

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Flickinger entertained the Messenger family for dinner on Sunday.

S. H. Boardman has been confined to the house for a few days owing to an attack of the grippe.

Miss Wilma Gilbreth, member of the senior class of the Boardman high school, has returned from a short visit to The Dalles.

Please folks, we are in need of more news. If you have an item of interest please send it in. Everyone boost and you'll see our paper grow.

The grades of the school that missed their Christmas treat owing to the sudden cessation of school on account of the storm just before the holiday vacation, had them Friday.

W. A. Goodwin returned to Boardman Tuesday, after several months absence. He has been in Portland. Mr. Goodwin is crippled up on account of a fall on the icy walks in Portland.

At the annual election of the West Extension Irrigation District for the purpose of choosing one director for the term of three years, C. E. Glasgow of Irrigon received the unanimous vote of the Boardman precinct.

Do you know that this is the first time in many moons that there have been three vacant houses at one time in our town? Usually it is impossible to get a house at all, but now the Roots, Paynes, and Miss Runner's houses are all vacant.

The high school athletic association presented a three reel comedy entitled "A Duke for a Day" for the benefit of the treasury. The basketball team has been rounding into shape and met Arlington last Friday night and Irrigon Saturday night.

The rabbit poisoning campaign is being worked out systematically in Morrow county during the present favorable weather. The main difficulty is that it snows a little ever night and covers up the bait necessitating daily distribution of small quantities. A series of drives is being worked out by County Agent

Calkins to supplement the strychnine.

The Boardman cheese factory is increasing its output, and seems to face the necessity of enlargement of capacity. The first product is now about ready for market and if it can be distributed rapidly enough to keep up with production, success is assured.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nizer entertained at dinner on Sunday. Those who enjoyed the pleasant affair were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hendricks and Herman Sellers, a boy who makes his home with the Hendricks family, Miss Myrtle McNeil and Opal Wagner.

Geo. Mefford and family are removing to Lexington, where Mr. Mefford expects to work on the highway. This takes Vesta, one of the promising members of the primary class from our school, and the school and community regret the necessity which causes the change.

Miss Emma Bunge, county health nurse for Morrow county during the past six weeks, has been called to Seattle owing to illness in her family. Her place has been taken by Mrs. Johnson last year public health nurse for Wallawa county, who is continuing Miss Bunge's work at Irrigon and Boardman this week.

After the game at Irrigon Saturday night a few of the young people went over to Duncan's and enjoyed a dance. Those going were the Misses Frances Blayden, Wilma Gilbreth, Ida Mefford, Caryl Signs, C. Glatt, Edna Broyles, and the Messrs. Lyle Blayden, Al Macomber, Al Mefford, Roy Gilbreth, Ada Chaffee, Ralph Humphrey and Arthur Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goodwin returned Tuesday from their honeymoon. They were married in Portland, then journeyed down to Marshfield in Coos Bay and visited Mr. Goodwin's grandmother who is 95 years of age. They visited relatives and friends at different places before returning to Boardman. Their many friends wish them health, wealth and happiness and emphasized their wishes by a charivari.

## ENGINEER'S CONTRACT FAIR IN JOHN DAY SURVEY

C. C. Clark of Arlington, attended the hearing in Pendleton of the case of the Northern Pacific Railway and certain landholders vs. the first board of directors of the John Day Irrigation project on the charge of defrauding the district. Mr. Clark says fraud was not proved and is thus quoted by the Arlington Bulletin:

"At the time the Plaintiff rested their case they had not proven any fraud or cause for action in the evidence submitted by them and upon motion of the Defendants that the case be dismissed, they were entitled to it as far as the Board of Directors were concerned, but as to the settlement between the District and Engineer Lewis the Judge refused to dismiss the case at that time and the Defense proceeded to submit their evidence.

Prominent engineering men of the State appeared as witnesses: Mr. Newell of Portland, who was prominent in the Columbia Basin Rate case; Mr. Dillard of the John Day, and Mr. Anderson of the North Unit of the Deschutes. These men were a unit in their evidence as to the reasonableness of the contract between the Board of Directors and Engineer Lewis, and were of the opinion that the Engineer should be allowed to finish the contract, that the price was not exorbitant for the amount of work and the data was necessary and beneficial to the John Day District and the landholders.

The question now arises, do the taxpayers wish to pay a tax for an uncompleted survey according to the work done or do they want a complete survey at a very little more cost.

The Defendants in this suit have at all times worked to maintain the District and if the new board will do the same they will have the support of all fair minded men and taxpayers of the District."

## SOME INTERESTING FREIGHT RATES FOR HAY GROWERS

By L. A. HUNT

The present system of freight rates under which Oregon Growers are compelled to operate has the effect of placing a tariff upon Oregon grown hay sold in either Oregon or Washington. Just exactly why this condition happens to exist is hard to explain.

The manager of the Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers has just returned from a trip to Portland where formal application was made for an equal freight tariff on hay shipments originating in Oregon as compared with those in the state of Washington. The Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Bend Commercial Club and the Deschutes County Farm Bureau and interested farmers in Clatsop and Columbia counties are uniting in their efforts to assist the Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers in getting a fair rate.

The present rate as it now stands is as follows, given from these key points, and in effect Jan. 1, 1922:

From Kennewick to Portland, 222	mi., present rate	23c
From Kennewick to Astoria, 322	mi., present rate	24c
From Kennewick to Aberdeen, 382	mi., present rate	27 1/2c
From Redmond to Portland, 234	mi., present rate	27c
From Redmond to Astoria, 334	mi., present rate	42 1/2
From Redmond to Aberdeen, 413	mi., present rate	41 1/2c

These are S. P. & S. and N. P. rates.

This present rate amounts to a differential of \$2.90 per ton in favor of Yakima shippers in some cases, while coming around by way of Seattle they have even a little better rate than this to Aberdeen. Oregon growers ask nothing but an equal show with other producers. They feel that they have a right to this, and know no good reason why they should be prevented from selling their own hay in their own state, at least on an equal basis with out-state shippers. Mr. Pickard, Assistant General Manager Freight Agent, has promised to give the matter prompt consideration.

Mr. Pickard is quoted as having said that there was probably enough hay in the Northwest now stacked on the farms to take care of all requirements for the next three years, should no more hay be grown.

Several of the farmers are cleaning up on their hay to sheepmen for feeding purposes at \$8 per ton in the stack. About 10,000 head of sheep are being taken care of on the West End. With a fair demand for No. 1 hay for shipment and the growth of feeding and dairy interests another year should see vastly improved conditions for the farmers of this section.

# Bargain Offer till February 1st

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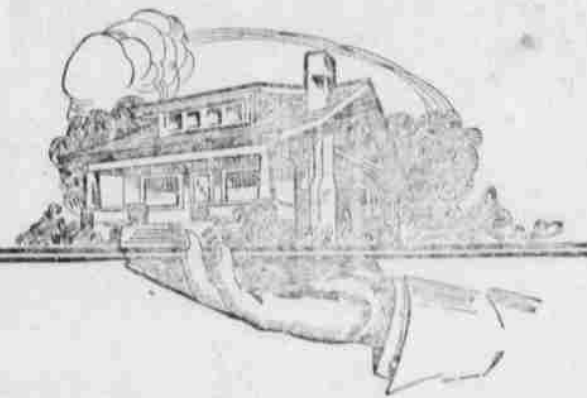
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