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**MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER**

Thursday, May 6, 1915.

**THE INTEREST GROWS.**

The establishing of the industrial work in the schools of Morrow county has been a step in the right direction, and the interest in that line of endeavor is growing rapidly as the pupils become more familiar with it.

This is an age of progress, and we are fast retreating from the stern rule of "reading, riting and rithmetic" as it used to be meted out to us when we were kids and going thru the process of gaining some book knowledge. It is getting to be the popular thing these days to give the child a knowledge of the useful arts and affairs of life in the early part of his education; hence the manual training and domestic science courses are introduced into our high schools, and the industrial work is taken up in the grades that the younger pupils may get practical instruction in gardening, sewing, cooking, etc.

Every right thinking person heartily endorses this line of work. It is the means of interesting many a boy and girl in school work that seem to have no taste for the daily grind of getting the lessons from the text book. There is many a lad loitering around and not attending school who might be reached thru some line of the industrial work. In fact, many a youngster has been stirred to activity in these lines and his latent talents brought to light and he has eventually entered into the school work with a vim.

We do not know just how this boy, writing the letter herewith, viewed the situation, but his letter is certainly evidence that the industrial work has taken hold of him in good shape. We are giving his letter just as it was written to Superintendent Notson, and will say that we would greatly appreciate the privilege of publishing more of such letters in these columns. We are glad to open up a department in this paper devoted to letters of this nature from the pupils of the grade schools, and would urge them to favor us with letters touching their work, expressed in their own way. The writing of the letters would do the pupils good, and we know that they will be of interest to our readers as well as encouraging the children in their industrial work. Read this letter, and then send in what you have.

Heppner, Ore., May 1, 1915.

Mr. S. E. Notson, Heppner, Ore.

Dear Sir:

I thought I would write you a few lines and let you know how I am. Have you any books about garden seed? If you have any please send me one cause I want to raise something for the fair this fall. The teacher says that she wants us pupils to raise something for the fair this fall. It is snowing now. I am going to have the playthings up when you come out to visit the school. We are over at the Burton Valley school. There is twenty scholars.

We will surprise you when you come to visit the school. You know them thorns that was in the corner of the school house fence we have cut them all out.

Well this is all that I can think of today. From yours truly,

**GUY E. HASTINGS.**  
The letter is given in the boy's own language, and it is all right, even though he has not conformed to all the rules of writing; these he will gain later. We hope he will write again, and as suggested above, we will be very glad to publish letters from any of the boys and girls who will take the time to write concerning their work.

It is not far till the time of the Heppner Chautauqua. It comes the last of June and it is necessary that active promotion work be begun at once.

Do you remember that you ever had a mother? If so, attend the "Mothers' Day" services at the various Heppner churches on next Sunday morning. If your mother still lives wear a bright flower in her honor, and if she has departed this life, wear a white flower in memory of the best friend you ever had on this earth.

Let's boost for the chautauqua.

Mr. Sheepman, the Heppner Wool Sales Date is June 8th. Keep it in mind.

An open river to the sea will mean lower freight rates for the inland farmer and a larger profit on products all the way around.

Stanfield, which was lately pronounced the most progressive city in Oregon, is striving to maintain that reputation, and will hold the Umatilla county fair there this year. Stanfield has a bunch of good live progressive business men, and they have succeeded in landing something that will have a far more lasting value than the Pendleton Round-up.

**RECENT WORK ON CANCER.**

The remarkable studies of Maud Slye on the inheritance of cancer in mice are yielding positive results of great significance and interest. Miss Slye's work shows that in mice the tendency to develop cancer is transmitted from generation to generation in exact accord with the laws of heredity so that it can be bred into and out of strains of mice at will. She has bred cancer through ten generations, and in the stock of ten thousand mice under observation at present spontaneous cancer is always present, arising almost without exception in strains of known cancerous ancestry. The proper representatives of such strains of mice "carry cancer into a strain with which they are hybridized as inevitably as an albino mouse carries albinism into a pigmented strain with which it is hybridized, and with exactly parallel behavior of the character."

It is not cancer as such that is transmitted, but the tendency of the cells to produce cancer under suitable conditions, which appear to arise especially as the results of all kinds of local irritation, reminding us of the undoubted role that chronic irritations plays in human cancer.

The mass of evidence presented warrants the generalization that in mice cancer tendency is a transmissible character, whatever the actual cause of cancer may be. This is a positive result, the full significance of which makes it one of the great contributions to our knowledge of cancer. While the exact study of the influence of heredity in human cancer at present is practically blocked because not enough facts can be obtained, there are no known exceptions or modifications to the laws of heredity which would justify an opinion that observations on cancer in mice are not applicable to man. Hence, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, the final lesson drawn by Miss Slye, based on the idea that cancer is not transmitted as such but as a tendency to occur from over-irritation, must be accepted as sound and practical: "The elimination as far as possible of all forms of overirritation to the tissues of an individual of high cancer ancestry should go far to eliminate the provocation of cancer; and the eugenic control of matings so that cancer shall at least not be potential on both sides of the hybrid cross ought to eventuate in a considerable decrease in the frequency of human cancer."

**RURAL CREDIT PROBLEM.**

Notwithstanding the tendency of some individuals who have been active in attempts to establish rural credit systems to dogmatize on the subject, it is evidently still a problem filled with difficulties. It is the unanimous conclusion that short-term loans on farm land are too expensive. In addition to high interest charges and commissions for renewals there is the expense of frequent bringing of the abstract down to date. There is always hanging over the head of the borrower the fear that financial conditions will be such at the maturity of the mortgage that he cannot get a renewal at reasonable rates. There is apparently general agreement that some form of bonded indebtedness must be devised. It is urged, in illustration, that the public borrows money in this way and that our great industrial development would have been impossible without the sale of bonds.

But here the agreement ends. Some would have the National Governmenter the state lend money to the farmers at low interest rates. Others would use banks with capital supplied by state or nation. Some would exempt the capital of such banks from taxation. Others would exempt the bonds from taxation, using the familiar argument that the land is already taxed, an argument which would apply to all mortgaged property as well as to land. Two speakers considered the problem before the Southern Commercial Congress at Muscookee this week. Myron T. Herrick, who has specialized on rural credits more than any other prominent American, and George Woodruff of Joliet, Ill., who has an intimate acquaintance with the workings of the Farm Mortgage Bank of that city. Both protested against state or national "subsidies of the farmer." Mr. Herrick criticised exemption from taxation, on the ground of inequality. Taxes must be paid, and he argues that farmers who are not borrowing money would join other classes of taxpayers in resisting what would be a gross discrimination. Mr. Woodruff would exempt the debenture bonds from taxation, using the general objection to "double taxation." The Joliet plan of amortization, by which twenty-year loans are paid out in forty equal semiannual payments, appears to have been a success. It reduces to the minimum one of the greatest dangers, that of overvaluation of the security, for with each semiannual payment the security becomes stronger. Congress and the various legislatures have few more urgent problems before them. While immediate action is desirable, the devising of an equitable and workable plan is more important still.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The State Dairy and Food Commissioner of Oregon has ruled that all makers of ranch and dairy butter for market must use wrappers that are printed according to the requirements of that department. It has been noticed that not a few of the butter makers of this section have been using a rubber stamp to mark their particular product, and this is very objectionable. From the large number of orders this print shop has been receiving lately for printed butter wrappers, we are led to believe that there will be little cause for complaint in the future of the butter makers of Morrow county not complying with law. The small price charged for this work should be no bar to all getting their butter paper printed as the law provides, besides it is much neater than having to write the names and weights with a pen or putting them on with a rubber stamp.

**"CO-OPERATIVE" FRAUDS.**

As one result of the effort of the American people to cheapen the cost of distribution of merchandise they buy and sell, a series of bona fide co-operative undertakings have been launched in various parts of the country. Along with them have gone fraudulent private concerns, which are in reality deliberate stock swindles. One such was haled into court in the western part of the state a few weeks ago.

The affidavit of the treasurer of the concern showed, among other things, these figures:

Total sales on shares of stock, \$225,390.

Notes taken on such sales, \$124,039.

Cash received on sales, \$131,350. Commissions and expenses of sales, \$74,262.

Net cash received, \$57,088.

This shows who has been getting most out of the company, namely the promoters. Their share in cash has been \$74,262 out of the total cash receipts of \$131,350.

One man who bought five shares of the stock said he was told the concern aimed to sell goods "at cost, plus running expenses." The agent who sold the stock received half of the money paid as his commission. Yet on top of all this, the concern promised a large profit to its shareholders.

A chain of these so-called co-operative companies has been started at various points in the northwest, and it behooves farmers and others to be very wary of them and not to subscribe to any of their stock until they have taken advice with local bankers, or some person who can analyze the scheme away from the spell of the agent.—Enterprise Record-Chieftain.

**PUBLICITY SAFEST METHOD.**

The purpose of the publication of the delinquent tax list is two fold:

First—To give notice to property owners that their taxes are delinquent;

Second—To enforce the payment of those taxes and thus secure the needed revenue for the conduct of the county and state governments.

The Times contends that the publication of the delinquent tax list accomplishes both results at a minimum of expense to the taxpayer.

That newspaper publicity is the most prompt and effective method of disseminating information and giving general notice to the public is so generally acknowledged that argument seems unnecessary. The newspaper spreads the notice by discussion for when Brown reads the notice he promptly speaks about it to Robinson and also with Jones and thus it spreads. This is proved by the fact that other states having a law similar to the Oregon statute have reduced the delinquent tax list from six and eight newspaper pages at first to less than three or four columns in length, a result that the personal notice could never accomplish.

Another evil which the personal notice fosters and permits is that if at any time a tax collector was prompted by a desire to profit by not sending a notice to the owner of some valuable property he could easily hold out the notice, have a friend purchase the property for the taxes and get possession of the tax title. It is true such emergencies may be rare but they do occur and newspaper publication gives notice to all the world that cannot be escaped, evaded or denied. Everywhere there are men who are willing to profit by another's carelessness or pressing necessity. Such men watch the tax titles which often return them excessive profits. Newspaper publication prevents this nefarious business by the universal scope of the notice, which it makes public.

Everywhere that it has been tried newspaper publication has proven effective and while the law has not been in effect in Oregon sufficient time to accomplish the same results it is none the less needed for anything in which the people and taxpayers are interested is benefitted by newspaper publicity.—Daily Marshfield Times.

Read the article on another page relating to borax, and its value as a fly destroyer. Borax will not kill the fly, but will destroy the eggs, thereby preventing them from hatching. Its use will prevent a lot of "swatting" later on.

We overheard a good citizen of this town registering a kick the other day relative to the arrangement of the new postoffice. Never mind, neighbor, just a little of the right kind of hustle and you can have it removed to Pendleton.

Goliath, according to Billy Sunday, "was the head cheese and the whole work." "Who's that gazaboo?" asked David. "Then he gave Goliath the once over." Here the evangelist illustrated the effect on the giant by himself felling at full length upon the platform. The language accompanying the ocular demonstration "Beaned! David soaked him in the coco between the lamps and Goliath went to the mat and took the count. David chopped his head off and Goliath's gang beat it." And then he stirred the trail hitters with this appeal: "Say, are you riding a blind baggage or a gospel train? I'll know in a minute whether you are men or mutts. If you're a man you will fight your way down these aisles to take my hand. Oh, I'll have your number! I'll know whether you've got gasoline or dishwater in your veins, whether you're real or a four-dasher."

**CLEAN-UP PAINT-UP WEEK.**

This is the week set aside by Gov. Withycombe as clean-up, paint-up week. We rushed the season for the clean-up job, but we have all the more time now for the paint-up part of the program, and it is needless to say that the citizens of Heppner will cooperate to their utmost with the Governor in making the State of Oregon "spick and span."

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**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN HEPPNER**

May 1, 1890.

Hon. W. R. Ellis is having erected on lower Gale street, a very commodious and well arranged residence.

Ben Hunsaker has traded his city property to J. B. Sperry, taking in exchange a herd of Hereford cattle.

John Lord, the Arlington horseman was in town last week. He has disposed of a number of his fine Clyde stallions.

We are glad to note that Wm. Hughes, who has been suffering from paralysis, superinduced by an attack of diphtheria, is getting better rapidly.

Nat Webb has purchased 6,000 dry ewes and will take them to range across Snake river.

Sheep are shearing very light this season, but the quality remains equal to that formerly taken from the woolly inhabitants of our time-honored hills.

A. C. Petteys, the prosperous resident of Pettysville, called at the Gazette office Saturday.

Mrs. Scott Brundage of Welsler, Idaho, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb.

Henry Blackman, democratic candidate for joint senator to represent Grant, Harney and Morrow counties, received the nomination and was met with a grand ovation upon his return to Heppner.

G. W. Rea and T. J. Matlock returned from the democratic state convention on last Saturday's train.

**Kill The Flies.**

Now is the time to swat the flies. Kill one fly now and you will do better than killing a thousand later. Clean up all filth, thereby destroying their breeding places. Everybody get a swatter and kill the flies as they appear.

DR. A. D. McMURDO,  
City Health Officer.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE.**

One good young Mammoth Black Jack for sale or trade. Also some good work horses to trade for cattle. Inquire of Frank Anderson, Heppner, Oregon. Local and long distance phones. 1m.

Graduation comes but once in a child's life. A serviceable present is appropriate. Visit Haylor for gift suggestions. 3t.

Drs. Lowe & Turner, the well known eye specialists will be in Heppner May 14-15. See them at the Palace hotel.

Drs. Lowe & Turner will be in Lexington May 12, Hardman May 13, Heppner May 14-15 and Ione May 16-17.

Anyone desiring the services of a maternity nurse will do well to write to Box 105, Lexington, Ore. Prices very reasonable. M 18-6t.

**WANTED**—A harvest job for a man and wife and 16 year old son for the coming season. Woman to cook; man can handle machinery or do anything else. Or I would accept a position on a ranch by the year with a place to keep a family. Address 1704 Wilson St., Hood River, Oregon.

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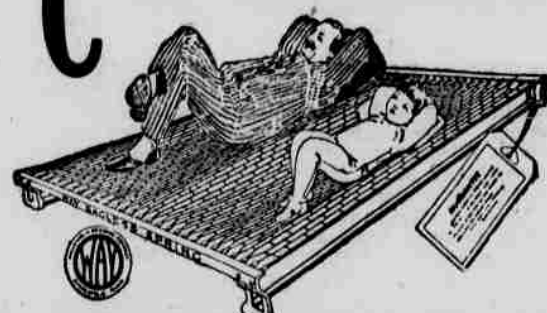
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