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RULER OF ELKDOM HERE FIRST TIME

Walter F. Meier Recalls First Notice of City on Official Visit.

BUSINESS IS BETTER

General Upward Trend Noted on 23,000-Mile Trip; Effect of NRA Uncertain; Stay Here Short.

Walter F. Meier, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, made a brief official visit to Heppner lodge 358 yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. It was the first time in its 36 years of existence that Heppner lodge had been honored by a visit from the highest official of Elkdom, and he was greeted by a large representative group of members of the order.

Mr. Meier's visit here was decided upon after reaching Pendleton last evening, where he addressed a large group of Elks from that city, augmented by representatives of Walla Walla, LaGrande and Heppner lodges. Due to the short time allotted in which to give notice of the local meeting, many members were not contacted in time to permit their attendance, for which many regrets have been expressed.

GOES TO THE DALLES.

Mr. Meier arrived in Heppner shortly after 7:30 in company with Charles Bradley of Portland, deputy grand exalted ruler for Oregon north. The visitors had breakfast at the Lucas Place before meeting the members at the hall, and departed at 9 o'clock for The Dalles and a noon meeting. The day's schedule also included a meeting at Hood River at 2:30, and an evening meeting at Vancouver, Wash.

On the present trip Mr. Meier is headed for his home in Seattle after covering a distance of 23,000 miles in the last three months and visiting more than 150 lodges. The grand exalted ruler said he was pleased last evening when he learned at Pendleton that Heppner could be worked into his itinerary, for an incident in his life had impressed the city indelibly on his mind. It was on June 15, 1903, in the vicinity of Hood River while en route by train on his first trip to the west coast that he read in the daily papers of the cloudburst that had struck at Heppner the day before with such devastating effect. In the years since this was the first opportunity afforded him to visit the city.

Mr. Meier's recent trip has taken him over much of the United States and has given him the opportunity to study conditions inside and outside of lodge work. His impressions gained lead him to believe that business conditions generally are improving. In New England the lumber mills on every hand are either operating or preparing to start operations. Near Omaha in the middle west he counted six eastbound freight trains to one westbound. A railroad executive in Omaha told him that this particular railroad's business on the same date the year previous had run behind some \$300,000. To that date this year the road had shown a profit of \$700,000, or a gain of \$1,000,000 within the year. These were cited as just a few examples of the upward trend.

CITES ECONOMIC TREND.

In lodge work, too, the effects are being felt, he said. Evidence was given in the Grand Exalted Ruler's Armistice Day class, at which time 768 lodges simultaneously inducted a total of 8,033 new members. He said that the agricultural districts have probably not shown as much improvement as have the industrial centers. This he accounted for by the lack of demand for raw materials because of the large surplus on hand that would be used up before stocks are replenished. The public buys the finished product, he explained. The public is now buying more and factories are increasing output, using up the surplus of raw materials on hand. It is a matter of time till these stocks will need to be replenished, and then agriculture will feel the effects of improvement to a greater extent.

Mr. Meier was unable to say just what effect the NRA is having in the recovery movement. He rather doubted, from indications generally, that the NRA is speeding recovery. There is much to indicate that it may rather be slowing the process. He looked upon this, however, as being a good thing, believing that a gradual improvement with more lasting effects is better for the country than a skyrocketing prosperity based on speculation.

At the breakfast table Mr. Meier remarked that the hills crossed coming to Heppner from Pendleton had an appealing type of rugged beauty. Asked what, if any, section of the country he was reminded by these hills, he said, "eastern Oregon." There is no other section just like it, as it appealed to him.

For Sale—Circulating wood and coal heater in good condition. Inquire Gazette Times office.

Credit Corporations to be Talked at Portland Meet

A meeting of livestock men has been called by Herman Oliver, president of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association, to be held at the Imperial hotel in Portland at 10 o'clock next Saturday morning. All livestock men interested in the formation of agricultural credit associations are urged to attend, as the discussion will center around the organization of such associations.

J. M. Stewart, regional organizer for the Pacific northwest, will outline the formation of the associations, and it is expected to adopt a policy as to whether or not the organization shall be by large associations or by counties, and whether separate associations will be organized to handle the different type loans such as livestock, wheat and other crops, and barnyard loans. California has taken the lead in the organization of such associations. It has been divided into three districts with authorization for the establishment of 25 different associations.

Anyone from this county wishing to attend the meeting is asked to leave word at the county agent's office where transportation arrangements are being made. A representative group deserves to attend, the county agent says.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

Mrs. Omar C. Luttrell passed away early Monday morning following a prolonged illness.

Anna Elizabeth Dickey, daughter of Will and Mary Dickey, was born August 28, 1877, in White Pine, Tenn., and died at her home in Lexington, Oregon, November 20, 1933, at the age of 56 years, 2 months and 22 days. Her early life was spent in and near Knoxville, Tenn., where she was a member of the Emerald Avenue Methodist church.

In 1905 she was married to Omar C. Luttrell of Knoxville, Tenn. Later, in 1910, she accompanied her husband to Oregon. For several years they made their home near Lexington, and in 1917 they moved to Joseph, Oregon, where they remained for several years. Later the family residence was moved to Grass Valley and thence to Moro. About four years ago the family returned to Lexington where the deceased spent her last days.

Besides her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Allen of Enid, Oklahoma, and six daughters: Mrs. Dona Hill, Rufus; Mrs. Lois Snively, Celilo; Edna Luttrell, Tualatin, and Ruth, Faye and Fern Luttrell, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church in Lexington at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Charles A. Sias, pastor of the church officiating.

The flowers were many and especially lovely. Harvey Miller sang a beautiful solo and a quartet composed of Harvey Miller, Mrs. Trina Parker, Miss Dona Barnett and John Miller, sang two impressive numbers. Miss Eula McMillan was at the piano.

Mrs. Luttrell was highly esteemed in the community as a devoted wife and mother and a kindly neighbor, and in her passing the sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to the bereaved family.

The "Old Curiosity Shop," sponsored by the ladies of the Christian church on Wednesday evening was a great success. Many interesting curios and antiques were on display and many lovely quilts, both old and new. The following interesting program was presented: Piano duet, Mrs. George Gillis and Mrs. Harvey Bauman; reading, Mr. Sias; vocal duet, Mrs. Trina Parker and Mrs. George Gillis; vocal solo, John Miller; vocal solo, James H. Williams; musical reading, Miss Edna Rauch; vocal solo, Miss Gertrude Tichenor; piano solo, Miss Eula McMillan; vocal solo, Ed Miller, with guitar accompaniment.

The smoker held at Lexington Saturday night was a success if success can be measured by the satisfied looks on the patrons' faces as they left. The school was assisted, too, for the proceeds were greater than the outlay. The purpose of the smoker was to make enough money to buy a wrestling mat and "bumbling mat" for gymnasium work. About half the amount was raised. The events were as follows: Ellwyn Peck and Kenneth Palmer wrestled to a draw; the boxing bout between Harding Smith and Clayton Davis was called a draw also; Finley and Frank Gibbs, brothers, boxed to a draw. Don Allstott won a decision over Johnny Farris in a hotly contested bout. Lavern Wright of Lexington and Francis Nickerson of Heppner wrestled hard for the championship of their weight in these two towns. The boys were too caty to be (Continued on Page Six)

INSTRUCTOR RESIGNS.

James T. Lumley, instructor in mathematics and science in the Heppner schools for the last two years and a half, resigned his position the first of the week, and with his family will leave shortly for The Dalles where he has accepted a similar position. Mr. Lumley has made an enviable reputation in his work with the school here, and his loss will be felt in musical circles in which he was quite active. The Lumleys have made a host of friends whose well wishes accompany them to their new field.

TAXPAYERS' VOTE FAVORS SCHOOLS

Budget Passed 74 to 12 After Thorough Discussion of Items.

BARLOW NEW CLERK

Vawter Crawford Resigns After 21 Years of Service; Closing Schools Would Save Only \$7000 Said.

The amended budget for school district No. One, presented in lieu of the budget voted down two weeks before, was passed at the budget meeting Monday afternoon by a vote of 74 to 12. Thus did Heppner taxpayers arise to the occasion of keeping the city schools open, though at an increase of but 6 percent instead of 47 percent over last year's levy—the larger increase being that proposed by the defeated budget.

The reduction in the proposed amount to be levied, made entirely in the item of proposed expenditures for warrant indebtedness, was explained by Spencer Crawford, member of the budget committee. Instead of levying for the entire amount of outstanding warrant indebtedness and including an estimated amount to be received from delinquent taxes as an offset, as was done in the former budget, Mr. Crawford explained that the new budget committee had ignored any monies to be received from delinquent taxes entirely and had included in the warrant item an amount which it believed would cover a certain amount of uncollectible delinquent tax and such outstanding warrants as had not been previously levied for. It was pointed out that the action in no way lessened the security behind outstanding warrants or such warrants as might further be issued.

Those who attended the meeting were much impressed by the presentation of Garret Barratt, board member, who gave figures to show that closing of the schools would in fact save the district only \$7000. He showed that of the total estimated expenditures of \$29,000, \$16,900 comes from cash on hand at beginning of the year, from school funds and tuition monies aside from the special district tax, and that of the remaining \$22,000 to be raised by taxation, some \$15,000 to cover debt service was required to be levied, budget or no budget, so that actually the taxpayers were out of pocket only an additional \$7000 to keep the schools running this year.

In the item-by-item discussion of the budget, a few restrictions in operating costs were proposed, but full discussion revealed that these expenses had been cut as low as practicable to keep the schools up to standard, and the budget was finally passed without changing the amount of any item from that proposed.

The recent resignation of Vawter Crawford as district clerk called for a special election of a clerk to be held in connection with the budget meeting, and Charles Barlow being the sole nominee was duly elected. Mr. Crawford resigned the clerkship after 21 years of service, and he would have served 22 years had he completed the present term.

Mrs. Turner's Pupils Presented in Recital

On Friday evening at her home, Mrs. J. O. Turner presented a number of her piano pupils in recital before the parents and many friends of the performers. Those of the class taking part in the recital were Jean Turner, Marylou Ferguson, Marianna Corley, Peggy Tamblay, Ronald Baker, Buddy Blakely, Jeanette Baker, Evelyn Kirk, Sylvia Howell, Dorothy Howell, Dean Goodman, Kathryn Parker, Irene Beamer and Marjorie Parker. Mrs. Edward F. Bloom assisted by two numbers on the program, "Who Is Sylvia" and "Night Wanderer's Song" by Schubert, with Mrs. Turner as accompanist. Refreshments of punch and wafers were served, and Mrs. Turner was assisted by Mesdames Sam Turner, E. F. Bloom and Ray Ferguson.

ROAD WORK STARTS SOON.

G. D. Dennis, field superintendent for Sexton-Looney and company, successful bidders on the Hardman-Rock creek sector of the Heppner-Spray road, arrived in Heppner the first of the week to make preparations for starting work immediately. Machinery for the work has started to arrive, and a drawing of names from the registration lists at the court house was made the first of the week for men to do the work. More names will be drawn as the work progresses, Mr. Dennis said.

WHEAT CONTRACTS SHIPPED.

Work of completing the allotment contracts under the wheat production control plan is being rounded up and the contracts are being sent to Washington as fast as possible, announces Chas. W. Smith, county agent. It is hoped that the checks covering the first benefit payments will be received before Christmas.

Schools Upheld Before Lions at Luncheon Meet

That most every department of government should be abandoned before giving up the schools is the belief of Judge C. L. Sweek as expressed before the Lions club at its Monday noon luncheon. Judge Sweek was guest of honor, being given the chair of the presiding officer by Dr. A. D. McMurdo, president, the chair once held for more than a year by Mr. Sweek when he was the club's second president. Judge Sweek's talk was given in response to an invitation for an expression of his opinion on the Heppner school situation, the main topic for discussion inspired by the budget meeting of Monday afternoon. He was not fully informed as to the issues in the local situation, but in a general way upheld the schools as the foundation stone of democracy, asserting that it was the state's solemn duty to educate its children.

S. E. Notson brought out the point that public schools are a safeguard to property of the community generally, and that property holders, whether or not they have children in school, enjoy the protection afforded by and many of the benefits derived from the operation of the schools; therefore property holders generally should be obligated to support them. He said it is only too true that people pay for education of the children whether the education is received or not, for failing in providing an education leads to increased delinquency, greater costs for correction and inroads upon property, which in the ultimate is more dear than the costs of proper education.

Spencer Crawford briefly explained the action of the budget committee in working over the proposed budget. The Lions were pleased to receive Mrs. Jas. H. Williams of Lexington, who sang two solos beautifully, accompanied by Mrs. George Gillis, also of Lexington. Guests besides Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Gillis included Mr. Williams, superintendent of the Lexington schools; C. C. McIntyre, assistant district attorney of Umatilla county; S. J. Devine, Lexington, and Dwight Misner, Ione.

Lexington High School To Present Play, 18th

The senior class of Lexington high school will present its annual play on Friday the 24th at 8 p. m. This year the "Man From Nowhere" was selected. It is a three-act comedy which contains just enough mystery to insure lively interest down to the last moment of the play.

Rodney, a young stranger, drifts into town under questionable circumstances. Mrs. Craddock, boarding house proprietor, allows him to stay there temporarily. Strange things happen. Complications ensue. Rodney gets into a peck of trouble, and then—but that would be telling the story. Come and see how it turns out. Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents.

The characters are as follows: Rodney Baxter, Alfred Van Winkle; Anne Royce, Erma Lane; Eunice Prive, David Burchell; Dora Pry, Tillie Nelson; Mrs. Craddock, Helen Breshers; Hilda, Rose Thornburg; Mr. Graydon, Garland Thompson; Henry Holt, Jack McMillan; Professor Holmes, Vester Thornburg; Mr. Cox, Vivian White.

Postmaster Announces New Ruling for Mailing

Effective tonight there will be no more mail accepted at the depot, and the hours for mailing have been extended at the postoffice to accommodate the Heppner public, announces W. W. Smead, postmaster. The closing time for mail at the postoffice will be 9 p. m. every day except Saturday, when the closing time will be 7:45. The earlier closing time on Saturday is necessitated by the earlier leaving time of the train on that day.

The office will close for all other business at 6 p. m. each day. There will be no sale of stamps or any other business after that hour. Owing to the fact that there is no appropriation for the overtime required for this service, the patrons of the office are asked by Mr. Smead to cooperate as far as possible by getting their mail to the office by 6 p. m.

NEWLYWEDS CHAIRVARED.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke, who returned the first of the week from a short wedding trip, were given a charivari party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buschke, Tuesday evening. The bride, nee Miss Margaret Becket, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket, and bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buschke, are popular Eight Mile young folks. Enjoyable refreshments were served and the evening was spent in dancing. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket and son, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Becket and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Misner, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Parker and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bucknum, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bucknum, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans and son, Miss Gladys Cason, Miss Gertrude Doherty, Mrs. Ruby Matteson, Mrs. W. A. Hayes, Miss Inez Hayes, William Buschke, Marion Oviatt, James Farley, James Farlong, Jr., Gay Anderson, Jr., Billy Becket, Walter Evans, Tommy Holtman.

COMMITTEES WORK ON WHEAT MATTERS

Many Angles Offered for Discussion at Moro, Secretary Shows.

CREDIT IS SHIFTED

Regional Credit Corporation Out; Taxation Trend, River Transportation Are Cited.

The various committees appointed for the Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting at Moro December 8 and 9 are swinging into action reports Chas. W. Smith, secretary of the league. The taxation committee with J. B. Adams of Moro as chairman and Mac Hoke of Pendleton as vice-chairman, has had a preliminary meeting and is gathering information about taxation and legislative problems. Definite recommendations will be made about all the points of the governor's unemployed relief committee and definite recommendations will be made to legislators from the Columbia basin district. This group has certain taxation convictions, including the very certain one that eventually local taxes must be partially met by indirect taxes such as income and sales taxes, thereby lifting part of the load from real estate.

The transportation committee with L. J. Kelly of The Dalles as chairman and John Withycombe of Arlington as vice-chairman, will discuss new developments on the Columbia river. Many people do not know that boat loads of wheat are moving down the Columbia river every day now and have for some weeks. How to extend and safeguard this boat movement of wheat with its resultant lower freight rates is a problem which looms large in the minds of wheat growers.

The committee dealing with wheat handling, warehousing, etc., with H. D. Proudfoot of Wasco as chairman and Earl Hoag of Blalock as vice-chairman, has perhaps its biggest problem, new conditions in wheat marketing. With the program of the administration going into effect to reduce wheat acreage, a determined national effort is under way to eventually reduce wheat production to a domestic basis. If this happens, we must sell wheat from this section to the rest of the United States by water transportation from Portland. This means different varieties and different methods, because all present varieties are suitable for export but are not always suitable for United States use in large quantities. Efforts are being made to get prominent Pacific coast millers to discuss this problem.

The remaining committee, the one on farm finance, with Chas. Harth of The Dalles as chairman and H. B. Pinkerton of Moro as vice-chairman, will have plenty of problems because farm financing has almost entirely changed in this district from a country bank basis to the utilization of huge national credit organizations which are receiving so much publicity at the present time. How to most effectively use these organizations will be up for discussion. The federal government has made it possible for farmers to set up production credit associations and leading wheat farmers thinking about these are hesitating between local associations in each county or one large one in the Columbia basin with headquarters at some central point in eastern Oregon. At the meeting in Spokane last Thursday, it was definitely stated that the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation which has been loaning money to farmers for production purposes would be done away with and that it would be up to the farmers to form production credit associations under the new regulations if they wanted outside financial assistance. The Commission's Loan and the Home Loan which the government has made available, whereby farmers and others can ask for an adjustment on their debts and get this type of loan, should be given serious consideration by all eastern Oregon wheat farmers as it might help them in getting their business on a sound financial basis.

In addition to these committee discussions there will be talks given before the entire meeting on the new farm finance setup, cooperative buying of gasoline, oils, mixed feeds, lumber, fuel, machinery, etc., subsidized wheat exporting, new developments in experimental work, Columbia river navigation and new conditions under which Pacific northwest wheat must be sold.

GOES TO SALEM.

J. O. Turner, representative for the 22nd district, left Heppner last Friday for Salem to be on hand for the organization caucus preparatory to the opening of the special session of the legislature Monday morning. Mr. Turner has assignments on the railroad and transportation, agriculture, and revision of laws committees in the house.

Federal Money Available For School Repair Work

The civil works program through which \$400,000,000 of federal funds are to be spent immediately for employment offers an opportunity to put school buildings and school grounds in good repair without an outlay of school district funds, according to word received by Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent. It should be understood that this does not cover new construction, but may cover such matters as the painting of the buildings, repair, including repair of rooms, inside painting and kalsomining, repair of fences and improvement of grounds.

In each county the projects to be carried out under the civil works program will be determined by the county relief committee which has also been designated as the committee in charge of the civil works program. School boards whose buildings are in need of repairs of a general nature as suggested above or whose school grounds are in need of improvement should immediately place their project in writing in the hands of the county relief committee. A telegram received from C. A. Howard, superintendent of public instruction, this morning says that applications must be made immediately. They should be placed in the hands of the county judge.

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By MARGARET BLAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Balsiger, Alfred Balsiger, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keller and Mr. and Mrs. N. Thompson represented the local Congregational church at the annual conference of Congregational churches at Condon on Monday, November 20. State Supt. Harrison of Portland and pastors of the churches at The Dalles, Hood River and Milton-Freewater were in attendance and many inspirational addresses were given. A supper was served at six o'clock. Meetings were held in both the afternoon and evening.

Miss Gladys Breshers and Miss Margaret Crawford were chosen captains of the townswomen's volleyball club at a recent meeting. The two have chosen their respective teams from the group that play a series of games which will be decided by the losers. It was also voted to collect a small fee from each member to cover the cost of lights used and other incidentals. A good deal of interest has been taken in the game and since it can be played by most any number of contestants the invitation still stands open for anyone interested to attend. The meetings are held each Monday and Wednesday evening at the high school gym.

A. A. Disque of Portland, turkey grader for Swift & Co., arrived in town Tuesday evening to be on hand at the Ione Cash market on Wednesday to receive turkeys. This station received 1500 pounds of turkeys on the 10th of this month and 4000 pounds last week. So far the price has been about the same or a little less than that of last year.

P. J. Linn has been giving the Morgan building, occupied by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., and the grain office of Elmer Griffith, a nice new coat of paint. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Watts who have lived on the creek a mile below town the past two years have moved to The Dalles where they formerly lived. Mr. Keithley is living on the place they have just vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin drove to Walla Walla Monday. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ward motored to The Dalles Saturday. Mrs. Bert Mason and Mrs. H. D. McCurdy were joint hostesses to the Women's Topic club last Saturday evening in the dining room of the Masonic hall. The evening was spent playing bridge with Mrs. W. R. Corley and C. W. Swanson winners.

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REVIVAL AT METHODIST CHURCH

Our revival meeting is in progress and we earnestly hope we will have your prayers and the support of your presence, so long as the meeting shall continue. We invite you, regardless of your church affiliations, to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Have you loved ones for whom you have been praying? Urge them to come with you to the services and by the help of the Lord we will try to do them good. The special music each service is very fine and we are quite anxious to have you share it with us. Services each evening of the week except Saturday at 7:30.—Joseph Pope, Pastor.

O. E. S. TO MEET.

The regular meeting of Order of Eastern Star at the Masonic hall tomorrow evening will feature the last of the monthly programs, to be staged in the nature of a surprise program. All members of the order, regardless of their dues standing, are urged to attend, according to announcement by Mrs. F. E. Parker, worthy matron.

GRAND JURY BUSY.

Judge C. L. Sweek Monday swore in the grand jury to investigate the criminal matters which may come to trial before the December term of circuit court. Composing the jury, still in session today, are S. J. Devine, foreman; Charles Becket, W. H. Ayers, R. H. Quackenbush, Clyde G. Wright and Clive Hurton.

JONATHAN C. BALL SERVED WITH G.A.R.

War Veteran Carries Scar of Chicamaugua to 89 Year Mark.

CAME HERE IN 1877

Much of 70 Years Since Service Spent in Morrow County; Peace- ful End Comes in Portland.

A soldier with the Grand Army of the Republic, whose passing left another vacancy in the meagre remnants of the blue-clad ranks that helped Lincoln make America safe for democracy, was laid to rest in Heppner Masonic cemetery Monday morning. He was Jonathan C. Ball, company F, 113th Ohio volunteer infantry, who survived almost mortal injury at Chicamaugua to hand over to Heppner post, American Legion, the flag of Rawlins post, G. A. R., when he became one of the three surviving members a few years ago.

Though he shed blood at Chicamaugua in 1863, lying exposed for two nights and a day, a strong heart carried the soldier in blue through 70 years to die peacefully at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grace Fleisher, in Portland last Saturday, about noon.

Funeral rites were held at the Methodist church here at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Rev. Joseph Pope, pastor, officiating. Pallbearers were members of Heppner post, American Legion. The services were attended by many friends of the family, and the burial tributes were profuse.

The large G. A. R. flag of which Mr. Ball had been custodian for so long and which he had given the American Legion for safe keeping, could not be used to honor him, for it had been consumed in the fire of two years ago which razed the Legion quarters.

A host of former neighbors and friends, with the remaining members of his family, were at the graveside when he was laid to rest with solemn commitment by the minister in charge. Taps were sounded by Lamoyne Cox. Jonathan C. Ball was born in Columbus, Ohio, April 23, 1844, to Aaron P. and Harriet Jeffries Ball, both natives of England who first settled in New Jersey. He died in Portland, Oregon, November 18, 1933, being aged 89 years, 6 months and 26 days.

Mr. Ball came to Heppner with his family in July, 1877, settling on Balm fork of Willow creek. In the Indian wars of 1878 the family sought refuge with other residents of the vicinity within an encampment on the banks of Willow creek in Heppner. In 1888 the family moved to Heppner, where Mr. and Mrs. Ball resided until 1890 when Mrs. Ball passed away on June 25. Shortly thereafter Mr. Ball moved to Portland to make his home with his daughter, returning to Heppner at intervals for visits with his son and with friends.

It was on August 22, 1862, that young Jonathan C. Ball answered President Lincoln's call for volunteers to safeguard the union against secession and slavery. He joined company F, 113th Ohio volunteer infantry at Camp Chase where he drilled with the troops for two months before leaving for Camp Dennison and on to Louisville where the winter was spent guarding supply lines in Kentucky.

In March, 1863, his division was moved by way of the Ohio and Cumberland rivers to Franklin, Tenn. After helping in the construction of a fort there for a time, the Ohio troops were called into the battle of Chicamaugua. They proceeded as rapidly as possible to Ringgold, Ga., and the battlefield which made General George H. Thomas famous was reached about noon on September 20.

It was in this battle on September 20 that Mr. Ball was struck by a minnie bullet in the left leg and lay wounded on the battlefield until the 23rd, unattended, the dead and wounded his sole companions. He subsisted for the time on a scant supply of food from his haversack and a single canteen of water. The Confederates picked him up on the third day, taking him to a hospital, and he was later paroled to the Union lines and placed in a hospital. Though his recovery was complete, the wound left him with a crooked leg that served through the remainder of his life as a mute reminder of the sacrifice made for his country.

After spending six months in the Union hospital, Mr. Ball was honorably discharged from further service, and after returning to Ohio he wedded Margaret P. Yerkes on October 6, 1870. The family came to Oregon by way of San Francisco in 1873, settling first near Scappoose, where they resided until July, 1877, when they came to Heppner by team.

In his long residence in Heppner, Mr. Ball was a conservative builder, a true neighbor and friend to all who knew him. He was a charter member of Rawlins post, G. A. R., of Heppner; one of the guiding lights throughout its existence, and one of the three remaining members when the charter was relinquished.

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