going on throughout the country. The first of these was the proposition of getting through congress a bill providing for the means necessary to promote a scheme of national soil experts; this was fully set forth in a letter read before the meeting from Traffic Manager Miller of the O W R & N Co. After listening to this, the Club voted to lend its assistance by giving the proposition its endorsement. The second matter of importance was the presentation of the plan of the Oregon Agricultural College, as prepared in an extended letter read from Prof. Hetzel. This gives in detail the plan of the College in its extension work among the rural districts and schools. As this is to be carried on in connection with the plans of State Superintendent Alderman, and as the Club did not have his view of the proposition, it was decided to take no definite action at this meeting. It is understood however, that there is a practical agreement between the agricultural college and the superintendent, and they will soon get together and have the matter put in proper shape. This movement has the endorsement of the State Bankers' Association, and they have a committee, of which T. J. Mahoney of this city is a member. This committee is to act for the Association in promoting the move. The move has also been strongly endorsed by the Portland Commercial Club.

Already in various counties of the State, the plan is being inaugurated, and the coming State Fair at Salem will be provided with many exhibits of various kinds prepared in competition by the school children of the state. As soon as a definite outline has been settled upon, the Gazette will be pleased to give full details.

The Proposition to provide Heppner with a suitable opera house was put to the Club by S. E. Notson. He has a plan that he is earnestly working on to put the club building in shape for this purpose, and the move received the support of the club, a committee of three being appointed by President Woodson to assist in rounding up the stragglings of the Heppner Improvement Company, and also to use its influence with the city council with reference to securing a suitable lease to the grounds on which the building now stands. If the plans work out, the club building will be speedily converted into a good opera house, and made a place suitable for holding all public gatherings.

It was also unanimously voted by the Club to extend an invitation to the government engineers having in hand the investigation of the West extension of the Umatilla project, to hold a meeting at Heppner, the Club feeling that Morrow county has a greater interest, perhaps, in the carrying out of this work, than any other section.

No further business was done at this time, and on motion the meeting adjourned.

If you don't want to pay Gilliam & Bisbee for fixing your pipes take care of them and don't let them freeze.

SOME INTERESTING DATA OF LEXINGTON CREAMERY

December Report Shows a Steady Increase in the Output—Some Other Interesting Facts Stated Also.

Butter fat is worth 35 cents today. We sent out 3014 pounds of butter in December.

Our total output for 1911 was 40,719 pounds.

It was worth \$12,173.42. We also sent out \$379.00 worth of cream.

We paid the following cream checks for December:

H. F. Blahm	\$ 43 11
Jos. Eskelson	45 08
Geo. Evans	45 30
R. B. Wilcox	65 27
S. G. McMillan	75 81
H. C. Gay	85 29
Joe Devine	121 28

And many more smaller ones. Notice, the dry land boys are in the lead.

And we have "some" dry land. An up-to-date dairyman raises both hogs and chickens.

Notice what Eph Eskelson has sold from his 25 acre Alfalfa Ranch.

In 1911:	
Hogs	\$150 10
Beef	150 00

Chickens	153 00
Eggs	197 25
Hay	110 50
Horses	390 00

CREAM as follows from seven cows:

January	65 51
February	56 94
March	36 94
April	55 33
May	50 08
June	50 80
July	47 45
August	42 67
September	51 87
October	63 72
November	66 18
December	37 77

Total \$1774 48. He paid \$73.00 for hired help. You may say that the above total is not large.

But it is better than a wheat crop that will not pay expenses. Or a band of sheep that will run you \$1,000.00 in the hole. By all means get a few cows. Be in the swim. And feel happy.

TAX ROLL SUMMARY.

County Clerk Hill has completed the tax extensions on the 1911 Tax Roll, and it is now ready to be turned over to the Sheriff for collections. The summary of the Tax Roll is as follows:

State, County and School tax	\$ 82,243 94
Special School tax	37,243 60
Special City tax	5,221 36

Grand total \$124,793 90

The tax roll for 1910 carried extensions totaling \$132,500 00 being over \$8,000 00 more than this year's roll. The State Board reduced the railroad assessment for this year \$432,000 00 and the county assessment is \$570,000 00 less than last year, making over one million dollars reduction in the assessed valuation of the property of the county.

High School Notes.

The new schedule for the course of study has been posted.

Now for the last semester. We have all resolved to make this semester's work count for much.

Miss Clark has a class of 12 young men in extemporaneous speaking. Much interest is being manifested.

A very large percent of the high school students passed on honor the first semester. This speaks well for the school.

Something new is promised by the literary societies for their next program, a week from tomorrow. We urge as many of the school patrons to attend these meetings as possible.

Much improvement has been going on in the Commercial department the past week. The room has been greatly enlarged by moving back the partition. This was a much needed improvement,

as the room was far too small for the large number of students in this department. Some new tables were also installed.

The report is current in Heppner that a school and hospital is to be built at this place in the near future by the Catholic church. This is a proposition that these people have had in contemplation for a number of years, and according to announcement by Father Kelly, they are about decided to begin active operations.

Revival meetings will begin in Walker's hall at Ione on Monday evening, January 29th. They will be conducted by Lawrence Wright, an evangelist from Des Moines, Iowa. There will be good singing and good preaching and the public of Ione and vicinity are invited. Under the auspices of the Christian church of Ione.

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School Notes.

BY SUPT. NOTSON.

On Tuesday I visited the Ione school. Everything indicated that the school is enjoying a very successful year. The school spirit is good throughout the entire teaching force and student body. I noted that bubbling fountains had been installed. They are of an excellent type and work very satisfactorily.

In the high school, Prof. Kaufman and 23 pupils were working enthusiastically. The primary pupils, under the direction of Miss Brown, were doing excellent work. Quite a number were absent on account of sickness. The room is tastily decorated. There was an interesting display of some of the pupils' work on the walls. In Miss Kline's room, a happy lot of youngsters were at work. I was much pleased with the calligraphic drill in which the pupils engaged. Miss Kline is making good progress in securing muscular movement in writing. Twenty-eight pupils were present in Miss Gorman's room. All were diligent in the work. I noticed some excellent map work on display. Miss Hougen has rather a small number in her room, but the interest is excellent even if the stimulus of numbers is lacking. The reading class are reading "The Tales of a Wayside Inn."

The school building and grounds are kept in excellent condition. The light is admitted from the left and rear in each room. A part of the windows are furnished with window boards for ventilation. A number of excellent framed pictures are found upon the walls. Each room above the primary has a good reference work. The people are justly proud of their school.

Reno, the magician, will entertain the people of Heppner at the Commercial Club building, Saturday evening. Prof. Daggy, of Seattle, writes that Reno has been making a great "hit" this season wherever he has appeared. The Bureau will lose heavily by having to send Reno back to cover the date which he missed on account of the blockade on the railroads, but the manager says he expects to make good all their engagements.

Rev. John McAllister came up from Ione on Tuesday evening, returning this morning. He has been engaged in a protracted meeting with his church there for the past two weeks with good success. Evangelist Owen, of Portland has been assisting, and the Baptist forces and Congregationalists have now joined in a united effort to last for a couple of weeks, Rev. Owen doing the preaching.

Eph Eskelson has disposed of his wheat land south of Lexington to Vancouver parties, and is also on a trade to dispose of his dairy farm on the creek.

WAS A PIONEER OF MORROW CO.

Mrs. J. T. Galloway Dies at Clarkston, Wash.

Mrs. J. T. Galloway, who for a number of years resided with her husband, Rev. J. T. Galloway, on a homestead near Heppner, and who will be well remembered by the older residents of this community, died at Clarkston, Wash., on January 5, 1912, and was buried at that place.

The following is from a Clarkston paper:

The funeral of Mrs. J. T. Galloway was held Monday at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church, Mrs. Perry Buckbe of Myrtle, Idaho, a minister of the United Brethren church, conducting the services. The church was crowded by residents of Clarkston and Vineland, who came to pay their last respects to the departed, who was so beloved and cherished by those who knew her. The deceased was 66 years of age and with her husband has resided in Clarkston for the past seven years, coming to this place from Oregon. There were ten children in the family, seven of whom are now living, and were all present at the funeral, the last daughter, Mrs. Etta Rule, arriving yesterday from Bridger, Mont. The remainder of the children are: Mrs. E. J. McFerrin, of Portland; Mrs. Laura McKinnon, Burns, Ore.; Mrs. Stella Haxton, Lewiston; Mrs. Edith Ruark, of this place; J. W. Galloway, St. John; and M. B. Galloway, of this place. Other relatives of the family were present from Portland.

Mrs. Galloway was born near Hopkinsville, Ky., where she spent her girlhood. She became the wife of Mr. Galloway in 1861 and two years later crossed the plains and located in Oregon, finally settling at LaGrande. They lived at various places in Oregon, including Salem, and came to Washington state about 12 years ago, five years later coming to Clarkston. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 8.

Mr. Galloway will now discontinue his business at this place and will make his future home in Portland.

Mrs. W. O. Hill, of Heppner is a granddaughter, and Mrs. G. C. Aiken is a niece, of the deceased.

James Hansford was down from Hardman yesterday on business and reports lots of moisture in his section.

Rev. E. P. Warren is still "holding the fort" at Liberty schoolhouse on Eight Mile. There have been four conversions to date and the meeting grows in interest.

The First National Bank received official examination on Wednesday by Examiner F. H. Luce, of Seattle.

Mrs. W. E. Pruyn entertained a number of guests in honor of Mrs. R. F. Hynd on Friday afternoon at her home on Chase street.

Mrs. T. J. Mahoney entertained thirty-five guests at her home in Heppner on last Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Walrath, of Cherokee, Iowa, who is spending the winter at the home of the Mahoneys. Bridge was played and a light luncheon served to complete the evening's entertainment.