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HEPPNER WATER AND ICE ARE PURE

Report Received by City Health Officer to Effect That Both Water and Ice Used Here Are Free From Typhoid Germs.

City health officer, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, is in receipt of a report from the state health officer on an analysis of water and ice used by the citizens of this community. Samples were sent in a short time ago and the report received is to the effect that both water and ice are pure and free from typhoid germs.

The melted ice shows 100 organisms to the cubic centimeter, which is about 1-4 teaspoon, making about 400 organisms to the teaspoonful. These organisms, after being incubated for 72 hours produced no gas, indicating that there were no typhoid germs present. The sample of city water was drawn from the pipes, and was a fair specimen of that which is habitually used here. The analysis shows but 80 organisms to the teaspoonful, and after 72 hours incubation no gas was recovered.

According to this report, our citizens need have no fears of being infected by the dreaded typhoid germ from the use of either the ice or water furnished our city. In fact it has long been understood that we had a pure water supply and for many years past cases of typhoid at Heppner have been very rare, indeed.

Spraying to Get Hoppers.

County Fruit Inspector Walbridge has been putting to the test the recommendation of the Agricultural Department that to spray certain vegetables with Paris green will get the grasshoppers. The past week he sprayed a field of seven acres of potatoes for C. A. Minor, and from the reports so far received a good work is being accomplished and the pest is being destroyed by the poison. It takes about two days to kill them, but on the second day the poison gets in its work in good shape and the hoppers are laid out by the thousands. Mr. Walbridge believes that the use of Paris green in this way on the potato vines will save the crop from destruction and kill off the grasshoppers that attack the gardens.

The 1915-16 Blue Book.

The Gazette-Times has been presented with the Oregon Blue Book for 1915-16, by Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott. This book contains information that is valuable to every citizen of the state, as it covers all matters pertaining to the official activity of the commonwealth, facts relating to taxation, political registration and voting, a directory of state officials, political history of the state, list of state officials, boards and commissions and district and county officials, as well as illustrations of the various state institutions and many of the public buildings over the state. This year the book contains also a list of the newspapers of the state with their editors and a full list of the postoffices. There is much valuable information concerning foreign and federal departments of the government, and within the book is very useful, and may be obtained free for the asking by application to the secretary of state at Salem.

Short Illness Fatal.

Stricken with peritonitis, A. A. Tillman of Castle Rock, died at the Dalles hospital this morning at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Tillman, with his wife, was on his way from Castle Rock to Seattle in a covered caravan wagon, when he was stricken with the disease. He was taken to the local hospital at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The remains will be sent to Seattle for burial tomorrow morning. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Tillman and a son, who resides at Arlington. The Tillmans lived in Castle Rock many years. They had decided to move to Seattle where they expected to make their home with their daughter. It was Mr. Tillman's wish that they make the trip overland.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Will Have Good Yield.

Wes Marlatt informs us that he will have a good yield of grain on his hill farm just beyond Heppner to the east. While a portion of his grain was badly damaged by the heat, the main part of it escaped and he will turn off a fair yield from the fall sowing. He exhibited some fine samples in town Friday.

Office Closed.

I wish to announce that during my vacation of two weeks, my office will be closed from Monday, July 26 to Monday, August 9.

DR. F. N. CHRISTENSEN, Dentist.

LEXINGTON.

Walter Gay, of Rhea creek, was trading in Lexington Friday.

Dr. McMurdo of Heppner made a professional call in town Tuesday.

Jas. Carty, of Tub Springs, was transacting business in Lexington Monday.

J. B. Huddleston, the O-W. R. & N. agent of Heppner, spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

Andrew Reaney and family came home Saturday from a visit in the Umatilla country.

M. C. Millet left for his home at Salem Friday after spending several days in this part of the country.

Miss Merle Carmichael came Wednesday from Monmouth where she has been spending the winter for the benefit of her health.

The first load of wheat for this year came into the warehouse Tuesday. It was from the ranch of R. L. Bengel, south of Lexington.

Several farmers finished heading during the past week and are ready for the thrasher to come along, so the farmer will know how much grain can be spared for the warehouses.

Mrs. Mary Vance and son arrived Thursday from Mohawk, Tenn. They are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moyers and other relatives, and expect to remain in Oregon for some time.

The old flouring mill has been torn down during the past two weeks by a force of carpenters and a new mill will be built across the railroad track near the warehouse. This mill has long been a landmark in this vicinity and the flour has been used for many years by families still residing here. Built in 1887 the old mill had to give way to new and modern machinery and as a result Mr. Burgoyne is building by the side of his warehouse.

The town council met in special session Wednesday evening to consider the proposition of H. V. Gates to furnish lights for the town. Mr. Gates' terms were satisfactory to the council and a franchise was granted for the building of a three-phase line through the town to supply lights; also another franchise to put up lights on the streets and to furnish lights to people who care for them. The work of putting up the line from Heppner to Ione will commence as soon as material can be obtained. It is expected the line will be built by December 1.

IRRIGON.

Judge Garver quit the government camp for the harvest fields last week.

Thurston Grimm is reported seriously ill this week of heart trouble.

R. A. Hoag, of Arlington took charge of the station at Coyote last Sunday.

Mrs. Hume Park is ill this week. Dr. O. Waincoat, of Hermiston has made several trips attending her.

Last Monday damages to the church made by the recent windstorm were repaired by several volunteers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGill spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Hermiston, returning home Monday morning.

Mrs. E. I. Davis and Mrs. D. E. Martin were out of town the latter part of last week visiting friends at Umatilla and Coyote.

Mrs. John Patton, of Kelso, Wash., is in town with her daughter spending a few weeks at the home of her brother L. A. Doble.

The many friends of Oscar Corey were very sorry to hear of his unfortunate accident in splitting his knee-cap. Sincerest sympathy is extended.

J. A. Bartlett and family will move to Freewater the latter part of the week, Mr. Bartlett having a position as engineer at the Peacock Flour mills there.

Al Walpole has a fine patch of pumpkins on the river bottom this summer, and early as it is he has the regular jack-o-lantern size ripe and ready for use.

Mr. and Mrs. Healy, of Portland, have been in town the past week looking for location. They are well pleased with the prospects of Irrigon but have not yet decided to buy land here.

Unknown visitors entered the Neadeau home in the absence of the family last Saturday and helped themselves in a generous fashion, leaving their card in the shape of empty tin cans. Nothing of much value was taken, however.

Hoppers Take Crop.

Henry Scherzinger finished putting up what little hay crop he had during the past week. Usually Mr. Scherzinger cares for about 100 tons of hay but this season he was able to get but fifteen tons, this being all that was left after the hoppers had got in their work. Other farmers along the creek in his neighborhood have suffered much damage but none to the same extent which Henry did.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT HARDMAN DOES \$12,000 DAMAGE, PARTIALLY INSURED

A disastrous fire occurred at Hardman on Monday night in which three business houses and two residences were destroyed. That the entire town was not wiped out can be attributed to the fact that there was no wind at the time and the citizens of the community were able on this account to confine the flames to a certain district.

The fire was discovered between 12 and 1-o'clock in the blacksmith shop of Rossan Bros., and the flames had gained such headway that there was no chance of saving the building. From this building the flames jumped the street and soon enveloped the drug store of Dr. G. G. Gaunt, destroying this building with its contents and the general store of Albert Emery which stood along side of it.

Just back of these were the residences of Mrs. Geo. Chapin and J. H. Wyland which were the next to be swallowed up in flame, and at this point the fire was brought under control.

There seems to be some question as to just how the fire started, some reports stating that it was from a forge in the Rossan shop. This theory seems to have been disproved, however, as Mr. Rossan is positive there was no fire in the forge in the shop at quitting time Monday evening. It has always been his habit to see that the fires were entirely extinguished before locking up at night, and on Monday evening he had been particularly in the performance of this duty. As the fire had gained such headway when discovered that it was not possible to locate where it had originated, it is likely that it was caused by the carelessness of someone in throwing down a cigar or cigarette stub on the sidewalk in front of the building.

A small chemical engine, owned by the city, was early brought into play on the fire, but something went wrong with it before it had been used long and it had to be abandoned. This left the people without any fire fighting apparatus of any sort and they had to resort to the old bucket brigade method. By the placing of

wet quilts and blankets on adjoining buildings and keeping them soaked with water the fire was checked and much valuable property saved. Just how some of the nearby houses escaped destruction is somewhat of a mystery. The residence of Mr. Devore is situated but about twenty feet to the rear of the blacksmith shop, yet it was saved, while the fire crossed the street, about 100 feet and licked up the drug store. It is evident that what breeze there was carried the heat in that direction. The buildings on that side of the street were not thought to be in serious danger, and before it was realized the drug store was in flames.

The buildings in which Rossan Bros. had their shop, belong to Doric Lodge No. 20, K. of P. of Heppner. These boys sustained a loss of about \$2000, covered by \$1200 insurance. The building carried \$400 insurance. George Bleakman had his Overland car in the shop, and this was destroyed. Mr. Bleakman was fully covered with insurance on the machine and will be able to replace it without much loss.

The general store of Albert Emery is a total loss, as he carried no insurance. He had intended placing insurance on both stock and building but failed to attend to it promptly and now \$4000 would hardly make good the loss sustained.

Mrs. Chapin's residence, with a large part of the furnishings, entailed a loss of \$800, with no insurance.

Mr. Wyland's loss on residence and fixtures is at least \$1500, and we were unable to learn whether he carried any insurance at this time. Mrs. Wyland mourns the loss of a number of family heirlooms and a collection of choice dishes that she had been years in accumulating.

The fire was fierce while it lasted as everything was dry and burned very rapidly. The lack of proper fire fighting apparatus made it impossible to check the flames when a building once caught and the blaze got under headway. Everybody fought valiantly, however, and succeeded in checking the flames and confining them to the district burned.

It is reported that the schoolhouse was fired by blazing embers, but this being discovered early was extinguished by a bucket of water.

George Bleakman was considerably jarred up by a fall or two from the roof of the livery barn. No other accidents were reported.

Edgar Ayers has been putting on some fine films at The Home Theater during the past week. The theater has also been patronized by larger audiences who have gone away well satisfied with each performance of the movie actors. Starting on Friday evening last, the new serial "The Black Box," was begun, and the initial performance proves this to be one of the best feature plays ever put on the canvas here. The "Troy O'Hearts" still draws on Mondays and Tuesdays, but it is coming to a close with two more episodes. It has been very popular with the Heppner public and has made numerous friends for the Home. The very near future holds in store some of the highest class productions at this theater, reasonable announcement of which will appear in these columns.

The thanks of the Gazette-Times family is extended to our old friend, John W. Basmus for a splendid mess of vegetables from his gardens at the Balm Fork ranch. Cabbage, potatoes, turnips and carrots made up the collection, all of which was as fine as produced in the land. John took up farming this spring when, with his son, Orve, they purchased the Brundage farm just beyond the eastern boundary of the city of Heppner, and we wish for them the success indicated by the quality of the produce left at this office, in all of the productions of the farm.

Sylvanus Wright, formerly with the forest service in this county, was in Heppner from Monument Friday and Saturday. Mr. Wright now runs a garage and auto repair shop at Monument and is enjoying an increasing business.

J. R. Olden was a visitor in Heppner on Monday. Mr. Olden states that the hoppers have done no material damage on his part of the present creek this season, and at the present time they are leaving, and will do no hurt to the garden and fruit crops.

75 cords wood, \$2.50. 3000 posts 4c each. Near Slocum Mill. Haul them yourself.
PHELPS GROCERY CO.

IONE.

Doris Will, who has been visiting at Butter creek for some time is at home again.

The postoffice at Ione is moved from its old location to its new stand one door north of Joe Mason's store.

Mrs. W. P. McMillan, of Lexington, spent last Sunday at Ione with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wilmot.

Frank Hopkins is out at Lon McCabes these days helping Lon and Herb Olden take care of their grain crops.

Ed Bristow and Chas. O'Neil were Heppner visitors one day this week, having some work of a greasy nature to contend with.

W. G. Hynd passed through Ione last Tuesday on his way to Cecil where he went on a pleasure as well as a business trip.

Dad Ambler has installed a new pumping plant on his ranch below Ione and the way he is making the water fly is not slow.

Mrs. Robinson, of Lone Rock, came down from Heppner last Wednesday morning and is visiting with her son, F. H. Robinson at Ione.

Chas. Allinger started work on the new addition to the school building last Monday. We will have a fine building when it is completed.

Mrs. Ralph Becket is out at Clive Huston's visiting for a few days and Ralph says this thing of batching is not what it is cracked up to be.

John Hosner and wife were passengers to Portland on last Tuesday's train where they will visit with friends and relatives for a month or six weeks.

Those people who have been starving for gasoline for some time past can have their wants supplied at a minute's notice, the gasoline merchants having a goodly supply on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton, who are out at Henry Smouse's ranch, were in Ione last Tuesday getting some supplies and at the same time having a short visit with their daughter, Mrs. Chester Titus.

Mrs. M. Jordan and Mrs. Perry Hopkins have gone out to F. H. Wilson's to sling the hash for the hungry harvesters at that place. It keeps Frank busy rustling grub and extras that keep the whole bunch busy.

Mrs. Joe Knappenberg returned from the Heppner hospital last Tuesday where she has been for some time. She stood the trip fine and we are living in hopes of seeing her about once more in the near future.

Amunition for the small arms is in great demand at Ione these days. The rabbits are getting very numerous and all the young as well as some of the old fry are getting busy throwing lead pretty fast at the little varmints.

Old man Doan was treated with a pleasant surprise when two of his granddaughters and their husbands went out to the ranch to see him the other evening. They spent only one night with the old man, going to their respective homes the day following.

J. W. Puyear and family departed for the mountains last Monday where they will lay in the shade and have a good time for the next week. They went up somewhere in the neighborhood of Arbuckle. Walt took all of his bear dogs, blood hounds and all the rest of them with him.

E. M. Shutt was in from the ranch the other day and says there is no place like the farm. As soon as one crop of hay is up there is another to put up; as soon as one cow is milked there is another one to milk. It is just one long rest. Whenever you get tired you have a chance to get tired again and if the pesky coyotes would leave you alone life would be one sweet dream.

Last Sunday morning shortly after getting up time, two jitney loads of merry-makers left Ione for the tall timber. The jolly party took a couple of fried chickens and a whole lot of other good things to appease that awful appetite that gets the best of you when you begin to smell that mountain air. The day was ideal and all present report the best time ever. Here is a list of the picnickers: Chas. O'Neil and wife and baby, the two Misses Hartwell, Olive Wade, E. J. Bristow and family and Kitty Wilmot. They all say they wish the day had been longer.

LAND LISTINGS WANTED.

We are opening branch offices in Portland and other Coast Cities, also some of the smaller towns throughout the Northwest States.

We will be prepared to sell and trade land on a large scale during the Fall and Winter months.

If you want to dispose of your property write us and give full description of same.

Our commission is five per cent on sale, and two and one-half per cent on trades.
DODD & KENNEDY,
Hermiston, Oregon.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS MEET

Convention Held in Salem—Monmouth and Corvallis Visited—U. S. Commissioner Claxton Speaks.

By Supt. S. E. Notson.

The county superintendents' convention, held in July, was one of the most interesting and profitable which has been held. The superintendents met U. S. Commissioner of Education Claxton, State Superintendent Churchill, President Kerr, and Prof. E. D. Ressler in a round table conference at the O. A. C., Corvallis, on the 6th.

The following day, the regular work was taken up at Salem. Thirty-three of the thirty-five superintendents were present. Many questions of supervision were considered. The industrial work came in for a fair amount of attention. The interest in these lines is steadily increasing. The new high school tuition law brought forth much discussion. The probable effect of the law requiring applicants for certificates to have either six months' experience in teaching or a certain amount of normal training after Sept. 1 of this year was carefully considered.

Following the custom established several years ago, the superintendents visited the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth one day. Over five hundred students are in attendance. Mrs. Ivanhoe, of Union county, and the writer were selected by the superintendents to represent them in addressing the students. The domestic science department served a splendid lunch at the noon hour. The various classes were visited, and the superintendents were pleased with the high class work being done.

On the 15th the superintendents went with the crowd to see the Liberty bell. After the bell started on its journey, Commissioner Claxton addressed about 450 students who came over from the Normal School, the county superintendents and a large number of citizens of Salem and vicinity at the Salem high school auditorium. This was a scholarly address, full of thought and patriotic sentiment.

The State Superintendent announced that each county will be entitled to send two boys and two girls to the school camps at the State Fair this year. These will be selected from the winners in the industrial work at the county fairs. Here is a chance for some live Morrow county boys and girls.

Oregon Hens Now Lead in All Honor Classes.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, July 26.—The July report of the International Egg-Laying contest at the Panama-Pacific Exposition shows that the Oregon Agricultural College hens are leading in each of the three honor classes—pen record for term to July 1, pen record for month of June, and individual record for term to July 1. Each of the three pens entered by the College Poultry department is represented in each of the honor lists. Also each of the three flocks, White Leghorn, cross-bred, and Barred Rock, leads all the flocks of its class in the United States.

The preceding report showed that the Leghorns had reached first place. This report shows that the O. A. C. crosses have passed the former leaders, the Canada pen, and are now in second place. The Barred Rocks have passed their nearest competitor, Fitzgerald's Leghorns, and are in fourth place. The report gives the highest ten in each class, the first five of which are as follows:

Pen record for July 1—
O. A. C. White Leghorns, 1078 eggs.
O. A. C. Crosses, 977 eggs.
Adams, Canada, Wyandottes 958 eggs.
O. A. C. Barred Rocks, 934 eggs.
California White Leghorns 886 eggs.

Pen record for June—
O. A. C. Leghorns, 176 eggs.
Idaho Wyandottes, 176 eggs.
O. A. C. Crosses, 171 eggs.
Lebanon, Or., B. Rocks, 169 eggs.
O. A. C. Barred Rocks, 167 eggs.

Records of the ten highest individuals for the term to July 1 show that an O. A. C. cross bred is first with 136 eggs, another of the same pen second with 135 eggs, the College White Leghorns are fourth with 133 eggs, fifth with 132 eggs, and eighth with 123 eggs, while a College Barred Rock was tenth with 119 eggs.

NOTICE.

The city council has ordered all past due accounts on the 1914 oiling bill, collected. Property owners who have failed to settle their accounts in this respect are asked to pay when the collector calls. tt.