

School Election Centers on Mrs. Bothwell for Board Member

School Board Continues With Same Personnel—Mrs. N. G. Hedin Elected Clerk

The school election held on Monday resulted in the re-election of Mrs. H. F. Bothwell as member of the board, while Mrs. N. G. Hedin was chosen as school clerk. Every vote of the meeting was cast for those ladies, and clearly demonstrated that our school patrons were desirous of keeping up the full strength of the board.

Mrs. Bothwell has officiated as chairman during the past year. She has been a sort of a balance wheel on the board, and has maintained a stand that our schools should be kept up to the highest possible standard at all times. She has had the entire confidence of the people of the district, and while strenuously refusing to allow her name to go before the people for reelection, was at last convinced that she was the one person in Maupin most desired as a member of the board. Mrs. Bothwell has been on the board during the past three years. Her every endeavor was that Maupin's schools should be counted among the best in the state and has worked to that end at all times. She has had much to contend with during her incumbency of the office, but has smoothed things out at all times and left no sore spots.

Mrs. Hedin, who was chosen as school clerk, has had considerable experience in school work. She was clerk at Pine Grove and fully understands the duties of the office. She also is a booster for good schools and will do all in her power to help Maupin maintain her position among the schools of this section. Maupin is to be congratulated on the choice of these two estimable ladies to positions on the school board. Our people may rest assured that matters pertaining to the schools here will be in competent hands and that things will go along swimmingly hereafter.

WELCOME GIVEN RETURN OF RESERVATION MISSIONARY

Program of Welcome Indulged In—Indians Participate and Make Fine Talks

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Matthews were hosts to a caravan of friends from Maupin, Wapinitia and Pine Grove last Sunday, when visitors motored over to Simnasho and participated in a general welcome to the missionary and his wife upon their return to that field of labor.

A delightful program of music, vocal solos, duets and quartets, prayer by Rev. Everett Hazen and talks by various members of the gathering, was listened to. N. G. Hedin, through an interpreter, stated the purpose of the visit. Rev. Matthews delivered a masterful sermon to the Indians, with John Powyowette, Indian, changing it into the Indian language. Others of the Indians also made addresses, welcoming their white neighbors and told of appreciation of the return of the missionaries to that field. John Powyowette's father, Old Dick Powyowette, made a touching tribute to the "vanishing Americans." After the service the visitors and friends went to the Matthews home for a brief visit.

Fine Milk Cows

Frank Batty has one of the finest herds of milk cows in this section. At present he is milking 22 cows out of a herd of 35 full blood Jerseys. Frank does not believe that a grade animal is as valuable for milking purposes as the full blood, therefore has none but the best in his herds.

Caught Trout Limit

Ishom West of Wapinitia went fishing at the mouth of Clear creek recently. He caught the limit of trout and then treated the guests at the Wapinitia hotel to a trout dinner.

Ready For Harvest

Wm. Sturges is getting ready for harvest and in order that everything shall be O. K. when harvest arrives is fixing up his header at the Hartman store at Wapinitia.

DUFUR VALLEY NOW SERVED

Electric Lines, Extended Into Fertile Territory

Extension of a power line into Dufur valley, making possible a more intensive development of the fertile land lying in the valley, has already been authorized by the officials of the Pacific Power & Light company and work will be started at once, says The Dalles Chronicle.

Electricity will make of the valley a place for the development of small farms specializing in dairying, it is declared, by providing power and lights for domestic use and for lighting barns and operating milking machines. It will put the Dufur valley on a par with any other district in the state on the basis of advantages offered to prospective settlers.

While no figures have been given out on the length of the new power line, it is declared to be adequate for the needs of the valley and of sufficient horse power to take care of a future growth of several years. Power lines extended into valleys near The Dalles in the last few years have proved in such demand that their power limitations have had to be increased to meet the needs of those adjacent to the lines.

SOME ONE STOLE THE WOOL

Billy Hunt's Wool House Robbed Some Night Last Week

Someone with a superabundance of gall entered the wool house of W. E. Hunt one night last week and helped himself to about 500 pounds of sheep covering. When Mr. Hunt went to get the wool he discovered his loss and at once notified the association officers of the theft. "Dad" Coale also suffered a loss of about ninety dollars' worth of wool, which he had gathered in small lots. There was a report rampant about town to the effect that Fargher had lost 13 sacks of wool. Investigation proved the rumor to be without foundation.

LEGION MEMBERS HOLD PICNIC

Gather at Fair Grounds and Enjoy Fraternal Good Time

A picnic was held at the fair grounds at Tygh Valley last Sunday, being held by the American Legion members and the auxiliary. A fair attendance was out and all enjoyed a basket dinner, supplemented by a freezer of ice cream. After eats were disposed of a business meeting was held at which matters concerning the two orders were gone into. Another picnic is scheduled for July 15, this to be held at Richardson's service station, at Pine Grove at the edge of the timber. All those eligible for membership in either the Legion or auxiliary are cordially invited to be present.

Took Stock to Portland

Bobby Davidson and Elza Derthick each took a load of live stock to the Portland market this week, leaving Sunday evening. Bobby's load consisted of a double decker, there being 16 sheep and 11 hogs on the truck. Elza carried 22 sheep. They returned late Monday evening via the cut-off road.

Want Road Signs

People living on or near the Wapinitia-Mt. Hood cut-off are asking that road signs be placed at dangerous places along that highway. Especially do they desire the signs at and near school houses. By having them there it is possible that some lives may be saved, as autoists usually observe such things and slow up when approaching a school house. It is asked that the signs be placed before the fall term of school begins.

Visitors From Idaho

F. W. Yowell and wife, uncle and aunt of Aaron Davis, drove in Saturday and spent a short time with their relatives in Maupin. The next day they went to Juniper Flat, where they continued their visit with relatives there.

Plenty of Spuds

Verle Bonney of Criterion, has planted eight acres of Spud. Verle has made a success of raising potatoes, and with favorable conditions this season will have a crop to crow over.

Wants Rivers Saved for All the People

Oregon Game Protective Association Circulating Petitions For Preservation of Deschutes

The Oregon Game association, through its campaign manager, R. J. Kirkwood, has issued blank petitions calling for a referendum vote of the people of Oregon on the question of retention of the streams of this state to the benefit of our people. There are several bills, each asking for signatures to the respective petitions, and Mr. Kirkwood has set forth the following as the

Purpose of the Bills
The purpose of the bills is to retain for the people of Oregon such of the waters of the Rogue, Umpqua, McKenzie and Deschutes Rivers (a separate bill for each river) as have not already been grabbed by private interests. Unfortunately we can not recover—for constitutional reasons—the water rights that already have been given away. We are trying to save what is left.

The waters in our streams were given to the people of Oregon by the act of Congress that admitted this state to the Union. It never was intended that this water should be given away to speculators for themselves alone and to be used to the detriment of the public.

These bills safeguard the rights that each individual citizen has in the water of the streams affected. When the time comes that the public and not a private corporation will be benefited by the use of these waters for power development, they will be available for that purpose. Until that time, if these bills are enacted into law, the public will continue to own them and will be in a position to make them yield a substantial revenue to the state, thereby reducing taxation, when they are finally so employed. In the meantime they shall be maintained as the homes of millions of fish—both game and commercial—which means so much to the people of this state.

Right, already established will not and cannot be affected by the bills. The only persons who can object to the passage of these bills are the greedy speculators who would profit at public expense, or their hirelings.

HITS NAIL ON THE HEAD

State Grange Master Tells Few Pertinent Truths

State Master Geo. A. Palmiter, in addressing the State Grange at Rainer last week, said: "The trouble is that industry and labor are protected. Farmers are not and they never will be as long as they remain unorganized." In urging co-operation, he said that only about 30 cents of the consumer's dollar is now returned to the farmer. He thinks freight rates are unfair because based on weight without consideration of value. Regarding taxes, he declared: "All taxes should be levied on ability to pay, for any other basis means simply confiscation. There is plenty of wealth in Oregon to pay all taxes without placing a burden upon any one."

Visiting Her Husband

Mrs. R. B. Bell, accompanied by Miss Mildred Slane of Vancouver, Washington, motored over from that city Tuesday and spent the time until today with R. B. Bell, agent for the O. W. here. Mrs. Bell contemplates coming to Maupin to reside some time the coming fall. For some time past she has been taking care of her mother at Vancouver and anticipates a willingness on the part of her parent to come here to reside.

Moving Oil Pump

Fressie Martin employed himself yesterday in digging a hole for the accommodation of the oil tank and pump, standing at the old Kramer garage. Kramer Bros. are installing the pump at the curb opposite their garage, figuring it will be handier for service than the two under the canopy.

Sold Sheep Flock

John Jonyce recently disposed of about 1,100 sheep, they having been purchased by Tom Borland, who has bought sheep in this section for a number of years. Johnny will look up another band for winter feeding.

New County Engineer Now On the Job

Next Two Weeks to Be Spent in Field on Inspection Trips

Christ Fauerso, former state highway bridge engineer, will take full charge of his duties as Wasco county roadmaster Monday morning, it was announced today. Fauerso was appointed to the position following the acceptance by the county court last week of the resignation of P. W. Marx.

Fauerso will spend most of his time in the field for a few weeks going over the projects on the 1928 program, involving the expenditure of almost \$100,000. Although he is familiar with highway work and engineering problems, it will be necessary for him to make a detailed study of the specific projects.

CHARGED WITH SHEEP TAKING

Anton Siefert Bound Over to Grand Jury Under \$500 Bond

Anton Siefert was bound over to the grand jury under bonds of \$500 on complaint of John Fitzpatrick, who charged that Siefert appropriated to his own use sheep from the Fitzpatrick flock. The complaint that Siefert changed ear marks on sheep, but that sufficient of such marks remained to make identification of sheep positive. Siefert has been in trouble on other occasions, but this is the first time he has been charged with sheep stealing.

MEETING DATE INDEFINITE

No Date Set For Committeemen to Select Candidate

No date has been set for the committeemen of Wasco and Hood River counties to meet for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the position of state senator to succeed Judge E. R. Butler. Chairman French stated on last week that the meeting would be called later in the summer.

N. G. Hedin is in the field for the office of state senator, and the delay in calling the meeting will give him ample opportunity to make a canvass of the district in the interest of his candidacy.

Added Gravel Trucks

Hillstrom Bros. have added a couple of trucks to their gravel hauling line and each is busy hauling gravel to the Maupin grade. Several huge piles have already been completed and it will not be long until the quota for this section of the highway is filled.

Rain Halts Shearing

The rains of the past couple of days have halted sheep shearing. W. E. Hunt has several thousand sheep in the corrals, part of which have been under the shearer's hands, but the remainder will have to dry out before further work on their coats can be done.

Hauling Wood

Oscar Renick improves the early hours of the morning by making trips to the timber and hauling a truck load of wood. He makes a second trip in the afternoon. He is accumulating a large amount of fuel and figures on having sufficient in the yard to satisfy the winter trade.

Wheat Frostbitten

Lew Henneghan returned Tuesday from a visit to Joe Batty at Hardman, Morrow county. Mr. Henneghan reports that wheat in that part was frostbitten early in the season and that conditions for a crop are rather dubious. He says that that section has had no rain to speak of so far this season.

Quits Railroad

Lester Crofoot has tired of pumping a speeder up and down the Deschutes for the O. W., therefore has severed relations with that road. He expects to move his household goods to Maupin soon and will again take up his residence in this city.

Went to Hospital

John McCorkle was admitted to The Dalles hospital last Friday. Just what is bothering our worthy neighbor we have been unable to learn, but trust that nothing serious is the matter and that he will soon be able to return home.

WAMIC WOMAN DIES IN DALLES

Taken There Shortly Before Death Relieved Her

Mrs. Maud Gerity, wife of Richard L. Gerity of Wamic, passed away at The Dalles hospital on Tuesday, at the age of 37 years. Funeral services were held at Wamic yesterday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Everett Hazen of this city, with interment under direction of Zell. Interment took place in the Wamic cemetery.

Besides her husband, Richard L. Gerity, the deceased, leaves three children, Helen, Thomas and Arthur and her mother, Mrs. Emma Chastain of Tygh Valley; two sisters, Mrs. Nina New and Mrs. Effie Knighton of Wamic, and five brothers, Otis Chastain, of Maupin; Frank, of Yakima; Joseph, of Tygh Valley; Jack, of Wamic; and Liberty Chastain of Rainier.

MAIL BIDS ARE ASKED FOR

Call For Six-Day Service Between The Dalles and Maupin

Notices have been posted calling for bids for carrying the mail between The Dalles and Maupin, the service to be a six-day one. The notices state that the mail will leave The Dalles at 6:30 a. m., arriving at Maupin at 9:30 a. m. In the afternoon the mail will leave Maupin at 3:30 and will arrive at The Dalles at 6:30. The only real benefit Maupin will derive from the new mail service will be that the Portland Oregonian will reach here earlier in the day, instead of at 2:05 p. m., as at present. A bond of \$4,000 will be required of the one securing the contract. Bids must be in Washington, D. C. not later than July 17, as the service is slated to start the first of August.

COLUMBIA BARGE LINE IS CONSIDERED

Venture Planned By Big Steamboat Interests, Reported Monday

To serve the upper Columbia river and Snake river territory, a barge line for handling general cargo upstream and wheat and general cargo downstream is being considered at The Dalles, it was learned this week.

Reports circulating among steamship interests indicate that the project is being widely discussed, but as yet no definite plans have been made. Its feasibility is yet to be definitely decided, it is reported, but the plan is being considered by responsible persons.

Wheat and various kinds of cargo including some canned goods and flax shipments, would form the nucleus of the down-river cargo, and oils, gasoline, various manufactured commodities and foodstuffs would supply the nucleus of the up-river cargo. It is argued that the upper Columbia territory has developed to such a point that the service doubtless would prove a profitable venture, especially for the handling of bulk commodities.

The Columbia as far as Hood River is at present supplied with but one river service to Portland, that of the Harkins Transportation company.

Working at North Powder

A postal card to The Times informs us that Mrs. Jessamine Morrison has left Battle Ground, Washington, and is now employed as a printer on the North Powder paper. Mrs. Morrison for a time was instructor in printing at the Adventist academy at Battle Ground, but left there to accept a position on the North Powder News.

Driving New Truck

Carl Spickerman of The Dalles-Maupin truck line, is now driving a new truck. His old one was not of sufficient capacity to accommodate the amount of freight he is bringing to town, so the acquisition of the new vehicle.

Building Bunk House

Workmen are engaged in building a small bunk house at the hatchery. The building will be 14x16 in size and will be used to house the extra workmen at the hatchery. Frank Lister of Maupin is assisting in the erection of the building.

Flags for the Fourth—all sizes, at the Maupin Drug Store.

Red Beds Reached at Clarno Prospect; Goes Thru Many Stratas

Well Down 425 Feet and Going Through Red Bed—Oil Always Found Under Such

Work at the Clarno Basin company's oil well at Clarno is progressing rapidly, the drill being down 425 feet. It has successfully gone thru a formation of oil and lime shale, thru solid rock and now it has reached the strata which invariably covers oil bearing strata. Hopes are entertained that the oil cup will be struck before long.

It is a known fact that wherever drilling for oil has been made a "red beds" formation has always been encountered just before the oil bearing strata was entered. The Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming, California and other fields have been found to contain such formation and such invariably covers oil reservoirs.

One of the best geologists of the world, in speaking of the Clarno field, recently stated that he would not be surprised if oil were found at a depth no greater than 1,000 feet. That man has brought in more wells than any other one man in the United States. He has been consulting engineer for some of the largest oil companies of the country, and it was upon his recommendation that many fields were exploited and made heavy oil producers of oil. Therefore his statements regarding the Clarno field should be given credence.

The Clarno Basin Oil company has under lease a total of 15,000 acres of land in the vicinity of their working. Should oil be struck there a loud call will be made by other oil companies for a chance to lease from the parent company, and many will be willing to pay good prices for same, and still higher prices for a full control of sections whereon to sink wells. It is plain, therefore, that stockholders in the Clarno company will directly benefit by the leasing of such lands, and still more in case of sale outright.

Many geologists have investigated the Clarno formation. In nearly every case such investigators have declared that oil would be found there, and existence of "red beds" goes to show that they were not far amiss in their statement, of the deposit of oil in the Clarno basin.

In case oil is struck there price of stock will go to the sky. At present \$10 will purchase a share of stock and that, in case oil is found, is confidently expected to reach a figure many times what the initial investment cost. We all like to gamble a little, therefore by taking a share of stock in the Clarno Basin Oil company, which carries better than a fifty-fifty chance, subscribers have a chance to "clean up" but with little outlay. People are prone to say they will "try anything once," and here is an opportunity to make a try on what appears to be almost a sure thing. Get on the wagon.

Will Release Trout

The state fish commission fish truck is expected here about the first of next month to take 774,000 young trout for distribution in the river. The trout will be turned loose at various points. There will still be a trout to the number of better than one million to remain in the ponds, and these will be released later in the season.

CAT-TALES

(A True Story)

"How are ye, Pat, this bright mornin'?" Bridget asked Patrick, who seemed a bit tired.

"Praise be, I'm all right now, Bridget, but I just regained consciousness."

"Oh, me poor Pat, was ye hit by an auto?"

"No, niver a hit."

"The saints preserve us, what was the matter then, Pat?"

"Oh, nothing much. I was just unconscious for eight hours, but don't you go being alarmed, Bridget, me dear."

"Nothing much! Unconscious for eight hours! Oh, Pat dear, and ye promised me ye'd quit fightin'!"

"And sure and I kept me promise. I told you it was nothing. I just had a good night's sleep."