

# Through the years... from the archives

### John Day River Highest in 15 Years

- Last week was high water time for most of the John Day valley as well as all over the state and northwest. The steady 40-hour rain which started Wednesday of last week brought the John Day River up higher than for 15 or 20 years and it overflowed its banks in many places.
  - The Fisk Camp grounds were flooded and the south end of the river bridge by the camp grounds, was taken out by the high water. the creamery was surrounded by water and for a while the street in front of Tucker's planing mill looked like a river. The banks of Dixie Creek were also overflowed. no damage of any consequence was done around here, although down the river, near Mt. Vernon and Dayville, several sheep sheds were washed out and considerable damage done. The John Day highway was closed at Service Creek and was flooded in a number of places through the valley. At Mt. Vernon the street was flooded with water and at John Day there was two feet of water under the Legion hall, where the Elk's dance was held last Saturday night.
  - The snow in the high mountains has hardly started to melt and there will probably be another high water period this spring.
- Thursday, March 24, 1932, Grant County Journal

### Women Quit Old Vocations

- Fewer Now Employed in What Were Considered the Most Suitable Feminine Activities
- Although women are much more generally employed in what the census calls "gainful occupations" than they used to be there are decidedly fewer employed in what were formerly considered as the most suitable feminine activities. The census bureau has published some figures bearing on the matter. In the state of New York, for example, there were actually fewer women teachers, telephone

operators and laundresses in 1920 than there were in 1910. As for the seamstresses and dressmakers, their number has diminished by half. On the other hand, the number of stenographers has increased in ten years from 49,281 to 103,721. Those who are engaged in clerical work are now 95,208, as against 27,191, and bookkeepers and cashers have increased from 33,603 to 60,424. Incidentally, there are now 233 women stevedores instead of 7, and 41 women policemen, where in 1910 there were none.

– Thursday, Feb. 28, 1924, Grant County Journal

### Three Weeks Spent at Water-Hole to Film Tiger and Python Battle

- Frank Buck, hero to millions, brings to the world the breath-taking sound film record of his greatest adventures, in Malaya, "Bring 'Em Back Alive," which is being shown this week at the Prairie theatre.
  - His book was a national best seller and thrilled millions of Hearst's newspaper and Collier's readers for weeks. He is an outstanding man in all the famous zoos. Three weeks were spent at one waterhole, in order to obtain a fight between a tiger and a 30 foot python-these animals will always fight whenever they meet – but the time was spent waiting for these two animals to arrive at the water hole at the same time- and is it a fight-. You will see thrills that have held his nation-wide readers spell-bound – but they are a thousand times more thrilling on the screen. Things that no civilized man had ever beheld.
- Thursday, Feb. 9, 1933, Grant County Journal

### Valentine Party and Dance Will Be a Big Affair

- Grand music, a good floor and beautiful decorations will greet all comers to the Prairie City Hall this Saturday night when the Prairie City High School Alumni Ass'n gets under way with their big valentine party and benefit dances and so far have never disappointed anyone.
  - On Saturday, Feb. 12, they are giving a dance and party, the entire proceeds of which will go to the Grant County Hospital.
  - The famous Shane's Aristocrats of Boise, Ida., will play for the dance and during the evening favors will be given to everyone attending. The hall has been decorated for the festivity and everyone should have a grand time.
- Thursday, Feb. 10, 1938, Grant County Journal

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