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"ALONG MISSOURI" LARGELY GREETED

Condon Home-Talent Show Gave Heppner Folk Real Treat.

CAST DOES ITS STUFF

Pathos and Humor Intermingled In Heart-Gripping Melodrama; Specials Good.

Long heralded, widely proclaimed and highly touted, "Along the Missouri," presented by an all-nominee cast from Condon at the Star theater Tuesday evening, made good. It not only lived up to expectations, but if the sentiment as expressed by the packed auditorium in applause is a criterion, it far exceeded them. Not only were the Heppner people who greeted the performers well pleased, but equally so were the performers themselves, vouchsafed W. E. Wilkins, manager.

The play, carrying a pronounced contrast of pathos and humor through a deeply involved plot, is not one easily handled by amateur performers, and the manner in which the cast from Condon delivered it bordered on professionalism. In fact several members of the cast would probably have little trouble making good on the professional stage.

The plot centers around a little country farmstead along the Missouri river. Here is revealed the story of blasted happiness of a young married couple; uncovered the villain who brought it about while attempting to steal the affections of the fiancée of the noble and aspiring son of the farmer, and while trying to gain possession of the farmstead as well; depicted, the beautiful love affair of the rich man's daughter and the poor man's son while the rich man holds mortgage on the poor man's farm; displayed the half-wit farmhand, a thorn in the poor farmer's side. Politics, love, ambition, lust, greed, revenge, repentance, all have a part with an abundance of homely comedy thrown in.

James O'Rourke in the role of William Watson, the farmer, known to his friends as "kind old Bill," made the character live, indeed. His deep voice, sobbing at times, boisterous at others, carried little affection. Jack Tierney, played well the part of his son John. As villainous as any villain could be was Wm. Gross as Norwood Crane. But the masculine part that was probably the most gripping of all was that of Dustin Barnes, a gentleman buffeted by fortune and whose home was blasted by the villain, made realistic as it was by Gerald Burns. Harry Meyers portrayed well the rich man, Manders Moffitt, a country banker with pronounced political and social views. And concluding the masculine line-up comes W. E. Wilkins, as Rip Stokes, the hired boy, about whom we believe it can be said only in justice that he was a scream. Mrs. R. W. Hanneman as Katherine Patton, the village school teacher and the estranged wife of Dustin Barnes, exemplified to near perfection the repentant little wife. Pretty, as need be, and charming, was Miss Ruby Hayes as Virginia Mae, the rich man's daughter. Mrs. Ed Schott completed the fine cast in the role of Tillie Watson, Bill's old maid sister, in which part she made friends of the large audience.

The Condon orchestra furnished music before the curtain was raised on the first act and between the third and fourth acts, while three special numbers were given between acts. A baritone solo by Mr. Sylva was well received and heartily encored. Miss Moore gave a pleasing violin solo, responding with an encore, and the Misses Florence and Katherine Gross completely won the house with their vocal and instrumental duet, being called back twice. The Misses Gross are daughters of Wm. Gross, who took the part of the villain.

After the show the Condon orchestra supplied the music for dancing in the Elks' hall. The dance was largely attended.

Yearling Wether Sale Brings \$9.84 a Head

Scott Brown of Rock Creek made a sale of 650 fine yearling wethers in Heppner Saturday at \$9.84 apiece. Kink & Taylor of Omaha were the purchasers through their representative, D. A. Taylor of Burley, Idaho. R. A. Thompson of this city also had an interest in the three cars of sheep shipped from here Saturday night for Omaha.

The Brown sheep were purchased as lambs from Frank Monahan of this city last season and fed on the Rock Creek range of Mr. Brown. Being in extra fine condition they brought the top market price, the \$9.84 being net at Heppner.

EASTERN STAR SOCIAL CLUB.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by the members of the O. E. S. social club, at their regular meeting on Saturday at Masonic building. A goodly number was present and several tables of bridge played. First honors went to Mrs. F. J. Lucas, and second to Mrs. Earl Gordon. Mesdames A. H. Johnston and Arthur McAttee were hostesses and served delicious refreshments.

Hatching Eggs—Place orders now; O. A. C. strain Barred Rocks. Write or phone Mrs. Ora L. Barlow, Ione, Ore. Phone 16x33. 51-55.

Tryouts Progressing For Declamatory Meet

By Heppnerian Reporter.

The days are rapidly drawing near to the County Declamatory Contest, to be held here on the evening of April 22. On Monday evening, April 11, at the close of school, a minor tryout was held in the high school to determine who should enter the major tryout the following Wednesday night. The judges for this tryout were the faculty.

There were eighteen chosen from the grades, nine of whom are from the first four grades and nine from the four higher grades. At the final tryout Wednesday two were chosen from each of these two divisions in the grades, thus limiting the grade entrants to four. There are two classes of selections in the grades, either humorous or non-humorous. There will be three high school entrants, chosen at the finals from the five that are now competing for that place, thus making the total entrants in the contest from Heppner schools, number seven.

The five students entering the final tryout Wednesday, from the high school, are: Dramatic division—Jeanette Turner and Evelyn Swindig; humorous division—Dorothy Herren and Kathryn Bisbee, oratorical division—Cornett Green.

Those from the grades are: Lower division (1st to 4th grades)—Nina Cox, Ruth Green, Levi Westfall, Patricia Cason, Jackson Gilliam, Viola Kirk, Elizabeth Vance, Guya Mae Cason, Billie Morse, and Howard Cox. Upper division (5th to 8th grades)—Billy Thomson, Frances Frae, Gladys Erwin, Doris Cox, Herman Green, Gene Mikesell, Irene Hiatt, Mary White and Earl Thomson.

Church Choirs Join For Easter Cantata

The public is cordially invited to attend the presentation of "Easter Cantata" by Prothero which will be given by the combined choirs of the Methodist, Episcopal and Christian churches Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Church of Christ.

The cantata is divided into two parts: the first deals with the seizure of Christ, His arraignment before Pilate and His delivery to the multitude. After the "March to Calvary," the second division follows with the Resurrection, Mary's recognition of Christ in the garden, and new adventures. Those of us who must stay at home can find a substitute by traveling through books. Among the 300 books sent recently to the Heppner library by the Oregon State library is a shelf of some 30 books of travel and adventure through whose pages we can visit almost any part of the world.

"My Crowded Solitude" by Jack McLaren reads like fiction as it recounts the adventures of the author on his coconut ranch in Australia, three days distant from a civilized settlement, where his only neighbors were natives as primitive as the stone age.

"The Lost Oasis" by Ahmed Hassanain Bey tells of a two thousand mile journey into the Libyan desert. One may travel, through books on this shelf, to the South Sea islands, the South Pole, Turkey, Spain, Japan or South America. Coming closer to home, one finds an entertaining travelogue of western Canada in Waldor's "Down the Mackenzie."

"Boulevards All the Way—Maybe" by Flagg, bears the subtitle, "Being an artist's truthful impression of the U. S. from N. Y. to California by motor," and begins thus: "Most Americans can tell the truth about something. Motoring is one topic about which they all lie."

"Fentling Tonight" by the popular novelist, Mary Roberts Rinehart, tells how she and her family traveled through Glacier National park on a de luxe camping trip.

Coming still closer to Heppner, Alice Day Pratt tells in "Homesteader's Portfolio" of her homesteading experience in Crook county. All of these good books are available to anyone for the asking.

INSTALLS FRIGIDAIRE PLANT.

L. E. Fry of the Condon Garage company this week installed a Frigidaire plant in the place of business of M. L. Curran, and Mike will be in position to keep his goods at the proper temperature during the warm summer months. Mr. Fry also installed a larger plant at the hotel in Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter were among Condon people who accompanied the play cast in "Along the Missouri," to Heppner Tuesday evening. Mrs. Porter is the Gilliam county school superintendent.

HEPPNER AND IONE TAKE OFF IN CELLAR

Locals Lose to Condon 4-1 In League Opener Here Sunday.

League Standings table with columns: Team, Won, Lost. Condon 1, Heppner 0.

The Morrow-Gilliam County Baseball league was all upset Sunday. Heppner lost to Condon here 4-1, while Ione was taking the short end of an eleven-inning fracas at Arlington, 3-2. Heppner and Ione were considered probably the strongest contenders according to pre-season dope. Both Sunday games were closely contested, however, showing all four teams to be evenly matched, making predictions as to league winners now only a matter of wild conjecture.

A little wild throwing bee in the sixth was Heppner's undoing, due probably to the cold wind that prevailed during the game. Shortstop Smith, who otherwise scintillated brightly in the contest, started it by leaving one out of Aiken's reach at first, letting Eddie Ashenfelter land safely thereon. This happened with one out, L. Ashenfelter, who went via the Smith-Aiken route. Then, and to relate, came another error and "Kewpie" Clow took possession of first, Eddie "Ash" going on second. Pitcher Drake took Clow's grounder and heaved a bit wild to Aiken who juggled the pill. Two on, one gone. "Pam" Brown shot a fielder's choice down to short, who preferred to take Brown at first. Two gone, and the fans took a sigh of relief. But not for long. D. Ashenfelter up and smacked a hot single, scoring brother Eddie. And now comes that which caps the climax. Clow on third, and D. "Ash" steals second on first delivery. Drake hits the Indian sign on Burns, whom he fans, but also—Catcher Hoskins dropped the ball. Burns started for first. Hoskins regained the apple for an easy throw, but heaved it some ten feet over first-sacker Aiken. Clow and D. "Ash" scored. Drake then took Edwards by a strikeout, ending it all, but the damage had already been too great.

This happened with the score tied 1-1, Aiken having tallied for Heppner in the first round, and Clow for Condon in the inning previous. But that was all the scoring. Neither team threatened greatly thereafter. "Ducky" Drake for Heppner and Clow for Condon divided honors pretty evenly in the pitching department. Drake struck out 13 batters and walked none, while Clow struck out 14, walked two and made one wild pitch. Heppner got five hits off Clow to Condon's six off Drake. Next Sunday Heppner plays at Ione and Arlington goes to Condon. The box scores follow:

Condon-Heppner box score table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, A, P, O, E.

Arlington-Ione box score table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, E.

Fred L. Wyatt, piano tuner of Milton, was in Heppner over Tuesday and Wednesday, touching up a number of instruments in this city. Mr. Wyatt is a blind man but is well up on the tuning business. He contemplates making regular trips to Heppner.

Mrs. Leonard Barr drove to Arlington this forenoon, taking her daughter, Miss Edna Vaughn to that point where she took the train into Portland. Accompanying them to Arlington were the Misses Mary Crawford and Velma Fell.

For Sale—Common and Grimm alfalfa seed; white sweet clover, valuable for pasture. Try it. Save the middleman's profit. C. W. Bond, grower, La Grande, Oregon. 2-5.

OTIS PATTERSON DIES AS RESULT OF LONG ILLNESS

Canyon City Attorney, at One Time Taught School and Published Newspaper Here.

William Otis Patterson, prominent attorney of Grant county, whose home for a number of years past has been at Canyon City, died at the hospital in Baker on Sunday, April 3rd, following an extended illness from which he had been confined at the Baker institution for several months under the care of physicians. Funeral services for Mr. Patterson were held at Baker on the Tuesday following his death, under the auspices of the Masonic and K. of P. lodges of that city, and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery there beside those of his wife and daughter who had preceded him.

Mr. Patterson was well known at Heppner, having settled here in the late '80's as principal of the Heppner school. He later engaged in business in this city with Ben Hunsaker, they running the hardware store that later became the property of Gilliam & Bisbee. He then entered the newspaper business, buying the Heppner Gazette from Rev. Henry Rasmus, and for many years he carried on the business and conducted the affairs of the Gazette, first in his own name and then later taking his brother, Alvah Patterson in with him the publication was continued by Patterson Publishing Co., and he continued with the paper until going to The Dalles as receiver of the United States land office during the McKinley administration. During this time Mr. Patterson took up the study of law and was later admitted to the bar. After completing his tenure of office at The Dalles, he moved to Canyon City and opened a law office, continuing his practice there until he became too ill to carry on.

For many years while living at Heppner, Mr. Patterson was prominent in political circles. He was also a member of the Masonic and K. of P. orders here, always retaining his membership in the former at Heppner. He was Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon at one time, and took a great interest in fraternal matters. We believe he was also a charter member of the Heppner Lodge of Elks.

Speaking of the death of Mr. Patterson, the Long Creek Ranger says: "Something strange and very unusual happened in Mr. Patterson's family. There were three members of the family and within two years the three have died. Two years ago Mrs. Patterson died from car injuries she received some time before. Last year the daughter grew sick and died, now death claimed the only remaining member, which closes the career of a noted family."

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET.

The next regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday evening, April 19th. Hostesses will be Carolyn Johnston and Florence Davis. Husbands of Auxiliary members and wives of Legionnaires are invited to the party for Mr. and Mrs. Morse on Monday evening, April 18th. Regular Glee Club practice at 7:30 Wednesday evening, April 20th.

Wm. V. Crawford has taken the agency locally for the Edison orthophonic phonograph. Interested parties may see him for demonstration and prices. The orthophonic is the latest thing in sound reproduction, giving absolutely true reproduction and wonderful volume. It gives you real music when you want it and the kind you want—Adv.

Heppner's baseball club will have a new catcher on the job when the team meets here next Sunday. He is Bob Lemar, a Portland youth. Lemar caught a game for Heppner against Arlington three years ago and is well capable of handling the job.

This morning while playing at school, Faye Prock was struck in the mouth by an iron awing. The impact caused his lower lip to be completely severed, requiring 10 stitches to close the wound. Dr. McMurdo attended.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold their regular meeting in the church parlors Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. We wish all members and friends to attend.

Dick Sperry was kicked in the right side by a horse yesterday, sustaining the fracture of three ribs. He was harnessing a team preparatory to going into the field.

Mrs. A. E. Engelmann, who lives 8 miles west of Ione, had the misfortune to badly sprain an ankle Sunday, when she stepped on a rolling stone.

E. N. Gonty is driving a fine new Oldsmobile, delivered to him this week by the Ferguson Motor company.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Herick, April 9, an 8-pound daughter.

RADIO ADDRESS OF GOV. PATTERSON EXPLAINS INCOME TAX BILL WHICH IS TO BE UP FOR VOTE ON JUNE 28TH

Editor's Note.—The following message is that given by Governor L. L. Patterson, of Oregon, by radio from the Oregonian broadcasting station, KGW, last evening.

It has been my intention, since the close of the Thirty-fourth legislative assembly, to review, to some extent, the activities of the session with reference to revenue measures; however the pressure of duties attendant upon establishing a new administration has prevented me from carrying out my plan until this late date.

At this time I am particularly anxious to speak of the two tax measures which are on the ballot to be voted on at the special election on June 28th—the income tax measure and the constitutional amendment providing for the change in the tax base upon which the State Tax Commission determines its levy each succeeding year, in computing a six per cent increase where a six per cent increase is necessary.

In 1922 the State Tax Commission was levying, directly against property, taxes which produced revenue in the sum of \$3,500,000.00. This was the general property tax, exclusive of millage taxes which had been voted directly by the people and have been regarded as not being within the six per cent limitation provision of the constitution. You will note that the constitution reads as follows: "Unless specifically authorized by a majority of the legal voters voting upon the question, neither the state nor any county, municipality, district, or body to which the power to levy a tax shall have been delegated, shall, in any year, so exercise that power as to raise a greater amount of revenue for purposes other than the payment of bonded indebtedness or interest thereon, than the total amount levied by it in the year immediately preceding for purposes other than the payment of bonded indebtedness or interest thereon, plus six per cent thereof. . . . provided further that the amount of any increase in levy specifically authorized by the legal voters of the state, or of a county, municipality, or other district, shall be excluded in determining the amount of taxes which may be levied in any subsequent year."

The legislative session of 1923, as you know, enacted an income tax measure which was sustained by vote of the people. It was enacted for the purpose of reducing the direct tax against property. The revenue from the operation of this income tax resulted in a very much lower general property tax for the year 1924. In 1925, after the repeal of the income tax, the State Tax Commission failed to restore the former general property tax base, even though there was no tax against incomes to make up the deficiency. In fact, the general property tax for 1925, in the sum of \$1,900,000.00, did not represent, by some fifty thousand dollars, the constitutional increase of six per cent over the general property tax during 1924, when revenues were available from the operation of the income tax.

As a result of this reduction in the tax base, the state tax commission, in December, 1925, found itself able to levy for the expenses of the year 1927, only \$2,150,000.00, or \$1,400,000.00 less than was levied in 1922. In the face of the cost of actual operating expenses of around \$800,000.00 more than could be provided by the tax levying body, you will agree that we can not reasonably expect the activities of the state to function properly in the year 1927 on less, by \$1,400,000.00 than was required in the year 1922.

If you heard or read the special message to the legislature on the subjects of taxation and finance, which I delivered on February 2nd, you will remember that I reviewed the financial condition of the state and arrived at the conclusion that necessary state activities required, including this deficiency in actual operating expenses, about \$3,000,000 more than could, under the existing law, be provided for by levy made by the State Tax Commission. State revenues from sources other than direct taxes have been considered in arriving at the deficit with which the state was confronted on January first of this year.

Having in mind that the state required \$3,000,000.00 more than could

be raised without vote of the people, I suggested to the legislature the income tax and the titling bill, hoping that the income tax would produce about \$2,000,000.00 and the titling bill something less than \$1,000,000.00. The income tax was passed. The titling bill was defeated by the legislature. Appropriations were made aggregating approximately \$4,000,000.00 in excess of available state revenue, of which appropriations I vetoed bills providing for \$1,300,000, leaving a deficit of over \$2,000,000.00 for the current biennium.

Section 44 of the income tax measure provides that the revenues derived from the income tax law, up to and including \$2,000,000.00 may be used to meet the larger portion of this deficiency in state revenues. While the section mentioned provides that the state tax commission may levy, for the year 1928, \$2,000,000.00 in excess of the amount levied for the year 1927, it will not be so levied unless the income tax measure is passed by vote of the people, and if it is so passed, I apprehend that the income tax revenues will approximate the \$2,000,000.00 additional tax levy necessary to avoid a deficit for this biennium.

In order that we may not again face such a deficiency in this state and have to call upon the people to authorize an increased levy, such as will be authorized if the income tax measure is endorsed, a constitutional amendment raising the tax base to \$3,500,000.00 after 1928 has been prepared for your approval at the special election on June 28th. This amendment will serve to restore the tax base to approximately what it was before it was cut down in 1923, when the previous income tax measure was in effect. I wish to assure you that while I am a member of the state tax commission, it will be my endeavor not to levy for more than is absolutely necessary to meet the actual requirements of the state, and I promise you that if a levy of less than \$3,500,000.00 will suffice for the actual needs of the state, the tax levy for such years will be reduced.

This Week



Squandering Oil Wealth. 400 More Baby Shoes. Useless Record Breaking. Will She Die?

Mr. Teagle, president of New Jersey Standard Oil, warns oil men that they are cutting their own throats. This country is treating the nation's oil wealth as unintelligently as frontiersmen treated the herds of bison. The bison soon vanished.

Oil is actually being sold for less than it costs to produce, cheerful for buyers, but it will not last. Millions are spent developing new wells to increase competition while oil companies are carrying 530,000,000 barrels of oil stored above ground at an annual cost, loss and waste of \$130,000,000.

The country's national oil wealth is not merely private wealth. It is a great national asset and a way should be found to give oil production some national control and stop waste.

You are told many things about prohibition, for and against. A. H. Davidson, writing from Coronado Beach, California, asks, "Do you know that the sale of children's shoes has increased 400 per cent per annum since prohibition came?"

Everybody will agree that 400 per cent more shoes for children, combined with larger savings bank deposits, is a strong argument for prohibition, assuming those things to be results of prohibition.

Those that would modify the Volstead Act say the average man is earning about twice what he earned before the war, and increased earnings, not the absence of beer, explain greater savings and more children's shoes.

A coal strike of a sort was started last week in what is called "the central competitive field." Union men in the North cannot compete with non-union men farther South.

The alleged attempt to reduce wages in the North would cause still further reduction of wages in the South. Industry and business are not civilized while it is necessary for employees to engage in periodical battles at the expense of the workers' wives and children, to decide what is fair pay. Some impartial third party should fix wages. The public pays in the price of coal.

At Lyons in Georgia, men on trial for kidnaping and flogging the Rev. E. J. Jones, Jr., wore hoods. One had a pistol, another waved a sword. They told Mr. Jones they did not approve his moral conduct, drove him off in a car, held him down, beat him with a leather strap.

The clergyman testifies, "After I was set free I started off down the road singing 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be.'" During the beating he had prayed aloud. Such fortitude is MOST unusual.

New York may have to decide about executing Mrs. Ruth Snyder, young, blond, curly-haired widow, aged thirty-two, who recently confessed she helped another man murder her husband.

She says she now loathes the man that did the killing. He seems to have borrowed a suggestion from his original ancestor, Adam. Friends say he was hypnotized by the woman whose husband he killed.

If human nature, public opinion and the course of events work as usual, the man will be executed and the woman sentenced to life imprisonment. There seems to be a psychological objection to strapping women in the electric chair.

We do not need war with China, and it would not be a righteous war, once we have rescued our nationals. Having told Asiatics that they may not live here, it would be playing the hypocrite and bully to object to China's decision that she does not want us, or Europeans, on her soil. If we try to exclude Asiatics justly, China may, with equal justice, exclude us.

EASTER DANCE Elks' Temple, Heppner Saturday, April 16, 1927 Many unusual and interesting features Auspices American Legion Auxiliary Admission: Dancers 50c each; Spectators 25c