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EVERYTHING SET FOR OPENING OF SCHOOL

Repairs, Cleaning- Work Finished; Change Made In Athletic Coach.

"With all repairs completed; hallways cleaned, a new clock system installed and all vacancies in the faculty filled, the Heppner public schools are ready to begin the work of another year on Monday, Sept. 3." is the statement given a representative of this paper today by Supt. James M. Burgess, who has just returned from an outing of two months spent at Elk Lake in the Deschutes country, as bronzed as one of the original inhabitants of that picturesque section of our state, and full of "pep" for the opening of the new school year. Mr. Burgess continued:

"During the summer a good deal of repair work has gone forward in the building with the result that it is much improved in appearance. A good coat of kalsomine has been added to the hallways, new drinking fountains installed and several other minor repairs have been added."

"The former grade faculty will be on hand this year, with the exception of Miss Martha Wilson, who has been in the primary department for the last two years. Miss Wilson's place will be taken by Miss Beth Blankman. The new primary teacher is a local girl and has already proven her ability in her particular line. Miss Blankman is not new to the patrons of Heppner's schools, as she taught here 2 years ago as a supply teacher."

"In the high school many new faces will appear. The position of high school principal will be filled by Wm. R. Poulson. Mr. Poulson is a native of Baker, a graduate of Franklin high in Portland, and of the University of Oregon. He has specialized in physical education and science and for the past two years has been coach and science teacher at Beaverton. Other additions and changes in the high school faculty have already been announced."

Parents having children ready to start to school are urged to discuss the matter with Supt. Burgess and Miss Blankman. "For some time there has been a sentiment prevailing through the entire state that children should be allowed to enter school at an earlier age than formerly," said Mr. Burgess. "All progressive school men are consistently discouraging this idea, since it has been proven conclusively that no good is done, and often actual harm results from entering a child too soon. The legal age for entering school is six years, and all entering pupils should be close to that age."

"While it is rather difficult to predict at this time just what the enrollment will be, rumors about town seem to indicate that it will be rather larger than usual."

STARTING SCHOOL THE RIGHT WAY

From State Board of Health.

If your sons or daughters are among the prospective first graders who will start school this fall, are you sure they are ready physically and mentally for their first big step in fitting them to take care of themselves?

Have they had a thorough examination to determine whether they have physical defects? Have their physical defects been corrected. If they have not been done they are not ready for school. These things have a direct bearing on the child's health and happiness and on his resistance to disease as well as on his scholastic attainments. Special attention should be given to six things in the careful examination of each child: Weight, Posture, Throat, Teeth, Vision and Hearing.

Very few children are perfect. Only about 15 out of every hundred examined are found to be in the hundred per cent healthy class. The remaining 85 show some condition needing attention.

Parents should take the children to the family doctor and the dentist for the necessary care so that the children can enter school without avoidable handicaps.

Out of approximately 26,000 children examined this year, a large number were in need of special care of some sort. Over one-half of the children were in need of dental care. Throat and nose conditions came next. About one-fifth had enlarged and infected tonsils.

One out of every five was underweight and the posture of many of them indicated an unhealthy condition. Many others showed impaired hearing, defective vision, unfavorable heart conditions and lung diseases.

Parents who are getting new outfits for their little beginners—dresses, suits, hats and shoes—will do well to remember that nothing is quite so important as outfitting them for health.

The healthy child is the one who gets the most out of school and who is the least likely to repeat the grades.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nys announce the arrival of a daughter, born to them on Tuesday, August 28. The little lady has been named Margaret, and both mother and baby are doing nicely.

TRAPS TWO BEAR CUBS.

Adam Knoblock is a government hunter and not unaccustomed to finding animals of various kinds gripped by the steel jaws of his traps. In making the rounds of his mountain settings last week, however, he discovered two catches of an unusual nature. Both were young cub bears but belonging to separate families. One was plain black while the other was cinnamon tipped. The prizes in wire cages on the running board of Mr. Knoblock's car, were displayed in the city Saturday evening. Naturally, Mr. Knoblock was quite proud of them and he was not a little chagrined on discovering Monday morning that they had disappeared. He had taken them to his farm home on Heppner flat, adorned each with a new collar, and on retiring Sunday night had chained them to the fence. They were admittedly quite intelligent, hence to amazement was evoked by their undoing the snaps that connected the chains to their collars. But when the snap that fastened the collar of one of the bears was found snapped on the fence, the Knoblocks were prone to believe they had underestimated the bears' smartness. Reports of one of them having been seen on a neighboring farm leads to the belief that they may again be taken into captivity. Mr. Knoblock expresses the fear that, if the bears are not retaken, the new collars which fit quite snugly may choke them to death as they grow older. Both had crippled legs from being caught in the traps.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

Interesting, entertaining and instructive is the play to be given at the Church of Christ on Sunday evening. It tells of ignorance and superstition as found among the untamed Hindu. It does more; it tells of the undesired tragedy of the child widow.

Do you know how the other half of the world lives? Come and see. Do you know the difference that Christ makes in the world? Come and see. Do you believe in missions? Come and learn. If you do not feel the need of instruction, come all the more and bring some one with you.

The play is "Just Suppose" and the following characters play their parts:

American Mother — Mary Beamer
Her Daughter Alice — Jeanette Turner
Daughter Dorothy — Ella Fell
Tom, a young son — Theodore Thompson

Mary Louise, a small child — Adele Bower
Hindu Mother — Reta McRoberts
Hindu Aunt — Mary McDuffee
Hindu Women, Vivien Stout, Ethel Hughes and Margaret Sprinkle.
The public is welcome and there will be no admission charge but a free-will offering will be taken for the benefit of the Christian Endeavor missionary budget.

EMERY J. LEEZER.

Death came to Emery J. Leezer, a former Heppner man, at Portland on Saturday, August 25, following an operation for the amputation of his leg. Death was superinduced by an attack of blood poisoning following a scratch on the leg from a cat, and his physical condition was such that he did not recover from the shock of the amputation. For a number of years Mr. Leezer had suffered from a running sore on this leg and that had been the means of sapping his vitality to a large extent. Emery Leezer was born January 6, 1875, son of W. J. and Loretta Leezer, who were pioneer residents of Heppner, and he grew up here, but for many years past his home had been in Portland. Funeral services were held and burial took place at Portland on Monday. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Loretta Leezer of Portland, and two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Bascom of Iowa and Mrs. Willetta Conser of Portland.

MORROW GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clayton of Morgan are the proud parents of an 8-pound girl, born Saturday, Aug. 25th.

Luther Ashinshut who has been ill recently has returned to his home in Sand Hollow.

Mrs. O. M. Frye underwent a minor operation Wednesday at the hospital.

Mrs. M. L. Knox and baby daughter have left the hospital and are visiting in Athena.

Paul Collins who has been ill with sinus trouble and who underwent a minor operation recently has returned to his home much improved.

Mack Ingram of Ione who underwent a major operation recently for ruptured appendix is getting along fine and soon will be up and around again.

Mrs. A. H. Johnston and Mrs. A. Johnston, mother of Dr. Johnston, departed for Seaside last week for an outing at the popular beach resort.

NOTICE!

To Owners of Electrical Appliances Broadcasting Radio Interference: By authority of an ordinance of the City of Heppner, regulating the operation of electrical appliances or devices giving off radio interference, you are hereby notified to fix or operate the same in compliance therewith. Those not complying will be subject to penalty as specified in said ordinance.

S. P. DEVIN, City Marshal.

MASONS ATTENTION.

A regular meeting of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., will be held Saturday evening, September 1st. A good attendance of members is urged.

L. W. BRIGGS, Secretary.

Council Meets Tuesday; Stop Signs Appearing

The September meeting of the city council will take place next Tuesday evening instead of Monday evening, Monday being Labor Day.

Several matters of interest to citizens are scheduled to come up, including a petition of freeholders for the purchase of new firefighting equipment. Ordinance for enforcement of the stop signs, posts for which are now appearing in the city, will come up for second and third readings. Discussion of radio interference control and the water situation are also reported to be a part of the evening's program.

LITTLE DAUGHTER DIES.

The sad intelligence of the death on Wednesday evening at 6:30 of Jane Adele, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Aiken, was borne to their many friends during the evening and early this morning. She passed away at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cason, where she had been brought from the Arbuckle lookout station, severely ill, on Sunday. The little girl was taken with a case of intestinal infection and all that was humanly possible was done to restore her to health, but with no avail. She was aged 22 months and 9 days, was an exceptionally bright child and her sudden passing was a great shock to her relatives and the friend of the family. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Friday from the John Cason home.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

F. H. Wilson, who with his family has been spending the summer at the Wilson ranch near Ione, was a visitor in Heppner on Wednesday. He reports that some excellent yields were secured on his lands this season, this being especially true of the early fall sown grain. Mr. Wilson and family contemplate returning to their home at Santa Ana, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles, this coming week. He was one of the pioneer wheatraisers of the Ione country and the Wilson farm is considered one of the best bodies of land in that section. A portion of the ranch was purchased by C. F. Feldman, and his full grain acre this season, his wheat being hybrid 128.

Jimmy Farley, who has been a busy lad at the Clark barber shop all summer, thought to enjoy a week's outing before school opened and hid himself out to the ranch of Grandfather Mike Kenny. His little vacation was spoiled, however, by an accident that happened to him Wednesday morning when he fell from a horse and had his leg broken just below the knee. Dr. McMurdo x-rayed the injury and found but one bone broken. The leg was placed in a cast, and Jimmy will soon be sufficiently recovered to start to school. Turning of the saddle was the cause of the fall.

Chas. Hemrich and family returned home on Monday from a trip to the Willamette valley, where they spent several days looking about and then came through the Yakima valley as a final touch to a very pleasant trip. Mr. Hemrich is advertising the sale of personal property at his home in Sand Hollow, preparatory to taking up his residence elsewhere, but he is not yet fully decided as to just where that will be.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Chaffee returned Wednesday afternoon from their vacation trip of two weeks. On the trip they visited Diamond Lake, Crater Lake, Klamath Falls, Ashland, and then spent a week at Newport and the stay there was enjoyed to the limit. With them on this trip were W. L. McCaleb and family who, on the return journey, remained over for a day at Salem for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Everson and family were visitors in Heppner a short time on Wednesday. Mr. Everson finished with his harvesting some three weeks ago and is now waiting for the rains to come, when he will put in the fall grain, his summerfallow being in excellent condition. He thinks seeding will be general all over that part of the wheat belt within a few weeks.

George W. Stokes and E. A. Taylor, deputy state fire marshals, were visitors in Heppner Tuesday. They were on an inspection of this part of the state and remained at Heppner for a short time only, expecting to return here and meet with the city council on Monday evening, September 3, at which time they will go over the situation at Heppner.

Phillip Mahoney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney of this city, has passed the Oregon state bar examination, according to notice he received this week. Mr. Mahoney took the examination in July. For the past several years he has been a student at the University of Washington, where he made commendable progress in his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney went to Portland Wednesday. They will go on to Monmouth today for the graduation of their daughter, Mrs. I. A. Mather, from the state normal school.

C. B. Bartholomew, Roy and Ed Neill were Butter creek ranchers in the city Wednesday, coming over to get some information from the county court relative to road work in their district.

Chas. Jones and family departed the last of the week for Albany and other points in the valley and on the coast, for a vacation of some ten days, traveling by auto.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR BREAD GRAINS

Rye and Soft Red Winter Wheat Favored in Sellings.

(O. A. C. U. S. D. A. Report)

Corvallis, Ore., August 27.—Bread grains—Greatly improved prospects for the world wheat crop during recent week continues to dominate wheat market news, and prices have been forced far below last year at this time by bearish news and heavy marketings of hard red winter. There is nothing definite to indicate that the world supply of wheat will be enough larger than last year to offset a smaller prospective supply of rye. The European potato crop is said to be less promising than in 1927, which will also tend to increase demand for bread grain. The general trend of world demand for wheat is upward by perhaps five per cent a year, because of increasing population and higher per capita consumption in some countries. United States sellers of rye and soft red winter wheat or substitute grades are favored by unusually small production and depleted old stocks, it being altogether possible that larger quantities than ever before of white wheat from the Pacific coast will be needed in the southeast to supply the domestic demand for wheat suitable for making low protein type flours. Stocks of competitive export white wheat are also small at this time, but conditions are reported favorable for the new crop in Australia.

Feed grains—Crop news from Europe is less favorable for feed grains, particularly corn. With a smaller potato crop in prospect there also, export demand for feed grains from North America may be somewhat better than expected earlier in the season. It is not clear that this demand, however, is likely to be great enough to overcome the heavy increase in feed grain production in prospect in the eastern states and in Canada. The feed grain crop in the Pacific Northwest is expected to be less than last year.

Dairy products—Some advance in butter prices in western markets was noted last week, but eastern markets made no net change. Butter continues firm abroad with prices high enough to discourage shipments to the United States.

Livestock—Hogs and cattle continued in favor at the markets last week, while slaughter lambs at lower average prices and feeders were not much changed but sold a little slower. Although there is much uncertainty about the effect of high cattle prices on marketing policies, it is estimated that 6 per cent less cattle will be marketed from the 17 western states during the rest of this year than during the same period last year.

Fruits, nuts and vegetables—Reports of prospective dried prune production continue to indicate a smaller world crop than last year. Recent report from France and Yugoslavia indicate smaller crops than forecasted earlier in the year. The walnut situation is very firm from the standpoint of prospective production, the California crop now being forecasted at about 65 per cent of last year's record production. The European demand for United States apples and pears is still expected to be better than a year ago, according to official reports. Production of lettuce in five states is forecasted at 3,128,000 crates compared to 3,826,000 last year as a result of lower acreage and lighter prospective yield. Colorado is expected to produce one-third less than in 1927, but California will have more summer lettuce.

Grant County Agent to
Become Brand Inspector

(Baker Herald)

D. E. "Dick" Richards, county agent of Grant county, is leaving that position at once to become brand inspector for the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association at the North Portland stock yards, it was announced here today by W. A. Stewart, vice president of the association.

The new plan of the association calls for three men engaged in brand inspection at Portland. Gerry Snow has had the work for some years, but has been found too much for one man to attend to. All cattle sent to Portland will be inspected very carefully, all brands checked and a record kept of them. "Stockmen have suffered heavy losses during the past few years and we expect to save them large sums of money by preventing the marketing of animals with brands that do not belong to the seller," Mr. Stewart said.

The brand inspection work is authorized by the state and eight cents per head is deducted from the price of each animal to pay the costs. Herman Oliver, W. A. Stewart and William Duby, president, vice president and secretary of the state association, are leaving for Portland tomorrow to inaugurate the new system which begins September 1.

"Dick" Richards has been county agent of Grant county several years and has been very successful.

FOR SALE—Seed rye, 2c per lb. at ranch. John Michelbook, Ione, Ore.

Fresh cows for sale. F. S. Parker, Heppner, Ore.

Dunne Bills Should Be Rejected by the Voters

At a meeting of the citizens, called by S. E. Notson, county vice-president of the Oregon Good Roads association, held at the council chambers Monday evening, the Dunne bills were discussed. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that an organization should be effected to work against the adoption of the Dunne bills. Speaking regarding these bills Mr. Notson says:

"The bill providing for a new schedule of license fees for motor vehicles was deemed unfair. It affords very little relief to the owner of the light car, but favors the heavy motor vehicle which uses the highways for commercial purposes. This class of vehicles does a much greater damage to the roads than does the light car, and under the proposed measure they will pay only about 16 per cent of the present fee. The reduction in fees will bring to an end the extension of the state highway program. The maintenance will be impaired. There will be a loss of Federal aid, because the state will not be able to match the Federal money. There is strong probability that the bill, if enacted, will be declared unconstitutional, but that would take time and money to determine. In the meanwhile the road program would stand still and the Federal money, in the sum of about \$1,500,000, would be lost. The Dunne bills should be defeated, and the adjustment of license fees and the amendment of the gasoline tax law should be left to the legislature to deal with."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston, accompanied by Mrs. T. J. Humphreys, departed on Sunday afternoon for Albany, Mrs. Humphreys going on from there to Eugene for a short visit with the members of her family residing there. Mr. and Mrs. Huston were called to Albany at this time for the burial of the body of their son, Dr. John Huston which arrived the first of the week by steamer from St. Michael, Alaska. Dr. Huston lost his life by drowning in the Yukon river more than a year ago.

Mrs. Henry Schwarz and son Billy returned Sunday from a visit of two weeks with Mrs. Schwarz's sister, Mrs. E. R. Merritt at Wapato, Wash. Mrs. Schwarz and Billy were met at Alderdale, Wash., by Mr. Schwarz, son Leonard and Miss Mary Crawford, the Merritts coming to that point where they all joined in a picnic dinner. Alex. Cornett, who was a part of the company, went on to Wapato where he will remain for a visit of a week or so at the Merritt home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson of Portland and Mrs. Wills McCarty and children of The Dalles were visitors in this city on Sunday. They came to bring Mrs. E. F. Campbell, mother of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McCarty, who with these families had been spending a couple of weeks at Rockaway. They returned home following a short visit here.

John Kenny and family of Sand Hollow arrived home Tuesday from a vacation trip that took them as far east as Ontario, where they have relatives residing. While away they enjoyed a trip over that part of the Snake river valley and took in the new Owyhee dam, which Mr. Kenny states will be a wonderful addition to the irrigation project.

V. M. Sackett arrived in Heppner the last of the week for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson. Tuesday morning he departed for Wallawa lake, accompanied by Mrs. Notson and daughters, Mary and Margaret, who will spend a few days at this popular summer resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Slocum, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Mary Slocum of Lexington were visitors in the city Tuesday from The Dalles. Lamont holds a regular run as fireman on the main line for the O.-W. R. & N. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner and son Donald returned on Monday from Hildaway springs, where they spent a portion of the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are preparing to depart for Salem and will take up their residence in that city again for the winter.

The family of Claude Cox returned from Newport, Oregon, on Sunday. They had spent the most of two weeks at the popular seaside resort, and during this time the weather was very cool—almost too cool to be comfortable, Mr. Cox states.

J. W. Beymer, president of the Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank, was a week end visitor in Heppner from his Monument ranch. He was accompanied by Orrin Bisbee who had been spending a week at the Beymer home.

The Christian Women's Missionary society will meet Tuesday, Sept. 4th, at 2:30 at the parlors of the church. A large attendance of the members and friends will be appreciated.

DEGREE OFFICERS TO MEET.

The officers of the Degree of Honor lodge are requested to meet on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Thomson at 2:30 o'clock.

The local lodge is justly proud of their juveniles. The juveniles had 28 new members for June. The largest number that month of any lodge in the United States. They will hold their regular meeting Friday, Sept. 7, at 4 o'clock. Come as soon as school is out.

CLARA BEAMER,
Press Correspondent.

VOTERS MUST REGISTER.

Editor Gazette Times:

The question of registration of voters is again arousing interest. I have been asked why a voter can not be sworn in on election day. The answer is this: At the special election held on the 28th day of June, 1927, the people amended the state constitution so as to provide that a voter must be registered before election day, or he can not vote. Hence, before the books close, a voter must register if not already registered.

The registration books are now open. They will close on the 6th of October. If a voter has been registered but has not voted for two years last past, he must re-register. If a voter has changed his residence to another precinct from the one in which he is registered, he must have his registration changed. A person who will become of age between October 6 and November 6, may register before the books close. If you are not sure that you are registered, better find out from the county clerk. Everybody who is a qualified elector should vote. Hence, every qualified elector should be registered not later than October 6. Do not put it off. Attend to this at once and you will not be complaining on election day that you are shut out. You will want to vote this year, hence make sure you are registered.

S. E. NOTSON,
District Attorney.

EMMA MAY BLAHM MARRIED.

At the First Christian church in Walla Walla on Sunday afternoon, occurred the marriage of Miss Emma May Blahm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Blahm, and Mr. F. Carl Corkrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. F. Corkrum, Rev. J. B. Hunley, the pastor, reading the ceremony in the presence of about 75 relatives and friends. Large colorful baskets of ferns, asters, gladioli and evergreens formed decorations in the church.

Immediately following the wedding reception the young couple left on a trip to Yellowstone National park. Mr. Corkrum is engaged in farming east of Walla Walla, where they will make their home. Miss Blahm is a graduate of Cheney Normal school, and has taught in the Sharpstein school in Walla Walla for the past four years. She was formerly a student of Heppner high school, the family residing for many years on Willow creek some four miles west of here.

Among the out of town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hergert of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. A. Blahm, Mrs. Lee Sprinkle, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Baum of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Edna Beck of Pendleton, Miss Edna Brown of Goldendale, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Eggers and family of Wallaburg.

HEPPNER HOSPITAL.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lovgren of Eight Mile, yesterday, a 7-pound boy.

Geo. U. Krebs, while visiting at the home of his son at Cecil, fell Wednesday and broke an ankle. After having the fracture reduced Mr. Krebs was taken to the hospital.

Ray Stevens, brother of Mr. Lucy Rodgers of this city, fractured a thumb in a run-away in Wallawa county. He accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers on their return yesterday from a vacation trip to Wallawa lake, and had the fracture x-rayed and cast applied.

Bernard McMurdo, young son of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, fell Monday afternoon and broke both bones in his right forearm. The bones were set and Bernard is now getting along nicely.

PLEASANT PARTY HAD.

A very enjoyable time was had on Sunday when Barton McRoberts of Adrain, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. George Mead, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Kasin, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cox and family, George and Gladys Mead, Earl Salling and Mrs. F. D. Cox all met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mead in Hermiston. Dinner was served on the lawn followed by eating watermelon and playing games. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moyer and Mr. Moyer's mother and niece came from Grandview, Wash., and spent the afternoon. There were thirty-five in all. Mr. McRoberts left Monday for Colorado and other points east before returning home.

BOY GIVES SCARE.

Dean Sprinkel, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sprinkel, gave his mother a genuine scare yesterday when he came running into the house and exclaimed that he had been bitten by a snake, to get the doctor quick. Mrs. Sprinkel ran to a neighbor's and telephoned the doctor, who found on examination that the boy had stepped on a couple of nails. The punctures resembled imprints of snake's fangs.

ARE PARENTS OF DAUGHTER.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Clouston in this city this week received the announcement of the arrival of a baby daughter, born to them at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton on August 23rd. Mrs. Clouston was formerly Miss Alma Devin of this city, and their home for the summer has been at Kamela.

LEGION MEMBERS NOTICE.

A regular meeting of Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion, will be held Monday evening, September 3rd, at headquarters. Importunate business will be transacted and a full attendance of members is requested.

C. W. SMITH, Adjutant.
School books strictly cash. Mail orders C. O. D. Humphreys Drug Company; Patterson & Son.

STATE FIRE OFFICERS TO BE HERE MONDAY

Conference With Council and Survey of Hazards Part of Work.

George W. Stokes and E. A. Taylor, deputy state fire marshals, will be back in Heppner Tuesday to confer with the city council and to assist Fire Chief Devin in the conduct of a thorough survey of properties and industries with a view of eliminating conflagration and serious fire hazards and to render whatever service and advice that may be solicited in the nature of providing adequate water supply and in bringing the fire fighting units to the highest standards of efficiency from the standpoint of modern equipment, organization and training. They will be here several days on their return. They made a short stop Tuesday.

This official visitation is in keeping with the inauguration of a statewide aggressive and intensive campaign by State Marshal Clare L. Lee in cooperation with the fire chiefs and municipal authorities of the state, in an effort to prevent a repetition of the severe toll exacted upon Oregon's industries and economic interests which occurred during the month of July, this year, throughout the state outside of Portland, which amounted to over a million dollars. This record was one of the most serious in the history of the state.

A total of 10 fires of major proportions, inflicting losses of \$10,000 or more in each instance, during the month of July, caused damage to Oregon property outside of Portland in the aggregate of \$977,000. This is \$109,000 in excess of the total damage incurred by 26 fires of this classification for the previous six months of the year, which amounted to \$868,000, an average of \$144,666 per month.

The total loss to Oregon property for the seven months' period January to July inclusive, from 36 fires incurring \$10,000 or more damage, aggregates \$1,845,000. Fires causing damage of less than \$10,000 which are in the great majority, would easily increase this total by at least a half million dollars, according to records of the State Fire Marshal department.

The July, 1928, conflagration record embraces the following major losses: Dayton, \$10,000, July 7; Salem, \$10,000, July 10; Klamath Falls, \$250,000, and Glendale, \$125,000, July 11; Albany, \$300,000, July 16; Milton-Freewater, \$200,000, July 22; Lebanon, \$300,000, July 24; Tillamook, \$15,000, and Grants Pass, \$25,000, July 26; and Danaboe, Lane County, \$12,000, July 28. The 26 major fires for the previous 6 months, January to June, inclusive, were distributed by months as follows: January, 8 fires, \$284,000; February, 3 fires, \$58,000; March, 6 fires, \$148,000; April, 4 fires, \$186,000; May, 3 fires, \$175,000; and June, 2 fires, \$230,000.

The largest of these fires were: Tillamook, \$80,000; Salem, \$75,000, and Springfield Junction, \$50,000, in January; Haines, \$50,000; Molalla, \$35,000, and Klamath Falls, \$30,000, in March; Astoria, \$75,000; Silverton (near), \$50,000, and Corvallis, \$50,000, in April; Baker, \$125,000, and Ft. Klamath (near), \$40,000, in May.

This appalling economic waste, principally chargeable to carelessness, in the face of the splendid record for 1927, when, due to the excellent teamwork and cooperative effort of the fire fighting units of the state in which the Fire Marshal department was in hearty and active accord, the fire waste was kept down to \$5,000,000. This represented a reduction of 43.8 per cent of the fire damage for 1926 and of 48.9 per cent from the yearly average for the previous five-year period, has aroused the fire-fighting and fire-prevention forces to arms and a united effort is being organized to halt the destructive inroads which the demon fire, aided and abetted by careless and indifferent citizens, is making upon Oregon's industrial and economic wealth.

Deputies Stokes and Taylor will remain in Heppner as long as their presence is desired by local authorities to assist Chief Devin in making an intensive survey and in giving their services and advice, when solicited upon the major problems affecting fire prevention and fire control according to the needs of the locality.

Hardware Firm Conducts 4th Prize Buck Contest

For the fourth consecutive year the Peoples Hardware company is offering a \$50 sporting rifle to the hunter winning in over their scales the largest buck deer killed in Oregon during the hunting season which opens September 10 this year. Competition in the contest has been keener each year and it is expected a large number of the big ones will be viewed there again this season. An additional prize for the hunter bringing in the widest spread of horns is being offered this year. This will be a \$10 smoking stand. Details of the contest are given in an advertisement of the company on page six of this issue.

The Willing Workers of the Church of Christ will serve dinner and supper the last two days of Rodeo in the dining room of the church.