

## WEEK'S NEWS.

### Local and Personal Happenings.

Boyd Logan was up from Cecil Friday.

If you want a new bicycle, see Lee Cantwell.

John Kilkenny and wife were weekend guests at the Palace.

J. H. Prad was in from his Black Horse ranch Tuesday.

Go to the Bakery for your bread. 26 loaves for \$1.00.

See Nichol & Co. of Mosier Oregon for good 16 inch Pine Wood.

J. A. Harbke was up from Portland the last of the week.

If you want to save money on your Fire insurance, see Smead.

Paul Reitman was a Heppner visitor from Ione last Saturday.

Harry Cummings went over to the Tri-County fair at Condon last week.

Mike Kenny and wife were transacting business in Heppner yesterday.

Harry Dinges and wife of Lexington were visiting in Heppner Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Campbell of Pendleton is visiting at the home of Eugene Campbell.

R. F. Wigglesworth was transacting business in this city the last of the week.

"Pap" Simons said he just couldn't stay away so he was here for the three big days.

Ovin Stubbinsfield, wife and two children of Monument passed through Heppner Saturday.

For Sale—A good wheat rack. Inquire of Wm. Hiatt, Heppner Ore.

Insure your auto. W. W. Smead can give you cheap rates in a good company.

W. B. Tucker, and R. L. Tucker and wife were in from their Black Horse ranches the last of the week.

Mrs. Georgia Shields and two children of Long Creek were registered at the Palace hotel Saturday evening.

Joseph T. Knappenburg, president of the Ione Commercial Club was a Heppner visitor the last of the week.

George Lund returned to Heppner last week after spending the week in the Greenhorn section.

A. J. Collier and wife of Eugene are registered at the Palace. Mr. Collier is an instructor in the University of Oregon.

James and Felix Johnson are over from Grant County to be with their mother, Mrs. Alex Cornett, who is ill at her home in the city.

John Stevenson arrived in Heppner from Prineville last Thursday to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. A. J. Stevenson, who is seriously ill at her home.

Sidney Hallock went down to Portland last Friday. We understand that he intends to go to Bellingham Wash. for the winter to attend business college.

Mose Ashbaugh and Cliff Jones of Eight Mile were Condon visitors during the fair. Mr. Jones was showing a patent weeder of his own invention.—Condon Globe.

All telephone lines on electric light poles will have to be removed by October 10th. No telephone lines will be allowed on new poles. Heppner Light and Water Company.

Left—Sunday morning, Sept. 25, in ladies toilet of Palace Hotel, a gold bar pin with three moon stones settings. Valued as a keepsake. Finder please return to this office and receive liberal reward.

Lost—while at the fair, a bank book on the United States National Bank of Portland. There was also enclosed a ten dollar bill. Address inside was T. M. Benedict, Morgan, Oregon. Finder may leave same at this office and receive liberal reward.

Frank and Sam Turner are this week moving on to the John Williams place, eight miles northeast of Heppner. This ranch, which the boys recently purchased consists of six hundred and forty acres, mostly plow land.

While on her way up town to do some shopping one day last week Mrs. Alex Cornett was suddenly stricken with partial paralysis and grave hopes are now held for her recovery. At the time Mrs. Cornett was stricken she lost her speech and it was quite awhile before any one new fully what was the matter with her. She was taken into the home of Marion Evans, and Dr. Allison was called. Owing to her condition it was impossible to move her from Mr. Evans' for several hours. She regained her speech later, but her general condition has not improved.

## ALFALFA AND WHEAT

Growing of Alfalfa in the Wheat Belt Will Do Much to Maintain the Fertility of the Soil and Stimulate Live Stock and Dairying Interests.

There is no one thing that will do more to build up and permanently maintain the agriculture of the Pacific Northwest than the introduction of alfalfa, as a general farm crop.

Alfalfa greatly improves the fertility and mechanical condition of the soil. Not only does it enrich the soil, but it yields an abundance of the best possible feed for all kinds of farm animals. More hay means more live stock, and stock growing points to better farms and a more prosperous agricultural condition.

Continuous cropping of wheat, oats, corn or other non-leguminous crops from year to year without a proper rotation will so exhaust the soil that yields will be reduced to less than half; rust and other diseases will follow; insects appear, and it will be necessary to grow other crops upon the fields which have produced so abundantly.

Before this condition takes place it may be well to consider the growing of alfalfa upon the over-wheated farms of that great region known as the Inland Empire. Alfalfa should be grown upon every farm in this great region. Alfalfa is a profitable crop—it increases farm values and excels every other crop in yield per acre, in feeding value, as a drought resister, and as a soil enricher. It is now being profitably grown in many sections of the Pacific Northwest. The college experiment station reports a total average of over 2½ tons per acre, but the yields reported by the farmers average nearly 3½ tons per acre.

Experiments conducted upon the college farms and results obtained by alfalfa growers under ordinary farm conditions prove conclusively that paying crops can be obtained wherever wheat and other grain crops are grown. Wheat yields of Idaho, Washington and Oregon will be increased over 30 per cent. when crops are grown upon alfalfa sod. This fact is substantiated by many experiments conducted in nearly every agricultural state in the United States.



Corner of Ten-Acre Cornfield, Farm of E. C. Smith, Five Miles Southeast of Spokane. No Irrigation. Elevation 2,400 Feet Above Sea Level. Rainfall, 17 to 20 Inches.

### ALFALFA IN THE NORTHWEST

The fertility of any soil is measured by the amount of plant food it contains. Continuous cropping, without returning to the soil these vital elements thus removed, reduces in time to the danger point its power to produce in quantities which make farming profitable. Prof. George Severance in commenting on the growing of wheat in the Palouse county, says that with continuous wheat culture our wheat soils are gradually becoming depleted in humus and nitrogen. This is shown by the lighter yellow color and more slender growth of grain and the greater tendency of the soils to wash and "run together" and bake when dry.

Experience has shown that the lack of proper crop rotation takes out the supply of nitrogen more easily than any other element of fertility. Nitrogen being high priced, it is not advisable to buy it on the market. Fortunately this is not necessary as by growing some leguminous crop it may be stored up in the plant and returned to the surface soil. Of all the leguminous crops alfalfa stands highest in the quantity produced on an acre and also highest in digestible protein—an absolutely necessary form of animal food. There is no question about the possibility of growing alfalfa in the northwest.

Prof. Alfred Atkinson of the Montana Agricultural college believes that the success attained by those who have grown it in the past, indicates the important place which alfalfa will hold in Montana's agriculture. Under irrigation it returns very large yields, and on the dry farm it is one of the most promising forage and soil-improving crops.

As a drought resister and a soil enricher alfalfa stands easily at the head of the leguminous crops. Its wonderful root system extending as it does deep into lower soil goes beyond the danger point of the moisture supply, and reaches valuable plant food not found by other farm plants.

By means of nitrogen gathering bacteria this plant is able to store up the free nitrogen of the air and make it available for the use of all forms of plant life.

## LEXINGTON ITEMS.

Some more rain and we can certainly stand it for it is badly needed. Gordon McAffie commenced a journey to Oklahoma the first of the month.

Remember the three days races come off at Lexington this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We hear the buzzing of the wood saw these days so there will be plenty of nice sawed wood on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan are enjoying a trip to St. Louis, Mo. They expect to be gone about a month.

Mrs. Joe Eskelson, Miss Josie, and Mr. Tyler, brother of Roy Tyleb were all passengers to Portland Sunday morning.

Grandpa and grandma Booher are enjoying a trip up in the Palouse country. Bill Crow and his wife are looking after things during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jentry have moved to Umatilla Ore and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munkers are occupying the home formerly lived in by Mrs. Jentry.

We understand that one of our warehouse men has taken unto himself a partner for life. The happy lady being Miss Bertha Gibson. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Diney a long and happy life.

A play entitled "Daughter of the Desert" will be given by home talent for the benefit of the Ladies Improvement Society on Halloween night Oct. 31st. Those good home made candies will be sold and everybody come. At Artisan Hall.

Death again visited our vicinity Saturday night at 12 o'clock and called Mrs. Jim Helms to that eternal sleep. Mrs. Helms has been a patient sufferer with heart trouble for some time past and death was a welcome release. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and four children besides relatives and a host of friends. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the father and the motherless children.

### Ione School Notes.

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during September.

Primary, First Grade. Leola Akers, Clarence Linn, Floyd Grabill, Gordon Taylor, James Howard, Wesley McNabb. Second Grade. Beatrice Capen, Eleanor Swanson, Geneva Miller, Helen Balsiger, Norma Swanson, Vivian Fletcher, Eugene Pennington, Carl Linn. Per cent of attendance for month 96.8. Anne Troedson, Tr. Second Primary Third Grade. Richard Howell, Nolan Page, Mary Lindsay, Fae Calkins, Fay Ritchie. Fourth Grade. Bernice Fletcher, Jessie Lindsay, Marian Calkins, Vera Engleman, Hazel Williams, Lizzie Lindsay, Alice Rietman, Irene Downing, Arlene Balsiger, Walter Linn Frances Cronan, Sammie Warfield, Ted Blake. Per cent of attendance 98.9. Lela Senska, Tr. Intermediate. Fifth Grade. Thomas Davidson, John Bacon, Pearl Padburg, Earnest Howell, Earl Cronk, Roy Calkins, Edene Moore. Sixth Grade. Fern Calkins, Gladys Fletcher, Clara Linn, Josephine Woolery, Gladys Capen Loyd Fletcher, Mary Bacon, Arley Padburg. Per cent of attendance 90. Mrs. Baker, Tr. Grammar Seventh Grade. Chas. Chick, Elred Corson, Wayne Sperry, Lillie Pennington, Sibel Cason, Florence Frank, Ruby Engleman. Eighth Grade. Kenneth Blake, Robert Rietman, Joseph Lowell, Lee Howell, Beatrice Sperry, Mary Ganger, Edna Ritchie, Ruth Pettys, Opal Padburg. Per cent of attendance 96.5. Bertha Burr Tr. High School. Ray Blake, Elvena Davidson, Doris Wilt, Mearl Blake, Orra Brace, Della Davidson. Per cent of attendance 96.7. Cora Turnedge, Nellie M. Senska. Trs.

### For Rent.

The C. A. Rhea ranch on Rhea creek, consisting of 2,000 acres; either the whole tract, or divided in two ranches, and the J. P. Rhea ranch, also on Rhea creek, consisting of 2,000 acres. Call or write, E. D. Rood, Wm. Hughes, and T. J. Mahoney, Trustees, Heppner, Oregon.

### ESTRAY.

I have taken up at my place, fifteen miles north of Lexington, a gray mare, weight about 1200; brand a box with circle in it; forestop roached. Address or call on A. A. FINLEY, Lexington, Oregon.

Do you contemplate having any work done in the line of building? If so give Harry Johnson a chance to figure with you. First class work and satisfaction guaranteed. tf.

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