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## EARTHLY CAREER OF S. W. SPENCER FINISHED

S. W. Spencer, one of the most widely known and best loved native sons of Morrow county, passed away at his home in this city last Saturday morning at the age of 53 years, 1 month and 9 days.

Mr. Spencer was a true native son. Born of a respected pioneer family, he was endowed with a character and personality that made his friends legion. He had long been identified with the business and banking interests of Heppner and was admired and respected by a host of friends, acquaintances and business associates.

The following short history of Mr. Spencer's career has been prepared for the Herald by a friend of the family who has known him for many years:

Septimus William Spencer was born on Rhea Creek on the 14th of May, 1870. He was the eldest son of John R. and Susan V. Spencer.

He attended the public school at Heppner, the University of Oregon and Armstrong Business College of Portland.

On the 9th day of May, 1893, he was united in marriage to Anna F. Ayers, who has always been most devoted to him.

He is survived by Mrs. Vawter Crawford of Heppner, a sister; John M. Spencer, of Echo, a brother, and Mrs. James Cooley, of Pendleton, a half sister.

He became a member of the Masonic order in 1894, and at one time was worshipful master. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1899; was a 32nd degree Mason and also a member of the Shrine.

He was a charter member of the B. P. O. E. lodge which was instituted 1897. He served as exalted ruler and secretary and at the time of his death was one of its trustees. He was also a charter member of Ruth chapter Order Eastern Star.

When a young man he worked at the Heppner flouring mill and later at Minor & Co.'s store. Shortly after entering the First National Bank, which institution he served for more than 20 years as bookkeeper and cashier, he was also engaged in the stock business on Butter creek.

When the Farmers and Stockgrowers bank was organized he resigned his position in the First National bank to become cashier in that institution. He filled that position until a short time ago, when on account of ill health he was granted a leave of absence. He sought medical advice and treatment at Portland and Hot Lake till about two weeks ago when he returned home. On Tuesday night his condition took a change for the worse and although everything possible was done, human skill was of no avail and he passed to the Great Beyond on the morning of June 23rd, 1923.

Funeral services were held at Masonic temple Monday afternoon in which the Masonic and Elks lodges participated, the address being delivered by Rev. W. O. Livingstone. Interment was in Masonic cemetery.

## OREGON STRONG FOR FORD STRAW VOTE SHOWS

Out of 753 straw votes taken in Oregon by Collier's among its subscribers, to discover preferences for president, Ford received 363, Harding 125, McAdoo 63, Hoover 43, Cox 20, Borah 15, Davis 5, Smith 2.

In the current issue of Collier's the straw vote, as taken by states, is shown. A total of 164,514 ballots have been counted and of these Ford has about one-third, his total vote being 54,257, and Harding 32,924. McAdoo is highest after Harding with 13,023, then Cox with 11,044 and Johnson with 10,538.

The democratic possibilities are McAdoo, Cox and Al Smith, while Johnson, Huges and Hoover trail after Harding.

Mrs. Frederic left Friday morning for Walla Walla where she expects to make an extended visit.

## HEAVY STORM STRIKES UPPER WILLOW CREEK

A heavy rain storm struck upper Willow creek yesterday afternoon doing considerable damage to roads, small bridges and creek bottom crops.

The road between the Kelly ranch and the Dexter place is said to be badly damaged, some of the new grade being washed out and much of the road being filled with rock and debris from the hillsides. At the Florence place a heavy hail storm destroyed the crop and it was estimated that six inches of hail fell there in a short time. The crop at the Kelly ranch was destroyed and considerable damage done in other ways.

Farther down the creek the damage was less being mostly confined to places where the creek spread out over the fields and damaged crops. This condition prevailed at the Cleveland and Wilkinson ranches where some damage was done to the crops but no hail fell there. Mr. Cleveland had a hay wagon and rack which had been left near the creek.

Several dead hogs went down the creek when the flood passed through Heppner but at this writing it is not known to whom they belonged.

No damage was reported from Rhea creek but over on Butter creek and in the Sand Hollow country the storm was heavy. A bridge on the highway between the foot of Jones hill and Lena was carried away and considerable damage is reported on the new highway grade between Heppner and Jones hill.

At Heppner the storm did no damage although it was the heaviest rain of the season. The funeral cortege of S. W. Spencer had just reached the cemetery when the storm broke and about 150 members of the Masonic and Elks lodges, who had marched from town, were obliged to stand in the storm until it passed before the funeral services could proceed.

## ALASKA MAN VISITS BROTHER IN HEPPNER

Johnson Van Marter, of Ketchikan, Alaska, is here for a few days visiting his brother, L. E. Van Marter.

Mr. Van Marter has lived at Ketchikan more than five years and has seen the town grow from a rather small fishing and lumbering center to a progressive little city of 5500 souls. A few years ago many of the residents were there only in summer, coming outside to spend the winter but now, Mr. Van Marter says, the population has become more permanent and most of the people remain the year round. The town now has several good buildings, one tall enough to require an elevator, and several miles of paved streets where the 250 automobiles owned there keep up considerable congestion of traffic. They have good schools, several churches and other evidences of civilization. The high school graduated a class of 15 this year and the Methodist church, of which Mr. Van Marter's father is pastor, has a Sunday school class of 200 youngsters with a weekly church attendance up to 150.

Mr. Van Marter can tell many interesting stories of the early days' gold rush that he has received first hand from the old timers at Ketchikan. Many fortunes were made and lost in the old days. One young printer who staked a prospector cleaned up \$50,000 in a few months and then started back to the states on a visit. He started on a river boat for the coast but before reaching tidewater he set in a poker game and got up a few hours later broke, consoling himself with the remark that he got quick action on his money and that really he didn't care for a trip to the states anyway.

Two other fellows in the early rush to Dawson were of a different stripe. One of them packed a good sized grindstone on his back all the way and for months had the only grindstone in the Yukon country. He set it up on the street and charged \$2.50 to \$5.00 for privilege of grinding an axe and the grindstone had to turn the stone himself. He made a fortune and kept it. Another fellow packed in a sewing machine which he leased to a dance hall girl at a staggering

## CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAMS PLEASE BIG AUDIENCES

The Heppner Chautauqua which opened here last Friday, is drawing a fine attendance and the programs being presented have, so far, given very general satisfaction.

The opening number by the Patton brothers, Friday afternoon and evening, was a delight to all lovers of good music, the different selections being varied enough to appeal to and please all tastes—from popular songs to classical selections. The Pattons are Portland boys and Oregon has no occasion to be ashamed of their work as popular entertainers.

The Lewis Concert Party, under the direction of Sam Lewis, dramatic tenor, was also good, putting on well received programs Saturday afternoon and evening. Following their concert in the evening Norman Allen Imrie gave his lecture, "Working Together for Billions," described on the programs as a "World Relationship Analysis." The lecture was an appeal for unity of action between all English speaking peoples in working out a solution of present day problems. The lecture combined much humor with the more serious matter and was well received by the general public.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. D. Pirie Beyea gave her lecture, "The Four Cornerstones of Citizenship," a straight-from-the-shoulder talk by a self-made woman of world-wide experience. This lecture was pronounced by many as one of the very best ever given in Heppner.

Sunday evening was given the play, "The Shepherd of the Hills," by a company of actors who were well qualified to present this fascinating drama creditably. The big tent was packed to capacity on that occasion and standing room was at a premium.

Another musical entertainment was given Monday afternoon and evening by the Oceanic Quartette that was well received.

This afternoon and evening the Lombard entertainers will be heard and following their evening performance Dr. Henry Gaines Hawn will give his lecture, "The Soul of Things."

Tomorrow afternoon Norman V. Pearce, traveler from Australia, will give his lecture-entertainment showing many interesting curios from that strange land in the antipodes. The closing number will be given Wednesday evening by the Garner Jubilee singers and those who delight in the old songs of the southland will no doubt enjoy it.

Those qualified to judge say that the entertainments this year rank higher than in previous years and the attendance and interest is also greater.

As this is written the local committee reports that their guarantee has more than been made good and it is expected that all expenses will be covered by the end of the meeting.

All members of the Masonic and Eastern Star bodies of Heppner, Oregon, are invited to participate in a Strawberry Festival and program on which occasion Ione, Oregon members will be our guests.

Friday evening, June 29th, at 8 o'clock, at Masonic hall.

figure and they both made a stake from that sewing machine the first winter.

Mr. Van Marter expects to leave for the north Thursday.

## JOHN KILKENNY RETURNS FROM EASTERN SCHOOL

John Kilkenny, Jr., who is a student at Notre Dame, Indiana, where he is taking a law course, returned from the east a few days ago and will spend the summer vacation helping look after the affairs on the Kilkenny ranches in this and other counties.

John says business is brisk in the east, especially in the manufacturing centers and every man that wants a job can get two or three. He did not see much of crop conditions coming west as he passed through the main farming states in the night. Mr. Kilkenny expects to return to school in the fall. Notre Dame is a great institution with more than 3000 students, all young men.

James D. Burnes, Henry Wilkins, Frank Smith and a number of other Condon men were in Heppner yesterday, coming over to attend the funeral of S. W. Spencer.

## TEN-MAN TEAM PROVES TOO MUCH FOR HEPPNER

That a ten-man team in which the umpire counts as the tenth man is a hard combination to beat was proven last Sunday in the Condon-Heppner game at Gentry field when the visitors walked away with the honors (?) in a 3-6 game and also, so it is alleged, with a considerable chunk of Heppner coin.

The teams were pretty evenly matched with Heppner a shade in the lead in pitching and batting but the edge given the visitors by the umpire was too strong to be easily overcome. If the umpire intended to be fair in his decisions he simply either couldn't see straight or he doesn't know the game, and if he has good eyesight and knows the game as any man presuming to act as umpire should know it, he wasn't inclined to be fair and that's that.

Heppner stood for several bad decisions in the early innings without kicking, but when Van Marter scored in a later inning Mr. Umpire, after hesitating a bit, called him out. Of course there was the usual old familiar row that nearly always comes up between these two teams and, rather than call the game off and disappoint a record crowd of fans, Heppner finally yielded the point and a new umpire was put in. As nearly always happen, however, a rotten decision in which one team takes the worst of the deal, Heppner players did not play their usual game in the remaining cantos and failed to recover the lead Van's score should have given them.

Broughton and King put up a good game and showed better stuff than the visiting battery and our boys also showed some fine batting.

Another game between the two teams is scheduled for next Sunday, the winner to take all the gate receipts. Johnson, of Ione, will umpire this game and a square deal to both teams and no favors to anybody is assured.

A \$200.00 crowd was present last Sunday and it is expected the coming game will bring out a still bigger attendance of fans.

## ELKS HAVE GOOD TIME AT THE DALLES CONVENTION

The state convention of Oregon Elks at The Dalles last week was a great success, according to members of the order who attended the meeting from Heppner.

There was a big attendance and many homes in the city opened their doors to assist in entertaining the visitors, all the hotels being swamped with patronage.

The business meetings were well attended and much of interest transpired and the sport programs and entertainment features also hit the right spot with visitors.

The relay pony race from Bend to The Dalles was won by Sumner Houston, a one-armed rider of Prino-ville, in the phenomenal time of 19 hours and 34 minutes. Jimmy Taylor took second money and Roy Gray third, the purses being \$750, \$350 and \$250.

Among those going from Heppner lodge were Earl Gilliam, Len Gilliam, Gay M. Anderson, Walter Richardson, E. J. Starkey, Oscar Edwards, B. P. Stone, Harry Duncan, Jessa Dees, Henry Cohn and Guy Boyer.

## MORROW FARMERS WILL INSPECT WHEAT NURSERY

A meeting of the Morrow county wheat farmers will be held Saturday, June 30, at 1:30 p. m., at the wheat nursery on the Jake Wells place just north of Heppner. This nursery was put out by the county agent last fall in co-operation with the experiment station at Moro and it contains many of the same varieties that are being grown at the experiment station at Moro.

Of the varieties developed which are being tried out at nurseries similar to the one in Morrow county in different parts of Oregon probably none are more important than the trials being given the smut free wheats which have been developed in the past few years. Several of these smut free wheats are being tried out at different places and the yields checked and it is expected to have some of them ready for distribution in the next two or three years. There are also trials of various smut treatment tests using blue-stone, formaldehyde, corona copper compound, copper carbonate, seed osan, with checks on Turkey Red, Forty Fold, Bluestem and Hybrid 128.

D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro experiment station, and E. K. Jackman, extension farm crops specialist of the Oregon Agricultural College, will be present and will discuss the various things to be seen at the nursery.

## LEXINGTON MAY HAVE RURAL CARRIER ROUTE

Mrs. Broadhears, Lexington post-mistress, reports that efforts to establish a rural mail route from Lexington into the district north of that town are still pending with the post-office department and hopes are still held that the route will be established. The proposed route is 54 miles long and if established will serve a large number of families now without adequate mail facilities.

## Star Theatre

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, JUNE 28 and 29

JACK HOLT and BEBE DANIELS  
— in —  
NORTH OF THE RIO GRANDE

a sweeping drama of the Great Southwest  
Aesop's Fable, "The Dog and the Wolves"  
Topics of the Day

Chas. Hutchinson & Luck Fox in 7th episode of  
"SPEED"

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

CLAIR WINDSOR and RICHARD DIX

— in —  
"FOOLS FIRST"  
Thrills and Humor a plenty

"QUIET STREET"

One of the "Our Gang" comedies

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, JULY 1 AND 2

BETTY-COMPSON

— in —  
"GREEN TEMPTATION"  
from the story, "The Noose," by  
Constance Lindsay Skinner

Also "Andy Gump, the Toreador"

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 3-4

GLENN HUNTER

— in —  
"THE SECOND FIDDLE"

It is not pleasant to always play second fiddle, but if we play the game well there is always hope  
Also "Turkey Hunting," Field & Stream picture

NOTICE—There will be no illustrated program this week owing to the lateness of securing titles to some of our features. Note that we have a picture for the 3rd and 4th for the benefit of the ones who will celebrate at home on those days.



## Chautauqua

June 22 to 27

Of course you are coming. While here, and at all times, we are at your service.

We know you will enjoy it.

The Central Market

G. B. SWAGGART