

JOHN DAY LAND OWNERS MEET DIRECTORS

Fair Representation of Those Having Holdings Within Proposed Project at Heppner Tuesday Evening. Protest Action of Board of Directors on Recent Election.

The Board of Directors of the John Day Irrigation District met in regular monthly session at their office in Heppner on Tuesday evening, all members being present.

After some routine business was attended to, the meeting was transferred to the dining room of the new hotel, where it was continued until a late hour. A large number of land owners within the district, in response to a call sent out, were present in town to meet with the directors, and Manager Hart of the hotel kindly opened up the big dining room for the use of the meeting.

As it was apparent that questions of a personal nature were to come up, Chairman Clark was relieved of the responsibility of presiding further and J. P. Conder was elected from the floor to take charge, and F. R. Brown was chosen to act as secretary.

E. A. Fox, of Ione, speaking on behalf of the land owners, stated that the object of the meeting was to get information from the land owners as to their attitude toward the proposed project, and to things done by the board of directors; by what authority they had proceeded to levy a 20-cent tax on the land in the district, and why they had proceeded as they had with regard to the recent election, etc., and the statement of Mr. Fox seemed to sound the key note of what the land owners were getting at. This same sentiment was expressed by a few others, and Mr. Clark then gave some account of his stewardship and answered numerous questions put to him concerning various steps that had been taken by the board of directors since the formation of the district.

Mr. Clark's statement was made in response to a motion presented by J. W. Osborn of Cecil, and others taking an active part in the questions asked were Jas. Clark, perhaps the heaviest land owner in the district outside of the Northern Pacific Railroad Co., Al Henriksen of Cecil and Sam E. Van Vactor of Heppner.

Mr. Lewis, engaged on the project, explained some of the matters pertaining to the boundaries of the district, showing from his maps where the present high line runs, approximately, the location of the dam site on the John Day river at diversion point as well as where storage reservoirs will be placed, and explained the basis on which the assessment to cover the preliminary work was made. Numerous questions were also sprung on Mr. Lewis, all of which, so far as they pertained to his end of the work, he answered in a courteous manner, if not always clear to the party making inquiry.

The question having arisen over the action taken by the directors regarding the recent election, in which they held that Messrs. Minton and Wheeler had not been regularly nominated as provided by the law governing an election under the irrigation statute, Mr. Clark called on the attorney of the board, E. A. McMenamin, to reply to this, which he did by reading the two sections of the law covering, and explaining why he advised the action taken.

S. E. Van Vactor, speaking on behalf of the land owners, made reply to Mr. McMenamin, contending that the law made provision for the writing in of the names of candidates to be voted for, thus properly nominating them and that the American privilege of voting for whom he pleased could not be denied any citizen having the right to vote under our laws.

The remarks of Mr. Van Vactor seemed to strike a very responsive chord in the minds of a large number present, and he was loudly cheered.

J. D. Brown, of Portland, who owns a large tract of land in the district, and who will be called upon to give up about two thousand dollars as his portion of the assessment, was called on. Mr. Brown stated that for a number of years he had been opposed to taking hold of the John Day project, it appeared to be so monumental an undertaking and its ultimate acceptance by the government seemed so far removed as to make it impractical and a useless expenditure of time and money on the part of those who would be called upon to bear the preliminary expense. However, he had changed his views of late, after learning of the prospects of getting prompt action on the part of the government, and he was now a consistent and persistent advocate of putting the project over and was willing to do all he could along this line, arguing all to unite with this end in view. Mr. Brown also stated that he felt the election of the new directors had been regular and thought they should have been seated, as he could not perceive of any man being denied the right to vote for whom he pleased at any election held under our laws.

C. H. Billbaugh of Boardman made a short talk and plead for harmony among the promoters of the John Day project, and this sentiment was expressed by several other speakers. S. H. Boardman being chief among these. The representatives present from Boardman are imbued with just one dominant idea, and that is that the "big project" should be built and they are willing to stand along this line, arguing all to unite with this end in view. Mr. Brown also stated that he felt the election of the new directors had been regular and thought they should have been seated, as he could not perceive of any man being denied the right to vote for whom he pleased at any election held under our laws.

The meeting continued on until about midnight, when a motion to adjourn was put and carried. Whether or not the object for which the land owners had been called together was accomplished, we are not prepared to say. No doubt all were impressed with the fact that it was not the desire of any to look the progress of the project. The sentiment was frequently expressed that nothing should be done that would

INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM TO PUT UP SILVER CUP

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Morrow County Athletic Association held in Heppner on last Saturday afternoon, it was decided that any individual or firm would be permitted to put up the silver cup. This applies to any individual or firm within the county, and the cup will be known by the name of the firm or individual that sponsors it. Applicants may take the matter up with any principal of a town school in the county. Attention is called to the report of the executive committee which appears in another column of this paper and for which we are indebted to Prof. E. H. Curfman, superintendent of the Ione schools.

High Schools to Debate.

The first of a series of debates to be conducted according to the rules of the inter-scholastic debate league, will take place between the Heppner and Ione high schools on Wednesday, February 24th. Question for discussion will be "The Principle of the Open Shop Should be Adopted in American Industries." The affirmative will be upheld by Audrey Grogan and Margaret Woodson, the negative by Roland Humphreys and Elmer Peterson. Humphreys and Peterson go to Ione, where they will meet the affirmative team of the Ione school, and Ione will send two members to Heppner to uphold the negative for their school. The judges at Heppner will be W. Scott, Karl L. Beach and Miss Dora Barnett of Lexington. League members of the State Debating League, this is the first of the series to be carried on in this county. The winners in this debate will be elected to meet other teams from the district. Professor James states that the debate will be open to the public and would be pleased to have a large attendance on next Wednesday evening at the high school auditorium.

Two Candidates Out For the Heppner Postoffice Position

The Heppner postoffice will be one of the plums to be handed out to some worthy republican at Heppner as soon as the term of Postmaster Richardson expires. At the present time there are two candidates in the field those being Marshall Phelps and W. W. Smead. Mr. Smead was formerly postmaster and served the people of Heppner for two terms under the last tenure of a republican president while Marshall is an executive man, graduate of Heppner high school and an all-round fine young fellow, and we understand has the backing of the Legion boys for the place. Mr. Phelps was circulating his petition during the week and it has received numerous signatures.

Commercial Club Has Dinner Tonight.

Heppner Commercial Club will gather about the table tonight at Hotel St. Patrick, where a feast of good things will be spread. The object of the gathering is to listen to the report of the delegates who recently attended the National Congress in Portland. Besides this, it will also be a general get-together meeting of the club. The banquet is called for 7:30 o'clock sharp.

Civic Club Elects Officers.

The Civic Club have chosen their new officers for the coming year and are preparing to enter a new era of activity. The officers chosen are: Mrs. C. W. Shurtle, president; Mrs. S. A. Pattison, vice-president; Mrs. D. E. Gillman, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting of the club will be tomorrow, Friday afternoon, February 4, at the council chamber, at 2:30. This is to be a business meeting and all members should plan to be present.

Four Heppner Students at U. of O.

Four students from Heppner are attending the University of Oregon: Arthur W. Campbell, Cecile E. DeVore, Loye L. Devoire and Rose Helen Kilkeny. Music, English, Literature and Chemistry are the subjects in which they are majoring and an average grade of 2 was obtained by them in the first term examinations. Three is a shade higher than the average of the university which lies between three and four.

Dr. Louis Albert Banks will be at the Christian church in Heppner on Tuesday evening, February 23rd. Dr. Banks comes in the interests of the Anti-Slavery League, is a very interesting and noted speaker, and should have a large hearing.

prove detrimental, yet a large majority of the land owners seem to be dissatisfied with the proceedings concerning the levying of the tax and the recent election, and what took place Tuesday evening was to be considered as a protest on their part of the proceedings in these particulars. On behalf of the directors, Mr. Clark stated that he was glad to have the opportunity of coming before so many of the land owners, and would have been glad to have met them on previous occasions in such a meeting as they were then having. As one speaker remarked, after having explained that he had been through the organization struggles of several irrigation projects: "An irrigation project is much like a child; it suffers from the ills of childhood; children must have the measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever, etc., and this district would have to pass through these trials. It would ultimately come out all right."

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was suggested that the present members of the board of directors, whose terms had expired, should resign and allow the newly elected men to qualify. A motion to this effect was made but did not get before the house for action. Chairman Conder held a steady hand over the meeting and gave all a chance to be heard in an orderly manner, and while there was some inclination at muttering, in the main all passed off decorously and there is no doubt that the coming together of the land owners and the directors at this time was a good thing for the future of the project.

EYES TESTED FREE



ATHLETIC MEET AND DECLAMATORY CONTEST

The executive committee for the Morrow County Athletic Association met at the Court House in Heppner last Saturday and made final arrangements for holding the annual county meet in Ione. Various detail work was assigned to members of the committee.

All public schools in Morrow county constitute the membership of this Association. The Association is under the control of an executive committee consisting of the County School Superintendent and the principal of each of the following schools: Boardman, Irigoin, Ione, Hardman, Heppner, Lexington and Pine City. However, any teacher from any school in the county has a right to attend any meeting of the executive committee and speak and vote on any subject before the committee.

The rules of the Association require that all money coming into the possession of the Association shall be placed in one general fund, and that all claims against the Association must be approved by the executive committee before being paid from this fund. If there should be more than \$200 remaining in the general fund, after all claims against the Association have been paid, at the annual meeting held in connection with the county meet such surplus over \$200 shall be distributed among the schools of the county in direct proportion to the number of contestants up to 25 from each district, who took part in the meet. All money distributed to the schools by the Association must be used for athletics or library purposes.

The annual declamatory and declamatory contest will be held in Ione Friday, May 13th, at 8:00 p. m. This contest consists of four divisions. The A and B divisions include high school students only. The C division includes the pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The D division includes the pupils of the first four grades. The selections in the A division must be orations, and in all other divisions the selections must be recitations. Each speaker must furnish the County School Superintendent with four typewritten copies of his selection before the first day of April. In case more than one contestant has the same selection the Superintendent to accept the one first received. The orations in the A division must not be more than 1250 words in length; the recitations in the B division must not be more than 1200 words; in the C division, 1000 words; in the D division, 500 words. The first prize in each division is a gold medal, and the second prize is a silver medal. The judges must be from outside the county.

The annual field and track meet consists of two separate contests, for the grades and high schools. The grade pupils are divided into two divisions, Boys weighing 110 pounds or more and girls weighing 100 pounds or more are in division A. Boys weighing less than 110 pounds and girls weighing less than 100 pounds are in division B. The high school students are in two separate divisions, one for the boys and the other for the girls.

The school district winning the highest number of points in the high school events will be awarded a silver cup. The individual winners in both grade and high school meets will be awarded suitable printed ribbons.

The elementary grades of any school district receiving the highest number of points shall be counted victorious in the Grade Field and Track Meet and shall be awarded a suitable pennant. Spaulding's Athletic Rules constitute a guide in conducting all athletic contests. The Rules and Regulations in respect to eligibility of high school contestants are the same as those of the Oregon State High School Athletic Association.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Sunday, February 6.

Bible School at ten a. m., followed by Communion and preaching service. The morning theme will be "Faith as a Practical Asset." The evening services will consist of the Christian Endeavor at 6:30, Song Service and preaching by the pastor at 7:30. The evening theme will be "Hopes and Possibilities of Young Womanhood." Reserved seats for young women. Everyone is cordially invited to all these services.

ATTENTION B. P. O. E. Informal MASQUERADE Dance at Elks Temple Saturday, February 12. Elks and their ladies only.

FARM BUREAU MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED

An interesting meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau was held here last Saturday the program being in the nature of a "school," at which competent instructors gave interesting talks on subjects of interest to members of the bureau.

Twenty-eight farmers were in attendance, and the close attention given to the program indicated that interest in bureau work is growing in the county. E. B. Fitts gave a most interesting talk on dairying, during which he stated that the dairy cow will produce five times the amount of food from a ton of hay than any other animal, while leaving sufficient fertilizer to maintain fertility of the soil that produced the hay. Mr. Fitts pointed out that pure bred cows are much superior to poor grades, and urged that all dairymen should improve their herds as rapidly as possible by introducing pure-bred sires.

Following his address Mr. Fitts answered many questions of interest asked by his hearers. W. S. Carpenter, special demonstration agent from the extension department at O. A. C. spoke on grain growing in Eastern Oregon in connection with which he used a chart showing the result of four years of discing and not discing wheat land. If the ground is plowed early while moist discing is not necessary, Mr. Carpenter stated, but if not possible to plow early discing is important to kill weeds and conserve the moisture. Another chart was shown regarding early and late plowing. Ground plowed before April 1 produced 14.5 bushels per acre, while similar ground plowed in June produced only 8.5 bushels. Mr. Carpenter also answered a number of interesting questions.

R. V. Gunn gave an interesting talk on the importance of farm accounts, stating that often the wife or one of the older children take pride in keeping up the accounting once a week or so. The speaker also urged the importance of transacting all business through the bank, paying all bills with checks, thus keeping a record of every item. Mr. Gunn also gave a blackboard illustration of the proper way of estimating the actual cost of a bushel of wheat.

At the business meeting following the school work it was moved and carried that the bureau appropriate \$50 for publicity purposes in circulating and advertising the Oregon cooperative grain growers contract.

It was also ordered by a vote of the meeting that County Agent Hunt be granted a leave of absence from Morrow county of one month to assist in overhauling and putting over the co-operative marketing project.

Morrow County Farmers Attended Grain Meeting at Moro

A meeting of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers association was held at Moro in Sherman county on last Saturday, and a number of our farmers, and others interested were present. The farmers of that county signed up to deliver their grain to the association for the coming six years, and some 300,000 bushels were listed. It is expected that many more of the Sherman county farmers will come in and that the bulk of the grain over there will eventually be handled through the association. A meeting will be held in Heppner soon for the same purpose, at which time it will be ascertained how the farmers of this county feel toward this new movement. Those attending the Moro meeting from Heppner were W. D. Hayden of the Tri-State Terminal Co., Andy Road, D. M. Ward, Howard Anderson, R. W. Snyder and L. A. Hunt. Joe Devine of Lexington was also in attendance.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of thanking the many friends in Heppner who so kindly assisted us at the funeral and burial of our husband and father, James M. Hayes, and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. James M. Hayes and Family.

SCHOOL BOARDS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

The School Board Convention of Morrow county was called January 29, 1921, by the County School Superintendent, Mrs. Shurtle, who acted as chairman.

The meeting was called at nine o'clock. Mrs. Sylvia Misseldine was appointed secretary. E. H. Anderson led the opening singing followed by H. M. James. Mr. James' talk was both interesting and instructive. He brought out clearly and urged upon the members the importance of proper lighting, ventilation, heating, sanitation and adequate school supplies. He also brought out the advantages of having an attractive school room, some form of music as well as an emergency chest in case of accidents, and soap and towels, preferably paper ones.

F. R. Bennett then addressed the convention briefly on the subject of athletics for rural schools urging the importance of physical education for girls as well as boys, the advantage gained by the development of team play and called attention to the County School Meet to be held in Ione.

Mrs. C. E. Woodson, President of the Heppner Patron-Teachers Association, urged the formation of similar associations in all school districts. Such an association would look after a boarding place for the teacher and encourage social life in the community. It would arouse interest in the school and would see to improvements in the school and the influence of good pictures and play-ground apparatus. He urged the great importance of reading and of having an abundance of good books for the schools. He closed with a strong appeal for the teaching of love for and loyalty to the flag. A flag should be floating from a mast on every school building in the county. The law provides for such and it should be there every day, the weather permitting.

Mr. Nelson then spoke interestingly on the influence of good pictures and play-ground apparatus. He urged the great importance of reading and of having an abundance of good books for the schools. He closed with a strong appeal for the teaching of love for and loyalty to the flag. A flag should be floating from a mast on every school building in the county. The law provides for such and it should be there every day, the weather permitting.

Mr. Seymour spoke on standardization of schools and urged the formation of district clubs. Here a fifteen minute recess was called.

Following the intermission M. B. Signs spoke on Community Service and Organization. Mr. Signs showed clearly what such service meant to a community and how various organizations could be federated.

E. R. Curfman urged the importance of prompt and accurate reports from teachers and clerks. On account of the lateness of the hour it was decided that the addresses of E. H. Anderson and H. C. Seymour be published. In this way those important papers would reach more people and be of more service to all.

The report of the Resolution Committee was then read and adopted and the meeting adjourned. Following are the names of those present:

H. C. Seymour, Club Leader, O. A. C. Extension Division, Corvallis; Howard M. James, Supt. Heppner Schools; Mrs. Frank Turner, Heppner; Dr. Perry Bartholomew, Heppner; Dr. J. Perry Heppner, Heppner; A. W. Dykstra, Dist. 42; Heppner; C. M. Rugg, Dist. 6; Heppner; Adam Blahm, Dist. 25; Heppner; Chris Brown, Dist. 28; Heppner; Sylvia Misseldine, Dist. 17; Heppner; S. E. Nelson, Heppner; M. B. Morgan, Ione, E. J. Bristol, Ione; L. L. Howard, Ione, C. H. Erwin, Dist. 30; Ione; E. R. Curfman, Supt. Ione schools; A. J. Hedger, teacher Boardman schools; A. J. Hedger, teacher Boardman schools; Boardman; E. H. Anderson, Supt. Irigoin schools; Mrs. M. B. Signs, Irigoin; W. L. Suddarth, Supt. Pine City schools; Mrs. W. L. Suddarth, E. R. Bennett, Supt. Lexington schools; Chas. Bartholomew, Dist. 26; Echo; Mrs. Chas. Bartholomew, E. O. Neill, Dist. 26; Echo; M. B. Ball, Dist. 28; Morgan; Fred Peterson, Dist. 28; Morgan; C. Crawford, Dist. 8; Morgan; J. A. Trowdon, Dist. 28; Morgan; B. F. Morgan, Dist. 5; Morgan; H. C. Witzel, Dist. 5; Morgan; B. H. Peck, Dist. 2; Heppner; Miss Blanche Powers, Dist. 2; Heppner; Mrs. E. C. Woodson, Heppner.

Report of the Resolution Committee.

Resolved, That this convention hereby express its thanks to Miss Daffoe, Mrs. Frank Turner, and the girls who furnished music for our pleasure.

Resolved, That this Convention is not in favor of any measure that will reduce in any way the present income to the state and county school funds.

Resolved, That we approve the annual School Board Convention and recommended that it be called in the month of January.

Resolved, That we approve the minimum salary schedule adopted last year, viz: \$1200.00 and that this schedule be in force for the coming school year.

M. R. MORGAN, B. F. MORGAN, SYLVIA MISSELDINE, HOWARD M. JAMES, ADAM BLAHM, E. H. ANDERSON, Committee. Adopted by unanimous vote of members present. E. H. ANDERSON, Secretary Resolutions Committee.

DR. D. N. HAYDEN IN GILLIAM COUNTY JAIL.

Former Resident of Hardman Held at Condon in Lieu of Bail of Five Hundred Dollars.

Dr. D. N. Hayden, formerly of Hardman, but for the past month a resident of Arlington, is now languishing in the county jail in this city. From all reports the doctor has been trying to break into jail for some time past.

Monday Dr. Hayden and Mrs. Hannah Deen, a former resident of Hardman, were arrested in Arlington and taken before Justice of the Peace H. W. Laag, charged with lewd cohabitation. Preliminary hearing was waived, and the doctor was bound over under \$500 bond to await the action of the grand jury, while Mrs. Deen was allowed to go on her own recognizance. District Attorney Keinke made the trip to Arlington to prosecute the case.

Both of the parties to the case resided at Hardman for some time, and Mrs. Deen and her husband were recently divorced, the husband being given the care of their four little children. He had allowed the mother to have charge of one of them, but recently heard of the conditions at Arlington and the arrest was the result of his activities.

Dr. Hayden had only been at Arlington for a short time, but is well known here and all over this part of the state. He has the reputation of being a man of considerable ability, and has performed several successful operations in this city. But for some time past he has been on the black list of the local doctors on account of his irresponsibility. At one time it is said that the officers in Morrow county went to Hardman after him in order to examine him as to his sanity. He happened to be out of town.

Dr. Hayden increases the population of the jail to four, the largest number that has been there for many years. He may have to remain there until the June term of court, as there is no grand jury at the present time, and he has never been indicted—Condon Globe-Times.

Five Mile Cattle & Horse Association Hold Annual Meet

The Five Mile Cattle and Horse Association held a regular meeting last Saturday at the Charles McDevitt ranch at Gardane. The meeting was well attended by members from all sections tributary to the Five Mile range. H. C. Seymour, Pilot Rock and Ukiah were represented. S. R. Woods, forest ranger at Gardane, represented the Forest Service. Albert Peterson, government hunter of Ukiah, and Mr. Williams of the Biological Survey with headquarters in Portland, were present.

Several important topics effecting the local live stock industry were taken up and ably discussed. The Herd Law for Chastilla county claimed considerable attention. There seemed to be some question as to its application to private lands inside the Umattilla forest. Even forest officers do not appear to know how it will effect privately owned land inside the Umattilla forest boundaries. Morrow county stockmen stated that a Herd Law has been in operation in Morrow county for several years and the manner in which it is enforced has won the approval of all stockmen and ranchers.

The Five Mile drift fence separating the cattle range from the sheep allotments in the Gardane District of the Umattilla National Forest was again taken up. This project was favorably acted upon by the Association a year ago, money was raised and bids were asked for construction of twelve miles of new fence but no bids were received. The proposition is still open and it is expected that some bids will yet be received. At any rate the Association will push the work to completion this year.

It was also decided to give a general overhaul to the old drift fence existing from Squaw Flat north across Five Mile creek to the Forest boundary, a distance of three miles. This will make a total of fifteen miles of fence to be constructed on the Five Mile range this year. Besides the three miles of wire on the old fence, there is sufficient material at Ellis Hanger Station for twenty miles of three strand fence.

It was decided that beginning with the season of 1922 only registered bulls of the beef breed would be allowed on the Five Mile range.

The place of annual meeting was changed from Pilot Rock to Gardane, the latter place being much more centrally located and the date to be the first Saturday in November.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, J. D. Buholtz, Pilot Rock; Secretary-Treasurer, John Brozman, Lena; Advisory Board, Phil Higgins, Lena, R. A. Cullick, Lena, Walter Ellis, Ukiah, Clarence Sturdivant, Ukiah.

Lexington High School Notes.

The Lexington girls basketball team met the Ione team last Saturday in a fast game on the Ione floor. The Lexington girls were greatly handicapped in the game on account of the slippery floor in Ione's hall. At the end of the first half, the score stood 5 to 0 in favor of Ione. The Lexington girls rallied in the last half and by fast playing managed to run their score up. Although the Lexington team played a very good game, the Ione team had gained the advantage and won the game by a score of 19 to 5.

Entertainment Postponed. The Patron-Teachers Association, through its committee appointed for the purpose, had planned to put on an entertainment at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, but owing to unavoidable circumstances this had to be postponed indefinitely.

JAMES M. HAYES WAS EARLY MORROW SETTLER

Pioneer Stockman and Farmer Passed at His Home in Pendleton—Funeral at Heppner on Sunday is Largely Attended by Friends of Family.

James M. Hayes, who formerly lived in Heppner, and who for many years was engaged in farming and stockraising in this county, in which business he was successful and prospered, passed away at his home in Pendleton, Oregon, on Thursday, January 27, 1921, aged 92 years. Mr. Hayes had been in ill health for a few years past, and his death at this time was not altogether unexpected for, yet the announcement came as a shock to the many friends of the family in Heppner, where he had been well known for so many years.

Funeral services for the deceased were held at the Christian church in Heppner on Sunday afternoon last at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. W. O. Livingstone delivering the funeral discourse to an audience that filled the church to capacity.

James M. Hayes was born in Lane county, Oregon, January 24, 1829, the son of William Jefferson and Sarah Hayes, who were early pioneers and came across the plains to the Willamette valley in 1851 from Missouri. In 1871 he came to Morrow county, which was at that time a part of Umattilla county, and settled on Rhea creek, on the place now owned by Henry Scherzinger. Later, in conjunction with the late George Conner, Mr. Hayes purchased the Ruck land on Rhea creek and engaged extensively in farming and stockraising. Later Mr. Conner retired from the firm and Mr. Hayes continued to run the place until about four years ago, when he sold out and retired to Heppner to live, he being compelled in a large measure to take this step on account of failing health. About two years ago, Mr. Hayes moved with his family to Pendleton, where they now reside.

Mr. Hayes was married to Nancy B. Hayes in Lane County, March 4, 1858. To them were born the following children, all of which, with their mother, survive: Glenn H. Hayes, Rose Viola Kirk, Rozie A. Sperry, William A. Hayes, Lola A. Hayes, James Hayes, Jr., and Inez Hayes.

A GROUND-HOG PARTY.

Mrs. J. G. Johnson and Mrs. George N. Peck entertained on Saturday, January 23, with an interesting "ground-hog party" at the Peck home in Clark's canyon, two and a half miles south of Lexington. The event was in honor of Clinton Kenneth Peck's second birthday.

Upon arriving guests were required to register after which they were presented with miniature "ground hogs" symbolic of the occasion, which excited their interest to participate in the games and contests which followed. The rooms were artistically decorated with "ground hogs" of various sizes and shapes.

The early part of the afternoon was given to music and appropriate games, after which stories were told for the benefit of the little "ground hogs" by Mrs. F. R. Bennett, which were greatly appreciated by both the grown-ups and the children.

A two-course luncheon was served at which Master Kenneth presided, cutting the birthday cake. Those who assisted the hostesses were Mrs. Frank Munkers, Mrs. Ed. Burchell and Mrs. T. L. Dorman.

The following children and their mothers were present: Edward and Billie Burchell, Norma and Chester Christensen, Kenneth Palmer, Edward and Mildred Hunt, Lyle Allen, Florence and Iris Frederickson, Vivian Nell White, Fred and Harriet Pointer, Lester and Marvin Cox, Grace and Doris Burchell, James Hassell Peck and Patricia and Loretta Holmes. Others present were Mrs. L. H. Ziegler, Miss Marie Lay, Mrs. J. M. White, Mrs. T. L. Dorman, Mrs. Karl Beach, Miss Frank Munkers, Mrs. Della M. Miller, Mrs. F. R. Bennett, Mrs. Wm. Worstell, Mrs. W. G. Scott, Mrs. Millard F. Parker, Mrs. Burton H. Peck of Heppner and Joyce and Alice Palmer. Master Kenneth received many pretty and useful presents.

Turn Home Bill Drows.

That the parental school is gradually giving way to the public schools in the favor of the people of the state is evidenced by a report compiled by attaches of the state superintendent of instruction office and considered by the senate committee on education in its hearing on bills now before the legislature barring religious parb in all institutions of learning in the state.

The report shows that in 1918, 1155 children attended parochial schools in 96 towns in the state, and that in 1919, 1125 attended the same schools. This would indicate that the popularity of such schools with children is lessening, based upon the decrease of 30 pupils in that time, and it was considered in this light by the committee when they recommended indefinite postponement of the Home bill calling for prohibition of wearing religious garb by teachers. The committee held that if the trend of events indicate these institutions are losing favor and that legislation to hasten their flight might be regarded as persecution and would have an opposite effect to that intended. The report also showed that on less teachers were engaged in the schools in 1919 than in 1918—Oregon Voter.

Olson D. Cupper, extensive farmer and land owner of the west side of Morrow county, and who has some lands within the John Day project, was at the meeting of irrigators in Heppner Tuesday evening.

ELKS INFORMAL MASQUERADE DANCE Saturday, 12th, for Elks and their ladies only. Everybody must mask.