

OREGON'S BEAUTY HAS A CASH VALUE

Executive Points Out Need of Retaining State's Scenic Wonder.

Holds Commerce Must Not Rob Citizens of State's Best Asset.

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Editor's Note.—Ben W. Olcott, governor of Oregon, is putting up a hard fight to retain for his state the wonderful beauty given by a generous Nature. His insistence that big interests in securing raw materials, lumber, etc., do not disfigure the landscape when it can be avoided has brought him much contention but it has also brought him the regard of the citizens of the state at large.

What is your state doing to retain its natural beauties that lie within its borders?

Oregon is going to preserve its natural beauties if it takes drastic laws and a supervision of beauty spots by a united agency. Greedy corporations seeking to denude the soil of its mineral and valuable wealth have ruined beyond repair untold thousands of acres of great beauty, other corporations have erected shacks and signs and what not without the slightest regard to their effect on landscapes, blighting views have been made, perplexing horrors and some of the fairest spots in the United States have been made backgrounds for hideous monuments of a careless and powerful industry.

No commonwealth appreciates the need of industrial activity more than Oregon, no state welcomes more readily the coming of business and the production and manufacture of anything that tends to help mankind but Oregon is determined that industry shall not destroy its beauties which such destruction can be obtained without the same result.

Oregon Message.

"Build, produce, create as greatly as is humanly possible" is the message of the state, "but do not forget that the citizens of Oregon will not tolerate the willful or careless marring of a beauty that cannot be replaced, a beauty that was the gift of God and whose presence is a continual if silent power for good, for appreciation of life and a gift for the guests within our confines that is greater than anything you can produce with all the cunning machines born of man."

Separated by the Cascade mountains, Western and Eastern Oregon present two entirely different aspects both from scenic and agricultural standpoints, as well as in climatic conditions. In the Cascades themselves, crossing the northern part of the state, from north to south, nature has deposited a liberal storehouse of scenic wonders, open to the ambitious and energetic who are thrilled by the glory of mountain and lake and stream. Equal to the Alps, far surpassing in its own the Eastern mountains in its own continent, the Cascades may furnish continental enjoyment for a lifetime to those who wish to broaden their horizons and seek for the beauties concealed behind the blue mist and ozone which linger caressingly about their snow capped peaks.

Scenery Is Varied.

To the West of the Cascades, nesting between those majestic mountains and the wonderful Coast Range, lies a series of valleys, such as the Willamette, the Umpqua and the Rogue. From spring to spring these valleys lie mantled in green, dotted by verdant meadows, rich in all of those stories that delight the heart of the agriculturist, watered by never falling streams and producing fruits and products of the fields for the markets of the world.

Along the Pacific Coast in Oregon the country has a charm all its own. The soft, seductive beauties, rugged castles, pinnacles high above the Pacific, standing watch and ward through the centuries. Here among the hills are countless dairy farms, thousands of cattle producing the richest of dairy products and found from Tillamook to the North to Coos and Curry Counties in the far southwest.

Grain and Herds.

To the east of the Cascades an entirely different prospective is presented. Here too there is scenery, magnificent scenery which holds the lover enthralled, but here, in many regions irrigation is king and here are found numerous thriving and prosperous communities gaining their sustenance and life's blood from water. In parts of Eastern Oregon are found the far flung fields of golden wheat, thousands and thousands of acres of them. On the hills are enormous flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. The Central and Eastern parts of the state, all lying to the East of the Cascades, have shown a wonderful development agriculturally and industrially and each have their scenic marvels to lure the visitor on and on.

This state remains one fifth of the standing timber of the United States. In timber is one of our greatest assets from the scenic as well as from the industrial standpoint. It is the duty of the state, while not interfering with industry, to retain those remarkable beauties, which to a large degree are made remarkable by their sylvan content, the greatest forest stretches still left on the American continent.

public expressions emanated from this office as to the necessity for taking steps to permanently preserve these beauties as an asset to ourselves and a rich heritage to posterity. The response received was amazing, although perhaps not so amazing when one considers the importance of the subject matter involved. From every section of the state, from every city and hamlet, from nearly every commercial club and civic organization came offers of co-operation and assistance. The people of Oregon realized the value of their birthright and were demanding its retention.

To Retain Beauties.

Recommendations from the executive office to the legislature brought about the enactment of statutes which paved the way for doing some splendid work along the lines mentioned. The state highway commission under one act is empowered to condemn strips of land along state highways for the purpose of preserving scenic beauties and throughout the state it is made a misdemeanor to destroy or injure trees or shrubbery along the lines of state highways without first receiving the written permission from the state highway engineer.

I am informed that the state highway commission is taking an active interest in this phase of the development of the state, and I look for considerable good to come from these statutes.

In addition to the operation of these laws plans are being put under way for a conference within the near future to be held in conjunction with the executive office at which I expect a number of citizens to take part. The object of this conference will be to form a sort of a state-wide organization, with units in every county and city if necessary, to watch after local conditions and prevent as far as possible destruction of beauty spots in the various localities throughout the state. With public opinion as it is in favor of the preservation of the state's beauties I believe that this may be capitalized with magnificent results for the benefit of the whole state and the benefit of the thousands of tourists and visitors who come to Oregon annually.

Scenery and Dollars.

Our highways which are being paved throughout the state, will lose a great percentage of their value, if the country through which they pass is denuded of its beauties. Aside from sentimentalism there is a dollar value in this movement which means an immense material asset to the people of the state.

I desire to see this movement go ahead and gain an enormous impetus. With the people of the state squarely behind it as they are, I see no reason why Oregon cannot forever remain one of the beauty spots of the world.

COLLECTOR CORRECTS ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION

An Internal Revenue Bulletin, issued on December 29, from the office of Collector of Internal Revenue, Portland, Oregon, is sent out by Collector Clyde C. Huntley, for the purpose of correcting an erroneous impression as to the filing of income tax returns by individuals in which he states that without exception the following persons must file returns for the calendar year 1921:

- Every single person who had a net income of \$1,000 or more;
 - Every married person who had a net income of \$2,000 or more;
 - Every head of a family who had a net income of \$1,000 or more.
- The exemption for dependants under 18 years of age has been increased from \$200 to \$400 but a return must be made in order for the taxpayer to claim exemption. In other words, a return must be filed although the taxpayer may not be liable to the payment of a tax after claiming the exemption to which he is entitled under the law.

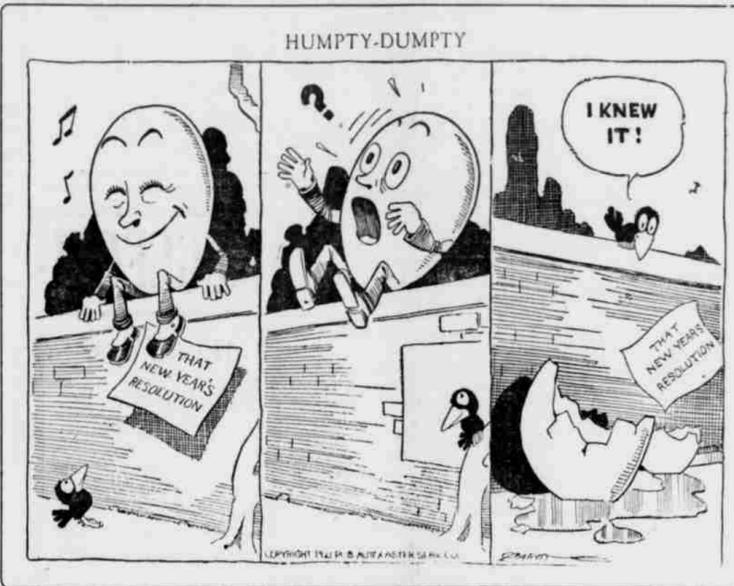
"In addition," explained Collector Huntley, "a new feature of the law provides that every person who had a gross income during the year 1921 of \$5,000 or more must make a return regardless of his net income."

"This means that every man or woman whose gross income for the year was \$5,000 or more is required to make a return regardless of the fact that this sum may not have netted him a cent of profit. This phase of the law applies largely to persons engaged in independent business enterprise in which the taxpayer includes any gross earnings by any person regardless of the element of profit."

"This provision of the law undoubtedly will result in materially increasing the number of income tax returns that will be filed."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, Administrator of the Estate of Bernard F. Doherty, deceased; and that all persons having claims against the said estate must present the same, duly verified according to law, to me at the office of Attorney C. E. McMenamin, in Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: January 29, 1922.



White Christmas Observed By the Federated Church

The Federated church and Sunday school observed "White Christmas" at the church last Sunday morning, and it was an occasion that will long be remembered by the large audience present. The primary department's songs with a personal gift laid at the foot of a white cross were followed by class gifts from the rest of the school, totaling nearly \$150. Christmas music by the choir with a solo, "Silent Night," by Mrs. Darbee, added largely to the Christmas spirit. A strong appeal by Pastor Moore for personal consecration brought a noble response from a large portion of the Sunday school.

An Appreciation.

We wish to thus publicly express our sincere appreciation of the many kind expressions of good will that came to us during the Christmas season. The many gifts have a value far in excess of their intrinsic worth, and together with the great number of season's greetings prompt us to exclaim, "Blessed be the God that blesses!" We feel that in the only manner in which we can adequately express our appreciation, is the offering of ourselves anew, as servants of this community. May a Happy New Year be yours. THE LIVINGSTONES.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
January 1, 1922.

Be It Resolved,

That I will give more time and attention to my spiritual welfare; that I have hitherto given, that I shall find its expression in helping others, and that the avenue of the Church shall be the primary channel of expression. That I will work instead of loaf, love instead of hate, live instead of exist.

How about the above for our New Year resolution? Regular church services on Sunday, Bible school at 10 o'clock, Sunday school and preaching 11 o'clock, Christian Endeavor 6:30, preaching and song service at 7:30. A Happy and Joyous New Year to All.

Ball-Christopherson.

The marriage of Elmer Ball and Nina Christopherson young people of the Ione section, was solemnized in this city on December 22, at the home of W. O. Livingston, who officiated. Mr. Ball is a successful farmer residing near Ione, and the young people will continue to make their home there.

Miss Addie Deshberry, teacher in Heppner schools, departed for Gresham on Saturday to spend Christmas week with the folks at home. She was accompanied by Miss Myra Johnson, who will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson.

Bert Johnson of Ione made this office a very pleasant call while in the city yesterday. He is one of the busy farmers in his section, and interested in all that tends to promote the best interests of his community. Together with Henry Smouse they have been rehabilitating the old school house located in the south end of district No. 9, where Mrs. Werner Rietmann is teaching this winter. Recently an entertainment and bazaar was given at the Zink home for the purpose of raising funds to care for the work done on the schoolhouse, and the results were very gratifying. A net sum of nearly \$300 being realized. With this money and the work donated the old school building is being put in good shape to house the youngsters who are attending school there.

Rev. I. N. Hughes and wife of Troy, Idaho, and their two sons, Arroy, Hughes of Benton City, Wash., and G. M. Hughes of Kiona, Wash., arrived in Heppner Monday evening to be present at the funeral of Ora E. Adkins on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are the parents of Mrs. Adkins and they formerly resided in Heppner, at which time Mr. Hughes was engaged in the mercantile business here. He is now pastor of the M. E. church, south, at Troy, Idaho.

SOLDIER DEBT ACT IS VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Olcott, in turning down Bill, Declares Same to Be a Reflection on Honesty of Ex-Servicemen.

Senate bill No. 1, approved by the special session of the legislature, providing that cash or loans received by ex-servicemen under the so-called bonus act shall be exempt from attachment for debts contracted by the beneficiaries prior to the effective date of the bonus amendment to the constitution, was on December 27, vetoed by Governor Olcott.

The bill was introduced by Senator Jay Upton of Crook county. In his veto message Governor Olcott said: "I herewith return senate bill No. 1, with my disapproval. As near as can be determined from the reading of this very loosely drawn bill it has for its purpose the exemption of ex-servicemen from payment of debts contracted prior to receipt by them of their cash or cash bonus under the veterans' aid act."

Bill Held Reflection.

"I consider this piece of legislation an unwarranted reflection on our ex-servicemen. I have only the highest faith in the integrity and honor of those men who entered their country's service. I am certain that they have no wish or desire to be placed in a class where they would be exempt from the payment of any portion of their honest debts. I am reluctant to believe that a soldier, ex-serviceman would welcome, or even desire, the passage of such legislation."

Revival Meetings Now In Progress At Lexington

The Church of Christ is starting the meeting with home evenings one week before the arrival of evangelist F. W. Zook.

Evangelist F. Wallace Zook and family are to be with the Church of Christ in the meeting on New Year's Day. A splendid meeting is already in progress this week with the local minister, Arthur A. Harriman doing the preaching. Great interest is already being manifested. Four had been added in the first three services by Monday night. Others are coming. This is a splendid start and will mean much toward a great meeting with the evangelist arriving.

Lexington is indeed fortunate in being able to secure an evangelist of the type of Mr. Zook, as he is one of the sturdiest men of the Churches of Christ. He just recently closed the strongest meeting ever held at Springfield, Oregon, resulting in over 60 additions, many of which were grown men and women. Whole families came. The San Bernardino, California, Evening Telegram has this to say concerning the meeting: "Persons who have attended one or more services at the tabernacle, Sixth and F streets, since he leaves a wife and one child, a daughter three years of age, besides his parents and several brothers and sisters to mourn his early departure."

Farm Bureau Investigating Financing of Our Farmers

E. M. Hadden, secretary-treasurer of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, is at the head of a committee which will take such steps as appear necessary to secure proper financing for the farmers for spring work.

A contract was signed with the Moline Plow and Implement company making it possible for all Farm Bureau members to make a saving of 15 to 20 per cent on all machinery handled by that firm.

Chaplain Rexroad Here.

Rev. C. A. Rexroad, who is pastor of the M. E. church at Milton, was in Heppner over Tuesday, being called here to officiate at the funeral of the late Ora E. Adkins. Chaplain Rexroad was with the 31st division in France, as head chaplain, and spent two years of service on the front there. During this time he officiated at the burial of 1449 of our boys who fell on the field of battle, keeping a complete record of this number. He passed through very trying experiences during his service, and states that there was never one of the boys laid away in his far off land that did not strike the very tenderest cords of sympathy in his heart. He became very familiar with the scenes of death and destruction round about him, but notwithstanding all this he did not become "hard boiled," and in the burial of the soldier dead he never forgot that he was addressing the last sad rites to a departed hero. Chaplain Rexroad is a very pleasant Christian gentleman, and we are pleased to acknowledge a call from him, though it was necessarily brief.

Harley Wright of Hardman Dies.

Harley Wright, well known young stockman of the Hardman section, died at his home at that place on Thursday, December 22, aged 27 years.

Schunk-Barlow

At 2:30 in the afternoon of Christmas day, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Barlow in this city, occurred the marriage of their second daughter, Miss Flora to Rev. A. G. Schunk of Clackamas county. Rev. W. O. Livingston, pastor of the Christian church, officiating. After spending a few days here, Mr. and Mrs. Schunk will take their departure for California where they will make their future home.

Legion Will Hold Smoker.

A smoker has been arranged by the Legion boys to be given at the pavilion on Friday evening, at which time boxing and wrestling will be featured. Valentine and Llewellyn will appear as stars in the boxing arena, while Harry Bauman and Harry Turner will wipe up the mat in a lively go at the wrestling game. There will be other features too, and all will be handed out for an admission fee of 25 cents.

LOCAL NEWS HAPPENINGS

FOR TRADE.—Houses and two lots for light truck or car.—Advertisement. Mr. Lucey T. Wedding, principal of the Arlington school, has been spending this week in Heppner, visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hopper are spending the holidays with friends at Arlington and Portland. They departed on Saturday.

Jared Aikin is home this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Aikin. He is attending Columbia university this winter.

After spending a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Chick, in this city, Chas. Chick returned to Eugene Monday. He is a student of the U. of O.

Mrs. J. E. Maxwell arrived home from San Francisco the last of the week. She has been spending a couple of months in the south, visiting with her daughter.

Arthur Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell, is here this week from Eugene, enjoying the holidays with the home folks. He is a student at U. of O.

Ellis Minor and family of Ione, have been spending the holiday week visiting at the home of Mrs. Minors' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor, in this city.

Miss Alma Akers, who is working in the phone office at Arlington, came up to Heppner on Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Akers.

County Clerk J. A. Waters went to Portland on Friday to spend Christmas with his family, who are residing in the city for the winter. He returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. H. Morrison, one of our teachers, left for Portland on Saturday to enjoy the holidays with her folks, and also attend the meeting of the State Teachers association.

Dr. Chick reports the arrival of twin daughters on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauch of South Springs. The little girls are reported to be doing well.

Some indication of a chinook today, and a moderating in the weather seems to be coming. It will be a relief to wood piles and coal bins, and an altogether acceptable change.

Mrs. O. W. Swaggart of Pendleton is spending the week in Heppner, enjoying a visit with her many old-time friends. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Yashti Swaggart.

ORA E. ADKINS PASSES TO THE GREAT BEYOND

Ora E. Adkins answered death's summons at his home on Eighth Mile at 6:58 a. m. Sunday, December 25, aged 43 years and 1 month.

Last summer Mr. Adkins went to Rochester, Minn., where he was operated on for stomach trouble and the removal of intestinal cancer. The operation was a very severe one, but he passed through it well and came home with bright prospects for his ultimate recovery. The disease had fastened itself upon him and had progressed so far that there was a very grave question as to whether he could go through the operation at all. Local physicians and Portland physicians advised the trip to Rochester, and Mr. Adkins, while fully realizing the grave situation, was extremely optimistic, and his splendid courage no doubt was responsible for his getting through the ordeal as rapidly and well as he did at the time.

He continued to show improvement for some time after returning home, but it became apparent a short time ago that his wounds were not healing properly, adhesions taking place to such an extent that serious complications were setting in. This condition could not be relieved, though all was done that apparently could be, and Mr. Adkins grew gradually weaker, the end coming rather suddenly on Christmas morning.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Adkins in this city on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. A. Rexroad of Milton, delivering a short and very impressive address based upon the scripture, "In death courage no doubt was responsible for his getting through the ordeal as rapidly and well as he did at the time."

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1921 WHEAT CROP BIGGEST IN HISTORY

Morrow County Wheat Yield Exceeded 2,000,000 Bushels Last Year.—Reports Gathered in from Various Warehousemen by County Agent Calkins.

Reports from various warehousemen and the elevators of the county just obtained by County Agent C. C. Calkins, show that they have taken in a little over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat of the 1921 production up to the present time. This is an agreeable surprise to every one and exceeds what the most optimistic warehouseman has hoped for. It is pleasing to know that it exceeds even the 1915 yield, which was the bumper year for the county.

Not only has the total yield been increasing, but the yield per acre as well. This has been due not so much to climatic conditions as to the introduction of high producing strains of the best adapted varieties and the introduction and adoption of better farming methods.

It is interesting to note the rapid change that has been made in the wheat varieties grown in the past few years in this section. Where bluestem and forty fold used to hold forth, the actual warehouse records at McNabb station near Ione show that 89 per cent of the wheat received there this year was Turkey red, most of the balance being made up of club wheats. The percentage differs slightly at Ione, with the percentage of Turkey ranging around 60.

Forty fold makes up about 15 per cent of the receipts there, most of which comes from the section to the south and west of Ione. Club wheats rank third there, making up about 10 per cent of the total receipts.

At Heppner the actual records of one of the houses showed that Turkey red made up but 14 per cent of the bulk while bluestem and forty fold each provide one third of the production. The club wheats make up the remainder of the total with the other varieties, most of which is Marquis, furnishing the other 1 per cent.

The best figures available over the county at this time show the following percentages of the different varieties are grown. These figures are shown along with the figures furnished in 1919 for the purpose of comparison. They are for the entire county:

Variety	1919	1921
Turkey Red	7	59
Bluestem	25	13
Club Wheats	10	13
Forty Fold	40	11
Early Haart	5	2
Marquis and others	1	1

It will be noticed that the percentage of bluestem has been cut in half in two years, while there is only about one-fourth the forty fold raised that there was two years ago. Turkey red has been increased about 500 per cent.

The census reports for 1919 gave the acreage in wheat in this county at 102,000. For the same year the records of the county assessor, which is more accurate, placed the wheat acreage at 137,000. His records for 1921 show the amount of land sown to wheat in the county to be 141,000 acres. It can be seen by this that the increase in acreage sown has not kept pace with the increase in the total yield.

The county agent, cooperating with the Farm Bureau, is taking more definite steps to determine the worth of the different varieties of wheat grown in the different sections.

Large Crowd Enjoys Legion Christmas.

A very large crowd gathered on Christmas evening at the Pavilion on the fair grounds, where the members of Heppner Post No. 37, American Legion had arranged a beautiful community Christmas tree. There was an appropriate program, such as E. L. Moore and Rev. E. L. Moore each gave short addresses appropriate to the occasion and Mrs. Walter Moore furnished beautiful music on the piano. The legion boys had prepared a treat and a present for each child of the community under ten years of age, and following the program Santa Claus appeared and handed out the gifts to the great delight of the youngsters. And the older ones enjoyed the occasion immensely because the children had been made so happy. In this community Christmas, the first attempted by the legion boys, another star of success has been added to their honor roll.

"Moonshine Bill" was evidently on the job in good shape the day before Christmas at Heppner. A number of arrests were made and the county jail was filled to capacity with those who thus were compelled to put in their Christmas day celebration. Harley and Ed Matteson and Frank Crowdon were among those landed, along with some of the evidence they were peddling out. Ed Kirk had been deputized by Sheriff McDiuffee to help in gathering in the booze dispensers, and he did a pretty good job. Willis Stewart was also taken up on a similar charge, and he and Crowdon were taken into justice court, where Judge Cornett heard their pleas of guilty and assessed each with fine of \$150. Stewart had paid his fine and Crowdon is trying to dig out the two Mattesons will be taken to Portland Saturday, a couple of deputies from the U. S. Marshall's office being expected here tomorrow to take them in charge. Just what will happen to them remains to be divulged by future proceedings.

Endeavorers to Hold Watch Party.

The Christian Endeavor societies of the Federated and Christian churches will combine in holding a watch party on Saturday evening. The party will be held at L. O. O. F. hall, beginning at 8 o'clock.

And Harley of Aberdeen, Washington, besides a host of other relatives and friends in this community, who will always remember him as an upright citizen, a kind and considerate neighbor and loving husband and father. He was a life-long member of the Methodist church and died not as one having no hope, but in the triumph of truth and abiding faith.