

**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Tom Boylen, old time sheepman of Butter creek was in town yesterday. J. J. Nys is a Portland visitor today where he went Sunday on business.

Wm. Lee McCaleb, county roadmaster went to Portland Monday for a short visit.

Shelly Baldwin was in town from Lexington Wednesday on a short business trip.

**FOR SALE**—Fresh milk cow. See W. P. Leatherman at J. J. Wells ranch. 52-1.

Jimmy Eakelson, young rancher of Lexington was in town yesterday on business.

Pete Prophet, leading general merchant of Hardman, was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Ed Kellogg, who ranches in the Rhea creek country, was in town yesterday on a busy business visit.

Mrs. Mary Bartholomew returned Tuesday from a visit with her son, Charles Bartholomew, at Pine City.

Sheep shearing so long delayed by the inclement weather, is now under way in good shape and everybody is happy.

Paul Hister, who has been laid up for several weeks with a lame arm reports great improvement within the last few days.

S. R. Woods, forest ranger in the Mardane district, gave a talk on fire prevention to the high school students Monday forenoon.

W. O. Dayless, who has been laid up for some time with a severe attack of la grippe, was able to be on the street Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carsner, of Spray, were visitors here during the week returning to their home Wednesday. They made the trip by auto via Fossil and Condon.

J. D. Zucher, a well known attorney of Stanfield, Oregon, was here Monday in the interest of the candidacy of Hon. Joseph T. Hinkle, Republican candidate for the nomination for state senator from the 19th senatorial district.

Tom Matlock, pioneer stock rancher of Hinton creek, was in town Saturday and reported things pretty good up his way, even if farm work is delayed by the late spring. Mr. Matlock figures that licking doesn't do much good under any circumstances.

Walter Duncan, who is employed by the Barker Estate Co., at Condon, left for that town Sunday morning after spending several days visiting his many friends here. Mr. Duncan says he has a good position at Condon and expects to remain there indefinitely.

Miss Lula Hager went to Pendleton Saturday where she will visit Dr. and Mrs. D. J. McPaul until about May 1st when she will accompany the McPauls on an extended auto trip through California. The party will spend most of the summer touring through the Golden state visiting the many points of interest.

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**SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

Last week was a busy one with a number of Heppner matrons, several pleasant afternoon parties being reported.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. E. E. Clark, Mrs. L. E. Van Marter and Mrs. Happhoid entertained at bridge at the Elk's club. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion and the refreshments were enjoyed. Mrs. Richard Wells gained first honors and Mrs. Lena Snell Shurte, second.

Mrs. C. L. Sweek entertained Thursday and Friday afternoons at her Court street home and both affairs were delightfully arranged. The cosy home was tastefully decorated and tempting refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweek also entertained a number of ladies and gentlemen Friday evening in honor of Harry Duncan who is a close friend of Mr. Sweek. A very enjoyable evening was passed.

Mrs. Joseph J. Nys entertained Saturday afternoon at her home in honor of the teacher's in the Heppner schools. A very pleasant afternoon was spent according to the verdict of those present.

Forty members of the Royal Arch degree, Masonic fraternity, enjoyed a six o'clock dinner at Hotel Patrick last Thursday evening. Those present say the dinner called forth many compliments for Mr. and Mrs. Dean, managers of the Patrick, who left nothing undone for the comfort of their guests.

G. W. Swaggart was here from Pendleton during the week looking after business interests. Mr. Swaggart is an old time resident of Heppner, removing to Pendleton a couple of years ago. He says Mrs. Swaggart, who was struck by an auto and seriously injured some time ago, has completely recovered.

Rev. Father O'Rourke, former pastor of St. Patrick's parish here, now in charge of the Catholic church work at The Dalles, was a visitor in Heppner for a few days during the week. Father O'Rourke was a most popular citizen while a resident here and has many warm friends in Heppner, both within and without his own faith.

Mrs. Arthur McAttee and little son Arthur Jr. left Monday morning for Michigan where they will spend several weeks visiting her father, Dr. Culbertson and other relatives and friends. Mr. McAttee accompanied them to Arlington to see them safely aboard the overland train.

**COPPER CARBONATE BEST AS SMUT PREVENTATIVE**

For some time it has been known by many farmers and county agents that the use of bluestone on seed wheat as a preventative of smut has a tendency to weaken the vitality of the seed to the extent that a considerable percentage of the wheat will never get through the ground.

Last fall County Agent Calkins induced Carl Bergstrom to give the matter a fair trial on his Eightmile ranch which was done by sowing a strip of ground with seed treated with the copper carbonate Mr. Bergstrom's field right along side wheat that had been treated with the bluestone solution.

Mr. Calkins reported to the Herald yesterday that he visited the Bergstrom place recently to see what the result had been so far and was a little surprised at the marked difference between the two strips when he first came in sight of the field. The copper-treated seed showed plants very much larger and more vigorous than those on the bluestone-treated strip and by actual count it was found that 40 per cent more of the copper-treated seed produced plants. Mr. Calkins brought home a number of plants from both strips and has them pressed in his office where anyone interested may see them. The plants from seed treated with copper carbonate are fully twice as stocky and much taller than those from the seed treated with bluestone.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carter went to Pendleton Saturday where he will enter a hospital and undergo an operation for mastoid trouble. Mr. Carter suffered from a severe attack of grippe last winter, the trouble settling in his head and the present condition is the result of that illness. George McDuffee accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Carter to Pendleton to assist them on the trip and be present at the operation.

Mrs. Floyd Tolleson was a passenger to Cecil Saturday morning, going down to bring home her two children, Floyd Jr. and Lelah, who had been visiting at the Hynd home for several days. Mrs. Tolleson was chaperoned on the trip by Misses Doris Mahoney, Violet Hynd, Thelma Miller, Willeta Barratt and Hazel Anderson, who were week end visitors at the capitol of the banana belt. Ab Miller, who was acting as a committee of one to see the young ladies off, tried to horn in and get his name in this item but our society reporter fooled him this time.

**FLAPPER MENACE REAL ON SHEEP RANGE SAYS BARRATT**

(Oregonian Hotel Columa)

"The feminist movement has made inroads on the sheep, and young ewes are regular flappers," observed W. B. Barratt, a sheepman of Morrow county and member of the highway commission. Mr. Barratt, who has been busy lambing, arrived in Portland yesterday to consider the awarding of about \$800,000 worth of road jobs. "The sheep business doesn't look very good just now," said Mr. Barratt. "The lambing on the range is only about 60 per cent, which is very low, the reason, probably, is the long cold winter, which has affected the animals. The old ewes are all right, but the young ewes refuse to accept their lambs; they decline to shoulder any maternal responsibility and run away from the little things. The consequence is that when the lambs have been neglected the first two days by their mothers they die and the range is covered with dead lambkins, victims of maternal indifference and neglect. I suspect that the modernist ideas have hit the sheep range."

**HARDMAN**

George I. Burnside, of Rood Hill paid a visit to the high school last Thursday. Mr. Burnside visited the U. S. History class where he gave an interesting talk on the World's Fair at Chicago.

Mrs. Lena Snell Shurte, County School Superintendent, Mrs. Tom Johnson, county nurse and Mr. Starkey visited Hardman schools on Friday. They attended the U. S. History class at the high school in the morning and were present at the entertainment given at the grammar school in the afternoon.

A party was held at the home of Frank Howell on Friday evening, April 14th. The party was such a jolly one that another was held Saturday April 22.

County Roadmaster McCaleb and Mr. Moore, overseer, were out from Heppner this week looking over the roads north of Hardman.

The home of Denny Warren recently caught on fire but the fire was soon extinguished before much damage was done.

The pupils of the grammar school gave a program at their building on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Fourteen dollars was netted, which will be used to buy playground apparatus.

The high school gave a party to the seventh and eighth grades, Friday evening, April 21st.

**BLUESTEM SHOWS ITS WEAKNESS**

(By C. C. Calkins.)

Most of the winter killing that has been observed in Morrow county during the past winter is found in the Bluestem fields. Bluestem is a true spring wheat. Although many of the spring wheats will live over winter, yet we find it is frequently necessary to re-seed because of winter killing where spring wheats are used. Many farmers even in the Bluestem section of Morrow county have stated that they had sown their last bluestem in the fall and are now looking for a good true winter wheat to take its place. In many of the deep soils Hybrid 128 should prove to be a mighty good substitute, a little farther north the Turkey-red undoubtedly is the best winter wheat. Although some are looking to Fortyfold, its use is to be discouraged where any other wheat can be used because of its poor milling quality and the fact that it shatters badly if not cut immediately as soon as it is ripe.

Many are enthusiastic over Bluestem because of its fine milling quality, and because of the splendid yields which may be obtained in good seasons. But the heavy losses occasioned by winter killing every few years offset most of the good advantages.

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And the following day an unnamed sheepman got himself interviewed by the same reporter and enlarged on Barratt's story by making the following grave charges against the rectitude of the flapper ewes:

"I see," said a sheepman, "that W. B. Barratt, of Heppner accuses the ewes of becoming imbued with the modern spirit and refusing to own their lambs. Well, Mr. Barratt didn't tell all. The ewes are now losing the wool off their legs, which gives

them the appearance of wearing their skirts high and displaying their shanks like the flappers. About the next thing we can expect from these young and modern ewes is that they will refuse to follow the leader, as they have from the days when Jacob was a shepherd and each one will want to 'live its own life' and 'express its own individuality' and, maybe, go chasing around with coyotes. I dunno what's got into the creatures."

And a day or two later Judge Dutton got in the way of a Journal reporter at the Imperial and put up the following defense for the ewes and tells why Barratt said it—if he did:

"Judge" Dutton of the Heppner colony takes exception to a statement attributed to W. B. Barratt that his sheep are affected with modern ideas and that the ewes of the younger generation are shirking the obligations of maternity by refusing to nurse their young. "Nowhere in the world," says Judge Dutton, "will you find the maternal instinct stronger than in the flocks of Morrow county. There are no flappers among them. I don't believe Bill Barratt said it. If he did he was indulging in poetic license. You know he is like Silas Wegg—he sometimes 'drops into poetry.'"

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