

**A Trip Through Eastern Oregon**

Lexington is located nine miles from Heppner and probably has 150 or 200 inhabitants. Although with this population the town has two hotels, one saloon, a barber shop, blacksmith shop, livestock and two good general stores. At this place the town has just completed a new hall with an opera house underneath. The town also has a school building three stories high and has nine grades. Where the people come from who support the stores and patronize the school is a mystery, as you can travel miles and not see a farm house. Several churches are also located here. Rev. J. M. Turner, formerly of Independence, is in charge of the M. E. church South at this place.

Strange as it may seem the town of Lexington has no railroad agent, although the company every year ships over one hundred cars of freight, this being full cars, not counting the freight that is brought in for the stores and other purposes. Wood is now \$8 per cord and coal about \$10 per ton, and on this line not a single waiting room at the depot had a fire. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of land has changed hands near here during the past two months. Land is valued here all the way from \$8 to \$20 per acre.

Ione is located some 18 miles down the line from Heppner. This is a somewhat larger place than Lexington, there being between three and five hundred people. The town has one hotel and a number of restaurants, two drug stores, a number of general stores, and the five saloons there seem to be doing a thriving business. We noticed only one church. The school building is a very nice structure and there is an enrollment of 180 children. At the present time there are at least twenty new residences in the course of construction or completed. Also a number of store buildings are going up on Main street. There is a very good bank here and the banker has built here the nicest home in Morrow county. The price of land may be judged somewhat when we tell you that \$1.50 per foot was offered for one of the lots along Main street.

Frank Lewis, a former resident of Independence, has been here working in a meat market for the past two months.

Miss Virginia Deaton, proprietor of the Ione Post, also a former resident of our town, is doing very nicely with her newspaper at this place. We are more than glad to chronicle the success of Miss Deaton, as she is fully deserving of all the success that may come her way, and this little town is very fortunate in having such an enterprising and faithful young lady at the head of its newspaper. One of the big draw backs to pleasant living in this country is the alkali water.

Biggs, on the O. R. & N., is a little station where you make the start on the Columbia Southern Railway for Shaniko and way points. When you leave Biggs the train winds around up a little valley or gorge for in a number of places there is only room for the track. Every foot of the seventy miles between Biggs and Shaniko is up hill. At Shaniko you find a little trading point. The country tributary to this place is entirely devoted to stock raising. Shaniko

has some 100 inhabitants. From this point some six or eight stage lines make their start for the interior. The stage left at 8 P. M. for Prineville and travels all night, making the complete trip without making a stop longer than to change horses which are changed about every fifteen miles.

The townspeople practically own the town of Shaniko. They have put up a good water system, a brick hotel at a cost of \$18,000 and also own the bank here and land for further orders. Warehouses some 800 feet long are located along the railroad at this one place and last year handled some 6,000,000 pounds of wool. It is generally conceded that as soon as the railroad is pushed on to the interior this place will receive quite a severe blow as the ranchers will not team along the railroad to reach any one particular town. The Shaniko Leader here is run by Sid Percival, a former Monmouth and Independence boy, who reports being well pleased with his location.

In coming back down the line to our first starting place, Biggs, we only travel some twenty miles until the conditions are entirely changed and we strike a farming district strictly. Arriving at Grass Valley we find a little town of some 350 or 400 people. There are a number of fair stores. Quite a number of new buildings were put up here the past summer and a brick block is now in course of construction. Here is where you find the Polk county folks. The Vinton Hotel is presided over by a former student of the State Normal. Miss Vinton. Among others we noticed Lee Miller, formerly of our town, who has a ranch out here. Albert and P. M. Lemmon run the meat market here; Ben Johnson is a near-by farmer; Geo. and Joseph Dugger also farm; also Johnnie Murphy, and one of the Teal boys is here. P. H. Murphy is located here and says business is not very good at present, though it has been very good the past year.

**A Proposed Measure.**

Special from Buena Vista.

A subject that has been much discussed in Buena Vista the past ten days is a petition that has been in circulation and which has been numerous signed, looking to the closing up of certain public streets in Buena, and the narrowing of others.

As is usual with all measures of public interest, the one under discussion has its enemies as well as its supporters. Just what objection there is to the plan is rather obscure. One prominent citizen is of the opinion that the measure, if carried, will entail a vast amount of trouble and litigation; those in favor of the movement, however, assert that such is not true and that the matter can be speedily and peaceably adjusted.

There are many streets in Buena that are of no practical use, except as a pasture for loose stock. In closing these and in keeping stock out of the streets no harm could possibly result, while there would undoubtedly be a movement inaugurated thereby tending to the building of sidewalks and fences that would eventually add much to the general appearance of the village.

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**Tendency of the Times.**

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**Silver Medal Contest.**

Special from Monmouth.

The silver medal contest at the Christian church last Thursday evening was well attended. The program was as follows:

Song, "America," by the audience; opening remarks by the superintendent; song, "Flag of the Free," by class of contestants; "Poorhouse Nan," by Miss Katie Towne; solo, Irma Campbell; "The Converted Rumseller," Miss Virginia Owen; "Who Struck the Blow," Miss Lenore Craven; song, "Temperance Bells," by fifteen little girls; "The Tetotaler's Story," Myrtle McRennels; song and chorus, "Battle Song," Lura Houston and little girls; "Strong Drink is Raging," Maud Haymer; solo, Lois Powell; "A Call to Arms," Ruby Allen; decision of judges; song, Lenore Craven; presenta-

tion of medal; parting song by the little girls.

The program was well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The medal was awarded to Virginia Owen, Myrtle McRennolds coming second by only three-fourths of one point.

The judges were President Ressler, Prof. A. F. Campbell and J. B. V. Butler.

**Will Remain in The Dalles.**

Word has been received that Rev. D. V. Poling will be unable to return to the pastorate of the First Congregational church, of this city. His congregation in The Dalles absolutely refused to accept his resignation and raised his salary to \$1800 per year and offered to make it more if that would be any inducement for him to stay. The citizens generally, besides the members of his church, made a vigorous protest against his leaving so Rev. Poling decided to remain in his present work. Albany people are generally very much disappointed because he is not to come to this city, but nevertheless congratulate The Dalles upon being able to retain him.—Albany Herald

Miss Frances French is visiting with friends in Independence.—Albany Herald.

**O. R. & N.**

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Leaves Independence for Monmouth and Dallas	11:00 a. m., 6:15 p. m.	Leaves Dallas for Monmouth and Independence.	1:30 p. m., 7:30 "
Leaves Monmouth for Astoria	9:40 a. m., 7:50 a. m., 3:30 p. m.	Leaves Monmouth for Independence	1:30 p. m., 2:40 " 5:45 " 8:30 "
Leaves Monmouth for Dallas	11:20 a. m., 6:40 p. m.	Leaves Independence for Monmouth	2:05 p. m.

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