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## QUEEN AND MUSIC CHOSEN FOR RODEO

Miss Katherine Bisbee to Reign; 'Bob' Fletcher Comes With Band.

### FEATURES ADDED

Bulldogging and Pack Race Are New Events; Bluebird Missed from Local Bucking String.

C. W. McNamer, president of the Heppner Rodeo association, announces full arrangements for the 1927 show, to be held September 22-23-24, rapidly drawing to a head. Miss Katherine Bisbee of this city was this week chosen queen. The R. W. Fletcher band of Pendleton was contracted, as was also the French Amusement company.

Queen Katherine was an attendant of Queen Eva last year, and proved very popular in the role. She is an accomplished young horsewoman, being renowned locally for her skill. The choice of the committee is expected to meet wide favor, and the regime of Queen Katherine should prove one of the happiest in Heppner Rodeo history, according to plans now nearly completed.

"Bob" Fletcher needs no introduction to Morrow county folk, as his popular "Round-Up" orchestra has played for dances in different parts of the county on many occasions. He will bring his orchestra and a 15-piece band to furnish music at the rounds and dances, the contract having been signed this week. The French Amusement company will bring twenty concessions and four rides to help Rodeo visitors enjoy a real festival.

The program for the show itself is now completed, with bulldogging and pack races added to former events. The old bucking string, acknowledged one of the best in the west, will be on hand with one exception. Bluebird, who bucked in every Rodeo final before, has bucked his last, having been run into a barbed wire fence in his summer pasture, ruining him for future performance.

Plenty of tough buckers are left, however, and the bucking contest should equal and surpass former years, Mr. McNamer declares. Calves have already been obtained for the calf roping, and real long horn, bulldogging steers will be on hand when the show opens. The bulldogging will replace the steer roping of former years.

To make the race even more exciting, the Morrow County Derby has been lengthened to three heats, instead of the former two. This race takes place on Saturday the 24th, and the \$100 first prize is expected to entice many of the fastest three-quarter ponies from miles around. Other races will include chariot, pony express, quick change, Roman, pony and saddle horse races. Mule and bareback riding will help give variety as well.

## World Record Believed Made on Misner Farm

Twenty-two hundred acres of grain makes a pretty big field, and preparing this much land for seeding and putting in the crops is not a small job, and when it is done by just two people, it is a record to be proud of. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Misner did this job. They plowed the ground, cared for the summerfallow, and planted the seed for this season's big crop, doing all the work in connection therewith, as well as looking after other chores about the ranch, and had no hired help until harvest time, and Mr. Misner believes they have established a world's record and challenges all comers to beat it. The system used on the Misner ranch has been fully explained before, and it was through this organization that they were enabled to accomplish the great amount of work required in bringing the crop to maturity.

## Smut Explosion Destroys Thresher at Padberg's

The big stationary threshing machine on the W. H. Padberg ranch in Clark's canyon was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon last. The fire was caused by an explosion of smut, and by heroic work of all hands present the flames were kept from spreading to the stacked wheat and getting into the uncut grain. The explosion came without any warning and was very severe, yet none of the men working about the machine was injured.

## GET YOUR FIRE PERMITS.

Forest Ranger Clark asks us to call attention of those who go to the mountains, that they should have their permits from the forest department to build camp fires. For the convenience of the Heppner people and others going through this city to the timbered area, these permits can be had from the office of County Agent Smith, where there is always a supply on hand. They can also be obtained at the ranger stations and the Arbuckle lookout station. Whether you intend camping in the Umatilla forest or on private lands located within the boundaries of the forest, you should have the fire permits.

## EDITORIAL

It has frequently been charged that the public schools of Oregon are suffering through lack of support on account of the sale of the school lands early in the history of the state, and at inadequate prices. We are frequently reminded that the State of Washington pursued a more business-like policy by holding their lands and leasing them, so that today they have a public school fund many times the size of the Oregon school fund. However, this is a matter of ancient history. It is too late to get the lands back.

Through the Portland papers we learn that sand and gravel companies operating in Portland are petitioning the State Land Board to reduce the royalty on gravel, and to allow them to take sand for nothing. The Legislature in 1920 passed a law under which sand and gravel may be removed from navigable streams provided the person taking the sand and gravel pays the state a royalty therefor. This law requires that this royalty be put in the irrevocable school fund, so that we understand this produces an income of from \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year, and in time would, in a small way, make up for some of the money Oregon lost by imprudently selling its school lands.

We also learn that these gravel companies have been taking the Columbia River sand and paying nothing for it, and now are asking the Land Board to charge them little or nothing for what they have taken, and let them continue taking the state's sand and gravel at a nominal charge. The state has been collecting ten cents per yard for the gravel which the gravel companies have reported. It is obvious that the state has not kept a close check on affairs, otherwise these gravel companies would not have taken Columbia River sand for seven years and paid nothing for it, without the state bringing suit to collect the royalty.

We hear a lot about the depleted condition of the state treasury. We know that taxes are intolerably high; we also know that the interest on the irrevocable school fund helps to maintain the public school system. We rise to inquire why should the State Land Board show a leniency toward these gravel companies which would result in a direct loss to the public school children, and a burden to the tax payers. Let us hope that the State Land Board will, in deciding this matter, bear in mind the rights of the tax payers and the school children, and compel these concerns who have grown fat in handling state sand and gravel, to make proper restitution to the state for the material already taken, and charge them a reasonable price for what is taken in the future.

Most of the sand and gravel is used in Portland, but all of the sand and gravel in navigable streams belongs to the state, and is the heritage of all of the people in Oregon, and is not the private affair of the few gravel companies in Portland. Every parent and every school child is interested in this matter, and we hope our officers at Salem will do their duty in this important matter.

## Aged Lady Dies Suddenly At Home This Morning

Mrs. Virginia Matteson died suddenly at her home near the depot in this city at about 6:30 this morning, being the victim of a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Matteson was aged about 73 years, and is the widow of the late Robert Matteson. With her at the time was her brother-in-law, Alfred Matteson, who has been making his home there recently. Mrs. Matteson had arisen and started a fire in the cookstove, when she was suddenly stricken and passed away in a very few minutes before medical assistance arrived.

Mrs. Matteson was a respected pioneer woman of this section, having resided here for many years. Her maiden name was Virginia Triplet. She is survived by the following children: Robert, Edgar A., Walter and Newton Matteson of Heppner, and Mrs. Viola Gabler of Monument. Funeral arrangements had not been made at the time of going to press.

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## Just Dying of Curiosity

By Albert T. Reid



## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

E. R. Huston is in receipt of a letter today from a bonding company informing him that he had been appointed justice of the peace. This, however, is the only word Mr. Huston has received regarding the matter. A friend of ours was talking on his return from just such a trip as he described. It was evident that he had caught the spirit.

Really, there is no reason why a friend should not catch it from the farmers of Jefferson and Morrow and Sherman and Wasco counties. They are wheat raising counties, it is true, but it is a truism that the demand for lumber, especially the demand for pine lumber, has agricultural prosperity as one of its most important factors.

There is just such prosperity in the offing, not merely in Oregon, but in the middle west wheat belt as well. Crop conditions are the best in years, and should be reflected in industrial conditions in the northwest. Economically, too, Bend is basically sound. Adverse financial occurrences of the spring have been weathered in a most inspiring manner—happenings which would have meant business paralysis in many communities. Now Bend is on the up grade again.

We are not a worshipper at the shrine of the unreasonably cheerful Pollyanna, but we can see that there is, in Bend and the surrounding country, a great deal to be sincerely cheerful over. Perhaps a little dose of the wheat farmers' optimism would be just the thing in the way of a mid-summer tonic. Our friend assures us that if this prescription is followed the Bend community will have the old pep back by fall.

## ENJOYING POOR HEALTH.

The above is a descriptive phrase which is true enough of some folks. It will also be the subject of the evening sermon at the Church of Christ, Saturday, W. P. was laid up for a few days suffering a spell of ptomaine poisoning. He was able to be at the bank on Wednesday.

Mrs. R. L. Bengt returned home on Monday from a visit of a week or more at the home of her father, See Driskell, in Newberg. Mr. Driskell is in very poor health, and Mrs. Bengt reports that his condition is not improved.

John Hughes had the thumb and two fingers of his right hand crushed on Wednesday when a header box he was working with fell on the digits. His injuries were attended by Dr. McMurdo.

Little Donald Robinson of near Hardman, who has been suffering blood poisoning in one of his fingers, as reported by Dr. McMurdo to be getting along nicely and quite well recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hughes are visiting here for a short time. They came over from their home at Umatilla on Wednesday.

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## OPTIMISM IS A NEEDED TONIC.

(Bend Bulletin)  
"I wish that someone from Bend could take a trip through Jefferson and Morrow and Sherman and Wasco counties and catch the spirit of optimism from the farmers in that wheat belt, and then come back and translate that spirit into print so that the people of Bend could catch it, too."

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## Body of Dr. Huston Is Recovered From Yukon

E. R. Huston received word this week that the body of his son, Dr. John Huston, who was drowned on July 16th in the lower Yukon river, Alaska, was recovered on the 26th, just ten days following the accident, and burial was at Mountain Village, ten miles up the river from the point where the drowning occurred.

## Wool and Grain Show Scheduled Next Month

Morrow county will have one of the largest, if not the largest, wheat crop in the history of the county. Whenever a county can produce grain of quality in large amounts the world should know about it. According to all reports Morrow county wheat is the best quality wheat grown in the state. What better way is there of proving to the outsiders what can be done than by showing the produce.

Now that we have the crop let's advertise the fact by supporting the Grain and Wool show that is to be held in conjunction with the Rodeo. Last year a sample of grain from this county took first in its class at the Land Products Show in Portland. It can be done again.

Save the best sack of grain that you harvest, clean it down to a bushel and exhibit it at the show. Anyone not having equipment to clean grain can make arrangements at the County Agent's office to have it cleaned. Several sacks of grain and a number of fleeces have already been booked. Samples winning first and second money at Heppner will be sent to the Pacific International at Portland. Remember the sack sewing contest. Sixty dollars in prizes. Premium list will be published later.

Oral Scott suffered severe burns on his arm Tuesday, hot water from the combine radiator boiling over on him when he removed the radiator cap. He came to town for treatment.

## Contract Awarded For New School Building

At a meeting of the school board on Friday evening bids were opened for the construction of the new auditorium-gymnasium for School District No. 1, at which time proposals were received from three contractors for the general construction work. The board was agreeably surprised to find that there was a great reduction in the price over that of some three weeks ago, when they were compelled to reject all bids offered.

The successful bidder was Geo. F. Reeves of Portland, represented at the meeting by Allen J. Olson, his bid being \$20,200. T. G. Denisse of Heppner was next with an offering of \$20,878, while the bid of Lee R. Cooke of Eugene was for \$23,488. There were no bids on plumbing and wiring and these items were absorbed by Mr. Reeves for an additional \$3000, which was added to his contract. The contract was duly executed and work is to begin on construction immediately. The plans call for concrete construction throughout, and there were but slight alterations in the original drawings and specifications.

## Pendleton Show to Have Fine Talent This Year

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 10.—The finest array of talent ever assembled at the Pendleton Round-Up will be here for events of track and arena at the coming show, September 14, 15, 16 and 17.

There will be the famed Drumheller outfit, George Drumheller bringing his speedy racehorses and skilled riders from Walla Walla; the Irwin and McCarty aggregations and many other performers who have won honors all over the United States.

With McCarty will come Chester Byers, trick roper; Carl Arnold, Phil Voder, Ben Jonsson, Billie Wilkinson, Dick Shelton, Bob Crosby, Norman Cowan, Paddy Ryan, Bob Askins, Geo. Lewis and Fred Lowry; a man's relay string, two women's relay strings; a pony express string; a Roman race entry; entries for all the flat races; and one or more entries for the derby. Lewin will have similar entries, as well as Sam Garrett, trick roper; three trick riders, five or more steer ropers, three bulldoggers and three bronc riders.

Pendleton has this year chosen a real cowgirl for queen of the Western. Elyc. She is pretty Mabel Strickland, popular with Round-Up crowds not only for her unquestioned skill as a rider and steer roper (she is the only woman steer roper in the world), but for her beauty and charm. She is a dainty bit of femininity and her slender figure belies the strength she shows in her handling of steers and horses.

Livestock which has already arrived for the Round-Up includes two big carloads of the wildest Mexican steers. The buckers will be here by August 15.

## Brown Warehouse Builds New Platform for Wheat

Brown Warehouse company has completed a new platform, replacing the old one, which will be used exclusively for the handling of contract wheat. A new driveway facilitates unloading at the platform and the wheat is moved rapidly onto the cars. The warehouse loaded out four cars last week and are now loading on their fourth for this week.

With the slight price jump of last week this company bought upwards of 20,000 bushels, the number one grade selling for \$1.15 at Heppner. Other local buyers were also busy, and a little flurry of selling took place. With the price decline, selling has slowed up, though the Brown company reported a buy of some 8,000 bushels the first of the week.

## TRUCK TURNS TURTLE.

While making the turn in the highway near the schoolhouse yesterday afternoon, the truck of T. G. Denisse turned turtle and it was by the greatest good fortune that Mr. Denisse escaped serious injury and possible death. Striking the soft gravel on the shoulder of the highway, a front wheel broke down and the truck flopped over bottom side up and the driver was caught in the cab, which proved of sufficient strength to prevent the weight of the machine from coming down on his body. Workmen on the grounds at the schoolhouse rushed to his assistance and turned the machine right side up, finding Mr. Denisse had escaped injury entirely. The cab on the truck was pretty well smashed and the steering wheel broken, but Denisse came up smiling and still puffing his cigar, apparently not the least excited over his experience.

## INSTALLS NEW MACHINE.

A Diathermy electrical machine, recently perfected and placed on the market, has been installed in the office of Dr. McMurdo, taking the place of the machine formerly used by the doctor in his practice here. This machine was under process of perfection in Germany at the outbreak of the war, and was not completed until the close of the war. Dr. McMurdo made the association meeting at Boise, recently. It is highly beneficial in the treatment of such diseases as pneumonia and neuritis and has been the means of reducing to a minimum the mortality rate in the former ailment.

Charley Jones has finished combining his grain which has turned out well. His federation wheat made better than 30 bushels, and the forty-fold threshed out something over twenty.

## This Week



The Average Farmer. Know Yourself, Add 10 Years. An Expensive Spanking. O. H. Kahn, Wise Father.

How would you like to be the average American farmer? His farm is 315 acres. His investment \$16,308. His average net return for 1926 was \$11.30.

He could make more money than that driving a street car, getting regular sleep, not worrying about weather, tame horses, sick cows, rust on wheat, bugs on potatoes, blight in the orchards, etc.

The puzzling question it why is a farmer?

More important to millions of Americans, cotton has gone to a new high price for this year, three times on three consecutive days.

When cotton, not long ago, sold at half today's price, this writer said to Mr. Clarence Dillon, ingenious New York financier: "Buy yourself plenty of cotton and you will make a great deal of money."

Dr. Sherman, of Columbia University, shows that man's "vital years" can be increased by the right diet. Efficiency can begin earlier and last longer if men eat enough of the right things. Chemistry applied to diet will soon add ten years to the working period of human life.

Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, whose conversion of sinners proves her inspired, fights as well as she converts. Her former choir leader, Mr. Nichols, says: "Confess what really happened when you were supposed to be kidnapped." Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson replies: "I told the truth, walked in the light, and you are only looking for advertising, which you need. There is nothing like courage to take you through. Mrs. Aimee has it."

In Washington, Mrs. Fader spanked her three-year-old son, Bruce, because he would climb the White House iron fence. During the spanking her \$3,000 diamond bracelet flew off and was lost. Bruce saw the bracelet in the air but, busy with his spanking, said nothing. Whipping children causes greater loss than that of any bracelet, when it destroys the child's affection and respect for parents.

Another American, Lieutenant C. C. Champion, Jr., of the Navy, sets another flying mark. He is believed to have broken the world's altitude record.

He fought a temperature 90 degrees below zero and his plane caught fire. An ambulance rushed to meet him, found him grinning instead of dead as was expected.

Our atmosphere is 500 miles high, or deep, so thin at the top that a feather would not float in it. How high up will men go? Will they be astronomers looking through thinner air at the universe outside of us?

Lieutenant Champion's estimated altitude of 47,000 feet is questioned. He says he will go up again and higher.

Mr. Chamberlin, Atlantic flier, tries something new in commercial shipping-aviation. In a little sport bi-plane he flew from the deck of the steamship Leviathan, showing how passenger and mail transportation can be speeded up by flying from big ships as they near port.

Soon flying machines will cross the ocean more safely than boats do now and in one-fourth of the time. Then a combination steamship and plane will seem strange, but it is a useful transition now.

A wise father lets his son do what he wants, within reason, for what a boy wants to do is usually what he can do best.

One of his boys liked music and wanted to lead a jazz band. Mr. Kahn said: "Go ahead and lead it." He knew the jazz band fit would not last long.

Now, young Mr. Kahn, nineteen years old, has taken to flying, is his own pilot, and skilful. That does not make his father and mother sleep more soundly, probably, but Mr. Kahn says: "Go ahead and fly."

## RUN OVER BY COMBINE.

George Chandler, a young man working with one of the combines at the ranch of W. H. Padberg, was run over by the machine Wednesday forenoon. He was doing some oiling under the combine as it stopped, and the driver misunderstood the signal and started the team. A wheel passed over both of Chandler's legs and it was thought they were broken, as his pain was very severe. The man was immediately brought to the office of Dr. McMurdo and an x-ray picture taken. This revealed no broken bones, but both legs were badly bruised and the injuries caused much pain.

## Service

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