

Local Happenings

W. W. Brannon of Hardman returned Sunday from a visit of a couple of weeks with old-time friends in the Yakima Valley at Natchez. Some thirty odd years ago Wes lived in that country and of course noted the great many changes wrought in the meantime through the immense irrigation system of that section. Water has done wonders there and more land is to be brought under water from the Natchez river by a system that is now being installed. At that, Mr. Brannon thinks Morrow county has 'em beat, for it costs a lot to get a crop off that irrigated land and the land comes mighty high.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clark returned on Wednesday of last week from Forest Grove, where they were called earlier in the week by the death of Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. Ewilda Bretz. Mrs. Bretz had been a sufferer for the past year and a half and her death was caused from goiter. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were accompanied home by O. G. Bretz, father of Mrs. Clark, who drove them up in his car and spent several days here. He returned home on Sunday, accompanied by his daughter who expects to spend some time visiting at Forest Grove.

Tilman Hogue and family were in the city yesterday from their home in the Gooseberry section. Since the weather has turned warmer, crops are looking much better out that way, states Mr. Hogue, and a good warm shower of rain would only add to the prospects for an abundant yield later. The month of June is the time to have showers that will do maturing crops a lot of good.

John T. Kirk, who with his family has moved back to Morrow county, after a few years spent in the coast country at Alsea, Oregon, expects to become a bona fide resident of Morrow county again. He will have employment with Joe Hayes during the summer and care for his mountain sheep camps, while Mrs. Kirk will reside in lone where she will open a hospital.

Mrs. Olive Frye, who was grand marshal of the Rebekahs of Oregon, and Miss Opal Briggs, one of the delegates to the Grand Assembly which met at Eugene during the past week, returned home on Sunday evening. They enjoyed a very pleasant trip and state that the grand lodge sessions were very entertaining and successful.

Word received here on Tuesday announced the death early that morning at her home in Walla Walla of Mrs. Mary Smith, widow of the late George Smith. Mrs. Smith was an aunt of W. O. Hill, cashier of Lexington State Bank, and with her late husband formerly resided in this county, owning a wheat farm near Lexington.

Mrs. Gladys Fisher came over from her home at Tacoma on Thursday, and visited a few days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. D. Clark. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Miss Marjorie to Walla Walla yesterday, where they went to attend the closing exercises of St. Paul's academy, in which Miss Mary Clark has a part as one of the students.

Attorney F. A. McMenamin made a professional visit to Spokane during the past week and reports business conditions none too lively in the city, noting a great number of vacant business houses and residences. Frank thinks Heppner and Eastern Oregon not so bad from a business standpoint after all.

Geo. W. Sperry, L. W. Briggs and A. M. Phelps, delegates to the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows which met in

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Eugene during the past week, returned home on Sunday evening. They pronounce the session one of the every best yet held, and Eugene gave them royal entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Valkenburg arrived a Heppner on Thursday evening last, bringing with them the body of their little daughter who recently passed away at Payette, Idaho for re-interment in the Dan Stalter plot in Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Van Valkenburg was formerly Elizabeth Stalter, and she and her family are moving to Portland to reside. They left on Friday morning for their new home.

Mrs. Minnie C. Letson, grand worthy matron of Order of Eastern Star, visited Ruth Chapter No. 32 of Heppner on Friday evening last. After an exemplification of the work a light luncheon was served in the dining room at Masonic hall. Attending the meeting were a number of ladies from Lone, members of the chapter at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young departed Sunday morning for their home at Yakima, Wash. He was called to Heppner by the serious accident to his brother, Ray, last week. Robert travels for the big wholesale firm of Butler Bros., of Minneapolis, and makes his headquarters at Yakima, where he has purchased a nice home.

Prof. E. R. Curfman, who has been at the head of the lone schools for the past three years, will move with his family to Fossil after the first of June. He has been chosen as superintendent of the Wheeler county high school for the coming year.

Eight dollars per head was received by L. V. Gentry for 1500 two-year-old ewes sold the past week to Jamieson and Murray of Glasgow, Montana, and shipped from the local yards last Friday morning. The price is considered good.

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A letter received this week by The Gazette-Times from our old friend, C. A. Repass, states that he has removed from Roanoke, Va., where he has resided during the past year, to Knoxville, Tenn., where he expects to be for some time.

Mrs. Fanny Rood drove up from Portland on Saturday and has been spending the week in Heppner looking after business matters and visiting with relatives. It was her first attempt at driving her car up over the highway.

WANTED—Information as to address of Samuel H. Stuart or heirs if dead. Address was Centerville or Lexington some years ago. Address E. W. Spalding, National Metropolitan Bank Building, Washington, D. C.—Adv.

J. W. Morrow came up from Portland Thursday evening and remained over a day or so to visit with friends and look after business. Mr. Morrow never fails to be in Heppner

on Decoration Day. John Calmus left during the week for North Dakota, where he is interested in some land holdings. During his absence Frank Shively has charge of the blacksmith shop.

Chas. Van Winkle and family were in the city on Tuesday from their home at Arlington. They were guests at the home of Judge Campbell and wife.

Mrs. Anna Borg arrived from Portland on Sunday evening for a short visit with friends here and to remain over Decoration Day.

Mrs. M. Belle Thompson, of Portland, has been spending a few days in Heppner on business. She came up the first of the week.

Cleve Walton, who is the leading merchant of Long Creek, was a visitor in Heppner on Monday.

John Brosnan, Butter creek stockman, was doing business in Heppner on Saturday.

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