

Local Happenings

Mr. Douglass, who has been spending the past several months in this city with his daughters, Mrs. Chas. Swindig and Mrs. E. J. Starkey, departed on Sunday for Portland. Mr. Douglass owned a pair of steers that he drove and these he loaded on the cars with other belongings and took them along. He had these animals hitched up and in the Hodes parade last fall, at which time many of the youngsters of the town were made happy by being honored a place in the wagon and taking part in the festivities, and Mr. Douglass enjoyed the proceedings no less than the youngsters.

John McCarty, formerly a resident of Morrow county and well known here for a long number of years, visited the city on Friday and enjoyed meeting up with numerous old-time friends. Mr. McCarty is living now over in Washington, near the town of Touchet, where he is engaged in the raising of sheep and alfalfa. He was here to look over a real estate proposition, and it is barely possible that he may decide to return to Morrow county and become one of our citizens again.

Karl L. Beach of Lexington attended the P. T. A. meeting at the school house in Heppner Friday evening. He brought up three young men from that city who assisted the high school orchestra with their number on the program, the lady adding to the violin section. Following the meeting a number of the members of the orchestra went to Lexington where they furnished a part of the music that was donated for the benefit dance given in the new gym at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wilcox and Mr. Cleve Heipel, of Estacada, drove into Heppner on Monday evening having left home that morning. They are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cox of Bain Fork for a few days, and enjoying some of our excellent weather. Mr. Wilcox is still in the garage business at Estacada and selling cars, while Mr. Heipel is a successful farmer in Clackamas county. This is his first visit to Morrow county.

Pearl P. Bassler, editor of Lone Independent and political sage of the Egg City, was knocking around Heppner on Monday, presumably filling his noodle with more political wisdom (?) and shaking off some of his mental lethargy in telling what he knows. Pearl will soon be in position to fully inform the county as to what is going on politically.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Carter who were down from their ranch at the edge of the timber, report that the roads leading into town are now quite dry. The weather out that way is warm and sunny and vegetation is coming along as rapidly as it should be after the middle of March or the first of April. Truly this is a freak season.

Mass will be said for William Brady deceased, well known sheepman of Eastern Oregon, at Condon Saturday, March 1st, at 8 a. m. Mr. Brady died in County Letrim, Ireland, at the age of 85 years, and was buried at Ballinmuck. He leaves his son, Tom Brady of Boardman and other relatives in the old country.

Spencer Akers and wife returned home on Friday from Portland. They have been in the city for the past two months, Mr. Akers undergoing a serious operation for the removal of a gall that had been troubling him for months. He has fully recovered from the operation and feels greatly improved in health.

Chas. Thomson came home from Portland on Sunday, making a record drive to this city over the Columbia and O. W. highways. He was in the city during the week on pleasure and business combined, and Mrs. Thomson, who accompanied him to the city, will remain there for a time.

Hotel Heppner has placed a fire escape on the building just above the front entrance. This is in compliance with the requirements of the state fire marshal's office. The iron work was done by Frank Shively and T. G. Dennis and Henry Crump put it in place on the building. There will be an escape at the rear also.

Ollie Kincaid is an extensive farmer residing in the lower Gooseberry section. He farms the old home place and states that grain was never better at this time of year. Mr. Kincaid was in the city for a short time on Monday, looking after affairs of business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ayers and Mrs. D. M. Ward arrived home on Friday from Portland. They spent a week or more in the city and were accompanied there by Mrs. Anna Spencer, who remains in the city under the care of a physician.

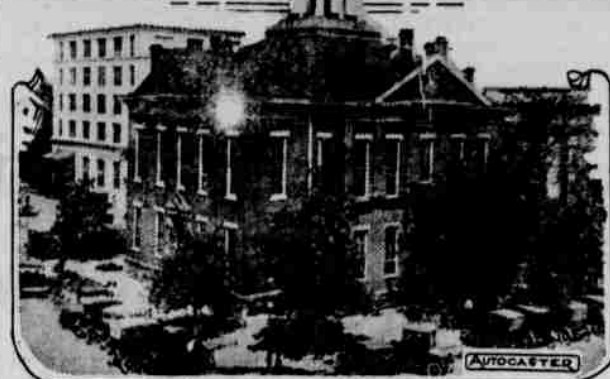
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hiatt motored home from Portland Saturday, having spent the past week in the city where Mr. Hiatt attended the hardware dealers convention. They found the traveling on the highway very fine.

Prewitt Cox and wife were down from their foothill farm on Saturday, spending a few hours in the city. Mr. Cox states that grass and grain are growing fine, and all indications are that spring has arrived for sure.

C. R. Gansel, cashier of Bank of Lone, accompanied by J. H. Kelly, his attorney from Portland were in Heppner Saturday to attend the sheriff's sale of the Peterson lands, in which the bank was interested.

George Peck, who farms successful-

Scene of Illinois Wet and Dry Warfare



Upper picture shows part of the 1700 state troops rushed to Herrin, Illinois, to restore order in Williamson County in the war between the "Drys" and "Wets," and which are said to be Ku Klux Klan and "Knights of the Flaming Circle," respectively. Lower picture is the court house at Herrin, which was under control of the "Drys."

ly in the Lexington country, was a visitor in this city on Tuesday. The past few weeks have been mighty fine for doing up a lot of farm work, and much plowing is in progress.

Jason Biddle, who is owner of one of the leading garages at Lone, was a visitor in this city on Tuesday. Mr. Biddle is feeling encouraged over the business outlook down his way.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Slocum, Ed Keller and Rev. Gillanders of Lexington were in the city on Tuesday evening to attend the jubilee ceremonies of Doric Lodge No. 20, K. of P.

LOST—Bull-terrier dog, dark tan and white, bearing 1923 Morrow county license tag, rabies vaccine cross on collar. Reward. Address Jack Howard, Heppner.

George Sperry, Jr., and family departed on Sunday for Spokane. It is understood that Mr. Sperry will locate at Soap Lake and engage in business.

FOR SALE—Good oats and two varieties of barley—seed stuff. B. P. Swaggart, Eastern Oregon Jack Farm, Lexington, Ore.

For Sale—No. 1 seed barley—bearded variety. \$35 per ton at ranch northeast of Lexington. Harvey Miller.

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For Sale—Nine head good mules, 4-year olds this spring; all broke. Harvey Young.

Isaac Howard, prominent resident of Lone, was a business visitor here on Tuesday.

Present Scandals the Backwash of War

(National Republican.)
Loss of life and property,—so staggering in modern warfare that no war successful for any nation is conceivable,—is not the heaviest toll of war. The most terrible injury inflicted upon a nation by war, and the one from which recovery is slowest and most difficult, is the lowering of national morale which inevitably accompanies participation in war.

Never was there a more startling illustration of this truth than during the World war, and nowhere was it more in evidence than in Washington at that time. One need only read the fifteen-hundred page report of the Graham investigation committee, which collected some of the facts bearing upon the frightful orgy of waste, incompetency and graft that went on in Washington and at other points during the war, to realize how far human greed will go even in a moment that should lift men above sordid motives and unworthy purposes, when the vastly increased activities of government under the stress of war necessarily makes possible the persuasion or corruption of a hastily improvised official personnel to the sacrifice of national interests. Not that corruption was general—it was the exception rather than the rule,—but it was sufficiently pervasive that it could escape the attention of no intelligent observer.

At the end of the war a system of exploitation of the public treasury had grown up that has not yet been entirely extirpated. The present wide-

Strangled Butterfly



Louise Lawson, of Walnut Springs, Tex., known as a "Broadway Butterfly," was found strangled in her luxurious N. Y. apartment—the prey of what police call a "robbery ring," which spots wearers of valuable jewels in Broadway night life—and stop not at murder.

corruption than by continuing to increase the sphere of government activity. Those who would make the government the universal provider, employer and policeman are advocating the most dangerous agency of human exploitation it would be possible to devise. What is everybody's business in government is nobody's business but that of the politician enabled to use public power for private advantage. The simplest government is naturally the least corrupt government. The increased complexity of government, which has reached the point where the government's hand is in every man's pocket and its nose in every man's business, carries with it the increased danger of organized graft using the government for selfish, personal ends.

One of the most flagrant abuses introduced on a large scale during and immediately subsequent to the war was that of government officials retiring from public posts to accept private employment in the prosecution of claims before the very tribunals to which they had belonged and which they had helped to constitute. The lengths to which that had gone was shown when Secretary of the Interior Lane, one of the most high-minded men in the country, left the government service to enter the employ of powerful interests upon whose rights he had been called to pass while a member of the cabinet. Mr. McAdoo does not now see the impropriety of his leaving the Treasury department in the middle of an administration to accept employment at huge fees in a half dozen directions where political and personal influence rather than legal talent was the thing sought by his employers. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, one of the progressive group in the Senate, thought he was justified in leaving the Senate to take employment as a lobbyist for oil interests. Washington, during and for some time after the war, was overrun with attorneys, special agents and lobbyists whose stock in trade was the personal and political pressure they were able to bring to bear on government departments and on Congress. The system of getting things done by favor became so well entrenched that business men came to believe that they could not even get justice without the help of certain powerful people with connections inside the departments. Naturally that system led to the point where something more than justice was sought for through the same agencies.

It may be said,—has been said,—that if all this were true, punishment should have been meted out to the offenders. It is easier to declaim against such evils in an editorial room or on the floor of Congress than to successfully ferret out and prosecute such crimes, sometimes the result of stupidity on the part of government representatives rather than of evil purpose, and when the result of conspiracy difficult to prove. Let us be the only competent witnesses are usually those who were parties to the crime.

We know that when forty-two bread-cans for each soldier in an army of three and a half million men are manufactured, when a billion dollars is wasted on aircraft and as much more on artillery practically without result, when a copper tipped branding iron is made for every two horses and mules owned by the government, and a thousand things of the same sort happen, that there is rottenness somewhere, but to prove criminal intent and corrupt collusion is another matter. But no such system can thrive in the national capital for four years without the blight of it remaining for a long time to come.

While a war is on, criticism of government,—even of the evils of government,—is treated by many people as treasonable. The role of critic is an unenviable one. Under the plea of emergency things may be done that would not be tolerated in a normal time. And this opens the door for great abuses. Government at best functions inefficiently in business activities. There could be no better plan for destroying the nation by

night. The fraudulency of this thing could not be proved in court, but the gross impropriety of it was recognized by everybody. Ships, lands and buildings were unloaded on the government under circumstances which enriched individuals, some of whom were close relatives of persons high in official life. Deals were made which no one outside of a lunatic asylum would have seriously considered on a business basis, all of them to the sacrifice of government interests.

It is true that too many of those who were parties to such transactions lingered in Washington after the war. The civil service system held some of them. But there should have been a real cleaning of the Augean stable. The meritorious spirit which, because the war was over, thought it was just as well not to pursue or punish when recovery of what was lost was impossible, appeals to every man of generous impulses. But it is unfortunate that this whole system could not have been crushed when the war which bred it was over.

The American people may at least be certain that what has recently been revealed, so far as it refers to present conditions, is of slight moment as compared with that which flourished in Washington during and immediately after the war period. There has been a comparative cleansing of the official atmosphere. The guilty are few as compared with the guiltyless. The present revelations will serve the purpose of ending for all time, it is to be hoped, the system of selling official influence to private interests. Those who proclaim the general rottenness of things are like the barroom loafer with limburger cheese in his mustache who tearfully declared that "the whole world stinks."

Under the leadership of a chief executive who is the personification of integrity we are coming out of a mess, not getting into one. Despite the twin enemies of the republic, the corruptionist and the demagogue, we are moving forward to a higher plane as the war which blunted the consciences and sharpened the greed of men recedes in the past.


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