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CLARKS CANYON PEOPLE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED

Cummings - Brown - Stapleton Home Scene of Lively Party on Friday Night.

Their neighbors, to the number of about 75, came in on the Cummings-Brown-Stapleton families of Clarks Canyon on Friday evening last without invitation or previous arrangement on the part of these good people. The neighbors offered no apology for their appearance and soon made it known that they had come to remain for the night, having brought along well filled baskets of good things to eat.

The people of this neighborhood are noted for their social qualities and they get together frequently in this manner to have a good time together. While being comparatively new people in the community, the hosts on this occasion are none the less hospitable, and they were just as glad as surprised to have their neighbors appear at their home thus, and were eager to enter into the fun and enjoyment of the evening.

It was arranged for all those who wished to do so, to go to the home of R. C. Brown, just across the road from the Cummings home, where music was furnished and dancing indulged in for many hours. Those not caring to dance remained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cummings, where plays and amusements of many sorts were indulged in, and where also, at the proper time, the tables were spread and the entire party regaled themselves with the refreshments prepared for the occasion.

Such a good time was had by all that they decided to remain until six o'clock on Saturday morning and left with the wishes of the hospitable hosts that they might come again and stay just as long as they wished. It was just one of those jolly, sociable occasions enjoyed by the country folk in which everybody has a good time and makes the country life worth while.

Our reporter noted the following people of the neighborhood present, and regrets that note was not made at the time so that none would have been overlooked:

Mr. Carl Her and family; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Evans; Mr. John Her, Mrs. Wm. Letrace, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Her, Mr. Wm. Padberg and family, Mr. A. J. Hunt and family, Mr. Ed Hunt, Mr. N. J. Shaw and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hemrich, two Mr. Gilliams and their families, the Misses Glass, Miss Young, Mrs. Blair, Messrs. Roy and Oscar Wakefield, Mr. Wm. Shipley, Miss Helen and Clarence Bauman, Mr. Walter Evans, Miss Pearl Letrace, Mr. Lester Parker, Mr. Ed Letrace, Messrs. Geo. and Cal Gilliam; these latter gentlemen furnishing the music for the occasion.

Sells Transfer Business.

F. N. Frye, of this city, has disposed of his transfer business to Archie Barnard, of Hardman, and Mr. Barnard will take possession the first of the coming month. Mr. Frye has been successfully engaged in the draying and transfer business in Heppner for many years past, owning the Heppner Transfer Co. and conducting its affairs in such a manner as to prove of financial benefit to himself and satisfaction to the public, and we are sorry to see him retire. He has not decided upon anything for the future, but in whatever line of trade he ventures, this paper wishes him success. Mr. Barnard is one of the foremost young men and citizens of Hardman and we can assure him that he will have a welcome to Heppner and find our people a mighty good bunch to do business with.

Would Like to Get Up Drive.

Jacob H. Frad of Blackhorse, was in Heppner on Saturday and spent some little time in talking up a big rabbit drive for his section of the country and territory adjoining. The rabbits have increased during the past two seasons to such an extent as to become a serious menace to the farmers. Mr. Frad thinks that one or two well organized drives would be the means of getting rid of a very large number of them, and following this, other means of their destruction might be devised which would put the rabbits out of business. These pests are not entirely devoid of value, however, according to Mr. Frad. He is convinced that they are the best chicken feed going and nothing better can be used to make your hens lay. He kills the rabbits, skins them and draws them, then puts them through his meat grinder, cutting up flesh and bones together. This is fed to the hens and they get busy right away producing eggs just as fast as they possibly can. Mr. Frad says the rabbits are worth twenty-five cents apiece for the egg-producing food.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At the last regular meeting of the A. O. H. held on Jan. 17, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Whereas, Divine Providence has permitted that our loved brother, John Connell should be suddenly and tragically taken from our midst, and, Whereas, it is fitting that we bear testimony to the Christian life and character of our deceased brother, therefore be it,

Resolved, that we members of Heppner Division A. O. H. bow in humble submission to the inscrutable decrees of God, and while submitting, nevertheless sincerely mourn. To the relations of Bro. Connell we extend our profound sympathy in this hour of their bitter trial. Be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Division No. 1 A. O. H. of Heppner; and that copies of said resolutions be transmitted to the Gazette-Times, Heppner Herald, Catholic Sentinel, Irish World, and Longford Leader for publication.

JAMES G. DOHERTY,
FRANCIS KIERNAN,
PATRICK MOLLAHAN,
Committee.

SUCCUMBS TO ILLNESS

Mrs. Peter Sheridan Dies at Walla Walla.

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Peter Sheridan died last Monday in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Peter Sheridan went to Walla Walla some time ago to undergo an operation, from which she never entirely recovered. She later contracted typhoid and in her weakened condition she was unable to recover from that disease. Mrs. Sheridan was formerly Miss Lora Harrison of Butter creek, and she will be mourned by her many friends there as well as all over the county. She is survived by her husband and a child of 15 months.

Interment was made in the Cemetery at Echo Wednesday, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. Harry Galvin of Pilot Rock.—Stanfield Standard.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The mid-term examinations are being held this week. A much larger per cent of pupils in the grades than in the high school are exempt from the examinations.

Next Wednesday evening the high school presents Francis Richter in a piano recital. This no doubt will be the greatest musical recital given in Heppner in years. Mr. Richter has studied abroad for years and has the highest praises from all who have heard him. Many musical critics think he excels Paderewski both in conception and touch. Seldom if ever is an opportunity given to hear so famous a musician for so nominal a price. Adults 50 cents, school children 35 cents. All those who are interested should see literature and posters and reserve seats at Minor & Co's. store.

On Friday evening, Jan. 29, the high school will give another of its literary programs to which the public are cordially invited. This program will be a departure from any former entertainment. It is to be an "Oregon" program. It will be worth anyone's time to hear it. No admission will be charged. Time, 7:30 p. m. Arrangements are being made to purchase play-grounds apparatus and manual training apparatus with the net receipts of the Lyceum course. These are two much needed equipments and no doubt will be installed by Spring.

Forty-six dollars and fifteen cents were realized from the former entertainment by the grammar and primary grades. This is being spent in purchasing pictures for wall decorations.

The most important athletic event of the year was the arrangement made last Saturday between the Lexington, Ione and Heppner schools for permanent athletic activities among these schools. The Spring athletics will consist of base ball, tennis and a track meet, to be held at Ione some time in May. A series of games of baseball has been scheduled between the schools, providing a game every Saturday after the season opens some time in March. The arrangements for tennis will be made for both boys' and girls' contests, both doubles and singles. All this puts a more rational and encouraging aspect on our school athletics.

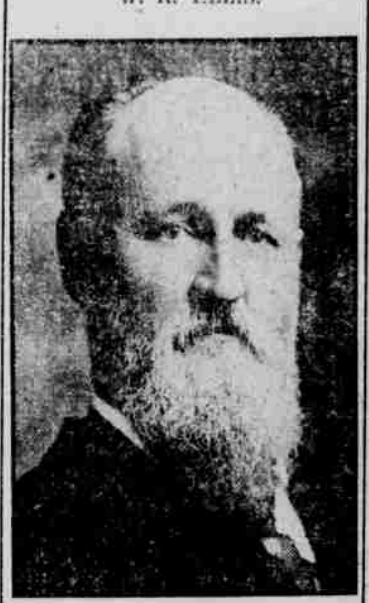
Christian Church Notes.

Next Sunday is Education Day. The morning sermon will be addressed especially to young people, urging them to secure a college education. Subject: "An Open Door."

The evening subject will be: "What Saves, or Who is Responsible if We are Lost—God or Man?"

A reception will be held in the church Friday evening in honor of the 31 members who have united

W. R. ELLIS.



Former Heppner Citizen Who Died in Portland Monday.

EX-CONGRESSMAN ELLIS DIES IN PORTLAND

Was First Superintendent of Morrow County Schools, Prosecuting Attorney and Judge of the 7th Judicial District.

(Portland Telegram.)

William R. Ellis, the first representative in Congress from the 2nd Congressional District of the state of Oregon, dropped dead in his new home at 1039 East Everett street at 10 o'clock this (Monday) morning. Mr. Ellis, this morning apparently in good health, had gone down in the basement to fix the furnace, and a few minutes later, Mrs. Ellis, who was alone in the house at the time, heard him groaning. She found Mr. Ellis lying unconscious on the floor. When Dr. C. J. Smith arrived at the house a few minutes later, Mr. Ellis was dead. Death was due to hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Ellis returned Saturday from a short trip to his farm near Cathlamet, Wash., in seemingly good health. Mr. Ellis was 65 years old.

William R. Ellis was born in Montgomery County, Ind., April 23, 1850. In 1874 he was graduated from the University of Iowa. Later he took a prominent part in politics and business affairs in the town of Hamburg, Iowa, where he settled. At one time he was mayor of Hamburg. He came to Heppner in 1883, and engaged in the practice of law. He was appointed in 1885, when Morrow county was created, county school superintendent by Governor Moody. Mr. Ellis was elected and re-elected to the position of prosecuting attorney of the 7th Judicial District. In 1892 he was the successful candidate for Representative in Congress for the second Oregon district. Mr. Ellis was re-elected to that office in 1894 and again in 1896. Upon the expiration of his term in Congress he was elected to serve as Circuit Judge of the Seventh District. Later he was re-elected to Congress and moved to Pendleton where he resided with his family until a few years ago when they moved to Portland. His new home in that city was only recently completed. Mr. Ellis is survived by his widow, one son, Edgar R. Ellis, a step-son, Robert Stott, and a step-daughter, Mamie Stott, and Frank Roberts of this city and Geo. Roberts of Umatilla county, who are half brothers. Mr. Ellis was a 33d-degree Mason and at one time a member of the Knights of Pythias of this city. Interment will be made in a Portland cemetery.

Another New Building.

Building activities are improving in Heppner is indicated by the fact that W. P. Scribner has started preliminary work in the construction of a fire proof building on Main street which will be finished and ready for occupancy by the early part of March. The building will be constructed of corrugated iron, one story high and will have a concrete floor. When completed, this structure will be occupied by E. H. Hall and Henry Vance for a first class garage.

The building will be erected on the property adjoining the Scribner blacksmith shop on the south and the Haylor jewelry store on the north side, having a frontage of forty feet. It will be seventy feet in length. J. H. Cox is busy at the present time removing the old buildings from this lot, and as soon as that is completed Henry Johnson, who has the contract for the new building, will rush the work as fast as possible. It is understood that Mr. Scribner will lay a concrete walk along the entire front of his property.

With the church during the present pastorate. All members and friends of the church are invited.

EMINENT PIANIST IS COMING TO HEPPNER

Francis Richter, Student of Leschetizky and Rival of Paderewski Will Appear at High School Wednesday, Jan. 27.

The Heppner music loving public will have the rare opportunity of hearing Francis Richter, the noted American pianist, in recital at the high school auditorium next Wednesday evening, January 27. The recital will begin at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Richter studied abroad for many years under Leschetizky at Vienna. Those who have heard both Richter and Paderewski claim that Richter easily rivals the great Polish performer.

That the evening's entertainment may be enjoyed by all, the low price of 50 cents for adults and 35 cents for children will be asked. It is not a money making scheme on the part of the High School, on the contrary, they are offering the patrons the opportunity of hearing one of our foremost celebrities at a very nominal price. Seats will be on sale at Minor & Co's store tomorrow morning.

The program as presented by Mr. Richter is as follows:

1. Rondo Capriccioso, Mendelssohn
2. Pastorale e capriccioso, Scarlatti
3. Sonata Waldstein, Beethoven (Allegro con Brio, Molto adagio, Rondo, Prestissimo)
4. Nocturne, Doehler Part 2.
5. (A) Waltz Op. 70 No. 1, Chopin (B) Polonaise in A flat, Chopin
6. (A) Danse Espagnole, (B) Idylle, Richter
7. Rhapsodie Espagnole, Liszt

SCHOOL NOTES.

By Supt. S. E. Notson.

The State Superintendent has received a letter from the Palmer Company requesting him to urge the teachers of the state to take advantage of the free correspondence course in writing. The Palmer system can not produce the best results unless the teachers understand it clearly. According to investigations made by the Palmer people, many teachers are insisting upon good forms at the beginning at the expense of the movement. Teachers should follow carefully the instructions in the manual. Movement is the vital thing in the beginning. Other things are important, but they are emphasized at the proper time. Some of you have seen the sample of writing produced by a prisoner in the Montana penitentiary after 93 days practice, 30 minutes per day, with very poor materials, and you have been astonished at the improvement he made. Now it is not necessary to become a prisoner in order to become a good writer. Let me urge teachers to take the correspondence course while it is free. Let me urge members of the school boards to encourage the teachers to take the course. It means much to the pupils.

The reading circle work has been placed under the direction of the extension department of the State University. Teachers should bear this in mind. Circulars of information will soon be issued so you can be informed in regard to the plan. It will be necessary for you to have the work done before your certificates can be registered for next year. You must not expect to wait until vacation to do the work. You are busy and have about all the work you feel like doing, but you will enjoy the work as planned by the University, and just as soon as the circulars are issued you should begin work.

Pupils who expect to take advantage of the offer of the North Portland Serum Company and purchase one of the sows they offer should enroll in the pig raising club without delay. Application blanks will be furnished to those who wish to undertake the plan. The director of the extension work says that the company does not wish to compete with local hog raisers, and would prefer that pupils buy a sow from a local man if they can get one on the terms the company offers, or if the pupil can secure the financial backing through the local bank.

Catholic Church Services.

Sunday, January 24.
First Mass, 8 a. m.
Second Mass, 10:30 a. m.
Christian Doctrine, 11:30 a. m.
Evening Devotions, 7:30 p. m.
The subject for the sermon at the Second Mass will be "The Limits of Parental Authority." For the evening the topic will be "It is Wholly in Accordance With Reason, to Believe the Mysteries of Religion. Once We are Certain They are Revealed by God."

Teachers Get One-Year Certificates.

The following Morrow county teachers were awarded one year certificates, having been successful in the examinations held in December, May Severance, Lexington, Gladys Musgrave, Heppner; Anna T. Fern, Winnifred Romig, Ione; Marlon Smith, Eight Mile; Etta Adams, Hardman; Mrs. Alice Nichols, Ione; Joyce R. Hayes, Eight Mile; Allen W. McCann, Irrigon; Esther Pauline Cox, Cecil; Margaret A. Cramer, Hardman; Margaret Allen, Willows; Ina Viola Johnson, Heppner; John A. Gibbons, Castle Rock.

New Price For May Wheat Established.

All past high price records for May wheat were exceeded in Portland last Monday, when a new world's selling mark was reached at \$1.51. Ten thousand bushels of May bluestem were sold on the market exchange 2 1/2 cents higher than ever paid for this grain in the history of the Pacific Northwest, and making the Portland market the highest in the United States or the world, except in Europe, where it goes.

SUGGESTS CHANGE

Ex-Senator Bourne Would Change Postal System.

Washington, January 20.—Business men, who are the principal patrons of the postal service, will be interested in a plan advocated by Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., to provide for the election not only of postmasters, but of other Federal officers in the several states, such as U. S. marshals, district attorneys, collectors and appraisers of customs, collectors of internal revenue, and registers and receivers of land offices.

Every business man knows the evils of the present system of political appointment. Men are chosen as postmasters not because of their particular fitness for the position or their facilities for rendering service, but because of party loyalty and activity in politics.

Merchants have seen post offices removed from one end of town to the other in spite of popular protest, in order to locate the office in a building owned by an active supporter of the party in power. They have seen individuals not desired by a majority of the people of the community appointed to conduct the office.

Former Senator Bourne believes that postmasters should be selected regardless of what party may happen to be in control of the national administration—that the people of the country may have a Democratic or Republican administration, as they may choose, but that the people of each community should have a postmaster of their own selection regardless of politics.

Post offices are established and maintained for service, not as political rewards, and the people of each community are the best judges of the kind of service they want and the men most likely to render it. Bourne argues that if a postmaster must depend upon the voice of the people of his community for his retention in office rather than upon his effectiveness in politics or his "pull" with political leaders, he will give more time and effort to improve the character of service rendered. Moreover, popular election of postmasters and other Federal officers will take away the principal power of the national political machine, which, through that instrumentality, is able in so many instances to dictate local party politics.

Bourne proposes to strike at the root of the matter by a constitutional amendment divesting the President of his appointing power and relieving the Senate of its duty and responsibility of confirming such appointments, and leave the whole problem to the several communities, which are chiefly and directly interested in the character of service to be rendered by their public servants.

Jayne-Winters.

Harry Jayne and Ruth O. Winters were married this week, at some point out side of the county. They returned home Tuesday evening and are busy receiving the congratulations of their many friends. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Winters of this city and the groom is well known here, having lived in Morrow county many years. The Gazette-Times extends best wishes.

Two sales of residence property are reported for this week. Henry Vance has purchased the property from Jeff Jones now occupied by Geo. W. Jackson, and John Sprouls has purchased the residence occupied by Joe Westhoff.

Nick Leathers came down from Hardman this morning with a load of coyote pelts, which he took to the court house for bounty.

HIGH SCHOOLS FORM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Ione, Lexington and Heppner Have Arranged Schedule of Athletic Events to Take Place in The Spring.

Harley Adkins, representing Heppner High School, went to Lexington last Saturday to meet with representatives from Ione and Lexington high schools for the purpose of forming an athletic association between the three schools. Ione sent Merle Blake and Lexington was represented by Prof. S. H. Doak and Carl Miller. The officers of the new association are Prof. L. A. Doak of Ione, president, Prof. H. H. Hoffman of Heppner, vice-president, and Prof. S. H. Doak of Lexington, secretary and treasurer. The athletic council will be composed of these officers and one member from each student body of the schools. This council will meet hereafter on the second Saturday of each September to arrange schedules of athletic events for the year.

Any student registering in school work later than one week after the beginning of the second semester, will not be permitted to participate in any of the contests. All students will be required to have passing grades in at least three subjects. The baseball schedule as arranged by the association will give the three towns two games apiece. The season will open at Heppner on April 3. Following is the baseball schedule:

April 3—Heppner and Ione at Heppner.

April 10—Heppner and Lexington at Lexington.

April 17—Lexington and Ione at Ione.

April 24—Heppner and Ione at Ione.

May 1—Lexington and Heppner at Heppner.

May 8—Ione and Lexington at Lexington.

Another feature of the newly formed association is the tennis tournament which will be held in Heppner on May 15. The teams which will represent the different schools will probably be chosen by the elimination method. Each school will enter a girls' and boys' team. The south Heppner courts will be used for this tournament.

The track meet will be held in Ione on the 22nd of May and the following events will take place on that day: Shot put 12 lbs., discus, 4 1/4 lbs., 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, 100-yard low hurdles, high jump and running broad jump, pole vault, one-mile run and the half-mile relay.

The proceeds from the track meet, after Ione pays the necessary expenses, will be divided between Heppner and Lexington in proportion to the number of men entered.

Trophies for the track meet will be offered by Ione, Heppner and Lexington will offer trophies for tennis and baseball respectively. Anyone interested may put up trophies and it is quite likely that business men in the three towns will put up something worth competing for by the students.

Safety Deposit Boxes at Bank.

Two hundred and one steel lock boxes have been installed in the vault at the First National Bank for the use and convenience of its customers. Each of these boxes has a key and lock of its own and is roomy enough to accommodate all the private and valuable papers that is ordinarily handled by any individual. For those who have larger affairs to look after and more papers to care for, there are sections containing boxes of twice and three times the size of the smaller ones; of these there are but few and they contain special locks. There are also a few large chests in which people can place their silverware and other valuables of this sort when absent from the city. As the boxes are taken and the supply runs short, others can be added as they are installed by sections. They are of steel construction all through and certainly add to the appearance and convenience of the vault. The bank is also putting in a new lighting system and will have all wires concealed. This, together with the new lamps of late design add greatly to the attractiveness of the banking room.

Still Getting In Its Work.

That cougar that has been causing so much trouble about the McCullough ranch at the forks of Willow creek, is still getting in its work. On Friday night last another raid was made on the sheep corrals and three head were killed. The varmint was unable to get in among the sheep but reached them through the cracks of the fence. To date twenty head have been killed and Mr. McCullough thinks about enough toll has been paid. Just how to get hold of Mr. Cougar, however, seems to be a puzzling question and one that yet remains to be solved.