

**These Things**

**We Note**

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Man, wherever wending,  
Please to understand  
Not one maid is sending  
Something from her hand;  
But a million of them,  
Just as fond and true,  
Though a million love them,  
Send their love to you.  
It's a mighty greeting  
Via Valentine,  
Singing and repeating  
All along the line:  
Silks or rags arrayed in,  
High or low your clan,  
Here's to ev'ry maiden,  
Here's to ev'ry man!  
What the day or weather,  
What the land or clime,  
All of us together  
Love you all the time.  
All of us love only  
You, and you, and you—  
All of us are lonely,  
All of us are true!

**Legislative News**

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have to pay on them both ways and they don't like it. Truckers don't like to be stopped, it is hard to get good inspection of stock and if cattle are hauled very many miles before inspection that performance doesn't amount to much. It seems as hard to prove the ownership of a cow as it was in the good old days of brand changing. And stealing a steer is grand larceny now—or was until the price drop.

**James Weir Bequest**

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tuate these purposes. But the march of times was against him. Agricultural methods, promoted by scientific research changed, and new, and perhaps more improved methods took their place.

- Spring Cotton Dresses
- One or Two Piece
- Greta, The Dalles

**Dr. J. E. Mitchell**

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The purposes which James Weir had in view became impossible of performance, and others more reaching have taken their place, and the money which he left should continue to benefit the pupils of those districts along different though equally important lines."

In his opinion, Judge MacKay, himself a Scotsman, graphically described the thing that was in James Weir's mind when he drafted his Will and how our 20th century industrialization had worked to thwart his plans. Judge MacKay said, "It is a well recognized fact, requiring no citation of authority, that the matter closest to a Scotsman's heart is the opportunity of securing a sound education (Andrew Carnegie Foundation, 1902); and apparently James Weir had this firmly in mind when he executed his Will. Like many others, however, he did not foresee the many changes which were to follow 1907—scientific, industrial, agricultural and educational and to some of those changes the school district which was his first and last thought also succumbed.

"The trust fund which James Weir established for the school districts now amounts to approximately \$80,000. Under the decree, the income from this fund is to be used for two purposes. First it is to be used to provide children of grade and high school age with educational opportunities and activities which are not provided by the public school system, such as the establishment and financing of 4-H club work and projects, the granting of scholarships to 4-H summer schools, attending agricultural and educational expositions such as the Pacific International Exposition, the financing of boy scout and girl scout work, music lessons and special vocational and agricultural instruction. The decree further provides that the remaining income is to be used to provide scholarships of not to exceed \$1,000 per year for residents of the district who wish to attend college or to take post high school vocational training. In this connection, it directs that a preference be given to students in agricultural subjects, domestic science and with outstanding scholastic records.

Judge MacKay, when signing the decree said, "I consider this to be one of the most important cases that has come before me. I have always been keenly interested in education and the welfare

of youth. The arrangement that has been worked out here will stand as a lasting memorial to James Weir and be of great benefit to the residents of the Biglow and Emigrant school districts. I hope that the example of James Weir will be an incentive to others to do likewise in their communities.

**Rufus Notes**

Sadie Rich and the initiates, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Warner.

The date of Saturday night February 26 has been set for Rufus grange to put on the third and fourth degree work at the Rufus grange hall.

February 26 is also Pomona grange day, so it was decided to skip the usual noon dinner and put on an evening dinner, but Pomona grange is to open at 1 p. m. at the Rufus grange hall. After the evening dinner, the degree work will be put on for the candidates of the two granges.

The Rufus school children motored to Moro Tuesday evening where the high school girls played the Moro girls a game of volleyball. With Lorraine Millard absent on account of an auto accident injury, the Rufus girls were handicapped, but they ended up with a final score a tie.

The Moro grade school basketball boys beat the Rufus boys by a score of 18 to 14 points.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brady who live at Condon were overnight guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab. The next day they went on to Dufur to visit Mrs. Brady's folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Addington. Mrs. Brady is a sister of Mrs. Macnab.

Biglow school district held their budget meeting Tuesday at the Fay Brackett residence.

There was quite a few out to the joint Biglow and Emigrant school meeting Saturday afternoon which was held at the home of Claude Coats. Donald Heisler, a lawyer from The Dalles presided over the meeting.

George Fox Jr. was an overnight guest of Paul Blackburne Tuesday night when they went to Moro for the school game.

Rufus grange met Thursday evening with E. C. Eaton presiding. Eighteen members answered roll call. The various committees gave their reports. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Warner were accepted candidates of the grange. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Church's names were also submitted. A supper was served at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Benton Barnett has been quite ill with the flu, but is reported better now.

Master Lauren Byrd, the four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byrd had tough luck Friday night. While playing in his home he fell over a box fracturing his arm at the elbow. He is in a hospital in The Dalles until the arm is stretched until the bones are in place before the arm can be put in a cast.

F. J. (Joe) Craven, 70, executive vice-president of the Dallas City bank, who died February 1, at the Good Samaritan hospital, in Portland, resided as a boy in Moro, three years, in 1898.

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**Paul Fraser**

**Heads Local PTA County Presented**

By Giles L. French

(Continued from last week)

A few missionaries came across Sherman county in early days of the century and several of the early explorers also made trips up the Columbia.

None of them stopped in this area for more than a one night camp. Nothing here was of their interest for the rivers were generally too swift for beaver and they were bound on more distant adventure.

The bunch grass on the Sherman hills stretched to three and four feet in height and the dross from its luxuriance covered the earth four or five inches deep to build up the soil to a high fertility. Wild animals fed here in spring and summer and sought more protected areas in winter. The Indians still unconcerned about the white man trekked the length of the county to the fishing grounds and return, occasionally fighting tribal battles, but usually living a peaceful and uncrowded life.

A short program was presented by the various rooms of the Moro Elementary school illustrating school work studied in class. Numbers included choral recitations, musical numbers, a pageant of Oregon history, and a clever skit showing the development of the map. Several comedies and a motion picture were shown to the children while the older folks were organizing.

Meeting dates have been tentatively set for 7:30 on the second Friday of each month. This affords an evening meeting at a time when fathers as well as mothers can attend on a non-school night and provides for entertainment of the youngsters so baby-sitters will not be necessary.

Preliminary plans for the meeting were drawn up a couple of weeks ago by a committee of interested persons who selected Mrs. Collis Moore as temporary chairman, a position which she held until the formal election of the president. The name, South Sherman County P.T.A., was selected because the present school situation indicates the need for an organization representing all sections sending high school students to the one school. Formation of a P.T.A. was accomplished at Wasco last year. Selection of vice-presidents from each community enables purely local matters affecting the elementary schools to be handled within each community if so desired.

It is emphasized that membership is not limited to teachers and parents who have children in school. Parents who have children of pre-school age should be especially interested and anyone interested in the welfare of our children are invited to join. A membership of 56 was enrolled Friday. These and any other persons paying the \$1.00 dues previous to or at the next regular meeting will be enrolled as charter members. Seventy-five cents of the dues remains in the local treasury. Dues can be sent to Mrs. A. H. McIntyre of Wasco, to the principals of the various schools, or to one of the officers.

A meeting of the executive committee is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the home of Mrs. Wallace May in Grass Valley.

- New Spring Hose, in the Latest Shades — \$1.25 - \$1.35
- \$1.75
- Greta, The Dalles

**History Sherman**

**County Presented**

By Giles L. French

(Continued from last week)

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