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## CHRISTIAN CHURCH BURNED TO GROUND

Structure Erected 25 Years Ago, Now in Ruins.—Congregation Will Move to Rebuild at Once.

Fire, undoubtedly caused by a defective flue, completely destroyed the First Christian church building on Saturday evening shortly after 5 o'clock. When first discovered, the fire was between the ceiling and the roof and next to the flue leading up from the furnace. An alarm was promptly given but before the water was turned on from the Gale street fire hydrant, the roof was ablaze and the flames were spreading to the ceiling over the main auditorium, and despite the efforts of firemen to check the flames, it was soon decided that the building was doomed, and all that could be done was to keep it so confined that residences adjoining would be saved. This was successfully done, and the south wall of the building was kept from falling in, thus keeping the heat from reaching the residence of Vawter Crawford, standing less than forty feet away. The wind was also favorable—in fact there was no wind except that created by the fire itself, and residences across the street on the east and west were in but little danger at any time.

The building is a total wreck from the flames but the greater portion of the furniture and fixtures were carried out before the walls fell in. The seats were all saved, and these can be used in a new building when that is constructed.

The fire comes as a severe blow to the congregation just at this particular time. Insurance carried amounted to but \$2000—\$1500 of this being on the building and \$500 on furniture and fixtures.

The announcement is made that the building will be replaced at once. The clearing of the grounds of the debris will start immediately upon the adjustment of the loss, and the work is to go on until a fine new church building takes the place of the one destroyed.

The church had been used on Saturday afternoon during the funeral services for the late Silas A. Wright, and a fire had been made in the furnace. This had no doubt had plenty of time to die out before the fire was discovered an hour or two later by Rev. W. O. Livingstone and some of the Boy Scouts who were holding a committee meeting in the house at the time. The Boy Scouts had made no fire in the building at all, but they were the first to respond and give the alarm, and they were also on the job all through Saturday night to guard the embers and see that the fire did not break out anew and endanger adjoining property. The good work these little fellows did is evidence of their worth to the community. The services of the church have not been interrupted, and they will be continued in the Prophet building next door to the First National bank, where the congregation will meet until other arrangements are made.

Emmett Jones got home on Sunday evening from a visit of a couple of weeks in Portland and other Willamette valley points. He is again on the job with the delivery truck.

T. H. Nichols, leading farmer of Lexington, was in the city for a short time today. This office acknowledges a very pleasant call from Mr. Nichols.

## R. E. CREGO PROMOTED TO GRANTS PASS STATION

Ralph E. Crego, who has been local manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. in this city for the past two years and more, has been promoted to a similar position at Grants Pass, and will take his departure for that city in the morning. This comes as a promotion to Mr. Crego, as the Grants Pass station is much larger than ours, and a boost in salary goes along with the promotion. Mr. Crego is succeeded by Roy Pickens from Baker, the latter arriving here on Monday to take up his duties. He expects his family within a very short time and they will be domiciled in the residence made vacant by the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Crego. In leaving Heppner, the very best wishes of the entire community go with Mr. and Mrs. Crego. They have proven themselves to be splendid young people, such as we hate to part with, and they made a large circle of friends while here. Mr. Crego also leaves the local exchange in fine shape, with harmony existing between patrons and company, largely due to his efforts.

## LXINGTON P. T. A. MEETS

Chester Lyons, of Judge Kanzler's Court of Domestic Relations in Portland, will address the Lexington P. T. A. Thursday afternoon, March 2, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Mr. Lyons has worked with Jane Adams at the Hull House and has had a great deal of experience with boys. During the summer time Mr. Lyons manages the Big Brother farm at Lebanon, where he cares for unfortunate boys several weeks at a time.

Mr. Lyons will address us on one of the following subjects: "Dad and Ma," "The Boys' World," "The Five Keys that Unlock a Boy's Heart," or "The Bad Boy."

Every father and mother who is interested in their children should be present and hear Mr. Lyons on the subject of boys. An offering will be taken for the benefit of the Big Brother farm.

Mr. Lyons will speak at Lone Wednesday evening, March 1, and at Heppner Thursday evening March 2.

## Card of Thanks.

We desire to sincerely thank all the friends and neighbors who so kindly sympathized with us and helped us through the hours of our bereavement, in the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, Silas A. Wright.

Mrs. Silas A. Wright and children.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1 2000-gallon Armo iron gas tank. Will sell or trade for horses. Write Marre Barnett Cooper, Wasco, Oregon. 2t.

## Minor & Company Preparing To Move To New Quarters

The firm of Minor and Company are making preparations to move their stock of merchandise out of the I. O. O. F. building, where they have been located for the past 20 years, and will return up Main street to the building which they vacated when they took up their present quarters. This building was lately occupied by the music store of Oscar R. Otto, and is Heppner's first brick store room, built originally for the business of H. Blackman and Company. Some repair work is being done on the building in preparation for the Minor and Co. stock and the move into new quarters will be begun about April 1.

## SQUIRREL CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED BY COUNTY AGT.

The ever present squirrel will be with us again this year and it is well for the farmers in each community to plan their campaign immediately. In order to get the work started in each community about the same time and in order to give everyone the benefit of the most effective poison formula arrangements have been made by the county agent's office to hold poison mixing demonstrations in each community where squirrels are an important factor. These will be held for the most part at ranch houses conveniently located in the different communities. Schedule of the meetings appears below:

Thursday, February 23, 2 p. m., C. D. Morey, Alpine.

Friday, February 24, 10 a. m., E. R. Turner, North Lone; 2 p. m., Morgan store, Morgan.

Saturday, February 25, 10 a. m., E. Heliker ranch, Lone; 2 p. m., in Lone. Monday, February 27, 10 a. m., J. O. Kincaid ranch, Lone; 2 p. m., Dry Fork school house, Gooseberry.

Tuesday, February 28, 10 a. m., Rugg Bros., Rhea Creek.

Wednesday, March 1, 10 a. m., Rufus Snyder, Blackhorse; 2 p. m., Frank Moore, Willow creek above Lexington.

Thursday, March 2, 10 a. m., Ed Hunt, south of Heppner.

R. T. Jackson from the U. S. Biological survey will assist the county agent in these demonstrations. Poison will be furnished free and it is expected that each farmer bring in the grain he wants poisoned, preferably oats, and when the mixing demonstration is over each farmer will take home the amount of grain that he brought poisoned and ready for use. While wheat can be used it will be better to procure oats if possible in order to save the small birds. It will be necessary to use a small amount of syrup, soda and starch, and if convenient these should be provided in each community, if not the county agent will have a supply along and only enough will be charged to cover the cost of these materials. Every farmer in the communities listed should be present at the meeting promptly at the time scheduled.

C. C. CALKINS, County Agent.



## EARLY SEED POTATOES SHOULD BE ORDERED NOW

Potato diseases cause a greater reduction in yield than any other factor. The easiest way to avoid these diseases is by purchasing certified seed potatoes. There is only a limited amount of this stock in the state and in order to help out farmers desiring to get this seed located in different points in the county the county agent's office has been endeavoring to locate pure seed. It is evident that certified seed will cost about \$3 per hundred and it will cost approximately \$1.25 per hundred to get this seed in by local freight whereas rates in carload lots is around 30 cents a hundred, therefore there would be a great advantage in grouping orders. Every man who might be interested should send in a list to the county agent immediately and we will see if we can't get enough to make a carload shipment. All potatoes would have to be paid for before the order was sent.

No potatoes should be planted without first being treated for disease. The best method is to soak for one and a half hours to two hours in a solution made by putting four ounces of corrosive sublimate in 30 gallons of water. This is a deadly poison so look out for your solution and your treated potatoes. Formalin can be used but is not near as effective.

C. C. CALKINS, County Agent.

## Lexington Church of Christ.

The attendance and interest of the Bible school is keeping up splendidly. Let's keep it up to the 100 mark in attendance. All of the church's work shows an awakened interest since the meeting. Sunday morning sermon: "Light and Darkness." Sunday evening sermon: "Repentance." Good live sermons on the sound Bible teaching and good music. A warm welcome awaits your coming.

ARTHUR A. HARRIMAN, Minister.

Assessor J. J. Wells returned home on Sunday from Portland, where he had been for several days during the week on business and pleasure. He enjoyed a pleasant visit with Judge C. C. Patterson and his good wife, and reports Mr. Patterson getting along as well as usual, and always glad to see the friends from Heppner.

## ACCOUNT BOOKS FOR FARMS IN DEMAND

R. V. Gunn's discussion at Farmers' Week of the business side of farming which revealed the cost of wheat production and the factors that make up the total cost also revealed to those present that the business side of farming had been greatly neglected and that a set of books which would serve the farmers could be kept with but little trouble and inconvenience.

In order to assist the farmers in keeping this record the farm management office at Corvallis has compiled a very simple and convenient farm account book which is being purchased by banks over the state and distributed to their patrons free of charge. Many inquiries are coming to the office for these books and for the convenience of the people interested we will state that the First National bank of Heppner and the Bank of Lone have informed us that they have a supply of these books and they will be distributed to their customers free.

Any farmer securing these books who desires to make the greatest use of them and in turn be able to summarize his business and analyze the cost entering into the matter of production will be assisted by calling on the county agent at any time.

C. C. CALKINS, County Agent.

## Patron-Teachers to Hear Superintendent of Boys' Home

The regular monthly meeting of the Patron-Teachers association will be held on Tuesday, March 2, in the evening, at the high school auditorium. At this time there will be an address by Chester Lyons, of the Big Brother farm of Lebanon, Oregon, on a subject pertaining to boys. There will also be other numbers of interest on the program, and it is desired that there be just as large an attendance as possible on this date. Mr. Lyons will have a subject that all parents are interested in and he should be greeted with a large audience.

## APPRECIATION

The membership of the First Christian Church of Heppner unitedly extend their thanks and appreciation to all who so willingly and fearlessly gave assistance in an endeavor to extinguish the fire that destroyed their church building on Saturday afternoon. The response was splendid, and the heroic work in saving the furniture and fixtures is appreciated more than mere words can express.

Especially do we thank the Boy Scouts for their faithful and prompt work during the fire; they were the first to discover the fire and they seemed to know just what was to be done. They also remained on guard during the hours of the chill night, seeing that there was no outbreak of the fire that would endanger adjoining property.

To the members of the Episcopal church and the Federated church, who so graciously extended to us the use of their houses of worship, we are grateful; they manifested the true Christian spirit and were found to be friends indeed.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH,**  
Spencer Akers, Clerk. Vawter Crawford, Chairman.

## LOCAL NEWS HAPPENINGS

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Paul. Gal. 6:8. Suggested by Livingstone.

Dr. D. R. Haylor here March 6 and 7.

PIANO TUITION—Experienced, capable tuition by Mrs. Bessie Bruce Gibb, at the Wattenburger house. 1f.

Miss Alma Akers returned home on Monday from a visit of some two weeks at Portland and Arlington.

George Moore has the contract of filling in and grading up the north end of Main street to join up with the state highway. He is now busy with the work and expects to have it done in short order.

Miss Bernice Woodson returned home from Salem on Tuesday evening. She was one of the delegates from the Christian Endeavor society of the Federated church to the state convention in Salem last week.

The official board of the Christian church will meet at the home of the pastor this (Thursday) evening and the new church movement will be thoroughly organized, and as quickly as the loss is adjusted operations will begin.

Don Case and Raymond Ferguson, representatives to the state convention of Christian Endeavor in Salem during the week-end, returned home Tuesday evening. They report having had a splendid time while in the capitol city.

Arthur Gammell, Lexington farmer, was in the city for a short time on Monday. He would be pleased to see a little improvement in weather conditions, roads, etc., all of which would have a tendency to make life for the rural resident a little more pleasant.

J. S. Carter who resides in the west end of the city, has been a very sick man for the past two weeks, suffering from the effects of an attack of grip and gatherings in the head. His illness has caused him intense suffering but at this time he is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Neva Claugh and Miss Alma Devin returned on Wednesday from Salem and Portland. They attended the state convention of Christian Endeavor at Salem the latter days of last week and remained over for a couple of days in Portland to visit with friends.

Mrs. C. W. Shurte, our county superintendent, who was laid up at home for a number of weeks while recovering from injuries received in falling on the pavement at Portland, is now on "official duty" again, and went out to Boardman on Monday to make the school there a visit.

## Wheat Ranch Bargain.

If you can raise \$7,500 cash as first payment I can let you have one-third crop payments a 1040-acre pure wheat ranch, near in, only 10 acres waste land, good improvements and well watered, for \$27.50 per acre, including 530 acres seeded. Like finding it. See me at once.

E. M. SHUTT.

## HEPPNER HI LIFE

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## CALENDAR.

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March 2—P. T. A. special evening meeting.

March 4—Basketball game. Heppner vs. Lexington at Lexington.

March 11—Basketball game. Pilot Rock vs. Heppner at Heppner.

A part of the music period each day is being taken for practice of individual parts of the operetta, "The Gypsy Rover," which will be given this year.

## FRESHMAN PARTY.

The three upper classes were entertained by the freshmen last Friday evening in a very enjoyable and original manner; the occasion being a Valentine party.

Each person had been previously asked to bring a valentine, and these were put in a large box as soon as they arrived. When everyone had assembled, they were given cards with several topics written on them and were told to find partners with whom to discuss them for three minutes.

As soon as these topics had been exhausted every person was given a letter of the alphabet. We found that these were to be used to spell the name of four presidents, each name occupying one corner of the room. Although some of the "letters" persisted in wandering around

## ANOTHER CHAPTER IN JOHN DAY CASE

Judge G. W. Phelps Writes Memorandum Opinion on Case of N. P. R. Vs. John Day Directors.

In a memorandum opinion written by Judge Gilbert W. Phelps and delivered under date of February 18, is reviewed the proceedings of the suit brought by certain property owners within the John Day Irrigation District, against the district, the directors of the district, and against John H. Lewis, engineer, and certain officials of the district. The purpose of the suit being to enjoin the payment of certain warrants, and the collection of an assessment levied for the purpose of obtaining funds with which to pay the warrants.

In the outset the plaintiffs challenged the legality of the organization, and the constitutionality of the act under which the district was organized. The questions have by prior ruling of Judge Phelps, been decided contrary to plaintiffs' contentions.

The proceedings further attacked two contracts entered into by the board of directors with John H. Lewis, engineer, under the first of which he was to receive a compensation of \$60,000, and under the second he was to receive an additional compensation of some \$44,000.

The court holds the first of these contracts to be valid as to the work done to the point where it was discovered that the project was not financially feasible, without bringing in additional lands, comprising an area of about 110,000 acres and entailing the additional expense of some \$44,000. As to the work done beyond that point the court holds the contract void and not binding upon the district.

The court further holds that Lewis is entitled to payment of the reasonable value of the work actually done up to the point indicated, this being a matter of settlement between Lewis and the board of directors as now constituted; that if such settlement cannot be had with the board, then Mr. Lewis can report to a court of

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## First Christian Church.

February 26, 1922.

Burned to the ground, but not one whit discouraged. We have secured the Prophet building one door north of the First National bank, where we expect to meet until a better place is provided. We have secured additional rooms for overflow Bible school purposes, and can even take care of a larger Bible school than ever. Everything will be snug and ready for next Lord's Day; everyone be on time. God is testing us now. Let us respond like the real men that we are, and God will do the rest. Bible school at 10 o'clock, Communion and preaching 11. Intermediate Christian Endeavor 3 p. m., Senior Christian Endeavor 6:30 and song service and preaching at 7:30. LIVINGSTONE, Minister.

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