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ECHO WOMAN IS
KILLED BY TRAIN

Accident Appears Almost Inexplicable; Woman on way to Work Stepped Directly Before Train; Engineer Failed to See Her Until Within a Few Feet.

Echo, Ore., Feb. 6.—Crushed under the engine of train No. 19, second section, Mrs. Anna A. Coburn was instantly killed at 6:05 this morning in an accident that seems almost inexplicable. The woman was going to her work in the Teft Grill and evidently attempted to cross the railroad track just in front of the incoming westbound passenger train. The engineer did not see Mrs. Coburn until within a few feet of her. She had a scarf over her head and it is possible she either did not see the approaching train or else did not realize it was so near. The accident occurred at the Buskley crossing where the Main road crosses the track.

A strange feature of the accident is that after it had occurred the glasses worn by Mrs. Coburn were found undamaged on the pilot of the engine.

Mrs. Coburn was 45 years of age and had lived in Echo for 12 years. She was divorced from her husband A. J. Coburn four years ago and Mr. Coburn now lives in Kansas City as does also their son Herbert. Another son, Edwin 12 years of age, is ill with the measles at the family home here. A daughter, Ruth, is attending a business college in Portland. A sister Mrs. Marshal Tarvis is now here.

George Vinson, one of the pioneers of Little Butte creek, was in the city Tuesday from his ranch.

Boardman

C. G. Blayden went to Arlington Monday.

Leiter Goff, J. C. Kinney and Chas. Vinson of Holdman stopped over night in Boardman on Monday.

A social dance was given by Mr. and Mrs. Mack in their store building. About forty were present. Lunch of cake, coffee and sandwiches were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvert invite everyone to a dance at Messner next Saturday night, Feb. 10.

Paul Jones and two helpers are here for two or three days getting ready for the opening.

Geo. Thrall left for Portland on Monday.

Morgan

Miss Alma Dun of Pendleton is visiting with Miss Lillian Ackerman.

Miss Irene Douglas of Heppner Junction was the week end guest of Miss Lillian Troedson.

The people of this vicinity are putting up a new telephone line.

Many of the farmers are doing their spring plowing now.

The following program was rendered at the meeting of the Morgan Literary Society last Friday evening.

Debate—Resolved that the efficiency of woman is as great as that of man. The affirmative side won. Recitation by Ellen Ely. Song by Wm. Martin.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 16th.

G. A. Bleakman and brother Bert of Hardman were in the city Tuesday.

Harry Huffman was down from the Stanfield ranch on Rhea creek Tuesday.

C. E. Hensley of Hermiston was a business visitor here this week.

Dr. VanWaters Will Lecture.

Dr. George B. VanWaters of Portland, will deliver a lecture at the Masonic Temple in this city on Monday, February 12, on "The Symbols of Masonry." All Masons are cordially invited to attend this lecture.

The death of Kenneth McFerrin, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFerrin, occurred at the home of John W. Hiatt in this city on Tuesday evening. The young man had put up a losing fight of several days against pneumonia, but physical skill was unable to check the advance of the disease.

The funeral was held today, with services in Masonic cemetery, where interment was made.

CAME HERE WITH
NOTHING—NOW WEALTHY

Henry F. Blahm, who with his good wife came to Morrow County eighteen years ago with scarcely a penny, recently retired from the business of farming independently wealthy.

Mr. Blahm, who is a native of Russia, has followed the sheep and cattle industry here and then in later years took up the diversified farming. In each instance of his endeavors, success was met with. Thrift was the very thing that made farming pay, according to Mr. Blahm. One of the biggest factors in his success may be attributed to the fact that never a day during their residence four miles below Heppner, did either Mr. Blahm or any of the family ever come to town but what they brought along some cream, butter, eggs or some other product of the farm to sell to Heppner merchants.

Mr. Blahm found the dairy business most profitable and he can tell a story of deep interest to anyone who contemplates entering this business. A few pointers from one of his experience would be worth much to the novice.

It is too bad that Mr. Blahm and his family are retiring from the field of agricultural endeavor in this county, although it is true they have earned a much deserved rest. A family such as this on every section of land would work wonders with Morrow county in a short time.

Church of Christ.

Subject for sermon Sunday morning: "What God Expects of a Christian."

At the evening service, "The Restoration of Apostolic Christianity" will be discussed, also why there is a Christian church in Heppner will be carefully explained.

Anyone wanting to know in what particulars we differ from our religious neighbors are asked to be present.

TURNER B. MacDONALD
Minister.

School Will Present
Patriotic Program

The Philomathian Literary Society of the Heppner High School will present a patriotic program on Friday night February 16. An admission charge of 15 cents will be made to defray the expenses of presenting the program.

Song—Mixed Glee Club.
Patriotic Drill—Sixteen Girls.
Essay—"Life of Lincoln"—Cecile Stevens.

Song—Boys Quartette.
Recitation—Kenneth Binns.
Play—"The Patriot Girl."

Cast of characters are as follows:
Pineapple Winthrop of New York—Muriel McCarty.

Mrs. Katherine Dudley of Boston—Ruth Howard.

Constance Dudley—Norma Fredrick.

Barbara Dudley—Gladys Lane.
Elizabeth, a maid—Georgia Shipley.

A maid—Helen Barratt.
Sir Enstance Grafton, An English Soldier—Paul Gammell.

Anthony Howland, an American Soldier—Henry Peterson.

Books Cannot Be Used

Heppner, Oregon.
Feb. 6, 1917.

To The Teachers of Morrow County: The Department of Education has decided to return to the old plan of examination and not permit the book to be used in the eighth grade examinations either in history or in civics next May or next June. Teachers of the eighth grade please notify your pupils.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. SHURTE,
County Supt.

FARMERS FAVOR
GRAIN ELEVATORS

Committee Is Now Busy Raising Thirty Thousand Dollars To Build First Elevator For Bulk Handling of Grain in This County.

Morrow county farmers were unanimous in sounding the death knell to grain sacks at their meetings in this city last Saturday. Work to put the elevator idea into material form was started when a committee for raising the necessary finances, was appointed. This will be used in building the first elevator for the handling of bulk grain in Morrow county.

One of the best get together meetings the farmers have held for many days, was that one in the I. O. O. F. Hall last Saturday evening, when grain growers from all sections of the county listened to the discussion of bulk handling of grain. G. Lansing Hurd of the Oregon Agricultural College spoke at length on this subject and quoted figures and statistics to prove the value of handling grain in bulk over the present method, that of marketing the grain in bags. That the grain elevator is coming to the Northwest for general use and with a rapidity that cannot be denied, was shown by Mr. Hurd. The larger shipping ports, such as Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Astoria, are now building grain elevators or have plans under way for building, huge grain elevators. In this move, the grain terminals have the cooperation of the big railroad companies. The railroad companies are anxious to adopt the bulk method and are giving the move all the possible encouragement.

Through the use of bins and proper wagons for hauling the grain to the market elevators, Mr. Hurd explained how much more efficient the bulk method is over the old sack system. He also showed how the elevators, bins and wagons will pay for the initial investment in a short time in the saving made through the elimination of the grain bag.

To bring the points home more clearly, Mr. Hurd referred time and again to the states of the middle west where the bulk handling of grain has been in vogue for years. It was plain to see the advantage held in the east when compared with the Northwest, where grain bags are still in vogue.

At the conclusion of the address by Mr. Hurd, all those present were invited into the banquet hall where a big feed had been prepared. Clams featured this event, but the "fixins" which went with them, were overlooked by none. It was a successful event and undoubtedly accomplished the purpose for which it was held.

NEW CASHIER OF FIRST
NATIONAL ARRIVES

Among the passengers of the Friday night train was W. P. Mahoney, Vice President of the First State Bank of Bonners' Ferry, Idaho, who has been elected by the Board of Directors of the First National Bank to succeed his brother, Tom J. Mahoney, as cashier of our institution. Effective February 1st 1917 Tom Mahoney has been elected to an executive position with the Portland Cattle Loan Company and a close identification with the large interests in North Portland, and it is his intention to remove to the Rose City in the course of the next few weeks to make his home there.

W. P. Mahoney, the new cashier, has been actively connected with the banking business for a number of years and is a man of wide experience.

Under Tom Mahoney's management the First National Bank has developed from a moderate-sized bank into one of the leading financial institutions of Eastern Oregon, having now deposits of over one million dollars, and he has made a host of friends throughout this section, who will be sorry to see him leave.

The Gazette-Times takes this occasion to bid the retiring cashier God-speed and good fortune, and his successor in our midst a hearty welcome, with continued success for the Heppner institution.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our many kind friends and neighbors for the help rendered us during the sickness and burial of our beloved son and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFERRIN
Mr. and Mrs. MOSE WRIGHT
Mr. and Mrs. JOHN W. HIATT

Knights of Pythias Elect.

At a recent meeting of Doric lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, the following officers were elected and installed. Chancellor Commander, Loy M. Turner; Vice Chancellor, J. A. Waters; Prelate, M. L. Case, Master of Work, D. M. Ward; Master at Arms, R. N. Crawford; Master of Exchequer, Chas. Thompson; Master of Records and Seal, Arthur R. Crawford; Inner Guard, Elmer Beaman; Outer Guard, W. A. Richardson.

Doric lodge is conducting a membership campaign at the present time and a large class will be initiated into the mysteries of the order before long.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
FROM THE IONE SECTION

George B. Whitcomb, of Morgan, inventor of a new tractor which he thinks will out-do anything on the market, was a visitor in this burg on Wednesday. He is completing his arrangements for a demonstration of his new machine at Morgan within a few days, and will have an interested audience, many people being anxious to see it pull. If it proves to be a success, Mr. Whitcomb thinks it will be a mighty good thing.

The athletic grounds of Ione school are receiving attention this week. The field has been plowed and is now undergoing a process of leveling which will put it in excellent shape for the spring sports and games.

The new I. O. O. F. building is rapidly nearing completion. The new lodge room is one of the best in the county being well proportioned and nicely furnished. An entertainment is being arranged to take place sometime after the middle of March, to raise funds for carpeting the lodge room and adding some other embellishments. A grand time is expected and full announcement of the program will be made in due season.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Ball at their country home on Monday, February 5. Dr. Chick reports mother and child doing well.

Fred Scheel is down from Spokane on a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Klehn. He is accompanied by his mother.

Ray Beezeley and wife departed for Bend Tuesday for a short visit with Mr. Beezeley's relatives who reside there.

J. H. Cochran returned to Grand Dalles, Wash., Tuesday, after a short visit with the home folks in Ione.

Harley Sperry returned home from Portland Tuesday. He is well recovered from the operation he recently underwent.

The "Deestric Skule" will be rendered in proper style at the skating rink on Friday evening, February 9. The entertainment has been prepared under the auspices of the C. E. Society of the Congregational church, and it should draw a large crowd.

Recorder Robinson's court was occupied Wednesday with a "liquor to minors" case, one young man of this city being assessed \$10 for passing around a bottle to a few of his younger brothers. This should be a warning to go and sin no more.

Campbell-Severance.

The marriage of Mr. Roy Campbell, a prosperous young farmer of Lexington, to Miss May Severance, of Hardman was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Severance. Rev. Lee Sadler of Lexington performed the ceremony at high noon on Sunday, February 4. The bride wore a dress of white silk, attended by her sister also in white.

These popular young people have the congratulations of a host of friends.

Miss Mae Rea has returned to her home in this city after visiting several weeks at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lillie Cohn in Pendleton.

According to the Pendleton Tribune, Umatilla county is assured of six grain elevators for the bulk handling of grain before another harvest season rolls around.

Dr. Turner, the well known eye specialist of Portland will be in Heppner again Friday, Feb. 23rd., at Palace Hotel. In Ione Saturday February 24th. Dr. Turner is a specialist of experience and standing and you will make no mistake in consulting him about your eyes and glasses. Your eyes are the most precious sense you have, and why not have the best, when it costs you no more to consult a specialist than it does to consult those who make it a side line. Headaches relieved, cross eyes straightened, satisfaction guaranteed. No charge for consultation or examination. Don't forget the date.

COMPLAINT MADE
AGAINST PHONE CO.

Complainants Allege Service Is Inadequate, Unfair, Unequal and Discriminatory—Matter Is Placed Before Public Service Commission.

Formal complaint against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company has been placed before the public service commission of Oregon. The complaint is signed by Heppner business men and sets forth conditions as they allege now exist in the local phone service.

The complaint in part is as follows: that the telephone service now maintained and furnished to the Heppner public by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company is inadequate, unfair, unequal and discriminatory, and that the subscribers thereof and the public at large do not receive that to which they are entitled and for which they pay.

The complaint further sets forth that the central office is located in a drug store, the dimensions and arrangements of which make it impossible for the public and patrons of the phone company to enjoy the use of the line in privacy, for the reason that the booth is in immediate proximity to any one who may be in the drug store, and that the conversations are audible to anyone in the store. Complaint is also made of the alleged off-time inconvenience in going from the operators stations to the booth in the rear, being a distance of about 55 feet. Attention is called to the fact that no benches or seats are provided for the convenience and accommodation of patrons who are compelled to stand during long waits. The complaint describes the switch board now in use in the local office as being a relic of the past, antiquated and worn out and thereby rendering good service impossible. The complaint alleges that it is due to the antiquated switch board that in a large degree makes for a higher charge on long distance calls.

The complaint alleges that the operators are discourteous, unaccommodating and at times insulting. The charges are said to be discriminatory and unequal. The Commission is asked to give the matter a hearing and to fix regulations so as to give a reasonable service.

The complaint is signed by the First National Bank of Heppner, Gilliam & Bisbee, Minor & Co., Patterson & Son, and Phil Cohn. The Complaint was filed last week with the Public Service Commission of Oregon through S. E. VanVactor, acting for the complainants.

WOOL CAR WILL VISIT
HEPPNER ON FEB. 24

U. S. and O. A. C. Will Run Special on O-W. R. & N. and O. S. L., February 10-March 3.

Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 6.—A demonstration car to show all classes of market wool in all stages from the back of the animal to the back of mankind, will be operated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the O. A. C. Extension Service over the O-W. R. & N. and O. S. L. from Vale to Madras, beginning Feb. 19 and closing March 3. A number of sheep showing the different breeds and types for profitable wool production will also be shown.

This purpose of this demonstration is to acquaint range wool grower with the market demands and the best methods of meeting them. It will show him how to improve his wool crop by breeding and management, and how to handle the clip to get the maximum profits. The present high prices for wools offer a most opportune time to adapt wool production to market requirements.

The demonstration will be conducted by V. O. McWhorter, of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Husbandry, and Prof. O. M. Nelson, sheep specialist of the State College, with county agricultural agents assisting. Following is the itinerary:

Vale, Feb. 19; Baker, 20; Enterprise, 21 and 22; Arlington, 23; Heppner, 24; Condon, 26; Madras, 27; La Grande, Mar. 2; and Pendleton, March 3.

Word has been received by relatives in this city, that E. C. Maddock, who was recently taken to a Portland hospital for treatment, is recovering rapidly. His wife writes that he will be able to leave the hospital in about two weeks.

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