

## JAMES M. BURGESS TAKES NEW POSITION

### Assistant State School Superintendency Goes to Local Man.

James M. Burgess today made public announcement of his resignation as superintendent of the Heppner schools to accept the position of assistant state school superintendent, his resignation to be effective as soon as the board of directors makes a choice of his successor from a number of prospects now under consideration.

The assistant state superintendent's office was recently left vacant by the resignation of W. M. Smith, incumbent for the last fifteen years. The appointment of Mr. Burgess came to him from a clear sky when he was called to Salem two weeks ago at State Superintendent Howard's request, along with a number of other high school heads of the state, supposedly to discuss high school problems and assist in raising high school standards. Mr. Burgess left for Salem Tuesday evening on business in connection with his new duties, expecting to return to Heppner this evening.

Since coming to Heppner five years ago, Mr. Burgess has gained at least state-wide attention through educational circles by being prominently active in the Oregon State Teachers' association. Last year he conducted a state-wide survey of arithmetic in the grade schools, having for its purpose the recommendation of a new course of study, which brought him favorable recognition.

His superintendency of the local schools has been marked by distinctive accomplishment. He has not only maintained the high standards left by his predecessor, E. H. Hedrick, now superintendent of the Medford schools, but has succeeded in raising these until the Heppner school system ranks with the best in the state. Mr. Burgess was largely responsible for the building of the auditorium-gymnasium by means of which compliance with state requirements in physical education was made possible.

Last summer Mr. Burgess carried on work at Stanford university looking to the acquiring of the degree of doctor of education. He obtained his master's degree from that institution just before coming to Heppner. He is also a graduate of the University of Oregon.

Aside from his school duties Mr. Burgess has found time to take an active part in community enterprises. He was elected president of the Heppner Lions club at its inception a few weeks ago, and his efforts may be given a large part of the credit for the rapid growth and accomplishments of this organization. He also has been prominently connected with the activities of Heppner Post, American Legion, during his residence here.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burgess express real regret on having to leave Heppner, which Mr. Burgess declares to be one of the very best communities in which his lot has ever been cast. They have made a host of friends who will be sorry, also, that they must leave, but who will extend congratulations on the mark of achievement implied by Mr. Burgess' appointment to the new position.

"My intention is not to leave Heppner until the position of superintendent is filled entirely satisfactorily to the board of directors," Mr. Burgess declared, "and it shall be my endeavor to assist in doing this."

## Mrs. F. L. Whitmarsh Dies Following Illness

Death came to Mrs. Myrtle Esther Whitmarsh, wife of F. L. Whitmarsh, at Heppner hospital at 11:30 Saturday night. For the past three years Mrs. Whitmarsh had suffered with diabetes and this disease was the cause of death, she having taken seriously ill but a few days before going to the hospital.

Mrs. Whitmarsh was aged 51 years, and was the daughter of Henry O. Branstetter of Echo. She was a graduate pharmacist from O. A. C. with the class of 1917. With her husband she came to Heppner last May when Mr. Whitmarsh entered the employ of Dennis McNamie. Besides her husband and father, she is survived by one brother, Bryan Branstetter of Pendleton. The funeral was held at Pendleton on Tuesday from Bomboy's funeral home and burial was in the family lot in Olney cemetery.

## Time Almost Up For Service Certificates

W. E. Moore, service officer of Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion, calls to the attention of all ex-service men the fact that the time for filing applications for Adjusted Service Certificates is almost up. Under the present law no applications will be received after December 31st, 1929, and it has been definitely indicated by congress that the time will not again be extended. Application blanks may be obtained from Mr. Moore at the First National bank. It is strongly urged that all ex-service men who have not already done so, make applications at once.

## Sun Set Artists Coming Attraction at School

Baldy Strang's Sun Set Artists are billed to appear at the school auditorium-gymnasium on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, under the auspices of the associated students of Heppner High school. The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock and admission prices are announced at 50 cents for adults, 35 cents for high school students and 25 cents for children. Tickets will be on sale at Gordon's next week-end.

The company is composed of two artists, Baldy Strang and Miss Mollie McGahey. The Sun Set artists are vocalists and instrumentalists. They include in their program humorous character make-ups, comic opera skit, exhibition bagpipe playing with Scotch, Irish and American airs, Harry Lauder review, competition Highland Fling and sword dances. Among other hits of the evening in the musical line will be Miserere scene from Il Trovatore, Swiss Home Duet-Trolean opera, Werner's Parting song cornet solo, Berceuse from Jocelyn melophone solo.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Orain Wright and Mr. Wright's mother, Mrs. Martha Wright just recently returned from a very enjoyable trip to Southern California. They went as far south as Los Angeles and San Pedro, and at Torrance, a suburb of San Pedro they visited with A. V. Wright and family and on the return trip stopped at Redwood City to see Harry Wright. The trip south was by the Redwood highway and the coast route, which is a wonderful trip this time of year. They were gone about a month.

Evangelistic services in progress at the Christian church for the past three weeks, under the leadership of Lester Jones of Nampa, Idaho, will close tomorrow evening. The interest has been fair in the meetings, and Mr. Jones has delivered a series of very interesting and instructive sermons. The program for tomorrow evening will be largely in the hands of the children of the Bible school.

A big feed was served to the football team of Heppner high school at the school house on Friday evening, by the sophomore class. The guests included the entire football squad, their coach, W. R. Poulson, and Supt. Burgess. Another feed for the boys is in prospect for this week, to be given by the mothers to the players and their dads. This will be served at the Parish house.

Julian Rauch, in town today from his farm north of Lexington, reports his sown grain all well sprouted, as he had his seeding all done before the last rain. However, the continued dry weather makes him feel that it may be necessary to reseed.

THE LADY LIES, all talking romantic drama, with two Broadway favorites, Star theater Sunday-Monday.

Frank Fraters of Eight Mile was a visitor at Heppner on Saturday. His grain is coming up rather ragged this season because of the extended dry spell. He is fearful that reseeding may be necessary, and freezing weather may prevent that.

The ladies of the Methodist church will have a Thanksgiving cooked food sale on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Nov. 26, in the basement of the church. Come and buy our good things for your Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pearson and son George were visitors in this city for a short time on Wednesday from their home near Lena. It begins to look like winter weather was setting in out that way, and no moisture yet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Padberg were in the city on Saturday from the farm in Clarks canyon. John states that his crops are coming along slowly, the grain growing up fairly well in spots, and it is all badly in need of rain.

The 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Gemmill, who reside south of town a couple of miles, was quite seriously injured on Monday when thrown from a horse. The boy's injuries required the attention of a physician.

A cooked food sale will be given by the Willing Workers of the Christian church from 10 to 12 o'clock Saturday, at Humphreys drug store. Cookies, doughnuts, cakes, pies and chicken pie.

Albert Conner and wife have returned to Heppner from Fossil, where Mr. Conner has been working during the summer and fall. He expects to get work on the road here.

David Hynd returned from Portland on Tuesday. He spent a short time in Heppner Wednesday before going out to the home place, Rose Lawn ranch, Sand Hollow.

Mrs. Mildred Swagart and son Wilbur of Pendleton were in Heppner Monday for a short time while looking after their property interests here.

Claudette Colbert, the most fascinating woman the talking screen has revealed, Star theater, Sunday-Monday.

O. G. Hagnewood, who is farming near Lexington, was looking after business in this city on Monday.

## Proposed Blue Mountain Cut-Off Half Completed, Figures Indicate

With the Heppner-Spray road, or what may be known as the Blue Mountain Cut-Off, nearly half completed, local interests are expecting that the project will receive support at the joint-meeting of the state highway commission and Bureau of Public Roads in Portland, December 13. This project, while not on the state map and so far has not received financial assistance from the state, is an important link in the state highway system, it has been brought out in discussions before the Heppner Lions club which is endeavoring to help bring about the early completion of the road.

The Heppner-Spray road connects the Oregon-Washington highway at Heppner with the John Day highway at Spray, forming a portion of a direct route from the Ochoco highway at Mitchell to the Oregon Trail and Columbia River highways at Pendleton, thus making a cut-off route from roads to the north and east, to central Oregon and California roads leading to points south clear into Mexico.

That the outside world might be given a clearer conception of what is included in the project, R. L. Bengt, county judge, at the Lions meeting Monday proposed changing its name to the Blue Mountain Cut-Off and extending its scope to include the unfinished gap between Mitchell on the Ochoco highway and Service creek on the John Day. This suggestion met with favor.

Monday the club discussed the organization of delegations to meet with the highway commission and Bureau of Public Roads at their December meeting, to help advertise the project through parts of the territory which will be benefited by its completion. Those in attendance at the luncheon meeting were favored with two solos by Miss Aagot Frigaard, teacher in the local schools, Mrs. W. R. Poulson piano accompanist, Miss Frigaard was heartily endorsed, indicating the extreme ap-

preciation with which her numbers were received.

Paul M. Gemmill, chairman of the Heppner-Spray Road committee, opened the discussion with the presentation of construction figures taken from a map received this week from the state highway engineer, Geo. Bleakman, county commissioner and one of the fathers of the road. These figures show that a total of \$364,787.97 has been spent on the Heppner-Spray project to date, and an estimate given to complete of \$397,325.00. Of the money spent so far Morrow county has put up \$240,203.77 and the Bureau of Public Roads, \$124,584.20. To match county funds within the county the bureau has expended only \$41,584.20. Not a cent of state money has been expended on the road.

"Morrow county has expended more money on this road than has been expended by any one county in the state on a forest road in proportion to the amount of forest road money received, with the exception of Multnomah county," is an assertion made at the meeting, based on available data. Multnomah county comes first with its construction of the Mount Hood Loop highway thru the forest.

The road is important to all central Oregon points, as well as points touched immediately by it, and will also affect points to the south on the Pacific, Redwood and Roosevelt highways, declared one member of the club. It will provide an additional artery of travel leading to these districts, and will thus stimulate travel and development.

As the road now stands it is graded and surfaced 18 miles from Heppner to Rhea creek. The next four miles to Hardman is unimproved with the exception of what is known as Hardman hill, which was graded to standard grade and partly surfaced by the county. The next six miles down Rock creek is unimproved except for a short stretch of grade put in by the county. Then comes 11.5 miles of the macadamized road through the forest, completed to standard through

cooperation of the county and Bureau of Public Roads. The road is unimproved from here to Haystack creek where the road connects up with 6 miles of standard macadam to the junction with the John Day highway 3 miles east of Spray. It is 13 miles from Spray to Service creek on the John Day highway, and 24.5 miles from Service creek to the Ochoco highway at Mitchell, part of the latter stretch being macadamized market road. The entire distance from Heppner to Mitchell this way is approximately 88 miles.

The state engineer's estimate shows \$97,325.00 necessary to complete the road to the Morrow county line, and \$300,000.00 necessary to complete outside the county to Spray.

Following are the state engineer's figures for the money already expended on the Heppner-Spray road and the estimated amounts necessary to complete it:

| Money Expended  |              |
|---|--------------|
| Total by county   | \$240,203.77 |
| By Bureau of Public Roads in county   | 124,584.20   |
| Total money spent in county   | \$364,787.97 |
| By B. P. R. outside county  | 82,000.00    |
| Total spent on project  | \$446,787.97 |
| Estimate to Complete  |              |
| McKinney creek grade  | 18,775.00    |
| Surface   | 18,400.00    |
| Rock Creek grade  | 35,500.00    |
| Surface   | 36,600.00    |
| To complete to county line  | \$97,325.00  |
| Grade and surface between completed portion in forest and Hay creek stretch | \$300,000.00 |
| Total to complete   | \$397,325.00 |
| How County Money was Spent  |              |
| Grade and surface, Heppner Hill, 1924                                       | 8,329.09     |
| Grade and surface to Clarks canyon, 1920-21                                 | 41,940.04    |
| Grade and surface to Clarks canyon, 1924                                    | 19,000.00    |
| Grade and surface Clarks canyon to Rhea creek, 1923-4                       | 42,412.68    |
| Grade and surface Clarks canyon to Rhea creek, 1927                         | 4,400.00     |
| Same stretch in 1927  | 811.52       |
| McKinney creek grade, 1920  | 30,000.00    |
| McKinney creek grade surface 1927   | 10,611.10    |
| Rock creek grade, 1920  | 7,941.41     |
| Right of way on Chapin creek  | 657.98       |
| Cooperation with B. P. R.   | 75,000.00    |
| Total   | \$340,203.77 |

## Everything Ready for Carnival at Lexington

Everything is in readiness for the big carnival and dance at Lexington High school, Friday night, November 22. Plans have been completed and the numerous booths and side shows are under construction. The doors open at 7 o'clock sharp. All tickets for the carnival will be sold at the booth at the main entrance. The main show begins at 8 p. m. and an interesting surprise program is assured. Music for the free dance will be furnished by the Heppner Black Cats.

An interesting feature of the carnival is the popularity contest. Each cent's worth of carnival tickets entitles the purchaser to one vote. In this contest Helen Valentine is the representative of the senior class. Fay Gray will represent the juniors, Naomi McMillan the sophomores and Anabel Strodman the freshmen.

A carnival poster contest completed last week resulted in the production of a splendid collection of posters. Winners were Faye Luttrell first, Earl Hawks second and Claud Wilcox third.

## County Men Will Hear Farm Board Members

At least five Morrow county men are in Portland today to hear what the two members of the Federal Farm Board, touring the northwest, have to say about agricultural relief. R. A. Thompson of Heppner went to Portland the first of the week while Chas. Smith, county agent, Chas. Jones and Chas. Swindig of Heppner, and Roy Campbell of Lexington left yesterday evening for the city.

Just now interest is centering in the organization of cooperative marketing associations to take advantage of the money available from the farm board, and Mr. Smith hopes that a definite line of action will come from the meeting in Portland. A larger delegation from this county had been arranged for but due to unavoidable circumstances the number was cut down.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barr, who recently went to Portland, have decided to locate there for a time, while taking charge of the Shaw-Beitholm store. The store was the property of Mr. Barr's sister.

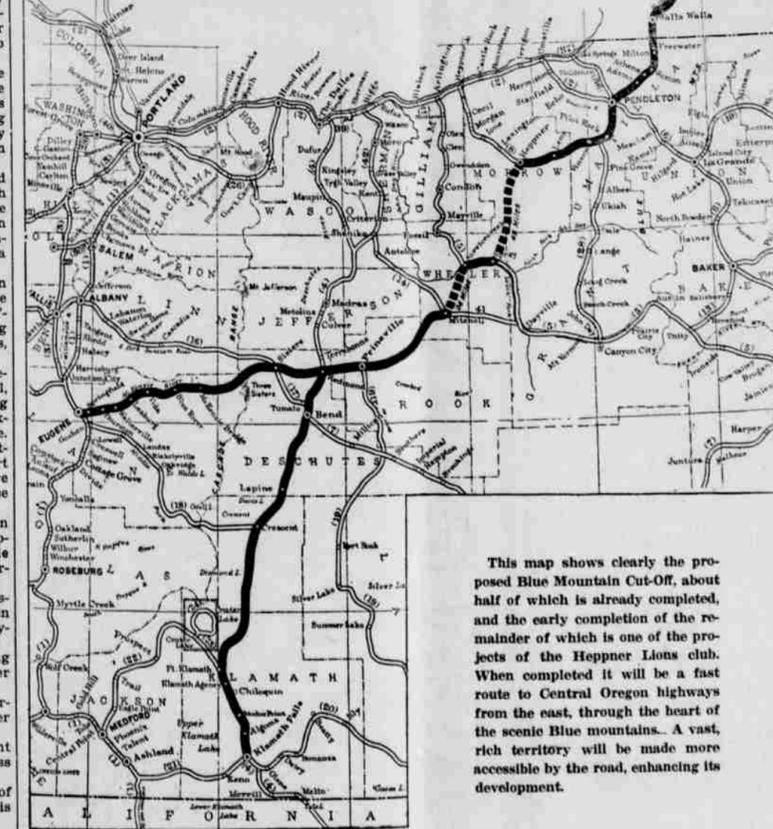
## Local Turkey Market Not Bad, County Agent

Those who received 32 cents a pound for No. 1 toms, and 30 cents for hens at the recent Oregon-Idaho pool at Hermiston, got a fair price, believes C. W. Smith, county agent, in comparing prices quoted in a reprint of turkey-grams sent out by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist of Oregon State college.

On the 19th the New York market was reported as inactive with western young toms quoted at 36 to 37 cents, northwestern toms a cent higher, and Texas 2 cents lower. Due to necessary refrigeration, transportation on dressed turkeys comes high, and Mr. Smith believes the differential might reach 8 cents a pound.

The turkey-grams from which the reprint was taken are sent daily by the extension service to the Associated Press and the Roseburg News Review. A factor which worked in favor of the grower this year, Mr. Smith says, was that at the Hermiston pool birds were not graded down as much as last year, and practically all plump young toms of good color went at No. 1.

## PROPOSED BLUE MOUNTAIN CUT-OFF IS SHOWN IN MAP



This map shows clearly the proposed Blue Mountain Cut-Off, about half of which is already completed, and the early completion of the remainder of which is one of the projects of the Heppner Lions club. When completed it will be a fast route to Central Oregon highways from the east, through the heart of the scenic Blue mountains. A vast, rich territory will be made more accessible by the road, enhancing its development.

## Dr. Johnston Expects to Leave Soon for East

Dr. A. H. Johnston makes announcement this week that he is planning to leave Heppner, and is now negotiating with Dr. A. E. Gray of San Diego, Cal., to take over his property and practice here. He expects that the arrangements will all be completed this week and in about two weeks he and Mrs. Johnston will depart for the east where Dr. Johnston is planning to spend at least six months in post graduate work. He will go first to Mayo's at Rochester, Minn., spending three months there in surgery, and later to Chicago for work in Rush medical college.

Dr. Johnston has been at Heppner for the past six years, during which time he has built up a fine practice, and he and Mrs. Johnston have been prominent in social and fraternal circles. He feels that a physician should attend these medical institutions for a period of at least six months or a year every ten years in order to keep up with the progress of the profession, and it is for this reason he is leaving Heppner at this time, much as he and Mrs. Johnston regret to part with the good people of this community and the numerous friendships formed while here.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

W. T. Gerard and family spent a short time in the city Friday from the farm north of Lexington. While seeding has been completed out that way by most of the farmers, the grain has not made progress because of the lack of moisture and they are suffering from the prevailing dry and cold weather conditions. Mr. Gerard is somewhat fearful of the outcome, it being problematical what the effect will be of the present near zero temperature.

Dr. H. T. Allison of Portland, and his brother, A. C. Allison of Yakima, accompanied the remains of their mother, Mrs. Emma Allison, to Heppner for the burial services on Wednesday. Immediately following the services, A. C. Allison was driven to Arlington by Henry Alken and there took the bus home to Yakima. Dr. Allison returned to Portland by last night's train.

Leo Gorgor was in town from the ranch of Gorgor Bros. on Monday. He states that they have finished with about half of their seeding, expecting to do the balance in the spring. Conditions are not right and the sown grain is making slow progress. Just now there is too much cold weather.

John Parker returned home Tuesday evening from Eugene where he enjoyed several days on the campus of the University of Oregon, while visiting with his brother, Vawter Parker. John got a lot of thrill out of the Homecoming program and other activities of the week-end on the campus.

Martin Lovgren, wheatraiser of Eight Mile, was spending a few hours in town on Friday. The weather conditions are not good for the coming crop, being too dry in the first place for the grain to get started, and then turning too cold. Reseeding may be necessary to a large extent.

"Legit" stars in all-talking play, THE LADY LIES, Star theater Sunday-Monday.

Supt. Burgess departed Tuesday evening for Salem to consult with State Superintendent Howard regarding his appointment as assistant in that office. W. Poulson, high school principal, drove Mr. Burgess to Arlington where he took the late night train into Portland.

Miss Mollie Azucuinga, employed for some time in the local telephone exchange, has gone east to Vermont for an extended visit with her relatives. She was taken to Pendleton on Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gemmill, and took the train from there.

Walter Wright of Hardman was here on Saturday. He reports a lack of green feed on the range for stock, and some feeding is necessary. Around Hardman farming has been progressing while the good weather lasts.

Dr. A. B. Gray, of San Diego, Cal., arrived at Heppner on Wednesday to look over the field here. Dr. Gray is at present negotiating with Dr. A. H. Johnston to take over his practice in this city. He is accompanied by Mrs. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Juday, who were visitors at the home of Mrs. Juday's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hughes in this city for a few days, have returned to their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Poulson enjoyed a visit during the week from Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Shaver and daughter Virginia of Portland. Mrs. Shaver and Mrs. Poulson are sisters.

A. M. Markham, one of the trustees in the C. A. Rhea estate, spent Friday and Saturday in Heppner on matters of business connected with his trust.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krebs of Cecil were in the city on Monday, spending a few hours here while looking after business.

Lee Beckner, wheat farmer residing south of Ione, was looking after matters of business in Heppner on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry residents, were business visitors in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bechtolt were Hardman people in the city for a short time on Wednesday.

## CITY LETS CONTRACT FOR DRILLING WELL

### A. A. Durand of Walla Walla Has Low Bid; Work Immediate.

A. A. Durand of Walla Walla was awarded the contract for drilling a well at the forks of Willow creek for the city of Heppner, at the advertised meeting of the city council Monday evening. Mr. Durand, who has a large number of well drilling outfits, reports that one of these is available which he will move onto the ground immediately.

Mr. Durand's bid was considered by the council to be the best of a number offered. His contract calls for a price of \$10 per foot for the first 300 feet, with \$1 a foot additional on each hundred feet thereafter, or \$11 a foot between 300 and 400 feet, \$12 between 400 and 500, and so on to whatever depth may be required.

The council had previously received high recommendations of Mr. Durand's work from Baker, La-Grande, Dayton, Wash., and other towns for which he has done work. He is a driller of long experience and successful in the majority of his undertakings, according to these recommendations, and members of the council feel they have made a good choice.

The well will be drilled on land obtained recently from Frank Wilkinson, just at the forks of Willow creek. This site had previously been picked by Mr. Durand and other drillers who were consulted when the council was deliberating on the best plan to obtain more and better water last fall.

It is expected drilling operations will be started not later than the first of the coming month. The council is hopeful that a sufficient flow will be obtained without having to go too deep, and believes it certain that water when obtained will be of good quality.

## Funeral of Mrs. Allison Held Here Wednesday

Mrs. Emma Allison, who for a period of five years, from 1912 to 1917 was a resident of Heppner, died at her home at Seattle on Sunday morning, November 17 at the age of 78 years, 1 month and 13 days. Mrs. Allison had been in her usual good health up until about an hour before she passed away, following a stroke of paralysis.

Funeral services were held at the University Presbyterian church in Seattle on Tuesday, Mrs. Allison being a member of that congregation since going to Seattle several years ago. Following these services the body was shipped to Heppner, arriving here by train on Wednesday morning. Burial services were held here at 10, in charge of Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, the membership of Mrs. Allison being in this chapter since she came to Heppner. The beautiful burial service of the order was held at the grave, and the body was committed to its final rest beside that of her husband, William Allison, and her daughter, Mildred Allison Peck, amid a profusion of cut flowers and floral pieces, the emblems of love and esteem presented by friends and the fraternal orders. Milton W. Bower, Lester Jones, Frank Turner and Vawter Crawford composed a male quartette that sang two selections, "Remember Me" and "That Beautiful Land," the one at the beginning and the other following the prayer of commitment.

Kenia Emma Culbertson was married to William Allison, who was a Civil War veteran, in 1869. Mr. Allison died at Heppner in January, 1913, following a short residence in this city. One daughter, Mildred, who upon her graduation from Heppner high school became the wife of George N. Peck of Lexington, died in the summer of 1917. One son, Prof. Wm. F. Allison, who was for a number of years in the faculty of the University of Washington at Seattle, died in 1927. The surviving members of the family are Mrs. C. E. Winger of Sequim, Wash., A. C. Allison of Yakima, Wash., and Dr. H. T. Allison of Portland, and seven grandchildren. Mrs. Allison was a sister of Dr. A. P. Culbertson of Vickeryville, Mich., who formerly resided in this city for a number of years.

She had long been a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and belonged to the Order of Eastern Star, the Degree of Honor and Womens Relief Corps.

CARD OF THANKS.  
We wish to thank all the friends who assisted us at the burial of our beloved mother, Emma Allison; also the various fraternal orders for their kindly sympathy expressed in the many beautiful floral offerings, and Ruth Chapter for their beautiful burial service, and the male quartette for its singing.

The Allison Family.

P. T. A. MEETING.  
For the purpose of selecting a president, the Parent Teacher association will meet on Monday afternoon next at the high school auditorium, at 3 o'clock. The election of a president of the association is important and it is hoped there will be a large attendance of the patrons and friends of the school to help in making the selection.