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PUPILS SHOULD PREPARE FOR NEXT FAIR

Requirements For Standard School For Ensuing Year Given.

By Supt. Notson.

The school children of this county should look through the premium list for the fair and decide upon one or more exhibits which they will make at the fair. The time is short, but there is time enough to do much in this direction even if nothing has been attempted yet. If each one will do his best, we will have a fine line of exhibits.

Pupils who have been certified in for the September eighth grade examination and those who failed in one or more subjects in the June examination should notify the superintendent at once if they expect to take the examination Sept. 3 and 4.

It will not be many days until some of the fall terms of school open. Before the opening day, the school house and premises should be put in good condition. The floors and windows should be properly cleaned. The walls and ceilings should not be overlooked in the cleaning process. The water supply should be looked after, and should be known to be all right. Brooms or floor brushes should be provided. There should be a supply of crayon on hand. The window boards should be in place, so that proper ventilation can be had. In this connection the windows should be examined to see that they can be raised and lowered easily. The window shades should be tested and known to be in good working order. The proper lighting of the room is of the greatest importance. The tan or straw colored shades are better than the dark green shades, especially if the light is admitted from one side or from one side and the rear of the room. If the light comes from the side only, unless that be the north side, the shades must be drawn closely when the sun is shining. If the shades are dark, the light will not be sufficient. This means eye strain, and eye strain means not only poor work and much disorder, but also permanent injury. It is better to spend a few dollars for proper shades than to waste money by maintaining conditions which prevent the most efficient work. Before the cold weather comes on, the heating plant should be looked after. Here is another place where money may be saved by having proper facilities. In connection with the heating of the room, there should be some provision made to introduce moisture into the room. This is neglected in three-fourths of the schools. It is a matter of more importance than many think it to be, and it may be arranged without expense. Let us see that pupils and teachers have the most favorable surroundings we can afford to give them, and then we will get better results from the schools.

The State Board of Education has adopted the following requirements for a standard school for the ensuing year:

1. Flag—Must be flying, weather permitting.
 2. School house — Properly lighted.
 3. Equipment—Teacher's desk and chair; desks for pupils properly adapted and placed; suitable blackboard; window shades in good condition.
 4. Heating and Ventilating—Jacketed stove properly situated, minimum requirement; window board or some other approved method of ventilating.
 5. Rooms—Attractive at all times.
 6. Standard picture—One new one, unless three are already in the room, framed.
 7. Grounds—To be clean, free from paper, etc. At least three features of play apparatus. Walks, if necessary.
 8. Sanitation—Pure drinking water, either drinking fountain or covered tank and individual drinking cups; individual, family or paper towels. Outbuildings—At least two good ones, to be sanitary at all times and free from marks.
 9. Teacher — Must maintain good order at all times, supervise the playground; have her work well prepared; follow the state course of study; take at least one educational journal; have program posted in the room; keep register in good condition; be neat and attractive.
 10. Library—Good selection of books from state list. Case for books. Books kept upright in good condition and according to rules specified by Oregon State Library and required by law.
 11. Attendance—Average 92 per cent for year and not exceed 70 per cent in tardiness for year.
 12. Length of term—Not less than eight months of school each year.
- The above requirements are not as high as some of the county superintendents thought they should be, when the plan was discussed at the superintendents' convention, but the State Board of Education has aimed to make it possible for every school to become a standard school this year. It is very probable that a little higher standard will be required next year. It is not the intention of the Board to hold out the idea that a school reaching the standard is a perfect school. In some of the points it is intended to state the minimum. If your school can do better than the requirements, it should do so.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The city council held a short session on Monday night. There was also a shortage in attendance, being just enough of the city fathers present to make a quorum. This being the case, there was no attempt to do any business other than the paying of a bunch of bills against the city. These were audited and allowed as follows:

Light and Water Co.,	
Street lights.....	\$96.95
City hall and jail.....	2.80
Hydrants.....	30.40
W. F. Matlock, for feed lot.....	300.00
J. P. Williams, salary.....	35.00
J. R. McCraw, salary.....	75.00
L. W. Briggs, salary.....	8.33
Edgar Ayers, salary.....	15.00
Willard Herren, salary.....	63.00
Thos. Brennan, blacksmith.....	1.00
Wm. Ayers, board prisoner.....	.75
Jess Kirk, labor.....	1.25
Albert Williams, labor.....	33.75
Gilliam & Bisbee, m'chandise.....	9.35
Phelps Grocery Co. m'ch'dise.....	18.05
Sam Hughes Co. m'chandise.....	11.10
Sam Orr, labor.....	4.00
E. G. Johnson, labor.....	3.00
Cox & Beamer, hauling.....	3.05
Minor & Co., merchandise.....	6.45
J. O. Hager, labor self and team.....	75.25
Tom Hughes, labor.....	2.75
Earl Gordon, labor.....	2.75
Fred Krug, labor.....	1.00
J. M. Sprouls, labor.....	26.00
J. F. Helkenberg, labor.....	10.00
A. T. Harris, labor.....	9.00

ACCUSED OF MURDER

East Oregonian.
"Rev. James D. Crooks, the Moscow minister under arrest for alleged wife murder, was formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Weston and is well known in that section of the county.

"Rev. Crooks was arrested on July 31 at Spokane when circumstantial evidence seemed to connect him with the responsibility for his wife's death. The prosecuting attorney's theory is that she was smothered to death with a cloth held over her mouth. Marks on her face and body and scratches on the minister's face tended to substantiate his theory of a death struggle. The prisoner was arraigned Monday and pleaded not guilty. His friends have retained an attorney for him and are positive they can clear him. Rev. Crooks is 64 years old.

"In speaking of the case the Weston Leader says in part:

"Mr. Crooks was pastor of the Methodist church at Weston for two years, and was transferred to Troy, Idaho, about three years ago. He was famous as a church builder. He practically rebuilt the church at Weston, making thirty-two churches he was then credited with building while in the ministry. He later built his thirty-third church at Troy. The murder charge against him is not believed by his friends and acquaintances here as they cannot reconcile it with his character—apparently that of a gentle old man, devoted to his work.

"Mr. Crooks has a son by a former marriage, who lives in the east and is prominent as a scholar and educator. When living at Weston he spoke of his son's record and attainments with much pride.

"The dead woman was the accused minister's second wife. She was regarded here as a woman of lovely character, energetic and successful in work for the church and its allied societies. She was an acknowledged leader among the church ladies, and they admired her especially for her talent in painting and fancy work. She was 54 years old, and is said to have been possessed of considerable means in her own right, while Mr. Crooks is also reported to have been better provided with worldly goods than the average minister."

Mrs. Crooks was a sister of Mrs. E. P. Warren, wife of Pastor E. P. Warren, who had charge of the Methodist church in Heppner for a couple of years. During this time Mr. and Mrs. Crooks visited with their relatives here for a week, and Mrs. Crooks is remembered by many of our people who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. It would be hard to convince those who met Mr. Crooks here that he would be guilty of the terrible crime of which he is charged.

DEATH'S TOLL IS THREE IN DISASTROUS FIRE AT TOWN OF MORGAN

RESIDENCE, STORE, LARGE GRAIN WAREHOUSE, WITH ALL CONTENTS, BURNED—PROPERTY LOSS OF \$1200, PARTIALLY COVERED BY INSURANCE.

Fire, which destroyed the residence and store building adjoining, occupied by Herbert Phillips and family, and also the warehouse across the road belonging to Balfour-Guthrie & Co., on Friday night last, was one of the most terrible disasters of this nature that has happened in Morrow county.

Three members of the Phillips family, Edna, 24, Arthur, 22, and Winnifred, 17, lost their lives in the fire, and Mrs. Phillips barely escaped with her life by jumping from an up-stairs window. She was severely burned about the face and arms and her back was badly injured by the fall, and it was thought at first that the injuries might prove fatal. At this time, however, Mrs. Phillips is improving and will recover.

The origin of the fire is not positively known but it is practically certain that it started from the kitchen stove in the residence. The family had had a late supper on Friday evening and retired very shortly afterwards, and Mrs. Phillips states that there was a hot fire in the stove at this time which had not died down when they retired. To shut out the heat from the other part of the house, all doors leading from the kitchen had been closed.

The fire was discovered by Dr. A. C. Hawson, brother of Mrs. Phillips who was sleeping in a room down stairs. Not being able to get out at a door, Mr. Hawson broke through a window and gave the alarm to Bob Sperry who was sleeping in the office of the warehouse across the road from the store. They tried to arouse the family who were all sleeping up-stairs, Mr. Sperry rushing in and opening the stair door when he was met by a rush of flames and smoke, and the whole of the upper part of the residence seemed to be on fire, and no assistance to those entrapped could be rendered. Mrs. Phillips, who was sleeping in the corner room over the kitchen, was aroused, and finding her escape from the room shut off and thinking all but her had escaped, she pulled the screen from the window and fell to the ground below. She must have been followed very shortly after this by her son, Arthur, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, and who was overcome just as he reached the open window, sank down and was beyond the help of human hands. Arthur was burned in this position. The two young women, each occupying separate rooms, never left their beds, and their bodies were almost entirely burned up.

Mr. Phillips was not at the house as he was sleeping in the barn some little distance away. Up till the night of the fire, Arthur had been sleeping with him, but not feeling well this evening, his mother thought it best for him to come to the house to sleep, otherwise he would have escaped this awful death. Arthur Phillips was the postmaster at Morgan and was running the store there, being assisted by his sister, Winnifred. Edna had but recently graduated from the State Normal school at Monmouth and had engaged to teach school in the neighborhood for the winter. Miss Winnifred would have been 17 years of age on Sunday, the day her remains were laid away in the cemetery at Morgan. They were all exemplary young people, highly respected in their community.

The residence and store were insured. This property belongs to Mr. Bently, who was preparing to move into it at the time of the fire. He will rebuild at once.

The warehouse was insured. Besides this building there was some grain destroyed, the Walker Estate having 1612 sacks of wheat, the last of which had just been delivered in the warehouse on the evening before the fire. This wheat was sold, however, on contract to the Interior Warehouse Co., and the estate does not stand to lose. J. A. Wiles lost 150 sacks of wheat, and there was also 550 sacks of rye destroyed. The railroad company suffered the loss of one box car and the destruction of a small portion of track on the switch, and Art Pierce lost some 20 cords of wood. The total loss will amount to about \$12,000, considerable of which is covered by insurance.

Arthur Phillips carried a policy of life insurance which was made payable to his mother. Under direction of T. M. Benedict and E. M. Shutt, a subscription paper was circulated among the neighbors and friends gathered at Morgan on Saturday morning, and \$125 was raised to help Mr. and Mrs. Phillips in their destitution, as everything they possessed was burned up in the fire.

Word was forwarded to Ione just as soon as possible and a large number of people from there rushed to Morgan in automobiles to assist in keeping the fire within the bounds of the district burned. It seemed for a while that the other warehouse would be burned but this was prevented.

The postoffice is now located in the I. O. O. F. building and is in charge of D. G. Rogers, the former postmaster. A daughter of Mr. Bently's will be the new postmistress.

Young People Are Married.
Judge C. C. Patterson performed the ceremony uniting in wedlock two of our Morrow county young people on Sunday morning last at the parlors of the Palace hotel in Heppner. The contracting parties were Franklin D. Cox, son of F. D. Cox, of Hinton creek, and Miss Gaetta Palmer, daughter of Mrs. Sadie Palmer, of the same neighborhood. After receiving congratulations of friends present, the young people left for their honeymoon which will be spent at the coast and in Portland.

Fred Rossen and Miss Goldie Saling, young people of Hardman, were married in Heppner on Saturday last, Judge C. C. Patterson, officiating.

SOME OIL REDUCTIONS.
At Heppner Garage: Gasoline in cases of 10 gallons, \$2.75; Ecocene coal oil, per case, \$2.40; Pearl oil per case \$2.15. These prices will prevail until further notice.
ALBERT BOWKER.

Funeral services were held over the remains of the victims at 11 o'clock on Sunday, Rev. J. V. Crawford, of Heppner, officiating, and a very large attendance of neighbors and friends of the stricken family attending.

Dr. C. C. Chick, coroner of Morrow county, summoned a jury on Saturday morning and an inquest was held at the scene of the fire. After taking the testimony of Robert Sperry, Geo. N. Ely and A. C. Hawson, they returned the following verdict:

We, the jury empaneled by C. C. Chick, M. D., coroner of Morrow county, to inquire into the cause of death of Arthur Phillips, Edna Phillips and Winnifred Phillips, sitting at Morgan, Morrow County, Oregon, this 15th day of August, 1914, find that the said Arthur Phillips, Edna Phillips and Winnifred Phillips came to their death by suffocation caused by the burning of the residence of Herbert Phillips on the morning of August 15, 1914, at about the hour of 1 o'clock a. m., the cause of said fire being unknown to this jury.

F. H. ROBINSON
ARTHUR PIERCE
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\$100 REWARD.
I will pay \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties stealing my cattle. My cattle are branded M C on right side, and have right ear split.
JAMES CARTY.

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.

FOR SALE.
10 to 20 acre tracts under ditch in the edge of thriving town. Good school. See Ike Howard, Ione, Ore.
A new Champion mower and hay rake at a bargain.
HEPPNER MILLING CO.

Wanted—Sewing to do, plain or fancy. Mrs. Ralph Jones.
Anyone desiring to lease a good grain and stock farm for a period of three to five years to a good tenant notify Smead and Crawford.

WANTS YOUR HIDES, PELTS AND WOOL.

Frank Wyner, who is located at Heppner, is in the market for your hides, pelts, furs and wool. Highest cash prices paid at all times and any quantities handled. Get in touch with him by phone or otherwise at the office of Phill Cohn. tf.

Why burn wood and coal and heat up your house these warm days. Get one of those electric irons of Heppner Light & Water Co. and be cool while doing the ironing.

LEXINGTON ITEMS

Mrs. J. B. Coxen was an lone visitor Sunday.

Joe Marshall and wife were trading in Lexington Wednesday.

Mrs. Sadie Palmer came down Thursday from her mountain ranch.

Ed Pointer returned Monday from his vacation at Rockaway beach and Portland.

Kate Lane and daughter Gladys are visiting friends in Lexington this week.

The new garage is at last completed and at the present time is pretty well filled with cars.

A good high wind and lots of dust Sunday. No damage reported. A good rain would help the dust?

Ed Moore of Ione, was a Lexington caller Sunday. He is spending his vacation out at Wm. Padberg's.

Frank Mason will start threshing on the south side of the creek this week. He expects about 30 days run.

Two autos loaded with camp equipment passed through Lexington Thursday for Portland, Ore. They left their home at Wichita, Kan., on June 20th.

Henry Becket was in this vicinity Saturday looking up acquaintances. It was his first visit here after nine years absence. He makes his home in San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Erskine, the well driller has succeeded in removing his string of tools that were fast in the well for some time, and is drilling right along at the present time and hopes to reach water at a reasonable depth.

Eph Eskelson had the misfortune to turn his auto over on Reaney grade below town. The brakes were out of commission and caused the accident. There were several in the auto but fortunately none were hurt.

Mrs. H. L. Wright and little daughter arrived in Lexington Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowman. Her coming was not expected and it was a pleasant surprise for her parents and brothers and sisters whom she had not seen for some time. Her home is at Eureka, Montana.

Pastor Will Return.
Rev. Will N. Ferris, pastor of the Federated church of Heppner, writes this paper from Portland that he will return the last of this week, and on Sunday will take up the work in his pulpit again. Services will be held both morning and evening, and special topics will receive the attention of the pastor.

Rev. Ferris further states that he has enjoyed a delightful vacation but notwithstanding he is anxious to get back to Heppner and be with the people here again.

VACUUM CLEANERS.

We have put in a stock of Vacuum Cleaners for family use. Please call and see them.

Also one large \$125 machine for rent at the following rates: 75 cts. for 4 hours; \$1.00 for 8 hours; over 4 hours will be charged 8 hours. Those wanting to use the large machine call the power house and we will deliver the same and call for it when you are through. Parties using machine will be charged for it from time of delivery until they notify us they are through. We will furnish a man to operate the machine at a reasonable rate.
HEPPNER LIGHT & WATER CO.

Give This Man a Lift.

The Gazette-Times is in receipt of the following letter, and the special attention of any of our readers who might be so situated as to give him employment, is called to it.

Ontario, Ore., August 17, 1914.
To the Editor of the Best Newspaper, Heppner, Oregon:

Dear Sir:—I am in serious trouble and hope that you will assist me in finding employment. I arrived at Ontario two weeks ago from Tennessee. My occupation has been farming the last fifteen years. I would like ranch work or working with sheep. I am a married man and my wife is with me; we have no children; my age is 26, my wife is 22. I am without funds and the mayor here has agreed to advance railroad fare for myself and wife if I receive employment at Heppner. I can give good references.

Respectfully,
M. W. KELLEY,
Ontario, Oregon.

MUSIC THIS YEAR WILL BE BEST EVER

Parsons Has Selected Strong Aggregation For 2nd Annual Fair.

The people who attended the First Annual Morrow County Fair were more than pleased and delighted with the band and orchestra. Something about the music had a most satisfying and nothing-more-to-be-desired effect which made everybody happy. In fact, so completely satisfied was the board with the manner in which the band delivered the goods that Mr. Parsons was tendered an invitation to submit a bid for this year's music without thinking much about giving other parties a chance. The board further sanctioned an increase in the instrumentation of the band so that this year the music will be furnished by sixteen musicians instead of twelve, as last year. This will give the local fair a band second to none at any county fair in the state, if not some of the larger aggregations.

As practically every man can play some instrument in the orchestra as well as the band there will be no lack of high class dance music. Mr. Parsons has the contract for all the music this year and will see there will be plenty of the best. In the numerous engagements his orchestra filled here during the past winter and spring it was demonstrated that the Parsons brand was a little in advance of all other brands. The lineup has been revised somewhat this year and to the writer looks like an improvement, especially with the increased instrumentation. The following list was received from Mr. Parsons this week:

- The first instrument named is the one used by player in band, the second in orchestra.
- L. B. Lewis, Eb Clarinet, Flute.
- Chester Sanborn, Solo Clarinet, Clarinet.
- E. Hjelms, 2nd Clarinet, 2nd Violin.
- Allen A. Buck, Piccolo, Oboe and Piccolo.
- Andrew Loney, Jr., Solo Cornet, 1st Cornet.
- Carl Kurth, 1st Cornet, 2nd Cornet.
- R. Markee, Solo Alto, Double Bass.
- Leo Lindsay, 1st Alto, 1st Violin.
- Ted Bacon, 2nd Alto, Viola.
- R. Perrine, Trombone, Trombone.
- O. G. Crawford, Baritone, Piano.
- Mr. Ellis, Tuba.
- Lee Bequaeth, Bass Drum, 1st Violin.
- Fred Trembley, Snare Drum, Traps.
- Florin Thibau, Traps, Cello.
- Mr. Young, Cornet, Cornet.
- George H. Parsons, Director.

Warning is Issued.

The following warning has been issued by J. R. McCraw, city marshal, by direction of the city council, and freely distributed among the residents of Heppner:

"Owing to the extreme dryness and the consequent danger from fire, it becomes necessary to enforce rigidly the provisions of Ordinance No. 67. All owners and occupants of property within the City limits are hereby notified to remove from their premises all trash, boxes, packing materials, and other inflammable substances, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 67, immediately. Delay may mean serious loss. All persons are cautioned to refrain from throwing matches or lighted cigar or cigarette stubs where they may start a fire. By order of the City Council, J. R. McCraw, City Marshal."

This warning was printed in good bold type at this office, and has been properly distributed and posted over the city. Our citizens will promptly comply with its requirements and by so doing greatly lessen the danger of a destructive fire.

Doctor Has New Medical Machine.

Dr. Allison has been demonstrating to his friends this week the workings of a new machine known as the Campbell Ex-Ray Coil. It is a modern appliance for the use of electric current, and is an equipment that is considered almost necessary to every physician's set of office appliances these days. It takes the place of the static machine for producing the ex-rays, and is far superior to the old style machine. The electric current is applied to a series of coils which greatly amplifies the current, yet modifies it to such a degree that it becomes highly efficient in many ways in treating various ailments. Dr. Allison is not struck with this feature of the machine so much, however, as with the ex-ray attachment. This is its most practical feature and the violet rays are produced in a beautiful manner; the steady electric current making it work perfectly and enabling a good photo plate to be made in 4 seconds. For producing chain and streaked lightning and many different and varied currents of electricity, the machine is far ahead of anything ever exhibited here.