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AID TO FARMERS IS STILL DELAYED

E. M. Hulden, extensive farmer of Blackhorse, has returned from Portland where he has been spending the past two months, and is again looking after the affairs of his farm.

Mr. Hulden was appointed to represent the Morrow County Farm Bureau organization in an effort that was being put forth to get aid for our farmers and stockmen from the War Finance board. Going to Portland, Mr. Hulden has been quite busy during the past two months, working in conjunction with Dr. C. J. Smith, who is an extensive land owner of Eastern Oregon, S. F. Wilson, and Mr. Jewett of the Grain Growers association.

Dr. Smith was sent to Washington to interview the War Finance board, and he offered them as security for any loans they might make, liens on crops and sheep. This plan did not appeal to the board, however, and Dr. Smith was instructed to return and proceed with the formation of a corporation to handle the funds that might be loaned, the suggestion including the territory of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana and the northern part of California, and before this work was fairly under way the War Finance board reversed themselves, and the matter was left in an unsettled condition as at the beginning.

Mr. Hulden states that negotiations are being carried on, however, with some encouragement, but it seems to be well settled that the people at Washington do not want to take security on crops alone and the plans presented would imply that the loans should run for a longer period than our people desire. It is felt that by being helped over the present year, our farmers and stockmen can then return to the local financial institutions and be carried as heretofore. The help is therefore of a temporary nature, and the recovery of the farm and stock business of this section will not require that our people be tied up to the War Finance board for a longer period than one year.

Geo. Bleakman Gets Heppner-Parkers Mill Mail Contract

Commissioner G. A. Bleakman has secured the contract to carry the mail on the route between Heppner and Parkers Mill. This job has been held for a number of years by J. C. Owen of this city, and his contract expires at the end of June. Mr. Bleakman states, however, that he may take over the contract for the unexpired term for Mr. Owen, and in that event he will go on the job immediately, otherwise it will be the first of July before he takes up the work.

A wedding was solemnized on last Thursday at the office of District Attorney Notson at the court house, Judge Campbell uniting in marriage Clayton H. Ayers, son of Jas. T. Ayers of Butter creek, and Miss Bertha Ritchie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ritchie of Lexington. The young people will continue to make their home in this county.

At Troedson, Otto Lindstrom, Wait Crawford, Wid Palmateer and Charley Gray were Morgan citizens in Heppner yesterday to meet with the district boundary board and acquaint themselves with the law concerning the changing of boundaries of school districts. Mr. Troedson states that they still have some pretty cold weather and he is hoping there will be a change for milder weather soon that the spring work may commence. So far the condition of the growing crop seems to be O. K.

Sydna Della Wright Passes Into Beyond

Sydna Della Wright passed away at the home of her mother, Mrs. Martha Wright in this city on Thursday, February 23, 1922, aged 28 years, 11 months and 16 days. For years Miss Wright had been an invalid and for several months past she had been growing gradually worse, and the end was not unlooked for by her family. Her father, Silas A. Wright, had passed away just one week before, and the family has certainly suffered its portion of grief and sorrow. Her mother, Martha Wright and her mother, the saxes and sisters survive: Alonzo of Nampa, Idaho; Pearl M., Moses A., Delbert and Orain, all of Heppner. Funeral services were held at the residence on Saturday afternoon, Rev. W. O. Livingstone, pastor of the Christian church, to which the deceased belonged, officiating.

LEXINGTON HOME BURNS

At 12 o'clock Wednesday the T. L. Dorman residence on C street was destroyed by fire. The home was occupied by Frank Keefer and family, and being situated a long distance from the fire hydrant it was not possible to reach it with water. Some of the household effects of Mr. Keefer were saved from the down stairs rooms, but everything upstairs was destroyed with the dwelling. The house was owned by George Peck, and carried no insurance, we are informed.

Play Presented at Lexington Was Decided Success

The play, "A Prairie Rose," presented by the young peoples' class of the Congregational Sunday school at Lexington on last Thursday evening was a decided success in every way. There was a large audience in spite of the cold and snow storm. The attention of the audience was held for two and a half hours of the play in a manner that proved each character was perfectly sustained. Many times the players were forced to wait until the audience could suppress their laughter before they could proceed.

"Uncle Sil" was the special favorite both in his irresistible myth, and in his pathetic love for little "Rosie." The people were so well pleased with the entire performance that they have called for the presentation of the play again, and a formal request was presented to the cast to this effect. The play will therefore be put on again as requested at the High school auditorium in Lexington on Friday evening, March 17.

Miss Gilliam, Treasurer of Umatilla County, Resigns

Miss Grace Gilliam, for the past five years treasurer of Umatilla county, will formally resign her position on Wednesday to accept a business position in Pasadena, California, and will recommend as her successor, C. K. Cranston, public accountant, and former secretary of the Pendleton commercial association. Announcement to this effect was made by Miss Gilliam this morning.

Miss Gilliam's successor will be named by the county court and it is thought that the appointment will be made at once. As county treasurer, Miss Gilliam has been commended by the public for her work. Prior to the time she went into office, the work was done by two people, but she has managed the office practically alone, employing an assistant only occasionally. Since first taking the position, the work of the treasurer has doubled.—East Oregonian.

LOWER SHEEP ASSESSMENTS

That county assessors in Oregon will fall into line with the suggestion of the Oregon Wool Growers association which is to the effect that valuations for the sheep owned in the state be kept at a uniform basis in the different counties, is the belief of Mac Hoke, secretary of the association. The local man has received replies from letters he sent to the assessors of Crook, Malheur and Sherman counties. This trio of assessors declare their readiness to keep the valuation of sheep within the limit of between three and four dollars a head suggested by the association. Last year there was a great difference in the assessed valuation of sheep in the different counties, the valuations ranging from three to seven dollars in different counties. Other counties are expected to fall into line on the stabilizing of values.—East Oregonian.

FEDERATED CHURCH

At the Federated church on Sunday there will be the usual services. Sunday school at 9:45 and preaching at 11 a. m., Junior Endeavor at 5:30, Senior Endeavor at 6:30 and preaching at 7:30 p. m.

E. L. MOORE, Pastor.

Lexington Church of Christ

The work of the church is keeping up in a commendable way. The Bible school is also keeping up fine. Let's hold on to the 100 mark in attendance. We were all well pleased with the visit of Mr. and Mrs. James Pointer and for the fine sermon by Mr. Pointer on Tuesday evening. We also appreciated the fine music they gave us on the violin and the saxophone. We give them God speed in their new field with the churches at Enterprise and Wallowa. Remember the Sunday services of the church.

Bible school at 10 a. m.
Morning sermon at 11, subject: "Giving God a Chance."
Christian Endeavor at 6:30.
Evening sermon at 7:30, subject: "The Confession of Our Hope."
ARTHUR A. HARRIMAN, Minister.

Make Room!—One at a Time!!



SIDE OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IS GIVEN

Salem, Oregon, February 25th, 1922.

Having an abiding faith in the ultimate fairmindedness and good, common sense of the people when the real truth is known to them, I wish to make the following statement concerning this Commission's recent order sustaining its former order allowing an increase in rates to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Under the present telephone rates Eastern Oregon cities and towns and farmers are still favored with lower rates than the cities and town of Idaho or Eastern Washington of comparable size, and the increases there have been in existence since 1918 while the increases did not become effective in Oregon until March, 1921.

Our order gives point to what Theodore Roosevelt said to the California Commission twelve years ago at the beginning of public utility regulation in that state:

"Your first task will be easy. Elected as you will be under a movement responsive to the people and independent of the corporations, you will find it easy to reduce rates where they are too high, and you will find many rates are too high. Your real task will come later when you have to do justice to the corporations and raise rates in spite of the public clamor to lower them. The test of public regulation will be the ability of public men to do that and to maintain popular confidence in doing it."

Far exceeding in importance any other question involved in present public discussions is the fundamental issue of regulation of public utilities as established by the people of this state as well as in forty-seven other states, which have experienced a like increase in telephone rates, Minnesota and Oregon being the last to follow the lead of the federal government in establishing increased telephone rates in November, 1918. The commissions of the latter states insisted on being permitted to regulate telephone rates within the states mentioned, and, as a result, telephone rates have been held down during a period of two years while all other states experienced a very substantial increase. In Minnesota the commission, on February 9, 1921, denied an increase on the ground that inadequate service was being rendered. An appeal to the federal court was had, and that court on March 17, 1921, overruled the Minnesota commission and permitted the increase, while the Oregon commission, on February 28, 1921, appreciating its responsibility to determine the accuracy of the revenue of public utilities generally within the state, (said responsibility having been placed upon the commission by law), rather than shirk this duty, as manifested by the record, granted an increase uninfluenced by any other consideration whatsoever, which even now allows less than four per cent return upon the capital legitimately invested in the service of the public, thus, in effect, compelling the telephone company, should it desire a greater return, to reduce its overhead and operating expenses.

An appeal from this commission's order to the courts is provided for by law in the event anyone thinks entire justice has not been done. It should be borne in mind that capital invested in a regulated public utility differs vastly from that invested in private enterprises. The former is limited as to its earnings to the basis of a fair return upon the fair value

JOURNAL MAN HEARS FROM J. W. REDINGTON

A department in the Portland Journal, "Observation and Impressions of the Journal Man," always contains sketches of interest, and very often has something in which the people of this section are interested. One of these human interest stories is published in this department of the Journal Monday last, and consists of a letter from J. W. Redington, who, by the way, had sort of dropped out of sight to Heppner people and many here had ceased to think of him any more; others who often called to mind the eccentricities of the man, and who had counted him as among their friends of former days, had not heard of Redington for so long that they were inclined to think that he had crossed the line over into Mexico and perished, or else some other calamity had befallen him and he would not be heard of again. Such is not the case, however, and Mr. Lockley gives us the following:

Twenty years ago I used to see, as I traveled through Morrow county on horseback, signs on the farm gates and barns reading, "Subscribe for the Heppner Gazette." It's hell on horse-thieves and hypocrites; or, "Take the Heppner Gazette." It's bang-up for hustlers. These signs were the product of the fertile brain of J. W. Redington, owner of the Gazette. J. W. Redington is an old-time Oregon newspaper man, a regular fellow, and a comical cuss, a sort of combination of Bill Nye, Artemus Ward, and Mark Twain. He is at a soldiers home in California. On the desk before me is a letter received from him a day or so ago. He starts his letter by asking me to let him know through The Journal whether excavating rock oysters at Newport is an agricultural or a piscatorial pursuit, or is it mining? He also inquires whether digging clams is fishing or farming. He then says: "Thanks for remembering me with that fine box of cigars, which were put to work at once, and much appreciated. The smoke screen they created would enable the fleet of the Mexican navy to hide its maneuvers ditto a fleet of prairie schooners. Glad to hear through you that my old friend Major Frank Hodgkin is well. You evidently inherit the friendliness of your father, whose kindness I shall never forget. When I was a youngster I rode from Salem, Or., on horseback to Salt Lake City. Time is certainly flying, for, though it seems like yesterday, it was more than 40 years ago. Your father was editor and part owner of the Salt Lake Tribune. He gave me a job. When the Nez Perce war broke loose I decided to become a scout, and as I left he gave me a warm handshake and, with a friendly smile, said, 'Good luck to you, my lad. Be sure you come back to us when you are through fighting the Indians.' His kindness was in strong contrast with that of the other men of the Tribune, who said, 'You damned fool, you'll get scalped before you get half-way to where the fighting is going on.' I would like to have written sooner, but I had to send my typewriter to the garage to have the carbon scraped off its spark plugs and to have adjustments made to its lubricator, incubator and prevaricator and to have a self-starter installed. If some of my old-time newspaper friends in Oregon, will send me an occasional copy of their papers addressed to Soldiers' Home, California, I will be able to keep in touch with the home news from Oregon. Give my regards to Frank Irvine. I

H. H. COREY.

Harold Cohn of the Cohn Auto Co. made a short business trip to Portland the first of the week, going down on Sunday and returning on Monday evening.

Father of Mrs. Thomson Was Highly Esteemed

The following account of the death of Dr. S. T. Quick, father of Mrs. George Thomson, of this city, is taken from the Fort Collins Express, date of February 14, 1922.

Monday morning at 1 o'clock, Dr. S. T. Quick, a well known and prominent physician died at his home, 329 South College Avenue, from an attack of neuralgia of the heart.

He was born near Columbus, Ind., December 19, 1843. He was a graduate of the State University at Bloomington, Ind. After the completion of his medical course at Cincinnati, Ohio, he returned to his native state and began the practice of his profession.

In 1892 he came to Colorado where he has since resided and to the day of his death was actively engaged in his professional duties. On Sunday he made the round of his daily calls upon his patients. In the early evening he was taken down with a severe attack of neuralgia of the heart from which he did not rally, but passed away at 1 o'clock.

He was married in 1872 at Bloomington, Ind., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Dodds. There survive him besides the widow, two sons and three daughters.

Dr. Quick was an honored and highly esteemed member of the First Baptist church of this city and at its annual meeting in January last was made a deacon for life as an expression of appreciation of his worth of character and his interest in the work of this organization. His beneficent presence and wise council will be greatly missed.

He was a man of fearless rectitude and positive righteousness. Every worthy cause found in him a staunch and warm supporter. In him the poor lost a helpful and sympathetic friend.

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.

Walter Luckman of Butter creek is sick at the Heppner hospital with a severe attack of la grippe.

Mrs. F. Luper announces her millinery opening for Saturday, March 11th. See advertisement elsewhere.

John F. Vaughn, representative of one of the leading automobile firms of Portland, is in the city looking after business affairs.

Mrs. Mal Church is up from her home near Dee, Hood River valley, for a visit of a couple of weeks with relatives and friends in and about Heppner.

Born—In this city on Saturday, February 24, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. John Healey, an 8-pound daughter. Dr. McMurdy reports both mother and child doing well.

Born—At the maternity home of Mrs. G. C. Aiken in this city on Saturday, February 25, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adkins, a 10-pound daughter. The mother and child are doing nicely, and Albert is a mighty proud daddy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sperry are each on the sick list this week. Mr. Sperry is able to get about the house but Mrs. Sperry is confined to her bed and has been for several days. They are suffering with the prevailing grip or flu.

Cecil Liuallen of this city, ex-member of the U. S. navy with a service covering the period of the world war, is now a traffic cop on the state highway, having been appointed to this position the past week. He should be well suited to this job and will make good.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Biddle have each been on the sick list for the past week. Mrs. Biddle being in the Moore hospital. Jason is up and about again. La grippe and its complications was the cause of their suffering. Mrs. Biddle is reported to be getting along well at present.

Jas. Luper was in town for a short time yesterday from his Heppner flat farm. The ground is all white out there yet and hard freezes each night is the program. Mr. Luper has some fears that it will be necessary to do some reseeded in his vicinity, but hopes that this will not be necessary.

A. M. Edwards, the well driller of Lexington, has finished a good well on the farm of T. J. Humphreys out north of Lexington. He did not have to go down but 48 feet to secure what appears to be an inexhaustible flow of fine soft water, which rises to within 14 feet of the surface. Mr. Humphreys is well pleased at the results obtained.

E. M. Hulden, extensive wheat raiser of the Blackhorse section, has returned to his Morrow county home after spending a couple of months in Portland, during which time he has been busy in behalf of the Morrow County Farm Bureau in trying to secure some financial assistance for our farmers and stockmen from the War Finance board. Mr. Hulden is hoping that the cold weather will soon be over and that conditions will soon be right for the beginning of spring work on the farm. There is a lot to be done and he is anxious to get at it. He expects his family to arrive from Portland within a week or so.

Andy Hayes was called to Pendleton on Saturday on account of the illness of his niece, Miss Neva Hayes, who is sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rea in that city. About Christmas time Miss Hayes was thrown from an automobile and struck on her head, receiving injuries thought at the time to be but slight, and she continued her work in the telephone exchange there for some weeks afterward. Growing gradually worse, however, an x-ray examination was made and it was found that the skull was cracked for some two inches or more over the eye, and her condition is now quite serious, her physician stating that it will be necessary for her to remain perfectly quiet and in bed for at least a month. The many friends of Miss Hayes in Heppner will be pleased to hear of her speedy recovery.

remember him with pleasure, as a student at Willamette university in the early '70s. Yes, we have had a lot of rain here in California, and if it doesn't let up soon all the ducks will be drowned or washed out to sea—though I don't know what they would be apt to see—in one of the biggest oceans anywhere around here, which by the way, is plain sight from my window. Some day you must take dinner with me at the Walled-off-Castoria. Goodbye, and good luck!"

ANOTHER MORROW PIONEER PASSES

After several weeks illness Mrs. J. C. White passed away at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude White, early Saturday morning, February 18. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ of Lexington by the minister, Arthur A. Harriman. A large number were present at the services and many beautiful floral offerings were brought by friends. Mrs. White had been a faithful Christian of the Church of Christ for fifty-five years. Her many friends and relatives will greatly miss her.

Mrs. White (Minerva Moore) was born in Missouri, December 11, 1846 and was married to Jesse C. White on May 24, 1869. To them were born 12 children, nine of whom are now living. Namely: John B. and Mrs. Ada Estes, of Portland; James M. and Frank of Missouri; Will of Drain, Oregon; Truman, Lee, Mrs. Joe Sibley, and Mrs. Claude White of Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. White first came to Morrow county in August of 1900 and settled on a farm about six miles from Lexington. They lived there for about six years after which they spent a number of years in Portland and Drain, Ore. They made a trip back to Missouri before finally returning to Lexington, where they lived for about two years, or until the death of Mr. White on July 1, 1921, and of Mrs. White in February, 1922.

Mr. White, or rather Elder J. C. White, was a pioneer minister of the Church of Christ as well as a farmer. He received his Bible education at Columbia college, Mountain Home, Arkansas. After his education he held several pastorates and several meetings and also a number of debates on religious themes. While in Morrow county he preached at the Eight Mile school house, the Strawberry school house, and many other places as well as at Lexington. He was a thorough student of the Bible as well as a sound true Christian man. He was the author of an important tract entitled, "The Immortal Principle in Man." The Church of Christ and the whole community lost two faithful and true workers when Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White were taken home to be with the Lord.—A. A. H.

Royal Arch Masons to Receive Visit of High Priest

Heppner Chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons will be honored by a visit from Walter R. Bilyeu, Grand High Priest of Oregon, on Wednesday evening, March 8. The meeting will be held in Masonic building, and a banquet will be served at 6:30. There will also be work in Mark Master degree, and an all-round profitable time is assured.

Attorney F. A. McMenamin departed for Portland Sunday where he was called on legal business.

First Christian Church.

Lord's Day, March 5.
Faith, determination and enthusiasm are dominant. Two hundred at the morning preaching service, and nearly that number in the evening in the temporary quarters at the Prophet building. Building and finance committees working hard; architects are making plans, the debris on the corner will soon be cleared away; everybody is hustling. Services Sunday: Bible school at 10, Communion and preaching at 11, Intermediate C. E. 3 p. m. with Shella Williams as leader, Senior C. E. 6:30, and song and preaching service at 7:30. Drop in and visit us, you will like it.

LIVINGSTONE, Minister.

John Day District Wins Levy Dispute

The John Day Irrigation district has authority to levy an assessment of 50 cents an acre on the lands held by the Northwestern Improvement company.

This was the substance of an opinion handed down by Federal Judge Bean this morning in dismissing the case of the Northwestern Improvement company against the John Day Irrigation district and Morrow county. The improvement company sought to restrain the district from levying the assessment. The improvement company held that a clause in the law, passed by the 1917 legislature, providing for the levying of taxes on lands in the district, was a violation of both the state and federal constitutions. This claim was held unjustified by Judge Bean.—Monday's Telegram.