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## Boardman Locals and Personals

Mrs. Homer Cason returned this week from Portland.

The Lee Mead family were quarantined on Sunday because of scarlet fever.

Mrs. Vibbert, mother of Mrs. Chas. Dillon, returned to her home at Gateway this week.

Chas. Latourelle was over from Heppner the fore part of the week attending to business here.

F. H. Edmonds is having a car of hay shipped from his ranch here to Vancouver, Washington.

Chas. Marshall was visiting home folks over the week end, returning to work at The Dalles on Sunday evening.

Chas. Nizer sold to Mike Mulligan this week, 50 head of sheep. This leaves Mr. Nizer with only six or seven head.

Claud White, who has been absent from the project for a year, returned this week and will farm his own ranch this year.

Mrs. Harry Warren underwent an operation for golfie on Tuesday at Portland, and at last reports was improving steadily.

Little Rhoda Knauff met with a painful accident last week, when her brother upset a bottle of lye in her lap inflicting painful burns.

Mrs. Dan Rancier was called to Pendleton on Wednesday to nurse her younger sister Mrs. Otto Stoll, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Buster Randa has been busy during school vacation the past week, trapping skunks. He has seven skunk pelts, one badger and two coyotes to his credit.

The A. P. Ayres family who have been sick for several weeks with the scarlet fever, were released from the quarantine on Wednesday and their home fumigated.

Ralph Humphries is another former resident, who has returned to Boardman. He and Mrs. Humphries arrived last week, and will make their home on their farm for the ensuing year.

Owing to the rumor of a visit to this vicinity of Sheriff McDuffee there has been an increase in payment of dog taxes the past week. If this tax is not paid, there is a fine of \$10.00 a month.

J. F. and J. M. Duggan, uncle and nephew from Whitcomb Washington, have leased 80 acres of the Harrison farm, and will take possession about March 1. O. H. Warner drew up the papers for the deal.

Mrs. Bender of The Dalles is here assisting Mrs. Dillon, while she is recuperating from her recent operation.

John Brice is the possessor of a new riding pony, which he obtained in a raffle trade with Pat Pattee.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeMauro and son have moved from Messner, and are at present at The Dalles, visiting with relatives. Mr. Mauro has several positions in view, but has not decided yet what he will take up.

### Baby Girl

On Sunday February 8, a nice nine pound girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wilson.

### Gets Speeders

Traffic Officer Lowellyn, has been nabbing the speeders on the Columbia Highway out of Boardman this week.

### Dislocates Knee

Last Saturday Mrs. Chas. McDaniels had the misfortune to trip on a piece of carpet and fall and dislocate her knee. Dr. Gaunt from Condon was called and put the knee in a plaster cast.

### Trapping Coyotes

Government trappers Aholt and Williams have been very successful the past two weeks in this vicinity. They have been using both poisoned bait and traps and have averaged a coyote a day. Tom Miller has trapped 20 coyotes this winter and several other of the farmers of this section have trapped and poisoned the pests.

### Baby's Funeral Held

Funeral services of little Billie Thurman, were held in Pendleton at Brown's Funeral home on Wednesday February 4. Little Billie was but 10 months of age and the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thurman, and a nephew of Mrs. Dan Rancier.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

### Install Grange Officers

Members Sam Shell and Chas. Dilabaugh and Mrs. Chas. Wicklander, installed the officers of the newly organized Grange at Stanfield on last Monday night. Stanfield Grange has 57 members at this time. Efforts are to be made now to form a Pomona Grange in this precinct.

### New Shop Foreman Here

Walter Henry, a long time friend of Mr. and Mrs. Currey and a printer of some 25 years experience has accepted the position as foreman at the Currey Printing Company's shop. Mr. Henry arrived from Portland on Tuesday evening and has been getting familiar with the run of the shop this week.

## CONGRESSMAN SANDERS



Congressman Everett Sanders of Indiana is to become secretary to the President when C. Bascom Siemp quit on March 4.

## VALE FORESEES EPIDEMIC DANGER

Vale, Or.—Danger of an epidemic of diphtheria and smallpox was foreseen here by city officials, and others as a result of the flooding of Vale and surrounding territory through the bursting of the irrigation dam on Bully creek last Thursday.

With from 2000 to 4000 head of cattle and sheep lying dead in the lowlands west of Vale toward Bully creek, where they were caught by the rushing waters and drowned, and with every basement and lower floor of Vale's residences and business houses filled with mud and debris, the situation from a health standpoint was viewed with apprehension.

The loss to property here and in adjacent territory swept by the flood now is placed close to \$500,000 instead of \$250,000, as at first estimated.

## ITALY'S DEBT NOT FUNDED

Borah Informed No Arrangements Made for Settlement.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Mellon informed Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee that the treasury had been advised of no proposals looking to settlement of the Italian war debt.

The secretary's letter, written in reply to a personal inquiry by the Idaho senator, said that the debt, November 15, 1924, totaled \$2,097,347,122.82, made up of cash advances prior to November 11, 1918, amounting to \$1,031,000,000, subsequent advances of \$617,034,050.90 and accrued interest of \$449,477,924.86. The Italian government had been credited with "amounts returned" in the sum of \$164,852.94.

### Use of Meat Increases.

Washington, D. C.—Increased meat consumption in the United States last year was indicated in statistics compiled by department of agriculture showing that about 1,000,000 more meat animals were slaughtered than in 1923. Slaughter of 79,432,640 cattle, calves, sheep, goats and swine was reported. While half a million fewer swine were killed, slaughter of cattle, calves and sheep increased half a million each.

## "Flora" for California Capitol



Mrs. Edward Field Sanford, Jr., sculptor and wife of a celebrated New York sculptor, applying the right tints to the fine figure of "Flora," which is eight feet high and will be erected in front of the state capitol of California at Sacramento.

## Historical Spots Along Old Oregon Trail From Seaside to Idaho Line

(By Mrs. Helen Myers Warren) State Chairman Historic Spots D.A.R.

### John Day

The John Day River coursing its way through rough rocks and hills was named for John Day, one of the members of the Price Hunt party, who with Ben Jones and Robert Stuart and others are credited "The Platte route of the old trail." John Day was the son of Ambrose Day of Culpepper, Co. Va. This family was conspicuous in early history of Virginia. He died on the south side of the Columbia river about Astoria Feb. 16, 1820. He left a will (see history in scrap book). He probably was a revolutionary soldier. There is carved on a rock at John Day river the figure of a man, holding one hand above his head and the other one over his heart. (see picture in scrap book.)

### Willow Creek

The old Trail crossed Willow Creek at Cecil about twenty miles above the mouth, Ezra Meeker placed a marker here.

### Boardman

The nearest point to Wells Springs, on the Old Trail, where Col. Cornelius Gilliam was accidentally shot and killed on March 24th, 1848. (see notes in scrap book), there are 12 unknown graves on the Old Trail at Wells Springs. Ezra Meeker, child on a stone here these words, "Old Oregon Trail, 1845-1859".

There is a topographical capping of the first survey on the crown of this rock, marking the base line. Not far from this place a battle took place. Col. Gilliam and Capt. McKay's men met the Cayuse Indians and Chief Grey Eagle was killed, and Chief Five Crows was wounded. These springs are well shaped and deep. Mrs. Smith wrote in her diary of 1847, "We had to stay up all night to keep our oxen from getting in these holes of water. (see notes of battle in scrap book.)"

### Umatilla or Umatilla

Which means shifting sands, was

the home of a tribe of Indians who had a burying ground in a large grove of Willow trees, these trees died and sands blew away from the bodies and relics of these Indians.

A valuable collection was sent to the Chicago World Fair by Mrs. Knussy, an old resident of Umatilla. This was the only trading and shipping point east of The Dalles, boats brought freight to be taken to its destination, as far as Boise, Idaho and other mining places. (see scrap book.) Joe Meek and Robert Newell brought Dr. Whitman's wagons in 1840, which he had left at Ft. Hall, and crossed the Columbia river to go up to Walla Walla.

### Echo

This place was once called Fort Henrietta, for Major Granville G. Haller's wife. A fort was built by Major Chinn in 1855. Here was the headquarters of the Indian reservation, which was later moved to Pendleton. Mr. Koontz built a grist mill which was known as the Henrietta Mills. When the town was incorporated it was called Echo for Mr. Koontz's daughter. The wagon road crossed the Umatilla river at Echo and meandered over the hills to Willow Creek.

### Pendleton

The place where the road divides, one to Walla Walla, the other the Old Oregon Trail to the east, now a great highway. The old mission and Indian reservation where the remnant of the tribes are quartered, is located near the foot of Cabbage Hill, not far from Pendleton. It was my great pleasure to take the hand of Chief Stiecas daughter while at Meacham. She lives on this reservation.

### Cabbage Hill

On the Old Oregon Trail is a skyline boulevard, mounting up and up to the eternal blue, the crowning glory of the Blue Mountains, this hill is covered with a large leaf plant which looked much like cabbage, and I wondered if this is how it got its name.

## Valentines



Wild flowers wave and nod at you. Here you get a panoramic view of the Umatilla Valley, wonderful in coloring like a patchwork quilt, with thousands of acres of wheat and grain for the patches.

### Deadman Pass

Entering the timber we came to where three men were killed by the Indians in 1878, and lay for several days before found. This is the place where we would have welcomed the oxen, the road was not finished, and was muddy and rough. It seemed they only would be able to pull us through.

### Immigrant Springs

Which has not ceased to flow since our fathers drank of it and camped there in the old days. A drinking fountain should be placed at these springs, and preserve them for one of our shrines. This is at the summit of the Blue Mountains. We followed the ridge over the summit of the mountains till we came to peaceful— (Continued Next Week)

## STATE DEPARTMENT TO AID TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

In carrying out a plan outlined last year by the state highway department, approximately \$3,000 will be spent this year in planting trees along the Columbia river, Sherman and John Day highways, it was stated in The Dalles Optimist several days ago.

As soon as the weather clears up Mr. Boardman will begin his work. He plans on planting a large number of trees on the Sherman highway that were killed during the winter. Mr. Boardman who conducts a nursery at his home, stated that Allanthus, a hardy and beautiful variety of tree, which were planted last year, had come thru the winter in good shape and that this tree seemed to be the most practical for the Eastern Oregon climate.

It was announced that of the total amount to be expended, \$800 be used in Gilliam County along the Columbia river highway and \$750 on the Columbia river highway in Sherman County between the Deschutes and John Day rivers. A sum of \$850 has been set aside for the Sherman highway.

About \$100 will be spent on the Columbia river highway in planting new trees on Rowena loops near the new Mayer park, which is now under state construction. The Columbia river highway between The Dalles and the Deschutes river has been allotted \$500.

## EIGHT MILE LADY BURIED IN PORTLAND MONDAY

Mrs. S. M. Burnett, aged 57, beloved wife of S. M. Burnett of Eight Mile, passed away suddenly last Saturday morning, February 7, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, where she was rushed for aid on Tuesday night's train. Gall stones caused her fatal illness.

Surviving her beside the husband, are two sons, C. Clyde and Glen Van Gorder of Portland and one brother, Alfred Shoe of DeGraff, Ohio.

Mrs. Burnett has lived on the ranch near Arlington for several years, coming here from Portland where in 1908 she opened and successfully operated, the Van Gorder Delicatessen on Washington street near 13th. This was the first of its kind operated in Portland as an exclusive delicatessen. It is now operated by her sons. She left many friends to mourn her loss who all extend their heartfelt sympathy to the husband and family. The funeral was held in Portland Monday and burial was in Riverview Cemetery.

## Irrigon Items

The writer has been requested to make denial of the existence of any scarlet fever in Irrigon district. Some one has spread such news about Umatilla and elsewhere, whereas there is no ground for it at all. There are no cases of any sickness having any resemblance to scarlet fever.

Mr. Frank Rider has purchased the house belonging to Mrs. Rebecca Knight and is moving it out in sections to his new ranch on the River View Boulevard near Mr. Hux's place.

They expect to have it ready for occupancy in a week or ten days.

Marshall Markham spent the week end in Irrigon, returning to his work at Pendleton Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow went to Portland Sunday where Mr. Glasgow had his eyes tested and returned Tuesday morning while Mrs. Glasgow went on to Seattle to consult her doctor and may have to stay a week or two.

P. C. Bishop arrived on train No. 1 Wednesday to do some carpenter work for Mr. Wadsworth.

## Seed Loan Blanks At Arlington Bank

Secretary of State Kozler and Party Visit Arlington—County Board is Appointed

Secretary of State Sam Kozler, George Griffith and Governor Pierces' secretary Dulzel, representing the State Board of Control, met with the County Board of Appraisers in the Arlington National Bank on Friday evening to get first hand information concerning the needs of the wheat farmers, and explaining the methods required to be followed in order to expedite the loans for seed wheat.

The party left for Condon late in the evening and will visit Heppner, enroute to Pendleton on Saturday.

Applications must be carefully filled out, a search of the records must be made by the attorney, Chas. H. Horner and waiver secured from prior lien holders to permit the state loan to take precedent. Renters must also secure signature of land owners.

The money is ready to be sent out and if the applications are complete when presented the Board of Control will endeavor to mail checks the next day.

(By Co. Agent Morse, Morrow County)

During the past few weeks many questions have developed relative to spring wheat varieties and the best methods to follow in seeding spring wheats. In choosing varieties to reseed the winter wheats frozen out, one of the things to be carefully considered is the amount of winter wheat that is alive and will come thru the winter alright. Most winter fields will have enough scattered winter plants to foul the spring wheat.

It is considered best to plant white spring wheats on land that had hybrid or fortyfold. Marquis is probably best to use on Turkey land although it is not as high a yielder as some of the other wheats.

There is much confusion regarding the federation varieties. Federation wheat was brought from Australia in 1916 and later selections were made from this of hard federation and white federation. Each of the varieties is beardless and the kernels white. Hard federation matures earlier than federation and has harder kernels of a better milling quality. Both varieties of federation being about as winter hardy as bluestem, and Hard Federation is not all winter hardy. These wheats are more fully discussed in Station Bulletin 204 from the Oregon Agricultural College, which can be secured from the County Agent's office.

The following are yields of the five leading spring wheats at the Moro Experiment Station from 1918 to 1924 inclusive. Federation 27.4 bushels per acre; hard federation 26.8; Bart 23.2; Bluestem 20.9; Marquis 20.2; for the same period Hybrid 128 winter wheat yielded 30.9; Turkey red 30.3 bushels to the acre.

Spring grains should be sown early. The sooner it is in the ground after spring is open, the better yields will be obtained. One caution that the writer wishes to make to all farmers buying seed is to re-clean it carefully on your own place. There are many weeds which can be taken out by a careful re-cleaning.

The ground should be prepared so that you will have a good seed bed. In some sections the ground will not require reworking. In other sections harrowing or discing and harrowing should be done to give the spring wheat the best chance. If weeds are coming in the fields the ground should be worked to kill those now sprouting, just before seeding.

### O-W Cuts Seed Rates

Carload freight rates have been cut in half by the O. W. R. and N. Co. on seed wheat to be used for the purpose of re-seeding frozen out wheat lands in Eastern Oregon, Washington and in Camas Prairie Idaho, according to a notice received this week by A. E. Blackburne, local agent.

The emergency rate applies only when consigned to duly accredited persons, associations or officials, who must give certificate that the seed so transported will be used for the intended purpose and the reduction will be conditional upon the benefits going fully to the actual farmer.

The rates are effective this week in intra-state shipments and begin on Monday in inter-state shipments within the prescribed limits.

Mrs. Chas. Dillon returned on Saturday from The Dalles where she recently underwent an operation.