

Spray Courier.

Thursday March 30, 1916.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Tom Breeding was trading in town this week.

FOR SALE—An Ideal 120 egg incubator. —Glendon Baxter.

Arthur Ritzert, step-son of Frank Templeton, was down from the ranch on business this week.

Thomas J. Wilson, of Winlock, made final proof on his homestead claim before D. E. Baxter, Thursday.

Henry Williams, of Alder Creek, was in town on land business today.

The fellow who tries to kill two birds with one stone often finds that both victims are buzzards.

If we will keep right on rating this as a good town others will soon be thinking so.

J. H. Smith, of San Francisco, was here this week. He represents "winning best" Baking Powders.

F. A. Henry, of Portland, was here Saturday in the interest of the Pure Oil Co.

Rev. Samuel Gregg Christian evangelist will preach here Saturday evening and Sunday, April 1st and 2nd.

J. B. Adrian, a sheep buyer from Baker City, was registered at the Hotel Monday night.

J. A. Shoun and wife have gone to Heppner, to visit Mrs. Shoun's Parents.

Alden Wilkes and Charley Roysse have gone to Monument for a load of seed grain.

The following pupils in the Spray Public School have been perfect in attendance during the month of March 1916.

Roy Snabel, Johnie Snabel, Irene Davenport, Lorain Davenport, Laron Davenport, Delma Ritchey, Mildred Baxter, Glendon Baxter, Laurel Baxter, Della Dyer, Joe Frost, Paul Dixon, Lois Dixon, Marda Mayer, Erma Davenport.

Mrs. Austin, who was in Spray under the care of Dr. Tiedemann, had so far recovered as to be able to return to her home last Saturday.

Simplicity, they say, is to be the mode in feminine wearing apparel this summer. Such, too, was the case in the days of Mother Eve.

Random Butler came over today from Richmond, to work for Nichols Brothers on the Dam Ranch.

Linus Kelsay came over from Alder Creek today as a witness for T. J. Wilson in making final proof on his homestead.

Mrs. A. D. Flannery arrived in Spray on Wednesday's stage and was met here by her husband who is working for Nichols Brothers on the Dam Ranch.

A couple of hyle bayers have been here all this week and seem to be doing quite a business among our local stockmen. They are after effects of last winter's storm.

R. J. Carsner drove a band of hogs to Heppner intending to ship them to Portland, but after learning the condition of the market he decided to feed them about thirty days before shipping.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting in behalf of the Spray School Fair at the Courier Office on April 15, at 1 o'clock P. M. All persons interested will please meet me there to arrange for next Fair.

R. L. Greene Sec'y.

Dr. A. W. Tiedemann and wife left for Baker City Saturday morning. Mrs. Tiedemann's health has been very poor since the operation performed some time ago and it was thought best to take her where she might have hospital care. The Doctor will return in a few days to settle up his affairs and will seek a new location. They have many friends who regret to see them go and who will wish them all kinds of good luck in their new home.

The Power of Song

By F. A. MITCHEL.

There was a girl of one of those states which now compose the Balkans whose ambition was to emulate men in athletics. Expert in throwing the discus she won contests against those who were champions in this game. She was the best chariot driver in the kingdom and had won many races. But her most remarkable feat was in running. In this no one was found to beat her.

So proud was she of her swiftness on her legs that she made a vow she would marry no man who could not beat her on the chider path. Having many suitors, this only added to the rivalry among them. But since an ability to run fast does not argue that a man is otherwise attractive, those whose muscular development warranted their entering the lists were not likely to win the girl even if they won the race. Several fleet runners came so near beating her that if she had chosen she might have thrown the race without appearing to do so.

One day a young man came to the village where this girl, Eudoxia, lived and announced that he would enter the list against her, only he made the provision that should he win the race she must marry him. He sent a challenge and Eudoxia dispatched her brother to look the man over and report to her whether he would likely outrun her. The brother returned and reported that, while the challenger was shapely, he was not muscular, and his physique did not warrant the inference that he could beat an ordinary runner.

The slight risk of being beaten by one whom she would be pledged to marry and yet might dislike tempted Eudoxia to consent to the terms. So an agreement was drawn up between her and the stranger, who called himself Boris, to race, and if he beat her she was to marry him. This agreement was signed by Eudoxia without being seen her sister.

The race was to take place on a track in the form of an ellipse, the length being half a mile and there being seven laps. A large concourse of people were gathered to see the race. The stranger stopped forth in a pair of short running pants such as are worn at the present day. One thing about him was noticeable—his manly beauty. It was evident that he was not built for fleetness. But what astonished every one was that he held in his hand a harp. Eudoxia was attired in the same fashion, with the addition of a shift falling only to the thighs.

When the two confronted each other it was noticed that the stranger's manly beauty, which all agreed rivaled the statues of Apollo, made a marked impression on Eudoxia. When she saw the harp in his hand she was surprised, and when he did not lay it aside before taking his position for the race she wondered.

The signal was given. Eudoxia started off so fast that she did not know that Boris was walking slowly. She heard behind her sounds from the strings of the harp, something rather than inspiring. When she had made three-quarters of the first lap, directly opposite her at the other end of the minor axis of the ellipse course, was Boris, walking and striking his harp. Then he began to sing.

Eudoxia, who had nothing to fear from such a tortoise, stopped to listen. Boris was singing her praises, the love he felt for her, pleading that she would not turn a deaf ear to him. She listened till he had gone out of hearing, and then she proceeded to the other end of the minor axis and waited till he had come around to the point where she had been listening to his song.

It seemed that in the meanwhile it had grown sweeter. He was walking very slowly, putting all his feeling into it. Again Eudoxia went on till she reached the point at which he had been singing, while he proceeded till he took her place. Here both stood still, the man singing of the beauty and the virtues of the peerless Eudoxia, she seeming to be spellbound. Then he went on singing, "Wait for me, fair one," repeating the words again and again till he came around to where she stood, and the two walked side by side.

In this way they proceeded, the girl rapt in the song, till they came within a few yards of the goal, when Boris, still singing, turned and walked backward, keeping his eyes fixed on Eudoxia, till he passed over the goal.

Then the spectators, who had appeared to be enthralled as well as the girl, drew a long breath and burst into a cheer.

And so Eudoxia was won, not by fleetness, but by the power of song. As soon as he had won the race Boris announced himself to be the son of a powerful noble of what is now Montenegro, and, without holding Eudoxia to her contract, appeared himself as a suitor for her hand, which, after a period of maidenly reserve, she gave him.

Many of the people who were not content with what passed after the winning of the race believed that the stranger was Apollo, who had come down from heaven to win an earthly bride. After the wedding Boris and his wife disappeared and when they reached his home were received with as much interest as had attended the race. For Boris had been in Greece and, hearing of the girl who must be won in a foot race, had stopped on his way back to see her. He resolved to win her by making love to her in song.

TO THE SPRAY SHEEP-MEN.

Gentlemen:
I have a crew of ten good shearers and good work is guaranteed. We are blade or machine men, and wish to commence work here as soon as possible. The crew consists of E. H. Vinson, John Ridgeway, John Noland, Mitt Lenthers, Toney Junkins, Robert Crawley, George Dollina, George Baldwin, Richard, Allen and Dudley Kennedy.

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Long Creek and Spray Shearing Crew

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

ISOLATED TRACT.

Public Land Sale—Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon.
Feb. 25th, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Isaac M. Chapman, Serial No. 914245 will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1.50 per acre, at 9:45, o'clock A. M., on the 29th day of May, 1916, next, at this office the following tract of land: E1 of W1 Sec. 31, Tp. 9 S., R. 24 E., W. M. 160 Acres. "This tract is ordered into the market, on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation."

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.
Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.
L. A. Booth Receiver.
2-24-17

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles,
Oregon, February 16th 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas J. Wilson, of Winlock, Oregon, who on April 5th 1909, made Homestead Entry No. 04712 and on June 3rd 1913, made additional Homestead Entry No. 013347, for SE1/4, SW1/4, SW1/4, & the SE1/4, Sec. 22, NW1/4, Section 27, Township 8 South, Range 23 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before David E. Baxter U. S. Commissioner, at Spray Oregon, on the 30th day of March, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Lila Kelsay of Fossil, Oregon.
Henry C. Williams of Winlock. "
James T. Jenkins " "
James S. Hunt " "
H. Frank Woodcock, Register
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior
United States Land Office, The Dalles,
Oregon, January 14th 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Eula Wills, whose post-office address is Richmond, Oregon, did on the 5th day of April 1915 file in this office Sworn Statement and Application No. 014036 to purchase the S1/4, SE1/4, NE1/4, NW1/4, Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 22 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the Timber and Stone Law, at such value as might be fixed by appraisalment, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised \$100.00, the timber estimated 195,000 \$195.00 board feet at \$1.00 per M, 600 posts 5 cts at \$30, and the land \$175.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 25th day of March 1916, before Scott Sasser, County Clerk, at Fossil, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest, at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.
H. Frank Woodcock, Register
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