

## SMOKING HILL IS FOUND UP RIVER

### What May Be Miniature Volcano Attracting Attention of People

### Fissures In Rocks Permit Escape of Smoke, Steam and Gas— Grass Killed Around Hole

What may prove to be a subterranean hot spring or a miniature volcano has been discovered at mile post 60 up the river by the O. R. & N. track.

About three weeks ago John Foley, track inspector for that road, saw what he took to be smoke issuing from some rocks above the right-of-way. John watched that point day by day and on Saturday last decided upon a closer investigation. He, in company of a Mexican section hand, went to the top of the hill. There they found several holes in the rocks from one of which clouds of steam were ascending to the sky. Mr. Foley poked his head into the hole but was compelled to withdraw it because of the offensive odor emanating from the aperture.

The rocks around the fissure were warm and at the edges wet spots showed, demonstrating what was supposed to be smoke was steam. The rocks there are not lava, but have the appearance of pumice or limestone. The grass around the crater in a diameter of 20 feet has all turned yellow, showing there may be gas mixed with the steam.

Mr. Foley says that when he first observed the smoke coming from the mountain he thought some porcupine had built a nest in the rocks and by some unknown manner this had become ignited. His investigation on Saturday dispelled that idea. The place where the steam comes from the rocks is in a direct north and south line with the warm spring on the Indian reservation, and those who have been informed of the steam coming from the ground incline to the belief that the water from those springs flows to this side of river by subterranean passage, or that a buried stream of water is flowing over lime stone, which causes the liquid to heat and send up clouds of steam to the surface.

Several Maupinites propose to make a trip to mile post 60 and make a thorough investigation of the phenomena.

### Trek Bulls To Antelope

W. B. Sloan of Tygh Valley brought several high grade bulls to Maupin, Tuesday and put them in the O. R. & N. stockyards. The animals have been sold to Antelope stockmen and their drivers came in for them on Wednesday.

### Big Crop of Pigs

L. C. Henneghan has had wonderful luck with his pig crop this season. He has 25 brood sows and they have produced about 200 pigs so far this season. That is an average of eight pigs to the litter. Since last fall Mr. Henneghan has marketed 240 fat porkers, receiving from 13.10 to 14 cents per pound for same at the yards.

Spring tonics now in order. Let us recommend something. Maupin Drug Store.

### Radio Aids Farmers To Save Money

A recent inquiry sent to farmers as to the commercial value of their radios brought replies from 500 farm radio listeners in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. One hundred and sixty-three reported that their radios saved them money each year, savings averaging \$148.64 per family.

Market reports were considered the greatest financial advantage of radio, tho some farmers saved in movie tickets, gasoline and magazine purchases.

Farmers are using the more powerful sets. About 70 per cent of those reporting had loud speakers, 24 per cent had three-tube receivers, and 21 per cent five tube receivers. Seventy-two per cent listens regularly to talks on agricultural subjects.

### Shipping More Porkers

O. S. Walters and Chas. Walker will each ship a carload of fat hogs to the Portland market. They will take the porkers to the yards Saturday night over the Oregon Trunk. These gentlemen have shipped several carloads of hogs to Portland the past few months and will have more to follow shortly.

### Grounds Get Trees

Principal Geiser with Director Kaiser and several High school boys set out trees around the school grounds Wednesday morning. It is the intention to entirely surround the grounds with trees of different varieties, and those set out this time are but the forerunners of more to follow.

### Eleven Years Ago

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The W. H. Staats Mercantile Co's store was broken into some time Monday night by safe blowers. The safe was blown open and about \$80.00 in cash taken, besides looting the store of a quantity of tobacco, cigarettes, knives and razors. They also took several watches from the case of H. L. Emmons, the jeweler. Nitro-glycerine was used and a number of new blankets were used to muffle the sound of the explosion.

Ollie Bothwell was badly bruised about the face last Monday. When he opened the barn door a horse standing close by kicked suddenly striking a crossbar, which hit his face, causing some bad cuts and loosening several teeth.

Lambing season is now on for the sheep men and a large percent is predicted owing to the ideal weather.

One of the largest trout caught here this season was landed by Dr. Hatfield Monday. It measured 25 inches.

Mrs. Rice, a sister of Mrs. Richard Johnson, is here for a few days' visit on her return home from the Panama-Pacific exposition. Her home is at Spokane, Washington.

A vaudeville performance under the direction of the local Artisans Assembly No. 490, will be staged here on Friday, April 2. Admission will be 10 cents. Ladies will bring boxes for two, to be sold at 50 cents each.

Read The Times—get the news

## An Eye-Opening Statement

The press dispatches from New York under date of March 8, carried a surprising report of facts and figures of farming conditions in this country—surprising from the fact that the story was given out by the big industrial interests of the nation, The National Industrial Conference Board. This board is composed of manufacturers, public utilities, transportation, mining and other big interests, and it has investigated farming and other conditions for a year past. Following are its condensed findings:

After deducting enough from the farmer's income to cover food, fuel and clothing supplied by the farm, the average farmer has an annual cash income of \$100. Net return of the average farmer's investment for the past five years has been 2 per cent.

The actual average earnings of farmers per year are \$700; factory workers \$1255; railroad workers \$1572; clerical workers \$2141; ministers \$1678; government workers \$1650.

In 1919 the per capita income of the farmer was \$362; the following year it was \$298 and in 1921 it was \$186. In comparison the city workers' incomes for these years were \$723, \$816 and \$701.

There was an increase of 1000 per cent of farm failures between 1910 and 1924, while there was no increase in commercial failures during this time.

Invested farm capital dropped \$12,000,000 in the five years from 1920 to 1925.

The buying power of the farmer has steadily decreased for the past 25 years.

The farmer receives 40 cents a dollar on his income dollar, as compared with worker engaged in other occupations.

The cost of farming rose 600 per cent between 1910 and 1920.

The report says the condition is a "serious maladjustment and it is no longer paying agriculture to maintain its production. The farmer is tending to become increasingly radical while the city dweller is becoming more and more conservative."

"Congress is alarmed over the clamor of the farmers from nearly every state in the Union that the government take some action to save them from general bankruptcy. They bluntly say that one of the chief causes of the price disparity is effective protection for industry and labor, while they must take the European price for agricultural products of which they must export the surplus. They are demanding an even break with other industries."

### Teachers Voted Upon

The following members of the present faculty of the Maupin schools have been voted upon and will be offered contracts for another year by the school board: Prof. R. Geiser, Mrs. Vere DeVoe and Mrs. Lucile Cantrell. Many applications for positions here have been received by the board and from these the balance of the teaching corp will be chosen.

### Made Final Proof

Art Fargher made final proof on his homestead before Commissioner F. D. Stuart yesterday. His witnesses were Clarence Fargher and John Manion. The tract proved up on is in the Bakeoven district and is one of choicest parcels of land around here.

The Times—only \$1.50 a year.

## News of Interest From the Schools

### ANNUAL SCHOOL PLAY

Saturday, April 10, is an important date to the people of Maupin and nearby towns, for the high school will then present their annual play. The drama is entitled "The High Cost of Truth" and has been for several years a very successful play on the professional stage. It is a three-act comedy, which depends for its humor upon clever lines and unusual situations rather than burlesque characterizations. The first act is set in the office of a successful business man, and the two following acts in the parlor of his summer home. The cast includes eleven high school boys and girls, each one of whom is endeavoring to make the evening of April 10 one to be long remembered for its fun and clean entertainment.

### PREMIER RECORDS

During the past month Charles Bothwell, Edmund Wilson, and Wilbur Matthews of the sixth grade, and Bonney Duus, Laco

Greene, Melvin Lindley and Windell Lindley of the fifth grade, were neither absent nor tardy.

The following pupils in the high school made a perfect record in attendance and punctuality for the past month: Irene Matthews, Alda Pugh, Helen Weberg, Winnifred Kaiser, Jean Wilson, Clarence Hunt, Estel Stovall, Kenneth Snodgrass, Earl Greene, Fred Shearer, James Appling.

Pupils of third and fourth grades neither absent nor tardy during the past month were: Earl Addington, Douglas Bothwell, Jack Chastain, Ralph Kaiser, Herbert Kramer, James Slusher, Henry Wilson, Genevieve Allen, Francis Lindley, Ruth Mathews, Jean Renick.

### ILLUSTRATED MENUS

The pupils of Mrs. Morrison's room are preparing health booklets which will show menus for breakfast, luncheon and dinner illustrated by pictures cut from magazines.

### Maupin Possesses Fine Large Sulphur Spring

A spring, which is attracting more or less attention of the people of this city, has its existence about half a mile up the river from the Union Pacific depot. Some section men discovered the spring and drank of its waters. They did not repeat the experiment, as the water had a disagreeable taste and odor. A few weeks ago John Foley and Dave Donaldson cleaned out the hole, dug a drain and now the spring is flowing a healthy stream. The edges and bottom of the hole are covered with what appears to be sulphur, which also lines the drain ditch.

Dave used the water from this spring for drinking purposes and says it had a most beneficial effect upon his kidneys. He claims the mineral in the water has great medical properties. We are going to send a sample of the water away for analysis to determine just what makes it taste so like rotten eggs and smell like skunk cabbage.

### Surveyors Miss Wap. With New Cutoff

The engineers who are laying out the road between Wapinitia and the edge of the reserve have aroused the ire of Wapinitiaites for the reason that their line does not strike that burg. Instead it leaves the market road at the turn which leads to the town. It was confidently expected that the new road would go through the village, and to have it miss altogether is a pill too large for the people of that place to swallow with pleasure. An effort will be made to have the engineers reconsider their line.

### Traffic Officer Needed

This section of the Dalles-California highway greatly needs a traffic officer. Hardly a day passes but some driver with more speed than sense in his noodle "hits 'er up" through town much faster than the traffic laws allow. Yesterday morning a Lincoln car containing five men went through at about 45 miles, and in the afternoon a Ford was driven though at its limit. Some day an accident will occur, then an officer will be stationed here. A case of "locking the barn door after the horse is stolen."

### Visitor From Nevada

Last Thursday Dr. Stovall was agreeably surprised when his brother, A. E. Stovall, unexpectedly came in the drug store. The visitor hailed from Goldfield, Nevada, where he is engaged in railroad work. He left on his return trip Saturday morning.

### Went To Bear Springs

Last Sunday Leonard Farlow made a trip over to Bear Springs 27 miles distant from Maupin. Leonard says he encountered no snow and but little was visible on the route. He states the road is in excellent condition all the way.

### Some Wind

B. L. Forman was in from Wapinitia Monday. Mr. Forman states that the wind was so strong Saturday that he was compelled to stable his tractor and cease plowing for the time being, as the wind filled the cylinders and carburetor with sand.

## MILITARY CAMP OPENS JUNE 18

### Boys 17 Up to 31 In Advanced Class Eligible to Attend

### Vancouver Barracks to Accom- modate 500 Candidates—All Equipment Furnished

Candidates are being enrolled now for the Citizens' Military Camps of Oregon and Washington. The largest camp in the area will be the Infantry camp at Vancouver Barracks. Brigadier General Paul A. Wolf will be in command. Active preparations are under way at the present time and a complete tent camp equipped with bath houses, kitchens and mess halls will be ready for the 500 candidates when they arrive on June 18th.

The camp is open to boys of 17 and in the advanced classes up to the age of 31. Boys of average intelligence who are able to pass the physical examination will be admitted. All necessary expenses going to and returning from camp will be paid by the government, and each candidate will be furnished with uniform, food and shelter while in camp.

Vancouver Barracks is located on the north bank of the Columbia River near the Pacific highway and adjoins the city of Vancouver. Portland is only five miles away, lying across the Columbia to the south. Pearson Field, with aviators training in flying every day, is located within a stone's throw of the camp site itself. It would be hard to find a more beautiful place or one that is better adapted to the purpose of a military camp.

For information and application blanks apply to The Commanding Officer, Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

### Buys Service Satation

Paul Muller has become the owner and manager of the service station formerly conducted by A. L. Miller at Tygh Valley. Paul will add a stock of tires and auto accessories and will also sell Ford cars. The past week he has disposed of a Ford coupe to Miss Thelma Bonney of Shaniko, a fordoor sedan to Floyd Johnson, a like car to G. A. Hood and touring car to another man. A line of oils, greases and gasolene will also be carried. Traveler's wants will receive courteous attention at all times. Mr. Muller says that he will take as his motto "service at all times," and we are sure he will live up to it.

### Oregon News Notes

Eugene—Signal and ballast gangs rush work on Natron Cut-Off.

Homestead—Idaho and Oregon will build \$75,000 bridge across Snake River.

Salem—Denny & Co. contract for 60 cars black cherries here, and 20 cars at McMinnville.

Hermiston—R. C. Crowder sells "Hermiston Herald."

Klamath Falls—Pelican Bay sawmill starts two shifts, 300 men to cut 70,000,000 feet this year.

Oregon and Washington lumbering and logging employ 71,000 men, with wages of \$100,000,000 a year.