

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Royle, of Spray, are in town today on business.

Mr. Heffner, who ranches in the Pilot Rock country, was a business visitor here Monday.

Jim Huddleston and his sister, Miss Bess Huddleston, were in from their Hook creek ranch yesterday.

Before selling your wheat or buying your bags, see me; I am in the market. Roy V. White. —2t.

Willard Herren came in from Ditch creek Sunday well laden with huckleberries. He and Oscar Minor went back to the mountains this morning for a day's hunt.

L. N. Traver came in from Corvallis Sunday evening to look after the winding up work on the new hotel building.

Mrs. Eugene Penland and her daughter, Miss Dorothy Hill, went to Portland Friday where Mr. Penland expects to visit relatives until about November 1st.

J. W. Gibbs, who has been trapping for predatory animals on the Hinton creek-Sand Hollow ranges, reports that he has caught 48 coyotes and bob cats in two months trapping.

Miss Elizabeth Phelps left this morning for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she will enter Coe college for the coming school year. Miss Phelps was accompanied by her mother who will visit relatives in the east before returning home.

Cecl folk will enjoy a neighborhood dance at the hall in that thriving village next Saturday evening. Everybody is invited and Mrs. Lowe will serve the refreshments.

Mrs. J. W. Stevens and daughter, Miss Mildred, were business visitors in town Friday. Miss Cecile Stevens who is a student at the Bellingham Normal this summer, is spending her vacation with friends on an island in Puget sound.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PROFITEER

If the cost of living is raised more than 2 per cent by the \$1,200,000,000 increase in freight charges, it will be plain evidence that middlemen and retailers are taking an unfair advantage of the public. An increase of 2 per cent in average prices would be the maximum cost of the rate advance if there were no change in other forces acting on the price level. But the general tendency of prices is now downward. We have passed the peak of war inflation. It is reasonable to believe, therefore, that prices will fall rather than rise after the new rates are in effect.

The fact is that in the production of most articles of common daily consumption, the transport charge is so small that an increase in rates has no appreciable effect in the family budget. In bulky articles like coal, of course, where transportation is a very large factor of the progress of production and distribution, an increase in freight rates necessarily means higher prices. But even these comparatively large increases in particular commodities may be absorbed as a result of other forces working

for lower prices. The increase in passenger rates, while producing a very much smaller amount of additional revenue than the new freight rates, will strike more directly at the average man's pocketbook. But the new passenger rates will raise travel expenses less than \$2 per capita a year, or less than one cent a day. Suburban residents, who travel thousands of miles a year for the pleasure of living in the country while working in the city, will pay much more than this average.

The \$1,500,000,000 of additional freight and passenger revenue to be paid by the public for railroad service under the new rates will not go into the treasuries of the railroads nor into the pockets of the owners. Practically all of this additional revenue will go directly to the two million railroad workers whose wages have been established on a new level after the most careful consideration of all the facts by a government wage board.

The recent wage award in Chicago gave to the railroad employes an additional \$625,000,000 a year or an average of more than \$300 to each employe. During the two years of government operation of railroads, because of the increase in the cost of living, the Railroad Administration raised wages by more than \$1,000,000,000 a year. The total increase in wages, therefore, since May 1918, when the Lane Wage Board made its first award, is more than \$1,600,000,000 a year, or considerably more than the new freight and passenger rates will produce.

The increases in rates made by the Government in 1918, which produced about \$900,000,000 additional revenue, were practically all absorbed by the increased prices for fuel and materials consumed in railroad operation. As a very large part of the increased cost of coal and materials purchased by the railroads has been due to the more than 100 per cent rise in wages paid workers in these other industries, it is plain that the great bulk of the \$2,400,000,000 increase in railroad rates in the past three years goes to the wage earners.

Under the new scale of railroad wages, the average annual earnings per employe will be \$1900, as compared with \$820 at the beginning of the war. This is an increase of 129 per cent. The railroad payroll today is on the basis of \$3,600,000,000 a year, or \$2,000,000,000 more than it would be if the employes were being paid at the pre-war rates.

These plain facts show that the railroad owners do not receive \$1,500,000,000 or any appreciable part of it. For some time to come there is not likely to be any considerable increase in the returns paid to the owners of railroad securities. The effect of the award of the Commerce Commission is to enable the railroads to pay fair wages to their employes and to continue to make the modest return to their security owners that they did before the war. Larger returns to the owners will only be possible as a result of intensive work on the part of the managements to increase efficiency.

The workers have fared very much better than the owners, because their wages have been raised to make up for the decreased purchasing power of the dollar, while there has been no corresponding increase in the pay for capital. The worker who earned \$1000 a year before the war now

receives \$2300, and his wages will buy more, because they have advanced more than the cost of living. On the other hand the investor with \$10,000 of 5 per cent railroad bonds, gets the same \$500 a year he received before the war, but he finds that his \$500 will buy only half as much as before the war.

CHURCH NOTICES

Christian Science

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in I. O. O. F. hall. Testimony meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Eugene Slocum. All interested are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

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Heppner — Oregon

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKING

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, August 12, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that FRED HOWE of Heppner, Oregon, who, on Feb. 20th, 1920, made Homestead Entry No. 019522, for SW 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, and E 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 9, Tp. 4 S., R. 29 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 11th day of October, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses: Phil Hirt, John Kegan, Phil Higgins, and Jacob Pearson, all of Lena, Oregon. C. S. DUNN, Register.

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NOTICE OF CONTEST

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, August 14th, 1920.

To Annie McCabe of Lena, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Michael Whitney, who gives c/o. E. A. McMenamin, Heppner, Oregon, as his post-office address, did on July 9th, 1920, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry No. Serial No. 014530, made June 28th, 1917, for SE 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec 27 E 1/2 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, and W 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 24, Township 1 S., R. 29 E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Annie McCabe has not lived on, and has not maintained a residence on said homestead since March, 1919. That said Annie McCabe has totally abandoned said homestead since March 1919. That said Annie McCabe has not been absent from the aforesaid homestead account of being engaged in farm labor pursuant to the Act of December 20, 1919. That the absence of the said Annie McCabe from said homestead has not been due to her being employed in the military or naval service of the United States of America, and the entrywoman's absence from the aforesaid land was not due to her employment in military service rendered in connection with operations in Mexico, or along the borders thereof, or in mobilization camps elsewhere in the military or naval organization of the United States, or the National Guard of any of the several states.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as contested, and your said entry will be canceled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer of the said contest either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent

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IN THE Furnishings Department

All White Canvas Shoes sold Below Cost

- Men's Canvas shoes—rubber soles and heels, reg. price \$6.00.. Special \$3.95
Men's Canvas Oxfords " " " " " \$5.50.. Special \$3.45
Men's Tennis shoes " " " " " \$2.00.. Special \$1.45
Men's Tennis Oxfords " " " " " \$1.85.. Special \$1.35
Boys' Tennis shoes " " " " " \$1.75.. Special \$1.25
Boys' Tennis Oxfords " " " " " \$1.50.. Special \$1.10
Youth Tennis shoes " " " " " \$1.50.. Special \$1.10
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Prices to \$5.00..... Special price \$1.50

Boy's 2-piece Summer Underwear

25c per garment ..... 50 c per suit

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Sizes 10 1/2-14 ..... 75c and \$1.00.

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Classified Want Ads

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WANTED—One experienced man on 40 to 120 acre irrigated ranch, 25 acres in alfalfa, 15 acres ready to seed at once, about 60 acres in pasture. Ideal dairy proposition. Will give 5 year lease to a good man. Write to J. F. Gorham, Boardman, Oregon. 1t

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FOR SALE—1919 Maxwell touring car; A-1 condition. All new tires; 2 new extra tires; thoroughly overhauled recently. A bargain. Call or see foreman, Heppner Herald.

FOR SALE—A house and two lots. Fruit, shade trees and an excellent garden. Mrs. A. E. Binns.—14tf.

FOR SALE—1917 Buick, completely overhauled, a real bargain. \$850. Terms to responsible parties. 1917 Dodge, newly overhauled, in excellent condition. Another bargain. \$450. Terms as above. Heppner Garage 13tf.

FOR SALE—Ford car in fine condition. New engine, Cord tires, thoroughly overhauled recently. Call on or address L. Van Marter, Heppner, Ore. 12

FOR SALE—Six good work mules with or without harness. See Guy Boyer, Heppner, Ore. 14-17

LOST

LOST—Suit of clothes on road between Heppner and Condon, Tuesday night, August 3. Elk's pin on coat lapel. Suitable reward for return or information leading to recovery if left at this office.—15-17.

LOST—Between Heppner and the Matteson place on upper Rhos creek; Tuesday evening, August 19 new auto tire pump. Suitable reward if returned to D. E. Gilman, Heppner, Oregon. 16-18 12-4f.

A HUNCH

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