

# 64 WEDDING BELLS RANG PAST YEAR

The wedding bells rang many times in Morrow county during the year 1917, and the year closing December 31 easily leads all others for the number of marriage licenses disposed of by "Cupid" Joe Waters at the county clerk's office. The total of licenses issued is 64 and September is the banner month for weddings, in spite of the heavy rush at Christmas time.

### January.

Arthur R. Crawford to Cecile Sylva. John Alex Hunt to Edna Ardilla Helms.

Pat Healy to Margaret Lennon.

### February

Roy A. Campbell to May A. Severance.

Chas. Renoe to Irma Phillips. John Kilkenny to Lotta Russell. R. J. Juday to Mildred Hughes. Calvin Gilham to Ora Etha Glass.

### March.

Harvey McRoberts to Stella McDaniel.

Willard Ray Blake to Doris Wilt. H. C. Wood to Mary Mae Rea. Wm. Arthur Ashinhurst to Gladys Swank.

Lee Sprinkel to Clara Bayless.

### April.

Alonzo D. Reid to Ida M. Wright. Geo. Chester Macy to Wilhelmina Macy.

Lester Ingram to May Robinson. Chas. Barlow to Blanche Akers. Forest Rhinhart to Iva Dinwiddie. Jas. Morgan to Nellie Kelley. J. A. Berry to Carrie McCoy. W. A. Thomas to Myra Thomas.

### May.

Jesse O. Turner to Virginia Crawford. Ots Biddle to Lula Williamson.

### June.

Guy M. Corey to Edith E. Doble. Loy M. Turner to Ella Mae Cee. O. C. Stephens to Ruth C. Rue. Albert Smith to Etta A. Cork. Ernest L. Christensen to Helen Bauman.

Thos. Hansen to Elizabeth Ross. Wm. D. Brooks to Vena Woodley. Walter C. Barton to Nettie Davis. George N. Perry to Elva C. Roberts. Elbert Ray Young to Lena Cox. Joe M. Woods to Elsie May Emry. Chas. W. Ranck to Emma Clark.

### July.

Chas. H. McDaniel to Golda M. Rosen.

R. N. Hymer to Bessie Kidd. Elias P. Bowman to Edith Morey. Clyde Scrivner to Libby Bishop.

### August.

G. H. Tupper to Reine Otea. Pete Nelson to Lessie Hacker.

### September.

Barney Oldfield to Carrie Ward. Roy E. Ball to Luda Jakes. Ivar Nelson to Lula R. Maxwell. Ezra Adkins to Julia Ellen Ingram. James H. Helms to Catherine Long. Ed. F. Messinger to Oma Brown. Frederick L. Griffin to Willetta Potter.

Harlan McCurdy to Della Davidson. Louis Wacker to Mabel A. Bedman. A. A. Finley to Daisy Shoemaker. Chas. H. Furlong to Minnie Cradick. John B. Kenney to Elizabeth Furlong.

### October.

Harley Wright to Lula M. Gaunt. Jos. West to Dorothy Howell. Roy T. Cochran to Marie Cason. Geo. W. Duncan to Ruana Schriever. N. H. Flemerling to Anna Buschke.

### November.

Harley W. Sprouts to Gladys Keeney. J. E. Higgs to Nina C. Kerr. Harry Lindsay to Pearl L. Hansley. Richard R. Turpin to Carrie Hulbert. Earl E. Hunt to Mildred Arletta Call.

### December.

W. J. Martin to Florence E. Babbitt. Smith Dodson to Nettie Bradshaws. Luther Huston to M. J. Edmundson. Wm. Lee McCaleb to Mary E. Morgan. O. E. Wright to Willa Pearl LeTrace. Clair Ashbaugh to Fay Kirk. Tom C. Johnson to Lula Lundstrom. Phillip Griffin to Bernice Hudson. Ture. E. Peterson to Eva Crawford. Percy C. Cox to Jessie Mead. P. A. Anderson to Lela Clare Campbell.

## WILL HOLD JOINT MEETING

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The increased demand for farm products at advanced prices has resulted in the organization of several irrigation districts in Southern and Eastern Oregon the past year and many thousands of acres for which water has been previously provided have been cleared, leveled and put into crops. On the Klamath project alone some 5,000 acres have been added to the food producing area the past year. The land on that project is being filed upon almost as fast as the water is ready.

The Oregon State Drainage Association is to meet January 2 to 5 in connection with Farmers' Week. Professor E. R. Jones, of the University of Wisconsin, will be one of the principal speakers. Professor Jones is one of the leading drainage authorities in the United States and made good in a big way when he was here two years ago. W. G. Sloan, Drainage Engineer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and many other prominent speakers in the Northwest will appear on the program.

# BRITISH SUBJECTS MAY STILL ENLIST

Lieutenant J. I. Simpson of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, is now in charge of the British and Canadian Recruiting Office, Third and Oak Streets, Portland, Captain J. W. Carter having returned to duty in Canada.

Lieutenant Simpson wants all British and Canadian subjects to know that they can still enlist as volunteers but that the time is not far distant when his privilege will be withdrawn and they will be conscripted. All British and Canadian subjects are therefore urged to call on or communicate with him at his office at the corner of Third and Oak streets, Portland.

He particularly wants Englishmen to join English Regiments, Scotchmen to join Scotch Regiments, Irishmen to join Irish Regiments, Welshmen to join Welsh Regiments, and Canadians to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force, but volunteers have the choice of joining either army.

Although the United States Recruiting Offices no longer take recruits voluntarily, who have registered the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission can accept all British and Canadian subjects between the ages of 15 and 45 and in certain branches up to 56, provided the man has only his first papers or no papers at all. American citizens cannot be enlisted. Why not start the New Year well by joining the British Army or the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and help end the war in 1918?

The need for men to reinforce the depleted British Armies was never more urgent than at the present moment. Especially is the call sent out to men with the following trades between the ages of 19 and 56:

Blacksmiths (not farriers), Caulkers, Drillers, (Shipyards), Heavy Timbermen, Pile Drivers, Platers and Platers Helpers, Quarrymen and Miners, Boatbuilders, Carpenters, Riggers, Riveters and Mates, Seamen Shipwrights, Ship Frame Benders, Shipyards Machinists, Stevedores and Marine Engineers, (Steam).

These men are needed for duty with the Inland Water Transport Branch of the Royal Engineers on the canals of France and in Mesopotamia.

Recruits qualified as Millwrights, Sawyers, Sawmillers, Setters, Doggers, Edgermen and Engineers are also urgently needed for the Forestry Corps of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Ages 19 to 48.

There is also a demand for Carpenters, Bricklayers, Tinsmiths, Blacksmiths, Plumbers, and skilled laborers for duty with the Canadian Engineers, age 19 to 45.

To those who have dependents a liberal separation allowance is paid by the Government, and where this is not sufficient a further grant will be made by the British Patriotic Fund of Oregon.

# OREGON FIRST TO FILL DRAFT QUOTA

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31—Except to fill vacancies in calls already made no more men will be drafted from Oregon or other states before February 15. As all questionnaires will be completed before that date, this will give men taken hereafter, except such few as may be needed prior to February 15 to fill vacancies, the advantage of the new classification system.

Very few men would have been taken from Oregon in any event prior to the next draft, which it is now announced will not be earlier than February 15. This is one of only 10 states that have already filled their quotas in the first draft, barring a few vacancies caused by rejections at the training camps.

Future draft quotas are to be filled first from Class I, comprising men without dependents. They will be drafted from deferred classifications only when Class I is exhausted, thus making it necessary to go to the next class for enough men to fill up the quota.

An exception to this will be made in the case of experts and men highly skilled in agriculture or industries. It is announced that the Government soon will call for a large number of men of this special class. They will be taken as needed for such special work from whatever classification they may have been granted.

A limited number of officers not now in active service, and retired officers of the Oregon National Guard, who are physically fit and between the ages of 23 and 47, are eligible for enlistment as privates first class for attendance at the next Officer's Training Camps, which begin January 15. Official word to this effect has just been received by John M. Williams, Acting Adjutant General, from the Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs at Washington, with the request that it be given publicity.

Applications for the camps by such officers must be approved by the Bureau. Those qualifying at the camps, which will be held in Southern California and the Southern States, will receive commissions.

# REALTY DEALS 1917 PASSED MILLION

The year 1917 was a record breaker for realty deals in Morrow county, transactions during the past twelve months putting this county in the million dollar mark. Some of the more important are herewith noted. Spencer Akers to Wm. Padberg, Heppner Flat ranch, sold at \$25 per acre. Considered one of the best wheat ranches in the county.

John Padberg, of Heppner Flat, purchased the Adkins ranch in the same section. This ranch, which is entirely given over to wheat raising consists of 480 acres.

The Oregon Akota Land Co., thru W. D. Newlin, disposed of 11,000 acres of their holdings to various parties for a total consideration of \$210,000. This was the second largest deal of the year.

Dan Hanshaw sold his Black Horse wheat ranch to Edgar Stevens of Portland for \$25,000. The ranch consists of 500 acres.

Harvey Young of Eight Mile bought the E. R. Huston ranch in the same section, consisting of 960 acres, for a consideration of \$28,800.

L. E. McBee sold his Skinner creek ranch and all its equipment for \$100,000 through Ray V. Logan of La Grande. This was the third largest deal of the 1917 season. There are 7300 acres in this ranch.

The largest deal of the season was made by the Earl Edwards Land Co. when they sold their immense timber holdings in this county to Albert Hirsheimer of La Crosse, Wisconsin for a total of \$500,000. The Earl Edwards holdings amounted to 22,000 acres of fine timber land.

R. J. Carsner of Spray bought the Wm. Hendrix mountain ranch consisting of 1200 acres, mostly grazing land for \$10,500.

F. M. Parker bought the Henry Blahm ranch on Willow creek and later sold it to Arthur Parker.

Ralph Hughes purchased the Mountain Valley Stock Farm below Heppner from W. O. Minor.

C. C. Rhea sold his Rhea creek holdings to Wm. Padberg.

Sam McCollough bought the N. F. Lawson ranch of 528 acres on Balm Fork for \$18,000.

McCollough Bros. sold their Willow creek holdings above Heppner to Martin & Kunsman of Moro for \$90,000. There were 5700 acres.

The Heppner Farmers' Elevator Co. bought out the interests of the Heppner Milling Company for \$12,500.

# CITY TREASURER ADAMS SAYS THIS

In announcing my candidacy for the office of State Treasurer I am pledging myself to a programme of economy not alone in that office but in state institutions coming under the State Board of Control of which the State Treasurer is a member. In making this pledge I call attention to the economy and efficiency which have prevailed during my term as City Treasurer of Portland.

The State is the principal money expending agency in Oregon and State institutions are big factors in the total amounts collected each year from the taxpaying public. Economy can come only with efficiency and to the problem of efficiency I pledge my earnest attention if elected.

The nation is at war and the public is subject to a heavy financial drain from many necessary sources. The debts which have to be contracted now must be met in the future, so the necessity of strict economy in state affairs will be more essential in the next few years than it is now. The public must be relieved of all unnecessary burdens in order that every iota of strength may be applied where it is imperative that it be applied at this time.

Economy may be practiced in many ways in state affairs. I favor a programme of expenditures based on "absolute necessities only." Improvements and expenditures that can wait should wait and will wait wherever it is within my power to make them wait. I favor the state promoting and aiding agricultural development. This being of special importance at this time it should have the close attention of state officials.

I aim to represent all sections of the state, not any particular portion. I point to my record as City Treasurer of Portland for a period of six years as a sufficient statement of my qualifications for the State position.

**DR. TURNER**  
Eye Specialist of Portland  
will be at Palace Hotel  
**HEPPNER**  
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 16-17  
IN IONE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

# MANY EARLY PIONEERS WERE CALLED

A number of Morrow county pioneers, some of them who had moved away to other places, were called to their reward during the year just past.

Mrs. Hannora Stevenson, wife of Andy J. Stevenson of Heppner, died early in the year. Mrs. Stevenson was born in Ireland and came to Morrow county in 1878.

Another pioneer brought by the grim reaper was John Willard Rasmus, who died April 6th. Mr. Rasmus was a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, coming to America when a small lad of six years. He located in Morrow county in 1886 and was 63 years of age at the time of his demise.

Mrs. W. T. Matlock passed away at her home in Portland April 16th. Mrs. Matlock had made her home in Heppner for many years as well as at Lone Rock. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown.

William Hughes, pioneer farmer and stockman of Morrow county, died at his home in Portland in May. Mr. Hughes was born in Ireland and came to Morrow county in 1878.

Frank Habelt was a familiar figure in Morrow county railroad circles for many years. He lost his life in a train wreck near Morgan last May. Although a native of Austria, Mr. Habelt was at all times 100 per cent American and left a host of friends to mourn his departure.

S. P. Garrigues was called suddenly last May at his home in Portland. He had been a prominent business man in Heppner for a long number of years, having established a hardware store in Heppner in 1895. He also held a number of positions of public trust.

Justus L. Simpson, Civil War veteran, joined the innumerable host on the other side, when he departed this life at his Heppner home July 2. Mr. Simpson was a native of the state of New York, being born in 1837. He came to Morrow county 12 years ago with his wife, who now survives him.

The saddest blow to the city of Lexington came last July, when death called her most prominent and beloved business man, W. E. Leach. Mr. Leach was a native Oregonian, coming to Lexington from Western Oregon when but a lad of 11 years. He had been engaged in the mercantile business in Lexington for years and took a leading part in the upbuilding of the Lexington country.

William Preston Scrivner was born at Harrisburg, Linn county, Oregon, and had been a resident of Morrow county for 29 years. During a quarter of a century, Mr. Scrivner was actively engaged in business in Heppner and was prominent in church and fraternal circles. He passed from this earth on Sunday, September 23.

George Perry, a pioneer stockman of the Lone Rock section, passed away in Heppner Oct. 13. He was 65 years of age. Mr. Perry was born in Ireland, coming to this country when a small boy. Locating on Rock creek, he built up a big business in sheep and cattle.

One of the earliest pioneers of Morrow county was Mrs. Jane Penland, who died at her home in Lexington recently. Mrs. Penland came to this county 58 years ago and at one time her husband, Wm. Penland, was the largest land owner and stockman in this part of Oregon. She was born in Iowa in 1843.

Another sturdy pioneer of the Oregon country and more particularly Morrow county was Robert Matteson, who was born in Illinois in 1836. Mr. Matteson died in Heppner recently at the age of 81 years. Mr. Matteson was a pioneer in every sense of the word.


Eliza J. Ayers died in Heppner Nov. 29, at the age of 81 years. She came out west from Iowa in 1848, when the ox team was in general use as a means for transportation. Mrs. Ayers was among the earliest settlers here.

John Rogers Simons was in business in Heppner for 25 years, moving to Portland a few years ago to spend his remaining days. He died in that city in the early part of December. Mr. Simons was a native of West Virginia and was 82 years old at the time of his death.

## Thos. E. Sheridan Receives Honorable Discharge from Army.

Thos. E. Sheridan returned to Heppner last Sunday evening from Camp Lewis, having received his honorable discharge from the United States Army. Mr. Sheridan had been in poor health since entering upon his military duties and his condition would not stand the strain of military drill.

A short time ago a wild rumor was afloat that Tomie had been picked up in Portland as a deserter. However this rumor was run to earth finally and it developed that he had transgressed the laws of the military camp, inasmuch as he had gone without the confines of the camp zone without getting the necessary permit. His honorable discharge at this time is proof enough that Mr. Sheridan is still in good standing with his Uncle Sam.



At the beginning of this New Year

# The First National Bank of Heppner

wishes for all of its customers and friends another year of Prosperity and Good Cheer, and thanks all for the splendid support rendered in the past.



**HARVEY G. STARKWEATHER**

Harvey G. Starkweather, who has announced his candidacy for governor, is a native son of Oregon of a pioneer family. Wm. A. Starkweather, his father, came to Oregon via California gold mines in 1850—his mother by the Oregon Trail in 1846.

The father was prominent in Oregon political history, having served in several sessions of the territorial legislature, in the Constitutional Convention in 1857 and in several sessions of the state legislature. His last service being in the state senate, the session of 1882. From 1861 to 1865 he was register of the U. S. land office at Oregon City.

Harvey G. Starkweather, who is the youngest of three sons, was born 49 years ago in Clackamas county near where he now resides. Though having only the meagre advantages afforded by the pioneer schools he became prominent as an educator. For fourteen years he was active in public school work, and during a part of that time served as county school superintendent for Clackamas county and also as city superintendent and principal of the high school at La Grande, Oregon.

At the present time he is a member of the local school board in his home district, also a member of the county educational board for Clackamas county and a member of the board of regents for normal schools of the state.

He was a member of the commission which drafted the original Workman's Compensation act. Was also appointed upon the recommendation of the Oregon State Grange, as a member of the U. S. Rural Credits commission which visited several European countries and investigated that subject. The report of this commission, Senate document No. 214, of the year 1913, was the basis for the Federal Farm Loan act.

During the agitation for the recent Good Roads Act Mr. Starkweather took an active part in the campaign for bonds, both in the eastern and western parts of the state.

For several years past, Mr. Starkweather has been the member of the Democratic State Central Committee for Clackamas county. During the past two years he has been the chairman of the Democratic County Committee.

At a recent meeting of the farmers of Clackamas county, Mr. Starkweather was elected chairman of an organization to co-operate with the county agricultural agent to increase the farm production of the county.

Although born and raised and having lived on a farm practically all his life, his business activities are by no means confined to farming. He has extensive property interests throughout the state, and maintains an office in the Broadway building in Portland in which property he is interested.

### Fraternal Affiliations.

MASONS—Multnomah lodge No. 1, Oregon City, Ore. Worthy Patron Pioneer Chapter No. 28, O. E. S. Oregon City, Ore. Scottish Rite and Shrine, Portland, Ore.  
I. O. O. F.—Oswego Lodge No. 93, Oswego, Ore.  
B. P. O. E.—Oregon City.  
K. & L. of S.—Kirkpatrick Council, Portland, Oregon.  
GRANGE—Milwaukie Grange No. 268, Milwaukie, Oregon.  
LANG SYNE SOCIETY—Portland.  
COMMERCIAL CLUB and LIVE WIRES—Oregon City, Ore.

### Mr. Cummings Explains.

I offer the following explanation to those who came to Mr. Sparks's theater to hear me play the violin.

My purpose was to entertain the patrons of the theater with some genuine Missouri fiddling. Mr. Sparks told me to play only when the picture man played, and to stop when he stopped. As a matter of fact I could not possibly get started until after the picture man had finished, without any understanding of the nature of the play or any practice. It was utterly impossible for anyone to do what Mr. Sparks required of me, and I want to say right here that nobody knew it and I better than Mr. Sparks would treat me so badly.

Very truly yours,  
**HARRY CUMMINGS.**