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OBITUARY

Lottie Lucile Ritchie was born September 19, 1901, near Ione, Oregon, and passed away March 3, 1924, at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Ritchie, in Ione, age 22 yrs. 5 mo. and 14 days. In 1922 she was united in marriage to George Alvin Wolke. To this union was born a son, now being 3 months of age. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband and infant son, a mother, 3 brothers, 4 sisters and two brother-in-laws.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Christian church, Rev. Livingstone conducting the religious services before a large number of relatives and former friends.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by the sisters of the Rebekah lodge of which she was a member. x

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends, relatives and the sisters of the Rebekah lodge for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved wife, daughter and sister.

GEORGE A. WOLKE,
MRS. JOHN RITCHIE and family.

Married Men Win, 14 to 9

Roche's bashful youths were no match for the benedicts in Sunday's game. Some very good playing was shown by both teams and plenty of old heads at the game have shown up to insure the best team that Ione has ever opened the season with.

We now have Roche, Werner, Arch and Walt Cochran, Dutch and Vic Rietmann, Eubanks, and Bristow of last year's squad, and Fern Lewis has just returned. Ray White of Lexington, has shown up well in practice and will be a good addition to the team. A. Hainer was in the game and showed that he had played ball. Several other new men are showing up in good form and we are assured of a real hitting club.

Next Sunday will find the regular team lined up against the best of remaining material and we can get a real line on the strength of the regulars. A second team should be encouraged to give practice to the regulars and they probably could get a few games with some of the neighboring teams.

It appears as if we will be obliged to get games with Sherman and Umatilla county teams, as Heppner sports do not seem to be getting in shape to entertain us. x

Lew Davidson To File For Office

After a great deal of pressure being brought by his friends over the county, L. P. Davidson has finally decided to accept the nomination for County Commissioner for another term. We are glad to note his acceptance, for he has always made good.

Cast Gloom Aside

Bert Mason, merchant of Ione, was in town Monday on business before the probate court. Mr. Mason says times are pretty good in Ione, his cash business last month being the best he has had since 1920. Mr. Mason thinks this hard times talk is largely a matter of habit and a mighty poor habit to get into.—Heppner Herald.

The Dorcas Society will have a progressive supper some time during the last week in March, so watch for the date and sharpen up your appetites.

For Sale.—22 Thoroughbred Black Minorca young laying hens. See T. C. Troge, Ione.

M. R. Morgan For County Judge

We are informed that M. R. Morgan of Ione, will probably be a candidate on the republican ticket for County Judge of Morrow county. Mr. Morgan has long been a resident of Ione and is well known over the county. He is a strict and careful business man who believes in a lower taxation schedule, good roads and good schools and a close observer of what is best for the public good. Should he consent to become a candidate, he will make a thorough canvass of the county. As Judge he would be a careful, conservative man. The county's business would be handled as economically as conditions would permit and the welfare of the taxpaying public would be his first consideration.

Mr. Morgan is a stockholder of the Ione bank and chairman of our school board.

Council Meeting Tame Affair

What was supposed to have been a little strife and a few heated arguments at the council meeting Tuesday night, was in reality like a love feast—a few bills allowed and an ordinance passed. The dance ordinance was brought up but no one seemed to possess the nerve of asking for its passage, so it died on the table, which seemed strange as three members of the so called moral squad were present, but sat mum. So the large crowd present were surprised and perplexed over the outcome. Bristow and Bryson, members, were not present. One claimed sickness and the other probably compelled to stay at home. 'Nuf said.

Odd Fellows Have Big Time At Morgan

Last Saturday night at Morgan one of the most successful get-together meetings of Morrow county Odd Fellows was pulled off with a large attendance, good team work and a most pleasant gathering of the brethren ever held in the county. A note of the occasion was furnished us by a Morgan party which follows:

There were about a dozen Odd Fellows and some few Rebekah's from Heppner, among whom were Geo. McDuffee and wife, A. M. Phelps, O. O. Edwards and wife, Adam Knoblock and wife and R. Benge and wife; also about 15 from Lexington who brought their candidate, Leon Gay of Rhea creek, with them. Among the Lexington brothers were: M. D. Tucker, Tom Barnett, Harvey McAllister, Geo. Peck and Clark. About 20 Odd Fellows and some Rebekah's from Ione were present among whom were Ed Bristow, Frank Griffin, Chas. Nord, Geo. Ritchie, Edison Morgan, R. Turner, Otto Rietmann, L. Howell, Walter Rietmann, E. R. Lundell and Rev. Head; Miss Tillison, Miss Ruby and Vera Engleman, Mesdames E. R. Lundell, Corson, Moore, J. E. Swanson, Sperry, Verda Griffin.

There were also about 24 of the Morgan members present as well as a few from other lodges in Washington and Oregon. The team was picked from the best material in Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Morgan lodges who conferred the degree upon four candidates.

Under the good of the order, we had a most interesting speech by Rev. Head, also good talks from A. M. Phelps, Frank Griffin, R. E. Harbinson, Geo. McDuffee, M. D. Tucker, Tom Barnett and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. E. R. Lundell and Miss Vera Engleman.

Supper consisting of all kinds of eats were served in the banquet room by the Morgan Re-

What is the Value of the Railroads?



400,000 Miles of Track at only \$25,000 a Mile	\$10,000,000,000
The Department of Agriculture estimates that the average cost of a mile of improved highway today, is about \$36,000.	
60,000 Locomotives at only \$20,000 each	1,380,000,000
Locomotives cost an average of about \$60,000.	
2,400,000 Freight Cars at only \$1,000 each	2,400,000,000
The average cost of a freight car today is about \$2,500.	
57,000 Passenger-Train Cars at only \$10,000 each	570,000,000
All steel passenger-train cars now cost from \$30,000 to \$35,000 each	
Materials and Supplies	500,000,000
Railroads have to keep on hand millions of tons of coal, rails, ties, spikes, and all other material required in maintenance and operation.	
Working Capital	500,000,000
50,000 Stations and Terminals, Yards, Signals, Roundhouses, Shops, Machinery, Water Supply, Power Plants, Elevators, Docks, Coal Pits, and all other items, including administration	7,000,000,000
In over 1,000 cities and towns, stations and terminal facilities cost over a million dollars apiece. The shops and machinery engaged in the repair of equipment constitute an enormous industry in themselves, employing nearly 400,000 men.	
The above property is believed to be worth fully \$10,000,000,000 and could not be duplicated for anywhere near that amount today.	
This Totals	\$22,350,000,000

And a valuation recognizing all the elements of value assured to the ordinary property-owner would be far in excess of this amount.

The tentative minimum valuation of the railroads at the end of 1919 was found by the Interstate Commerce Commission to be \$18,000,000,000. This valuation was based mainly on cost of labor, materials, equipment, etc., on June 30, 1914. The subsequent investment from January 1, 1924, to December 31, 1923, brings the Interstate Commerce Commission valuation for rate-making purposes as of December 31, 1923, up to about \$21,200,000,000.

Each reader can judge for himself the fairness of the contention that the Interstate Commerce Commission valuation should be reduced by from \$7,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000. Such a confiscation of values would in effect be a denial to the railroads of their chief means of keeping pace with the development of the country.

Fair recognition of railroad property values is essential for adequate earning power and credit for further expansion.

C. R. GRAY,
President.

Omaha, Nebraska
February 1, 1924.

UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM

Rebekah's, down stairs, where each and all took an active part, but failed to eat up all the luncheon, and went home feeling badly "stuffed" up.

There were nearly 100 people present.

Weather Report

The weather report of R. E. Harbinson, Observer for Morrow county at Morgan, for the month of February state the total precipitation of rain was 0.84; clear days 4; partly cloudy 10; cloudy 15; wind west. Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1923, 4.19 in.

The American Legion at Boardman are to put on a comedy entitled "Let's All Get Married," while a ladies' society at Grass Valley are putting on a stunt entitled "Clubbing a Husband."

Ione should follow suit by putting on a play entitled "Clubs are Trumps."

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