

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

Levi Hiani of Lena was a Monday business visitor in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bureholl of Lexington were in the city on Tuesday.

A. Henriksen, Ocell stockman, was a Tuesday business caller in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Copenhaver returned last week from a trip to California.

Edgar Copenhaver, Sand Hollow farmer, was a Tuesday business visitor in Heppner.

Miss Ruby Engleman of Ione was here the past week to take the teacher's examination.

Dean T. Goodman of the Heppner Garage is spending a few days in Portland on business this week.

County clerk Waters issued the last week, a marriage license to Edgar F. Bennett and Miss Lola M. Matterson, both young people of this city.

**TAI SHAN A SACRED PLACE**

Chinese Mountain Said to Be the Oldest Permanent Place of Worship on Earth.

There are five sacred mountains in China, and the most sacred of all is Tai Shan, the Great mountain, said to be the oldest permanent place of worship in the world. In 2000 B. C. Tai Shan's crest had been a regular scene of sacrifices and prayers for nobody knew how long. Emperors and lesser officials, even Confucius the Wise, journeyed up the long, narrow trail of Tai Shan to come near to the God of Heaven and Earth and made their prayers before Him.

Since those days of simple worship, many temples and shrines have been built on Tai Shan's slopes. Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, all are represented, and there are temples, too, to the Lady of the Mountain, who is called by some a fairy, by others a goddess, and by others the spirit or soul of the mountain. Whatever her character, the lady is well represented on her mountain top and her shrines are popular.

The journey up the mountainside is accomplished by the traveler partly in a swinging chair supported by Chinese bearers and partly on foot. The "Way" consists of a granite walk, interrupted every little while by flights of steps which stretch on and on and become steeper and closer together until the pilgrim has mounted 6,000 steps and the peak of Tai Shan is reached.

Here there are more temples and thick incense and grave old priests who announce a pilgrim's presence to the gods by ringing deep-toned bells. A little way off is pointed out a rock overhanging a sheer precipice. From this rock, called "The Rock of the Love of Life," persons who had sick relatives used to fling themselves, hoping that the sacrifice of one life would appease the gods so that the other would be spared. Now the dangerous cliff is barred, and pilgrims are forced to appeal to the gods in the conventional Chinese methods.

**WILL BE WONDERFUL ROAD**

Highway of Solid Granite in the Rocky Mountains a Rival of the Appian Way.

Taking example from the famous Appian way, which has the name of being the first great road undertaken by the Romans as a public work, the state of Colorado, with the help of an appropriation by the United States government, is building a highway of solid granite in the Rocky mountains. No other highway in the world, it is predicted, will provide travelers with so magnificent a scenic setting, close to a sheer fall of 2,000 feet on the other side of the great concrete posts and cables that will safeguard vehicular traffic. One gets an idea of the road from the practical statement that it is costing \$25,000 a mile to build. Like the Appian way, on which long stretches of pavement first traveled over 2000 years before the Christian era, still remain practically perfect, the chairman of the Colorado highway commission believes that Colorado is creating a work which will defy the centuries and stand, on completion, as the most wonderful road in the modern world.

**Quite Comfortable, Thank You.**

A comfortable widow is Mrs. Amanda Jackson, colored. She is drawing three \$7.50 pensions, or \$172.50 a month, for the loss of three husbands during the war, and will draw that amount for 20 years. Mrs. Jones' husband died of spinal meningitis soon after entering the service and taking out an \$10,000 insurance policy. The widow married one Smith. He took a maximum life insurance policy in her favor and was killed in action. Then Mrs. Jones-Smith married Private Jackson, a returned soldier, who also named her in a \$10,000 policy. Influenza made her a widow a third time in less than two years. The war risk bureau declines to make known her address, doubtless fearing that she would be bothered with offers of marriage.

**Brother to the Mosquito.**

The prolonged drought has produced a prolific host of insects, and certain species of gnats are developing a disconcerting interest in ankles, says London Daily Mail. Some women are wearing linen bandages as a protection.

An official at the Natural History museum, South Kensington, states that the chief offender is a tiny insect bearing the long name of Ocheletatus dorsalis, which breeds in estuaries and explores inland. It is to be found all around London, especially on the Surrey downs.

Another bloodthirsty gnat is the Pulleris, which is labeled at the museum as "particularly troublesome in the evening. Its bite is severe, and with many people causes bad sores."

**Spanish Birth Rate.**

Now it is in Spain that they are beginning to worry about the rising death rate and the falling birth rate. Dr. Gomez Oeana presents in El Siglo Medico (Barcelona) statistics for sev-

eral years, showing that in 1912 the death rate was 21.6 per 1,000 population, and that by 1917, before the advent of the pandemic of influenza, it had risen to 26.16. And the birth rate fell from 31.69 per thousand in 1912 to 29.2 in 1917.

Official figures for 1918 are not yet available, but in the city of Madrid the death rate rose in that year to 30.37 while the birth rate fell to 26.70. The figures for 1918, however, are abnormal because of the pandemic.

**He Saw Very Well.**

I had employed a piano tuner for several years who was blind, writes a correspondent. One day he brought another man when he came to tune the piano, asking my permission to teach him some things about piano tuning. I left them in the parlor by themselves and when they had finished, I was dressing to go out.

Knowing they were blind and rather than keep them waiting, I went in to pay the tuner in rather scant attire. I remarked to the stranger, "It is nice for you blind people that there is work like this for you to do."

"Oh, madam," he replied, "I'm not blind; in fact, I see very well." I nearly died and fled from the room.

**Dry Lead for Batteries.**

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