

Local Happenings

School opened at Heppner Monday with an enrollment just a little short of the first day last year. Many pupils have not registered in the grades and high school yet, and when these come in the attendance promises to be about what it usually is. Sixteen are coming in on the Lena bus, being pupils from District No. 2, and a number from the east end of District No. 1. Several more are expected from that quarter, while a number of patrons of the district are still on their vacation, expecting to return at the end of this week, and the beginning of the second week of school will see a considerable increase in the registration of pupils.

John Bergstrom, who was in the city on Saturday, states that his threshing has been completed for some time, and he is now getting ready to bring the grain to market. John appreciates the good highway leading out his way, and while it does not reach to his place at the head of Jackrabbit canyon, yet it has been the means of reducing his expense of hauling very materially. He expects to get his grain delivered to Heppner for 8 cents per sack, a big saving over the years before the Heppner-Rhea Creek market road was completed. John is a booster for good roads.

Al Henriksen passed through Heppner yesterday, being on his way to Portland on matters of business. He is quite interested in the Morrow county bond issue, still being a taxpayer here, and is anxious to see the bonds carry, feeling that it is a step in the direction of progress. Mr. Henriksen has had a lot of experience in the past few years in driving over the country and he has noted that whether in California, Oregon or Washington, those counties pushing their market road program are the localities that seem to be getting ahead and the most prosperous.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stanton of Wills, Wala, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Rose of Dayton, were visitors in Heppner on Friday, returning to their homes on Saturday. Mr. Stanton was looking after his business interests here, and Mrs. Rose was somewhat interested in looking over some Morrow county property, contemplating investment here. In the years of long ago, Mrs. Rose and the editor of this paper were schoolmates at Walsburg, and this was their first meeting since the scribe left his old home town to take up his abode at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shively returned home on Saturday from a trip to East Lake, where they spent a couple of days in the morning enjoying the fishing. They took in their share of the big trout, and will endeavor now to get some venison, leaving yesterday afternoon for Ukiah on a deer hunting trip. Theo. Anderson of Eight Mile accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Shively on the trip to East Lake.

Elmer Peterson, who is a student at the University of Oregon, and in the interim a resident of the city of Eugene, has been spending a couple of weeks with the home folks residing in this county. Elmer is quite enthusiastic over the future prospects of Eugene and states that everything is moving ahead there in fine shape. He will enter school at the University again at the opening of the fall term.

A wonderful improvement in the appearance of things was noted yesterday when the lots in the burned over area on Main street were cleaned of the rubbish and debris left by the latest fire. Responding to the call of the city council for volunteers, a large number of the business houses placed men on the job, and many others joined in with trucks and the work was soon done.

Rev. J. M. Cornelison, missionary on the Indian reservation at Pendleton, was a visitor here on Saturday. He came over with his daughter, Miss Esther Cornelison, who is one of the teachers in the union high school at Hardman. Wm. Meidinger is principal of the Hardman high school and the new year has started off there the first of the week in good shape.

Henry's tent show got in here on Sunday from Pilot Rock. They were advertised to appear at Heppner on Friday evening, but got hung up in Hog Hollow with their loaded trucks and experienced a lot of trouble getting to the top of the hill. They showed to a small crowd here on Monday evening and then pulled out for other points.

Joe Devine, who accompanied F. L. Harwood to California recently, did not return to Heppner as stated in our last issue, but will remain at Los Angeles, where he will attend the University of Southern California. Joe was a student of Heppner high school the past year. He will make his home with an aunt living in Los Angeles.

Sam Stevens and wife of Salem were visitors at Heppner over the week end. Sam is a former Heppner boy and graduated from our high school. He served over seas during the war and was severely wounded twice while in action. He now follows the profession of teaching and will have a school near Salem this fall and winter.

Sheriff McDuffee was in Pendleton on Sunday and as an incident in his visit he assisted with a raid on a gambling and moonshine layout there along with Sheriff Cookingham and his deputies and State Agent Hoskins, which resulted in the arrest of the men and taking of contraband liquor and gambling outfit.

J. D. Anderson and wife of Beaverton, Oregon, accompanied by Mrs. O. E. Riggs, were guests for several days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morse in this city. Mrs. Riggs is the mother of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Morse, and she expects to remain at Heppner for a more extended visit.

Frank Whetstone came over from Pendleton on Sunday to assist in caring for his father, N. S. Whetstone, who is quite ill at his home in this city. Mr. Whetstone, who has been sick for some time, does not seem to be making any material improvement.

Miss Velton Owen returned home Friday from Portland after a visit of two weeks with her sister, Mrs. C. L. Adkins.

The regular meetings of Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S., will be resumed on Friday evening at Masonic hall. There will be degree work, followed by light refreshments, and the worthy matron, Mrs. W. O. Dix, desires that there be a full attendance of the members.

Heavy showers of rain over the county this week caused many threshing crews not yet done with their work to lay off. While the greater portion of the threshing has been completed in the county, there are quite a number who have not yet finished.

Mrs. C. W. McNamer returned home on Sunday from a trip to Seattle, where she spent the most of a week. She was accompanied on the trip by her sister and they went to the Sound city to visit an invalid brother, confined in the hospital at Snohomish, Wash.

Mrs. Antone Cunha and two little daughters, accompanied by Mrs. Mary M. Pedro and family of Echo, have just recently returned from an enjoyable visit to Hot Lake, LaGrande and other points of interest over that way, traveling by auto and having a good outing.

Woman wants place to work. Has small son she desires to send to school for nine months. Can do all kinds of household and chamber work, and expects reasonable wages only. Address Mrs. Eva Boggs, Top, Ore., or phone Big Wall creek.

Chas. Thomson and family have been absent from the city for the past ten days, going to Central Oregon and taking in numerous points of interest, and then to Portland. They were expected home last evening.

Mrs. Elbert Cox is anticipating a visit shortly from her brothers, Bruce and Guy Hawks, from Galax, Va. The gentlemen are driving cross country by auto and should reach Heppner inside of the next week.

Mrs. Ida M. Pyle desires us to announce that she will not be able to start serving meals in the rooms over the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank by the 15th, as was stated in last issue of this paper.

The ladies of the Methodist Community church will serve sandwiches and coffee and other refreshments on Sunday at the building of the Farmers Elevator Co. on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Biddle were visitors in the city on Tuesday from their home on the creek. But very little rain fell in that vicinity the first of the week, though heavy showers fell not far away.

A dance had been announced for Saturday evening, Sept. 12, at the Fair Pavilion, but this being the last day of the Round-Up at Pendleton, the dance date has been cancelled here.

Jas. Burnside and wife were down from their farm near Hardman on Friday. Mr. Burnside states that he had a very good crop this season but could have used more in his business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barlow departed for Portland on Saturday and will make their home in that city where Mr. Barlow has secured employment with the O.-W. R. & N. company.

Phill Cohn came up from Portland the end of the week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cohn and Miss Eleanor, who have been enjoying a short visit with friends here.

Judge Duran of Lexington was a business visitor in Heppner for a short time on Monday forenoon. A pretty good rain fell in that section on Sunday night.

Mrs. M. D. Clark and daughter Marjorie returned Monday evening from Portland where they spent the week end on a pleasure trip.

Lost—On streets of Heppner Saturday evening last, 2 pairs of boy's pants. Reward. Return this office.

For Sale—Famed oak rocker, also leather upholstered couch; both good as new. Call Main 523.

George N. Peck was a visitor in the city yesterday afternoon from his home near Lexington.

Miss Alma Akers of Portland spent the week end at Heppner, visiting relatives here.

David Hynd of Ross Lawn ranch, Sand Hollow, is spending the week in Portland.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Good location. See Mrs. O. T. Ferguson, city.

Frank Engelmann, business man of Ione, was a visitor here on Tuesday.

Grief and Joy



RUTH

A coincident carrying a moral, was the suspending of "Babe" Ruth from baseball and a fine of \$5,000 for failure to observe training rules—same week in which Detroit citizens staged a great celebration for Ty Cobb, marking his 30 years there—the greatest player the game has ever produced. Presents and cash amounting to \$10,000 were showered upon him.

Use of Stethoscope Old Medical Custom

Sir William Hale White, president of the Royal Society of Medicine, recently expressed the opinion that "nothing that doctors do has seized the popular imagination more than their habit of tapping the chest and listening to it with a stethoscope." Medical men in their investigations have found that this tapping of the chest is a quite remote custom, the Toronto Globe observes. A book written in Latin in 1761 recorded the fact that the chest of a healthy person when tapped yielded a note "like the stifled sound of a drum covered with a thick cloth."

A French physician, Laennec, is said to have made the first use of the stethoscope. For years he was the victim of ill health and family troubles, but after the battle of Waterloo he made public the discovery that it was possible to listen to a person's chest with a stethoscope.

He also wrote a book telling of all the human ailments it was possible to detect by means of this instrument. Sir William Hale White says that from this book arose the physician's habit of asking patients to pronounce certain words like "nine-nine" when examining the chest. These words are produced in the larynx, and are suitable sounds when carried through the chest to help the physician to obtain confirmatory evidence of his tapping.

Warden Had Some Picking "on the Side"

Those who talk of present-day graft would be interested in itemizing the emoluments of the keeper of the Tower of London during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. His nominal salary was only about \$500 a year, but he had numerous privileges. Most of the prisoners, being political offenders of high rank, were granted liberal allowances by the government for their board. Whenever they were too proud to accept this allowance it fell to the warden.

Moreover, this official was entitled to seize all cattle that slipped off London bridge, all carts that fell into the moat, all fotsam and jetsam in the Thames, all swans that floated below the bridge, two flagons of wine from every vessel arriving from Bordeaux, a toll of sea food from every fishing craft landing in London, and as many rushes as "a person could hold between two arms" from boats carrying such cargo, besides a fee on all hides cured at East Smithfield, near the Tower.

Old Hen's Christmas Gift

An attorney who was also an enthusiastic chicken fancier spent much money and time coddling blooded hens that did not begin to pay for their keep. He had several pullets that were guaranteed to be the best kind of layers, yet every morning for almost a year he returned empty-handed from his search for eggs. Finally he had given up hope.

On Christmas morning, however, he was astonished and delighted to find four beautiful pearly eggs in one of the nests. He quickly gathered them up and ran triumphantly to show them to his skeptical wife. Not until he had emerged from the dimness of the henhouse did he notice that each egg bore the neatly penciled greeting: "Merry Christmas from the Old Hen."—Youth's Companion.

Siam Country of One Town

One of the oldest features of that odd country, Siam, is that it is a country of one town, observes a writer in the Detroit News. Bangkok is the seat of a very centralized form of government and administration. It contains the only permanent residence of the king and all officials and nobles, except a very few provincial officers, have their work and dwellings in the capital. It is there, too, that they take all their pleasures. To the European, Bangkok is all Siam. Here he meets all the foreigners in the country, all officials of foreign

Never Taught to Speak, Children Grew Up Dumb

Akbar, one of the first of the great moguls who ruled India, has been named the Asiatic Charlemagne. He was a statesman and an educator, and built a palace for the reception of men who loved learning and sought after wisdom. The great mogul's passion for knowledge is said to have been shown by a whimsical experiment he once made to determine if it was true, as he had heard, that Hebrew was the natural language of all who had never been taught any other tongue.

To test this assertion Akbar caused a dozen nursing children to be shut up in a castle, six leagues from Agra, his capital city. Each child was reared by a dumb nurse; the porter also was a mute and was forbidden, upon pain of death, to open the gates of the castle. When the children were twelve years old Akbar ordered them to be brought before him.

Men learned in Sanskrit, in Arabic, in Persian and in Hebrew were assembled at the royal palace to tell what languages the children spoke.

Light Mystery Solved

One of the most spectacular forms of lightning (if it can be so called), occurs in the Andes, and has occasionally been reported from other mountainous regions. At times the mountains seem to act as gigantic lightning rods, giving rise to more or less continuous diffused discharges between themselves and the clouds, says Nature Magazine. A few years ago American meteorologists thought they had found an example of this striking phenomenon in North Carolina, but the once mysterious "Brown mountain lights" have been proved to be merely the beams of distant locomotives and automobile headlights or due to other human agencies.

Old Harvest Custom

Years ago in the Middle West, when wheat was harvested with sickle and rake, it was the custom, when the last shock was capped and finished, to stack all the rakes around it, thrust the sickle into it, and then the whole company of harvesters formed a circle and at a signal given by the captain of the reapers gave three cheers. They listened for the echo. If it replied three times, it was accounted a good omen for the next crop. This was known as the stubble call. A blast of a horn from the cabin was heard in answer to it and the harvest was ended.

Problem Solved

Poet (in despair)—Wife, the wolf is at the door. What shall we do?
Wife—Sh! Go down to the first floor, lasso him with your belt and we'll cook him for tea.—Sydney Bulletin.

Ready for a Rush

Film Star—What will you charge to conduct my divorce?
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