

DOES HEPPNER WANT THE INTERIOR TRADE?

Van Marter Returns from Grant County With Interesting Facts

CO-OPERATION NEED

Old Trade Can Be Revived, If We Act at Once, Says Van; People Want to Come Here

LaVerne Van Marter, while in the pursuit of business in his line, was a visitor over in Grant county during the past week, spending some five days at Monument, Long Creek and Ritter, where he found business conditions generally good. The crops are exceptionally good at these various points and there is a general abundance of hay. He also found the range conditions excellent and stock of all kinds were sleek and fat. Mr. Van Marter succeeded in landing a nice line of insurance for the various companies he represents, "but," he remarked to the editor, "don't overlook the fact that I got a good warming over at each point visited. The people over there were not slow in learning to know that they felt Heppner had given them the go-by, and apparently had lost all interest in the communities that have in times past given us a lot of good business. Pendleton and Condon are busy; they are sending out delegations to the different Grant county points and are offering inducement for trade, though it is much farther to travel in going to either one of these places. Pendleton is especially active, and is letting the people of the Northwest know it. They are not slow in sending delegations of business men, representing the Pendleton Commercial club, into that section and are co-operating with them in every possible way in their program to get a good road to the outside," and Van continued along this line to considerable extent, impressing us with the fact that the people over there would rather come here, but owing to bad road connections they are forced to go elsewhere.

"They have somewhat a wrong impression at that," was Van's further comment. "I found that at Monument, through Hardman, in very good shape all the way, and made the trip from Heppner over there in my flivver in about three and a half hours, which is not bad time. The Wall creek grade is of course rocky, and the traveling there was slow, but this was the only piece of road that gave me any trouble. I am convinced that the judicious expenditure of five hundred dollars here in making a change in this part of the road, would give us a fine road into Monument that would be good for nine months in the year, and this would accommodate the people out that way so as their actual needs would seem to demand.

"Then, there is the road out to Ritter from Heppner that is in excellent shape right now, and the distance from Ritter to Heppner is but 45 miles, against 84 miles to Pendleton, and the people from Long Creek and Ritter are going out to Pendleton, making the long trip and traveling over one of the worst pieces of road in eastern Oregon. Just because back some three years ago arrangements had been made for a large delegation of Heppner boosters to visit them on the 4th of July which went all wrong on the part of the Heppner people and the bunch from here did not make the contemplated trip. Ritter is still sore about this, and speak of the contrast in the way Pendleton has treated them by sending large delegations to the business center. I found a number of people at Ritter who had been in the habit of coming to Heppner in former years, who were going to Pendleton now, because they feel they were welcome here by the business people. Heppner should change this condition. It will take but little work to get the road out this way from Ritter in excellent shape, and the trip can be made in a very few hours.

"I am convinced, also, that our former trade, now going to Condon can be headed this way by the completing of the Hardman-Spray cut-off. From Heppner to Hardman we will soon have a road that is on a good grade and practically macadam all the way. Then the construction from Hardman over to connect with the John Day highway near by can be done, and over our people getting busy. The forest service will co-operate in this work, but we must hustle, as others are after the available funds and if we continue to 'sleep on the job' we are going to be left.

"I found a fine lot of people at each point I visited, and they are not averse to coming back to Heppner to trade and do their banking business, providing there is some little inducement offered."

Why not let Heppner get busy and send a delegation of business men out to these various points, and let them know that we have a real interest in them. It will pay to take the time to do this. The talk that Mr. Van Marter listened to is what every citizen from over this way gets when he is called out in that part of the country on business. A more friendly co-operation by the business people here will be the means of getting back to our former relationships.

WILL OPEN STUDIO. Manager Sigbee of the Star theater will again engage in the business of photography in Heppner. He will fix up a gallery in the room recently occupied by Harvie Young in the Cohn building on Main street, and thinks that within a month he will be prepared again to "shoot" the prizes of the Heppner community. Bert was a mighty good hand at this work before he was burned out in 1915, and we are sure he will soon get back on the job in good shape. Mr. Young is moving his second hand stock of goods into the Farmers Elevator building on lower Main street. Money to loan. Box 416, Heppner.

Local Ball Season Ends in the Hole

Manager Van Marter's Report Shows Receipts Lack \$68.50 of Meeting Liabilities.

LaVerne Van Marter, manager of the Heppner baseball club last season, has come to the conclusion that it is a hard matter to make the national game pay here, after summing up his fiscal report for the season. Van Marter has managed the club for two years with the same result and does not believe he wants to tackle the job again. The following report of receipts and disbursements for the season shows a deficit of \$68.50.

Table with columns for Receipts, Disbursements, and Total. Receipts total \$1291.75, Disbursements total \$1360.25, resulting in a deficit of \$68.50.

MISS BENGE GIVEN SURPRISE.

Miss Luella Bengé, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bengé of this city was given a very complete surprise on last Saturday evening, the occasion being her 16th birthday. The party was arranged by Mrs. Bengé, who invited in a large number of the young friends of Miss Luella, and a very enjoyable time was had for a few hours on the lawn at the Bengé home, which was properly decorated for the occasion. Miss Bengé had been induced to take a short visit at the home of relatives in the country, and on returning home at about 8:00 p. m., Saturday, she was greeted by the assemblage and her surprise was complete. The playing of games, followed by refreshments of punch and ice cream and cake, took up the time of the evening. A number of beautiful gifts were bestowed upon Miss Bengé by intimate friends.

FIRE HITS ARLINGTON HARD.

A portion of the business section of Arlington was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The fire started in the Arlington hotel and the building and all the others in the same block were destroyed, as well as the block of business houses and residences immediately across the street from the hotel. The fire over our people getting busy. The forest service will co-operate in this work, but we must hustle, as others are after the available funds and if we continue to 'sleep on the job' we are going to be left.

Government hunters Roosa and Mattison were in town on Wednesday, making up their monthly reports and getting supplies. The boys have succeeded in killing 29 coyotes during July, Mattison getting 20 and Roosa 9. Roosa has been operating near the Ditch creek ranger station and Mattison has been located at Skookum. They expect to move into new territory for the month of August.

New Kid at the Swimming Hole



CECIL NEWS ITEMS

Geo. W. Wilson left Cecil Thursday dressed in the pink of style, returned on Friday morning looking as if he had been rolled around in a barrel for a week. George whispered he had joined a lodge and either a "Sweet William" gone from the "Hoot Owl" or an Elk was the cause of his distressed appearance.

Are Moving Into Neat New Store at Lexington

Joseph Burgoyne & Son of Lexington have just recently had the building adjoining their old store room fitted up and are now getting their stock located. The building was formerly used as a machinery warehouse and is quite a bit larger than the old store room. Since being worked over it is one of the best arranged grocery and dry goods houses in the county.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. John Smith, formerly Mrs. Wilhelmina Frederick, died at her home in north Heppner, Sunday afternoon. She had been a sufferer for several months from cancer of the stomach, from which she could gain no relief. The funeral was held Tuesday evening at six o'clock. Mr. Smith is an employee of the railroad company.

J. H. GEMMELL IS INJURED.

J. H. Gemmell was quite severely hurt on Tuesday morning. He was at work in the field with a weeder when the discharge of a blast on the new grade through the Gemmell place frightened the team and they ran away, the weeder passing over him. Several ribs were fractured, a number of cuts sustained about the head and his shins badly skinned. Mr. Gemmell was taken to the Heppner Surgical hospital where he is recovering from his injuries.

EVERETT RITCHIE BACK HOME.

Everett Ritchie, who had been in the government hospital at Walla Walla, Wash., for several months suffering from tuberculosis contracted in the World War, was brought to his mother's home in Lone last Sunday. His condition is very low and no hopes are entertained for his recovery.—Lone Independent.

Archdeacon Goldie, from his home at Cove, made the Heppner Episcopal church an official visit on Sunday, holding services both morning and evening.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howell of Hardman, July 31, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler of Willow Creek ranch and daughters who have been visiting in Albany for several days returned home on Friday and all feel benefited by their vacation and ready for work once more.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Henriksen of Strawberry ranch chaperoned a large swimming party at their ranch on Sunday. E. Erickson of Grass Valley was the guest of honor along with Earl Cronk of Portland.

Messrs. A. Henriksen from the Moore ranch near Heppner and Latourell from the Latourell auto company, Heppner, were calling on the Mayor at Butterly Flats on Thursday.

Jack Hynd, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe spent Sunday at Hynd Bros. ranch at Freeport and dined with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott before returning to Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gherin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Dean and daughter of Eight Mile, were calling on their friends in Cecil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Samuel and family of Athena were visiting with Mrs. Samuel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler on Sunday at Willow Creek ranch.

Joe Marcus and G. A. Mitchell who are resting from their labors in the harvest fields left for Arlington on Friday to spend their vacation or money.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher of Lone, accompanied by Clifford Davidson, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler at Willow Creek ranch on Wednesday.

Ellis Mniar from his ranch the End of the Trail near Lone made a short stay at The Last Camp on Friday before leaving for Portland.

Mrs. V. H. Tyler and son returned to their home at Rhea Siding on Friday after spending several days with Mrs. Everett Logan in Heppner.

Karl Farnsworth, prominent stock and dairy farmer in Willow creek was doing business in Arlington on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willey and children from their ranch near The Willows were doing business in Lone on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter and children spent Sunday in Heppner visiting at the home of Mrs. Everett Logan.

Mrs. Yocum of Wasco arrived at the Curtis ranch and will visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leghorn of Arlington were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs at The Last Camp on Thursday.

Geo. Clough of the Arlington Lumber company was calling on J. W. Osborn on Thursday.

CUT OUT MIDDLEMAN SPENCE'S SOLUTION

Farmer Receives But One-Third of Retail Price of Wheat

SUPPLY VS. DEMAND

Problem Not Over-Production But Under-Consumption; Associations Have Important Part

C. E. SPENCE, Market Agent, 723 Court House, Portland, Ore. There is considerable open talk throughout the state and nation, some of which is expressed in the newspapers, that the real remedy for the low prices paid to farmers for their products lies in less production—limiting production to the point where forced demand will guarantee growers fair prices. The National Wheat Council of Chicago sends out an open letter, to the editors of the agricultural press in all states, under date of July 2, which outlines the discouraging market situation and states: "This condition will last until thorough knowledge of the facts, both production and consumption side, approximate a balance in the United States."

The market agent department believes that consumption of almost all farm products is being greatly increased if the two-thirds added cost between what the farmer gets and the kitchen pays could be reduced, or largely divided between producer and consumer.

A speaker at a recent Grange meeting said that the price of flour and its many by-products are entirely out of proportion to the wheat price the grower gets. Much more flour would be used in many forms of home baking if the cost was lower, as also the cost of sugar and the other ingredients that go with baking and cooking.

Hood River apple growers state that last fall they sold much of their fruit at below the actual cost of production and that the present marketing outlook does not improve many of the growers in that section will fail. Four times as many apples as are now eaten would be consumed if the families could buy them at the prices that their family budgets would permit.

Consumption of almost any kind of fruits and vegetables would be doubled if the retail prices were not so high that the most of the products are removed from the family necessity list. And even the list of absolute necessities would be greatly increased in volume if the retail prices were lowered.

A speaker at a recent Grange meeting said of this situation: "It is not over-production but under-consumption. So many hands grab a profit off the stuff we raise that when it reaches the kitchen table the price is so high the family cuts the ration."

United States Senator Borah in a speech in Portland July 11, made the startling statement that out of the 22 and one-half billion of dollars of farm products produced in this country in 1922, the farmers received but seven and one-half billions, while the commission men and other middle interests absorbed 14 and one-half billions. Borah truly says that this condition will destroy any industry.

Sixty-six per cent is too much to add to the producers' price and have a normal consumption of any product. Strongly organized, so that a majority of the product can be controlled and sold from a central agency, middle expenses and profits could be cut and the growers given their fair share of the retail price. Oregon has all that it could dream of in abundant crops, yet the market situation looks very dark, for the reasons that others than the growers manipulate the markets and control the price. A retail production sold at less than production cost is not prosperity.

Dr. M. A. Leach and family of Pendleton were in town in Heppner on Sunday, guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo. Dr. Leach has offices in Pendleton, where he has been practicing dentistry for several months past.

Olaf Bergstrom and wife, prominent Eight Mile residents, were in the city Monday. Mr. Bergstrom was just getting things ready to begin harvest.

Pyle & Grimes, proprietors of the Parkers Mill hotel, have purchased the Ashbaugh saw mill near that place and are now operating it to capacity.

Miss Margaret Crawford returned Monday evening from a three-week's visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Leroy Jones, at Montevano, Wash.

Mrs. Helen Lockridge and daughter of Portland are visiting at the home of Mrs. Lockridge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Alkon, in Heppner.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor in this city Monday, July 30, a son, Ralph Lynn. Mother and child are getting along nicely.

Miss Mildred Clowry, assistant of Dr. McMurdo, left Tuesday morning to spend her vacation at Carmel by the Sea, California.

Dr. D. R. Haylor, eye specialist with modern equipment, in Heppner August 6 and 7.

Surplus Oregon Wheat Profitable Stock Feed

Local Grain More Economical Than Eastern Corn and Barley Says College Specialist.

Present wheat prices make wheat a more economical feed for hogs and lambs than eastern corn and barley with their freight costs, thinks H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist for the state college extension service.

"Farmers who have been feeding corn or barley from the middle west will undoubtedly find it more profitable to feed local wheat than to pay freight on the shipped grains," Mr. Lindgren says. "But a relatively low price of wheat does not indicate a big decrease in feeding operations. The number of hogs in the Pacific northwest and our facilities for marketing are limited, and lamb feeding is little more than a gamble for those not experienced in this phase of feeding. Wheat is not a suitable feed for beef cattle or horses."

Found for pound wheat is just about the equal of corn at a hog feed, and as good as barley for fattening lambs, Lindgren reports. To get the best results in feeding jigs the wheat should be ground and tankage added to the ration.

It takes about 450 pounds of wheat to make 1000 pounds of pork. In lamb feeding wheat at the rate of a pound a day with all the hay a lamb will eat will produce a quarter of a pound gain.

Income Tax Appeals Heard in Portland

Portland, Or., July 24.—Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, is today advising that during this fall, the date to be announced later, a subcommittee from the bureau of internal revenue, Washington, D. C., will hold a series of hearings in the more remote middle west and Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming may present appeals from the action of the income tax unit.

The purpose of these hearings in the field is to afford taxpayers of the various states, who can only appear before the bureau at Washington at the cost of considerable time and expense, an opportunity to present their cases on appeal before an appellate body of the bureau sitting in the taxpayer's own locality. All evidence, however, considered in cases heard upon appeal must have been previously submitted to the income tax unit in accordance with the established practice of the bureau.

This plan of affording the taxpayer this less-expensive method of presenting his appeal in income tax matters was initiated by the bureau as an experiment with a series of hearings at St. Paul, Minnesota, beginning late in April. The result of the work of the subcommittee at that point was so successful that the bureau felt justified in continuing these hearings in the more remote middle west and Pacific coast districts.

Leaving St. Paul, the subcommittee will hold similar hearings at Los Angeles, beginning August 1st, for the accommodation of residents of the states of California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, before coming to Portland for further hearings.

"By this arrangement," said Collector Huntley today, "the work of hearing and disposing of these appeals from taxation will be greatly expedited but the interested litigants will be spared the expense and loss of time of either going to Washington in person or employing legal assistance to make the trip to that city where all appeals have heretofore been heard."

FARM POINTERS

Common vetch and gray winter oats were used in the O. A. C. station trials for dry cow silage, as recommended for Oregon in 1922. Purple vetch for the coast districts shows a little more promise, and the new station product, Hungarian vetch, is recommended for the very heavy bearing, late bearing, winter barley can be used with the vetch for silage and gives good results.

Wheat growers will find it profitable to order, individually or collectively in neighborhood or organization groups, their copper carbonate dust now for use next fall. Results with the new treatment for control of smut on wheat have proved so satisfactory that a state-wide campaign to supply the dust to all wheat growers is justified, thinks H. E. Barse, plant pathologist of the experiment station.

The size of new prune dryers or additional units is based on the acreage being planted, and the new tractors being coming into being, reports the O. A. C. experiment station. Calculations may safely be made on a 20-day drying period, the average length of the season in Oregon. Dividing the total estimated production by 20 will give the required capacity of the finished plant. The maximum capacity of the new station model—recirculation system—is 8 1/2 tons per ton per day.

Cattle station will greatly extend the productive power of Oregon soils, says the experiment station soils department. It gives better tilth and moisture, less water requirement, more crop per unit of water used, and better net profits, and it helps build up the soil.

The second generation of peach twig miner worms attacks the fruit of peaches, boring their way around the young seeds. They show up as worms on mature peaches and, if not controlled, may begin the winter and spring brood, say Oregon station entomologists.

W. F. Barnett and family of Lexington were visitors here for a few hours today. Mr. Barnett is well pleased with the way his grain is turning out, going from 30 to 35 bushels. Just now the threshing crew is laying off while the weedeaters are busy on the summerfall. The big rains have started the weeds in abundance and now is a fine time to kill them off. Threshing will be resumed next week at the Barnett farm.

NATIONAL POLITICAL POT IS BOILING

Early Booms Frowned Upon by Presidential Favorites.

J. W. DAVIS STRONG

Brilliant New York Lawyer Might Get Nomination in Case of Democratic Deadlock.

Written specially for The Gazette-Times by ROBERT FULLER

New York, Aug. 1.—Politics are buzzing despite favorite candidates' efforts to avert development of premature booms. Booms by the way, which would burn up a great deal of their followers' enthusiasm before it could be employed effectively when it would count most—at the party convention.

Senator Hiram Johnson's return from Europe and his address at New York; President Harding's return from Alaska and his Pacific Coast speeches; the election of Farmer-Labor Senator Magnus Johnson from Minnesota; and Wm. G. McAdoo's call and dinner with former President Wilson; all furnished fuel for a great deal of political speculation here during the last ten days.

When politics are in the air, discussion follows some very interesting paths. The presence of National Editorial Association members in New York last week gave political leaders the opportunity to feel the pulse of the country as to sentiment for various political possibilities and impossibilities.

Comment and view naturally turned to compromise candidates, particularly in the Democratic party, where leaders think John W. Davis of West Virginia looms strong "dark horse" for the nomination.

It is conceded to be one of the most brilliant men ever suggested for the presidency. Mr. Davis has a national and international background equalled by few candidate possibilities. He is at present head of the American Bar Association.

Before Mr. Davis's appointment as Councillor General of the Department of Justice several years ago, he was a Congressman from West Virginia. He was chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the House of Representatives, a remarkable speaker and personally very popular.

He left the Department of Justice to become American Ambassador to Great Britain during the Wilson administration.

Since leaving the government service, Mr. Davis has been active in the legal profession, making his home at New York. Among his clients is the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. of Wall Street. He is also General Counsel for the Associated Press and attorney for the New York Times.

RETURN FROM VANCOUVER, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson returned home from Vancouver, B. C., on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Notson attended the meeting of the Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Police and other law enforcement officials held in that city July 23-26. Mr. Notson was one of the speakers on the program and addressed the convention on the subject of "Remedies of Present Procedure" on the morning of July 24. The 26th was "President Harding's Day" and Mr. Notson states that the reception given our President by the citizens of Vancouver and British Columbia was certainly magnificent.

At this time, however, President Harding seemed to be greatly fatigued from his long journey, but it was not thought then that he would face such a serious crisis as has been brought about by his illness at San Francisco. As a convention city, Mr. Notson thinks Vancouver is hard to beat. There was so much fine entertainment that the delegates to the convention could hardly find time to attend to the necessary business. Mr. and Mrs. Notson also enjoyed a short visit with relatives in Seattle while on the way to Vancouver.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Lord's Day, August 5. Co-operation has eleven letters, but we are spelling it with two—w. Another service will be held on Sunday and there is something in it for you, matter not whom you may be. The Bible school will be held at 9:45 followed by the Communion service and prayer. Sermon on the morning of the morning will be "The Secret of Christian Success." The Christian Endeavorers will hold their service at 7:30 (note change in time), and the evening song and preaching services immediately follows at 8 o'clock. The theme of the evening sermon will be, "The Visible Christ." Your cordial welcome is assured; come and worship with us. LIVINGSTONE.

BOY BREAKS ANKLE.

Adrian Bechtold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bechtold residing near Hardman, met with misfortune on Sunday last and suffered a broken left ankle. He was attempting to halt a horse in the pasture when that animal started to run. The boy held on to the halter for a time, trying to make a jump for his life, when his foot struck a loose rock and the ankle was turned with sufficient force to break the bone. Dr. McMurdo was called from Heppner to attend the lad's injuries.

W. B. Barratt and family returned Wednesday afternoon from an auto trip to St. Maries, Idaho, and Spokane, Wash., where they spent several days the past week visiting with friends. Arriving states that in Palouse country there is an immense wheat crop this season, and he never before in his life saw such a vast extent of wheat fields. St. Maries is a lumber manufacturing town and there is much activity there at this time.

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