

LOCAL NEWS

Cecil Llewellyn, state traffic officer, was here over the week end.

James Murtha, well known sheepman of Condon, was a business visitor here Saturday.

A series of evangelistic meetings are being held this week at the new Christian church with Mr. Floyd Ross in charge.

Miss Perrine, trimmer at the Heron millinery store, was called to Portland yesterday by the serious illness of her mother.

A large delegation of Boardman people drove over Sunday to boost for their excellent ball team and enjoyed a picnic dinner in the Heppner park.

Rev. Father Breen, C. S. V., of Kankakee, Ill., is expected to arrive here tomorrow to visit his friend, Rev. Father Glas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nys and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix, drove to Arlington Sunday morning where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. James.

Miss Pearl Hall, who has been a student of U. of O. since last September, has returned to her home here for the summer. She will re-enter school next fall.

P. A. Anderson drove to The Dalles Friday to bring home Mrs. Anderson who has been visiting her sister there for a couple of weeks. They returned Sunday.

The women of All Saints Episcopal church will hold a cooked food sale at Minor & Co.'s store next Saturday, April 21, at 10 o'clock. Take something home for dinner.

Mrs. M. J. Llewellyn, of Weston, arrived a few days ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Padberg, and her son, Joe Llewellyn. She will probably spend the summer with Mrs. Padberg.

John P. French, son of Dillard French of Gurdane, recently underwent an operation in a Pendleton hospital and is still confined in that institution. He writes Heppner friends that he is improving.

Marshall Phelps, who recently took a position at Bend, writes his home folks that Bend is a wonderfully live business town and that the store where he is employed is doing a great business.

E. E. Edwards former Heppner boy but for some time located at Forest Grove where he was engaged in the garage business until recently, has sold his business and retired temporarily on account of eye trouble.

Mrs. Roy Whitels left this morning for Portland after having her household goods packed and shipped to that city where they expect to make their future home. Dr. and Mrs. Farrior are occupying the Whitels residence.

R. J. Carsner, representatives in the recent legislature from Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman counties, was over from Spray during the week on a short business visit. Like other stockmen of this section, Mr. Carsner is some busy man and did not tarry long in town.

Mark Cleveland, newspaper magnate of Stanfield, was an interested visitor at the Boardman-Heppner ball game Sunday. Mr. Cleveland publishes a string of papers in Umatilla and Morrow counties, including the Stanfield Standard, the Umatilla Spokesman and the Boardman Mirror, and is making a success of the business.

A report that gained circulation recently to the effect that the Arlington-Heppner stage line is about to retire from business is without foundation, according to R. E. Burke, one of the proprietors. Mr. Burke says they have no intention of going out of business. The report probably started from the fact that the Arlington-Condon-Fossil stage recently quit.

John Widenan writes from The Dalles that he is just recovering from a severe attack of flu which confined him to his room for some time. Mr. Widenan, who owns a fine wheat ranch in the Eightmile country, has been in poor health for the past year but thinks is now almost completely recovered.

Lieutenant John W. Benton, of the 91st air squadron, United States army, made a non-stop record between San Francisco and Portland last Wednesday when he covered the distance in 5 hours and 55 minutes. He used a regulation De Havilland plane and took a straight course as nearly as possible, flying most of the way at an elevation of from 6500 to 7500 feet. "Nothing unusual about it," he told the reporters after reaching Portland, "just a part of the day's work." Lieutenant Benton has been flying since 1918 and is one of the best known aviators in the service.

MRS. C. C. CHICK PASSEES: FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY

Mrs. Grace Louise Chick, wife of Dr. Claude C. Chick, died at the family home on Court street yesterday morning. She was 43 years old.

Mrs. Chick was a native of Michigan but had been a resident of this county for the past 19 years. She was highly respected and much beloved by a wide circle of friends.

Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Charles Chick, who is a student of the University of Oregon; two sisters also survive. They are Mrs. John Wilt, of Grass Valley, Oregon, and Mrs. Maud Dean, of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon in the Masonic temple under the auspices of the Order of Eastern Star, of which she was an honored member.

The remains will be taken to the Portland crematorium tomorrow for cremation.

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IRRIGON

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Howard and P. C. Bishop were in Hermiston Friday.

Miss Carrie Skells returned to her school Tuesday. She was called to her home in Portland to attend the funeral of the grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Eelbeck. Her mother, Mrs. T. H. Skells, accompanied her home and will spend some time visiting in Irrigon.

James Warner and son, Harvey, were in Hermiston Friday.

Mrs. W. T. Eggleston spent the week end visiting with her husband in Pasco Washington.

Prof. C. F. Grover and family accompanied by Miss Corrigan spent Saturday shopping in Pendleton.

Batie Rand was in Hermiston on business Saturday.

Mrs. Jay Berry is seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCoy. The latest report is that she is improving.

Mrs. Jesse White, who was taken suddenly ill last week, was removed to the Pendleton hospital where she will receive medical attention. Mrs. Smith will care for the baby during Mrs. White's illness.

Miss Inez Benefield returned Sunday from a several weeks' visit with friends in Walla Walla.

Marshall Markham and Wesley Chaney spent the week end visiting in Irrigon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Walpole and son, Robert, were in Umatilla Sunday and while there attended the show.

Beecher Lewis was visiting friends and relatives in Irrigon Sunday.

Geo. Hendrick spent a few days in Hermiston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Graybeal and Verdie Leach visited in Umatilla Sunday.

Miss Hazel Smith and Mr. Spagel drove to Umatilla Sunday.

The school base ball team will go to Pine City next Tuesday to play a game of ball.

The high school students are very busy practicing for the play which they will present to the public Saturday evening, April 21. The play, "All a Mistake," a farce comedy in three acts, will be full of clean humor from beginning to end and is sure to be enjoyed by all. The young peoples' orchestra will assist with the program.

The Farm Bureau held its regular meeting Saturday evening, April 7. Considerable business was transacted in spite of the fact that there was a small attendance. A car load of corn was listed and will be ordered at once. The corn will be \$36.50 f.o.b. Irrigon. They also designated Friday afternoon, April 13th, as clean-up day for the park.

Mr. Price, the new county agent, and Prof. Scullon, of the Oregon Agricultural College, demonstrated the handling of bees at the Glasgow farm Tuesday afternoon. A number of bee culturists took advantage of this opportunity to get new pointers on the business.

George Hendrick and son, Ishmael

have rented the McGill and Pat places for the season.

Miss Margaret Smith, of the Oregon Agricultural College, will give nutrition lectures and demonstrations at the auditorium on April 17 and 18. Don't forget the date.

SHEEP RATE TO SUMMER RANGE REDUCED 20 PCT.

A matter of considerable interest to Morrow county sheepmen is the recently announced reduction in freight rates on sheep from eastern Oregon points to Montana. The change in rate was announced here in a letter from R. L. Ford, general agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co., at Portland received by J. A. Funk. The letter follows:

"I am pleased to inform you that our line has agreed with the O. W. P. & N. to publish a rate on sheep in double decked cars to Alberton, Montana, and intermediate points on our line as follows:

From Umatilla, \$80.00.
From Echo, \$85.00.
From Heppner, \$100.00.

"This rate to apply in both directions and will take care of any return movement that there may be."

"For your further information I will state that on shipments moving through to Chicago the through rate from Oregon shipping points to Chicago is \$279.10 based on 22,000 pound minimum. Parties wishing to range their sheep in the Lolo Forest Reserve south of Missoula river should bill to Superior or Alberton when using C. M. & St. P. account of Missoula river crossings at these points."

The new rate amounts practically to a 20-per cent reduction from the rate that prevailed last season and will have a tendency to make the Montana range more accessible to Morrow county sheepmen.

HEPPNER SHEEPMEN FORM WOOL-SELLING POOL

A number of Heppner sheepmen have formed a wool pool representing 17,400 head of sheep or approximately 174,000 pounds of fine wool, fixing the minimum price at 45 cents per pound. Bids are asked on the pool sale to be made either at public or private sale on or before June 15, 1923. Usual allowance for tare, tags and fine bucks will be allowed.

Members of the pool with the number of fleeces represented are: Pat Connell, 4800; Frank Monahan, 3400; Joe Hayes, 3,400; Minor & O'Conner, 2100; Barratt & Son, 2500; Ralph Thompson, 500; W. Cleveland, 1100.

Other growers who have not yet signed up but who may enter the pool are B. B. Kelly, 1200; Frank Wilkinson, 1100; Jim Huddleston, 1200; Dillard French, 2200. If these men enter it will swell the total of the pool to around 230,000 pounds. W. B. Barratt, of Heppner, has been authorized to negotiate with buyers.

Star Theatre

Wednesday and Thursday, April 18 and 19
"THE QUEEN OF SHEBA"
Admission 20c and 40c

Friday, April 20

Zane Grey's "DESERT GOLD"
Ruth Roland in "The Timber Queen" Episode 12
"Quail Hunting"—Field and Stream Pictures
Fun From the Press

Saturday, April 21

"THE LAST TRAIL"
Another Zane Grey Picture
With Eva Novak and Wallace Beery
Aesop Fable, "The Lion and the Mouse,"
Topics of the Day

Sunday and Monday, April 22 and 23

SPECIAL CAST IN
"THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE"
From the Famous Play by Chas Rann Kennedy
Comic, "Felix Fifty-Fifty"

Coming Next Week—

Pete Morrison in "Headin' North"
Enid Bennett in "Keeping up With Lizzie"
Constance Talmadge in "Polly of the Follies"
Charlie Chaplin in "Pay Day"

MOTION PICTURES TODAY convey a message to the public. They are both educational and entertaining. Because of these attributes pictures are serving mankind. Reformers who seek to prohibit their presentation on Sunday are only hampering those who seek to serve.

GRAFT DATA FOUND IN VETS. BUREAU PROBE

Major-General Ryan Predicts Scandal in Bureau

"Dishonesty on Pretty Big Scale" Likely to Be Uncovered by Senate Committee

Washington, D. C., April 14—Disclosure of "dishonesty on a pretty big scale here and there" in the past handling of veterans' bureau affairs was predicted today by Major-General John F. O'Ryan, special counsel of the senate investigating committee, who said he based his statement on a preliminary survey.

However, he declared, he was impressed with the conscientious efforts made in many directions to carry out the purpose for which the bureau was created. Many of the difficulties encountered which has brought about adverse criticism, he said, probably will be traced to incompetence of underpaid employees entrusted with the expenditure of the vast sums of money.

General O'Ryan expects the committee to begin hearings next week.

Complaints reaching the committee counsel cover most of the activities of the bureau, but the principal ones, General O'Ryan said, are those charging "graft" in the purchase of hospital sites, and those from ex-service men who either have not received compensation from the bureau or who are receiving some but think they are not getting a "square deal."

Wherever a clear case of injury is shown, General O'Ryan said, he forwards the complaint to Director Hines for action and in this way many faults are being corrected.

Complaints from individuals, the committee attorney said, have been divided into three groups: Those of complainants having no case; "ordinary" cases resulting from an honest difference of medical opinion and those cases where the beneficiary lives in a remote locality, papers have been lost, compensation checks have gone astray, or maladministration is apparent.

To aid him in the sifting and investigating process, General O'Ryan said he had asked and was receiving the co-operation of the bar associations in every state. Lawyers are being designated by these organizations who have no connections that would inject politics in the investigation. If acceptable to the committee's counsel they are then charged with running down complaints in their respective localities.

In this way, General O'Ryan said, he is able to comb the entire country. All papers, especially those relating to complaints of "graft," he added, are turned over to local investigators with the assurance that the truth would be developed and there will be no "axe to grind."

Neither he nor the senate committee, General O'Ryan said, will attempt to correct mistakes or injustices.

These are being called to the attention of the veterans' bureau and their correction will be left to Director Hines. If anything of a criminal nature is developed, he added, it will be called to the attention of the department of justice.

IRRIGON HIGH SCHOOL WILL PRODUCE PLAY

The students of the Irrigon high school will present "All a Mistake," a three-act comedy, at the high school auditorium Saturday, April 21st. The scenes of the play take place at the house and grounds of Captain Obediah Skinner, which is otherwise known as "Oak Farm," Westchester, and adjoins the state insane asylum. The characters are: Capt. Obediah Skinner, a retired sea captain; Lieut. Geo. Richmond, his nephew, who starts the trouble; Richard Hamilton, a country gentleman; Ferdinand Lighthouse, who falls in love, donkeyknow; Nellie Huntington, a friend; Nellie Skinner, antiquated but still looking for a man; Nellie McIntyre, a servant.

The plot: George and wife arrive at his home expecting to find him dying, but find it a mistake. George has married unknown to his uncle, who has threatened to disinherit him unless he marries Nellie Huntington. He pretends that Nellie Huntington is his wife and that his wife is her friend. The fact that all the women are named "Nellie" creates the greatest confusion imaginable. "Oak Farm" adjoins the insane asylum, and at last all are mistaken for lunatics.

NEW MUSIC STORE OPENS

The Music Shop, Heppner's latest commercial venture, has been opened in the room formerly occupied by the Cash Variety store with Irving A. Mather as manager. Associated with Mr. Mather in the business is Jack Mulligan, well known dealer in musical instruments, who has been operating in Condon, Heppner and Pendleton for several years.

The new firm will carry a good stock of Sherman-Clay pianos, Brunswick phonographs and other musical goods.

Mr. Mather, who is principal of the high school, will retain his position there, it is understood. Miss Coramie Crawford will assist in the store.

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