



THE NEAR EAST TO CIVILIZATION
"SAVE MY CHILDREN."

Our Allies in the Near East

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Probably at no time in the history of the world have there been so many fatherless and motherless children as there are today. Tens of thousands, probably hundreds of thousands in Armenia, Syria, Caucasus, Persia, Mesopotamia and Palestine are not only without parents, but are without any strong parental government to give them the help and protection which orphan children of other lands enjoy.

American Consuls and missionaries cable the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, almost daily regarding the situation. One message from the Russian Caucasus pleads for the support of 10,000 children at an average expense of two dollars per month per child. Another from Tiflis reports 40,000 children in one region waiting for an answer to a previous cablegram requesting help. Reports from other points indicate similar conditions. Among the many appeals it is possible for this committee to assume responsibility for only the most pressing cases, and it is upon these that the committee would focus the attention of the American people. Splendid help has been rendered the little ones in other lands, but these in Western Asia are no less human than those who have already been aided by American charity. It is the duty of Americans, as well as a privilege to respond to this great opportunity and help keep alive the best civilization that Western Asia has developed.

All expenses of administration for this relief are privately met, so that every dollar sent to the committee is used directly by their agents in purchasing food and supplies for the needy who, according to the best advices and from audited reports, receive the full benefit of the funds sent them.

Out of the horror and nightmare through which these people have passed comes the gratifying word that we can be of assistance; that our efforts will prove availing, and that we can share with these orphan children the bounty which we, as Americans, have enjoyed for years. The work done by this committee has been most unselfish and effective under conditions of great personal sacrifice. May America respond to their appeals.

LOCAL ITEMS

Joe Kinney visited Portland during the week.

Charley Jayne left this morning for a visit at Astoria.

Grover Swaggert, of Lexington, was a Heppner visitor Thursday.

John C. McEntire returned from a business trip to Portland yesterday.

Merle Perry and Raymond Thornton have returned from a trip to Spokane.

Jasper Bidwell, of Rhea creek was a Heppner visitor Thursday afternoon.

Jim Sheridan of the Sand Hollow section was trading in town last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Dick Wells went to Portland last week for a short stay with relatives and friends.

The Carty boys, of near Lexington, went to Portland last week to enter Columbia university.

Ralph Thompson of Willow creek was transacting business in Heppner Thursday of last week.

Arthur Keene of Rhea creek was in the county seat Thursday looking after business matters.

Carl Iler, of Portland, was a Heppner visitor recently. Mr. Iler is a former Heppner resident.

D. O. Justice, well known sheep man of Hinton creek was transacting business in Heppner Thursday afternoon.

Loren and Lawrence Mattison of Parker's Mill killed a big bear near that place last week according to reports reaching Heppner Saturday.

John C. Doherty prosperous young sheepman who is feeding his flock near Echo this winter, was a business visitor in Heppner over the week-end.

D. C. Wells is planning the erection of a modern bungalow on his lots recently purchased in east Heppner. The cost of the building will approximate \$3500.

Roy V. Whiteis reports the sale of 200 acres of land to L. H. Martin in the Lexington district. The tract adjoins the farm of Mr. Martin's son. The land is now unimproved.

W. L. McCaleb, recently appointed county road master, came up from Arlington Thursday to make arrangements for moving his family to Heppner. He has leased the Dr. Winnard residence.

Ed Berry called at the Herald sanctum the other morning to ask us to announce to a waiting and expectant public that he'll be hanged if he'll be hung but he might as well be hung if he don't hang—paper.

Little Miss Hazel McDavid celebrated her tenth birthday last Friday evening by entertaining about a dozen of her girl friends. A most enjoyable evening was spent and delicious refreshments were served.

Emmett Cochran has purchased two lots in this city adjoining the Vaughan and Sweek properties. Mr. Cochran expects soon to begin the erection of a new residence. The lots were purchased from J. W. Morrow.

Roy Holmes and Miss Elsie Brown of Ione were married at the court house last Wednesday, County Judge Campbell performing the ceremony. The young couple are well known at Ione where they will make their future home.

Bert Misseldine of Black Horse was trading in town Thursday.

Ty Brown and Allie Stapleton, of Portland, were in Heppner last week attending business matters. They are both former residents of this city and have lately taken over a grain ranch in the Spokane country where they went from here.

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Mrs. Clyde Wells is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Loyal Parker, who is a sailor aboard the United States Army Transport, Plattsburg. He writes from South Hampton England under date of December 6th—sending holiday greetings to his relatives here. Mr. Parker was a sailor on board the first vessel to leave a French port unconvoyed after signing of the armistice.

Father P. J. O'Rourke, who has been at Baker for a few weeks attending to the duties of the bishop's office recently made vacant by the death of that prelate, returned to Heppner last Wednesday. He may be called to Baker again for a short time to direct the affairs of the diocese pending the arrival of Rev. Father McGraph, of Tacoma, who was recently appointed as bishop of the diocese.

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