

## CIRCUIT COURT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

### HAS BUSY WEEK

#### Disposition of the Large Docket Began Monday Morning.

With the largest docket to be disposed of for many terms, circuit court convened for the December term Monday morning. Judge Gilbert Phelps of Pendleton is presiding and cases are being disposed of rapidly, with the prospect that all business will be cleaned up or continued till another session by the end of the week.

#### STRAIT CASE TODAY

State Prosecuting Shooting Affair: Seven True Bills Returned By Grand Jury.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Giger of Scotts Mills, Oregon, have been indicted by the grand jury in the future. Mrs. Giger is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cox of Hinton creek. She has been in poor health for a number of years and it is hoped that the change to Eastern Oregon will prove beneficial to her.

T. M. Arnold was in town Wednesday from Eight Mile. He is preparing to leave for Hood River valley where he and his family will reside in the future. Mr. Arnold has been working on the Howard Anderson place for the past couple of years. He will have possession of a nursery at Hood River.

Dr. Ralph C. Swinburne is here from his home at Seattle to spend a day or so in this city looking after business matters. Dr. Swinburne is a leading dentist of Seattle, where he has a splendid practice. It has been several years since he visited the old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs, of the Last Camp ranch at Cecil, are visitors here on Saturday. Mr. Krebs reports that owing to the grass getting a late start on the range about Cecil, feed is not good. The rains later and cold weather prevents the grass growing.

Monday afternoon petitions for naturalization papers were heard. Petitioners were Edward Brevlin, Heppner, Anna Skoubo, Irigoin, Chas. Henry Schmidt, Lexington, and Donald Joseph Gillanders, Lexington. Anna Skoubo was granted final papers. Petitioners of Edward Brevlin and Charles Henry Schmidt were continued till the June, 1924, term of court, and the petition of Donald Joseph Gillanders was denied because his witnesses were not properly qualified.

Dick Robinson, indicted for fornication, and Matt T. Hughes, indicted for rape, were arraigned Monday, and given until Tuesday morning to plead. Both entered a plea of not guilty Tuesday, trial being set for Wednesday. Robinson, however, changed his plea to guilty yesterday, and a sentence of 15 months in the state penitentiary was pronounced by Judge Phelps this morning. Because Mr. Hughes' case could not be put in shape for this term, it has been continued.

Nels Justus, indicted on a charge of assault and battery, was arraigned Tuesday morning, entered a plea of guilty, and was fined \$100. A civil case, Wm. Inman vs. Dan Doherty, was also heard Tuesday morning, and a verdict being returned in favor of the plaintiff, who was allowed \$130.

In the case of the State of Oregon vs. E. E. Atkins, covering confiscation of Mr. Atkins' car by the state, when vehicle was found to contain illicit liquor, the court ordered that Mr. Atkins' car be returned. Grounds for the order were founded on the fact that the state failed to prove that Mr. Atkins had any connection with the booze. The other man was operating the car at the time it was taken.

Cecil Ledgett, 19-year-old boy indicted for burglary of auto tire from the Hynd Bros. farm on Sand hill, was arraigned Tuesday afternoon and entered a plea of guilty. Sentence pronounced by the court orders that he serve one year in the state penitentiary.

In the divorce case of Mary A. Hein vs. C. E. Hein, prayer of plaintiff was granted.

The Cochran divorce case has been postponed with the judgment of the court that Mrs. Cochran receive \$100 a month, \$400 attorneys' fees and \$400 court costs.

The Strait case and the important business of this session of court.

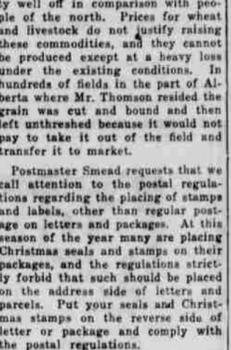
**CHANGES NAME OF COMPANY**  
What is known in Heppner as the Fair building, wherein is situated the postoffice, Phelps Grocery Co., and Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank, has had its name changed. The building was erected by the Heppner Building and Loan association, which organization existed as a corporation under the Oregon laws for many years, but was dissolved some four years ago, and the concern is a simple company now, having a number of stockholders, chief of which is Dr. Ralph C. Swinburne, of Seattle. While here this week, Dr. Swinburne changed the name to Swinburne building, and from hence forth it will be designated in all business transactions. Mr. Swinburne holds the majority stock in the company.

Anson Wright was in the city today, having just returned from Portland where he went with a shipment of fat cattle.

John P. Hadley, pioneer resident of Hardman was down to Heppner on Monday.

## THE "GOOD" LITTLE BAD BOY

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## CECIL NEWS ITEMS

### Patron-Teachers Association Has Meeting

A very interesting and entertaining meeting of the Patron-Teachers Association was held at the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening.

Numbers furnished by the high school orchestra, an organization made up of pupils and but very recently organized, were much appreciated.

The orchestra is under the leadership of Miss Isabelle Steele, an accomplished violinist and recently installed at the head of the musical department of the school.

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## HEPPER NEWS ITEMS

### High School Notes

Great interest in basketball is being manifested this year. The preliminary games have been played between the classes, the Sophomores coming out champions with the Seniors second in the race.

The boys are now divided into different teams in a doughnut league, which plays on Tuesdays and Fridays. The girls have the hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school, while the first and second teams practice in the evening at 7. Back the team and expect a snappy season and you will have it!

The photographs for the Heppner are being taken at the Sigbee Studio this week. Work on the annual is progressing well. The contract for engraving has been given to Hickman Engraving Co. of Portland, and the printing will be done by The Gazette-Times office.

The work is being done early and it is hoped to get the Heppner out earlier than has been done previously.

"Cynthia's Strategy"—it was some strategy! Strategy is necessary in other things than war, and yet something coupled with war—for "all is fair in love and war." If you don't believe it, you should see this clever musical comedy which will be put on by the high school December 20, the Thursday before Christmas.

A short play will be presented that evening. You'll enjoy the awful dilemma of Mr. Dauntless, Miss Bella Baskful, and the other clever characters.

An Egyptian dance and other interesting specialties will be given.

The Juniors gave a candy sale Tuesday evening after school to raise necessary funds.

The American History and Civics classes visited court Monday afternoon to hear the process of naturalizing aliens.

Rachel Scheiner has been elected sergeant-at-arms of the Senior class to fill a vacancy.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.**  
The Christian church is planning to put on "The Nativity" for their Christmas program this year, a repetition of the program of last year under much more favorable conditions, and making it much more impressive and beautiful. This program is often repeated for a number of years in some of the large churches, its character admitting of such repetition with increasing popularity. The program will be given on Monday evening, December 24.

On the afternoon of the 24th an indoor picnic will be given in the parlors of the church for the little folks of the Bible School in conjunction with a program. The little folks will be given an opportunity to make an offering of toys, clothes, money, etc., to Orphan's Homes and to bring their little folks a merry Christmas.

**LEX SCHOOL TO GIVE PLAY.**  
Posters announce a three-act comedy drama to be given by students of the Lexington High school at 8:00 p. m. on Friday, December 21, 1923. The play is a story of New England life, the scenes being laid in the village of Bradford, the county seat of Bradford county. Lester White as Dan Chamberlain and LaVelle Leath as Edith Hazelton have been assigned the leading parts while Elmo McMullan as Abner Sherlock Holmes, Juddkins with Mrs. Kellogg as Sally Marie Snodgrass, furnish abundant comedy. A four-piece orchestra has been engaged to furnish music and a record of the city laborer to work for less pay. What he wants is a larger part of the worker's dollar that goes for the food the farmer raises. The worker does not want the farmer to get lower prices for his products, what he wants is more goods for his dollar, a bigger share of the middle man's tribute. Farmers and workers know the bridge between them charges too high toll rates. When they will, they can co-operate and shorten the route between the farm and the kitchen—they can do away with much of the middle profits, expense and waste. The result will be that city workers will get products at lower prices and the farmers will get higher prices. There are two many making profits between.

**PLEASE TURN IN CARDS AND BUTTONS.**  
All Red Cross solicitors in Heppner are requested to turn in all surplus cards and buttons at once. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Emmet Cochran, chairman of the Seventh Annual Roll Call, from the city, the request is made that cards and seals be returned to John Higley at the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank.

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## LEGION WILL HAVE COMMUNITY TREE

### All Kiddies in the City to Be Presented With Treat.

The youngsters of Heppner up to the age of 12 years will be the guests of Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion, at a Community Christmas tree this year. Plans to that effect were completed at the meeting of the post at Hotel Heppner Tuesday evening.

The party will be staged Sunday afternoon, December 23rd, between the hours of 6 and 7 p. m., at the street intersection at the hotel corner, and it is expected and desired that every youngster in Heppner will be there to receive his treat and gift.

A short program is being prepared and Santa Claus himself has promised to appear for the benefit of the guests. Officers for the post were elected at the Tuesday meeting. Glenn Jones will serve as post commander; F. E. Farrier as vice-commander and John E. Higley as post adjutant. W. E. Moore was re-elected post finance officer. Mr. Moore's report for the year showed the post to be in good financial condition.

Steps were taken to secure a permanent meeting place for the organization, and it is expected soon to have suitable headquarters fitted up. It was also decided to take steps toward the organization of a ladies auxiliary.

The turn-out of members was rather slim, various activities keeping many from attending. The dinner served was extraordinarily fine, and an enthusiastic vote of thanks was given the hotel management for the excellent service.

**Up-to-Minute Notes from the Market Agent's Office**  
By C. E. SPENCE, State Market Agent.

**STANDARD PACE PROTECTS GROWERS.**  
Grading and standardization of potatoes is now generally recognized as absolutely important and necessary to commercial handling. The condition of the stock at the shipping point very largely decides how it will stand in the consuming market in competition with potatoes from another section or state. It must be up to standard to bring the standard price, and when a shipment has both a state and federal certificate of its quality, that guarantee puts a stop to the many sharp practices that have been worked against shippers and growers and prevents many disputes and losses to growers and shippers.

Standardization means the elimination of chance between the price paid the grower and the price paid the shipper. It guarantees that the potatoes in the sack are what they are marked on the sack. Fifteen states are now standard grades and it is but a matter of time when all states will come under standard grades in order to find markets.

**TOO MANY VARIETIES.**  
Market Agent Spence says too many potatoes are grown in Oregon that stand up to the test of the market. He advises that growers should find out the one or two varieties best adapted to their locality and stick with them. He says the Burbank seems to be a good all-purpose potato. It is practically free from disease, is a good shipper because it will stand up and is a popular table variety. As for seed potatoes for California shipment, there are several varieties that do well in this state.

**KEEP HANDS OFF.**  
The Supreme Court of Wisconsin rendered a decision last month, that while given federal certificate of quality, in the press, it is of utmost importance to co-operative organizations. The supreme court made permanent a temporary injunction granted to a co-operative organization by the federal court, restraining an outside company from soliciting or buying the product from members under contract to pool. The decision is a sweeping victory for co-operative marketing organizations. In its opinion the court said:

"We consider that the law is well settled that one who maliciously induces another to breach of contract of a third person is liable to such third person for damages resulting from such breach."

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## 7 BILLS RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

### One Not a True Bill Found Out of Eight Considered; No Recommendations Made.

Seven true bills were found by the grand jury in session last week, which made its report to the circuit court at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning. Eight bills were investigated during the session of three days, and only one was reported not a true bill.

The one not true bill found was in the case of Andrews brothers and F. C. Barnes vs. Andy Road, Jr., which arose over a wage dispute. All others are included in the docket handled by the court.

The report of the grand jury follows: "We, the undersigned, the duly empaneled grand jury for the June term, 1923, of the above entitled court, respectfully report as follows: "Since our former report we have been in session three days. We have inquired into all violations of the criminal laws of the State committed in the county of Morrow during the term of the grand jury, and we have returned seven true bills and one not a true bill.

"We have examined the county jail and the offices connected with the administration of justice. We find the jail in good condition and the offices properly kept so far as we could determine from our inspection.