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Christmas Goods
at
Slocum Drug Co.
for Old and Young
at
Reasonable Prices

Fresh Groceries..

Fresh stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries. New and fresh goods being added daily. Large line of Fine Cigars, Tobaccos and Confections.

W. A. ANDREWS

JUST SOUTH OF SLOCUM'S DRUG STORE, MAIN ST.

...TELEPHONE...

LIVERY BARN

Meadows & Sons, Props.

Will add a number of horses and new rigs, both Buggies and Hacks, and offer you first-class service. You will receive courteous treatment. A share of your patronage SOLICITED

LOWER MAIN STREET - - - - - Heppner, Oregon

..PALACE HOTEL..

HEPPNER, OREGON.

Best appointed Hotel in Eastern Oregon.
Every Modern Convenience.

Lighted by electricity.
Best Meals in the City.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

PHIL METSCHAN, Jr, Prop

GROCERY STORE

WE have opened a Grocery Store in the Ayers Building, Main Street, where we are prepared to serve the public with a Stock of Groceries Complete in Every Detail, and we respectfully solicit a share of your trade

MONOPOLE GOODS

Remember EVERYTHING
NEW AND FRESH

No Stale Goods

.. CALL ..

And see us and we will treat you right.

BINNS BROS.

Cor. Main and Willow Sts.

HEPPNER, ORE.

THEY'RE HERE!

An immense stock of

Fall and Winter Shoes

AT

M. LICHTENTHAL'S

The pioneer boot and shoe dealer of Heppner, who always carries a big line of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers, Etc. Repairing a specialty, and satisfaction guaranteed. Old stand, West side of Main Street.

**Heppner
Transfer
Company**

ROCK SPRINGS COAL
DRY CORD WOOD
We are Prepared to
offer prompt service.

We have five good teams and your orders for Wood, Coal and anything in the drayage line will receive careful and prompt attention.

MILLER & Co.

CONOVER & GRAY

General Dealers In

COAL and WOOD

All orders given
prompt attention

Office Pattersons Lumber yard
Terms Strictly Cash

**Practical
Horseshoeing**

Shop just South of
Meadows' Livery
Stable. - - - - -

Thos. Brennan,
Heppner, Ore.

**CRESCENT
STEAM
LAUNDRY**

First Class Work Guaranteed.
Prices Reasonable.

**EVERYTHING NEW AND
UP-TO-DATE.**

Laundrer of 15 years experience in charge.

Delivery wagon collects laundry Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Deliveries are made Wednesdays and Saturdays.

We solicit a share of the Heppner patronage.

Wills & Williams, Props.

**GARR & COX
Contractors and Builders**

ESTIMATES AND PLANS
FURNISHED ON ALL WORK
A share of the patronage
solicited.

HOUSES MOVED and REPAIRED

Office one door north of Scrivner's
blacksmith shop, Main street.

**ARTHUR SMITH
Watchmaker and Jeweler**

Right ferment the
OPERA HOUSE

HEPPNER - - - OREGON

T. A. SNOOK,
Physician and Surgeon

Office next to Times office
Residence on block west of M. E. Church

HEPPNER COAL FIELD

**Will Probably Be Sold To
O. R. & N. Co.**

DAILY OUTPUT 2000 TONS

Expert Shumann Will Make
Favorable Report—Estimated
Railroad Will Save \$2,000,-
000 yearly by Deal.

The O. R. & N. will probably acquire the Heppner coal field. The railroad sent a coal expert, Dr. M. Schumann, to the properties about ten days ago. The expert has finished his investigations, and is preparing his report. He will recommend the coal as of excellent steaming quality and practically unlimited quantity, says the Oregonian.

President Mohler will not return from the East for a month yet, and meantime the transaction will be held in abeyance. C. E. Redfield, secretary of the Heppner Railroad & Coal Company, owners of the coal deposits, is in the city. He is sure that the O. R. & N. will go into the enterprise.

"Mr Mohler has said to me," remarked Mr Redfield, "that his company will certainly take up the project if we have the quality and quantity of coal we represent. The O. R. & N.'s expert has found our judgment of the deposits to have been conservative, and will extol them more than we have done.

"Our deposits are confined within an area of 45,000 acres, 13 miles long and four or five miles wide. We have three veins of coal, which will supply 1500 tons of coal daily for 100 years. We can mine the coal for \$1.25 a ton, and lay it down at Portland for less than \$3. The O. R. & N. has found it to be the best coal it has ever used."

A month ago the O. R. & N. tested 10 tons between Portland and The Dalles. The locomotive hauled 65 cars from Portland and burned 700 pounds less of the Heppner coal than it would have consumed of the Wyoming coal regularly used on the road on a train of 60 cars.

"Coal now costs the O. R. & N.," went on Mr Redfield, "between \$5 and \$6 per ton. We can supply the road at \$2 or \$2.50 per ton, and save the company \$2,000,000 per year. That's what Mr Mohler told us. His road burns 500,000 tons a year.

Now that test is undisputable proof of the steaming quality of our coal. It has convinced Mr Mohler, and I have not the slightest doubt that he will enlist the O. R. & N. in our project."

Dr. Schumann testified last night that the Heppner coal is superior to any in the Northwest. Just what he intends to say in his report he would not divulge, but he admitted that he would highly recommend the coal.

The properties are about 21 miles south of Heppner. They will be reached by extending the O. R. & N. up Willow Creek. The extension will cost about \$250,000. The owners of the coal beds have already spent \$130,000 in development of the properties. None of the stock of the company is for sale.

Mr Redfield would not discuss the probable terms on which the O. R. & N. would join the enterprise. He has full confidence that the railroad company will be unselfish in the matter, owing to the large sum of money it will save from the venture.

Dr. Schumann estimates that one of the three veins will yield 1500 a day for 30 years. The O. R. & N. desires assurance that 2000 tons a day can be secured from the properties, and has stated this as one of the conditions. Such a supply is undoubtedly available.

Asa B. Thomson Acquitted.
As all Times readers are interested in the Asa B. Thomson case we quote a short extract from the Oregonian, which fully explains the proceedings, and Judge Bellinger's instructions to the jury:

It took the jury trying Asa B. Thomson, suspended receiver of the La

Grande land office, just 38 minutes to bring a verdict of acquittal in Judge Bellinger's court Friday afternoon. The charge for which Thomson had been indicted by the Federal grand jury, and tried in the United States District court, was for alleged solicitation of bribes. Charles Cunningham and Inspector Greene, of the Interior Department, were the principal witnesses against Thomson, and they and Dallas O'Hara, Glen Saling and Asa Rayburn, came in for a terrific forensic denunciation from T. G. Hailey, assistant attorney for the defence.

The trial of Thomson has attracted wide-spread interest throughout Eastern Oregon, where the principals are all well known. The specific charge against him was that he was alleged to have attempted to solicit bribes amounting to \$500. The evidence against Thomson was furnished by Charles Cunningham, "the Oregon sheep king," and Inspector Greene. From the beginning the evidence of any wrong doing on the part of the land receiver was so flimsy that the day to day proceedings of the court were little short of a farce. United States District Attorney John H. Hall did the best he could with the material he had on hand, but the characters of many of the witnesses were most viciously assailed by the attorneys for the defence. Witness after witness swore away the character of Cunningham and O'Hara. Saling and Rayburn practically admitted that they had committed perjury, and that they had sworn to false land affidavits. It was the testimony sworn to by O'Hara, Saling and Rayburn that moved Judge Bellinger, in his charge to the jury, to refer to them as the "three shameless chasacters" who had sworn falsely in a case in which Cunningham was the beneficiary.

JUDGE FAVORS THE DEFENSE.

Judge Bellinger, in his instructions to the jury, reviewed the case carefully. It was all very favorable to Thomson and he intimated that from the evidence there was nothing to warrant the jury finding the defendant guilty. The jury retired at 4:15 and in 38 minutes they had rendered a verdict of not guilty on all three of the counts. Shortly after the jury had left the courtroom Judge Fee called the court's attention to the fact that the books and papers which had been used as evidence in the case, had not been taken to the jury room. Judge Bellinger remarked that he did not think the jury wanted them, and then, discussing the case from the bench he said:

"I will say, in this connection, that I submit this case to the jury because the law requires me to submit it to the jury. It is my duty, when I think there is no testimony legitimately tending to support a verdict to take the case away from the jury. The jury are to determine only such questions as are submitted to them by the court. It is the legal right of the jury, as I have stated to them, to give full credence to this testimony and to find a verdict against the defendant; but I must say now, with entire frankness, that I do not think I can pronounce a judgment upon such a verdict if one should be rendered. I shall never pronounce a judgment in this court that does not meet the approval of my conscience. Such a judgment would not."

As soon as the jury's verdict was read, friends of the accused man grouped around him and a brief impromptu reception was held. Mr. Thomson's attorneys also came in for a share of the congratulations. Cunningham was not in court when the verdict was received.

**Head About to Burst From
Severe Bilious Attack.**

"I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and the next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says Mr. J. W. Smith of Jullif, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these Tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by Slocum Drug Co.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

**Reading of Thanatopsis by
Miss Minor Pleasing Feature**

OF ELKS' SORROW MEETING

**Impressive Programme
Rendered at Christian Church
Sunday Evening.**

"O, friends regretted, scenes forever dear,
Remembrance hails you with her warmest tear!
Drooping, she bends o'er pensive Fanny's urn
To trace the hours which never can return;
Yet with these retrospective loves to dwell,
And soothe the sorrows of her last farewell!"

Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E., held its annual memorial services at the Christian Church Sunday evening, when a most impressive and interesting programme was rendered. The house was filled to overflowing and the various numbers were well received by the audience.

The address was ably delivered by Sam E. Van Vactor, who handled his subject in a manner which reflected credit upon himself as well as upon the order.

Quartettes were most beautifully rendered by Messrs. Bennett, Gove, Hayes and Crawford, and the duet by Miss Helen Jones and Mr. Otheo Crawford was justly appreciated.

A notable feature of the evening's entertainment was the reading of "Thanatopsis" by Miss Willa Minor, and to say that the rendition was grand would be putting it mildly. Miss Minor's talent in that direction is certainly far above the ordinary.

The solo, "Dream of Paradise," by Miss Lillian Cochran, was most charming.

Following is a list of the departed brothers:

E. L. Matlock, William Penland, Charles White, Thomas Stubblefield, J. J. Roberts, J. J. Harris, B. F. Vaughan, Charles Ingraham.

The City Council.

The city council met in regular session Monday evening with Mayor Gilliam and Councilmen Quaid, Farnsworth and Conn present.

The applications for liquor license by John Zollinger, Matlock Bros., Phil Metchan and J. C. Borchers were read and the licenses granted.

The following bills were allowed:

Carr & Cox.....	\$15 50
Heppner Transfer Co.....	9 50
Rhea & Welch.....	2 50
Owen French.....	11 50
Jeff French.....	13 50
Henry Cannon.....	25
Heppner Transfer Co.....	14 00
Heppner Light & Water Co.....	97 50
C. C. Patterson.....	25 96
A. M. Slocum.....	39 78
D. C. Gurdane.....	69 50
J. W. Rasmus.....	60 00
L. W. Briggs.....	8 35
Frank Natter.....	20 00
J. P. Williams.....	16 65
Jim Minor.....	2 25
H. Mikesell.....	15 75
W. E. Mikesell.....	25 62
L. P. Younger.....	1 00
A. Cantwell.....	2 25
C. C. Patterson.....	3 00
Geo. C. Akin.....	3 00
T. J. Matlock.....	3 00
S. J. Leazer.....	3 00
Earl Conser.....	3 00
D. V. S. Reid.....	42 50
Julius Keithly.....	5 50
Vorhees.....	2 50
Edgar Ayers.....	5 50
Rhea Luper.....	6 00

The matter of constructing a sidewalk to the depot was discussed at some length, and it was decided that the committee, heretofore appointed to look after the matter, be instructed to look out the most feasible route and have the work of extending the walk commenced at once. The committee went down Tuesday to view out the route and doubtless work will begin within a few days.

The City Election.

The Heppner city election passed off very quietly, no office being contested excepting that of recorder. There were only 149 votes cast, less than a two-third vote. The vote was as follows:

For Mayor, Frank Gilliam 127, Thomas Matlock 1; for Councilmen, Ed Day 118, Fred Warnock 121, Thomas Quaid 112; for recorder J. P. Williams 59, W. A. Richardson 90; for treasure L. W. Briggs 117.

The result shows that a considerable number voted only for recorder. This was because there was no contest for the others.