

Local News

R. E. Alstott of Eight Mile was a Saturday business caller in this city.

A. J. Hunt was in the city on Saturday from his farm home in Clark's canyon.

Ralph Jackson, young farmer of west Lexington, was a Sunday visitor in Heppner.

George Cox, Grant county farmer and stockman, is spending several days in Heppner.

Mrs. Arleigh Arthurs left on Monday for Portland, where she expects to visit for several weeks.

Theodore Anderson, Eight Mile farmer, spent Sunday in this city, where he was called on business.

Ray Oviatt is driving a new Ford, which he purchased this week from Chas. H. Latourell, the local dealer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoppold and daughter returned Sunday from a two week's visit to relatives at Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rice and Conrad Bellenbrook are over from Grant county this week on business and pleasure.

Albert Adkins returned on Sunday from Walla Walla, where he attended the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company convention.

Charles Bell of Troutdale is here on a visit with his sister, Mrs. Chas. H. Latourell, having arrived the last of the week.

Mrs. Chas. H. Latourell returned home Saturday after visiting for several days with relatives at Troutdale and Gresham.

H. L. Duvall, extensive wheat grower who has an artesian well on his ranch north of Lexington, was in Heppner on Tuesday.

W. G. Scott, Lexington banker, was in Heppner last Saturday to attend a meeting of the Black Horse-Sand Hollow Telephone Co., and to transact other business.

E. R. Huston, manager of the Farmers Elevator Company, was called to Albany the first of the week on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. John Huston.

Miss Mabel Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wilcox who are spending the winter at Estacada, arrived in Heppner the last of the week and is visiting with relatives and friends.

County agent L. A. Hunt returned Sunday from Corvallis and Portland. Mr. Hunt attended Farmers Week at Corvallis and also took in some of the sessions of the Irrigation Congress in Portland.

J. D. French, prominent east end stockman and a director of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank of this city, was here on Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of the bank.

R. J. Carsner, one of the biggest stockmen in these parts, was in the city the past week working up interest in the Morrow-Wheeler county road. Mr. Carsner interviewed the county court while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Eskelson of Lexington were Tuesday callers in Heppner. Mr. Eskelson, before he retired, was one of the big wheat farmers of Clark's canyon, and he still owns considerable farm land there.

E. E. Geist and W. L. Geist of the contracting firm of Geist Brothers, who were awarded the general contract for Heppner's new gravity water system, returned to their Pendleton home the last of the week.

Thomas Murray Spencer was in from Portland the last of the week on one of his regular trips. He sells cigars for a living and writes poetry on the side. And by the way, his poetry has gained considerable recognition.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Slocum of Lexington were Tuesday business visitors in Heppner. Mr. Slocum is agent for the O. W. at Lexington, but the family made their home in Heppner for years before going to the wheat city to reside.

Fred Buchanan, young Butter creek farmer, came over from Echo by auto last Saturday to transact some business here. Mr. Buchanan says the roads, in their present frozen condition, present a smooth surface and permit a car to make good time.

R. H. Weeks, who recently sold his mountain farm, "the Hamilton ranch" to A. Henriksen of Cecil, has been spending the past few days in Heppner on business. Mr. Weeks is not leaving Morrow county, but will take on another good stock ranch if he can find one that suits him.

The Bank of Echo will erect a two story bank building on the corner adjoining their present building and work will start just as soon as weather conditions will permit. The building will be 30 feet wide with a depth of 60 feet and the banking rooms will be thoroughly modern.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Keithley returned home Saturday from California, where they spent several weeks visiting with relatives. One of the features of their trip, was a delightful auto trip over about 1500 miles of California highways. Mrs. Carrie Vaughn, who went down with them, is remaining in the south on a more extended visit.

Chas. Latourell, the local Ford dealer, received a shipment of Fords the last of the week. These cars had all been sold some time ago and Mr. Latourell says he has a stack of orders piled up on his desk now which will take up the next few shipments. He still insists that people who want Fords for spring delivery had better step lively with their orders.

G. A. Bleakman, county commissioner, was a three-day business caller in Heppner last week, being here to attend the monthly session of the county court.

Mrs. W. T. Crow and little daughter who have been visiting since September at the home of Mrs. Crow's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. T. Campbell in this city, expect to leave next week for their home in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

I. A. Dempsey returned to his home at Rickreall the last of the week after making a brief business visit here. Mr. Dempsey expects to return to Morrow county in the spring and take an active part in highway construction work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wingfield Densmore of Oakland, California are here on a visit to Mrs. Densmore's mother, Mrs. O. E. Farnsworth, and son Ted Young, local high school student. Mr. Densmore is a prominent business man of the East Bay city.

E. M. Huiden, extensive Black Horse farmer, who is spending the winter months in Portland in company with his family, returned to the metropolis the last of the week after looking after interests here for a few days.

Heppner friends learn with regret that Bert Hall of the Oregon Garage, has lost the sight of his right eye as a result of an accident several days ago when a piece of steel became imbedded in the eye ball. He has been in Portland receiving treatments from a specialist.

Jos. M. Hayes is New Vice President of Farmers Bank.

Joseph M. Hayes, local stockman, was elected vice president of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank of Heppner at the annual meeting of stockholders in this city on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Hayes fills the position which has been vacant since the death of the late Frank Anderson. He has served on the board of directors since the bank was organized.

The Farmers & Stockgrowers Bank has made a remarkable growth since opening its doors to the public in July, 1917. The total resources of the institution are right near the half million mark at the present time. The directors declared a dividend of ten per cent at their meeting Tuesday. Beyond the election of Mr. Hayes, no changes were made in the personnel of the bank's officers.

Elks Rent Ground Floor of New Building to Tenants.

A committee composed of the officers of Heppner Lodge, No. 358, met last Saturday evening and rented the two rooms on the ground floor of their new building. B. G. Sigbee rents the theater and Cyrus Aiken of Portland will take the other store room and intends to put in a first class line of furniture. Mr. Sigbee, we are informed, was the only applicant for the theater, while there were three applications before the committee for the store room, two of them being from men who would establish a billiard and pool hall.

A Key to Sweet Potato Varieties.

The United States Department of Agriculture is working out a key by means of which varieties of sweet potatoes can be identified. There has always been a great deal of confusion regarding sweet potato varieties, and this key will make it possible to positively identify all true varieties. It is based on the color, size and shape of the stems and leaves, and the color, size and quality of the potatoes themselves. That the key works is attested by the fact that by its use varieties described at the time Columbus discovered America have been identified.

The development of varieties of sweet potatoes for stock feed, sirup, starch and sugar making is under way, and the preliminary results secured indicate that the possibilities of the sweet potato have hardly been touched upon. It is yet too soon to say just what may be expected from this work, but the results thus far secured are very promising. This work is being done at Arlington Farm, Va., and at the Pee Dee Experiment Station, Florence, S. C.

Investigational work in curing sweet potatoes has also brought out important results. It was shown that with proper handling in storage conditions, sweet potatoes can be carried through the winter and as late as April 1 with not more than 1 per cent of loss from decay.

Girls Make Poultry Record.

The hens owned by poultry club girls in Mississippi do not lay golden eggs, but they lay enough of the ordinary kind to permit their owners to buy the golden variety if they so desire.

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