

PROMINENT PEOPLE OF MORROW COUNTY

Facts Forced From Familiar Faces

By E. G. H.

Food is the primal need. We get our living out of the soil, and no man can be healthy, happy or wise who is separated long from Terra Firma. The child will dig in the sand before he can talk, and find satisfaction in the exercise. And a knowledge of the soil and of the things it will produce when rightly manipulated is the foundation for sanity and efficiency in every walk of life. My business is to write, to fill the semi-weekly with copy. I can do several other things but I get the most out of the game of expressing my thoughts via Royal, which is a good machine. I find that my knowledge of trees, plants, cattle, bugs, pollywogs and butterflies, gained by living in a farming community, forms a valuable addition to my vocabulary.

It is no new thing when I say that city boys, and grown ups too, take more kindly to the business of farming than do country lads. The reason why farmer boys sometimes hate the farm and are filled with a desire to get away from it is because they have had a double dose of the farm. Too much of anything is bad. This accounts for so many city people on the farms today. A few days ago I took a little journey to the home of E. M. Shutt and family, which is just

four miles north of the Egg City, otherwise known as Ione. Mr. Shutt lives in a community composed of retired lawyers, editors, teachers, hardware men, jewelers and some from the respectable callings and I am told that they rank well towards the top in the list of successful farmers of the county.

E. M. Shutt was born back in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania produces two important crops, newspaper men and coal. As a boy he worked on the farm doing much the same work as boys in the Keystone state do now. He had educated parents and the chief educational influences of his life were the teachings of his father and mother. He would have been educated if he had never gone to school at all, however, he took all of the degrees that the Little Red Schoolhouse has to offer and then went to the Pittsburgh High School, winding up with a course in the University of Hard Knocks.

Shutt always wanted to be a lawyer and when a boy was in the habit of reading everything that pertained to law. After he came to the state of Oregon he devoted his spare time to the study of jurisprudence. But in his visits to the court rooms he grew disgusted with the practice. Justice is a thing we read a great deal about but experience so little. Shutt would have made a good lawyer because he has a good memory. Remembering faces and names comes natural to him. A few cases are on record, however, when he failed to associate the name with the face, much to the joy of the Court House crowd.

He was not in the state long before he gravitated into the newspaper business. The work agreed with him and he prospered such as few newspaper men do. He owned and operated several papers in this state and was the last owner of the Heppner Times. Editors who have worked with him say that he had a high sense of newspaper ethics, he was honest, straightforward, and few men ever held the confidence of their readers as did E. M. Shutt. While there may be some doubt as to whether he was the best editor the county ever had, nevertheless, he stood high in the Literary League.

For eight and one half years he was Sheriff of this county. His administration of the office was impartial, and was characterized by a strict regard for the law and its enforcement. It afforded him an opportunity to visit all sections of the West and his eyes were always eager to see. He met men in every walk of life, men raised in every circumstance and from this experience his mind and heart took on a universal aspect; he was not bound by tradition and custom ingrained in those who have never traveled, seen or experienced.

To give an interesting sidelight on his kind and generous nature, there was a man held in the county jail for some slight offense who broke jail and made his way over the snow covered hills into the Sand country. It was no hard job tracking him along the trail and Shutt came to a pile of bushes where the tracks ended and underneath the brush found his man.

He was going to make him walk to Heppner but after the fellow had walked several miles, Shutt's heart began to soften and he let the man ride. They took turns riding the horse until they reached Heppner. When he locked him in the cell he said, "The next time you break out, take my advice and don't follow the trail." It was only a few days until the man succeeded in breaking away and taking Shutt's advice eluded his pursuers and never was found.

Another time he went to Monument to look for a Chinaman who had killed a man at the Junction. He was supposed to be in a house and with another man he searched the place and could not find no trace of the missing Chink. At last they found a door leading to the garret and searching this they found the Chinaman. Several hundred dollars in money was found hidden in the garret and the laundry man, together with the money, were turned over to the authorities. Everyone said that the Chinaman would never be taken alive but he yielded to the common sense expressed in Shutt's view of the matter.

In all his experience with criminals and others who he dealt with for eight and one-half years, he never had any trouble and never was resisted. He never gloried in exercising his authority, yet determined to do his duty.

Two years ago Shutt and family decided to go into partnership with Nature. They bought what is acknowledged to be one of the finest alfalfa ranches in this county. It lies four miles north of Ione, all bottom land with the creek running through it and also watered by a spring which never goes dry. We arrived at meal time, something which had been calculated beforehand, and driving up at the gate, we saw Frater Shutt just coming from the field. He stopped at the watering place to give the horses a drink of the cool spring water and noticing us, welcomed us to his sanatorium. Here we met Mrs. Shutt, wife and companion maximus, Lawrence, the son, Essie the daughter, and Miss Flower, a friend of the family and schoolmate in Salem of Lawrence.

To the Shutt's the main thing in life is to live. Making money, struggling for positions, show and appearance are the side attractions and transitory in their good. There is an atmosphere in this home saturated with moral, intellectual and social sunshine. Mr. and Mrs. Shutt are not villagers, they have seen life from all sides and have installed into the hearts of their children that righteousness is a form of commonsense and morality pays. If the world is re deemed from sickness, woe, want and worry, it will be through the influence of men and women who have been raised in homes such as the Shutt's. The dinner was an old fashioned dinner, where everyone helps himself. I noted that nearly everything in sight came from the farm, which is right and proper. It has been said that sociability and eating go together. We talked as we eat, and exchange confidences. Friendship is hygienic. And

so it was here, conversation is the rule and nothing but gossip is tabooed.

After we had finished dinner we listened to the graphophone in the parlor and ended with a little round at the piano in which everyone participated. Mr. Shutt then took us out to see the ranch. He has two large orchards, one of which was near the house and where nearly every variety of fruit can be found. Peaches of all kinds, pears, plums, grapes, prunes and apples made arches of the branches so heavy with the yield. Beyond the orchard were fields of alfalfa three and four feet high ready for the third cutting. Going back to the house we saw his Holstein cows, forty in all and finer animals it has seldom been my pleasure and opportunity to see. Mr. Shutt says that he intends to keep only the best animals and it would be no great surprise to many people if we would see one of the best dairy ranches in the county here in a few years.

Farming is no new thing to Mr. Shutt and he realizes that it is a serious business. He is always willing and eager to learn better ways of cooperating with Nature. In the matter of irrigating he has found that irrigating in the winter is profitable practice. At that time the water is filled with a sediment which is distributed on the land and enriches it. In the matter of fresh cows, these are watched so that the greater amount of milk will be obtained in the Fall when the price is high and flies are not bothersome. He finds that it pays to raise a few chickens and turkeys.

When Mr. Shutt decided to locate on a ranch he spent several months in search of a place which would meet with his ideals in the shape of a ranch. Morrow County, he said, appealed more to him than any part of Washington, Idaho or the state of Oregon. Here is land of medium price and which is certain to advance steadily in value, perpetual water, a good community and many advantages, a combination which is spelling happiness and success. "I do not know of a better place or I would be there now," Mr. Shutt said. Eastern Oregon is the last Inland Empire which is now just receiving the gentle touch of progress and as a land of opportunity, it offers to the home seeker an opportunity to develop his destiny and with congenial and healthful assistance.

The Shutt family form a little independent community of their own. They are dependent in few ways. Thomas Jefferson said that "Those who till the soil are the chosen people of God." Farming implies working with one's hands. No life can be well rounded where the individual has not been brought up to work and to work intelligently with his hands. Only in this way is he able to sympathize with the world of workers. Mr. Shutt is on chummy terms with all the wonderful things that creep, crawl, run, climb, swim and fly. His work will injure no subscriber, he has no apologies to make and he can enjoy sweet sleep o' nights, something he said he never experienced when occupying a public position. He has three hobbies, fresh air, plain food, and gymnastics. Every day he spends a session at the flying rings and the trapeze and to these must go the credit for his youthful presence. Mr. Shutt is a great democrat; he is of the demos. His days of poverty, struggle and obstacle are still before him unforgetton. He has great respect for old people and his love for the young is unfeeling. He is just the average man focused—the strong, able, practical, athletic type of Middle-West man. A good man to know.

Any owners of a 1913 or 1914 model Ford car, who desires to trade same in on a new Studebaker should see the local agent, J. B. Sparks, at once.

The People's Cash Market is making special prices at the present time on bacon and hams. If you need any of these now it the time to take advantage of the reduced prices. It is a good habit to drop into their market occasionally, it will mean money in your pocket.

MONUMENT ITEMS.

Dr. C. F. Cropps returned Monday morning from Salem where he had been with Mr. Rounds' son.

F. L. Beymer and wife have been visiting L. E. McBee and family, of Cecil.

M. Rounds and son have returned home.

O. M. Yeager, Contractor, will do your building, repairing, etc., and take your wool, hay or anything of value in exchange for the work.

Jack Hynd was up from Cecil the last of the week.

Dillard French went to Portland with sheep Sunday morning.

Harry Morgan was in Heppner last Saturday from Sand Hollow.

Jesse Kirk and son left for Portland on Sunday's train for a little pleasure trip.

Jay Devin, one of the prominent Sand Hollow ranchers, was in the city last Saturday.

If your paper does not appear regularly, let us know and we will see that you get it.

Rev. Goulder leaves tomorrow for Weston where he will attend the M. E. Church South conference.

J. T. Kirk went to Ione, Sunday, to see his new granddaughter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ritchie.

Father O'Callahan and Butler, of Hermiston, were Heppner visitors over Friday. Father O'Rourke entertained them.

The big edition of the Semi-weekly will be sent to every state in the United States. Have a picture of your place in it.

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Friday, Sept. 4

and the proceeds will be used to help along the Second Annual Morrow County Fair.
Music by Six-Piece Orchestra.

In the meantime don't forget that there are only a few more days before the fair in which to prepare products for exhibition.

Any and all information will be gladly furnished by

The SECRETARY

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