### COURT KNITS BROW H. V. GATES LONG PROMINENT HERE OVER TAX PROBLEM

John Day "Litigation" District Leaves Residue of Grief.

TO DO OR NOT TO DO?

Warrant Holders Have Mandamu Taxpayers Have Injunction, and Jail Opening Gapes.

Faced by mandamus for payment of warrants on the one side, and an against collection of taxes with which to pay the war-rants on the other, the county court is between the devil and the deep blue sea in the matter of straightening out the affairs of the defunct John Day Irrigation district.

Sandy River Investment company has the writ of mandamus for levy of tax to pay warrants held by them, while Northern Pacific Railway company which has large holdings of land in the district, has the injunction against collection of taxes already levied. The course clear for levying a new tax, but the court is hesitant in following such a course lest much of the district land not already held by the county will revert to it.

Should taxpayers of the district not see fit to pay the new tax, if it is levied, and let their lands revert to the county, then the question arises whether the county, or so much of it as is included within the district, will be liable for payment of the old warrants. In such eventuality it would remain for those who do pay into the tax coffers to stand the cost of the irrigation debacle, and the county would stand to lose other tax revenues off the land until such time as it is again taken into private ownership.

This is one of the knotty prob lems that will face the county but-

for the purpose of throwing water from the John Day river over the desert lands of northern Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties, with the idea of making the desert into a garden. Folk in the district voted themselves into it and tax assessments were made against the land to have surveys made. "Irrigation" dell and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. A. to have surveys made. "Irrigation" dell and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. A. turned into "litigation," as engineer and attorneys kept the district in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Lindception, resulting in many thous- propriate gift. and dollars already expended and

### Mrs. Edward Rice Passes; Funeral Rites Held Today

Funeral services were held from St. Patrick's church at 11 o'clock, this morning for Mrs. Edward Rice who died at Heppner hospital Tuesday following an operation for stomach ulcers. Father P. J. Stack officiated and the services were largely attended by friends and rel-Interment was in Heppner cemetery.

The untimely passing of the young mother who leaves a week-old baby daughter, Eleanor Lee, is mourned by the whole community.

Mary Teresa McCabe was born in this county July 8, 1911, the daughter of Frank and Elnora (Doherty) McCabe, and died October 15, 1935, aged 24 years, 3 months and 7 days. She was united in marriage to Edward Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice of Lexington, January 27, 1933, at Heppner. Be sides the husband and infant daughter she is survived by the father, Frank McCabe of Lena, brother Francis, and sister, Mrs. Robert Miller of La Grande. The mother and one sister were drowned in a cloudburst in McDonald canyon July 28, 1915.

KNITTING SCHOOL OFF.

The free knitting school being conducted Monday afternoons at the library by Morrow County Wool Growers auxiliary will not be held next Monday afternoon as ladies of at Echo that day. The next school Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lawrence or will be held on the 28th, and the bome of Mr. and Mrs. James Lindhome of Mr. and Mrs. French Burthe auxiliary are being entertained

COUNTY WELL WATER PURE. A report received this week from the state board of health showed water from the county well to test On Sunday they enjoyed a pheasant "A" condition, potable and fit for drinking. A former unfavorable report was believed by the county court to have been due to contamination from new pipe that had just been installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Laxton McMurray of Jordan passed through the city this morning on their way to Ritter hot springs to spend some time while Mr. McMurray takes treat-

ment for his health. Mrs. Blaine E. Isom returned home Saturday from a visit in Portland at the home of Mr. Isom's sister, Mrs. Ed O'Shea.

resident Old Heppner Light Water Co., State G. A. R. Head Passes at Age of 89.

H. V. Gates, 89, for years prominently identified with the business life of this city as president of Heppner Light & Water company, and state commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, died in Portland Saturday night. Funeral ser rices were announced to be held at Hillsboro at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the Congregational church. He had been a resident of Hillsboro for the last several years. Harry Verner Gates was born at Lowell, Massachusetts, July 30, 1847.

de married Helen M. Bacheller in 1870, and came to Oregon in 1881. For many years he was chief engineer for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, and while in news given out from library head-that position drew plans for the quarters, and Mrs. Merle Becket, first gas motor cars to be operated n the company's passenger service. He became identified with the light and water company here in the late '90's, serving as its president for ome twenty years.

Mr. Gates enlisted in the Union army at 16 years of age, October 24, 1862, and was assigned to Company A, 6th Iowa volunteer infantry as bugler and quartermaster clerk Later he saw service against the In-dians in Montana and the Dakotas. He was elected commander of the Oregon department of the G. A. R. for the fourth term at the encampment in Portland last June. His first term was in 1895 when the department had hundreds of veterans on its roster. This year was his third consecutive year at the head of the state group of Civil war vet-

He was a member of the Masons

### IONE

By MRS. MARGARET BLAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lindstrom were pleasantly surprised Monday get committee when it meets next Wednesday to prepare the budget dropped in on them for a pot luck or the coming year. supper. The occasion was their The John Day Irrigation district fifth wedding anniversary. Those was formed a number of years ago
for the purpose of throwing water

Lundell and daughter Mildred Mr. the idea of making the desert into and Mrs. J. A. Troedson and Francourt almost from the time of in- strom were presented with an ap-

On Wednesday night the Masonic

and Mrs. Ted Smith were Pendleton visitors Monday.

Mrs. Wrex Hickok of Portland arrived on Friday morning's train for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore. On Saturday evening she was joined by Mr. Hickok who motored up with Clarence Krause of Oswego. The party returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Harvey Ring and daughter Lois went to Hood River Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Blake and Earl Blake of Kinzua visited here Saturday and Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny have returned from a week's visit in the

Willamette valley. Miss Nellie McKinley and Mrs. Elizabeth Tipton of Portland, both officers of the O. E. S. grand chapter of Oregon, were guests of Mrs. Bert Mason Sunday night. The ladies were on their way home from Pendleton where they had attended a reception for Percy Folsom, worthy grand patron of the grand chap-

ter of Oregon, O. E. S. Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Putman of Yamhill were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Heliker. Mr. Putman is a cousin of Mrs. Hel-

Door Mason has returned from Kinzua.

The I. O. O. F. benefit party at Morgan last Saturday night was well attended and a good time is reported.

Ture Peterson went to Portland Thursday to attend the last few days of the stock show.

say and Mr. and Mrs. French Burroughs. Mrs. Lawrence is the sister of James Lindsay.
Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Morse of The

Dalles were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Morgan Saturday. hunt before returning home Dr. Fred Clark of Portland was

registered at the Park hotel Wedesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Evans of

Portland enjoyed pheasant hunting Tuesday by the death of Mr. Feld-

man's brother. Wayne Allen, a nephew of Ralph Harris, visited with the Harris family Monday night. Mr. Allen lives at Brogan, Ore., and was on his way to Portland.

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# YEARLY STUNT NITE ON SLATE FOR 28TH

Big Fun Frolic Draws Aid of Organizations for Library.

VARIETY TO APPEAL

ounty's Best Talent Inducted for Popular Affair; Public Expected to Pack Auditorium.

Heppner's annual fun frolic, library stunt night, has been set for Monday, October 28. That's the quarters, and Mrs. Merle Becket, general manager for the event, already has the line-up of entertainment well in hand.

Serving as it does as an avenue for presenting the best entertain-ment talent in the county, the an-nual stunt night provides a large part of the revenue for maintaining Heppner's fast-growing and popular public library, and through its joint appeal as an attractive entertainment feature and library bene fit it claims the support of the entire county. This year as before, organizations of the county have expressed wholehearted support.

Admission prices again this year ave been set at 35 cents and 10 cents, and plans call for an inten-sive pre-sale of tickets.

In the roster of organizations re-sponding to the appeal for program numbers, each of which will not exceed ten minutes time, are Ione Lexington and Hardman schools Lions, Boy Scouts, Episcopal, Christian and Methodist churches, Eastern Star, school band, school fac-ulty, Business and Professional Womens club, Bookworms, Degree of Honor, American Legion, Ameran Legion auxiliary, Rebekahs, Woolgrowers auxiliary, high school

udent body, Elks. The variety of entertainment will include almost every kind of human accomplishment. Musical, reading, dramatic numbers, tableaux, acrobatics everything from the aesthetic to the hilarious will fford something to suit the tastes of everyone, is the promise. Facil-ities of the gym-auditorium assure good seats for all who attend, and a packed house should give impetus to the evening's fun and another year of progress for the library.

### AAA Wheat Contracts Simplified; Signup Near

examined applications for contracts.

With the completion of a series of district meetings for county agents and allotment committeemen the third week in October, county and community meetings will be held at once where growers will be given detailed information about the new contracts and an opportunity to sign the applications

Information required on the new contracts is practically the same as that furnished under the original plan, as the base years for production and acreage remain the same. Farmers who did not sign up under the old plan are not barred from signing the new four-year control contracts. In some instances where the grower was unable to establish a practical base under the original rules, he may find it possible to comply under the new pro-

gram. Such new contract signers are urged to attend the local meetings and if possible to confer personally with county or community commit

Although the new contract extends for four years, any producer who complies may terminate his contract at the end of the 1937 crop year if he so desires. On the other hand, in case conditions would make such a move necessary, the secretary of agriculture may terminate the contracts, but in such case growers are assured that they will be compensated fully for all compliance that has been made.

flexible adjustment payment plan has been included in the new contracts by which the second installment each year varies according to the market price of wheat during that crop year. This plan is intended to make certain cooperating wheat farmers will receive enough from the market value and the benefit payments to give them pre-war purchasing power on their allotments. The first 1936 adjustment payments will be payable next summer after compliance with he contract for that crop year has

been checked.

TO SHOW FHA NEWS. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feldman were Pathe short feature Better Hous-An added attraction at the Star theater October 27-28 will be a ing News Flashes. The flashes include a number of interesting shots, showing some of the activities of FHA. Highlights are: Key West Goes Modern, Attic Magic and The 32 Oregon theaters this month.

Definite Word Received That Local Boy and Wife Among Party of Chinese Missionaries.

That Mr. and Mrs. Charles Notson are among a party of mission-aries taking flight by goatskin raft down the Yellow river from a Chi-nese Red invasion of the Hochow mission district was definitely learned this week when their names appeared in the daily press among the list of refugees. No direct word had been received here, however, by

Mr. Notson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson, though before leaving a conference at Titao Charles had written that they had been ordered to evacuate the district and expected it would be necessary to make the perilous 600-mile raft trip from Lanchow to Paotow from where the train would be taken to Peiping.

Folk here will anxiously await word of the Notson's safe arrival at Paotow, as bandit attacks are ever imminent on the river besides the danger of a freeze-up at this time of year. The Notsons entered the Chinese mission field near the border of Tibet but a few months ago and had just got well started in their work. Last word received from Charles stated that he did not believe the impending Red invasion would materialize as both the Mo-hammedan Chinese and the nationalist government were apparently preparing to repulse it. He wrote from Titao that if they were not permitted to return to Hochow it would be necessary for them to abandon their personal belongings which had been left there.

### CCC COMPANY TO ARRIVE MONDAY

Rodman, Conservationist Head, is Notified; Gully Control Comes First on Program.

The long expected company of men for the CCC camp is due to arrive at Heppner Monday, according to a wire received yesterday by Millard Rodman, conservation-ist chairman.

The full program of work for the camp has not yet been completed, but the first undertaking will probably be gully control work on Willow and Hinton creeks. On the Hanna ranch on Hinton creek and on the Frank S. Parker and Wight-man Brothers farms on Willow creek plans are already made for a series of check dams.

These dams are designed to raise the water table only and not to the subject and report to the bud-impound any body of water. The get committee when it meets next method to be used, according to Wednesday. on the thousands still owing without other thousands still owing without other thousands still owing without of courts worth of development.

Now the county court has the gods by levying a tax or of going to jail under contempt of court by ignoring the writ of mandamus.

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# Heppner Legion Post

is commander of Heppner post 87, American Legion, at ceremonies to 6th district commander, will be in- Hardman on to be inducted are C. A. Macomber, over five times. Four sheep were vice commander, P. M. Gemmell, killed and the truck was badly damthe installation a big venison feed pened. will be served. All ex-service men L. Cox promises a big time for all.

WILLIS BUSH PASSES. Willis Bush, 79, died at Morrow In connection with the fede General hospital in this city last program for the elimination Mr. Bush came to Morrow county in 1925, making his home with his sister, Mrs. B. F. Swaggart, on the farm north of Lexington. Besides Mrs. Swaggart, he is survived by a brother, Milton Bush of Pendleton, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Stamper of Portland.

HAVE SUCCESSFUL HUNT.

Ball's buck weighed 200 Snow was descending in the high mountains as they pulled out and the temperature had plenty of the feel of winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pruyn departed Monday for Portland, ex- tive session Monday. pecting to go on to Hillsboro in ratt, appointed to fill the unexpired are back at school this week. day of their late friend, H. V. Gates. ed, will cut his eye teeth as a law-Home of Tomorrow. The feature Mrs. Charles Thomson accompanimaker at this session. He has been was produced by Pathe and distribed them to the city for a visit with in close contact with state affairs, because and is well prepared to

# NOTSONS IN FLIGHT BIG RIVER MEETING PIONEER MOTHER OF IONE PASSES

Leaders of Northwest to Attend Inland Water-

ways Conclave.

SHIPPING IS THEME

Lions Committee Feels Sentiment on Levy for Association; Notson Announces Meetings.

Transportation will be the theme song of the third annual meeting of the Inland Waterways association to be held at Walla Walla, Sat-urday, October 26, announced S. E. Notson at the Lions Monday noon luncheon. An official call just received from H. G. West, secretary, announced an all-day meeting be-ginning at 10 o'clock a. m., with

many prominent men in attendance. Important topics will be discussed bearing vitally on the future econ-omic stability of the interior Pacific Northwest by such outstanding leaders as W. D. B. Dodson, execu-tive vice-president, Portland Chamber of Commerce; Marshal N. Dana, chairman district No. 1, National Resources board; Colonel T. M. Robins, division engineer in charge of the North Pacific division; Col. C. F. Williams, district engineer in charge of construction work on the tion, the call said. Practically all our senators and congressmen from She is our senators and congressmen from Idaho, Washington and Oregon will be in attendance, and the governors of the three states have significant to the control of the senators and congressmen from She is survived by two children. Mrs. Lena Rhea of Ione, and Luther Jordan of Roseburg; a foster be in attendance, and the govern-ors of the three states have signified their intention to attend, it add-

"We have been repeatedly told by engineers in high authority that we, living east of the Cascades, must use facilities as already afforded if we expect to get further development on the upper Columbia and Snake rivers. In view of this, transportation is the most vital subject for this association to discuss "It is expected that representa-tives of the two river transporta-tion lines will be present. A definte plan must be formulated to afford these people full cooperation,'

said the announcement. Mr. Notson also read another communication from Mr. West in which the plan of financing the association through direct levy from the counties the coming year was explained, and the Lions appointed C. J. D. Bauman, J. J. Wightman and L. E. Dick as a committee to feel the sentiment of the people on

of formulating a plan for oiling the here since.

Lexington-Jarmon, Butter creek The regular business meeting of

### Will Install '36 Officers Lumber Truck Hits Sheep, Milton Spurlock will be installed Wrecks on Spray Road

E. J. Drake escaped with lacera-4-H club room in the county pavil-ion. Jas. D. Todd of Hermiston, band of sheep on the fill south of the Heppner-Spray stalling officer. Other post officials road yesterday afternoon and rolled adjutant-finance officer; C. J. D. aged. Drake has been hauling lum- of Echo. Bauman, sergeant-at-arms, and E. ber from Reed's mill. The truck Mr. ar E. Gilliam, chaplain. Following was empty when the accident hap-

The same truck driven by another in the Heppner territory are urged driver recently hit a band of Harto attend, and Commander Elbert old Cohn sheep at another point on the road, killing sixty head.

VETERINARIAN HERE. In connection with the federal Thursday, and funeral services were dairy cows reacting to Bang's disonducted from the Phelps chapel ease, Dr. L. L. Taylor, federal vetat 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, erinarian now in Morrow county, Rev. Joseph Pope officiating, with will be working around Heppner interment in Masonic cemetery, Mr. next week. There is no charge for Bush was born in Jackson county, this testing and cows shown to be Oregon, Sept. 12, 1856, to William reactors under the test are eligible and Elizabeth (Myers) Bush. He came to Umatilia county in 1873 and followed farming, marrying Miss Olive Duggar at Athena in 1886. To this union were born two daughters should leave their name at the ofboth of whom died in youth. Mrs. fice of the county agent on Thurs-Bush passed away in the late '90's, day, Friday or Saturday of this

RODMAN TO LEGISLATURE. Millard Rodman, chief of the local soil conservation service. leave tomorrow evening for Portland preliminary to being on hand for the opening of the special legislative session at Salem Monday. As youngest member of the house Mark Merrill, Gay M. Anderson of representatives he will have a and W. Y. Ball returned home Monof representatives he will have a day from a deer hunt near Indian before the session. He received Rock in the Greenhorns, each with word today that Henry Semon of his prize. Merrill and Anderson Klamath county appeared to be the each landed a two-pointer while strong candidate for speaker of the

BARRATTS LEAVE SATURDAY. Senator and Mrs. J. G. Barratt will leave Saturday evening for Portland and Salem to be on hand for opening of the special legisla-Senator Barto attend the funeral yester- term of Senator Jack Allen, resignrepresent his constituency

Mrs. Missouri Jordan came to County in 1872; Made Trip Across Plains by Ox Team at 7.

Death called Mrs. Missouri Jordan, beloved Morrow county pioneer, at her home in Ione last Mon-day, and funeral services were held from the Christian church in that city yesterday afternoon with a large concourse of relatives and friends paying tribute to the love and esteem in which she was held by the entire community. Alvin Kleinfeldt, Christian minister of Heppner officiated, and interment was in Ione cemetery. In her many years of residence in the Ione community, Mrs. Jordan was always and the first to minister to the among the first to minister to the sick and distressed. She had the

stamina, grit and true neighborly spirit of the pioneer mother. Missouri Haney was born in Chillicothe, Missouri, Sept. 15, 1854, the daughter of J. C. and Martha Jane (Brown) Haney. With her parents she crossed the plains by ox team at the age of 7 years. The family lived at Brownsville until she was 17 then came to eastern Oregon and settled in the Ione district. Here she was married to John Jordan, April 4, 1872. To this union were orn five children.

They lived in Arlington about 10 years, then in Monmuth about five ears, returning to Ione where Mrs. Jordan had since resided for 41 years. Her husband preceded her in death, May 14, 1901. She was long a member of the Christian Columbia and Snake rivers, and 1911. Departing this life October church, uniting with the church in many others too numerous to men- 14, 1935, she was aged 81 years and

child, Jesse Daily of Portland; three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, besides a host of friends.

### LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Piper were pleasantly surprised Sunday, which was their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. A chicken dinner was given in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Piper. Mrs Arnold Piper assisted Mrs. Rufus Piper in preparing and serving the dinner. The honor couple were the recipients of some lovely gifts as well as many congratulations and best wishes. Those present at the dinner were J. H. Piper and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tone and family of Militon; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lut-ton of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. John Piper, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Piper and family and Mr. and Mrs.

and Hermiston diagonal north road. the Lexington grange was held in the hall Saturday evening with a good attendance.

The Lexington Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Laura Scott Thursday afternoon. About fifteen members were present. At be held next Monday evening at the tions of the face when the large the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess. assisted by Mrs. Nancy McWaters. The Lexington grange will give a dance at the grange hall Saturday night, October 19. Music will be furnished by Branstetter's orchestra

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Burchell of Sheridan were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Galey Johnson. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Johnson who will visit at the home of Mrs. Mae Burchell.

Ira Lewis and Lester Cox attended the stock show in Portland last week. Before returning they visited Edwin Beach who is instructor of in the high school at Gresham. Mrs. Roy Johnson was in charge of the store during Mr. Lewis' absence. The Lexington grange is giving a card party in their hall Friday evening, October 18. Both bridge and

five hundred will be played. Woodrow and Wilma Tucker spent the week end in Portland and Salem. When they returned home they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker who have been in Portland for the past six weeks. A. H. Nelson and O. W. Cutsfortn were business visitors in Portland over the week end.

James Devine of Seattle was here ast week to attend the funeral of his nephew, Paul Devine. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hunt of Heppner spent Sunday with Mrs.

Hunt's mother, Mrs. Emma Ashinhust. Among the men of this community who went hunting during the week were Orville Cutsforth, Norman Nelson, Paul Smouse, Vernon

Scott, Sam McMillan and Henry

Smouse Lexington School News At the regular meeting of the

student body held on Thursday. October 3, Bernice Martin was elected as yell leader to replace Lee Shaw who resigned from that office. Bill, Jack and Laurene Alma, Van Winkle were absent from school last week. However they

A lovely birthday party was given Friday evening at the C. N. Biddle home, honoring Miss Joyce Biddle Games were played and then re-

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# LAUNCH DRIVE FOR OILING LEX-JARMON

Morrow, Umatilla Courts Meet Road Users, Give Support at Hermiston

TO PREPARE BRIEF

Committee Named from Various Districts to Gather Data for Presentation to Commission.

Immediate oiling of the Lexingon-Jarmon, Butter creek and diagroad north of Hermiston to the Wallula cut-off was sanctioned by members of both the Morrod and Umatilla county courts, farmers residing on the route and other interested persons from Heppner, Lexington, Hermiston and Columat a meeting at Hermiston Tuesday evening sponsored by the chamber of commerce of that city. Fifty men were in attendance

Unanimous expression declared that the road was in bad repair, almost impossible to maintain without oil; that its roughness is costing the farmers large sums annually in wear and tear on trucks and automobiles; that its importance as a thoroughfare for through traffic as well as farm to market road is constantly increasing, and that the only solution to the problem is oil.

That the true picture of the sit-sation may be presented to the state highway commission delegations from each of the districts represented named one committeeman to a group who will meet again at Hermiston next Tuesday evening to incorporate the facts in a brief. Named on the committee were L. E. Dick, Heppner; Frank Saling, Lexington; Raiph Saylor, Butter creek; E. P. Dodd, Hermiston, and R. M. Sommerer, Columbia.

Professor McAtee, president of the Hermiston chamber, presided at Tuesday evening's meeting, and stated its purpose as bringing to-gether courts of the two counties with users of the road to determine what steps might be taken to get the route oiled. Members of the courts present were, Morrow county, Judge W. T. Campbell and Com-missioners Frank S. Parker and George N. Peck; Umatilia county, Judge G. F. Hodges and Commis-sioners J. O. Hales and W. R. Meiners. S. E. Notson and Jap Crawford were also present from Heppner, and among those attending from Lexington were W. F. Barnett, R. H. Lane, H. E. Warner, Ray McAlister, Wm. Doherty, Alex Lind-

found if enough pressure is brought to bear, or that designation of the road might be changed to make it

eligible for such money. The suggestion of S. E. Notson that this route linked with the Heppner-Spray road joins up with other routes to make an inter-state highway and is thus eligible for recognition as a federal aid highway met with favor, and considerable discussion was had of taking steps toward having it recognized as such. This course was generally preferred to attempting to have the route recognized as a primary highway, for the latter would open the way for objection of the commission on grounds that a hundred and one other secondary routes would be entitled to the same

recognition. Mr. Notson also stressed the importance of this route as a river outlet for much upper county wheat when and if river transportation is

### Frank H. Miller Dies Suddenly at Boardman

While working with broom corn at his home on the Boardman pro-ject yesterday afternoon, Frank H. Miller dropped dead apparently from a stroke of apoplexy. The body was brought to the Phelps

Funeral home last evening Mrs. Miller was working with her husband and had no indication of anything being wrong until a moment before when Mr. Miller her everything was turning dark on him. She told him not to fall, and he leaned against the fence to support himself, a minute later slumping to the ground, dead. He was said to have suffered from high

blood pressure The Millers have lived at Boardman for several years. A son, Russell, formerly resided at Ione.

TOWNSENDITES ACTIVE.

A large picnic at the fair pavil-ion Saturday with basket dinner at noon and address in the afternoon by Clint P. Haight, state representative and editor of Canyon City Blue Mountain Eagle was attended by 150 Townsendites to foster the old age pension plan in this county. Mrs. Chris Brown was recently named delegate from the local club to attend the national convention of Townsendites in Chicago.

Construction started this week on uted by FHA. It is being shown in her son, Earl Thomson, who is em- however, and is well prepared to freshments were served. Dancing Mrs. Lillie Aiken on Main street next to Curran Hat shop.