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**MRS. WILLIAM MITCHELL**  
**An Appreciation**

There is an old story about an Eastern man who went West to seek his fortune. He searched for wealth in the Rockies. He pitched his tent, and for weeks prospected on the very spot where later was discovered a vein of the richest ore ever found. He kicked over the precious ore every morning, noon and night, and finally pulled up stakes and went on, hunting for gold. "How did you feel when you heard what you missed," was asked of him. "A fool should not expect a wise man's pay," he replied.

And so it goes. In all humanity there seems to be that feeling that the rare and good must be searched for somewhere in the distance. We lose sight of the fact that discovery should first start at home. Oftentimes the realization of the worth, integrity and steadfastness of those with whom we live comes to us by some shock, death for instance. Such is the case in the passing of Mrs. William Mitchell of Heppner.

Mrs. Mitchell was trained in the hard school of adversity; taught to do things, to do without things and to do for herself. She experienced all the privations of the pioneer. Coming to this state in the year 1853, when there were but few scattered settlements, she shouldered her share of the problem of making a home. The thoughts of her and her husband, both gone forever, recall to our minds the days of the old stage coach, of the times when the pony express was considered a marvel of quickness and despatch, of ox-teams and of occasional Indian scares and a hurried trip to The Dalles and of all the customs of the early days now gone never to return.

Over on the Umatilla River they built the first little cabin in 1859. Many a tired and thirsty traveler stopped at their home for food and shelter and no one was ever turned away. The Mitchell home was the Hague of the community and to it men came to settle their disputes, invariably referring the matter to Mr. Mitchell. It was also the social and religious meeting place for miles around. When Umatilla County was formed from Wasco County, Mr. Mitchell was one of its first Commissioners. Then when settlers came in and the need of another county was seen, Morrow County was formed from Umatilla county and the first judge which the people elected was Mr. Mitchell.

Mrs. Mitchell was one of those beings who appeared once perhaps in a generation to gild humanity with a ray which no difference of opinion nor change of circumstance can cloud. With her passing we feel as though one of the links holding the present with the past has been loosened. The old order of things, with all their associations and traditions which we hold dear are rapidly moving out into the beyond and ere long nothing but their memory will serve to recall and freshen them in our minds. We of the present little appreciate the initial work done in this great state by the men and women of the generation which are now taking their silent leave. The ordinary things of life which seem to us trivial and unimportant were luxuries which the pioneers never knew. Yes, it is true we live in a different world, and yet but a few years removed from their's. Life is change, life is a fluid which constantly moves on and with it the wide life of humanity. Men come and go but their lives add to the blessings of the world, making this a better and easier place in which to live and surely among those whose names now appear as having done their work is then one of Mrs. William Mitchell.

**HONOR PUPILS**

In this issue of the Herald we are printing the list of Honor Pupils. These students have not been tardy or absent during the month of November. To many people this does not mean much, to some pupils it does not mean much, all of which is to be expected.

A short time ago we happened to see an advertisement of the Ingersoll Watch in which the point was made that by the cheapness of their watch every laborer could afford to own one and by its aid industry everywhere is now started out stepped on a systematic schedule, where before it was impossible. In some instances, factories have done away with their loud whistles; even schools have done away with bells and in many places the money spent by large churches for bells has been put to better use. The keynote of modern business is promptness. A man may be late once or twice but when he is late the third time the boss assumes that he has the habit and he is displaced.

For a student then to be at school on time for a month tokens a great deal. It can only result in good. It has been observed that students who get to school on time and every day do not drop out in the grades, but go on and finish the High School. No student should

be satisfied with less than a High School education. The requirements of the professions, of high-salaried positions and all positions of trust are demanding at least a High School education. Since a High School education has been placed within the reach of all, it is concluded that when an applicant for a responsible position states that he did not finish High School, he is a laggard, inefficient and not ambitious and one not to be trusted with important affairs.

We should like to see every boy and girl's name on the next list of Honor Pupils. This is something within the reach of everyone and stands for their best, and to be satisfied with anything less than our best is to follow in a rut which gets wider as we travel it and which gradually widens so that to emerge from it is impossible. To get on the list shows that you are working for the future and it is the future that counts, never build on last week. Let's see your name next month.

**A Few Words For The Council**

We want to say a few kind words about the City Council. Especially in connection with their work in keeping the town clean during the past year. We have heard many people say that the city never appeared better in their remembrance than it did during the past year. To a great extent this is due to the influence of the Council. The oiling of the streets has proved a great blessing. Several physicians have remarked that there has been less sickness this summer than usual, due largely to the absence of dust, the greatest foe to health. There is no other Eastern Oregon town of Heppner's size, that we know of, which has all of its city streets oiled. And next year we are going to oil them better, because we have learned a thing or two about the business.

The City Council was also instrumental in the erection of the permanent fair buildings and for this work need to be remembered. For the cleaning of the lots in its vicinity they deserve praise. The cutting of weeds, repairing of sidewalks, leveling and filling streets, all done in a first-class manner.

And their reward is usually in adverse ratio to the benefits that they confer upon the town. No councilman need thank a voter for his office; better the voter thank the Councilman for the handling of his and his neighbor's business in a wise, conservative and business-like manner. Remember the Council.

**A Commendable Convention**

Three boys have just returned from a Boys' Convention. This Convention has for its purpose the development of leaders among boys, which as we see it is right, proper and all in the line of common-sense. It has been said that trust and power gravitate to those who can use them. Irresponsible and shiftless individuals never can hope to get up in the Leaders League. To be a leader implies that responsibility must be met. The time to train a boy to shoulder responsibility is when he is young. And there are a thousand ways of doing this. It has been said that the reason we have so many irresponsible people in this world is because they never were entrusted with any work that developed this sense of responsibility. The "Bad boy" is simply a good boy who does the wrong thing. Give him a brood of chickens to care for or a garden plot from which he can handle as his own that which he raises. If you live in the country, give him a calf or a colt which he can call his own. Give the daughter a dozen turkeys or some geese, let her feed them, care for them and market them and put the money to her credit at the bank. Let them know that the welfare of those animals are in their keeping and you will be surprised how they will meet conditions and learn what responsibility means.

There is an old saying which one of our Revolutionary fathers is given the credit for first uttering and is to the effect that if we don't hang together, we will most assuredly hang separately. Not a bad thing to remember, we think and to the earnest consideration of it we call the attention of members of the Commercial Club.

Hundred-dollar men have to look for positions but to get a ten-thousand-dollar man you will have to go out and seek them yourself.

Consider the semi-weekly as a present. Many are.

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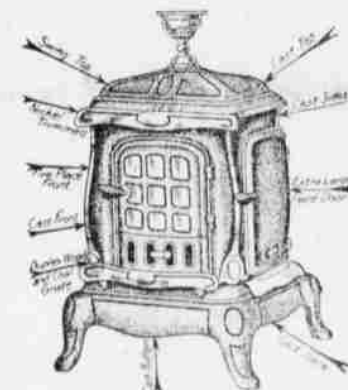
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