

Local Happenings

Sam E. Van Vactor, Jr., was a business visitor in the city Tuesday from his home in The Dalles. He was accompanied to the county by his mother, Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor, who remained for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Rietmann, near Ione. Mr. Van Vactor lived in Heppner as a boy, and it had been many years since he was last here. In the interim he was graduated in law from University of Oregon, and now has the practice established by his late father in the Wasco county seat. He reported good progress on the new seaport at The Dalles with some 80 pilings already driven.

J. L. Gault, receiver for local banks, S. E. Notson, Frank C. Alfred and Jos. J. Nys, local attorneys, motored to Wahiuke, Wash., Sunday on business. Wahiuke is near the Grand Coulee, and the gentlemen enjoyed viewing the country where great development is expected as a result of the big government dam construction. They brought home samples of rock, similar to pumice, which is highly moisture resistant and expected to be of commercial use.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palmateer and son Ted were trading in the city Saturday from the Morgan district. Mr. Palmateer reported some trouble recently with blows which stubbornly resisted attempts to subdue them. He has started plowing operations with a new disc plow, and believes this method, which leaves the ground rougher on the surface, will have a good effect in controlling wind and water erosion.

John Brosnan was in the city on Tuesday from the Lena district, reporting considerable new snow from the equinoctial flurry of the evening before. He had hard luck with his lambing, which came when the cold weather was on, losing a large number.

Mrs. Marvin R. Wightman returned the end of the week from a visit in Portland. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Humphreys, who was called to the city by the illness of her uncle, Mel Humphreys of Eight Mile.

Willard Tubbs, state policeman, made Heppner Monday on his beat of the district. Mr. Tubbs was recently transferred to the Arlington district under Corporal F. A. McMahon from the Pendleton-La Grande district.

Among students from Eastern Oregon Normal school, La Grande, spending spring vacation week end with home folks were Lorenna Wilson, Billy Cochell and Bill Schwarz.

Don Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake, and Frank Anderson, son of Mrs. Hilma Anderson, were among O. S. C. students who spent spring vacation with home folks.

Miss Vallis Jones, Eastern Oregon Normal school student, visited during spring vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones.

Daisy Sharron, weighing 9 pounds arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beckett in this city last Thursday afternoon.

Mel Humphreys, pioneer rancher of the Eight Mile section, is quite ill at the home of Mrs. Mary Grant in this city.

Miss Jennie Swendig, student at Eastern Oregon Normal school, spent spring vacation with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom were Eight Mile residents in the city Tuesday.

Adam Knoblock was in the city Tuesday from the Boardman project.

Ralph Butier was a visitor in the city yesterday from Willows.

J. W. Stevens of Hardman was a visitor in the city Monday.

TODAY and TOMORROW by FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

America . . . Liberty Every once in a while I feel like waving the American flag and giving three cheers for Uncle Sam. What set me off this time is the last two or three decisions of the Supreme Court, especially the one in which the Court reasserted the right of the press to free expression without restraint by any governmental authority. Of course, the press is responsible if it prints libels or scurrilous matter of any kind; but the Court pointed out again that no power exists.

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either in Congress or the states, to say in advance to any newspaper "You may not print that."

It seems to me that the very roots of all our liberties are bound up in this liberty of the press. The first thing a dictator does is to suppress or regulate the newspapers. We will never lose our liberties as Americans so long as anybody can set up a printing press and tell the people the truth about what is going on.

Radio . . . Rights

I agree with my friend David Lawrence that radio broadcasting should be as free as the newspaper is. As things stand now, there is a Federal commission in Washington which has power to say what may and may not be broadcast. I don't know that that power has ever been abused, but it ought not to exist. Radio, like the press, ought to be permitted to say anything it wants to say—and should be punished, like the press, if it uses indecent or profane language or utters a libel reflecting falsely against the character of any person.

In the long run, truth always prevails. Sooner or later those who try to deceive the people are found out. In the meantime, I am for letting them all talk as long as anybody wants to listen.

Opportunity . . . today

One thing that makes me feel patriotic is the frequent instances I encounter of young folks who have found opportunities to get ahead in the world and make something of themselves when all around them were waiting that there were no opportunities left for the young.

There are greater opportunities than ever for young people of character, who are willing to work. Six young friends of my daughter, all of them under thirty, were at the house the other night. All of them have had to make their own way in the world, and all have made good in spite of these years of depression. One girl is breeding dogs and making a good living at it. One young man is getting along by collecting and selling metal from discarded automobiles. Two of the girls started a laundry three years ago, specializing in washing baby clothes. They run three delivery wagons now. Another boy and his brother have turned their taste for amateur photography to account, and do a good business in photographing business men in their own offices.

Opportunity gone? Not a bit of it.

History . . . and us

At a dinner party in New York the other evening one of the guests, a Frenchman, asked me a question about American history, which I was fortunately able to answer. "I've been in your country two years now," he said, "and the longer I stay, the more I am impressed with the durability of your American institutions. You've been running now for 150 years or so under a system of government which has enabled you to become the greatest people in the world. Over in Europe we have changed every principle of government many times. I'm still a Frenchman, but I like your system better than my own country's. Since Washington became President of the United States, France has had five different kinds of government. Our present Republic is only sixty years old. We throw out our Cabinet and President every little while. We think we know a lot, but one thing we haven't learned and Americans have is how to govern ourselves."

Somebody—I don't know who—once said that "self-government is better than good government." I think he was right.

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See "The Gypsy Rover." —H.H.S.—

Editorial

The student body was entertained Thursday by Mr. Thomas, representing the State Forestry department, and Mr. Hiatt, representing the Federal Forestry department. They showed us the great importance of our national and state forests by moving picture scenes of the states of Oregon and Washington. The following were some of the many pictures that were shown: Crater Lake, Mt. Hood, Mt. Rainier, Rogue River, and scenes of the many spots of beauty in our forests. One thing that was very well worth remembering was how to build a fire while out camping. Do we realize the importance of our forests? I am afraid we do not. We think that we have a large enough supply of timber to furnish our needs, but it will not furnish the needs of the future generation.

This is being worked out by re-planting, killing insects, and forest stations.

Forests are not only necessary for building, but they also provide spots of interest for tourists. Trees prevent erosion of the soil, and store up water for our creeks, rivers, and lakes. Creeks, rivers and lakes furnish energy for water power which produces electricity. Fish could not live in the streams if trees didn't help to furnish a steady flow of water.

Pride and interest should be taken in our forests as Oregon has a larger percent of timber than any other state.

The beauty that greets one when he is in the forest is unbelievable. The sparkling streams, the lofty trees, the snow-capped mountains, the wild life of the forest entrance one. It's Nature. —H.H.S.—

Attend State Tournament

Mr. and Mrs. Bloom and Mr. Blankenship attended the state tournament held in Salem Friday and Saturday. Sixteen teams were entered in this tournament, and the four competing from Eastern Oregon were Umapine, Milton, Bend, and LaGrande. Milton's team made a very good showing for eastern Oregon. They defeated Bend the first night and Oregon City the second night, but they were finally defeated by the Portland Franklin high school. The team making the most sensational showing of the sixteen was Belfountain, a little school of about fifty pupils. They played Corvallis, the state championship team, the closest game and won third place in the tournament. Five cups were awarded and three of these went to Belfountain.

Mr. Bloom, as president of the State Athletic association, delivered a message over the radio between games Saturday night and again after the tournament when he presented the speakers who awarded the cups and picked an all star team.

Personals

Margaret Browning is ill with influenza. Emmet Kenny has been absent from school for several days. Gerald Cason is taking his part in the operetta. Hazel Adkins has returned to school after an absence of several days. Among the former Heppner students that were home from college for the spring vacation were Don Christenson, Ted McMurdo, Chet Drake, Frank Anderson, and Anabel Turner from Oregon State; Irene Kilkenny, John Parker and Joe Green from the University of

Oregon; Bill Schwarz, Bill Cochell, Floyd Jones, Lorenna Wilson and Vallis Jones from Eastern Oregon Normal school.

Girls' League

Last Thursday afternoon the Girls' League held a meeting at which the sophomore girls furnished the entertainment. The program was somewhat out of the ordinary—there was no comedy. The artists who appeared on the program, according to the announcer, Ruth Green, were all internationally famous people. The program consisted of the following numbers:

- An oration, "The Chatterbox," by the famous dramatic actress, Katharine Barrymore Farlong.
A piano duet, "Chopsticks," by the Siamese twins, Holly Hager and Molly Morton.
A reading, "Murder in the Backwoods," by Waltra Winchella Green, the announcer.

The subject to be explained by the sophomore girls was, "The right and wrong way of asking and accepting dances." Different girls from the class put on a skit showing how this is done correctly.

The time remaining after the program was spent in singing school songs.

Class News

Are you healthy? In the biology class, the following facts in health are being followed:

- 1. To be able to carry out with zest our regular work without fatigue.
2. To be able to enjoy three well-balanced meals without digestive disturbances.
3. To be able to sleep soundly eight hours a night.
4. To be able to enjoy one hour of vigorous physical exercise daily without undue fatigue.
5. To be able to enjoy the society of others for at least one hour each day without irritability, boredom, or undue self-consciousness.
6. To have some special hobby i. e., an intellectual interest in something that is not connected with our regular work. In our youth this took the form of collecting specimens and pets; now we turn our hobby fun to literature, photography, and games.
7. To be able to undertake the day's work confident, optimistic, enthusiastic, "expecting success and attaining it with reasonable frequency."

The junior English class is getting ready to start The Merchant of Venice, by William Shakespeare. This will be a very enjoyable six weeks for the students. The other English classes are also starting the

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study of Shakespeare. The composition and grammar class is holding up with the other English classes. They are now starting on noun clauses. The juniors will soon start rehearsing a play, "Jumbo Jum." Each active club and class has to entertain the assembly once each school term. The juniors are scheduled for May 13. We, the juniors, assure the assembly a thrill and many laughs.

Boys' Sports

The turnouts for the baseball team have "stuck with it" and are progressing rapidly. There are some promising players (we won't mention their names—ask them and they will tell you about it). The school has purchased some new baseball equipment—bats, balls, and a new catcher's mitt. In addition to baseball Heppner has a two-man track team. They expect to go to Condon for the sub-district track meet to be held May 2. If an event is won, they will be allowed to enter the district meet at Pendleton.

Girls' Sports

Plans have been made for a girls' volley ball team which will probably take part in the Play Day which is to be held later in the spring. Unless more girls turn out than will be impossible to have a team. Those who have signed up are Maude Bailey, Irene McFerrin, Betty Doherty, Evelyn Kirk, Irene Beamer and Marie Barlow.

Humor

Did it ever occur to you—That Willie McCaleb is one of those "beastly Englishmen"? That our operetta accompanist might be interested in Fuller brushes? That the West might not always hold so much fascination for Marie Barlow? That James Healy might be interested in Lex? That Ruth Green has often been found in the waste paper basket? . . .

Neeha C.: I'm going to quit school. Margaret F.: Why? N. C.: Oh, I can't learn anything. The teachers change the lessons every day.

Rob: Tut, tut, my friend, don't get excited. Craven: Bah! Rob: Oh, you look sheepish enough without making that noise.

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