

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

T. J. Ayers, of Echo was registered at the Patrick last Thursday.

E. M. Hilden, of Blackhorse, was in town for a few hours Saturday on business.

Born in this city last Tuesday night, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle, a 7 pound son.

T. Robinson, of Elghmille was a business visitor here Friday getting ready for his coming harvest.

Al Henriksen, of Coed registered at the Patrick Friday evening and spent Saturday in town on business.

Mack Smith, who is tending camp in the neighborhood of the Hamilton ranch for Art Minor, was in town Friday.

Miss Georgia Shipley, of Portland arrived in Heppner last week where she will spend the summer with her aunt Mrs. Dick Wells.

It was a lively bunch that started from town, but we will never know what it was a first bunch that reached camp last night.

"Tex" McKinney, pioneer citizen of this county but lately of the Willamette valley, is in our midst looking after business matters.

The Pacific Grain Elevator Co. has lost three of their big warehouses with considerable wheat in the vicinity of Pendleton the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Potter were spending a few days in Heppner last week recuperating after the Fourth. They left Saturday morning for Ione.

As a mere matter of precaution to the sober citizenship of the commonwealth, it is said to be a good plan to shake the mountain dew vigorously from the huckleberry before eating the berries.

Speaking of pugilists, we are wondering if J. Dempsey would take on J. Dexter at our county fair here in September. As a drawing card, and to the management we would inquire, could you beat it?

About 15 boy scouts left Heppner at four o'clock Monday morning under the direction of Scout Master Livingston. Their hike will terminate at Herrens Mill. They expect to remain in camp the remainder of the week.

It is a consoling thing to be able to report that the fire which destroyed some of Fred Lucas' wheat, has simmered down to about ten acres instead of the 40 or 50 acres, as at first reported. Some youths and fire crackers seem to have been at the bottom of the affair.

After threshing we know not who will have the best sowing, but up to this time it is generally conceded that James Gentry and son Elmer have as good a prospect for wheat as any to be found in Morrow county. This is on the old Stafler place which these men bought last year, and appearances just now would indicate at least a 40-bushel to the acre crop.

No, you're wrong again. It wasn't a pistol shot nor a bomb that shook things near the Humphrey drug store Friday. That was a Ford tire that had been over-inflated, and was made even more so by standing too long in the hot sun. That and the periodical squealing of the fire siren throughout the day gave a fellow's nerves that hearing-down feeling.

Of course money matters are tight just now, but it must jar the habitual pessimist to go over Morrow county at this present writing and look at the thousands of acres of golden grain, the fat sheep and cattle and the great fields of rank alfalfa. In the last analysis (which is obsolete language) the people of a region just like this really don't know what hard times are.

The Middle Initial.

With the exception of William H. Taft, Senator Harding is the first President since Rutherford B. Hayes, to use more than one Christian name. Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson (who dropped his first name Thomas, early in the career) got along without middle names or initials. The middle initial, incidentally, is almost exclusively an American characteristic. An Englishman may call himself John James Smith, but practically never John J. Smith. A Frenchman may be baptised Auguste Charles Jesus Marie Georges Dupont, but he will be known to the world as Georges Dupont, and probably will sign himself G. Dupont.

The use of more than one given name is puzzling to a Frenchman. When Senator Lodge is mentioned in the French press, he is never "M. Lodge" but "M. Cabot Lodge," or as one prominent Paris daily writes it, "M. Cabot-Lodge." The President-Elect may look forward to be known on the continent as "President Gamaliel Harding." -Editorial Digest.

RECALLS OLD SIX-DAY RACES

Death of "Lepper" Hughes Brings Back Period of Sports That Once Held Full Sway.

The death a few days ago of "Lepper" Hughes, one of the old guard of the six-day go-as-you-please races which were conducted annually in the old Madison Square garden, recalls a period when that portion of the metropolitan public which hates to go to bed before daylight pursued one of its fads to the limit, remarks the New York Herald.

These six-day grinds drew great crowds. Many persons virtually lived the entire week in the foul atmosphere of the dingy old building and watched the men as they walked or trotted their way wearily round and round the area. Prize money was big and the contests had an international flavor, the English champion, Charlie Rowell, being a participant on more than one occasion, and the winner of one competition important from a prize money viewpoint.

"Lepper" Hughes and Paddy Fitzgerald of Long Island City were invariably on hand when these so-called endurance tests were decided, and each had a devoted following. Both were tall and slim in build, while Rowell was stocky, and had a short, quick stride which rolled the miles behind him in a way which made it difficult for his competitors to keep near him. England has long been famous for the quality of her distance runners, and Rowell was one of her very best.

The death of Hughes will also recall to many the New York of the days when there was not much life after dark north of Twenty-third street and the out-of-town visitor eager to see the sights had to content himself with what the Bowery and Sixth avenue afforded.

FURS NO MARK OF RICHES

Even the Poorest Farmers of Roumania Wear Collars and Hats of Finest Astrakan.

The poorest farmer in the Near East can afford astrakan collars and hats; and the man without a good piece of fur on his overcoat collar or a whole fur lining is almost always a beggar or a foreigner from America or western Europe, where these things cost money.

Nobody wears more fur lining or higher astrakan hats than the cab drivers.

These men comport themselves with a dignity equaled by no single other class of men in the world, unless it be by the priests of the Greek church.

A long black plush garment, tight at the collar and belted at the waist by a bath robe cord, envelops them from head to foot. Because it is lined with fur, this garment makes a man look far bigger than he really is. And the high conical astrakan cap, like a curly dunce cap, adds to his stature.

Many of the drivers are said to belong to a curious religious sect originating in Russia, a sect involving celibacy. They spurn friendship with women as likely to decrease their love for their horses.

Whether this is true or not, it is certain that the cab drivers are the most picturesque figures in Bucharest, outshining even the corseted and rouged Roumanian army officers.

Long Pigeon Flight.

One of the longest pigeon flights on record will be attempted from Edmonton, Alberta, to San Antonio, Tex. Arrangements for the flight have been made between the Edmonton Homing club and the San Antonio Homing club. The distance is 2,000 miles.

Between 40 and 50 homing pigeons will be shipped from San Antonio and liberated there by W. Lees, president of the Edmonton Homing club.

The longest flight on record, according to information, was from Rome to Liverpool, a distance of more than a thousand miles, over difficult country. -Brooklyn Eagle.

France Testing New Roads.

Contrary to past practice, composition road surfaces are being put down by the French highway authorities in the Rhone valley. At Givors a test is being made of two miles of an Italian composition. This has a cement basis and is guaranteed for 15 years. The road authorities have expressed their willingness to experiment with competitive types of road material. Of 12,000 miles of roads that required repairs at the time of the armistice, 13,620 miles have been greatly improved, and 2,200 miles have been completely repaired. -Compressed Air Magazine.

Paris War Library.

Over 100,000 volumes and almost as many pamphlets, etc., have been collected by the French government, and a building will be erected having five miles of shelving. The future historian will probably die in the first mile. The collection of manuscripts, photographs and war records is appalling as to numbers, and there seems to be no limit to the gifts of collectors. In this country Princeton university and the University of California are especially strong on war material. -Scientific American.

Decorum.

"When you mention that you saw a lady of your acquaintance on the street, does your wife ask you to describe what she wore?" "Certainly not," replied Mr. Meekton. "These days it wouldn't be considered a proper question."

STAR THEATRE

FOR SALE—A fine paying business in Heppner Best of reasons for selling. Address Box 98, Heppner, Oregon.—Advertisement. 9tf.

TWO TENTS FOR SALE—One 12 x 14 wall tent. One 7 x 7 wall tent. 10 oz. duck. \$10.00 each. Latour-ell Auto Co.—Advertisement. 8tf.

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKING — Remodeling and Ladies' Tailoring Mrs. Curren, Church street. 27f.

HE'S A GOOD STEWARD



Directors, department heads and clerks volunteered their services on the Cunard steamships during the strike of marine workers. C. E. Cotterell, assistant manager of the Cunard company, is here seen acting as a steward at Southampton on board the Aquitania.

Morris Chair Fire-Escape. A morris chair fire-escape, which is described in Popular Mechanics Magazine, comprises a comfortable piece of furniture and ready means of safety in case of fire. By extending two brackets, attached to the back of the chair out of a window and stringing a rope, wound on a spool under the chair seat, over a pulley located on a rod between the two bracket ends, a quick descent to the ground is accomplished. A brake, controlled by the fire victim, regulates the speed of the descent.

Fondness for Animals. "Hiram," said Mrs. Cornlossel, "the new hired man says he's fond of horses." "That may be a help and then it may not. The trouble with the last hired man was that he was fond of horses. Only he didn't care about 'em unless they was on the race track."

Heppner Chautauqua July 21 to 26