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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS OF

INTEREST TO HEPNER PEOPLE

Jess Beardsley, former resident of this place, visited here a few days last week.

Fred Ashbaugh of Roods Canyon, transacted business in Heppner last Thursday.

Manager Sparks of the Star Theatre has a number of big attractions booked for Heppner among which are "Gods Country and the Woman", Sat. Feb. 17. "The Nation's Peril", "The Fall of a Nation", Mar. 7. "The Hunaulala Girl" Mar. 11 and 12. The Willamette University Glee Club. Mar. 14.

Loyd Fell was a passenger Wednesday morning for Lexing ton.

See the Ford Ton Truck on the street daily demonstration. E. H. Kellogg, Morrow County Agent Palace Hotel, Heppner.

Mrs. H. B. Coffey was a passenger Wednesday morning for Boise, where she will visit for some time with her mother.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Scott, W. T. Scott and Ralph Barton were passengers Thursday morning for Portland, where they will visit for some time.

A special Patriotic program will be given at the Federated Church Sunday, Feb. 18. Exercises by Primary Dept. Readings by Mrs. Berwick and Miss Casor Vocal Duet by the Misses Cason Recitations by others. Address by Rev. Noyes. Sunday School begins at 9:45 Program 10:30. Every one invited to attend either or both. As this will be a combination of the school and church services, all morning services combined.

THE BIRD WAS THERE.

A Surprise For the Man Who Investigated the News "Faker."

Some years ago strange, weird stories used to float into Washington from Kitty Hawk, N. C., describing a great bird, seen only at night, hovering over the sand dunes and brushwood of the locality.

It was so preposterous that Kitty Hawk was soon eliminated as a news source in every metropolitan newspaper office. Washington would not accept such stories under any circumstances. The boys on Newspaper row were too experienced to be caught by North Carolina fakers.

Kitty Hawk was wiped off the news map.

And yet the reports of the "great bird seen only after nightfall" were absolutely true. After some of us had exhausted our fund of oriental lore about the roc—that gigantic bird that was of such use to anxious Schaherazade of the "Thousand and One Nights" in rescuing Sinbad and other unlucky travelers from danger—and others had gone so far as to suggest a return of the fabled dodo in stupendous proportions, it was finally suggested that somebody go to Kitty Hawk and expose the faker.

"Not on your life!" said I. "There are as many fakes right here in Washington every twenty-four hours as I care to expose."

The one man who finally went with deep reluctance fathomed the mystery and literally "discovered" that two young Ohio boys, the Wright brothers of Dayton, had solved the "impossible" problem of aerial flight.—Julius Chambers, in the Brooklyn Eagle.

MUSIC AND MUSCLE.

Energy Expended in Playing a Bach Aria on the Cello.

A simple air played on the violoncello calls for a total expenditure of energy equal to two and three-quarters pound per note or more than four tons of energy for the single selection, notes the Popular Science Monthly. This statement is vouched for by Professor Poffenberger of Columbia university, who made some experiments in his laboratory with the aid of the famous Dutch cellist, Michael Penha.

A special apparatus is necessary to conduct the tests. Against the surface of a revolving carbon cylinder is suspended a chalked point which is actuated by a slender wire attached to the musician's finger. At each pressure the tension vibrates along the communicating connection and records the energy expended.

At one test Michael Penha at times raised the point to a distance equaling three pounds in weight, that being the record of the forefinger. The pressure alone required to produce the characteristically luscious tones of a simple Bach aria averaged two and three-quarter pounds per note. The total energy expended amounted to 9,414 pounds, or more than four tons.

This same amount of energy would be sufficient to carry a laborer through his entire day's work. Yet it took but five minutes for the artist to exert the same amount of force.

Snake's Method of Attack.

No snake is able to jump or spring from a coil in order to strike, as often represented in pictures. It can only strike when it resembles the letter S and is lying flat on the ground. It can then only reach the distance supplied by stretching the body out straight. The two curves in the letter S supply this distance, which is about half the length of the body. No snake jumps through the air to its victim or springs clear from the ground, rising upon its tail. Such stories and pictures are all false. Neither do they coil like a rope and strike from that position. They may coil partially, but the part of the body that does the striking is ever and only that part which makes the letter S and lies flat on the ground; hence no serpent can strike when stretched out its full length.

Some Letters.

An ingenious person has discovered that the three most forcible letters in our alphabet are N R G (energy); that the two which contain nothing are M T (emptiness); that four express great corpulence, O B C T (obesity); that two are in a decline, D K (decay); that four indicate exalted station, X L N C (excellency); and three excite our tears, yet when pronounced together are necessary to a good understanding—L R G (teleg and leg).

Whittier's Safeguard.

When an overtimid visitor from the city once commented to the poet Whittier upon the insecurity that seemed inseparable from so many doors opening out from all sides of the large old country home the master of the house strove gently to restore confidence by pleading that most of them were locked at night.

Star Fixing.

"Do the stars have to be repaired, pa?"
"I never heard that they did. Where did you get that idea?"
"I have been reading about fixed stars, and I supposed that somebody had to fix them."

Human Nature.

Some men are not only eager to give the devil his due, but they insist on adding a fat bonus. It is the Lord who usually finds collections poor.—Houston Post.

Kind words are the brightest of home flowers. They make a paradise of the bumpiest horse.

After an extended visit in the Eastern part of the state, Lester Ingram returned to Heppner last week and is again to be found at his old position as night clerk of the Palace Hotel.

After spending about two weeks in Portland visiting, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vaughn returned to Heppner the first of the week.

Miss Mae Rhea, who has been spending several weeks in Pendleton, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cohn, returned to Heppner the first of last week.

Louis Pearson left last week for a week end business visit in Portland.

I. C. Bennet returned to Heppner last week after having been in the sheep business in Nevada for some time.

Frank Rasmus was a business visitor in Heppner Wednesday.

John Bush, a former resident of this place is visiting here for several days. Mr. Bush is now working for the Northwest Steel Co. in Portland.

Dr. Turner, the well know eye specialist of Portland will be in Heppner again Friday, Feb. 23rd, at Palace Hotel, in Ione Saturday, Feb. 24th. Dr. Turner is a specialist of experience and standing, and you will make no mistake in consulting him about your eyes and glasses. Your eyes are the most precious sense you have and why not have the best, by consulting a specialist, when it costs you no more than to consult those who make it a side line. Headaches relieved, cross eyes straightened, satisfaction guaranteed. Consult him. Don't forget the date. Dr. Turner makes no charge for consultation or examination.

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W. O. Bayless of Rhea Creek, was a business visitor in Heppner last week.

Heppner people who have been visiting in California during the past winter are beginning to return home. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Farnsworth and their grandson Teddie Young returned last week. They spent several weeks there and enjoyed the visit very much. From his appearance Mr. Farnsworth has been much benefited in health by the trip. Louis Bibe and family also returned last week from several weeks spent over California. Art Minor and family are expected back within the next few days.

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