

IRRIGON

Bert Benefel returned Monday, October 6, from Portland where he has been for the past month doctoring.

A daughter, weighing 11 pounds, was born Tuesday, October 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith. Both mother and baby are doing nicely. Lucille Wilson is attending school in Umatilla. She is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alquist. Lucille was unable to get the subjects she required to graduate here and as this is her last year it was decided she should attend school in our neighboring town.

Alice Wilson has been having the mumps the past week but is recovering now. It is feared the epidemic will get a start in the school and some will miss quite a few days of school.

The Umatilla West Extension Irrigation district held their monthly meeting at their office on Tuesday, October 7.

W. R. Walpole has been very ill for the past two weeks but is reported to be better now and able to be up a part of the time. Mrs. Williams is taking care of the long distance telephone while Mr. Walpole is ill.

Mrs. Della Houghton, mother of Fred Houghton, left on the stage Tuesday morning for Portland. She has been visiting her son and daughter-in-law for the past week.

Mrs. Fred Leicht has been making two trips a week to Hermiston where she has been taking treatments from Dr. Christopherson.

The representative of the Utah Woolen mills was in this vicinity Monday and Tuesday of last week. He makes this territory regularly. Marjorie Williams is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Seits left last week for California to spend the winter. They are planning on returning in the spring.

Mrs. W. C. Isom and daughter Dorothy returned home on Tuesday of last week from Wenatchee, Wash., where they have been working for the past month.

J. J. Wells of Heppner was an Irrigon caller on Wednesday. While here he called on Mr. Walpole, who is ill.

Work of repairing our community roads was started on Monday, and everyone who has a team seems to be on the job. It is estimated the work will not last as long as in previous years. Frank Markham is road foreman for this district which is district number one.

Jimmie Williams has been sick with tonsillitis but is able to again attend school. The oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brooks has been out of school for several days with congestion of the lungs but is better now.

George Haskell has been spending most of his time on the ranch in Washington where they intend to move before long. Mrs. Haskell has been staying on their ranch here.

W. A. Chaney and family are in Grants Pass looking for a location. They will return this week.

R. C. Brown of Eugene shipped his household goods to Irrigon this week and arrived here himself. It is not known what he expects to do or where he will live.

Bishop Wisdom is able to get around with the help of a cane now.

Bob Smith hauled a load of cement from Irrigon to the ranch of Bud Crofton across the river from Umatilla this past week.

Mrs. Marshall Markham and two children are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCoy.

The Irrigon band played at the Hermiston fair on Saturday, Oct. 4. The parents took the young people to Hermiston in their cars. The

band members reported a good time.

Frank Leicht has been doing some remodeling on his residence. He is finishing the inside with plaster board. Mr. Fagerstrom is doing the work.

The section crew has again started working on the well at the railroad house where Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stever live. They are trying to drive it and are having some trouble doing so.

Mrs. O. Coryell returned home October 9. Mrs. G. Lorenzen, her mother, Mr. Lorenzen, an uncle, and Miss Thelma Lorenzen, a cousin, accompanied her home. They returned to The Dalles the same day.

Word was received lately of the death of Mr. Woodcock, the father of Mrs. C. C. Grimm. He passed away in Salem, Sept. 24, at the age of 84 years. Many here will remember Mr. Woodcock as he made his home with his daughter while they were here.

Mr. and Mrs. Duwald were Hermiston callers Wednesday evening going up after their school work was over for the day.

John Odell was a business caller in Irrigon Friday morning. He is district manager of the Tum-A-Lum

Lumber company and was attending to some business for his company.

ALPINE.

Willard Hawley and Bert Michel were looking after business interests in Heppner Monday.

Art Schmidt, Edward Hounshell and Alfred Schmidt spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Clary home Sunday playing croquet.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Morey of Umatilla were visiting with friends at Alpine and Pine City last week. Mrs. Morey will visit for a few weeks in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lindsay spent Sunday evening at the home of C. F. Morehead on Butter creek.

P. J. Doherty of the Lone Tree district is in the community for a few weeks helping to seed.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Doherty will be pleased to hear of the arrival of a baby boy last Tuesday.

W. T. Doherty, W. J. McDald, Lawrence Doherty and Nora and Margaret motored to Ione and Heppner Sunday.

Everyone is anxious now since hearing of the play "Fascinating

Fannie Brown," which is being prepared by the Alpine high school. The date is undecided yet.

P. J. Curran spent Monday afternoon visiting at the McDald home. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lindsay and daughter Annie motored to Pendleton on business Monday.

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Gay M. Anderson and Claude Cox brought in a fine buck from their hunt last week end.

SAYS MR. BONE UNFAIR.

Editor Gazette Times:

In your last week's issue, your reference to the address of Homer T. Bone at Rhea creek was timely. Mr. Bone has fought the power companies in Washington so long that he has become bitter and in making a public address he uses the same tactics which he uses in court. He was so biased in some of the things he said that I was certainly disappointed in him. In discussing a question such as the power bill, I think a speaker should be fair and frank with his audience. Mr. Bone's address was discounted by many of his hearers because he tried to make it appear that only one candidate for governor is free from domination by the power interests. Some of those present remarked that he was paid well for trying to tell the people of Oregon whom they should elect for governor.

Now, the fact is that no candidate is trying to give away the people's interest in the power rights. Mr. Bailey has made his position clear. Mr. Metschan pointed out, before the attorney general rendered his

opinion, that there probably is a weakness in the state law in regard to the right to recapture a leased power site, and he said, if this was the case, he would do all he could to have it remedied. This is a matter almost wholly in the hands of the legislature, yet the candidates and the press who are making so much commotion about the power question have not, so far as I have been able to ascertain, asked a single candidate for the legislature how he stands on this question.

The biggest and most important development for this section of the country at the present time is the Umatilla Rapids project. Not only will there be developed enormous power, which will eventually pay for the whole project and which will serve as a regulator of power rates in all the region to which this power may be distributed, but it will improve the navigation of the Columbia river. This will mean cheaper transportation, which is of more importance to the farmers than the cheap power. But this project means both. Incidentally, there will be some reclamation of arid lands and the use of the dam as an interstate bridge.

For many years, Phil Metschan

has been a supporter of the Umatilla Rapids project. He was one of the first of the leading business men of Portland who gave it real support. As a citizen and business man as well as chairman of the State Central committee, he has rendered every assistance he could to Senators McNary and Steiwer and Congressmen Sinnott, Butler, Hawley and Korell in advancing the Umatilla Rapids bill.

President Hoover is favorable to the Umatilla Rapids project. The defeat of the Republican ticket, or any part of it, will be heralded as a repudiation of the administration. Would that help to put over this project? Do not be deceived. The way to hasten the construction of this project is to vote for the Republican candidates for senator, representatives and governor. And the construction of this project will bring cheaper transportation and cheaper power. Stand by the men who have been fighting for your interests, and do not wander off after some candidate who thinks he has recently been announced as "the savior of the dear people," and who makes promises he cannot fulfill.

Respectfully,
S. E. NOTSON.

A Neighbor's Warning

-AGAINST-

Power Districts Amendment

"You can't get something for nothing"

"An Impossible Promise"
Says a leading Seattle newspaper in referring to current propaganda for so-called "public ownership" and to the promise of many a candidate now seeking political office. It gives this warning to the people of Oregon:

"HIS program restates the promise that has been made in many other campaigns and in many parts of the country. He promises a vast public power and electrical development 'without cost to the taxpayers.'

"This is a promise that has never yet been fulfilled. Wherever the people have been beguiled into permitting the experiment it has proved a failure and a disappointment and has imposed heavy additional burdens upon the taxpayers. It is a promise that only the fanatical few nowadays venture to voice anywhere within hailing distance of a city or a section wherein the experiment has been tried.

"Nothing of the kind can be done without cost to the taxpayers. Bonds may be sold and debt incurred to get such a development under way, and for a time everything may seem to be moving serenely. But the day of reckoning comes around and the sad results are apparent both in the evidences

of waste and mismanagement, and still more palpably in the recurrent upward leaps and bounds of the general tax rate.

"The people of Oregon have only to cast their eyes in the direction of Seattle and Tacoma to learn much on this score; they have only to cock their ears to catch the loud complaint that rises against these cities from all the rest of the State of Washington. Seattle and Tacoma launched heavily upon power development schemes to be perfected 'without cost to the taxpayers.' The tax rate in Tacoma has gone up to 81 mills, the highest in the whole Northwest, and the Seattle rate to 76.85 mills claims second place.

"Both Seattle and Tacoma have stripped the tax rolls of millions of dollars' worth of taxable property for their power projects. They have taken this property not only within their own corporate limits and the limits of the counties in which they are located, but they have invaded numerous other counties and helped themselves freely. All this has added immeasurably to the taxes of property remaining on the rolls. That is why the rest of this state so bitterly complains and so earnestly demands that these city utility projects be compelled to resume a share of the tax load. Should that be done the city taxpayers again must suffer, by increase in the direct tax levy, by increase in utility rates, or by both.

"Seattle and Tacoma have gained nothing by these ventures. On the contrary they have lost much and stand to lose still more. The people of Oregon will be well advised to turn away from the foolish thought of getting something for nothing. On a state-wide scale, as promised in Oregon and as proposed in the so-called 'district power bill' initiated in Washington, the results would be so much the more dangerous."

Editorial, Seattle Sunday Times, August 31, 1930.

Tax Rates 1929

Tacoma, 81.89 mills
Seattle, 76.85 mills
Portland, 48.60 mills

Whole State Suffers Tax Losses

"Existing publicly owned utilities of King and Pierce counties have increased taxes in every other city and community in the State of Washington." — Taxpayers' Economy League of Spokane.

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