

HEPPNER LOSES THROUGH LACK OF GOOD ROAD

Through Traffic Small Because of Vinson-Lena Gap.

REST OF ROAD GOOD

Pendleton People Boosting for Completion of Oregon-Washington Highway in This County.

By E. B. ALDRICH in Monday's E. O.

Heppner is now losing out on a grand opportunity to have a place in the sun. With alling operations under way on the Oregon trail between Pendleton and Boardman all through the county would now be passing through Heppner over the Oregon-Washington highway were it not for the uncompleted gap between Vinson and Lena in Morrow county. From end to end that highway is now complete save for that 14 mile gap. With the regular travel would follow the Heppner route for it is not much farther than the other way and the Heppner route offers advantages that with many offset the inevitable distance.

Heppner business men and county officials are aware of the loss they suffer through the unimproved Vinson-Lena gap. Heppner has always been pocketed in the way they express it. The finishing of the Oregon-Washington highway will end that difficulty for Heppner will then be virtually on a main transcontinental highway.

Of the unimproved section of road three or four miles is in Umatilla county and the remainder in Morrow county. The Umatilla county officials say they can make the improvement and will do so any time Morrow county and the state are ready. The state highway commission has been saying that Morrow county delays the work through lack of funds.

On Saturday County Judge Bengtson of Morrow county, in conversation with the writer and George C. Baer, secretary of the Pendleton Commercial association, said that Morrow county has a plan that will be presented to the state highway commission next month. He thinks the idea is one that will be acceptable and will bring results.

Let us hope so. At present both counties and all those who travel by motor lose much through the fact otherwise wonderful driveway has 14 miles of bad going road at present.

Vinson-Lena Road Not Impassable. However, the unimproved road between Vinson and Lena is not as bad as some people think. When we left Pendleton Saturday morning we were told by local people and by a Pilot Rocker to go through Echo even though we had to take the Stage Gulch road to Echo. We did it and the trip to Heppner that way took three and a half hours. At Heppner we discovered that the road between Lena and Vinson could be negotiated so we returned that way. We made the trip home in two and a half hours and will M. Peterson who did the driving is a careful pilot. The road between Lena and Vinson is rough but at no place is it impassable. From Heppner to Lena the highway is macadamized and from Vinson, on east Butter creek, to Pendleton the macadam is in perfect condition.

Morrow County Not Downhearted.

"One hundred per cent" is the way Morrow county people respond when you ask how much the county has frozen out. Out of a total of 125,000 acres in fall seeded wheat 120,000 acres froze out. All this wheat with the exception of about 20,000 acres has been or is being reseeded. The people are not discouraged and the county officials are facing the difficulty in good spirit. State loans aggregating about \$65,000 are being secured, chiefly by farmers near Ione and Lexington. The Heppner banks are said to be handling the loans on people as the banks in Umatilla county are doing.

Assessor's Office Up-to-date.

The trip Saturday was occasioned by the fact Mr. Peterson had to represent an eastern client at a foreclosure sale at 2 o'clock at the Morrow county court house. Mr. Baer and the writer went with him to see to the work of the assessor of Morrow county, Jake Wells. Mr. Johns says the Morrow assessor is the only official of that kind in the state who keeps his records up so that one needing information can obtain it without taking a week off. They have a book in the assessor's office that shows all property listed. Transfers are kept up to date and if a man's barn burns down or something else happens that fact is set down. Mr. Johns says that were he a member of the legislature he would introduce a bill to make Jake Wells the state assessor.

Dean Goodman Has Garage.

Dean Goodman, former Pendletonian and son of A. J. Goodman, one time local hardware dealer, has the main garage in Heppner and is doing a good business. Other brothers and others of the Heppner elite were preparing to drive to Condon for an Elks dance that evening. The Heppner lodge of Elks has a membership from three counties and gives dances occasionally in the other towns. They are looking forward to the time when Heppner and Pendleton will be brought closer together by the finishing of the highway between Vinson and Lena.

When the roadway is completed the towns will be only an hour and a half or two hours apart. Then when Judge Phelps and Colonel Beckwith go to Heppner to hold court they can run over in the morning after breakfast and return in the evening if they wish. It will be an easy drive when that time comes and there will probably be a bus line between the two places.

ELKS AND LADIES ENJOY FINE TIME

Twenty Cars in Caravan to Condon Saturday; Banquet and Dance by Condon Members.

Dean Goodman was director of the caravan of some twenty or more cars of Elks and their ladies from this city who journeyed to Condon on Saturday evening to take in the big Elks dance and entertainment there, sponsored by members of Heppner Lodge No. 388 residing in Condon and vicinity. His reports to this paper that there was a very large attendance of Elks from over the district coming under the jurisdiction of Heppner and composed of Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam and northern Grant counties, it being safe to say there were representatives there from practically every town in the territory mentioned.

Everything that could be wished for was provided for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors and Condon gave them a very good time. The banquet was served by M. B. Huines at Hotel Condon and was up to the standard always maintained by him. Cars from Heppner were Gay M. Anderson and wife and L. E. Bluscoe and wife; Bert Stone and wife; Claude Cox and wife; Leonard Gilliam and wife and Arthur McAttee and wife; John J. Kelly and Emil Groshans; K. K. Mahoney, W. A. Richardson and Claire Heppner and wife; Joe Kenny and Henry Olson and wife; E. J. Starkey and wife; J. Kilkenny and family; Ralph Thompson and wife and W. H. Cleveland and wife; L. Van Marter and wife; Frank Turner and family; Henry Cohn; Martin Reid and wife and Andrew Olson and wife; Chas. Bell and Miss Florence Casson; Garnet Barratt and wife and Miss Thelma Miller; H. A. Duncan, Miss Johnnie Fleet and Miss Annabel Denn; H. D. McCurdy and wife; Emory Gentry and Cecil Lianullen; J. G. Cowin. Besides these there were three cars from Ione and four cars from Arlington that joined the caravan at Olex.

DAIRY HERDS ARE NOT BIG ENOUGH

Larger Herds Mean Economies in Handling Product With Larger Returns to the Dairyman.

By ED. H. WEBSTER.

"Dairy herds should be increased in size. The minimum dairy herd should be ten cows; and for more economical production the herd should be safely increased to more than 25."

This statement is taken from the report of the Dairy Committee of the Oregon Agricultural Economic Conference held a year ago at Corvallis, Oregon, and is deserving of thoughtful consideration by every man engaged in dairying. There is still another angle to this. Every creamery man of experience knows that it costs just as much overhead, bookkeeping expense, and general field feed maintenance by every milk can as it does to handle 100 twenty-five cow dairies. He also knows that the best cream comes from the larger dairies and this is no reflection on the care given by the small dairies. It is in handling the product that the small lots of cream that make it so difficult to get it to the creamery in the best condition.

The same principle holds true on the farm. The farmer will put in, in proportion to the size of the herd, a very much longer time per cow or pound of butterfat produced with 5 cows than he will with 10 or 25 cows. From this it will be seen that it costs more on the farm and in the creamery to handle butterfat from a small herd of less than 10 cows, and that one of the important factors in decreasing costs of production on the farm and securing a better price for butterfat is by increasing the size of the dairy herd.

When this important matter has been talked over with dairymen, many have said that they don't have the time to milk and care for more than 4 or 5 cows. They would like to keep more, they have the pasture and the feed to take care of the herd, but the chief thing that prevents them.

Improved dairy equipment is rapidly changing this condition. The modern milking machine is a success. It is making it possible for many men to increase their herds from a non-profitable, more-or-less-of-a nuisance side line, to a profitable part of their farming operations.

It has taken many years to perfect the milking machine. The progressive American farmer has long desired a practical milkier. With this assured, there are hundreds of dairymen in the Northwest that should put on from 5 to 15 more cows and turn a lot of waste feed and human energy into milk and cream checks.

The advice of the Dairy Committee should be well taken for if it is, it will add many thousands of dollars of income, with practically no additional expense, to the dairyman's receipts.

"H" CLUB SMOKER MONDAY.

There will be an "H" Club smoker here next Monday. It promises to be a good one.

Don't forget the Ione vs. Heppner baseball game to be played at Ione Saturday.

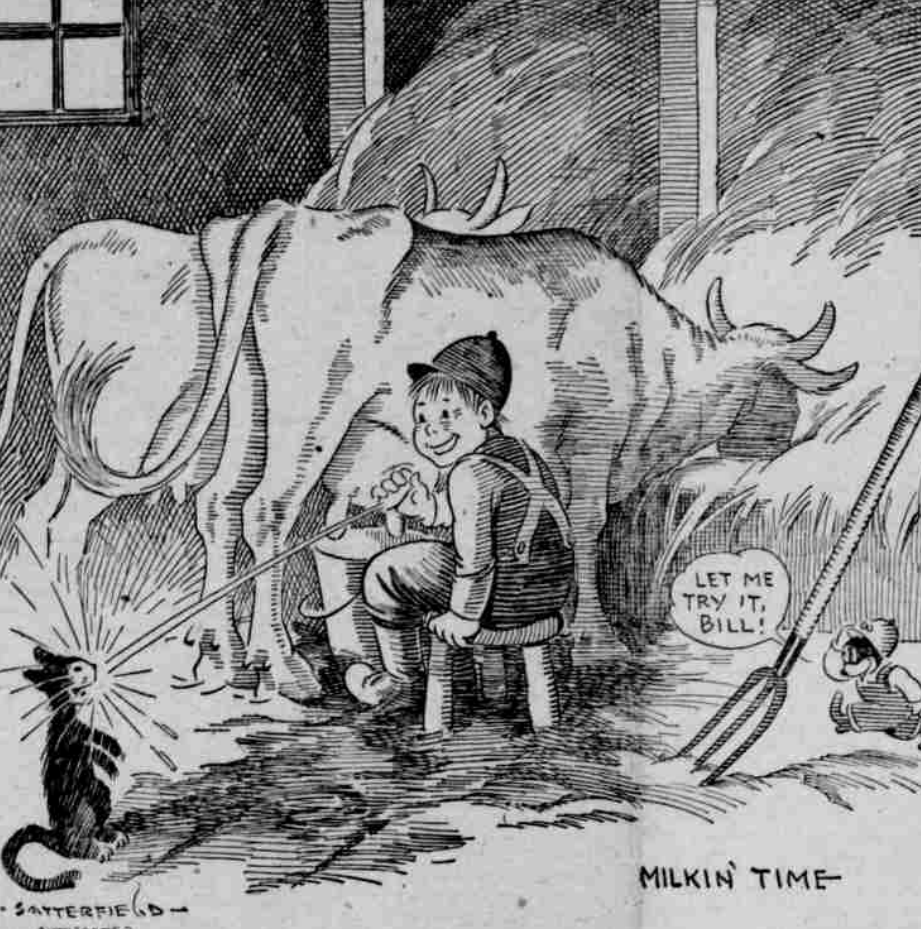
CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in our recent bereavement and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

JESSE J. WELLS AND FAMILY.
G. A. McMillan, H. W. Loveland, J. F. Caldwell, H. G. Bolton, R. L. Goodwin, Wm. Badger, M. M. Page, Portland, B. H. King and wife, F. B. Bartlett, Seattle, and P. T. Roberts, The Dalles, were salesmen in the city during the week whose names appeared on the register at Hotel Heppner.

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WHEN DAD WAS A BOY



Cause of Influenza Is Not Definitely Known

State Board of Health. While we do not think there is cause for serious alarm, there is no question that influenza is more prevalent than it has been for some time in Oregon. Reports from other parts of the United States show that there are many cases of the disease. Notwithstanding the great amount of study that has been devoted to influenza, we are still unable to prescribe measures for its complete control. It is impossible to classify this disease properly until more studies have been made by the clinical bacteriologist.

As a result of the absence of exact diagnostic criteria, influenza is today a diagnostic scrap basket into which has been thrown the odds and ends in the way of minor infections which the bacteriologist is not yet ready to help the clinician classify with precision. The cause of the epidemic, of the supposedly existing sporadic influenza is not surely known. We are as far as ever from conclusive knowledge as to the source of influenza.

There is undoubtedly some connection between the common cold and influenza. There seem to be cases of common cold which are almost indistinguishable clinically, and the bacteriological findings in the nose and throat of influenza sufferers and persons having a common cold are, as far as the evidence goes, practically the same. The preventive measures are practically the same.

These infections are spread by coughing, artificial heating, soiled handkerchiefs, soiled hands, promiscuous spitting, and imperfectly cleaned and unrefrigerated eating and drinking utensils.

PREVENT INFLUENZA BY:

1. Keeping away from places that are crowded.
2. Plenty of sleep; sleep with an abundance of fresh air.
3. Careful diet; eat in moderation.
4. Warm feet and dry clothes; avoid chilling.
5. Keeping fingers out of mouth and washing hands before eating.
6. If sick, keep away from others until cured!

NEW X-RAY MACHINE INSTALLED.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo has just recently installed one of the very latest x-ray machines—the Wappier—x-ray machine—direct from the factory in New York a week or more ago. This machine is the very latest thing out in this line and is a fine addition to the doctor's office equipment. Hereafter it has been considered necessary in getting accurate x-ray pictures, to travel to Portland. That will not be necessary now as the very best pictures of this nature can be secured by this new machine.

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MR. and MRS. LLOYD LEATHERS.

Twenty acres unimproved, for young horses; good soil; under new McKay creek reservoir. Also 46 acres partly improved for wheat and stock ranch. E. P. Dudd, Hermiston, Ore.

Twenty acres, garden, pasture, small house, barn, sheds, 400 hens, water in house, mile of town, price \$125 per acre, terms. Box 38, Hermiston, Ore.

Dan Hanshaw, Sand Hollow farmer, was quite seriously injured on Friday when the team he was driving to a plow ran away. He is reported to have received a couple of broken ribs, besides internal injuries.

Jas. Gleason of the state fire marshal's office, was here from Portland on Thursday last, looking after the duties of his office. He was a guest at Hotel Heppner while in the city.

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HEPPNER AND ONE FORM BALL CLUB

Strong Home Talent Team Will Result From the Combination.

F. SHIVELY MANAGER

Rietmann, Brock, Van Marter, Anderson and Aiken Among Players Listed; First Game Sunday.

The approach of the baseball season started the agitation for organizing a team at Heppner and also brought about negotiations between this town and Ione for the formation of a club that would include the leading players of both places.

During the past week this talk took on form and shape, when the two places got together, and the result is the combination of arrangements that will mean one of the strongest baseball aggregations the county has yet had, and a team will be in the field ready to meet all comers. It will be such a team as will need no bolstering up from the outside and can receive the united support of the public of both Heppner and Ione.

Frank Shively is to be the manager again this season, and he tells the public that it will not be the policy of the organization to call upon the business men of the town for financial backing. The arrangement that has been made will not necessitate a money guarantee for the importation of players, so the gate receipts will be depended upon to support all claims.

The list of players includes the following: Arch Cochrain, P. M. Roehy, Dutch Rietmann, Werner Rietmann, Victor Rietmann, Cleo Drake, Gay Anderson, L. Van Marter, Paul Aiken and Herman Hill.

It is stated that Roehy is getting his arm back in good shape and that he will be able to go in the box with his old-time pep, so there is going to be no difficulty in the way of having a strong battery, and with the field to draw from the backing will be all that can be desired. The prospect for a good season of ball playing is therefore about the best that has been presented the fans in this neck of the woods for many a long season.

Boardman, Condon and Arlington are well organized and each of these places will have strong aggregations this year. An introductory game will be played on Sunday next between the Morrow County Club and Boardman, at Boardman, and we shall be able to announce the season's schedule shortly.

PAINTING UP.

Several store fronts in the city are receiving new coats of paint, and the slogan of "clean up and paint up" seems to be taking hold of our folks. There is many a residence in this town that would be greatly improved by the application of some paint, and now is a mighty good time to do it.

Dale Jones of Colville, Wash., was a visitor in Heppner over Sunday, stopping at Hotel Heppner.

GRIMSON EYEBROWS DRAWS BIG CROWDS

Colorful Operetta Given by High School Receives Praise.

THEME IS CHINESE

Pupils Show Evidence of Excellent Training; Finch and Schwarz Entertain Between Acts.

A full house greeted the presentation of the musical comedy, "Crimson Eyebrows," by the pupils of the high school at Star theater on Tuesday afternoon and evening, and the large crowds were fully repaid by the splendid rendition of the operetta.

The preparation of the play had been going on for several weeks under the direction of Miss Annabel Denn, teacher of music, and the successful presentation was the outcome of a lot of hard work on the part of both pupils and director. Miss Denn carried the musical score on the piano and that part of the program was up to the standard of excellence that rules in all her work on this instrument.

The high school orchestra also furnished a number of selections, showing that they, also, are making advancement along musical lines. Between acts one and two, Messrs. Finch and Schwarz did some lively tumbling on the mat that brought forth hearty applause from the audience.

For amateurs these gentlemen are getting on well, and should be leading features in future entertainments. The financial results were very satisfactory and after the expense of the operetta has been settled, there will be a handsome sum left.

A delightful feature was the costumes of the performers. These had all been worked out to present the proper Chinese effect and added much to the charm of the entertainment. The stage settings were also Chinese. Of course, as the scene was to represent the emperor's palace garden in Peking, China, of several hundred years ago, it was proper to give the audience a glimpse of the palace as well as the emperor's palace.

It is to be hoped that the operetta will be given again, for the Chinese theme is so well presented in every feature as to place it far in the front rank of the operetta events, both musical and theatrical, that have been given in Heppner for many seasons.

Demostartes Star Car On Cemetery Grade

M. F. Long, Pendleton automobile dealer, was in the city on Monday, having with him a Star touring car which he uses as a demonstrator.

Trying out the car on cemetery hill Monday forenoon, he demonstrated its ability to take that climb to the top and over, on high. The little car never hesitated in the least in making the climb, which is considered one of the hardest hills hereabouts.

Mr. Long is visiting different towns in this section at this time as a part of the campaign the Star people are putting out to demonstrate the pulling power of their machine, and the challenge is out to other cars of this class to meet the test.

Mr. Long said that the first time he demonstrated a car in Heppner he was driving a two-cylinder Maxwell, and the people here thought he had a wonderful machine because he was able to go up the cemetery hill in low. At that time there was only one car owned in Heppner, a one-cylinder Oldsmobile belonging to Ben Patterson. The Patterson car was not able to make the hill unassisted and when Mr. Long's car went over the top, local people thought he possessed the very finest vehicle that could be made.

Wheat And Prosperity.

Every major business depression in the United States since the Civil War has been ended only when the buying power of the farmer has recovered. This buying power has usually been exemplified by wheat. Although 1925 shows a partial recovery, largely because of building activity, a tiny depression developed in the middle of 1924, according to the Educational Director of the Investment Bankers Association of America. The country did not show a permanent recovery from the severe slump of 1920 until the price of wheat began to go up in 1924.

During the Civil War wheat sold as high as \$3 a bushel. It slumped in the depression of 1873 and 1879. In 1879 bad weather ruined England's crop. American farmers exported a huge quantity of wheat at good prices and the hard times of 1873 to 1879 were ended. A good American crop in 1880 sold profitably. Five years of prosperity followed.

In the depression of 1893 to 1896 wheat sold at 53 cents a bushel in 1896. That year the East Indian crop failed. Wheat went to 94 cents by November. In 1897 the United States had another good crop and good prices because of the shortages in France and the Danube valley. Wheat and the buying power of the farmer ended the depression of 1893-1896. This time prosperity lasted ten years.

The 1924 rise in wheat came at the psychological moment to settle prosperity in the saddle, and the question now arises: "If prosperity is here, what are you going to do about it?" That's a vital question for every man and woman. Are you going to invest your savings in the honest, substantial, wealth-producing activities of the country and help make prosperity permanent or are you going to indulge in losing gambles in get-rich-quick ventures, promoted by strangers.

What is "Safety First?" J. G. Claugsten, forest ranger, who has been spending the winter at Pendleton, has returned to his duties here. He will spend the season at the office in Heppner and at the ranger station near Parkers Mill.

L. C. Davis, brakeman on the Heppner branch, and Miss Florence Seale of Arlington were married on Tuesday of this week at Vancouver, Wn., according to information furnished this paper.

The ladies of the Methodist community church will hold their Easter sale of gingham dresses, aprons and food, Saturday, April 4th, at 1:30 p. m. at the store of Case Furniture Company.

Look out! "Safety First."

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Mrs. L. G. Herren wishes to announce that she has received a shipment of Blair hats; also a shipment of California Sport hats.

For Sale, 402 acres, known as South Jones Prairie, situated in Blue Mountains, 20 miles from Heppner. Address D. C. Wells, Pendleton, Ore.

Miss Lila Smith of Portland arrived at Heppner the first of the week to take a place in the office of Woodson & Sewak as stenographer.

D. E. Clark, traveling freight agent of the O. W. R. & N. Co., was in the city on Monday looking after business for his company.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Howell of Hardman are the proud parents of a 9-lb. daughter, born to them on Saturday, March 21st.

The advertisement of Latourelle Auto Co. in another column contains an announcement of interest. Look it up.

FOR SALE—Good used Columbia phonograph; 50 late records. Harwood's Jewelry Store.

G. E. Hudalting, rancher of Lone Rock, was doing business here Friday.

Women report that a power washer cuts down the time required to do the washing from six hours to two hours. A pressure cooker reduces the time of watching food two-thirds, besides cutting down the fuel bill one-half.

This Week

By Arthur Brisbane

Above the Knees, Please. 20 Million Feet a Day. Salmon but Not Children. An Old Bible.

Paris rulers of fashion say to women all over the world: "Wear your skirts above your knees and paint your ears red."

And the pathetic fact is that millions of women will wear skirts so short as to be silly, and paint their ears red without loss of time. Also the eyelids are to be stained dark brown or blue, the eyelashes curled, and the inside of the nostrils stained bright red.

The short skirt, in reason, is sensible, a step toward common sense, and away from microbes. Red ears, when natural, indicate good blood circulation. But for women to wear skirts that would look foolish on a child, paint artificial health on their ears, curl their lashes, and color their eyelids, that seems too much. However, back of it all there is divine wisdom, undoubtedly. Woman is on her way to some grand destiny. Let us observe and admire, but not criticize.

We can estimate the wealth under ground in this country. The Barland Oil Company strikes a new oil well in its Colorado territory. The roar of the gas, rushing out, twenty million feet a day, can be heard six miles. If gas were worth one dollar a thousand, which is called "a cheap, condensation price," how much would that well yield in money?

And the wealth in the ground is perhaps less than the wealth in the air. Floating above every farm, waiting to be taken out and used, is enough nitrogen to fertilize many such farms. We buy nitrogen hauled all the way from South America, and there are billions of tons of it above our heads.

And what is the wealth below the water of the oceans, seas and lakes, that cover the greater part of the earth?

Here and there, along the Pacific Coast, you see oil wells out in the ocean.

Men eventually will explore the ocean's bed, as they now explore Alaska, or Africa, and give to the farms, from the air, the nitrogen they need. Henry Ford would do it now, if he had Muscle Shoals.

The Supreme Court decides that the game and fish act is constitutional. The National Government therefore has power, where game and fish are concerned, to protect the interests of the people.

The Monterey Fish Product Company must stop discriminating turning into fertilizer fish off human food.

What about an act that would prevent exploiters of child labor turning young lives into dividends and grinding up children into profits? Isn't that worse than grinding good salmon into fertilizer?

The Supreme Court was not able to uphold the constitutionality of an act to protect children, although certain so-called "radical" justices on that bench did uphold it.

However, our highest court does find a way to protect fish and game.

About a hundred years ago, in a Vermont log cabin, a young mother read to her children old Bible stories about the whale that swallowed Jonah, Elijah and his chariot of fire, and the fig tree that withered under Divine rebuke.

That mother was poor and all her people were poor, and ours was a young and poor nation then.

The child from that log cabin, carefully wrapped before the Capitol. With his hand on that Bible, Calvin Coolidge was sworn to do his duty as President of the United States. He is the grandson of the New England farmer that owned the Bible, 100 years ago.

This is the land of opportunity and growth. What will it be in 20 years to come, if the 112,000,000 new here work as hard and as honestly as man and women did in the days of Calvin Coolidge's grand mother?

This paper owes an apology to our Alpine correspondent for leaving out a part of the report on the play of the 14th inst. The fault is ours, but sometimes happens in all well regulated newspaper shops, the make-up man has more time for the paper than he has room, and this was one of those occasions; the make-up man just used his discretion and chopped off when the space ran out, to the disadvantage of the item in question. We would be glad to have those interested "lay off" on the correspondent, and take their vengeance on the editor, whose shoulders are broad, when the right opportunity presents itself. Besides, we are used to it, and rather enjoy the experience.

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