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What might have been a fatal accident is chronicled in this issue of the Gazette-Times, and can be attributed directly to the bad condition of one of the roads leading into town from the country. This is one of the most traveled into Heppner, and why it has been allowed to get in the condition it is we do not know. It should have been looked after long ago; in fact some improvements to our thoroughfares should be made before some one is killed to remind us of their lamentable condition.

An article in our December 4, issue, under the heading of "Suggests Manual Training," should have been credited to Prof. Doak, principal of the Lexington High School. The article contains much that is worthy of consideration by the three High Schools of the county, as individually they are unable at this time to establish the important branches of manual training and domestic science. These things are being taught successfully in many of our best schools, and the students of Morrow county should be brought in touch with the practical training obtained through these branches. We apologize to Prof. Doak for not giving proper credit for his article, and trust that he will continue the argument in favor of the policy he outlined therein.

W. T. Campbell, of Social Ridge, has long since demonstrated his ability as a successful farmer, and now he is proving to our people that he is a successful road builder. No doubt Mr. Campbell has had for a number of years past, some well defined ideas on the building of dirt roads in this section, but he has not been in just the position to put these ideas into practical use and to demonstrate that they are

what are needed here. He has just recently completed about a mile of turnpike road along his farm, using such machinery as he could get and propelling the same with his big traction engine. The finished product of his labors is highly praised as a splendid piece of road work by those who have had the occasion to pass over it, and it is believed that the work can be very successfully carried out on most of our roads at a very nominal expense. Too bad that the county will not be able to take up some of this practical road work this coming year because of a shortage of money in the road fund, and place Mr. Campbell in charge of it. It would certainly be a paying investment for the county.

The Ione Bulletin came out last week in greatly enlarged form, making its appearance in the shape of its first annual booster edition. Mr. Harlan announces that he brought the issue forth from his own plant in the remarkably short time of two weeks, and this is certainly a good record for a small country weekly. The issue contains a considerable amount of descriptive matter pertaining to various parts of the county; is well filled with advertising from Ione, Irigon, Lexington and Heppner, and this part of the publication looks mighty good to the printer, and is well received by the public providing it is not too much overdone. The hustle of our neighbor up the line is indeed commendable.

The business men of Heppner are waking up to their opportunities, and we are compelled to announce that they are not dead, tho they might have been sleeping a little late on some propositions, the proper consideration of which is somewhat past due. The Ritter road is now to be completed into Heppner. The money is raised, and the work will be pushed at as early a date as possible in the Spring. This means more trade for this town and it will come from a community of prosperous people. Heppner is the outlet for a very large section of country. There are other roads to be opened up and other communities to be reached, and it is gratifying to see the business men taking hold in a substantial manner of these things that are bound to build up our little city.

A good many people have been asking the Gazette-Times if we

were not going to get out a big holiday edition; our reply has been "No," and we have given our reasons therefor. The time will come, we hope, when we shall be able to get out a special edition but it has not arrived yet. There has been a lot of booster stuff published and paid for heretofore and this has gone forth to spread the tidings of wonderful "old Morrow county," and so far as practical results are concerned it has been money wasted. The literature was of a very high order, finely printed by the best printing establishment on the Pacific Coast, if not in America, and the subject matter was not overdrawn, yet these things are discounted to such a per cent that no good results follow. The same thing is largely true of special editions and from our experience in these matters in the past we are slow to go before the people of this county on this kind of a "booster" proposition and ask them to give us their hard dollars on this sort of a plea; it is too much like a bunco game. Commercial clubs and individuals can accomplish more actual good by subscribing to the local papers and have them go into the communities which they desire to reach as a regular weekly visitor chronicling events as they occur without coloring, and if this is kept up for a number of months at a time much better results are obtained and the expense in connection therewith is much less and more evenly distributed. To say the least it is largely lifted from the shoulders of the business community who are called upon to support the paper liberally the year around.

The property owners of Bend face an unusually high tax this year. A county tax of 26 mills, school tax of 15 1/2 mills and a city tax of 24 mills brings the total up to 65 1/2 mills. It is nice to live in a boom town when it comes to keeping up the expense.

Mrs. Clyde Brock and daughter returned home yesterday after an extended visit with relatives in the Willamette Valley. They were accompanied by Mr. Brock, who went down to Salem last Sunday.

Wanted, to rent, housekeeping rooms. Not less than three rooms wanted. To be occupied by the 1st to 10th of January. Inquire at this office. tf.

Terah Mahoney went down to Portland yesterday to spend a week or two with his parents.

My! What a nice picture of baby, right in its crib. Siasbee made it; read his ad.

The ladies of the M. E. church south will hold an apron and candy sale on Dec. 20.

### High School Notes.

The new desks have been installed in the Commercial rooms and add greatly to the appearance and utility of this department.

We understand that Prof. Hoffman and Miss Clark will attend the meeting of the State Teachers Association to be held in Portland next week.

Christmas vacation comes next week. From the teacher's point of view we have had more vacation than is necessary already but the great amount of holidays doesn't seem to be worrying the pupils.

Our new automatic clock has been causing some trouble this week. It seems that the electric current is not strong enough to ring the bell. But with Master Electrician Bergstrom on the job we hope to hear the musical tinkle soon.

When we have a fire drill again it is to be hoped that the Commercial students will escape from the building. Had there been a real fire Tuesday we fear we would have been minus a few members of our commercial department.

There will be a musical program delivered Friday night by the pupils of the grades in the assembly room. This is sure to be a treat as they have been working on it for some time past under the direction of Miss Long. All patrons of the school are invited to attend.

The next High school literary program will be given on Jan. 2. This will be different from anything given by the high school heretofore. There will be essays, a Shakespearean sketch by the Junior class, musical numbers, a school paper, original poems and several other interesting numbers.

County Attorney Wells was called to Lexington Tuesday to dispose of a case in which Henry Scott had been arrested on a charge of petit larceny. Mr. Wells recommended leniency and a minimum fine was imposed by the Justice upon Scott's promise of good behavior in the future.

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