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AGREEMENT MADE ON HARDMAN ROAD

Court and Committee to Work for Reallotment of Secondary Funds.

PEOPLE PETITIONED

Former Action of Court Explained And Facts Given on Importance Of Heppner-Spray Route.

That a unanimity of opinion as to the economic importance of the Heppner-Spray road exists between the Morrow county court and the people of the county represented yesterday in a delegation that waited upon the court in the interests of that road was brought out in the discussion, which resulted in the selection of a committee of four to work with the court in determining the best method of procedure to get the Heppner-Spray road completed at the earliest possible date. The committee consists of Vawter Crawford, L. Van Marter, M. L. Case and W. W. Smead.

In their argument before the court the delegation, composed of representatives of the majority of Heppner business houses and representatives from Ione and Lexington, cited facts as to why the Heppner-Spray road is the most important uncompleted secondary road in the county, and maintained that it was not to the best interests of this road and of the county to have Morrow county's secondary road money for the next three years applied on the Heppner-Condor road as tentatively agreed upon by the court with the state highway commission at Arlington last week.

Court Gives Stand.

All members of the court asserted that they were agreed upon the importance of the Heppner-Spray road. Their action at Arlington was based upon the fact that in their discussion of what they should do when they met the commission at Arlington, they could not arrive at an agreement on the Heppner-Spray road that it appeared to be too big a job for them to handle alone and they finally agreed to have this year's money put on the Condor road. When they made this request of the highway commission and the commission asked for a three-year tie-up in order to assure the completion of the project, Mr. Bleakman would not accede, but Mr. Campbell and Mr. Peck deemed the commission to be within their rights in making the request, and they did agree. These facts were brought out at the court meeting and in an interview with Mr. Peck last evening, and have been substantiated by all members of the court.

Mr. Peck and Mr. Bleakman agreed to abide by the decision of the committee as to what was best to ask for on the Heppner-Spray road, while Mr. Campbell said he would abide by the former agreement unless assistance could be assured in completing the Heppner-Spray road south of Hardman.

Rock Creek Gap Hitch.

Members of the delegation contended that finishing of the road from Heppner to Hardman, which would require two years' expenditure of the county's secondary road money, would hasten the completion of the road. Besides the uncompleted portion between Heppner and Hardman, there remains a 6.7 mile stretch between Hardman and Chapin creek, along Rock creek. Some of the members of the delegation were in favor of signing up an agreement to include this stretch also, if necessary. The cost of this piece of construction would be about \$60,000, and in view of Morrow county's already large expenditure on the road, and its tie-up with the forest road and other state roads, members of the court and the delegation were agreed that the county was entitled to assistance on this gap. Members of the delegation, however, expressed themselves as having confidence that the state and federal people would do what was right if Morrow county showed its good faith by building to Hardman.

The court and citizens committee are preparing to present their request to the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland June 9. To substantiate the court in its new request in the face of the former agreement the committee has prepared petitions for circulation among the people of the county by means of which they hope to show that the weight of sentiment in the county is in favor of the Heppner-Spray road.

Merit of Spray Road Cited.

As documentary evidence of one of the reasons why completion of the Heppner-Spray road is important, the delegation showed the court a letter from a reputable lumbering concern in which it was stated that this concern would put a mill adjacent to the Heppner-Spray road as soon as it is completed. It was shown that so far not one surfaced highway has been built into the timber of the county, one of the county's largest resources, and that the Heppner-Spray road would tap the best belt of this timber. The cross-state tie-up of the road,

NO FEDERAL HELP ON ROAD PLEDGED

S. E. Notson Reports Result of Portland Conference; Chau- tauqua Discussed.

Seeking of federal forest road funds for unemployment relief was the object of a conference of a local delegation with W. H. Lynch, chief of the bureau of public roads, at Portland Saturday, according to the report given the Lions club Monday by S. E. Notson, spokesman of the delegation which included G. A. Bleakman, Jasper Crawford and R. B. Ferguson. That no promise of federal aid could be given, he said, was learned from Mr. Lynch, who stated the amount of federal funds available would depend entirely on appropriations authorized by congress. If one seven million dollars additional forest money passes, the west will get a goodly share, he said, and Morrow county would be given consideration.

Mr. Notson said the trip was made because of a recent visit received by W. T. Campbell, county judge, from Senator Steiwer in which the senator wished to know whether Morrow county would be able to cope with its unemployment situation from local sources.

Miss Coleman, chautauqua representative and sister of Miss Lethe Coleman, lecturer to appear at the chautauqua, gave the Lions an insight into the program to appear under the big tent, stressing their appropriateness as a means of dispelling the gloom of depression.

Al Rankin was complimented on his bull pup having won another blue ribbon at the kennel show held at Oregon City the end of the week. This is the road on which the Morrow county court has been asked to have its state secondary road money applied to finish the road between Heppner and Hardman, and for which petitions are being circulated among Morrow county people in order that the matter of reapportionment of Morrow county's secondary road money may be taken up with the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland July 9.

Ralph Mason Burned

By Gas Tank Explosion

Details of the manner in which Ralph Mason was fatally burned at the farm home south of Ione, lacking in the Gazette yesterday last week, were learned from his father, Frank Mason, this week.

Ralph and Oliver Kincaid were at work in the blacksmith shop making bolts with which to repair some of the farm machinery. They had started work early Friday morning, Kincaid welding the heads on the bolts and Ralph threading them. About 9 o'clock, as Kincaid was welding the head on the last bolt and they were about to finish their work, apparently a spark from the furnace went into the funnel of the gasoline can about six feet distant from the shop and it exploded, blowing out the top and spilling the gasoline in the direction of young Mason. Another explosion followed immediately, filling the shop with flames.

Ralph made a dive through a hole where two boards were off the wall into the granary adjoining, Kincaid seeing him go through but did not know that the boy was alive. Kincaid himself attempted to fight the fire for a moment, then as the flames burst about his own head he rushed out into the open to extinguish them. It was then that he heard Ralph moaning in the granary, and he made for the granary door, it being necessary to force some machinery aside before he could open it. When he last got in he saw Ralph lying in the corner enveloped in three feet of flames.

He immediately threw sacks about Ralph and put out the fire, being assisted by Mrs. Kincaid who rushed from the house with a bucket of water when she discovered the fire. Ralph, still conscious, was asked if he was badly hurt, and he answered, "I am done for." He was rushed to Heppner to the hospital and first investigation of the burns, mostly on the boy's back, revealed that they were so deep as to leave but little hope of saving his life. He died that evening.

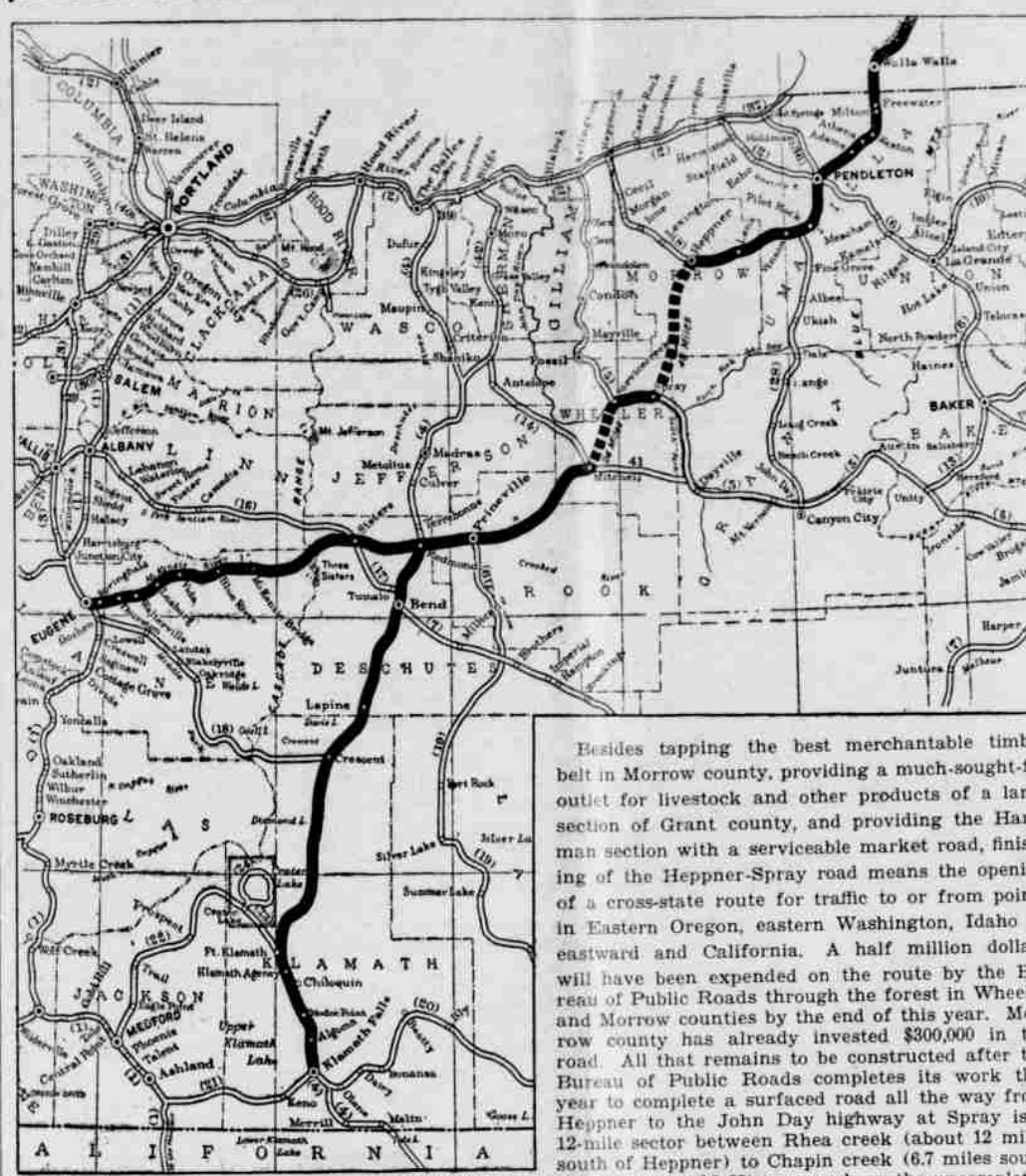
The burns were so deep that the nerves had apparently been deadened, as Ralph did not give signs of being in severe pain, Mr. Mason said.

Mr. Mason was in Ione at the time, and when he was notified of the disaster, he at first thought Ralph had been working under the car, as he knew it to have a leaky gas tank, and he did not learn the particulars until later. He said he had warned the boys against leaving the gasoline tank in the shop.

Because of the opening of Chautauqua this evening, the Heppner library will be open only between the hours of 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

J. A. Lehmer, sheepbuyer, injured in an automobile accident last week is reported to be making progress at Heppner hospital.

MAP SHOWING TIE-UP OF HEPPNER-SPRAY ROAD AS CROSS-STATE HIGHWAY



Besides tapping the best merchantable timber belt in Morrow county, providing a much-sought-for outlet for livestock and other products of a large section of Grant county, and providing the Hardman section with a serviceable market road, finishing of the Heppner-Spray road means the opening of a cross-state route for traffic to or from points in Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho or eastward and California. A half million dollars will have been expended on the route by the Bureau of Public Roads through the forest in Wheeler and Morrow counties by the end of this year. Morrow county has already invested \$300,000 in the road. All that remains to be constructed after the Bureau of Public Roads completes its work this year to complete a surfaced road all the way from Heppner to the John Day highway at Spray is a 12-mile sector between Rhea creek (about 12 miles south of Heppner) to Chapin creek (6.7 miles south of Hardman). Morrow county spent \$30,000 last year on a grade up Hardman hill, a grade about two miles long which section between Heppner and Hardman to the foot of Hardman hill, a grade about two miles long which Morrow county several years ago constructed and surfaced with talis rock.

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SOLDIERS OF PAST HONORED IN RITES

Joel R. Benton Pays Tribute in Memorial Address; Graves of Loved Ones Mecca of Many

In memory of the honored dead who sacrificed their lives in defense of their country, appropriate Memorial Day services were held at the Star theater Monday morning, under the joint sponsorship of veterans' organizations of the city. Joel R. Benton, Christian minister, delivered the address in which he paid high tribute to the ideals of Americanism which led men to give their lives in defense of peace.

Paul Marble, commander of Heppner Post 87, American Legion, presided and the services were largely attended. The service opened with the singing of "America" by the audience and invocation by Rev. Glen P. White. Harvey Miller sang "In Flanders Fields," and Dean T. Goodman, Jr., followed with a reading, "America's Response to 'In Flanders Fields,'" the Legion Auxiliary trio, Mrs. W. E. Moore, Mrs. Charles W. Smith and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, sang "My Native Land," with Mrs. J. O. Turner at the piano. The address by Mr. Benton was followed by benediction by Rev. Mr. White. The Womens Relief corps' beautiful flag furling ceremony closed the services at the theater, with the Misses Ann McNamee, Beulah Eskelson, Virginia Cleveland, Adele Nickerson, Viola Brown and Annie Crump participating in the ceremony while Miss Irene Beamer played the "Star Spangled Banner" at the piano.

The day was the occasion for the visitation of many former residents of the city making an annual pilgrimage to the graves of departed loved ones, and the floral offerings of these and home folks made the cemetery a place of restful beauty.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anglin, daughter Rachel and Marie Serviner motored to Seattle over the holidays. Mrs. Anglin's sister, Mrs. Musgrove, accompanied them to Yakima to her home there and Mr. Sowers, Mrs. Anglin's father, accompanied them from Yakima to Seattle, returning home with them to Heppner. The Anglins left Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, going by way of Umatilla, arriving at Yakima at 10:30. They left Yakima at 4:30 a. m. Sunday, and arrived in Seattle at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, stopping at the famous Snoqualmie falls and also in the pass for a snowball fight, as Mr. Anglin said there were drifts of snow four to six feet deep just off the road. After visiting with about twenty-three of their relatives, including Mr. Anglin's brother in Seattle, they left Seattle at 4:30 Tuesday morning, arriving in Heppner at 4:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Anglin visited his birth town of Chehalis, drove around the capitol buildings at Olympia.

EDITORIAL

LET THE SONG BIRD LIVE.

THE lifeless form of a yellow-breasted feathered friend lies on the editor's desk. It's song will be heard no more to cheer the morning's wakening hours. Another friend of the song bird brought the little lifeless form to the editor's desk. She said the tragedy told of a thoughtless boy and his air rifle. There is a law against boys shooting air rifles within the city limits, and were the culprit known he might be punished. But that would not teach the boy to love song birds and to shoot them no more. That boy should listen to the beautiful notes of the song bird in the morning; learn the identity of their maker; see him chirp merrily as he skips from tree to bush, and learn that in that feathered breast there is naught of offense to mankind, naught but happiness. Then would he, too, be a friend of the song bird and want to let the song bird live.

Mrs. Turner Presents Her Pupils in Piano Recital

On last evening Mrs. Virginia E. Turner presented her piano pupils in recital at the Turner home on Church street. She was assisted by the American Legion Auxiliary trio, Mrs. Walter Moore, Mrs. Chas. W. Smith and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson. A large number of the parents and friends were present and were delighted with the program as presented. Refreshments of punch and wafers were served following the close of the presentation.

The following program was given: Wachs, duet, "Shower of Stars," Rachel Anglin, Kathryn Parker, Mildred Adair, (a) "The School Bell," (b) "The Jolly Tar," Beery, "Chariot Race," Bechter, "Jolly Dardies," John Crawford, Beethoven, "Minuet," Krentzlin, "In Schurber's Day," Jean Blakely, Bohm, "Dancing Spirits," Ketterer, duet, "Goblins," Frances Rugg, Mowrey, "Spanish Gypsy Dance," Nancy Cox.

Ascher, "La Cascade des Roses," Rubinstein, "Melody in F," Eggaling, "Polish Dance," Rachel Anglin. Duets, Cooke, "Sea Gardens," Noelek, "Scene de la Casarda," Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Turner.

OREGON TRIBUTE ON RADIO MONDAY

Bruce Barton Composition to be Offered Over National Network By General Motors Company.

National attention will be focused on Oregon on Monday night, June 6, when a radio panorama in music and story of the state's contribution to historical and industrial development of America will be broadcast to the country.

The occasion, which coincides with the celebration of Portland's famous Rose Festival week, will be the dedication of the "Parade of the States" program of that evening to the state as part of the educational plan of the General Motors corporation to give the people of the rest of the country a more intimate glimpse of each of the states in turn. The program will be broadcast at 5:30 p. m. Pacific Standard Time over the National Broadcasting company's network and will be heard in every section of the country.

Bruce Barton has written a special tribute to Oregon for the program. It recalls her history in the days of the hunters and trappers and the Hudson Bay company and describes her industries where salmon, flax, apples and lumber are prepared for a world market.

An orchestral medley of songs appropriate to the Rose Festival has been arranged as one of the program features and will be played by a concert orchestra under the direction of Erno Rapee.

Tom Dobson, one of Oregon's composers will be represented on the program through "Cargoes" set to the words of John Masfield's famous poem and sung by Phil Dewey, baritone soloist. Other musical numbers will pay tribute to the state's scenery and her industries.

Wheat Damage Reported From Hail Storm Sunday

Damage to the growing wheat crop in the Social Ridge section, the extent of which was not determined, resulted from a hail storm Sunday afternoon. The hail storm extended along a strip of country north and south of Willow creek, but the major damage is reported to have been on the land belonging to W. T. Campbell on Social Ridge and neighboring property.

The hail storm was accompanied by a heavy rain generally over the county, the good effects of which are said to offset the damage done by the hail.

FAST, CLOSE GAME TAKEN BY CONDON

Paucity of Hits, Double Plays, Feature 2-1 Fray; Locals to Play at Fossil Next.

Heppner's ball tossers took the short end of one of the snappiest and fastest games played in the Wheatland league this season at Condon Sunday, losing by a 2-1 score. The pitching performance of Ashenfelter for Condon and Woodward for Heppner featured the play, the former allowing but two hits and striking out 12 batters, and the latter giving out only four hits and striking out five. All tallies were made on scratch plays, with no earned runs.

On two occasions snappy double plays by Heppner helped to end Condon rallies. In the fourth and seventh when Ashenfelter singled and took first, and A. Hollen, who followed, laid down a grounder to Woodward who made a nice throw to R. Gentry at second to catch Ashenfelter, and Gentry in turn pegged to Hayes at first to nab Hollen. Again in the seventh Roy Gentry took a hot line drive from C. Hollen's bat and pegged to catch A. Hollen off first base.

Condon scored one run the first time up, when J. Baker singled and advanced as Willmott and Bennett were thrown out at first on grounders taken by Roy and Harold Gentry, and went home on a wild pitch to Ashenfelter. Their next score came in the seventh when Ashenfelter took first on Hayes' error, and A. Hollen advanced him on a grounder bobbled by Woodward. Then followed the double play in which R. Gentry took C. Hollen's drive and threw A. Hollen out, holding Ashenfelter on second. Ashenfelter then advanced on R. Baker's single and scored on Hess's single, J. Burns flying out to Turner in midfield for the third out.

Turner made Heppner's lone tally in the eighth inning. He walked, stole second, went third on H. Gentry's single, and scored when Ashenfelter muffed up Robertson's grounder. Rohrer went out Willmott to A. Hollen; Crawford, Ashenfelter to A. Hollen, and Carmichael fanned to end the rally.

The score sheet shows each team had exactly the same number of men at bat, and that inning by inning the same number of batsmen were up for each team. The game was played in an hour and a half. Next Sunday Heppner plays at Fossil and the following Sunday will meet Blalock on the home lot.

The box score and summary:

HEPPNER	AB	R	H	O	A	E
H. Gentry, s	4	0	1	2	3	0
Robertson, c	4	0	0	1	2	0
Rohrer, 3	4	0	0	0	2	1
Woodward, p	3	0	0	0	5	2
Hayes, 1	4	0	0	1	2	0
R. Gentry, 2	4	0	0	3	5	0
Crawford, 1	3	0	0	0	0	0
A. Hollen, 4	3	0	0	0	0	0
Carmichael, r	3	0	0	0	0	0
Turner, m	3	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	2	14	19	2

CONDON	AB	R	H	O	A	E
J. Baker, m	4	1	1	1	0	0
Willmott, 2	4	0	0	1	2	1
Bennett, r	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ashenfelter, p	3	1	0	14	1	0
A. Hollen, 1	4	0	1	2	0	2
R. Gentry, 2	3	0	0	3	0	0
Crawford, 1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hess, 2	3	0	1	2	0	0
J. Burns, c	3	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	2	4	37	18	2

1 True Bill Reported By Grand Jury; Court 13th

The grand jury for the June term of circuit court submitted its report to Judge C. L. Sweek yesterday, and the members were excused from further service. The jury, H. J. Biddle, foreman, John Clark, J. T. Horgan, Fred Albert, Lester Doolittle, W. F. Pettyjohn and Elmer A. Musgrave, reported one true bill. Judge Sweek will convene the June term of court on the 13th. The grand jury reported:

"We have been in session two days. We have inquired into all violations of the criminal statutes of the state of which we had knowledge or which were brought to our attention which were committed in Morrow county or which were triable in said county.

"We have returned one true bill. "We have examined the county jail and the offices connected with the administration of justice. We find the jail in very good condition. We find the records of the several offices properly kept, so far as we can ascertain.

"We have examined the county poor house and have discussed the condition of the inmates with the county judge, and have no recommendations to make at this time. We recommend that purchases for the county charges be made only upon requisition approved by the county judge. We also recommend that in case there is any work to be done for the county that the needy be given the work in preference to those who may be better situated."

THREE TO GRADUATE.

Counted among those to be graduated from the University of Oregon next week are Robert Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner of this city, Mrs. Robert Turner and Ellis Thomson. Mr. Turner will receive his bachelor of science degree, while Mrs. Turner and Mr. Thomson will receive bachelor of arts degrees.

CONCERTIERS OPEN AT BIG TENT TODAY

All in Readiness for Four- Day Chautauqua; Seats Going.

2 PLAYS TOMORROW

Staples to Give Thrilling Program Of Magic Saturday; Community Pageant Feature Sunday.

The Paramount Concertiers with a program of music, readings and novelty entertainment will open Morrow county's four-day free chautauqua under the big tent in Heppner at 8 o'clock this evening. All arrangements for staging the annual spring entertainment feature have been completed. The big tent is up; seats are being put in place, and Miss Henri Hanson, superintendent, has arrived to do her bit in giving the large audiences expected to attend one of the best chautauquas in local history.

Reserved seats have been taken up rapidly by subscribers, though a few are still available to those who desire them. They may be had at Gordon's drug store. Except for the reserved seats given the chautauqua backers, the big tent will be thrown open free to everyone, with a cordial invitation extended to all.

The program this evening is slated to start chautauqua off with lively entertainment of appeal to everyone. Tomorrow Bob Pollard and associates will hold the stage, offering two up-to-the-minute plays of wide appeal. Mr. Pollard has made many friends in previous appearances here and it is promised that the shows this year will show him at his best. In the afternoon the Pollard Players will present "Peg O' My Heart," and in the evening they will play "Always Tell Your Husband."

Saturday comes Staples and Company, who in the afternoon will give a program of cartoons, crayon landscapes and ventriloquism, and in the evening a wonderful program of magic. These are numbered top-notch programs. Splitting the bill with Staples Saturday evening is Miss Lethe Coleman, who comes to Heppner with her second lecture, "Courage," a message all should hear.

Another lecture, timely, appropriate and full of meat, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon when Harold Sappenfield will give first hand experiences in telling of "Uncle Sam's Stake in China and Japan." Sunday evening, the closing program will include a stirring community pageant, "The Death of Old Man Depression" under the direction of Ernest Misner, noted teacher of dramatics, who will be present with the play cast which will present another up-to-the-minute play, "The Watts Family Depression" immediately following the pageant.

Faulty Road Causes Car To Overturn; Ladies Hurt

A broken place in the macadam near McKay creek caused the Dutton car, driven by Mrs. Ida Dutton, to jump into the loose gravel at the edge of the road and overturn about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, resulting in minor injuries to Mrs. Dutton and Mrs. Stowell of Portland and Miss Anna Wightman of this city. Mrs. Dutton and Mrs. Stowell were on their way to Pendleton for a day's visit.

Mrs. Dutton remained at a hospital in Pendleton for treatment while Miss Wightman and Mrs. Stowell returned to Heppner yesterday and are at the Wightman home. None of them were seriously injured, though no word had been received from Mrs. Dutton since yesterday.

MARY L. WHITE PASSES.

Mary L. White, mother of Rev. Glen P. White of this city, died at The Dalles Friday morning, aged 79 years and 3 months. Funeral services were held at The Dalles at 1 o'clock and at Arlington at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with interment in the Masonic cemetery at Arlington. Mrs. White resided for about 40 years near Heppner Junction in Gilliam county where her family was reared. She came to Morrow county in 1881 with Mr. White, and they spent their first night in the county at Heppner. They located at that time on the old homestead at Heppner Junction where they resided until about 10 years ago, when Mr. White, a G. A. R. veteran, died and Mrs. White removed shortly afterward to The Dalles where she had since resided. Five sons, three daughters, four grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren survive the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wightman and Mrs. Lillian Turner and Anabel returned on Sunday from attending the sessions of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge and Rebekah assembly held the past week in Eugene. Mrs. Frank Shively, who also went as a delegate from the local lodge of Rebekahs, was met by Mr. Shively in Portland, where they visited with friends and returned home Monday.