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## SPRAY-CONDON ROAD.

D. R. Baxter, editor of the *Spray Courier*, accompanied by his family, was in town Thursday on the return trip from a pleasant two weeks visit with relatives in the Willamette valley. Mr. Baxter says his town is going ahead and that the surrounding country is settling up in a manner most satisfactory to all citizens who expect to see that section of Wheeler county one of the most important neighborhoods in the interior.

Mr. Baxter is enthusiastic over the prospects in his section but says a good road to the nearest railroad point is necessary to insure the conditions that his section most needs. At present most of the business is done from Heppner, a distance of fifty miles over a high range of mountains. In going from Spray to Heppner a climb of nine miles from Kahler basin to the summit confronts the traveler, and the road is none too smooth on any portion of the route. From Spray to Condon the distance is only forty-five miles and the summit to be crossed is much lower. A new wagon road has already been viewed between the two points via Lost Valley and Mr. Baxter says the route is practically straight. Present county roads in Gilliam and Wheeler counties already exist over thirty-four miles of the route and of the eleven miles remaining to be built a private road of three and a half miles can be used. The people of the Suray neighborhood are more than anxious to be placed in direct communication with Condon, and some of the business people of this city are already taking hold of the matter with a view to assisting in the consummation of the project. The completion of this road will not only give the people of that section of Wheeler county a direct route to their nearest railroad point but will also prove of great advantage to Condon in bringing in the trade of that rich and growing section. Only a few hundred dollars are needed to complete the road and the Globe hopes to see Condon do the right thing in rendering necessary assistance to the project.

## A Prosperous Neighborhood.

One of the most prosperous communities in Gilliam county is that of which the little town of Blalock is the center and shipping point. Wheat growing is the principal industry but stock, fruit, vegetables and other smaller industries, are also important factors in the general welfare. Wheat ranches are large in that section running from a few hundred to several thousand acres. On these big ranches modern methods must be followed in order to insure the best results and the greatest profit and already the steam engine is supplanting the patient mule and the plodding cayuse in plowing, planting and harvesting the crops.

Enberg & Montgomery, present proprietors of the Blalock ranch, comprising about 65000 acres of fine wheat land, are the first farmers in the county to successfully apply steam power to the plow. Their new 50-h. p. crude oil burner traction engine is now at work and after a thorough test is pronounced a complete success. The engine has a maximum speed of four miles an hour or it may be run as slow as two miles an hour. It draws 18 14-inch plows and will turn 85 acres of land in 12 hours at one-half the expense it can be done with horses. It is equipped with a head light and in the rush season may be operated day and night. Only two men are required to operate the machine.

S. T. Bunch and sons, another firm of extensive farmers, have installed a press for making plow shears and in the future will make their own shears at a considerable saving. They are installing a gasoline engine, emory wheel and other adjuncts to their shop.

Albert Phillippi, whose fine 3000 acre farm lies in "The Nook," harvested an average of 18 bushels per acre, last season. Mr. Phillippi takes especial pride in his fine orchard in which he grows to perfection all the fruits common to the temperate zone besides many things which require a particularly mild climate. Among these are sweet almonds, English walnuts, quinces, California grapes etc., all of which thrive and produce abundantly without a drop of water for irrigation.

## Grange Fair.

The members of Lgo grange will hold their annual fair at the grange hall at

Alville, Friday, December 8th. A grand ball will be given in the evening. A general invitation is extended to the public and a pleasant time is assured.

## Phillips.

J. R. Phillips, a pioneer of this county, died at his home in Arlington Tuesday night of last week of heart failure, at the advanced age of 80 years. Mr. Phillips was a native of Virginia and was a veteran of the Mexican war. He located on Rock creek about the year 1870 and resided there until about two years ago when he removed to Arlington. He is survived by his aged wife and two sons, G. L. Phillips, of Idaho, and W. S. Phillips, of Ise, this state, and one daughter, Mrs. Carlyle of Arlington. Mrs. Mary Brown, of this city, is a step-daughter of the deceased. Mrs. Brown, her daughter Miss Elsie and sons Campbell and Charles and Guy Boyd of this city all attended the funeral which occurred Thursday.

To be thankful to all the people of two large counties, and have occasion for it is not often the good fortune of an individual. It has happened, however, to a new-comer to Condon. About seven months ago this man came to town and opened a modest little hardware store and invited the public in to partake of his wares at low prices, with broad guarantees, and the best treatment possible for one man to accord another. The generous response which has been made to this invitation by the citizens of Gilliam and Wheeler counties, has made it possible, in fact has made it absolutely necessary, for Hunt, The Hardware Man, to enlarge his quarters three different times, and to take on many new lines of merchandise. His customers are from among the best people, and their demands are for the best wares, and their payments when accounts or notes have fallen due, have been made with a degree of promptness that is seldom equaled in new or old communities. Is it any wonder he is thankful to you all? He wishes you all a "Full Thanksgiving" and hopes you will come again.

At the regular meeting of the W. O. W. Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: council commander, C. R. Pugh; adviser lieutenant, W. F. Allen; tanker, Pearl Jarvis; clerk, L. W. Darling; escort, Chas. Harrison; watchman, C. A. Rothwell; sentry, W. P. Weismandel. J. W. Mount was elected manager for the term of eight-months and D. C. Henry for twelve months.

## GENERAL

Rev. Edward Curran preached the annual Thanksgiving sermon at the Congregational church Sunday evening.

The C. E. Society will hold a social in the Congregational church next Wednesday evening to which all members and their friends are cordially invited.

A child's coat was found near the flouring mill last Saturday evening. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

Thanksgiving services in the Baptist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Services in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Special music. J. W. Mount, Pastor.

Old Winter swooped down upon us last Saturday night in a manner to make it plain that he had not forgotten this section of Eastern Oregon. An old-fashioned snow storm prevailed Sunday and Monday and the small boy began to live in earnest.

A ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haines, who recently purchased the Galesness ranch on Beecher flat, fell from a fence Saturday and broke her right wrist. The little sufferer was brought to this city where Dr. C. E. Kennedy reduced the fracture.

The ladies of the Eastern Star lodge of this city gave a tea in their lodge room Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. W. L. Wilcox and Mrs. Ed Cornett, prior to their departure for White Salmon, Washington, where the Wilcox and Cornett families go to make their future home. A pleasant afternoon was spent by the lodge ladies.

Some of Condon's crack shots took part in a shooting match last Sunday in spite of the heavy snow storm which prevailed most of the day. Peter Stadlerman, Ed Kurtz and Fred Houghton of The Dalles, were also present having come from the Wasco metropolis to see the best town in Eastern Oregon and to take part in the shoot. The event was quite successful and another shoot will be pulled off this afternoon on the same grounds. Both events are under the auspices of the Condon Gun Club.

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