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LEXINGTON PIONEER ENDS HIS OWN LIE

DAVID E. LEACH, 70 YEARS OLD, USES REVOLVER

His Health and Mental Worry is Believed to Be Cause of Act

David E. Leach, an old time resident of Lexington, committed suicide last Friday morning by shooting himself through the head with a .38-calibre revolver. The deed was committed in an outhouse at the home of his son-in-law, T. H. Nichols, where the old man had made his home. He was found by his grandson a few moments after the shooting and it is believed death was practically instantaneous.

Coroner Case was notified and went to Lexington to make an investigation. No jury was empaneled, it being evident to the coroner that it was a plain case of suicide.

It appeared that Mr. Leach had been in poor health for some time and had also had some domestic and financial worries either fancied or real, which had preyed on his mind until he was perhaps somewhat unbalanced mentally.

It is said that the old man made an attempt at suicide about a year ago and a short time ago when Dr. Chick, of this city, was at Lexington, Leach asked him for a dose of something that would end his life and when the doctor refused he said that he had a gun that would do the job. It is said the family did not know he had the gun in his possession and looked on his request to the doctor as idle talk.

He leaves several children. The funeral was held at Lexington Saturday.

J. L. WILKINS ORGANIZES NEW HOTEL COMPANY

J. L. Wilkins, former proprietor of the old Palace hotel, has organized a company to build a new summer hotel at a point six miles from Stevenson, according to the Spokesman-Review. The company is known as the Evergreen Hot Springs Co., and it is the intention to make the place an all the year around resort. A. J. Boyle, a Tacoma lumberman, is president of the company. Mr. Wilkins is vice president and general manager and Tom Underwood, a wealthy wheatgrower of Sprague, Washington, is one of the directors.

ATTENTION W. R. C.

The regular meeting on May 12th will be in the Odd Fellows hall. A social hour will follow the business session. Every member is requested to be present at 2:30 sharp.

BERTHA D. GILMAN, President.

WILL VISIT IN SEATTLE

Mrs. George W. Milholland and children left Friday morning for Seattle where they will visit for several weeks, with her sister. Mr. Milholland accompanied them as far as Portland where he was called on business.

Heppner Sanitarium Hospital

DR. J. PERRY CONDER, Physician-in-charge
Corner Main and Baltimore. Telephone, Main 92

MEDICAL PROFESSOR CONDEMNS "TONSIL SLAUGHTER"

Dr. McKenzie, a professor of laryngology in Johns Hopkins University in a current issue of the Maryland Medical Journal, under the head of "The Massacre of the Tonsils" fires a broadside of hot shot at his fellow practitioners who remove tonsils upon the least provocation, and quotes "a distinguished general surgeon of wide experience, large practice and exceptionally high professional skill" who gave as his deliberate opinion that "of all the surgical insanities within his recollection, this onslaught on the tonsils was the worst, not excepting the operation on the appendix." "Nor do I wish to shift to other shoulders all the blame," says Dr. McKenzie. "I, too, in my earlier days have fallen by the way. Never in the history of medicine has the lust for operation on the tonsils been as passionate as it is at the present time. It is not simply the surgical thrust from which we have all suffered in our earlier days, just as at a still earlier day we suffered from the measles; it is a MANIA, A MADNESS, AN OBSESSION."

This is exactly what the writer has been contending and teaching for the past eleven years, and more, in your midst, while saving hundreds of children from this butchery of the tonsils. It is a lamentable truth—just as this eminent Johns Hopkins medical man says—that this every-day removal of the tonsils and appendix (because, forsooth, they get sore and inflamed) amounts to a professional thirst for blood, an "obsession", and has no justification in reason, and no "Bloodless Surgeon" could condemn this senseless fad in severer terms than has Dr. McKenzie, and fortunately for mankind, there is a better way than this heartless butchery to control disease processes.

THE LEXINGTON FARM BUREAU HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING

The farmers around Lexington met Saturday afternoon in regular Farm Bureau organization and discussed several important questions. After considerable deliberation of the advantages of the roads leading north and east out of Lexington they unanimously decided to co-operate with the other districts in asking the county court to get a reconnaissance survey of the Boardman-Lexington road. Considerable time was spent in the discussing of harrowing wheat, it was the unanimous opinion of all farmers present after comparing their results this year with that of past years, that they did not favor harrowing wheat unless the wheat was very weedy. We do not know whether the opinion of these farmers that were locally representative men of the Lexington District would be excepted in all parts of the county or not but it does square with the experiments conducted at the chairman's experiment station. It was further pointed out that 128 hybrids and Turkey-red had so far been the best two varieties to withstand winter-killing. It is generally understood that this has been one of the hardest winters on wheat in the history of the United States, and here is a less percentage of winter wheat standing this spring over the entire country than at any other previous spring.

Morrow county and the State of Oregon while having had a hard winter are in a most favorable condition at the present time for the present crop. Mr. W. G. Scott of Lexington, who has made quite a trip around the Lexington territory reports conditions being normal at least. When the superabundance of moisture in the ground at present time is considered. This squares with our opinion over the county and we believe that the prospects for the wheat crop in Morrow county at the present time are considerably better than last year at the same time of the year and our opinion will be a normal prospect, this will be largely made or unmade by the June rain.

L. A. HUNT, County Agent.

MRS. C. C. PATTERSON ENTERTAINS

Notable social events of the week were the parties given by Mrs. C. C. Patterson in their apartments in the Gilman building Thursday and Friday. Ladies of the north end of town were entertained Thursday afternoon and those of the south end enjoyed similar hospitality Friday. Bridge was the form of entertainment and delightful refreshments were served on both occasions.

DR. ALLISON WILL RETURN TO HEPPNER

Dr. H. T. Allison, who formerly practiced medicine here, leaving a lucrative practice to enlist in the army medical corps when this country entered the world war, writes to the Herald from Amity, Oregon, that he expects to return to Heppner May 15th and re-open his former office in the Odd Fellows' building.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

It is often the case, in some communities, that the local publishers themselves are responsible for the lack of interest their merchants have in advertising in the local newspaper. It sometimes is not an uncommon thing for the local publisher to "beg" the merchants to "take space." The merchants are too often asked to "support" the home-town paper. As a result, they do just as little advertising as possible. Add to this the fact that many merchants do not put any real thought into their local advertising—they do not get results and often condemn all advertising as worthless.

Fortunately, there are many merchants who are different. They go about their local advertising in a businesslike way, and make it pay. These merchants and the local publishers who are also "different"—who sell space in their publications on its merits, without asking "support"—are doing a great amount of good for the local advertising industry. They supply the examples of local advertising successes that any local publisher can point to when they are soliciting their merchants for local advertising.

More and more the readers of local newspapers are looking to their favorite publication to provide them with a dependable guide to intelligent and economical buying as well as to furnish news and information through the editorial columns.

Local newspaper space is valuable and as soon as the local advertiser appreciates this value he will begin to figure how he can profitably increase the space he "buys"—not "takes"—in the local publication.

COMMITTEE GETS ACTION ON FREE EXPRESS DELIVERY

At a recent meeting of the commercial club a committee was appointed to take up the matter of free express delivery in Heppner. The committee consisting of Sam Hughes, John Patterson and George Alken, at once addressed a letter to H. H. Smith, superintendent of the American Express Co., at Portland and recently received the following reply:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 4th, concerning the establishment of an uptown office at Heppner, Oregon, contents of which have been carefully noted.

"I shall be glad to have one of our traveling representatives look into the situation at Heppner at the earliest possible date and will later see that you are advised as to our conclusions in this matter.

Your truly,
H. H. SMITH,
Superintendent."

CHANGES IN MORROW HEIGHTS CONTEMPLATED

J. W. Morrow was here for several days during the week having come out with the intention of placing the Morrow Heights addition lots on the market. After his arrival, however, Mr. Morrow decided to make some changes in his previous plans regarding the disposal of the property which necessitated withdrawing the lots from the market temporarily.

Since the grading has been practically completed the new addition shows up to splendid advantage. Several prospective purchasers have remarked that the only difficulty in selecting a lot on the Heights, is in making a choice between the many desirable locations.

RHEA LUPER VISITS HEPPNER

Rhea Luper, who is seeking the republican nomination for public service commissioner for the eastern Oregon district, and who is a native son of Heppner, is here for a few days visiting his parents and looking after his campaign.

Mr. Luper says he has every confidence in receiving a heavy majority in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wheeler and Crook counties and that he also feels comfortable regarding the situation in other parts of the district. Mr. Luper is at present assistant engineer for the public service commission and his contention is that the commission needs an engineer in its personnel.

Mrs. M. D. Scribner has sold her fine business lot on lower Main street to the Knights of Pythias lodge, the consideration being \$1200. Mrs. Scribner believes the price received is a very modest one but says the only way to build up Heppner is to sell vacant lots at reasonable prices to those who will improve them. It is understood the Knights will build on their property at no distant date.

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MUCH WATER IS USED UP GROWING ACRES OF CORN

O. A. C. Experiment Station, Corvallis, May 12.—It takes 558 tons of water—134,000 gallons—to grow a ton of dry matter in crops. This was the average of six trials over a period of three years on the station farm, reports W. L. Powers.

To supply this water requires 4.93 inches spread over one acre of land—practically 5 acre inches. This is the "water cost" of an acre of dry fodder corn. Since most of the corn is grown with but little rain—sometimes none at all—and much of it without irrigation, the Oregon corn crop must depend chiefly on soil moisture for its water requirement.

It takes good farming to make the soil retain this heavy water supply through the season, and to cause the corn roots to go down after it. The soils must drain properly and be kept porous by introduction of organic matter and by proper tillage.

Legumes, crop rotations and livestock, are used on the station farm as important measures in keeping the soil in right condition and fertility to store and hold the 558 tons of water used in making a ton of dry fodder, or other useful crop.

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HERE VISITING BROTHER

Chas. I. McMenamin, of DeKalb, Illinois, arrived in Heppner Friday evening to enjoy a visit with his brother, F. A. McMenamin. Mr. McMenamin was recently discharged from the army after serving nearly two years. He expects to make a rather extended visit in Heppner.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for assistance and sympathy rendered during the illness and at the time of the death and burial of our beloved mother. Also for the beautiful floral remembrances.

OLIN HAYES,
ELRA HAYES,
NEVA HAYES.

AN EDUCATIONAL MEETING AT EIGHT MILE CENTER

A meeting will be held at Eight-mile Center at 8:00 o'clock next Sunday afternoon, (May 16), for the purpose of discussing the educational measures on the ballot at the May election. J. E. Notson will make an address and other speakers are expected to be present.

A. G. Pieper a prosperous young farmer of the Blackhouse district, was in town Monday on court matters. Mr. Pieper is just completing a new residence on his ranch in which all the modern improvements are being installed. Mr. Pieper's one young son, a farmer who follows scientific methods in his work, keeps an accurate set of farm record books and makes money.

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LOCAL FARMERS ADOPT NEW IRRIGATION METHODS

After discussing the irrigation problems with the county agent and after going into the matter quite thoroughly and made a study of practices elsewhere, two or three of the local people around Heppner are changing their method of irrigation and adopting the method which is very rapidly growing in prominence all over Oregon, Washington and California, in other words the strip border of irrigation. During the last ten days John Wightman, and Rugg Bros. and some other farmers have been carefully preparing land with the idea of putting this method into active use upon their fields. Anyone interested may see these plots in actual existence on the above mentioned farms and may secure bulletins concerning same from the local agricultural office. The local agent will be glad to co-operate with any farmer in explaining the details or assisting him in laying out this system. This method is the method which is in general practice on the Hermiston and West Extension project, as well as through the greater part of Washington, Central Oregon, Southern Oregon, California. It has this to be said in its favor, that it will require experiments only about one-fourth the labor and one-fifth the water to cover the same amount of ground. By this method water may be applied in almost any desired quantity and in amounts to suit the applicant. This is not possible under the representative system which is in common practice on a good many ranches. It has this further to be said in its favor that there is no other method known with which the land can be so easily adapted to a good system of irrigation as the strip border method. Farmers on adjoining ranches are watching with keen interest the new method to see how it is going to work under local conditions.

L. A. HUNT, County Agent.

HIGHWAY SPEEDERS MAY RECEIVE ATTENTION

Ever since the first unit of macadam was laid out of Heppner down the Willow creek road, there have been many complaints of speeding cars that tempting three-mile stretch of highway but as the wording of the law regarding speeding makes conviction difficult not much has been done by the authorities to regulate the evil.

John Wightman, who lives along side the speedway came to town Monday morning, however, with a certain amount of blood in his eye. Wightman Bros. operate a dairy and fine stock farm down the road and the way the speed boys have been killing off their property is not slow. Mr. Wightman made complaint to County Judge Campbell Monday morning that some speed maniac had killed a valuable pure-bred pig for him Sunday evening, that only a short time ago a valuable cow was struck and permanently crippled, that his chickens are killed frequently and that the way some cars tear past his place he feels that his own life and the lives of his family and employees are constantly in danger.

Mr. Wightman says that many cars habitually pass his place at a speed of from 50 to 60 miles an hour and as there is a curve in the road nearby the danger to life and property is always present.

Judge Campbell thinks it is about time to put a traffic cop on the job and if the speeders continue some of the best people in Morrow county are liable to get pinched.

ICE AND SODA BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

Joe Snyder, who for nearly three years has been proprietor of the Heppner Ice & Soda works has sold his business to E. V. Heaman who has taken over control of the property. Mr. Heaman has engaged the services of Lee Cantwell as manager of the plant and business. Mr. Cantwell has had years of experience along that line of work and he assures the Heppner public first-class service.

NOTICE

All persons wishing to become charter members of the new lodge of Pythian Sisters now being organized are requested to be at Odd Fellows hall Friday evening, May 14th, at 8:00 o'clock.

GRAND JURY IS WHOLE SHOW THIS COURT TERM

TRIAL JURY DISCHARGED FROM DUTY MONDAY AFTERNOON

No Civil Cases Develop. Several Un-savory Criminal Matters Being Investigated

THE GRAND JURY

John Wightman, foreman.
Harley Bergstrom
E. G. Haverstick
Roy E. Tyler
Henry Dennis
J. L. Yeager
Ora Adkins

Judge Phelps, Sheriff McDuffee, Clerk Waters, Bill Ayers and all the attorneys in town seem to cut but little figure at the present term of circuit court. The grand jury seems to be the whole show.

No civil cases were ready for trial when court convened Monday morning and it appearing that nothing would probably develop on the civil docket the trial jurors were dismissed for the term with the reminder that they may be called at some later date should need arise.

A grand jury was empaneled Monday morning and it is understood that a considerable amount of criminal business awaits its investigation and action.

No less than three unsavory cases are being investigated, it is understood, in which young girls and mature men figure and some arson cases are also being investigated, it is said.

Mrs. Upton, of the Portland baby home and rescue mission work, is here with three of her young charges in connection with case being investigated.

At our time of going to press the grand jury has made no report and it is said they may remain in session for several days before bringing in any indictments or making their final report.

THE MORROW COUNTY WOOL POOL

We would like to call special attention to the Wool Growers of the county the following considerable discussion by executive committee of the farmers of Morrow county several of them have decided to form a wool pool which they invite every grower. It is the belief of those that made a careful study of the matter that coarse wool will be a drag on the market earlier in the season. It is quite clear, we believe, that if a man has less than five hundred fleeces of wool he will not be able to get a desirable bid or such a small quantity, and it is easily to his advantage to pool his wool with other growers so as to increase his wool carefully graded and pit it with an amount of wool that will be sufficient to call forth a reasonable qualified bid. In this way every grower is absolutely insured of what his wool is actually worth by contract grading.

It is planned to place the wool in the hands of competent management in some convenient warehouse in Portland, where it will be carefully watched over by a commission representing Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon wool pool. Although we wish it clearly understood that all Eastern Oregon wool will be kept separate and distinct from Valley wools, simply graded under supervision of the same man. We have made special arrangements with commission houses so that we will be able to get an advance from 75 to 80 per cent of the market value of the wool, as soon as placed in the warehouse. The details of this wool pool may be obtained by consultation with the county agent and we would advise anyone interested to act immediately so that prompt action may be secured.

L. A. HUNT, County Agent.

PIONEER CITIZEN PASSES

Albert Mattison, a pioneer resident of this county for more than 40 years passed away at his home in this city this morning. He had been ill for several months. He was something more than 70 years old.