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A Rattling Good Snake Story.

George W. Millholland, local manager for the Standard Oil, drove out to the Nat Shaw ranch in Clarks canyon last Sunday to see a real live rattlesnake. He didn't have to search long after reaching the rocky canyon wall until he stumbled on a fine specimen, evidently of the feminine gender as subsequent developments seem to indicate, good three feet long, ample of girth and apparently aching for a fight. Being "heeled" with a good club and with plenty of rocks handy G. W. soon won the battle and when he was sure his quarry was good and dead he loaded the trophy into his truck and brought it to town. Next morning he was struck with the big girth of the reptile and being curious to know what the old lady had had for her Sunday dinner he decided to hold an inquest. Imagine his surprise when upon opening the beast instead of finding a collection of rabbits, mice and birds he discovered a family of ten young rattlers all dead but otherwise perfectly good snakes. The youngsters were some ten or twelve inches long and each was equipped with a well developed button on the tail and a mighty ugly looking fang in the mouth.

Experts in snake lore say that the young of rattlesnakes stay pretty close to their mother until they are well on to two years old and whenever danger threatens they scurry down the old lady's throat and remain in hiding until the danger passes.

Mr. Millholland also caught a ten-inch specimen alive and brought it home in a fruit jar. It is well developed and seems to be strictly "on the peck."

If Oregon had not been bone dry for several years and all newspaper writers know to have cushioned seats on the water wagon the Herald might hesitate to publish this story but after carefully viewing the remains and having considered the matter in all its phases we are convinced that the story is absolutely true, that Millholland killed the snakes, that they were in the truck, that we seen 'em and that we were duly sober the while.

Ed Breslin returned from Portland Thursday after spending several days in the metropolis on a business trip.

Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Butler returned from a pleasant vacation at Newport Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sweek returned Thursday evening from a vacation trip of several weeks duration during which they visited at Eugene and Newport.

Pat Healey returned from Hilgard Thursday after having brought out from the mountain range 800 head of sheep which he sold for shipment to Chicago.

W. S. McKimney, former Morrow county wheat grower, now residing at Salem, came in Thursday evening on a business trip.

J. H. Cox, veteran contractor and house-mover, has a force of men at work removing the McRoberts livery barn to the Willis Stewart lots on Upper Main street. Mr. Stewart has purchased the building and will re-enter the feed stable business at his old stand.

Dick Wells, who was one of the Heppner contingent to American Lake Thursday morning, promised to send the Herald a souvenir of Kaiser Bill when he captures that monstrous some day early next spring, saying that he might over sleep on the morning of the day when the great march to Berlin starts Dick is asking with him an alarm clock to wake him early in the morning.

E. M. Shutt returned last Saturday from Los Angeles, where he spent a couple of weeks visiting with his family who are staying there for the benefit of Miss Essie Shutt's health. The many friends of the Shutt family in the county will be glad to hear that Miss Essie is gradually but surely recovering her health and strength and expects to return to Morrow county within a few months completely rested to health. Mr. Shutt cut his visit short in the south on account of returning home to get the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign organized before the opening day September 28th.

The Sixth Annual Morrow County Fair WILL BE HELD September 12th, 13th and 14th, 1918 At Heppner

The services of Campbell's American Band and Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Soprano, have been secured by the Board.

Walter M. Pierce, Democratic candidate for Governor, will speak Friday, September 13th

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, Morrow County Patriotic Day. Good Speakers Will Be Present.

Other features are being arranged for which will help make this the best Fair ever held in the county

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE SIXTH ANNUAL MORROW COUNTY FAIR

Honor Shown to Soldier Boys.

The big assembly hall in the I. O. O. F. building was crowded to its fullest capacity Monday evening the occasion being a farewell reception for the 34 young men who left Thursday morning for Camp Lewis to enter upon their course of intensive training before crossing to France to do their part in the world war for Democracy.

S. E. Notson presided at the meeting and announced the numbers on the program which was replete with entertaining song and story.

Principal speakers of the evening were T. A. Chidsey, Spanish-American war veteran, who paid a glowing tribute to Old Glory; Mrs. Lena Snell Shurte, county school superintendent, who spoke of woman's part in the world conflict and N. E. (Pat) Crowe, who told some of the funny stories he knew and closed with an impassioned appeal for a big membership for the Heppner Homeguard.

Miss Peggy O'Rourke, Miss Edith Therley and Mrs. C. Darby each favored the audience with charming solos adding much to the evening.

Following the exercises a social dance was given at the pavilion which was well attended and much enjoyed.

Thirty-four Morrow county men, all that remained of class A in the first draft, left for the training camp Thursday morning 29 of whom entrained at Heppner.

Of the total number ten are married men most of whom are well known young business men of Heppner. The married men are:

Richard Wells, Earl E. Gilliam, E. T. Clark, Roy E. Brown, Arthur McAtee, Francis A. Stapleton, William M. Kirk, James G. Cowins, Heppner, James L. Howell, Ione, W. W. Caldwell, Umatilla.

Single men entraining at Heppner were: Marsh Courtney, H. S. Edwards, Lena; Gus Williamson, Echo; A. L. Stamp, Harrison Elliott; Fred Bradford, John W. Krebs, Lynn R. Hale, Kenneth K. Mahoney, Arthur H. Smith, Elmer Lee Matteson, Heppner; Charles S. Dano, Jess Arce, Henry W. Stender, Victor Reiman, Ione; Adolph Skobo, Boardman; Ola C. McCormick, Luther Ashburn, James P. Bridges, Lexington, Forrest Edmonds, Morgan; C. N. Sandstrom, Portland; Thos. J. Sprinkle, Roseburg; Lee Land, Eugene.

Will Locate at Hot Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilkins expect to leave Sunday morning for Hot Lake where Mr. Wilkins takes over the management of the big hotel at that place September 10th. The Hot Lake hotel is one of the big hostilities of Oregon and entertains an average of 150 to 200 guests daily and the job of manager is no sinecure. Mr. Wilkins has spent most of his lifetime in the hotel business and his many friends do not doubt but that he will make a success of his undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins leave many warm friends in Morrow county all whom will join in wishing them every success in their new and larger field of activity.

Changes in O. M. P.

Sergeant Chas. Lillie, who has been in charge of the O. M. P. detail at Heppner has been promoted to be First Sergeant and ordered to report at Pendleton for service in headquarters in that city. Corporal Cummings has been placed in charge of the Heppner detail to succeed Sergeant Lillie. Captain Williams who has been in charge of Pendleton headquarters has been transferred to Portland as head of the Intelligence Department and Lieutenant Kocker has been promoted to a captaincy and placed in charge at Pendleton.