

COUNTY WOOL MEN DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Local Growers Protest Against Increased Grazing Fees.

OUTSIDE MEN HERE

Wenaha Permittees Cooperative Association and Others Represented;
Favor Predatory Animal Work.

About 30 sheepmen of this section, many of them permittees on the Umatilla forest, gathered at the Elks club in this city on Tuesday afternoon. The occasion for the meeting was the discussion of various matters pertaining to the grazing of sheep on the national forest, and the recent reports handed in to Secretary Jardine pertaining to grazing fees and the policy of the forest service in general as touching the interests of the permittees. R. A. Thompson, president, and Roger Morse acted as secretary.

The meeting was attended by a number of men from the outside, Elmer Bryson of Walla Walla and Mr. Jackson of Dayton, Wash., representing the Wenaha forest permittees, while Fred Herrin was on hand to look after the interests of the Pacific Cooperative Woolgrowers association.

H. C. Bryson, attorney for the Wenaha Permittees association, who was commissioned at the 1925 meeting of the woolgrowers to make a trip to Washington, D. C., to present the protest of the permittees to the secretary of the interior on the bedding out rule, made a report.

A letter from J. F. Irwin, forest supervisor, regarding the appeal board of Umatilla national forest was read. This was followed by a general discussion. Eleven Umatilla permittees present voted in favor of a board for the Umatilla national forest.

There was a short discussion by Elmer Williams, predatory animal inspector, on the situation in this district, which proved of much interest.

Taking up the matter of the recent report of Dan Casement to Secretary Jardine on grazing fees, there was a pretty lively discussion by the members present, and to get the sentiment on this report in concrete shape it was moved and carried that a committee on resolutions be appointed by the president. The committee named is composed of W. P. Mahoney, B. B. Kelley, W. H. Cleveland and J. G. Barratt, who brought in the following report:

"Be it Resolved, by the Umatilla Permittees association, that we join with all other permittees on the Umatilla National forest in presenting individual resistance to any pasture fee increase. And to that end declare in favor of preparing and having available the questionnaire proposed in order to show the financial condition of the forest users on this reserve. We further recommend that this association join with the Washington association of the Umatilla forest in presenting a remonstrance to Secretary Jardine at Salt Lake City, January 24, 1927, and that the association engage H. C. Bryson for the purpose of gathering data and presenting the matter to the secretary, and that this association appoint a committee of three, of which the president shall be chairman, to meet with the committee from the state of Washington, with full power to act in all matters pertaining to the question of increased fees.

"Be it further Resolved, that this association request the cooperation of the State Woolgrowers association in remonstrance against the proposed increased fees and that they join the permittees association in employing counsel in properly placing this matter before the Secretary at the Salt Lake City meeting."

The chairman having appointed a general committee on resolutions, consisting of D. O. Justus, John Kilkeny, Jack Hynd, Frank Wilkinson and Joe Hayes, they presented their report, and this was adopted. The report presented the following:

"Resolved, That the woolgrowers of Morrow county in meeting assembled, December 21, 1926, request that the U. S. Forest Service allot ten per cent of the grazing fees to range improvement on the range from which it is collected.

"Resolved, That the Morrow county woolgrowers in meeting assembled, December 21, 1926, request that the Oregon Woolgrowers association legislative committee draft and work for the passage of a bill making an appropriation for investigation and research on sheep disease in this state."

A committee to work with the Wenaha woolgrowers on the increased grazing fees was named, composed of R. A. Thompson, W. H. Cleveland and Henry Krebs.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 26, 1926: Sunday school at 9:45; preaching at 11:00 a. m. on the subject, "The Wondrous Birth." Epworth League at 6:30; evangelistic services at 7:30. All are cordially invited. I. V. Parker, pastor.

Mrs. James H. Cox Dies Following Long Illness

After several years of patient suffering, the last few months of which kept her confined to her bed, Mrs. J. H. Cox was called to the beyond at Morrow General hospital in this city at 6:30 p. m., Sunday, December 19. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 at the Christian church, Milton W. Bower, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. B. Stanley Moore of the Episcopal church. This service was followed by the beautiful burial service and commitment of the Order of the Eastern Star, when the remains were taken to their last resting place in Masonic cemetery. There were many beautiful floral offerings coming from friends and the different organizations to which Mrs. Cox belonged.

Margaret Boies Prewitt was born near Lexington, Kentucky, April 25, 1860, and died at Heppner, Oregon, December 19, 1926, aged 66 years, 7 months and 24 days.

When but a young girl she removed with her widowed mother to Shelburne, Mo., at which place she grew to womanhood, and on October 26, 1881, was united in marriage to James H. Cox. They removed from Missouri to Pomeroy, Wash., at which place they made their home for five years and then moved to Waitsburg, which place was their home for a period of twelve years, or until they removed to Heppner in the fall of 1904. Heppner has been their home since.

Mrs. Cox was survived by her husband and three children, these being W. Prewitt Cox of Oregon City, Mrs. Vivian Ball and Harold Cox of Heppner. When a young girl Mrs. Cox joined the Christian church and she ever lived a faithful Christian. Retaining her faculties until dissolution set in, and knowing the end was near, Mrs. Cox made all arrangements for her burial, selecting the hymns she desired sung and the scripture readings, and requesting those she desired to have a part in the service. A quartet consisting of V. Crawford, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. E. R. Huston and M. D. Clark, sang, and Mrs. J. O. Turner assisted at the piano. During her life in this city, Mrs. Cox gathered about her many loving friends and their affection was made manifest during her final illness by the many deeds of kindness and ministrations of love shown her. She was a faithful wife and mother and devoted friend and her departure is mourned by a large circle of acquaintances in this community.

Mrs. Cox was a member of Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S., and Maple Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, of this city, and of the United Artisans of Waitsburg, Wash.

Will Celebrate 53rd Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Sperry of this city will today celebrate at their home by a dinner party given their near relatives, their 53rd wedding anniversary.

On December 23, 1873, at Corvallis, Miss Mary Jane Penland became the wife of George W. Sperry, and together they have traveled life's path way for these many long years. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry are among the old residents of this section, having taken up their abode here some 53 years ago, engaging in the raising of livestock. They retired a number of years ago and have made their home in Heppner since. Mr. Sperry comes from a pioneer Willamette valley family, and has seen this state emerge from its swaddling clothes into maturity as one of the foremost of the western group, and he and his good wife have also witnessed the development of this county from its pioneer state and have labored together here with many who have now passed on in overcoming the difficulties and hardships incident to the making of a new country. It is the hope of this paper, and we know it is the wish of their host of friends in this community, that Mr. and Mrs. Sperry may enjoy together many more returns of their wedding anniversary.

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

On December 17, 1876, at Stockport, Morgan county, Ohio, the ceremony was said that united Mr. and Mrs. Marion Evans, pioneer residents of this section, in marriage, and the journey together in life has reached the half century mark.

The event of their golden wedding was celebrated at their home north of Heppner on Friday last by a dinner party, on which occasion all the immediate members of the family were present and enjoyed a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have long been residents of Morrow county and their family has grown up here. They are highly respected pioneers and this paper joins with numerous friends in wishing for them many more years of happiness and prosperity.

TWO FROM HEPPNER AT O. A. C.

Heppner is represented by two of the 3240 students registered at O. A. C. this term. The registrar's figures show the total registration, including short course and summer session students to be nearly 5000. Ray W. McDuffee, senior in the school of vocational education, is prominent in activities on the campus, being a captain in the local unit of the reserve officers' training corps, and secretary of that organization. He is also a member of Kappa Phi Delta, professional honorary society in education, and Psi Chi, local social fraternity. Howard W. McDuffee, registered in the school of engineering, plans to major in civil engineering. He is a pledge of Psi Chi. Howard will spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McDuffee.

Santa Said It With Doll Babies



THE LIGHT THAT CANNOT FAIL.

By BISHOP WM. P. REMINGTON.

The keeping of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth bears witness to an astounding influence in the world, immeasurably greater than any outward expression of the Christian faith. Millions of people all over the earth who never join in a carol nor lift their voices in praise of the newborn King, yet feel the spirit of the season, the grip of the fingers of the Christ Child upon their heart strings, and it brings a new look into hard and selfish faces. The message of the angels is so compelling that it breaks through all discordant notes. Strife, envy, hatred, the sordid pursuit of sensual pleasures, are stilled for a season and humanity is carried out of its earth-bound prison into the free air of love, peace, and good will. It is as though the greatest "sending station" of all, controlled by the Master hand, had issued a yearly decree: "Clear the air for the angel choirs; for the good news of all ages. Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

There is just one light that never fails, and that Light glows brightest when the Star of Bethlehem shines over the hills and irradiates the earth. It is a light which makes man aware both of his character and his destiny. All the rest of the year he may think of himself as a "sojourner," an active successful business man, but now he must see himself as a child of God, a spiritual creature, one destined to immortality. The message is not simply for the chosen people of God, the elect individual or nation; it is for all, and that means every one, no matter how worldly or sordid or selfish or unlovable. The point about Christmas is that on that day a message is filtering through which is so universal in content and meaning that it transcends the bounds of race or color, nation or creed. In its universality it satisfies the religious instinct of man because it is based upon the spiritual character and destiny of humanity. The Son of God came to earth in order that man might have authoritative assurance of his inheritance as a child of God.

Of course, it was inevitable that this Good News should be given a variety of interpretations, just as the beauty and truth of the Creator has a manifold expression in nature. The Light of that Star of Bethlehem has been broken up into the colors of the spectrum because of the media through which it has been passed. If one really loves the light, he is not disturbed because it appears in different colors, but he must insist that it takes all the colors to make the clear white light of truth. Perhaps we have reached that tolerance of view which admits that others may be worshipping the Christ Child, even if they do not sing the same hymn nor say the same creed. At least on Christmas the flood gates of love, peace and good will are unloosed and a person must be a remarkably strong swimmer to battle against such a flood. To hold fast to one's own

narrow conception of the truth and of the purposes of God, is indeed difficult on the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

We should give high praise and unfeigned thanks for the message of Christmas in all ages, but especially in this twentieth century. If you don't think the old world is any better than it was, read your history or live in some place where Christ is not known. Be a real pagan, a genuine barbarian, and suffer their cruelties and lust.

Thank God for the Good News of Christmas, for there one finds a truth inherent in all religion, an answer to the soul hunger of every child of man. The great question of life is not how much can I get out of my life, but how much can I get out of my life for others. Before the first Christmas, humanity groped blindly in a religion of shadow and great darkness. They wanted to know where they came and whither they went. Some light had been given, but there wasn't any real certainty for all mankind. Prophets, teachers, philosophers had wrestled with these questions, and some had offered a solution which satisfied in part. Now the Infinite God stooped down from high heaven and gave Himself that he might assure humanity of His love and lift man up to the place where He dwells. Christmas bears witness to the fact that God cares, and the universal response which the world makes to the Good News, the soul hunger which we find satisfied by the message of the angels, is sufficient proof that all mankind can look unto him and be saved.

Sometimes we think that the miracle of Christmas is as great as that of the Incarnation, perhaps it is more universal in its acceptance. Many there are who cannot accept the virgin birth and yet find their utmost hopes realized in the love, the peace, and the good will of Christmas Day. For you and me as Christians, the Good News has in it all the blessed memories of Bible and creed, and carols and customs, and blessed joyful traditions. We lift up our hearts in great thankfulness. But let us not forget those who pay tribute to the message, but do not yet know the Messenger as we do.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Christmas program Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Come and worship the new born King and hear again His message of peace on earth, good will to men.

Sunday school at 9:45; morning prayer and Christmas sermon at 11 o'clock.

Sing: O sing this blessed morn; Unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; God Himself comes down from Heaven.

There will be no evening service this Sunday as the pastor will be elsewhere. Bishop Remington will be here the 1st and 2nd of January to dedicate the new parish house and celebrate the Lord's Supper Sunday morning.

B. Stanley Moore, Rector.

AUXILIARY INSTALLS OFFICERS.

At a regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held at the Legion headquarters on Tuesday evening of this week, the following officers for the coming year were installed: President, Georgia Moore; Vice-President, Lucille Wilson; Secretary, Harriet Gemmell; Treasurer, Helen Cohn; Master of Third Vail, John Wightman; Master of Second Vail, Claude Cox; Master of First Vail, A. L. Ayers, Sentinel.

The president appointed chairmen of committees as follows: Hospital, Helen Cohn; Child Welfare, Lucille Wilson; Cooperation, Frances Morse; Memorial, Hanna Jones; Emblem, Lora Crawford; Publicity, Harriet Gemmell; Legislation, Doris Burgess; Gold Star and Pledge, Selma Bauman; Unit Activities and Finance, May Gilliam; Guardianship, Elsie Cowins; Americanization, Carolyn Johnston.

The two appointive officers named by the president were sergeant-at-arms, Bertha Kirk, and chaplain, Lora Crawford.

The retiring president, Lucille McAttee, made appropriate remarks, thanking the unit for their cooperation and help during the past year.

A letter was received acknowledging the receipt of the very complete letter by the unit to the Child Welfare Committee recently.

Four pneumonia jackets have been made by one of the members and sent to Veterans' Hospital No. 77. The hostesses for this meeting were Elizabeth Olsen and Vivian Kane, who served nice refreshments in the dining room. The table was suggestive of the Christmas season in its decorations.

HURT BY FALL FROM LADDER.

J. G. Thomson, senior partner of Thomson Bros., has been laid up at his home since Saturday as a result of a fall he got. Wishing to do some work on the roof of the store, Mr. Thomson attempted to reach the object of his desires by way of a ladder, and when nearly up this implement proceeded to part about the middle, letting him down very suddenly, striking first on a lower roof and then falling a distance of some eight feet or so to the ground. The result was a hurt knee and badly sprained back, the injuries putting him to bed.

Mr. Thomson laid for some time where he fell, no one having heard him and the other boys in the store being busy at the time. He finally crawled into the warehouse where he was later found by his brother Charles. No bones were broken.

K. OF P. OFFICERS ELECTED.

The annual election of officers of Doric Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, of Heppner, was held Tuesday evening. Those elected were Chancellor Commander, Jasper Crawford; Vice Chancellor, Carl Cason; Prelate, Austin Smith; Keeper of Records and Seal, Jack Terry; Master at Arms, Guy Arbogast; Master of Work, W. O. Dix; Master of Finance, E. J. Keller; Master of Exchequer, Chas. Thomson; Inner Guard, Carl Ulrich; Outer Guard, Emil Grottkopp; Trustee, W. O. Dix.

Masonic Bodies Hold Installation of Officers

At Masonic hall on Monday evening there was a large gathering of members and friends of the three Masonic orders of this city. Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., and Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S., a banquet was spread to which the large company was seated at 6:30, the installation ceremonies following this. The entire program was interspersed with musical numbers, and the newly elected and appointed officers of the orders were all installed in an impressive manner.

Clarence Bauman, retiring Master of Heppner Lodge, acted as installing officer and inducted the new Master, Dr. Fred E. Farrior into office, after which that official took charge and installed the other officers, as follows: Robert Wightman, Senior Warden; Dr. A. H. Johnston, Junior Warden; L. W. Briggs, Secretary; Frank Gilliam, Treasurer; Frank S. Parker, Senior Deacon; Earl Gordon, Junior Deacon; Andrew Olson, Senior Steward; Andrew Baldwin, Junior Steward; W. O. Dix, Chaplain; W. E. Pruyn, Tyler.

Mrs. Eppa Ward was installing officer for Ruth Chapter, and officiated in a very pleasing manner, having her work well committed. Those installed were Mrs. Lucille McAttee, Worthy Matron; John Wightman, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Caroline Johnson, Associate Matron; Mrs. Sara McNamer, Secretary; Mrs. Olive Frye, Treasurer; Mrs. Charlotte Gordon, Conduetress; Mrs. Hattie Wightman, Associate Conduetress; Mrs. Frances Morse, Ada; Mrs. Bernice Bauman, Ruth; Mrs. Elmer Huston, Esther; Mrs. Lillian Akers, Martha; Mrs. Salina Bauman, Electa; Mrs. Gertrude Parker, Chaplain; Mrs. Claude Lucas, Marshal; Mrs. Pearl Sweek, Organist; Mrs. Hanna Jones, Warder; E. R. Huston, Sentinel.

The retiring worthy matron, Mrs. Harriet Gemmell, was presented with a past matron's jewel in a very neat manner by Mrs. McNamer, to which the past matron responded generously. Beautiful flowers were presented to the newly installed matron by Mrs. Gemmell, who gave the new matron a hearty welcome as head of the Eastern Star chapter for the ensuing year, and to this Mrs. McAttee responded modestly but eloquently; the installing officer, Mrs. Ward, was also remembered by a beautiful spray of flowers, and appropriate response was made. A beautiful illuminated emblematic star was displayed in the east, and Mrs. Rebecca Patterson made presentation of this to the Chapter as a gift of the past matrons' club. Appropriate music closed the installation services for the chapter.

Frank Gilliam then installed for the Royal Arch Chapter the following newly elected and appointed officers: H. A. Duncan, High Priest; Clarence Bauman, King; Fred E. Farrior, Scribe; E. R. Huston, Secretary; Frank Gilliam, Treasurer; George Aiken, Captain of Host; Clarence Scribner, Principal Sojourner; B. B. Kelly, Royal Arch Captain; A. H. Johnston, Master of Third Vail; John Wightman, Master of Second Vail; Claude Cox, Master of First Vail; A. L. Ayers, Sentinel.

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It is understood that a report on the selection of the site for the Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital will be made the coming week, and in this Heppner has an interest, but will not likely have any kick to make should the hospital go elsewhere.

Prominent Gilliam Man Dies at Berkeley, Cal.

The death of W. W. Weatherford, prominent resident of Gilliam county, occurred at Berkeley, California, on Wednesday. Mr. Weatherford, who had been seriously ill for months, was but recently removed to Berkeley where he underwent an operation, from the effects of which he failed to rally.

Mr. Weatherford was a pioneer resident of this section, having settled on Willow creek just below Morgan in this county in 1870. He later removed to Shuttler Flat in Gilliam county and was one of the first to begin operations in wheat raising in that locality. He owned a large tract of land there and for many years engaged very successfully in farming, finally retiring from this occupation and going to Arlington to reside. He is a brother-in-law of George Sperry of Heppner, a brother of Hon. J. K. Weatherford, prominent pioneer attorney of Albany, and was always prominent in the affairs of his home county. He is survived by his widow, four sons and two daughters.

Funeral services will be held at Arlington on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Sperry will attend from Heppner.

COUNTY REBEKAHS CONVENE AT IONE

Afternoon and Evening Sessions Featured by Degree Work.

HEPPNER NEXT YEAR

This City Chosen for 1927 Convention; Assembly President Has Prominent Part.

The sixth annual convention of the Rebekahs of district number 20, comprising the lodges of Morrow county, met in the Masonic hall at Ione, Saturday, Dec. 11, at which time the following lodges were represented: Mistletoe of Hardman, Sapphire of Morgan, Holly of Lexington, Anchor of Boardman, San Souci of Heppner and Junch Grass of Ione.

The meeting opened at 2 o'clock by the officers of Ione lodge, and after the usual opening exercises they surrendered their chairs to the officers of the convention, chairman Clara Hawk of Ione, vice chairman Alta Troedson of Morgan, secretary and treasurer Verda Ritchie of Ione.

The regular business routine was carried out, during which President Dora Sexton of the Rebekahs Assembly of Oregon, was introduced and welcomed. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Vida Haliker, Noble Grand of Ione lodge. Mrs. Alta Troedson of Morgan responded in a very pleasing manner. Our president, Miss Sexton, made helpful suggestions and corrections during the afternoon and evening sessions, which will be a wonderful help in the future. Sister Frye gave us a splendid talk on "Object of Convention." Brother Frank Griffin gave an interesting talk on "Why I am an Oddfellow." The various lodges gave their reports and exemplified different phases of the ritualistic work in a very pleasing manner, which ended the afternoon session.

The banquet was served at 6 o'clock, after which the following program was enjoyed by all members and the many visitors: Whistling solo, Miss Elizabeth Phelps Accompanied by Miss Hazel Padberg. Play, "Twelve Old Maids," Ladies of Ione lodge. Russian Dance, Gyla Galashoff.

After the program the visitors retired. The evening session was opened by Ione lodge, this being a special session of the order. After the opening exercises the officers surrendered their chairs to the officers of the San Souci lodge, who put on the degree work in a beautiful and pleasing manner. In fact Heppner Rebekahs put on the best work we have had at any of our conventions.

The chairs were again surrendered to the officers and the work of the convention resumed. Sister Lillian Turner gave a short talk on "Harmony." The following reports were read and accepted: Resolutions, Memorial, Thanks, Question Box, and the press report was to appear in the local paper.

Heppner invited the convention to meet with them next year and invitation was accepted.

The following were the convention officers chosen for the coming year: Chairman Sister Olive Frye of Heppner, Vice Chairman Sister Cora Warner of Lexington, Secretary and Treasurer Verda Ritchie of Ione.

Following a splendid talk by the president, Miss Sexton, the convention was closed by the Ione lodge.

Press Committee: VERDA RITCHIE, ALTA TROEDSON, OPAL AYERS.

Dixie Jubilee Quartette, Star Theater Dec. 28th

There is always something about the music of colored singers and players which touches a responsive chord in the heart of every listener. They do the things they love so well, but sing the old folk songs of the South in their own inimitable way. There is nothing so full of genuine sweetness, so full of melody, as these old negro songs with all their simplicity, and it takes the real negro to sing them as they should be sung. The success of the Dixie Jubilee Quartet is due to the fact that they stick very largely to these plantation melodies for which their voices are so peculiarly adapted. However, while the folk songs are favored the program is interspersed with many humorous and popular selections.

The versatility of the company is remarkable and makes an intensely interesting and varied program possible. There is not a dull moment anywhere. Mr. Morris, the first tenor, is a cartoonist of rare ability. Always see the funny side of everything and puts it in his original rapid drawings. The unexpected is liable to happen any time to his ears. Mr. Starks, second tenor, shows his versatility by playing the violin and saxophone. The personnel includes a brilliant pianist whose repertoire ranges from the gems of opera on down to modern popular numbers. Frequent reference is often made by the press to Mr. Stewart as "The Black Paderewski." Mr. Bennett is a complete master of the banjo-guitar and ukulele and in his instrumental solos and duet numbers will make your feet mark time in spite of yourself. No music lover should miss this great worthwhile concert, a master effort by four real artists.