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MERCHANT OF VENICE

Great Drama Will Be Presented at Bend.

SOCIAL DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Mrs. W. B. Sellers and Mrs. C. M. Weymouth Treated to Surprises—Notes of Local Interest.

Preparations are now fairly under way for the presentation in Bend of Shakespeare's great drama, 'The Merchant of Venice.' It is expected the drama will be presented about the middle of next September, when many families which move onto their ranches during the summer, will again be residing in Bend in order to send their children to the town schools. It will also require practically all of the intervening time to properly prepare those who will take part in the play.

Rev. Mitchell, who so successfully presented this drama and also Macbeth at Prineville with local talent, will have charge of the preparation and presentation. He is a thorough student of Shakespeare and his productions of the great dramatist's masterpieces are always interesting. The cast of characters will be as follows:

Portia—Mrs. E. Estelle Ellis.
The Duke—Attorney C. S. Beuson.
Antonio—Charles D. Rowe.
Bassanio—George Vandever.
Gratiano—Dr. M. V. Turley.
Gabbro—Prince Staats.
Salanio—Jailer.
Shylock—Rev. Mitchell.
Gabbro—

Surprise on Mrs. W. B. Sellers.

A surprise that truly was a surprise was the party given in honor of Mrs. W. B. Sellers at her home last Wednesday afternoon by a number of Bend ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers will leave Monday for their homestead, so the ladies decided to "surprise" Mrs. Sellers before her departure. And they succeeded.

The ladies met at the bank building about 2:30 o'clock. As luck would have it, Mrs. Sellers had come down town to do some shopping. Mr. Sellers was found at the bank and told the details of the plot. He entered heartily into the scheme, told the ladies where the key to the house could be found and agreed to send Mrs. Sellers home on some pretext or another. The ladies went to the Sellers home, arranged the refreshments in the kitchen which they had brought, and were calmly seated when Mrs. Sellers made her hurried appearance, wondering why the doors which she had left closed and locked, were wide open. As has been said, she was thoroughly surprised.

The afternoon was spent with games in which buncos and finch dominated. Later refreshments of lemonade and cake were served. The ladies departed after having spent a very pleasant afternoon. About 15 guests were present.

Mrs. C. M. Weymouth Remembered.

Another pleasant gathering in the nature of a surprise was one given on Mrs. C. M. Weymouth Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Weymouth will leave Monday for a summer's visit in Portland and the ladies wanted to give her something by which she would remember them, so planned the surprise. The afternoon was spent with

social converse and the game buncos, a new fascinating game that is exciting and interesting—something like finch. Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served later. About 15 guests were present.

'PHONE COMPANY ORGANIZES

Elects Officers and Authorizes Issuance of First Mortgage Bonds.

The stockholders of the Pioneer Telegraph and Telephone Company met in Bend last Saturday and perfected an organization. A board of directors was elected as follows: E. B. King, Portland; W. F. King, A. W. Clothier, George Summers, Prineville; H. C. Ellis, E. F. Batten, F. O. Minor, W. E. Guerin, Jr., Bend; C. W. Dennison, Sisters. The executive committee will consist of W. F. King, E. B. King, H. C. Ellis, A. W. Clothier and W. E. Guerin, Jr.

The officers of the corporation are: W. E. Guerin, Jr., president; H. C. Ellis, 1st vice president and manager; A. W. Clothier, 2nd vice president; E. F. Batten, secretary; E. B. King, assistant secretary; W. F. King, treasurer; Clark Rude, auditor; George Summers, superintendent of maintenance.

The corporation has authorized the issuance of \$100,000 worth of first mortgage bonds which will be placed in the treasury and sold only as the money is required for extensions. The Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Portland will act as trustee for these first mortgage bonds.

Men are already at Prineville to commence the reconstruction of the exchange at that place. A crew will soon leave Bend to construct farmers' lines between Bend and Redmond and from Redmond to O'Neil. The O'Neil-Prineville line will be rebuilt, a complete metallic circuit being installed for use as a farmers' line and another wire stretched for long distance service.

THE KANGAROO RAT.

An Interesting Little Rodent that is Found around Madras.

In addition to the sage rat there is another little rodent in this locality which gets away with a good deal of grain. Locally it is known as the "kangaroo rat," and his principal abode is on the juniper slopes adjoining the wheat fields. The kangaroo rat has very short front legs and very long ones behind, after the manner of the kangaroo, wherefore the name kangaroo rat. He is smaller than the sage rat. On each side of his head, at the sides of his mouth, are pouches in which he stores the grain while carrying it off. These little pouches will hold a teaspoonful of shelled grain, and in them the kangaroo rat carries the grain from the fields to his burrow. Here and there on the juniper hills may be seen little bunches of growing wheat, where he has deposited a mouthful of the seed grain in the ground. Although not as numerous as the sage rats, the kangaroo rats do quite a lot of damage.—Pioneer.

Hightower & Smith Incorporate.

W. J. Hightower and F. F. Smith, who own a sawmill on the Tumalo and also the old Dorrance mill, have incorporated their company which will hereafter be known as the Hightower-Smith Company. The new organization is capitalized at \$15,000. Its principal place of business will be at Tumalo, but the corporation's books will be kept at Gist.

The officers are F. F. Smith, president and treasurer; W. J. Hightower, vice president; E. H. Smith, secretary.

Ditch Land for Rent.

Good land, cleared, fenced and easily irrigated, with free water, will be rented in one or more acre tracts on the Spinning place, 2½ miles northeast of Bend. I will plough the land for those desiring it. Can be found on the place any day.

PHILIP FRANCIS.

Bend will celebrate. Will you?

THE DATES ARE SET

Redmond Fair on September 19-20-21.

NEW ORCHARDS ARE PLANTED

Farmers' Line Being Built between Laidlaw and Tumalo—Notes from Rosland and Powell Buttes.

REDMOND, MAY 15.—The second annual fair of the Deschutes Valley Fair Association, formerly known as the Redmond Fair, will be held at Redmond September 19, 20 and 21. It will be bigger, better and busier than ever. The board of directors met and organized last Tuesday, by electing B. A. Kendall, president, and C. N. Ehret, treasurer. The matter of secretary is still unsettled, but either of the above officers or the undersigned will be glad to give any information at any time.

The past week has been so busy with everyone that news items are necessarily few and scant.

The Beebe eighty lying west of town has been sold to Mr. Lamb.

Geo. McQueen has rented his place to Mr. Gibson, just in from Idaho. Mr. Gibson is a practical irrigator and an experienced potato man whom we are glad to have with us.

We were sorry to see L. L. Welch and wife leave us Sunday for Portland. They will probably be gone until October 1. The best wishes of many friends go with them.

The euchre club met Thursday with Mrs. Inumelee.

Frank Peasley is building a house.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give an ice cream social on Wednesday night, May 29, the proceeds to go to the organ fund. They now have on hand \$16 and the organ will probably be bought at once. A liberal patronage is desired for the coming occasion.

Born, some time since, to Mrs. O. H. Long, a girl. The item was simply and unaccountably overlooked in last week's correspondence and we beg the pardon of the little miss.

Friday we were startled by a steam whistle, and thought the railroad had surely come, but it was the announcement of work at well drilling again. To date we have no particulars as to depths.

J. C. George and family passed through here Thursday leaving this country for old Iowa and business matters again.

E. C. PARK.

Powell Buttes Items.

(Too late for last week.)

Several small orchards are being planted in this neighborhood. Soon the big red apple will be seen growing all over Crook county, instead of juniper berries.

E. A. Bussett has made quite an improvement by painting his horse.

E. R. Halterman has his 160 acre ranch of irrigated land fenced in. Mr. Halterman has now about 100 acres cleared, ready for the water as soon as it is delivered.

C. B. Turner and Bert Davis are getting out fence posts for Mr. Rennells. The latter will soon build on his land in the old river bed.

Who was it that wanted to know what made Powell Buttes folks smile? Why, because it is reported that the irrigation canal will surely be put through this summer.

Hello! Jim Turner is looking for warm weather. He is already wearing a Fourth of July hat.

P. N. Turner is on his homestead adjoining his ditch land. Nate has too much land for one; he ought to get himself a partner.

One rancher is very much vexed with the magpies. They are killing his young chickens. He went after them with a 45-90 Winchester. If he does not kill them outright, he will be apt to do them great bodily injury.

Sixteen head of cattle are now owned in the old river bed. Eighteen months ago there were no cattle and no settlers. Now the land is all sold and being improved.

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, MAY 15.—F. V. Swisher was a caller at Tumalo yesterday. He in-

forms us that they will commence stringing the wire on the Farmers' and Merchants' Telephone line from Laidlaw to Tumalo today and as soon as the wire is strung John Couch will install the 'phones. He will install about 16 or 17 'phones between Laidlaw and Tumalo. By the way, what has become of the Deschutes line that was to have been put up from Laidlaw to Tumalo?

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Pulliam passed through Tumalo yesterday. They had been over to Bend on business. Mr. Pulliam informed us that he had sown 1½ acres of turnips and would plant five acres in carrots this spring. Mr. Pulliam is in the swine business and raises carrots and turnips for hog feed. He has several acres of alfalfa which is doing well.

This fine weather is making the grain and vegetation of all kinds grow very rapidly.

George W. Wimer & Sons have just finished putting in a large grain and alfalfa crop and are now planting quite a lot of potatoes. They also intend to plant a large lot of carrots and rutabagas for stock and hog feed.

Chas. Spough and Ira E. Wimer were at Tumalo last Sunday. They will soon have their spring grain and other crops planted.

We are glad to note that J. B. Wimer is improving and hope he will soon recover his natural health again.

The Roberts brothers of Sisters passed through Tumalo yesterday. They went to Bend on business. The boys have a fine farm near Sisters and they know how to run it. Their principal crops are clover and timothy.

Rosland and Big Meadows Notes.

The last two days have been quite warm, the thermometer reaching 74 today.

The Rosland hotel has changed hands. This time Mr. Green and his partner will have the management.

Mr. Hawthorne has commenced the road work and there is some talk of changing one part of it. The old road being much too muddy in places during the winter for the general travel.

Things are lively around Rosland and the new store keeper wears the smile that won't come off when a four horse team pulls out loaded with groceries.

Mr. Wood is through cruising timber in the upper country and has moved camp—well, we don't know just where.

Messrs. Rourke, Bogue and the three Caldwell boys passed through The Meadows recently returning from a business trip from Prineville.

"Farmer Greene," a traveling salesman for a gent's furnishing house, made his regular trip through this country last week. He has made two trips annually for the last 20 years and every time sees the country advancing for the better.

Crops are looking well and the much needed shower of last week made the garden "truck" jump ahead.

Rosland will not be behind when it comes to celebrating the glorious Fourth. Already the citizens are busy preparing a program that will make Bend sit up and take notice.

DUNDEE.

Parties intending to purchase ditch lands can save money by using bonds for scrip. Apply to F. B. D. Co., Bend, Oregon.

The Best Line of Farming.

Dairying is the best line of farming because it best maintains the fertility of the soil, gives constant and steady employment and produces the best type of manhood. On the dairy farm we find better homes, better social and political conditions and better and higher development of mankind. The opportunities to the present day dairyman are many. The business affords great opportunity for improvements in increasing soil fertility, in securing better farm equipment and in breeding and selection of the working herd. The salvation of the country depends on agriculture and the foundation of agriculture is the soil. Dairying is the greatest wealth-producing industry in the country and is needed everywhere, as everywhere there is a constant demand for dairy products.—American Farmer.

SWELL THE TAX ROLL

Madras Farmers Plan for County Division.

WILL PAY STREET INSURANCE

Artisans Will Proceed on Assumption that H. M. Street is Dead—A Two Headed Lamb.

People living in the Madras section are still imbued with the determination to create Jefferson county and are laying plans with that end in view. One of the first considerations when the division of a county is asked is whether that section asking for the creation of a new county has a sufficient property valuation. To make this consideration doubly safe, many homesteaders around Madras are making final proof in order that their property may swell the tax-roll. That is the kind of spirit that wins.

The Pioneer states that Deputy Assessor N. H. Pinkerton says that the next assessment for the northern portion of Crook county from which it was proposed to create Jefferson county will show taxable property to the amount of \$2,500,000. Mr. Pinkerton has just completed the assessment in that district.

With the steadfast purpose of securing county division and the creation of the proposed new county of Jefferson, Mr. Pinkerton says the settlers are planning to prove up in order to give the new county movement the support of as big a tax-roll as is possible. He says that the desire for a new county is strongly alive among all the residents of that end of the county and that during his entire canvass of the district he encountered just one rancher who was opposed to it.

Much of the farming land which is not at present assessable for the reason that the entrymen have not received government patents to it, will next year be taxable, as numerous titles have been held up in the general land office by the restraining order that has been in effect during the past year or more. The issuance of these patents is now being expedited as the result of a recent order to the department, and in addition to these, numbers of homesteaders will be proving up on their claims and their applications will pass to patent without hindrance from this time on as rapidly as the government mill can grind out the work. The number of these latter cases will be large, as it was five years ago during the spring and summer that this region experienced its greatest rush of homestead settlers.

The tillable land was assessed at \$6 per acre. Non-tillable land, which includes all land not under the plow, was assessed at \$1.50 per acre.

Will Pay Street's Insurance.

The United Artisan lodge of Prineville in which Rev. Homer M. Street holds a \$2,000 policy, has decided to pay the money over to Mrs. Street and trust to the future to bring the body of the unfortunate man to light, says the Review. A careful investigation has been made by the county officers and representatives of the Artisans, and at a recent meeting the peculiar disappearance of Rev. Street discussed to the satisfaction

of the lodge, which decided to pay the widow in full. Mrs. Street has a valuable property on the Matoles, but without her husband to develop its resources she must depend entirely upon hired help. The Bankers' Life, in which he also carried a \$4,000 policy, is likewise making inquiries as to the standing of Mr. Street, and is doubtless contemplating paying over the amount of the policy to the widow. It is thought the body will be recovered some time during the coming summer, when the river clears up and the water lowers. At present it is as large as the Deschutes and a very nasty stream to work on.

Murder Near Lakeview.

Some two weeks ago a man at Lakeview by the name of Charles T. Thompson started out with a gun to get Pat Angland, whom, he stated, had ruined his (Thompson's) daughter. A few hours later Thompson's dead body was found on the desert. He had been shot, the ball entering the chin and ranging upward, terribly mangling his face. It is said that he must have lived some time in that frightfully wounded condition.

It was at first thought that Thompson had committed suicide, but an examination of the body by the coroner showed that the fatal shot was not fired by Thompson. The coroner's jury found that "the deceased came to his death by a gunshot fired by an unknown party."

Angland is the man who bought the team, belonging to "Billy" Robison of Bend, which was recently sold at Lakeview by Francis Marion, and who refused to deliver the team when replevined by Robison. There is a suspicion that Thompson met his death at the hands of Angland.

Freaks of Nature.

Born, to one of J. M. Reeder's ewes, in the lambing camp recently, a lamb with two perfectly formed heads. The little one lived but a short time. This is a case where two heads were not better than one. The pelt was taken from the animal and will be mounted and preserved as an Eastern Oregon curiosity.

Another of nature's freaks is owned by a man named McCoy, at Wamic. This is a calf born with only three legs, being minus a fore leg. The calf is a thrifty youngster, and is able to rustle his own living, independent of any assistance.—Antelope Herald.

Silver Lake is High.

Silver Lake still continues to rise and will probably be as high this year as it ever gets as all the creeks continue to pour large volumes of snow water into the lake continually. The Duncan ranch at the south end is being flooded and the UR ranch is threatened. It is said that the bridge across the slough through which the water of the lake escapes to the desert was built too narrow, and does not allow the water to pass through fast enough.—Central Oregonian.

New Court House Foundation.

The foundation of the new court house is slowly rearing itself above the ground. It is built of the fine grained basaltic lava which is so plentiful in the neighborhood, and of which the First National bank building was constructed. We understand that the Prineville Contracting Company, which has the contract for the job, has dissolved and that C. C. McNealy will finish the work.—Review.