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GOV. WITHEYCOMBE
CALLED BY DEATH

Known to be in Poor Health, but
Critical Condition Not Realized
—Wife and Four Children
Survive.

Governor James Withycombe, Oregon's 15th chief executive, died suddenly at his home in Salem at 8:45 o'clock Monday evening, March 3rd. The summons came at the end of a day which the governor had given to the study of a large number of bills passed by the legislature, several of which he approved and one of which he vetoed during the day. Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, succeeds automatically to the office of governor and will hold the two positions.

Governor Withycombe had been in declining health for many months and it was feared by many that he could not live out his term. However, his sudden death came as a shock as it was not known that his condition at this time was critical.

The governor is survived by Mrs. Withycombe and four children, John Withycombe, who is farming in Montana; Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the experiment station at Union; Miss Mabel Withycombe of Salem, and Earl Withycombe, who is in the army.

A native of England, Dr. Withycombe was born in Tavistock, March 21, 1854, therefore would have been 61 years old had he lived until March 21. He came to America at the age of 17. In 1875 he was married to Miss Isabel Carpenter of Farmington, Oregon. In 1889 Dr. Withycombe became state veterinarian, which position he held until 1898, when he was made director of the experiment station at O. A. C., succeeding H. T. French.

It was while serving as director of the station that the governor was chosen as chief executive of the state. He was elected four years ago in a contest in which Dr. C. J. Smith, formerly of Pendleton, was the Democratic nominee. Once previously Dr. Withycombe had been the Republican nominee, meeting defeat at the hands of then Governor Chamberlain. Last November Governor Withycombe was re-elected in a race against W. M. Pierce, Democratic nominee.

Pioneer Merchant Passes.

The Dalles, Oregon, Feb. 28.—Smith French, pioneer merchant of this city, who, during his half century in business here had figured prominently in the business life of the county, died at an early hour today. Mr. French was 81 years old. He was born in Holland, Vermont, March 24, 1837. When 20 years of age he went to New York City. After three years there he returned to Vermont where he remained until 1873, when he went to San Francisco. After spending a few months there, he came to Oregon and established a mercantile business here in February, 1877. He continued in that business until 1892, when failing health caused him to retire from active business.

DESCRIBES HIS
TRIP TO FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lueallen of Heppner are in receipt of the following interesting letter from their son, Cecil Lueallen, who is now on the U. S. S. Charleston, and in which he gives a description of his trip recently across the big pond to France. The letter is under date of Feb. 17, from New York.

Dear Folks:

I have a little time this evening to let you know that I am OK and to tell you about my trip to France. We left here on Jan. 17 and it was an awfully stormy trip. The wind blew a ninety mile gale and it felt like we would turn over sometimes. A lot of the real old-timers got sea sick and I felt pretty salty because I could eat anything from "corned Willie" to mince pie and make it stay where it would do the most good.

We steamed into the harbor of Brest, France on Jan. 28, and it sure felt good to have your plate stay where you put it instead of leaving you and landing over on the other side of the ship and making you wait for another wave to slide it back so you could eat your ration of "sea turkey."

We landed in Brest in the morning and they soon brought out some troops to help us coal ship. The soldiers were anxious to get home to the U. S. so they worked pretty hard.

I finally got liberty and went ashore. If Brest is an example of

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Edward Notson Arrives Home.
Edward Notson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson of this city, arrived home on Monday evening. He has been in the United States Army in France since last September and is now home to stay, having received his discharge from the service. Edward left Heppner several years ago, when he was a little lad, to act, and went to Iowa, where he remained with relatives and attended school. When war was declared on Germany by this country, Edward enlisted and went into training, spending some time on the Mexican border. He went across last fall and had the experience of being in one of the worst storms encountered by the expeditionary forces. Edward is glad to get back to his old home town and has entered the Senior class in the High School.

CIVILIAN LIFE PRO-
DUCES EXCITEMENT

Discharged Soldier Has Some
Trouble Getting Back to
Civilian Pursuits.

Theron Doubravsky is a discharged soldier from Camp Lewis who arrived at Heppner one day the past week in a state of distress over the fact that he had lost his discharge papers. He had hit the borders of Morrow county a few days previous and had gone to work, donning civ. clothes and rolling up his uniform in which his papers were placed. Some one took a liking for the uniform and made way with it, papers and all, and this put Doubravsky to thinking that he would be taken in as a deserter if he could not produce the papers. So he came to Heppner and gave himself up to Marshal Curran and asked that he be locked up, pending an investigation. The marshal took the man up to the sheriff's office and Sheriff Shutt heard the tale and proceeded to get in touch with Camp Lewis, where he found that the man had been regularly discharged and that the fact of losing his papers would cause him no trouble, so he was given liberty after having spent a night in jail. The man stated that he was desirous of getting work, that he had handled horses and could do work on a farm. Judge Campbell became interested and was anxious to assist a returned soldier in getting employment, so he secured a place for him on the farm of Mrs. Maude Pointer at Lexington. Doubravsky went to the Pointer farm and was given a team of 7 mules to work on a double disc and while in the field on Friday afternoon he became faint and getting off the disc he fell to the ground and was picked up in an unconscious condition some two hours later. Neighbors had noticed the team standing in one place for a long time, but finally the mules took a notion to move and they made their getaway at a lively rate, the leaders becoming angled up and one of them being run over by the disc and badly cut up, almost ruined, in fact.

When Doubravsky was discovered he was laying on his back, his eyes wide open and apparently lifeless. The doctor was called from Ione and worked with him until late at night before bringing him out of the spell. He says he does not know what caused him to take sick in this manner as he had never been thus afflicted before, and the doctor expresses the opinion that it was an epileptic fit. It was fortunate for the man that he had presence of mind to get off the disc when he felt the sickness coming on, otherwise he might have been killed by the heavy machine passing over him.

More Red Cross Work Here.

Another allotment of 160 garments arrived this week for the Morrow County Chapter of the Red Cross, and these must be made up and ready for shipment within ten days. The ladies are urgently requested to come out on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and help with this sewing, and if not able to visit the work rooms, will you not call and get a portion of the work and take it to your homes and make up the garments.

There is also quite a lot of knitting yarn on hand yet that the Chapter is anxious to dispose of. If you want any of this, come to the rooms and make your purchases.

Hon. C. E. Woodson returned home on Saturday from Salem, where he has been in constant attendance on the sessions of the Legislature during the past 45 days. As joint representative from Morrow and Umatilla counties, Mr. Woodson made a good record as a careful and conservative legislator.

Laxton McMurray, farmer and business man of the Ione section, was in Heppner a short time on Friday.

CITY CONTRACTS FOR
WATER WORKS SURVEY

At the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday evening a step forward was taken in the city water works proposition. At this time the city closed a contract with the firm of Burns & McDonald, hydraulic and civil engineers of Kansas City to make a survey and estimate of the value of the present water system, and also give their estimates on what it will cost to install a gravity system bringing water from the mountains. The contract covers the making of all surveys, maps, plans and profiles for a gravity system, and will include all information in regard to the construction thereof, the preparing of all plans and blanks for the letting of contracts and bringing the matter down to the point of the bond election. This work will cost the city the sum of \$2000.

Should the city elect to issue bonds and let contracts in accordance therewith, the firm of Burns & McDonald will superintend the work from there on to completion for 7 1/2% of cost of construction, exclusive of purchase price of present plant.

The firm of Burns & McDonald have a high standing in this line of work and furnished our city authorities with the best of references. They have superintended the construction of many water systems, having made the surveys and their estimates on the work to be done by Heppner should be strictly reliable.

They have agreed with the city to have this preliminary work done by the 15th of May, and it will be only a short time before they have their surveyors on the job.

AMERICA'S ANSWER.

The second of this series of great war pictures, taken by the U. S. Signal Corps, A. E. F., will be presented at the Star on Saturday evening, and the usual admission charge, only, will be made. All those who saw the first picture will be anxious to see this second one. The management of the Star is able to give these pictures at the popular prices only because of the fact that the Government has released them on a basis that they can be handled at the lower admission fees. Avail yourself of the opportunity to see another great war picture, sanctioned by the President of the United States, as well as other high officials.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that the city ordinance known as the Curfew Ordinance will from and after this date be rigidly enforced. This ordinance forbids all persons under the age of 18 years being on the streets after 8:00 o'clock p. m., from October 1 to March 1, and after 9:00 o'clock from March 1 to October 1.

R. J. VAUGHAN, Mayor.
J. P. WILLIAMS, Recorder.
Dated at Heppner, Oregon, March 3, 1919.

BAND ORGANIZATION
PERFECTED TUESDAY

At a meeting of those interested on Tuesday evening at the council chambers, the organization of a band for Heppner was completed. At this meeting, Mayor Vaughan presided, and as temporary chairman, outlined what he felt sure the boys could depend on in the way of financial support from Heppner citizens and business interests. The desire for such an organization seems to be strong, according to the Mayor, and he was sure that the band was going to get the right sort of support from the citizens. Some other talk along the same line, together with the interest apparent on the part of those willing to join, led to permanent organization. Roy Cochran was chosen president, and took the chair; Spencer Crawford was elected to the position of secretary-treasurer, and further choosing of officers was postponed until the real work of the band begins.

In the new organization there will be quite a sprinkling of old band men and enough new material will be taken to complete an instrumentation of sixteen or eighteen pieces. The boys are all enthusiastic.

Looking forward to helping the embryo band, the ladies of the Civic League had taken steps to give a ball as a benefit on the night of March 17, and they had secured the hall for this purpose. The band boys are co-operating in this enterprise and appointed Stephen Irwin, Spencer Crawford and Jasper Crawford to assist the ladies, look after the advertising and hall arrangements. This ball will be a fitting climax to the St. Patrick's day celebration by the Hibernians, and should be the means of starting a nice fund for the band.

A committee on by-laws, consisting of Oscar Borg, Linn Purdin and Clarence Scrivner, was appointed with instructions to be ready to report at next meeting.

Tentative arrangements looking to the purchase of needed instruments, were made. Practically a new set of instruments will have to be purchased as there are none left in the town since the flood of 1903. Some of the old band men have their own instruments and perhaps the new boys going in will buy their horns but it will be necessary for the band to buy and own the basses and side horns.

The next meeting is called for 7:30 this, Thursday evening, at the council chambers.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the city ordinance prohibiting the playing of ball or football on the streets or alleys of Heppner will be rigidly enforced from and after this date.

R. J. VAUGHAN, Mayor.
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High School Loses Second Game.

The contest between the H. H. S. and I. H. S. basket ball tossers was played on the Ione floor last Saturday night as per schedule. However, the 16 to 9 score in our opponents' favor was not as per schedule and necessitates a third game to be played on our home floor next Saturday night to decide the championship. The rivalry between the two teams is now at white heat and we assure the lovers of this sport a rare treat on the above named night. The game will start at 7:30 and an admission price of 25c will be levied on spectators.

The spirit evidenced by the H. H. S. students last Saturday night was grand. There was upwards of 50 who journeyed to Ione with the basket ball team, and the predominating spirit was "pep" itself.

JAMES S. STEWART
WILL SPEAK HERE

Meeting on Wednesday Evening,
March 12th Under the Auspices
State Chamber Commerce.

A meeting will be held in Heppner on next Wednesday evening under the auspices of the State Chamber of Commerce, and the call goes out to each community of Morrow County to have at least one representative present and as many more as can possibly come.

This is in the nature of a County conference and is held simultaneously with other meetings over the state beginning with the week of March 10th. During the week of March 17th, a membership drive will be held, and it is the desire to secure the membership of each and every commercial organization in the State Chamber.

James S. Stewart of Fossil, will be present at this meeting and will address our citizens at this time. Mr. Stewart is an enthusiast in this work and his address will be of intense interest. Our citizens have in store a treat, and they are urged to turn out and give Mr. Stewart a good hearing.

Sunday School Elects Officers.

On Thursday evening, February 20th, the Christian Sunday School at Lexington elected the following officers:

Superintendent, Mrs. T. L. Dorman; Assistant Superintendent, S. L. Dock; General Secretary, Miss Dona Barnett; Recording Secretary, Archie Nichols; Treasurer, Miss Cecil Scott; Superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs. Frank Parker; Superintendent Beginners, Mrs. Frank Parker; Superintendent Primary, Miss Wilma Leach; Superintendent Junior, Miss Mary Thompson; Superintendent Young People, Miss Dona Barnett; Superintendent Adult, Mrs. T. L. Dorman; Administrative Superintendent, William C. Worstell; Superintendent of Home Department, Mrs. T. L. Dorman; Missionary Superintendent, Mrs. Lee Raney; Temperance Superintendent, Frank Parker; Organists, Mrs. James Pointer and Miss Dona Barnett; Librarians, Herman Hill and Robert Helms; Song Leaders, S. L. Dock and Welcome McAllister.

Mr. Bran Is On The Move.

Hugh E. Bran, formerly of this city, where he held a position as assistant cashier in the First National Bank, is now president of the Toledo State Bank, Toledo, Wash. His community recently organized a Cheese Association, and the Toledo Messenger says:

"The organization of the association is due in a great measure to the untiring efforts of Hugh E. Bran, president of the Toledo State Bank, and also president of the Toledo Community Club, he having made a whirlwind campaign last week in the interests of the association."

Dramatic Club Will Organize.

A meeting of those interested is called for Tuesday evening, March 11th, at the council chambers for the purpose of organizing a dramatic club. This has been undertaken at the suggestion of those interested in supporting the Heppner Library, with the object in view of helping that worthy institution on its feet again. Seniors from any high school are invited, as well as others interested, to attend this meeting, at which time it is hoped to complete the organization and also get into motion arrangements for putting on a play in the near future.

James C. Bradford, of Salem, was in Heppner during the past week. Mr. Bradford represents the State Bureau of Labor and now has the territory formerly covered by A. E. Dziurzi. He will make regular trips of inspection to Morrow county.

"PECK" THORNTON EX-
PECTED HOME SOON

Arrived at New York the Past Week
And Should Reach Heppner
Any Day.

Raymond Thornton is in receipt of a telegram this week announcing that his brother, Greenwood, who has been in the over-seas service, has arrived at New York, and that he would soon be on his way to Heppner. Greenwood made good in the service, as the following letter from his commanding officer testifies:

"Headquarters Air Service Depot, Garden City, L. I., N. Y. Air Service Casual Co. No. 2, Garden City, L. I., N. Y., Feb. 14, 1919.
Mr. Geo. R. Thornton, Box 333, Heppner, Oregon.
My Dear Mr. Thornton:

"In a few days your soldier will receive his honorable discharge and start for home.

"He is bringing back many fine qualities of body and mind which he has acquired or developed in the Military Service. The Army has done everything it could to make him strong, fine, self-reliant, yet self-controlled. It returns him to you a better man.

"You have been an important member of that great Army of Encouragement and Enthusiasm which helped to make him and us all better soldiers. You can now be a great help in keeping alive the good qualities he is bringing back from the Army, in making him as good a citizen as he has been a good soldier.

"His fare and necessary expenses to his home will be paid by the Government. He will receive all pay due him. He may, if he wishes, wear his uniform for three months from the date of his discharge. The Government will also allow him to keep up, for the benefit of his family, his insurance at the very low rate he is now paying.

"His return to civil life will bring new problems for you both to solve. The qualities he brings back will help you now as your encouragement helped him while he was away, and in your hands and his, rests the future of our country.

"As his Commanding Officer, I am proud of him. He has done his duty well. I, and his comrades, will bid him good-bye with deep regret, and wish him every success after he returns home—that spot in every man's heart no other place can fill.

"Sincerely yours,
Wm. J. KERWIN, Jr.,
2nd Lt. Air Service, Commanding."

Greenwood, who was with one of the machine gun companies, made a fine record and became an expert shot. He was placed at the head of his company as an instructor in marksmanship. He reached Heppner the first of the week and is glad to be home again, tho he finds the old town looking pretty tough as a result of the fires we had the past summer.

TO SUPERVISE
ROAD WORK

Sam Boardman, of the town on the Columbia bearing his name, has been made engineer in charge of construction of the Columbia Highway across the north end of Morrow county. Mr. Boardman is an old time engineer and has had much experience in construction work on the railroad in years past. Some fourteen years ago he engaged in this kind of work for the railroad, when he got the idea that the country about where Boardman now stands would within a few years come under irrigation and thus become a very fertile section. He got hold of land there and settled down and after a wait of a dozen years he is beginning to see his dream realized. In a letter to Judge Campbell, Mr. Boardman makes mention of his appointment by the Highway Commission, and he promises that the interests of the county will be well taken care of under his supervision, and that he expects to hang up a record for others to shoot at in speedy construction. Those who know Mr. Boardman anticipate that his expectations will be fully realized.

W. E. Cummings, Social Ridge farmer, was quite severely injured by a fall from his wagon while on the way to Heppner Friday. The breaking of a stretcher bar threw him from his high seat and he landed squarely on his head in the hard road, suffering severe cuts. He was picked up by Andy Rood who happened along just as the accident occurred, and was brought to town in Mr. Rood's car, where he received proper attention.