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## WONDER WORM STORY FROM BOARDMAN TOWN

REPUTABLE CITIZEN TELLS OF NEW INDUSTRY.

### HAS PROHIBITION FAILED THERE?

Boon Promised for Lazy Anglers—Spitting On Bait Decried—Poultrymen Warned.

(The following letter from S. H. Boardman, reputable and conservative citizen of the town that bears his name, indicates either that a wonderfully lucrative new industry has been established there or that prohibition has utterly failed to prohibit in that part of the county.)

To the Editor: Knowing your deep interest in our country, its future and the possibilities of development, I am taking the liberty to call your attention to something new in animal husbandry. On a recent trip over the project I called at the Geo. Mitchell ranch. Mr. Mitchell is an advanced thinker on lines of progress. This instance his thought followed lines of higher propaganda. He probably has the only exclusive angle worm ranch in the world. The condition of his health required light work, and the worm industry seemed to fit his condition. It shows how often necessity is the mother of invention. George before coming here spent all his life fishing. Earth at any time and place in Missouri turned up produced angle worms. When the Creator "tailored" this country for the coming of man he omitted the worm. George set his mind to work, and here is the answer. He imported a Multnomah Mock Botton, worm, and from the rocky coast of Plymouth Rock fame he brought a blue belted worm. These he crossed and the results have been remarkable. I would have all "near fishermen" follow me closely. These worms are sold under an absolute guarantee, that people who have even lost their sense of touch may hook the way trout. This worm is one of size and strength. In baiting the hook you leave an inch of the worm extending beyond the point of barb. This worm is so educated that when a fish approaches to bite it reaches out and secures a hold in the gill of the fish. The only effort required of the fisherman is to reel it in. This procedure may not appeal to "he-fishermen," but to "near fishermen" and to those who fish by the hour without hope this should prove a boon. One fishing rule must be strictly omitted. That of spitting on the hook for luck. This new worm is sensitive, and when "laved" with the finished product of Climax it will sink and refuse to function. George is producing two worms. One to be used in a trout country. One in a sucker country. The self-hooking worm for the trout country. The non-hooking worm for those who have the sucker. The non-hooking worm comes cheaper by the gross. It was my good fortune to be at Mr. Mitchell's ranch at feeding time. He has an acre set to this wonder worm. He has constructed elevated walks a foot from the ground over this acre tract. He uses a large sprinkling can filled with a solution which contains the secret of his success. Through a procedure I was unable to grasp, it might have been a cluck, this acre of worms came to "attention." Six to eight inches of their bodies were glistening in the morning sun. He then proceeded to sprinkle them with this life-giving liquid. It surely was a sight. This would go double before the country went dry. Alaska boasts of its fox farm, Wisconsin its mink and Missouri its skunk, but who will dare say we will not shine with equal lustre with our wonder worm. To those who would venture into this new field, Mr. Mitchell is now ready for spring delivery. Prices quoted upon application. As you know, modesty becometh me, but with our wonderful country who will proclaim a broadcast unless we herald the tidings with your type. It may seem a far cry from the banana to the wonder worm, but such is our country. Sincerely,

S. H. BOARDMAN.  
P. S.—Last anticipated hopes may receive a fall I would give this warn-

## VAUN BEATS BAUMAN.

Pins Opponent to Mat in Straight Falls—Three Preliminaries.

In the wrestling match which was staged at the Star theatre last Saturday night between Curtis Vaun of Boardman and Harvey Bauman of Lexington, Vaun came out the victor. The first round was all that the audience could ask for, both men being very aggressive, and apparently anxious to pack off the bacon. Many tight holds were pulled out of by each man. Double wrist locks, hammerlocks, half nelsons and many other intricate holds known only to the initiated, were cleverly thrown off, and when at the end of 38 minutes the referee gave the fall to Vaun no person in the crowd could gainsay his right to it. This fall was executed by a combination of the "eroten" and "half nelson."

The next fall was negotiated by Vaun by means of the "tee hold" route, in eight minutes.

During a lively scrimmage in the first round, Bauman accidentally hit the referee on the head with his foot. There were those present who thought this had rendered Bauman's foot a vulnerable point of attack and was partly responsible for his easy defeat in the second round, but this was later denied by Bauman.

In the first preliminary, which was between Charles Reasoner and John Brown and was scheduled to go fifteen minutes for a decision, was won handily by Brown in ten minutes.

Nick Groshen and Ralph Moore, two bantams just a little under Terry McGovern's class and weight, put up a spirited exhibition, going for three one-minute rounds. Moore took home the pork chops in this event.

Russell Wright and Claude Sigbee were ticketed to go three two-minute rounds. The boys were apparently kinda mad at each other, for they hardly got in speaking distance during the three cantos.

Jack O'Neill, the veteran mat man, at one time a hot contender for the world's championship, refereed the bouts in his usual fair and impartial manner.

In speaking of the main event after the match was over, Referee O'Neill said: "Vaun is a husky youngster, and in the hands of a competent trainer would be tough proposition for anyone in the 150-pound class."

It is rumored that a finish match between Vaun and Glen Hadley, of Hardman, is in the making, and should this be consummated the fans will see a battle royal from gong to gong.

This is clean, legitimate sport, and should be encouraged and well patronized by the people of Heppner and vicinity.

### Fossil Boy Honored.

Glen C. Hoover, son of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Hoover of Fossil was cited for "gallantry in action and especially meritorious services" at the battle of Soissons, France, July 19 1918; news of which citation has only been received this week from the headquarters of the famous First Division by Mrs. Hoover. Glen had never told his mother, and the first knowledge of her son's bravery came in the form of a certificate made out by command of Major-General Summerall, who commanded the noted division at the battle.—Fossil Journal.

### Sixteen-Foot Surface.

W. B. Barratt, the newly appointed highway commissioner, has already scored one point. In place of only a measly 8 feet of surfacing on the Willow creek section of the O.-W. highway, we are to have 16 feet. Bully for Barratt.—One Independent.

### Well Known Couple Married.

John McDevitt, well known and successful young farmer north of Ione, and Miss Kate Doherty, a well known and popular young lady of this county were married at Portland last Monday. They returned to Ione Saturday and that evening were welcomed to the groom's home, the McDevitt Bros. ranch, with a wedding reception dance, at which a large number of friends and neighbors were guests.

The bride is a graduate nurse, and a year or so ago had charge of the Heppner hospital. Many friends of the happy couple will join in hearty congratulations and best wishes.

ing to chicken fanciers: Don't plan these worms for chicken forage. They will strangle your chickens.

## FARM BUREAU HOLDS EXTENSION SCHOOL

INSTRUCTION GIVEN IN DAIRYING, FARM ACCOUNTS, ETC.

### 28 FARMERS ATTEND SESSION

Growing Interest Shown in Bureau Work in Morrow County.

An interesting meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau was held here last Saturday the program being in the nature of a "school," at which competent instructors gave interesting talks on subjects of interest to members of the bureau.

Twenty-eight farmers were in attendance, and the close attention given to the program indicated that interest in bureau work is growing in the county.

E. E. Flitts gave a most interesting talk on dairying, during which he stated that the dairy cow will produce five times the amount of food from a ton of hay than any other animal, while leaving sufficient fertilizer to maintain the fertility of the soil that produced the hay. Mr. Flitts pointed out that pure bred cows are much superior to poor grades, and urged that all dairymen should improve their herds as rapidly as possible by introducing pure-bred sires.

Following his address Mr. Flitts answered many questions of interest asked by his hearers.

W. S. Carpenter, representative of the Moro experiment station, spoke on grain growing in eastern Oregon in connection with which he used a chart showing the result of four years of discing and not discing wheat land. If the ground is plowed early while moist discing is not necessary. Mr. Carpenter stated, but if not possible to plow early discing is important to kill weeds and conserve the moisture. Another chart was shown regarding early and late plowing. Ground plowed before April 1 produced 24.5 bushels per acre, while similar ground plowed in June produced only 8.8 bushels. Mr. Carpenter also answered a number of interesting questions.

R. V. Gunn gave an interesting talk on the importance of farm accounts, stating that often the wife or one of the older children take pride in keeping up the accounting once a week or so. The speaker also urged the importance of transacting all business through the bank, paying all bills with checks, thus keeping a record of every item.

Mr. Gunn also gave a blackboard illustration of the proper way of estimating the actual cost of a bushel of wheat.

At the business meeting following the school work it was moved and carried that the bureau appropriate \$59 for publicity purposes in circulating and advertising the Oregon cooperative grain growers contract.

It was also ordered by a vote of the meeting that County Agent Hunt be granted a leave of absence from Morrow county of one month to assist in organizing and putting over the co-operative marketing project.

## WOULD DEVELOP POWER AT UMATILLA RAPIDS

INITIAL MEETING AT UMATILLA WEDNESDAY FORM PLANS.

### NO PIPE DREAM BUT LIVE ISSUE

Co-Operation Asked From Directors of John Day Irrigation District.

(By L. A. Hunt.)

At a meeting called at Umatilla on Wednesday of the live and energetic business men of eastern Oregon, started after one of the big things for the development of this section territory. This activity has been largely promoted by Boardman enterprise, but it was through the co-operation of other commercial clubs that it was finally made possible. The city of Pendleton had about four energetic hustlers and business men there with their Pendleton badges. Echo, Stanfield, Horniston, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman were all there with their war paints and things were moving from the time the first guns boomed. Several bankers and prominent businessmen gave of their time in order to push this thing across. About 89 people in all were in attendance. We counted at least four newspaper editors. There is some prospect of an exposition in Portland in 1925, and if this is put through it will be necessary to get additional electric juice at that time. It is hoped to put the Umatilla rapids or some other as feasible proposition on the map by that date. A resolution was passed asking that the John Day Irrigation district, because of the fact that much of its land is to be irrigated from this source, ask its engineers to bring in its preliminary report immediately upon this project. An organization committee was appointed and temporary officers elected; Mr. D. C. Brownell of Umatilla, president, and Mr. Aldrich of Pendleton, secretary. In order to provide for the incidental expenses for the next week's meeting \$50.00 were raised by popular subscription in about five minutes. The next meeting will be held February 5 at Pendleton, at which time they will hold a meeting with the committee of the Oregon legislature regarding the Joseph bill, which looks towards the gathering of definite information upon these lines. Many people in eastern Oregon look upon this as a pipe dream, yet as a matter of fact it has been only about five years since there was a definite plan all ready financed to put the plan in operation at Celilo Falls, but the Balkan war interfered with it. Since that time a large company has been formed in Norway, and at a cost of \$50,000,000 a hydro-electric plant installed way back in the desert of Norway where they speedily built up a modern city of 15,000 people, developing nitrogen fertilization and electrical power. This company, strange as it may seem to the uninitiated, upon this enormous investment the first year they operated made a clear profit of one-fourth of their investment. There is no doubt but there is a market for all the power in sight at Umatilla rapids. If this were built it would develop naviga-

tion above the falls by slowing up the current. It would make possible the raising of the water by the dam forty-five feet, and lower that much the amount of pumping necessary. To lower the distance the water will have to be pumped for the irrigation of land on the north and south side of the river that amount, and will reduce the pumping charge project proportionately. This is of vital consideration. These men are thoroughly in earnest and they expect to get results. The Heppner representatives appeared to be very lonesome that day, and were not much in evidence.

### BOTANIST LEARNS FACTS THAT HELP AGRICULTURE.

Native Plant Life Indicates Crop Possibilities—Important to Wild Plant Life.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 31.—How expensive crop failure may be prevented by noting the character of plants that grow on untried land as indications of crop possibilities, was one of the scores of valuable points brought out by botanists at the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

An instance cited by H. C. Cowling, plant psychologist at the university of Chicago, showed that failure to note the native vegetation on a proposed banana farm at Miami, Fla., led to failure. The plant life showed the Cypress soil type, not the Cuban on which the crop flourished.

Many scientific truths brought out at the convention find that application in Oregon, says W. E. Lawrence of the O. A. C. experiment station, who was one of the three Oregon representatives.

Soil alkalinity or acidity, soil plant food materials and moisture condition can be largely determined in advance by the character of the vegetation.

Of the 400 scientists in attendance 600 were botanists, interested in crop science. This was the largest body of botany specialists ever assembled at any time or place.

The Botanical Abstracts is published by a board of scientists for reviewing in English, the information contained in scientific publications in any language anywhere. This is the only publication of its kind in the world.

### T. J. MAHONEY SLATED FOR PORT COMMISSIONER.

Advices from Portland are to the effect that a movement has been started to place T. J. Mahoney on the Port of Portland commission to succeed Harry Sargent, present member of the body.

Mr. Mahoney was formerly a resident of Heppner and was for years cashier and manager of the First National bank here. Some four years ago he removed to Portland, where he has since been connected with the Livestock State Bank and the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse. Mr. Mahoney is closely identified with the livestock industry and is a prominent figure in the business circles of North Portland.

### WOODSON, CARNSER, ROBERTSON MAKING FINE RECORDS.

Representative Woodson, who represents this district in the legislature, Bob Carnser, who really sort of belongs to Heppner but represents Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman in the same body, and O. B. Robertson of Condon who has a seat in the state senate, have all made records so far in the session of which they themselves and their constituents may well be proud. Up to the latest report coming from Salem the three gentlemen mentioned had introduced only one bill each, and it is to be that they will get through with that record. What a difference between these records and those of Moser, with his eighteen bills, Hume with seventeen and Kurell in the house with ten.

There is an old story of a member of some back east legislature who made himself famous by refraining from introducing any bill during the entire session until, just before final adjournment, he introduced a bill to repeal all laws passed during the session. Of course his bill didn't carry, but there were a lot of people who later were convinced that the fellow had the right hunch.

Ed Rugg was in from Rhea creek Saturday attending the Farm Bureau meeting.

## McNARY AND HARDING TO TALK IRRIGATION

SENATOR TO VISIT PRESIDENT-ELECT IN FLORIDA.

### NO PIECE-MEAL POLICY WANTED

Will Urge Reclamation of Entire Arid West Within Twenty-Year Period.

Senator McNary, of Oregon, is gathering data on western reclamation which will be laid before President-elect Harding at a conference to be held at St. Augustine, Florida during the present month, when Mr. McNary, as chairman of the senate committee on irrigation, will represent all of the arid land states of the west.

Senator McNary wishes to be able not only to propose a complete reclamation policy for the new administration, but also to discuss the question of financing a general plan of development.

Ex-Governor Spry presented the proposal at today's conference that the postal savings deposits be used as a reclamation fund under a law permitting irrigation districts to deposit their bonds with the government as security. At present, postal savings depositors receive only 2 per cent interest. Ex-Governor Spry's idea is that the depositor can receive a higher rate of interest, say 3 1-2 per cent and at the same time provide much cheaper money for reclamation purposes than will be possible by the ordinary methods of financing such enterprises.

Senator Fletcher and Representative Smith are co-authors of a bill for co-operation between the federal government and the states which will be explained to Mr. Harding by the Oregon senator.

Senator McNary opposes any piecemeal plan of reclamation. He will recommend to the president-elect that the new republican administration take hold of western development along the broad plan laid down almost 20 years ago by Theodore Roosevelt. He will suggest that Mr. Harding, as president, prepare to recommend to an early congress a reclamation programme that will mean the development of the entire arid west within a period of 20 years.

A continuing policy is the McNary idea, one that will be felt and appreciated in all parts of the west and which is not haphazard.

### Pioneer Resident Passes.

James M. Hayes, former resident of this county and city, died at his home in Pendleton Thursday evening, January 27, 1921, at the age of 62 years. Mr. Hayes was a native Oregonian, having been born in Lane county in 1858. He came to this county in 1877 and engaged in the stock business, in which he was eminently successful. After establishing himself in business and with a home in this county, he returned to Lane county about 1888, where he was married to Miss Mary B. Hayes, who survives him. He retired from active life several years ago, and moved to Heppner, leaving here two years ago for Pendleton where the family have since made their home.

Besides his widow he is survived by the following children: Glenn Hayes, Mrs. Rosa Kirk, Anderson Hayes, Mrs. Roxy Sperry, Miss Lola Hayes, James Hayes Jr. and Miss Inez Hayes. The remains were brought to Heppner Saturday evening, and funeral services were held in the Christian church Sunday, conducted by Rev. Livingstone. Interment was in Masonic cemetery.

### HOME BASKET BALL TEAM WINS GAME FROM FOSSIL.

The crack basket ball team from Wheeler county high school at Fossil came over Friday to try conclusions with the Heppner Hi team, and in a rattling good game victory again perched on the Heppner banner. Heppner team made a good start early in the season, and are going strong.

The Civic Improvement club will hold a regular meeting Friday afternoon, February 3, in the council chamber. All ladies invited.

## Greetings and Salutations

