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KING WINTER REIGNS SUPREME IN HEPPNER

TEMPERATURE OF 18 BELOW BREAKS RECORD OF MANY YEARS

Heavy Snow Blanket Protects Crops But Coal Bills, Wood Piles Suffer

While no loyal Heppnerite is disposed to find fault with the weather conditions in his home town or to admit under any circumstances that Heppner was not the best all-the-year-around climate in the world it must be admitted by any un-biased mind that the past week or more has been—well, rather unusual.

Twenty inches of snow and 18 degrees below zero would do credit to many parts of Oregon whose people like to boast about such conditions but Heppner people are not disposed to be boastful. They have preferred to devote their energies during the past week to sawing wood, thawing frozen water pipes, scraping up the last shovelful of coal to keep the home fires burning until another comes in.

Everybody has come through the ordeal in fine shape, however, and the indications this morning are that the good, old chief, Chinook, will quietly slip in soon on the southwest wind and hit old Kaiser Winter a jolt that will floor him for the count.

Fuel stores were low when the cold snap struck Heppner but what was on hand was pretty carefully distributed by the dealers so that everybody kept warm and, so far as reported, nobody suffered in the county. More than one citizen experienced the rather disturbing feeling of putting the last stick of wood or scuttle of coal in the stove but the store was generally replaced before the fire was entirely out.

To add to the discomfort of a large part of the town a water famine followed the advent of the cold wave and for several days the residents of the hill sides in south Heppner, east Heppner and west Heppner were without water being forced to either melt snow or carry their supply in buckets from the lower levels. This water shortage was in no sense due to any shortage at the pumping station nor was it due to any negligence on the part of the water company.

Mr. Pruyn was perhaps the hardest worked man in town all through the ordeal, working day and night trying to keep the town supplied. The trouble was entirely with the residents of the lower levels of the city who, in a spirit of supreme indifference to the comfort, convenience or rights of their neighbors who live above them, allowed their faucets to run day and night because they evidently thought that was the easiest to keep their pipes from freezing. This plan, however, so utterly regardless of other people's rights, failed to work, it is said in many cases and several cases of broken pipes and flooded houses where the water was allowed to run, have been reported.

Saturday afternoon an accident at the pumping station stopped pumping for several hours and the water shortage crept down well towards the lower end of the town. Notice was then served on water consumers by the company that inspectors would be sent out and the water be shut off from all premises where water was found being wasted. This action had the desired effect and by Monday morning the water supply was again normal.

According to Oregonian reports Morrow county can claim the doubtful honor of the coldest weather in the state, Messner being credited with 23 degrees below last Friday morning. Parker, 20 miles south of Heppner, went the north end a few better, reporting 42 below the same morning.

The mercury registered zero in Heppner this morning and the indications are that the beginning of the end of King Winter's reign is at hand.

SHEEP PILE UP IN CANYON—40 KILLED

Mittor & Mallock lost about 40 head of sheep early last week at the Eagle ranch when a band slid down a snow-covered slope piling up in the canyon.

STOVE EXPLODES, NO BODY HURT

When J. H. Cox built a fire in the range the other morning he didn't think about the pipes being frozen but he thought of it a little later when, just after leaving the kitchen, and just before Mrs. Cox went in to prepare breakfast the pipe exploded, wrecking the range and damaging the room.

HEPPNER STUDENTS WILL CAMPAIGN FOR M. OF O. FUNDS

Mr. Arthur Campbell and Miss Cecile DeVore have been appointed by the student council of the University of Oregon to represent the Greater Oregon student committee in handling the local end of a \$30,000 campaign the students are starting to complete the unfinished Women's Building on the University campus, and will reach here the latter part of next week to take charge of the work.

The state has been divided for the purpose of the campaign into seven districts by the students of the University, who have taken entire charge of raising the last \$30,000 needed to finish the \$200,000 building. The district including this county is under the direction of Mr. Lindsay McArthur of Baker.

The Women's Building will house the women's gymnasium, the department of household arts and others of the women's activities on the campus. Half of the necessary \$200,000 must be raised by private subscription, the legislature having supplied \$100,000 to match the individual generosity of citizens of Oregon.

With its enrollment almost doubled since its last new building was completed, the University finds its buildings entirely inadequate to handle the students already there, to say nothing of the large increase certain for next fall. The students, aroused to the emergency, have called their "Oregon Spirit" to the rescue and have organized the present campaign in which they feel confident of success. The Greater Oregon committee consists of 150 members.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION DRIVE SHOWS GOOD RESULTS

A report just received by J. Grodski, general safety agent of the O. W. R. & N. railway, shows that the recent accident prevention drive showed very satisfactory results in the reduction of accidents. The northwestern division made the remarkable showing of 66.4 per cent reduction of accidents during the drive as compared with previous years. It pays to stop, look and listen in this burly, speed-up, go-as-you-please age.

GAME BIRDS IN DANGER

The present storm is a serious menace to the game birds of the county, and every effort should be made to see that they are fed. Many farmers are already doing so and we hope all will co-operate to this end. These birds have been brought into the county and so far sustained at great expense and their loss at this time would be a serious blow.

A meeting is being held by local sportsmen to raise a fund for this purpose and any farmer desiring financial assistance to provide feed for these birds should apply to the county agent who will endeavor to give the matter prompt attention.

MARRIED

Krebs-Bennett

A quiet wedding that will come as a pleasant surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties was solemnized last Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meier in this city, when Mrs. Freda Bennett became the bride of Mr. George Krebs. Both are well known and highly popular residents of this town where Mr. Krebs is interested with A. Meier in the trucking and stock business. Many were friends of both parties will join in congratulations and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Read The Herald for all the news

State Fire Warden Issues Timely Special Fire Warning

This unusual cold weather which is holding the state of Oregon in its icy grip greatly increases the danger to life and property from the ravage of the fire fiend. At such a time as this when water pipes are frozen, streets blocked and impassable, hydrants frozen solid, telephones and fire alarm systems interfered with, and fire departments practically unable to respond to calls, and frequently unable to accomplish effectual results even if able to get to the fire, the vigilance of every person in guarding against the occurrence of fire which would certainly mean disaster, and in removing as far as possible every hazard, should be zealously redoubled.

The following suggestions are made in order that each may know some of the most important things to be done to reduce the increased danger. To the city official—See that the streets are cleared as fast as possible of snow and ice, so traffic can be restored, and so the fire department can meet an emergency call without running amuck in a snow bank while the flames may be destroying the town. Look after the mains and hydrants. Keep them from freezing. There may be a supply of water in case of necessity.

BETTER CLAIM YOUR BONDS

San Francisco, Calif.—More than \$41,000 worth of First Liberty Loan Bonds, with accrued interest amounting to nearly \$3,600 is going begging for rightful owners in the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco. The bank has had the bonds for over two years, and is anxious that their owners, who were given Interim Certificates in lieu of the Bonds during the First Loan, surrender the Certificates at once in exchange for the Bonds.

At the time of the First Liberty Loan the actual bonds were not ready for distribution, and Interim Certificates were issued. These, however, bear no interest, so that persons throughout the Twelfth Federal Reserve District who are holding Interim Certificates should communicate with the Federal Reserve bank in order that the exchange can be made at once and the interest accrued on the bonds paid. If a subscriber has lost the certificate, the Federal Reserve bank should be notified, and, upon request, procedure to be followed in presenting claim for relief will be furnished.

John Kilkenny was in from Sand Hollow Monday and reports real winter weather out that way. Sand is low being right on the edge of the "banana belt" such an admission from a Sand Hollowian must mean something.

To the fire department—Inspect your equipment, know it is in condition for immediate use. If you have motor machinery know your motors are warmed so they will start without difficulty. The time lost in starting a chilled motor might be sufficient for the fire to get away from you. Hold as many men as possible ready for instant service. Increase the efficiency of your department in every possible way to meet the situation.

To the householder—Watch zealously everything in and about your home that might in anyway start a fire. Do not use a torch or oil soaked rags to thaw the water pipes. The safe way is to wrap them with rags and then wet with hot water. Do not build a fire in your kitchen stove if the water in the coil, tank, or pipes is frozen. Do not build a fire large enough to over heat your stove or stove pipes. Make an inspection of your stoves and pipes from the floor underneath them to the top of the chimney. Know they are safe, and if you smell smoke get busy. Remember more fires are put out without the fire department than by it, and after all the best way, and safest, to put out the fire is before it starts. Let everyone make SAFETY FIRST the watchword, and act.

STOCKMEN HOPE FOR EARLY BREAKUP

Morrow county stockmen are earnestly hoping for an early breakup in the winter as continued weather such as we have had the past week would mean heavy losses especially to the cattle men. Cattle went into the winter in rather poor condition because of the dry summer and fall and poor pasture and with some feed none too plentiful. Sheepmen are in better condition, being mostly well supplied with feed and shelter for their flocks.

TAXES FOLLOW H. C. OF L.

County Assessor J. J. Wells has received advices from Frank K. Lovell, state tax commissioner, to the effect that state taxes will be considerably higher for 1920 than for the present year. The advance amounts to a total of \$1,369,806.00 apportioned as follows: Six per cent limitation act, \$181,283.44; Market roads, \$999,435.47; Soldiers, sailors and marines educational act, \$198,087.09.

Miss Loa Briggs, who is a student at Willamette University at Salem, returned to Heppner Monday evening to spend the holidays which were declared one week ahead of time on account of the cold weather.

JEFF JONES BUYS FRED LUCAS RANCH

Is Morrow county wheat land worth \$50 an acre? Jeff Jones says it is and backed his judgment last week by paying that price for Fred Lucas' 990-acre ranch on Heppner Flat. The place is in crop and has good improvements. Mr. Lucas says he will not leave Morrow county but will buy another ranch some fine day.

HUNT STAYS ON RABBIT HUNT

L. A. Hunt, Morrow county's efficient and untiring county agent, returned Sunday from a trip to Condon where he spent several days in the interest of the rabbit extermination drive. After organizing this county Mr. Hunt found that there is an army of rabbits in northern Gilliam county ready to cross the boundary line into this county and start multiplying and replenishing the earth with their kind as soon as the native Morrow county bunnies are out of business. After putting the matter before the Gilliam county farmers most interested and the county court Mr. Hunt found a willingness to co-operate with the campaign being made in this county and without a word Gilliam county pledged \$3,000.00 to the fund to be expended under Mr. Hunt's direction.

The present winter is an ideal one for an effective rabbit campaign and it is hoped that the pests will be practically wiped out by the opening of spring.

Mr. Hunt asks the Herald to announce that farmers in whose neighborhood rabbits are a nuisance are urged to call at his office in the Roberts building, in Heppner, and procure poison and instructions how to use it. The complete success of this campaign depends on full co-operation among all interested.

MEN'S CLUB PLANS TOUR EASTERN OREGON

University of Oregon, Eugene—Eastern Oregon will be invaded this year shortly after the Christmas vacation by the Men's Glee Club of the University of Oregon, according to Curtis Peterson, manager of the club. Several smaller trips are planned for later in the year and a spring tour, probably of southern Oregon. The club expects to make its initial appearance at Junction City before going on the Holiday harmony voyage. The program is being worked out by Professor Lukken, head of the vocal department of the school of music and director of the club, and is to be divided into three sections. The first part will consist of glee club numbers and solos. The second part of negro minstrels and the third part will contain the stunts. The club will give the same program in Eugene immediately following their return from the eastern Oregon tour.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Heppner, Oregon, on the second Tuesday in January, 1920, (January 17th, 1920), between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. of said date for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before said meeting.

SOCIETY NOTES

Despite the near-blizzard that prevailed last Wednesday a merry party of ladies were guests at the home of Mrs. J. P. Vaughn when Mrs. Vaughn visited by Madeline Robert Thompson, Ernest Clark and Mrs. Harwood, entertained at 4:30. More than 20 guests were present, eight ladies being accompanied with devotion at the evening dancing which started at 8:00. Mrs. J. P. Vaughn enjoyed first prize, Mrs. Phil Cole, second; and to Mrs. W. W. Spencer was awarded the consolation. Delicious refreshments were served and those present declare the occasion a particularly enjoyable one.

PIONEERS PASS TO THE GREAT BEYOND

OLD TIMERS MOURN LOSS OF TWO FORMER NEIGHBORS

Mrs. Eliza J. Whetstone, Native Daughter, Joseph P. Williams, Aged Resident, Called

Old residents of Heppner have been called upon to give up two friends and associates of the early days when, within the week the summons came to Mrs. Newton F. Whetstone and to Judge Joseph P. Williams to join the "innumerable caravan to that mystic bourne from whence no traveler returns."

The health of both these respected and much beloved pioneers had been failing for several months so that the ending of their mortal existence was not unexpected, yet, the dual passing within twenty-four hours came as a shock to the community particularly to the older generation who had known them in pioneer times, the privations and hardships of which brought out the pure gold of many a hardy personality.

Eliza Jane Mitchell was the first white child born on the Umatilla river. Her parents were of that hardy stock who braved the perils of the plain and mountains as they bore the torch of civilization towards the setting sun and to whom every present resident of the Inland Empire is indebted for the high measure of civilization and prosperity we today enjoy.

She was born February 23, 1896, and her entire life was spent in Umatilla and Morrow counties. She was married to W. G. Boyer, January 26, 1878, and three children bore to that union survive her. Mr. Boyer passed on in 1892 and May 2, 1897, she was married to Newton F. Whetstone who also survives. The children are: Mrs. Ethel McKinley, of Portland; and Glenn and Guy Boyer, of Heppner. One brother, Oscar Mitchell, of Grass Range, Montana, also survives.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon from the Christian church, interment being in the Masonic cemetery.

Joseph P. Williams was born in Missouri in 1837, and died at his apartments in Heppner Wednesday morning, December 10, 1919. He was in his 82nd year.

When yet a young man Mr. Williams came to California, spending many years in the mining districts of the Golden State where he accumulated a comfortable competency. He came to Heppner about 40 years ago and with the exception of a few years spent in Texas, where he engaged in the stock business, he has since been a resident of this city. He was a democrat of the old school and during President Cleveland's administration he also served the people of Heppner precinct as justice of the peace for many years and for about 20 years has held the office of city recorder. Until last year he was wonderfully preserved regarding his mental and physical faculties, his sight, hearing and mind being as keen and alert as those of many men of little more than one-half his age. He had many warm friends in the city and county and for years Judge Williams' birthday was a social feature of the town for on that occasion the Judge always entertained at dinner a half dozen or more young ladies of the town who had been his friends since their babyhood.

A brother, Newton Williams, passed away several years ago at the advanced age of 92 years and he also was considered remarkable for one of his age. He had spent most of his life on the frontier and was formerly a partner of Kit Carson on the old Santa Fe trail.

So far as known here Judge Williams leaves no close relatives except one daughter, Mrs. Mannie Woodard, who resides in California. She was notified of her father's death but because of storm conditions left for the coast she was unable to attend the funeral which was held Monday.

NOTICE TO STOCKMEN

The First National Bank will be pleased to accept stockmen in need of money and to carry their stock through the winter. Call on us if we can be of any service.

"DRUGLESS MEDICINE" AND "BLOODLESS SURGERY"

When that terrible scourge, influenza, stalked through the land and physicians of all schools were called upon to give the best they had in them to attend the sick there came about quite unintentionally a test of the merits of the various systems of practice for the control of winter diseases and of infectious diseases generally. If the treatment was inherently wrong, if the means employed went against nature, if the treatment injured instead of helped the sick, or if the agencies employed merely failed to aid the patient over the danger point, then a high mortality necessarily resulted. Theories, arguments, explanations, good intentions, apologies—all brush aside in the face of the grim revelation that a treatment—no matter how venerable and respected—yield as a fruitage the maximum death rate.

What Flu Epidemic Death Statistics Reveal

Drugless practices in 119,122 recorded cases of epidemic influenza lost only 257 cases, a death rate of only one-fourth of 1 per cent. This means that only one flu patient died out of every four hundred treated by the osteopathic profession. How remarkable this achievement really was is best understood when stated in deadly parallel with the fatality records of the dominant drug school. Death statistics from most of the states and about an hundred cities, compiled with statistics of the U. S. census bureau and leading life insurance actuaries, warrant the following statement: Only one out of 5 to 6 per cent of influenza recovered from the under the allopathic care. The this allopahic recovery down for comparison in this nation-wide osteopathic loss of only one-fourth of 1 per cent. Later we will see the reason.

DR. J. PERRY CONDER