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STATE COMMISSION MAKES NO PROMISE

County Officials Present Matter of Closing O.-W. Gap.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY

Shortage of Funds Makes Work Impossible Now; Jones Hill-Lena Stretch May Be Improved.

Judge W. T. Campbell and Commissioners Davidson and Benge returned on Sunday from a week spent at Portland and Salem. At Portland they attended the sessions of the state highway commission on Tuesday and Wednesday and then proceeded to Salem, where they were a part of the large attendance of county judges and commissioners at their annual assemblage.

The proposition of getting aid from the highway commission for the construction of the gap in the Oregon-Washington highway between Lena and Vinson, which if done would complete that part of the state's highway system, was presented to the commission jointly by the members of the county courts of Umatilla and Morrow counties. While Judge Campbell was impressed with the fact that the commission is very desirous of having this work done, the petitioners were given to understand that it was impossible to do so now, for the reason that the funds are lacking. At that time the matter was taken under advisement, but our county court understands that there can be no cooperation on the part of the state highway department at this time, or anywhere in the very immediate future in the construction of the Lena-Vinson unit, for the funds are lacking.

We were informed by Judge Campbell, however, that there might be a chance to get a portion of this work done; that portion from Jones Hill to Lena, a distance of about three miles. At the time the Jones Hill section was built, the state advanced the county $30,000 to be applied in cooperation by the county, this sum to be repaid on the basis of $10,000 yearly to the state. Our court made the proposition that they might apply this on real construction work, the county taking the contract and thus repaying the state in this manner by building that much of the road as would lead from Jones Hill to Lena. There is a possibility that this may be granted by the highway commission, and should it be done, the worst portion of the Lena-Vinson gap would be taken care of, though it is not the most expensive to build by any means, and the people down on Butter creek would receive much needed relief in getting to town, especially at this time of the year when the road gets very soft and almost impassable.

The meeting of county judges and commissioners at Salem was one of the best they have yet had, and Judge Campbell states that much very valuable information was gathered by the officials pertaining to the carrying on of their work. The visiting of the various state institutions and the manner in which they are being cared for opened the eyes of a great many of the visitors, and when they could see things from the inside it was made manifest to them that the state officials have a big job on their hands. The business sessions of the convention were very interesting and profitable, and Judge Campbell feels that the time and expense necessary to take in this annual event are both well spent. It was decided to hold the next convention at Salem instead of Portland.

HARDMAN NEWS ITEMS.

The high school basketball team is scheduled to play the Lexington high school team next Saturday on the Lexington floor. The Lexington boys will give a return game on February first.

Following is a synopsis of the comedy. "Bashful Mr. Bobs," which will be given here next Friday evening: The Hendersons are at the Farmers Hotel, Splinterville, State of Delaware, awaiting the arrival of their friend, Marston Bobs. His cousin, Robert Bobs, who is very bashful, arrived on the scene. He is mistaken for Marston Bobs and has to shoulder the blame for the latter's flirtations. Obadiah Stump gets a sham pain and disturbs one of the boarders, a travelin' evangelist, as it were. Marston finally shows up with explanations, and claims the movie actress for his bride. Bashful Mr. Bobs strolls out in the moonlight with little Jean, who has been crying her heart out.

Cast of characters:

Katherine Henderson, a young wife ..... Ethel McDonald
Frederick Henderson, her husband ..... Neal Knighten
Mrs. Wiggins, the landlady ..... Alice Keithley
Obadiah Stump, a fresh country product ..... Teddy Burnside
Francis Whittaker, an athletic girl ..... Hazel McDonald
Rosalie Otis, a society bud ..... Lucy Williams
Mr. Robert Bobs, the bashful one ..... Harlan Adams
Jean Graham, a Delaware peach ..... Hazel Hays
Marston Bobs, anything but bashful ..... Hubert McDonald
Celesta Vanderpool, of the movies ..... Lee Merrill
Julie, her maid ..... Laura Williams

A big dance at Hardman next Friday night after the high school play. Good music. Supper at the hotel.

Walter Farrens and family have moved from Hardman to Rhea creek, where they will reside during the road work.

MASONS ATTENTION.

Regular meeting of Heppner Lodge No. 69, next Saturday evening, Jan. 19. Work in F. C. degree. By order of W. M. L. W. BRIGGS, Sec.

HI SCHOOL PLAY SET FOR JAN. 24

Cynthia's Strategy is Clever Comedy; Other Interesting Items of Student Activities.

"Cynthia's Strategy," a short operetta, will be put on at the Star theater Thursday, Jan. 24, in connection with the picture. This is a very clever little bit of comedy which everyone will enjoy. You are promised an evening of enjoyment and an opportunity to help your school.

"Clarence" will be presented in about a month by the student body.

This is a play of unusual distinction, being very modern and having been given on the legitimate stage and the screen. The characters for the high school presentation of it have been well chosen and it will be the best play put on in years. Humor and pathos are blended harmoniously in each act.

The girls and boys basketball teams played at Stanfield last Friday. The girls tied Stanfield with a 15-15 score and the boys won with a score of 19-13.

Both the boys and girls teams will play at Ione next Friday, when they will again bring home the bacon.

The Freshmen gave a party for the student body last Friday which was a return for the party given them at the first of the year. Fortune-telling was an interesting feature of the entertainment. Many startling events of the future were revealed by the fortune teller; some great celebrities are to spring from H. H. S. if her word may be relied upon.

The refreshments consisted of fruit salad and cake which served to soothe the overwraught feelings of those who were later to commit suicide, murder a mother-in-law, or see ghosts.

Carl Cason and Reid Buseick, the delegates to the Eugene convention, gave their reports Tuesday in a very interesting manner. They gained many new ideas from the speakers and brought them back to the students.

The Egyptian dance to be given the night of "Cynthia's Strategy" will add much to the interest. Be sure you see it.

The Freshman pennant has arrived and been elevated to its position in the Assembly Hall. It is a large one designed in coral and silver.

The finals in the interclass debate on "Resolved, that the government should establish and maintain a minimum price for wheat," will be held next week. It is a question of great interest which class will win the cup offered by the P. T. A. The competing classes are the Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. Outside attendance at this debate is welcome.

Don't strain your memory, but don't forget the H. S. smoker on January 22.

More Room Needed at Orphans' Asylum

Who Will Invest in One Acre of Land For the Homeless Children of the Farm Home?

The call through the papers for cows for the children's Farm Home near Corvallis, had such a generous response that that need has been supplied for the present with cows promised, and the "kiddies" will soon have all the good rich milk that they can consume. Incidentally it would warm the hearts of the givers to see the pale faces take on color and the sad eyes become bright through the use of this real "Childs food."

We can fully understand that this appeal for milk touches the hearts of child lovers because it so directly touches the child. But before cows can give milk they too must have rich food and before that can be raised we must have good fertile land to grow it. Of the farm of 245 acres 108 acres have been paid for and 25 more pledged by the Baptist church of the state in addition to the cottage which they are raising money to erect. This leaves the purchase of 112 acres to provide for. It is desirable that this payment be made very soon both to cut out the burden of interest and to "clear the decks" for further building.

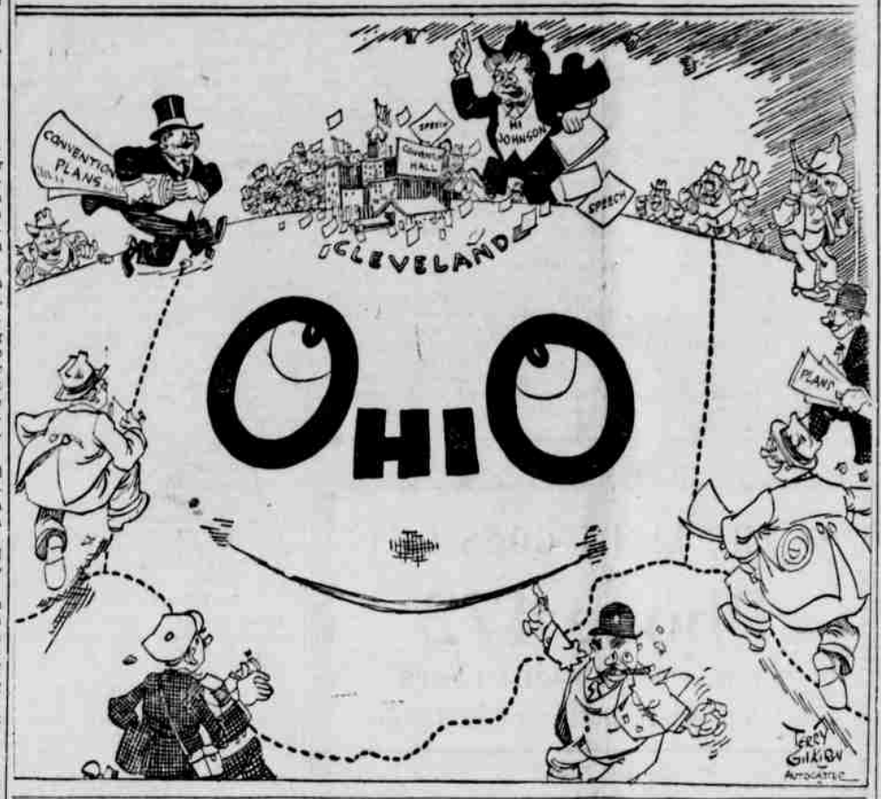
If any one has thought of the paying for the land as a thing apart from the little children that are being housed and cared for at the home we would ask them to consider a beautiful field just across from the building plot which is now growing green with feed for the "bossies" that kindly people have given us. We would ask them to try to imagine the pretty lake of five acres where both boys and girls take their much loved sport of swimming, boating and wading. Then there is the picnic ground which overlooks this lake containing about two acres where good boys and girls may disport and visitors may view their sport in the water.

There are garden spots for the children where they will learn to take part with God in making things grow and the other acres where the pigs, chickens, goats, calves and other animals may be cared for and housed by clubs that the "club men" from the O. A. C. will be organizing very soon. Then there is the strawberry patch and the orchard in which they will be taught to work, and with skill, by the O. A. C. men who are cooperating with us in this "Real Home on a Real Farm" where homeless unloved children will be prepared for useful and happy citizenship.

When one takes this view every acre touches vitally the child and every one becomes as important as milk in their education and care. The farm stretches out into a great beautiful book in which these children will learn their most important lessons and it is directly feeding them to supply the dollars to pay for the acres.

Every individual community or organization that supplies the purchase price for one or more acres will have this gift perpetuated in a name on a bronze plate which will be placed in the administration building which it is hoped may be built some time in the next year. At any rate the names are being carefully listed to be placed there when built. So who will be the first to send in either the entire amount or a portion, with pledge for completion of payment of $200 each for one or more acres. Send to Farm Home Office, 615 Stock Exchange Bldg. Portland, making checks to Children's Farm Home.

ALREADY THE BUCKEYES ARE LOOKING UP



LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

James Johnson, who is running a bunch of his cattle on the Charley Bartholomew ranch at Pine City, was in Heppner yesterday. Mr. Johnson has his home ranch at Range, Grant county, and states that his section harvested splendid crops of hay and grain the past season, and the Northern Grant country came back in good shape. Barring a little excitement during the past season in the burning of schoolhouses and chasing suspects with bloodhounds, Jimmy says his neighborhood has settled down to its wanted quietude and everything is serene.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Johnston arrived from Arlington yesterday and will take up thier residence in this city. Dr. Johnston has been located at Arlington for the past two years, and he comes to our city highly recommended, taking over the practice of Dr. Chick who removed to The Dalles the past week. Dr. Johnston and wife are just such people as will find a warm welcome at Heppner.

A. B. Cochran and Miss Ellen Bergstrom, both of Ione, were married in Portland January 4, 1924. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cochran and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bergstrom, estimable parents of the young couple. They will reside on a farm north of town. We all congratulate them.—Ione Independent.

L. P. Davidson is in attendance at the annual convention of the county judges and commissioners which is in session at Salem this week. It's a sporty week for Davidson, as he is to attend many banquets, entertainments, auto rides to the different state institutions, picture shows, and what not. O, boy, some time!—Ione Independent.

Some good road work is reported being done down Butter creek from the Chas. Bartholomew ranch, the road receiving a good coating of gravel that will put it in excellent shape. Mr. Bartholomew is boss of the works, and the people of the district are working out their special tax while they can do no farm and ranch work.

Carl Cason and Reid Buseick, representatives of Heppner high school at the conference in Eugene the last of the week, returned home Monday. They report a fine meeting of the high school students from over the state, and they greatly enjoyed their experience.

Sheriff McDuffee returned home the first of the week from Portland. He spent several days in the city the past week, attending the state meeting of sheriffs and peace officers.

Dillard French, Gurdane cattleman, was down to Heppner on Saturday to attend to business matters. Weather conditions were ideal out his way, Mr. French stated.

John Brosnan, Lena stockman, was in town Wednesday. The snow is all gone and the weather is fine, though it continues to freeze pretty hard o'nights.

Ray Drake, Eight Mile farmer, was doing business in this city on Tuesday. Mr. Drake is farming the Mrs. Chas. Furlong place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Latourell returned on Sunday from their trip to the coast country in Coos county.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Reid have been spending the past week, visiting in Portland.

Egg Producer, $3.00 per sack.—Brown & Lowry.

DELICIOUS COTTAGE CHEESE.

Two days of each week, the Peoples Cash Market will have a supply on hand of the famous Red Rock Dairy Cottage Cheese. This is a high grade product, and you will be delighted with it. Twice a week at this market—Mondays and Fridays, Try it. Also the best of everything the market affords in meats, fish and poultry.

HENRY SCHWARZ, Prop.

Father of S. E. Notson Dies at Home in Iowa

A telegram was received early Monday morning by District Attorney S. E. Notson, announcing the death of his father, R. P. S. Notson, at his home at Hamburg, Iowa. Mr. Notson who was a pioneer resident of that part of Iowa, was past 94 years of age. He would have been 95 this coming April.

For the greater portion of his life, Mr. Notson had resided in Iowa, coming to that state from Tennessee, his native state. He is survived by his aged widow, who at this time is in a very poor state of health, five sons and three daughters, besides many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was of sturdy pioneer stock and during his long residence in the state of Iowa was instrumental in the development of that commonwealth, and was known and honored as a citizen of substantial qualities, and a splendid Christian man. With but possibly one exception, Mr. Notson was the oldest Mason in his state.

Farmers' Conference In Morrow Feb. 9th

At the annual meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, on January 5, it was decided to hold a county-wide wheat growers' conference in the county early in February. The date for this conference has been set for February 9, and details will be arranged for at a meeting of the executive committee of the county organization to be held in the County Agent's office, on January 19. The attendance at this conference of D. E. Stevens, Superintendent of the Moro station, and E. R. Jackman, Extension Farm Crops Specialist of the Oregon Agricultural College, has been assured. Other authorities on the growing and marketing of wheat will attend and the question of the policy for the wheat growers in Morrow county will be thoroughly discussed and a program outlined to work toward in the county.

Will Have Offices In I. O. O. F. Building

Dr. A. H. Johnston, who is locating in Heppner from Arlington, will have offices in the I. O. O. F. building, and Dr. Fred E. Farrior, dentist, will remove from the Swinburne building to the I. O. O. F. building, where he will in the future be located, the two doctors using the middle office room there as a reception room. They expect to be established in the new location by the middle of the coming week, or just as soon as the rooms are put in shape and they can get their fixtures in place, which should not be later than the time mentioned.

NOT SO HARD ON RABBITS.

That the jackrabbits were some wild Sunday is testified to by Frank Harwood, popular young Heppner jeweler. Frank says he knocked over four out of four boxes of ammunition, and believes his misses were not altogether due to poor marksmanship as he declares the rabbits were sure on the go. He forgot to add, however, how much of the four boxes was used by his companions. Mr. Harwood was accompanied on the rabbit hunt in Cecil vicinity by Jasper Crawford and the Misses Isabelle Steele and Harriet Chambers, the young ladies being popular high school teachers in this city.

BIOLOGICAL SURVEY MAN HERE.

A. W. Moore, of the United States Biological Survey, spent several days in the county last week, going over the jack rabbit control work with County Agent Morse. Mr. Moore stated that he had never seen jack rabbits as fat any place at this time of the year, as he found them here. A small amount of very effective poisoning was carried on in the county while the snow was on, but the snow was not thick enough over most of the north end of the county to bring the rabbits in out of the sage brush in large numbers.

Mrs. J. E. Eskelson of Seattle is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mikesell, in this city.

CECIL NEWS ITEMS

"Mac" Smith and Arthur Conner of Heppner arrived at The Last Camp on Thursday. As soon as Mac, the weather man, put his foot on Cecil ground our snow disappeared in the twinkling of an eye. A fine chinook on Thursday soon cleared the snow from our hills and warm weather is once more our lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Zenneth Logan of Boardman were calling on their friends on Willow creek on Friday and will spend a few days in the Cecil vicinity. Zenneth still has a warm spot in his heart for Cecil although his home is now at the "land of promise," viz. Boardman.

R. W. Morse, county agent, was calling on the Mayor on Wednesday and discussed farm bureau and the jackrabbits of Morrow county.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs and children of The Last Camp were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Henriksen at Ewing on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Farnsworth of Rhea entertained a large party of their friends on Saturday evening. Dancing, games and cards were the order of the evening with refreshments served between times.

Mrs. E. Willancks and children, who have been visiting with Mrs. Willanck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler at Willow Creek ranch for some time, left on Saturday for their home in Vernonia.

T. H. Lowe, H. J. Streeter, J. W. Osborn, Henry Krebs and Walter Pope, not forgetting our worthy Mayor, the leading light of Cecil, were all visiting the county seat during the week.

David Hynd of Sand Hollow, who has been visiting Hynd Bros. ranch at Cecil left on the local on Tuesday for Heppner to attend to business matters before returning to his home.

Mr. nad Mrs. Ellis White of Astoria, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. May at Lone Star ranch for several weeks, left on the local on Monday for Portland.

Frank Conner of The Last Camp who has overdone himself during the holidays by eating turkey, winning blankets, etc., is having a lay-off till he recovers from his exertions.

E. Linsley, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Crabtree, left on Friday for Portland where he will visit for a few days before returning to his home at Salem.

Archdeacon Goldie of Cove held a fine service in Cecil on Sunday evening. In spite of the severe weather a large number of people were present.

Road crew and their state trucks, graders, etc., left for Pendleton on Thursday. The bad weather postponing the road work for the present.

W. A. Thomas of Dotheboys Hill was calling on his friends in Cecil on Sunday and investigating the weather question.

Martin Bauernfiend, the obliging storekeeper and car doctor of Morgan, was doing business in Cecil on Monday.

Gordon Hall and W. Fletcher of Four Mile are busy men these days hunting horses or jackrabbits.

E. Bellinger of Boardman has been shipping several cars of baled hay from Cecil during the week.

Oscar Lundell of Rhea Siding was delivering hay in Arlington on Saturday.

GRAZING FEES TO BE TOPIC.

At the annual Oregon Wool Growers convention to be held at Pendleton January 28 and 29, the proposed increase in the Forest Service grazing fees will be one of the principal questions to be discussed. The officials of the state association have arranged an excellent program for the meeting and the committee in charge of the annual banquet promise a better program than ever before. All the wool growers in the state are invited to be present and take part in this meeting, which promises to be of more importance than any state meeting that has ever been held.

O. J. Cox, farmer of Lexington, and a member of the school board of that district, was a visitor here today, looking after business affairs.

Miss Helen C. Barratt Bride of Idaho Man

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barratt in this city was the scene of an impressive but quiet wedding at high noon on Saturday, January 12, when their eldest daughter, Miss Helen Constance, became the bride of Mr. Irwin C. Reiman, of St. Maries, Idaho, in the presence of a number of the relatives and close friends of the bride and her family.

The Barratt home was made more beautiful and attractive for the occasion by the addition of many beautiful and choice cut flowers, and at high twelve, the contracting parties marched into the parlor to the strains of the wedding march, attended by Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Barratt, and took their stand near the archway, where the beautiful ring ceremony was performed by Rev. W. O. Livingstone and the young people united in the bonds that bind them for life.

The bride was attired in a beautiful dress of white silk georgette over satin and carried a bouquet of pink roses and white carnations, while the bridegroom wore the conventional black. Following the ceremony and the congratulations of the company, the newly wedded couple led the way to the dining room, where all were seated about a sumptuous wedding dinner, appropriate place cards marking the station of each one at the table.

The bride's cake was the work of Mrs. Jennie Lowe of Cecil, and at the proper time the bride was called on to carve this delicacy and each guest was served with a piece. Another delicacy served at the wedding dinner was Scotch short bread, a supply of which had but recently been received direct from Scotland by Mrs. Barratt, who is thus remembered each year by a brother residing there. To a number of the guests present this cake was a rare treat, as they had never eaten of it before.

At the conclusion of the repast, Mr. and Mrs. Reiman took their departure, amid showers of rice, old shoes and the well wishes of all, for Pendleton, where they expected to take the night train out for Spokane. Mr. Barratt took them over in his car. After spending a short honeymoon at Spokane and other points, they will go on to St. Maries, Idaho, the home of Mr. Reiman, and where he has been engaged in business until recently. Whether Mr. and Mrs. Reiman will make their home in the Idaho city in the future is not yet settled, and they may decide to locate near Spokane.

These young people were formerly students together at Oregon Agricultural College, and it was here that the acquaintanceship ripened into an attachment that eventually made them man and wife. Mr. Reigraduated from the college in 1922, and Mrs. Reiman the year following. After his graduation he returner to his home town in Idaho and went into business, disposing of this but a few weeks ago. The bride was one of Heppner's popular native daughters, admired and respected by all, and the bridegroom is an excellent young man, highly recommended by all who know him, and the young people have before them a very bright future.

The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd, Miss Annie Hynd and Miss Violet Hynd of Cecil; William Hynd, David Hynd and Miss Annie Hynd of Rose Lawn Ranch, Sand Hollow; Mrs. Anne Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Livingstone, Miss Hazel Anderson and Miss Juanita Hughes, the latter two young ladies assisting Miss Margaret Barratt in serving.

I. O. O. F. Lodges Have Installation of Officers

The following are the officers of San Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33 recently inducted into their stations by Mrs. Anna Brown, installing officer: N. G., Dessa Copenhaver; V. G., Hattie Wightman; Secretary, Lillian Turner; Treasurer, Clara Slocum; Warden, Mrs. R. L. Benge; Conductor, Mrs. M. C. Smith; Chaplain, Mrs. W. T. Campbell; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Hanson Hughes; L. S. N. G., Mrs. A. M. Phelps; R. S. V. G., Olive Frye; L. S. V. G., Ellen Buseick; I. G., Pearl Wright; O. G., Doris Flynn.

Willow Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., with E. R. Huston as installing officer, installed N. G., D. O. Justus; V. G., C. L. Standish; Secretary, A. M. Phelps; Treasurer, Albert Adkins; Warden, Lee Slocum; Conductor, O. M. Scott; R. S. N. G., O. O. Edwards; L. S. N. G., S. P. Devin; R. S. V. G., D. C. Gurdane; L. S. V. G., A. J. Knoblock; Chaplain, J. L. Yeager; R. S. S., Geo. McDuffee; L. S. S., J. J. Wightman; I. G., G. W. Sperry; O. G., A. Z. Barnard.

MRS. MATLOCK SELLS RANCH.

Mrs. T. J. Matlock has disposed of her Hinton creek ranch of 900 acres to Mrs. Nancy E. Stuart of Portland. The consideration in the deal is not revealed by the deed filed this week in the office of Clerk Anderson, but the amount of revenue stamps it bears would indicate that it was around $23,000. In the deal Mrs. Matlock takes over Portland residence property which is said to be quite valuable. Portland realty men put across the deal, and we are informed that they have listed other Morrow county ranches, which they state they will have no trouble in disposing of. We understand Mrs. Matlock will go to Portland to reside as soon as her affairs are closed up here.

GRAND MASTER WILL VISIT.

Geo. T. Cochran, of La Grande, Grand Master of A. F. & A. M. of Oregon, will make an official visit to Heppner Lodge No. 69, on next Thursday evening, January 24th. A full attendance of the members is expected to be present to extend greetings to the distinguished visitor. Plans are being made for his entertainment and a banquet will be included.

Flour by barrel or sack.—Brown & Lowry.

This Week

Fixing the Bible.
Brave Men Are Valuable.
Power in the Head.
Four Greatest Horses.
Watch Europe's Exchange

A Chicago professor translates the Bible and cuts out completely John's story of the woman whom Christ forgave, saying to the collection of old gentlemen with stones in their hands: **"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."**

John never wrote that, says the learned translator; somebody put it in. Another learned man says the Book of John was written two or three hundred years after the death of Christ, and, if that be true, John might have missed something.

If now some other wise person would cut out of the New Testament "The Sermon on the Mount" and "suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not," the job would be perfect.

The story about the woman forgiven, in the eighth chapter of John, is especially interesting, because in all the Bible it contains the only reference to any writing done by Christ: "Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground." And that answers in an interesting way other wise men, including Roman, who say that Christ, a simple peasant of Galilee, never could read or write.

It pays to save little things. And some very rich men are rich because they know it. But suggest saving to a young man who hasn't got anything—he smiles compassionately and passes on.

Henry Ford doesn't do that. His plant in Detroit saves waste paper, string, used-up heads of mops, broken pails, nuts, bolts, etc. At the end of a year the saving equals a million dollars a month.

It is planned to send the dirigible Shenandoah to the North Pole; an interesting idea, but some engineers and others declare the Shenandoah unfit for such a journey.

If there is any doubt about it, there should be no such North Pole trip, and men of high authority should take no needless risk with others, especially as they themselves would not be included in the crew.

Men were sent to their death in badly made flying machines during the war. But that was war. This is peace, and men able and brave enough for that North Pole trip are valuable. A mere trip of interesting scientific investigation may well be postponed until it can be made safely.

Man is an inferior animal, science tells you. If you were as strong as an ant you could lift 120 tons. If as agile as a flee, you could jump over a tall building. What of it?

By pressing a button, working a machine created by his brain, man can lift many thousands of tons. He can't jump like a flea, but he can go up in a flying machine, and stay up. The flea cannot do that. It's better to have the power in your head, than in leg or arm.

"Market buoyant on a big turnover" was the Wall Street line yesterday. Somebody bought 1,319,000 shares of various bonds and nearly all of them traveled upward.

It would be hard to find cause for gloom as regards this country's prosperity. If our lawmakers would allow enough immigrants of the kind that this country needs to come in to develop unused acres, conditions would be even better.

The worker who thinks that immigrants would reduce wages should remember that the average man makes today, with 110,000,000 people in the country, from six to ten times as much as he made when there were only 4,000,000 people here.

The four greatest race horses in the world—or at least the four best advertised—Zev, Papyrus, Epinard and Grey Leg, will race this year at Ascot.

Any one of those horses would sell for at least $100,000.

The automobile show, not far off, will show you various cars, selling for a few hundred dollars, any one of which would take the four greatest race horses, one after another, and run them all to death in one afternoon.

Once fast horses were important. Now they are part of gambling machinery, and they won't last long.

For real news of Europe watch the exchange market. What the world thinks of a nation's money tells what the world thinks of that nation and its position. Yesterday the franc fell below five cents, the lowest record. The French public debt, in three years, has risen from 200 billion to 400 billion francs. War does not pay, especially if you keep it up after it ought to be ended.

BIG TOLL TAKEN IN RABBITS.

Rabbit drives were held in the east end of the Boardman project last Thursday and Sunday. A good crowd was in attendance and altogether several hundred rabbits were taken in the two drives. County Agent Morse, and A. W. Moore, of the Biological Survey, made short talks on the seriousness of the rabbit problem, and the best method of control in this section. A drive is scheduled for the west end of the Boardman project for January 20.

FARMING SITUATION OUTLOOK IS DOLEFUL

Many Failures Shown By Report of Secretary of Agriculture.

POLITICAL AID NEED

Money Shortage Makes Cooperative Organization Hard; Help for Agriculture Imperative.

By C. E. SPENCE, State Market Agent, 723 Court House, Portland.

The report of the Secretary of Agriculture is a rather doleful story of the condition of the farmers of the country. He says that in the east north central states six per cent have lost their farms in the past three years; of seven west north central states over nine per cent have lost out; that in three mountain states nearly twenty per cent have failed, and that the percentage of renters who have lost all they had runs much higher.

There is little hope that conditions for grain and other farm products will be much better this year, for there is nothing in sight to warrant a change. True, there are something like twenty bills before Congress to aid the farmers, one or two of which may pass, but the most of them provide simply for easier means to borrow money. But if all of them become laws the farmer would not be prosperous because of them. They would help, but the situation is one where it will require more than legislation. It is one where the farmers must help themselves.

No business can ever be permanently successful that throws its products on the market and takes the price the buyers give. It isn't business. It is unsound, and it cannot succeed. This is an age of combination control. Every industry in the nation of importance is organized to control its production and prices except agriculture. Hence the plight of the farmer. He is pillaged because of his defenceless condition.

It is a difficult time to organize farmers into crop control and marketing associations, for the man reason that it takes capital to finance such organizations, and farmers are desperately hard pressed, but it is such emergencies that bring out self-defense action. When a farmer smarts hard enough then will come mass action for protection. And when by organization and co-operation they can control the greater part of their production, determine a fair profit price on products and hold for that price, then will they get it, just the same as all other combinations get their profits. But it can never be accomplished until producers have come largely to one mind, that they must pull together.

The co-operative poultry association has gone over and is signed up for another five years' business. It had been in fairly successful operation for several years, with the exception of one disastrous season, but the trouble was that it was not strong enough—it did not control enough of the egg output. So the new contract provided that unless at least 250,000 hens were signed up the contracts were not binding. On the last day of the old year the drive went over, and it is expected that many mere poultry flocks will not be added to the organization, as it will have strength enough in the future to have a big bearing on markets and prices.

Sidney Anderson of the wheat growers association urges that co-operative organizations extend their influence into political activities, as well as marketing associations. He points out that taxes on farm lands have increased from 30.9 cents in 1914 to 69.3 cents in 1922, per acre, and he declares that high taxes and high freight rates must be combatted as well as low product prices.

Slowly but certainly the indisputable facts are being impressed on the minds of farmers that the relationship between the price of farm products and the prices of articles that have gone through the manufacturing process are unjustly disproportionate and unfair, and with this they realize that the prices they must pay for what they buy are fixed by organization strength, while what they sell is offered in an "open shop" market. They realize that they must combine and bring their industry up to the standard of other prices—or they must quit the farms. The new year should see rapid progress in farm co-operative movements.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The God-less life is the hopeless life, and the hopeless life is the life minus the main-spring. The church has the message of hope; come and get it. Services at the church will be held at the usual hours: Bible School at 9:45 a. m., Communion and preaching immediately following. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 and the evening preaching at 7:30. Prayer meeting will be held on Thursday evening with Mrs. E. R. Huston as leader. Helpful and practical themes will be used in both the morning and evening services and you are cordially invited to worship with us.

LIVINGSTONE.

The Leavitt Soul Winning Team will begin an evangelistic meeting in Lexington on February 3. The team held a meeting at Ione last March and attracted quite a bit of attention, in addition to holding a good meeting.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holboke on Balm Fork was the scene of a delightful dancing party on last Saturday evening when about sixty of their neighbors and friends gathered and enjoyed a few hours of pleasure. The company was royally treated by Mr. and Mrs. Holboke, and it is stated that this party has brought Balm Fork to the front.

Wheat middlings for cows or hogs. —Brown & Lowry.