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Saturday, June 14, 1924

### PREMATURE, PERHAPS

Last week's issue of the Blue Mountain Eagle had an editorial attacking the progress of the railroad construction to Bear valley and intimating that delay was avoidable, even going so far as to state that "somebody is going to be 'screwed' if the situation continues."

Everyone concerned has been disappointed in the slow progress made. We all want to see the railroad completed—and it will be completed, but there is no time for complaint or intimation of trifling. It isn't always easy to be busy in forming conclusions and making extravagant expressions. We don't always know the whereabouts and whereabouts that enter into an understanding as large as that of building a railroad, establishing a big sawmill and cutting vast acreages of timber.

The Fred Herick Lumber Co. has a contract with the government which provides certain requirements. Does the Eagle really know just what these requirements are and does it know that there is really any hindering with the proposition on the part of Mr. Herick, except by inaction, that the contract is not going to be fulfilled?

The same editorial states that Grant county is furnishing the timber—it is her wealth and it wants something for it. It is a fact that the timber is in Grant county but it happened to be there before Grant county and it would remain there in spite of Grant county if Fred Herick and the government did not get busy and take it out. As for getting something for it, Grant county would not realize on it unless someone big enough to finance it takes it and puts it in shape to go to market.

It hasn't been so many years since the individual who owned the source of water supply undertook to say he owned all of the water, regardless of whether he could use it beneficially or not, but the law has said otherwise and now it is conceded that water is not the property of any individual except to the amount he puts to beneficial use. The timber belongs to the entire United States and every state in the union contributes to its administration. The communities in which national forests are located have an advantage that eventually overcomes the disadvantage. The national forest pays no direct taxes and no revenue from forest products is available, but to offset this the law provides that a certain per cent of the revenue from timber is given to the counties where they are located.

Grant county is reaping a big

revenue from this same source at this time in which its schools and roads are receiving big sums. That's direct benefit and with the development of the Bear valley unit it will be increased many fold. It shouldn't get greedy when the opportunity is in sight. She should have a little patience.

The article in the Eagle was called to the attention of the Fred Herick Lumber Co. and the manager refused to comment upon it in any way.

### LAND MARK DESTROYED BY FIRE

Robt. M. Duncan informs us that the ranch house at Home creek in Catlow valley was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire was caused by a defective flue. They had just finished supper when the noise attracted attention and upon going up to the second floor it was found the fire had ignited between the ceiling and roof. The house was an entire loss and there was no insurance.

This big ranch house was built by David Shirk many years ago and was one of the most substantial and well appointed homes in that section as it served as the home of Mr. Shirk for years. It was a two story structure, well built and conveniently arranged.

### AIRPLANE COMING TODAY

James J. Donegan was called over the long distance telephone yesterday by an aviator at Princville who said he hoped to reach Burns today with his passenger plane. Should he arrive it will give an additional thrill to the pioneers who gather for their annual reunion. Keep your eye toward the west and watch for the flier.

### WISEMAN-ROBERTS

Saturday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Roberts of this city, will be held the wedding ceremony marking the culmination of another Ontario High school romance, when Miss Ruth Roberts becomes the bride of Wm. Wiseman, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wiseman, of Burns, Oregon. The service will be read by Lily A. Wells, friend minister of Greenleaf, Idaho, in the presence of the members of the bride's and groom's families and a few intimate friends.

The bride will be attended by two of her classmates, the Misses Helen Bayler and Dorothy Edwards, while O. E. Clarke will be the groomsman and Mrs. O. E. Clarke will be matron of honor. Following a wedding breakfast for which twenty plates will be laid, the bride and groom will leave on their honeymoon and after July 1, will be at home to their friends at Burns, Oregon.

The wedding of two members of the class of '24 has been the cause of considerable excitement in the younger set of Ontario and numerous pretty affairs have been given for the bride-elect, for she as well as the groom, has been prominent in the affairs of the high school during the past four years. They sang principal roles in the production of the "Mikado" last year; and while

Miss Roberts has been one of the leading vocalists and a member of the Glee club; Mr. Wiseman won athletic honors on the gridiron and track as well as being captain of Co. A. of the R. O. T. C.—Ontario Argus.

### PRIZES GIVEN C. W. SPEAKERS

(University of Washington Daily) Joseph Cook, A. M. Tellegri and Ralph Rivers won the first, second and third prizes in the order named in the speech-making contest before the Republican Club of the University of Washington in Philosophy Hall last night.

Cook won \$25, Tellegri, \$20 and Rivers \$15. The prizes were awarded by Col. Roland H. Hartley of Everett.

The topic on which the winners gave their orations was: "The Demerits of the Teapot Dome Lease." They entered into a general discussion of the subject in the light of information as published in the daily press and took the position that the leasing of the great oil field to private interests under the circumstances was deplorable.

### TEACHERS TAKING EXAMINATION

The following teachers are taking the examination being conducted this week by Supt. Mary Griffin: Mrs. Ruth Bolton, Burns; Mrs. Ethel De-trick, Drewsey; Mrs. Ethel Travis, Drewsey; Mrs. Lella Miller, Suplee; Mrs. Catharine McGill, Denio; Mrs. Ethel L. Catterton, Lawen; Mrs. Alma Quier, Princeton; Mrs. Louise Jordan, Burns; Mrs. C. B. McConnell, Burns; Robert Currier, Drewsey; Mrs. Dancy S. Wenzel, Burns.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
The summer child's soliloquy: "My school is out; my Sunday school is closed; my music lessons are ended; my physical training is over; I have time for everything, and there is nothing to do." The plagues from so much to do, to nothing to keep the boy and girl busy calls for great earnestness on the part of the Sunday school. Your Sunday school is not closed, get busy to increase attendance and interest.

Worship at 11 A. M.  
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SAMUEL HARRIS, Minister.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Byron Terrill, who has just gotten out after a severe illness, contemplates leaving Monday for a short visit in the Rogue River valley where he will see his brother and other relatives. He hopes the trip will be a benefit to his health and hasten his final recovery. Mr. Terrill will be accompanied by his wife and son.

S. E. Kramlick and his son were here from Boise during the week. Mr. Kramlick is a representative of the Skaggs United Stores and was here looking after the preliminaries

of opening one of the stores in Burns which will be done next week. The store room adjoining Bert Richardson's confection in the Rounselle building is being fitted up for the new business concern, workmen are now rushing the shelving and painting of the interior. The room has been made into one long store by removing the partitions. Announcement is made in this issue that the store will be opened next Saturday.

W. S. Laythe, a former resident of this county and the father of Willard Laythe of the Burns Garage, arrived here Wednesday from Cambridge, Iowa, where he is now located. Mr. Laythe was at one time quite extensively interested in this section in the way of investments, the latest of these being an association with the Burns Garage branch at Crane. His health failed him and he left in the fall of 1917 for Portland and this is his first visit since. Mr. Laythe will be in this vicinity for a few weeks visiting his son and renewing acquaintances. He still retains interests in this section.

### WARRANT CALL

Notice is hereby given that there are sufficient funds on hand in the county treasurer's office to redeem all road warrants registered up to and including May 9, 1924. Interest ceases Monday, June 9, 1924.

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