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HEAVY FALL OF SNOW OVER HEPPNER HILLS

Not In Recollection of the Oldest Inhabitant Has Such a Heavy Snow Fall Occurred so Early in the Season.—Weather Has Been Mild.

Late Friday afternoon it began snowing at Heppner and it kept it up at a lively rate until Sunday afternoon. A total of about 14 inches fell here. Sunday night it began raining and has rained intermittantly nearly every day since making a crust on the snow which rendered moving about very uncomfortable. The auto and bus traffic of the city has been practically suspended because of the deep snow and the roads have not been very well broken leading to town from the country districts.

Owing to the mild weather, the snow has been gradually melting and at the present there is considerable slush. The slowness with which the melting is going on has been a splendid thing as it has not caused the water to rise to any considerable extent in the creeks, and the moisture is soaking into the ground where it is needed and will do a lot of good. With a big rise in Willow creek much damage might result just at this time to the new concrete bridges under construction. The work on these has progressed nicely up to the time of the storm and none of them are in such condition that the false work can be removed and the creek channel is pretty badly hampered by the construction forms, so there is ground for the fear of damage to the bridges and other property that might result from flood waters. A few more days of present weather conditions and the danger should be over.

From reports coming into Heppner, the storm has been general east of the Cascade mountains and has raised havoc generally with the operation of railroads, telephone and telegraph systems. Trains are blocked on both sides of the Columbia river. Big slides have occurred on the O-W. R. & N. between Hood River and Portland, and through trains are reported to be tied up at different points along the line. The Heppner branch train has been held here since Sunday as there was no connection on the main line. The mail went out yesterday, however, on the work train, and we understand that passengers will be taken out today as arrangements have been made to take them through to destination. It is expected to be several days, however, before the obstruction on the tracks beyond Hood River have been cleared away so that trains can get through to Portland.

The snow fall has been very heavy throughout thte Columbia River basin. Three feet or more is reported at The Dalles while over Morrow county there has been perhaps an average of 14 inches. At Monument there was no snow, so we have been informed by parties getting in from there the past day or so and they were surprised to find such a heavy mantle of snow here.

It is a very unusual storm for this country at the time of year and it is not recalled by the oldest inhabitant that so heavy a fall of snow ever occurred here so early in the year. Twenty years ago the county was visited by a fall of snow to the depth of about 8 inches which fell a month earlier and laid on but a few days. And we can recall that in 1897 there came a freeze-up about Thanksgiving day and there was also some snow, but nothing to compare with the present storm, tho the weather was much colder and much fruit and vegetables that had not been gathered were destroyed by the freeze.

This snowfall will b of great value to the farmers as most of the moisture resulting therefrom will be obsorbed in the ground. The storm began with a rain which soon turned to snow; there was no frost in the ground and the fields are in excellent shape to drink in the water as the snow gradually melts. Stockmen have plenty of feed and their herds and flocks will not suffer, and from present indications it will not be many days until the ground is bare again. It is too early to expect much winter weather, but we are no prophet.

Old Man Loses Money.

Silas Harris was down from his home near Parkers Mill at the end of the week and reported that he had been recently robbed of the sum total of his money, $690. He had the money placed away in his cellar at his home and the money was taken while he went down to the postoffice for his mail, so he reports. The cellar was supposed to be a very substantial affair, and the strong door was locked with a padlock. The lock had been pried off and his treasure disappeared with the perpetrator of the theft leaving nothing behind as a clew to his identity. It left the old man strapped for the time being, but he will be in funds again when he receives his pension. He may conclude now that placing his surplus money in a bank will be the best policy.

The funeral of Barney F. Doherty was held at the Catholic church in this city last Saturday forenoon, Rev. Father Cantwell officiating. The body arrived from Portland on Friday evening. Deceased was a native of Ireland, had been a resident of Morrow county for many years and was well known here. His only relatives are Mrs. Michael Kenny, sister, of this city, and James G. Doherty, brother, of Blackhorse.

In company with Mrs. Shurte, school superintendent, Miss Emma Bunge, public health nurse, made a visit to the schools of Lexington and Ione and other points in the north end of the county the past week. Miss Bunge will have her office in the I. O. O. F. building in the room formerly occupied by Dr. Allison, and her office hours will be on Saturday of each week in this city. Other parts of the week will be occupied with the work outside of Heppner.

Heppner Post, American Legion, Elects Officers for 1922.

A large number of the members of Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion, gathered around the festive board at the Elkhorn restaurant on Friday evening and partook of a big feed of sea food which had been prepared for them in a delectable manner by Edward Chinn, the genial proprietor. After disposing of large quantities of the various products of the sea, the boys held a business session and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. W. Cook, Post Commander, Forby Greamba, Vice Commander, Paul Gemmell, Adjutant, Walter Moore, Finance Officer. The question of erecting a building for the Legion was also discussed, along with some other business matters, but no definite steps were taken at this time.

LAWRENCE SWEEK.

Lawrence Sweek died at his home near Monument Monday, November 14, after an illness that had extended over a period of several years. He was buried at Monument Wednesday a large number of friends and neighbors attending the funeral.

He was born February 26, 1857, in the Willamette valley about 10 miles south of Portland on a farm and remained on the farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1880 when he removed to Grant county. He spent two years at Prairie City and then moved to Hamilton where he took a band of sheep on shares. In 1894 he sold out his sheep and received 90 cents for his ewes and 75 cents for his lambs and for a while he engaged in freighting. Later he acquired his home near Monument and again went into the sheep business.

He was married February 17, 1879, to Miss Emily L. Harding of Washington county, Oregon, and they became the parents of eight children as follows: Fay, Rex L., Ona, Belle, Calvin L., Ruth, Blanche and Gladys.

Deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge at Monument. He was prominent in the affairs of the county and for a number of years took a very active part in the Grant County Stock Growers' Association. He was a man of fine character, stood very high, had many friends and his death is greatly to be regretted.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Owing to the interrupted train service, it is impossible for us to advertise a definite program this week, but if we receive any films the fact will be made known on our bill boards.

STAR THEATRE.

CECIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oscar Lundell of Rhea was doing business in Ione on Friday.

J. J. McEntire of Killarney was a caller in Cecil on Tuesday.

A. Henriksen of Willow Creek ranch left for Montana on a business trip on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs of the Last Camp spent Sunday and Monday at Hardman.

J. W. Osborn and friend, J. Combest, from Texas, honored the county seat with a visit during the week.

W. G. Hynd, who has been visiting friends in Cecil for a few days, returned to his home at Sand Hollow Monday.

Jack Hynd of Butterby Flats, sold his wool during the week and shipped a carload out to Portland on Thursday.

Miss Violet Hynd of Butterby Flats left on the local for Heppner on Sunday to resume her studies at Heppner high school.

Leo Gorger of Ione, Roy Stender of Seldomseen ranch and J. E. Crabtree of Dotheboys Hill were Cecil visitors on Sunday.

Snow began falling in Cecil on Friday and by Saturday noon, Nov. 19th, a heavy cover of snow was to be seen on all sides.

J. A. Troedson was in Cecil on Friday, seeing Julius Klein and Fred Sampest safely on board the local flyer bound for Portland.

Geo. W. Krebs, who has been visiting with his sons at the Last Camp for several months, left on Saturday for his home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Minor spent a day or two at the Last Camp on their return from Portland before leaving for their home in Heppner.

Herbert Hynd, accompanied by Miss Eleanor Furney and Misses A. C. Hynd and A. C. Lowe, all of Cecil, honored the Egg City with a visit on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Henriksen and daughter, Miss Anna Josephine, from their ranch at Hamilton, spent the week end with Mrs. A. Henriksen at Willow Creek ranch.

Herbert Sommerfeldt, who has been visiting friends in Cecil for several weeks, left on Saturday for Prosser, Wash., where he will visit some time before going to his home in Portland.

R. E. Duncan, of Busy Bee ranch left for Condon on Thursday with a truck load of his famous honey. We hear that R. E. has also begun the dairying business. He has invested in a herd of Holsteins quite recently.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe of the Highway House entertained a large party of ladies and gentlemen at dinner on Sunday evening, Miss Ruth VanVactor of Heppner, E. Winstel of Canby and Ed Rietmann of Ione being the guests of honor.

Dwight Misner has been the busiest man in Morrow county during the week airing out his new Oakland sedan car and selling tickets for the Chautauqua which will be held in Ione during the week. Cecil ought to be well represented if all the ticket holders make use of their tickets.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Combest and daughter, from Valdasta, Texas, left for Portland and vicinity on Saturday, after spending some time visiting with their cousin, J. W. Osborn at Cecil. Mr. Combest may decide on returning to locate in Morrow county if he finds nothing suitable elsewhere.

PRES. OF STATE FARM BUREAU TO VISIT COUNTY

Arrangements have been made by C. C. Calkins County Agent, to have G. A. Mansfield, State Farm Bureau president, meet the farmers of Morrow county during the week of December 5-12. During that week afternoon and evening meetings will be held at the following communities of the county:

Boardman, Irrigon, Cecil, Ione, Lexington, Alpine, Heppner, Pine City, Eight Mile and Hardman.

The dates of the different meetings will be announced next week through the county papers.

Mr. Mansfield is now attending a meeting of the National Farm Bureau and with his message from the organized farmers, coupled with his burning desire to help them to a position equal to the one enjoyed by people in other walks of life, will make it worth while the time it will take for every farmer to get to these meetings.

Morrow county expects to have a Farm Bureau equal to any in the other counties, to aid the farmers in meeting their problems.

Convention Is Success.

Pendleton Rebekahs who attended the annual district convention held yesterday in Echo speak high praise for the success of the gathering. The local delegates motored to Echo for the day.

Three hundred Rebekahs were present, among them Mrs. Nettie Whetstone, of Pendleton, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, Mrs. Olive Frye of Heppner, grand assembly marshall, and Mrs. Etta Sanderson of Freewater, inside guardian.

The Freewater team won the silver cup for the degree team work, and Freewater was chosen as the meeting place for the next convention, to be held in 1922. Mrs. Jones of Milton was selected as chairman for the convention, Mrs. Jessie Kirk of Freewater, vice chairman and Mrs. Henry Thompson of Pendleton, conductress.—East Oregonian.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting service each Thursday evening at 7:30.

E. L. MOORE, Pastor.

SUGGESTIVE READING.

You will hear it said that such and such a magazine prints suggestive stories, meaning that they present corrupting ideas in an attractive dress. But there is a suggestiveness also of quite a different sort—the suggestiveness that quickns the reader's sense of duty, stimulates ambition, gives courage to face adversity, fortifies against yielding to temptation. It is this better kind of suggestiveness that you will find on almost every page of The Youth's Companion. Which of these two kinds of suggestiveness would you wish to have exert an influence in your family life?

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
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New subscriptions received at this office.

While R. E. Harbison of Morgan was in town last Saturday he unexpectedly met his old friend, M. H. Nickelsen, who was visiting here from Hood River. Messrs. Harbison and Nickelsen are Oregon pioneers of the long ago but had not met for years, consequently the meeting Saturday was a pleasant and enjoyable one for both gentlemen.—Ione Independent.

Snator Stanfield Will Send Seeds If You Write Him.

Senator R. N. Stanfield writes The Gazette-Times that he has been allotted a small quantity of garden and flower seeds for free distribution. The senator calls attention to the fact that inasmuch as these seeds have cost the government a large outlay in money, there will be no promiscuous distribution, and he desires that they be placed in the hands of those who will use them. He will be glad, however, to mail a portion to each and every citizen desiring them, upon their written request to him at Washington, D. C.

Requests should be sent in immediately so as to reach Senator Stanfield by December first, and the seeds will be mailed out immediately after January first.

Jack Mulligan desires to announce that he will not make another trip to Heppner before spring, and all those desiring to have their pianos tuned should see him now. Will be in Heppner until the first of the coming week.

Leo Hill returned from Portland the last of the week, where he had been to bring up a new Willys-Knight car which he had sold to young Mr. Piper of Piper's Canyon.

Thanksgiving services will be held at the Christian church at 10:30 this forenoon, Rev. E. L. Moore of the Federated church delivering the address.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all General Fund Warrants, registered up to and including May 1st, 1921, will be paid upon presentation at my office on December 6th, 1921. Interest ceases after this date.

T. J. HUMPHREYS,
Cunty Treasurer.

FOR SALE—As I am contemplating leaving Heppner, I am offering my property for sale. Will make reasnable terms. See me at once. E. H. Slocum.—Advertisement. 2t.

OH DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING?

HEPPNER HI LIFE

***Edited By* JUNIOR ENGLISH CLASS**

Calendar.

Nov. 24-25.—Thanksgiving vacation.
Dec. 9.—Lyceum number, DeMarco Company.
Dec. 13.—P.-T. A. meeting.
Dec. 16.—Studentbody play, "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."
Dec. 19.—Lyceum number, Guila Adams.

If our high school may be judged by our studentbody president, then we are evidently a very industrious crowd for Don Case, studentbody president, has recently secured a position in the Heppner postoffice where he will spend practically all of his spare time.

Savory odors of "turkey 'n' trimmins" issued forth from the domestic science rooms last Wednesday evening when the Senior class of '22 enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving banquet. The boys furnished the turkey, and the girls the necessary amount of "trimmins" and cooking to make it a success.

Monday morning, about five minutes after the bell rang, Mr. James came into the assembly and said, "Mr. Heard, aren't you going to call classes?"

Mr. Heard looked around the room at the vacant seats and said, "Classes!"

The attendance of the school Monday was about two-thirds; and two of the teachers, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Turner, were absent. However, Mrs. Clark made her appearance Tuesday morning.

The football game played by our Freshies and those of Lexington last Thursday ended in a tie. Paul Aiken intercepted a forward pass and made a 95-yard run for our only touchdown. The teams were quite evenly matched and the game ended with a score of 7 to 7. Considring the fact that our boys had had no chance to practice they did very good work.

The self-winding clock in the assembly as well as the other rooms has ceased to wind itself, and a clock of days gone by has been resurrected and placed in the study hall.

The jerseys have arrived for the "doughnut" basketball teams and as soon as the 2nd year domestic art class makes the trousers, practice is expected to begin. The Friday after Thanksgiving will be celebrated by some of the boys marking off lines, sweeping floors, and putting up goals in the gymnasium.

In order to more fully understand the organization of national government, the eighth grade civics class organized two political parties. Each party had its candidates for president, vice-president, senators, representatives, attorney-general and speakers. Votes were cast by the class on Friday, and the returns announced Monday.

Monday morning Mr. Heard asked for volunteers to clean up the football suits, as these would have to be laid away on account of having no games for the rest of the season. Several freshmen volunteered to bring tubs and washbboards to begin work Tuesday afternoon.

The football game between Heppner and Pendleton, which was to have been held at Heppner on Saturday, November 19, was cancelled by Pendleton. Owing to the heavy snowfall, it was decided that transportation was impossible. It was a great disappointment to the high school students as they had been eagerly looking forward to this event.

"What's happened?"

"Well! If you aren't taking your Latin home"

"That's the first time I've ever seen you take your Latin home'

These were some of the remarks heard when several pupils were caught in the unusual act of taking their Latin home. But there's a reason. The class has divided into two sections and is having matches on vocabulary drills, and the losing side must treat.

The Junior Class held a candy sale at the wrestling match Saturday. The sale was held for the purpose of raising funds to buy a new pennant, but the amount taken in was very small as the crowd was not very large and the people were too interested in the match. It is hoped that they meet with better success the next time, as the assembly looks rather lonely without a Junior pennant.

Another cartoon has been added to the collection already on the bulletin board. This one is by Harold Case and it is a representation of the effect of the heavy snow on the football season. The title is "The Real White Mule." A white mule represents the snow and he is seen kicking a boy in football togs, which represents the football season.

The cast for the play, "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary" has been chosen and practice was commenced Monday night. The play is the story of how a particular and wealthy old maid is rejuvenated, or made young again, as the result of a visit paid to her gay young nephew and his college friends in the city. Ailene Spreuls takes the part of Aunt Mary and Alvin Boyd that of the happy-go-lucky nephew Jack, who is always able to coax enough money from his fond aunt to get him safely out of the various difficulties in which he is always involved. More detailed accounts of the play will appear in later issues of this paper.

The Work of the Public Health Nurse.

Miss Emma Bunge, the public health nurse, spent Monday inspecting the children of the grades and opportunity room. Miss Bunge inspects each child and if that child shows symptoms of defect, a notice is sent home to the parents requesting that they take the child to their family physician for diagnosis and treatment. The nurse always wants to get acquainted with every parent; she trys to visit as many homes as possible and she is here to help all those who are in need of her.

She is going to have an office in the Odd Fellows building and office hours will be Saturday from 8:30 to 12; the other days are spent in visiting the different schools in the county. She has taken this office in order that those who wish to bring their children to her for inspection or who wish a consultation with her may do so.

Miss Bunge says that the Modern Health Crusade is being taken up by the pupils in different schools in the county. It teaches the pupil clean habits of living and the common sense rules of health.

Many Animals Killed.

Harold Dobyns, champion slayer of coyotes for the United States biological survey's predatory animal department, is in Portland conferring with his chief, Stanley G. Jewett.t Dobyns is working in the Blue mountain region of Eastern Oregon this winter. Since July 17 he has killed 86 predatory animals and during the last 13 days he killed 18 coyotes by poison, according to the Oregon Journal. During October, 15 trappers worked full or part time and took an average of 19 predatory animals per month. The men worked a total of 364 1-2 days and killed 169 coyotes, 28 bobcats, 1 bear, 1 badger and 5 racoons. In addition, 72 porcupines, 11 badgers and 8 skunks were taken but not numbered nor any part saved.

Dorle Lodge to Entertain.

Dorle Lodge No. 20, K. of P. is preparing to entertain the members of that order and their ladies with a big turkey dinner on next Tuesday evening at I. O. O. F. hall. The committees have been at work on this feed for some time past and everything will be in readiness for a good time. Besides the dinner a good program of entertainment will be offered and it is expected that there will be a large gathering of the Knights and their ladies on this occasion.

Grand Worthy Matron Dd Not Reach Heppner.

Mrs. Minnie C. Letson, Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star of Oregon, was to have been in Heppner Monday night to pay an official visit to Ruth Chapter No. 32, but owing to the big storm and the consequent blockade of traffic on the railroad she was unable to reach this city, and the official visit was unavoidably postponed to some future date.

Earl Puryear Is Dead.

Earl Puryear, well known here, passed away last Monday night after a brief illness at his home in Pasco, Wn., where he had been in business. His wife is the daughter of the late W. T. McNabb, and Mrs. McNabb left on the Wednesday morning train for Pasco.—Ione Independent.

Dave Hynd, of Rose Lawn ranch, Sand Hollow, was doing business in Heppner on Saturday.

LOCAL NEWS HAPPENINGS

J. O. Turner and family have been spending the week in the city frm their farm north of Swaggart Buttes.

Pat Foley, proprietor of Patrick hotel, was up from The Dalles over Thursday night last, looking after his interests here.

FOR SALE—Five-room house, or will lease at $20 per month; also almost new range and other furniture. Mrs. Josephine Schempp.—Advertisement.

Oscar Edwards returned home Saturday from Portland, where he had been for a few weeks, helping with the Morrow county exhibit at the stock show.

Harvey Miller came to town Saturday afternoon, expecting to go out on the train Sunday for Salem. He has been in the city since waiting for the train service to start again.

Walter Becket came in from Eight Mile Tuesday with a fine bunch of fat turkeys which he had prepared to forward to the Portland market in time for the Thanksgiving trade.

Miss Beatrice Sperry is home from Portland on a vacation of two weeks duration. Miss Beatrice holds a position in the First National Bank of Portland.—Ione Independent.

Miss Lorena Palmateer, high school teacher, departed this morning for Walla Walla to spend her Thanksgiving vacation visiting with a friend who is a teacher in the schools of that city.

The carnival staged by the Federated Sunday School at I. O. O. F. hall last Friday evening was a pronounced success. It was well attended and there was a lot of fun and a good time for everybody.

J. M. Gambill and family left for Springfield, Ore., their future home, last Wednesday. Ione regrets to lose the Gambill family and the best wishes of the community go with them.—Ione Independent.

Oscar Keithley reports that the big snow storm has been driving the wild geese to the stubble fields in his vicinity. He went out Tuesday and bagged four fine fellows. It is very seldom that geese stop in his part of the county.

Owing to the interrupted train service, it is impossible for us to advertise a definite program this week, but if we receive any films the fact will be made known on our bill boards.

STAR THEATRE.

Dillard French is in the city today. Being an extensive stock raiser he was not so well pleased with the heavy snow but states that he feels better now, that it is melting away slowly. Mr. French is a leading cattleman of the Gurdane district.

Phil Doherty, stockman and farmer of the Ione section, was doing business in Heppner the first of the week. He was not feeling bad over the big storm as the heavy fall of snow will bring a lot of needed moisture to the wheat fields and pasture lands.

A six-pound daughter arrived to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Boyer on Friday, Nov. 18th, at the maternity home of Mrs. G. C. Aiken in this city. Both mother and child are doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer live near Monument.

APPLES—$1.00 AND LESS: I am offering Newton and Spitzenberg cooking and eating apples at $1.00 f. o. b. Hood River, with a discount of 5c on orders of 10 boxes or more. Terms, cash with order. R. L. Clark, R. 1, Box 88, Hood River, Ore.—Advertisement.

L. Monterestelli, manufacturer of tombstones and monuments, has been in Heppner for the past week. He drove over from Pendleton in his car just before the storm, and when he was ready to return home he was unable to do so, either by auto or train.

Mrs. Daisy Becket and son Billy came in from Eight Mile on Tuesday, expecting to take the train for Portland, where she would spend the Thanksgiving vacation with her oldest son, who is attending school in the city this winter. There being no train service she did not get away.

Oris Padberg was in from his farm Saturday and made this office a pleasant call. He states that he has in over 400 acres of wheat, a goodly portion of which was up in fine shape before the snow came, and he was feeling good over the prospect of a big lot of moisture going into the ground.

Dr. Fred E. Farrior started for Heppner Junction on Sunday morning, expecting to meet Mrs. Farrior and son Fred who are on the way home from a visit of several months in Oklahoma. The train got as far as Ione and then returned to Heppner and Mrs. Farrior has had to remain at Pendleton during the blockade.

A. M. Edwards finished up a good well at the farm of Chris Brown a few miles west of Heppner, this week. At a depth of 230 feet a fine flow of water has been secured and Mr. Brown can now proceed to put in a good water system on his place. Mr. Edwards will move his drilling outfit to Lexington, where he will put down a well on the city property of Claud White.

Oscar Keithley came in from Eight Mile on Tuesday with a nice lot of turkeys, which he disposed of locally. He states that the snow fell over the Eight Mile country to the depth of about eighteen inches; this has settled down a lot since by the thawing that has been going on. The last day or so much rain has fallen also and there will be a lot of moisture taken into the ground, the fields being in just the right condition to receive it. The moisture will be of much benefit to the late sown grain.

W. W. Smead got home Saturday evening from Portland. He had been in the city for a couple of weeks or more, attending the Live Stock show and caring for the Morrow county exhibit there. Mr. Smead states that the show was a real success this year, drew large crowds and everyone was well pleased. He also states that there was no doubt in Portland when he left that the 1925 exposition measure to be voted on there Saturday would carry strong; just what will happen to it when taken before the state at large is another question, however, as there seems to be very strong opposition to anything that will add to the burden of taxation.

U. P. SYSTEM TRAFFIC RELATIONS IMPROVED

Union Pacific System Swallows the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific Co.

The announcement has just been made by the traffic authorities of the Union Pacific System of a complete reorganization of that department. The news was somewhat startling at first glance, especially to those whose business relations with that big firm have been more or less friendly and intimate for a long time.

But, as explained by A. S. Edmonds, assistant traffic manager, who has just returned from a big conference meeting in the East, the move is not in any sense revolutionary. Indeed, it rather contemplates unified in place of unit control, and is really in line with what nearly all the big railroad systems have found after years of experience to be the most satisfactory.

Until this announcement was made the Union Pacific System operated under the unit plan. That is, the Union Pacific Company, Oregon Short Line and Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., while comprising the System, were still doing business under their individual titles. In a technical senset his rather limited the activities of its various officers, and to overcome that situation and place all parts of the system in position to deal with the traffic world as a system rather than as three units this reorganization was decided upon.

Under the new arrangement Mr. Edmonds became assistant traffic manager of the Union Pacific System, with headquarters at Portland, instead of traffic manager of the O.-W. R. & N. Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent and H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the O.W., are now general passenger agent and general freight agent, respectively, of the Union Pacific System and are in position to handle System matters as freely as they formerly did O-W. matters.

While Mr. Edmonds was in the East in conference with the traffic authorities at headquarters effecting this reorganization he also atetnded the agricultural inquiry conducted in Congress and several meetings of the Transcontinental Rate Bureau as well. He feels that the new regime was the only logical procedure. The Union Pacific System will now hold the same relation to the traffic world as that of the New York Central, Big Four, Pennsylvania and other big lines composed of a long list of units.

EXPORTERS ATTEMPT TO DODGE GRAIN GRADES

Exporters of the Northwest have been attempting to dodge the Federal Grain Grades and sell their wheat on what they call "Portland Chamber of Commerce Type Sample." It was their contention that as the foreign ports are not acquainted with our grades and are forced to buy on these grades they will go elsewhere for their wheat. While selling on type samples is contrary to the provisions of the Grain Standard Act, yet before forcing a change on Western Exporters the U. S. Department of Agriculture sent an able representative out to hold a hearing at Portland which took place on November 7th. It developed that the exporters desired to use the Federal Grades in buying wheat because it gives them an opportunity to dock the farmers with mixed wheat or with wheat of a lower test weight, but they desire to sell on a type sample because in this way they can sell wheat which is badly mixed, or which only tests 57 to 58 pounds per bushel without designating it as a No. 3, or frequently as mixed wheat. The farmers' contention who were present, was that if the grades were good to buy on they were good to sell on, and that the exporter should label stuff which is shipped out. The Farm Bureaus of Eastern Oregon were pretty well represented at the hearing, Umatilla having five or six men present; Sherman five, Wasco two, and Morrow county was represented by E. M. Hulden, Secretary of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, and the County Agent.

It was pointed out very clearly that we must attempt to reduce the number of commercial varieties grown in the state. There are now sixty-one. Professor Hyslop explained that this ought to be cut to fifteen for the entire state. This would be the greatest help in eliminating mixtures. Although the result of the hearing was not announced at that time there is little doubt but that wheat sold from the Pacific ports hereafter will go out on the Federal Grades and give the farmers an opportunity to know the class of wheat being shipped and determine just what their No. 1 wheat should be worth on the market here.

It is generally known that our best wheat is used at home and that the soft club wheat of the lower grades are exported. It is this class of wheat that has been used in determining what the market should be for wheat which is left at home.

Will Hold Bazaar.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Federated church will hold a Christmas bazaar on Wednesday, December 7th, at the parlors of the church. They will have on sale needle work, cooked and uncooked food. Many useful articles in needle work can be had at this sale.—Advertisement. 2t.

Reid-Shank.

On the evening of November 10th the marriage of Clarence Reid of Heppner, Oregon, and Miss Viola Shank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Shank, was solemnized by Mrs. Grove at the Hachney Hotel, John Day.

Later the young people motored to Mr. Reid's ranch near Heppner where they expect to make their future home.—Blue Mountain Eagle.