

# Local Happenings

Mrs. Elaine Furlong returned home Monday from a vacation trip to San Francisco during which she took in the Golden Gate bridge fiesta. While in Portland on the way home she visited her sister, Mrs. Bernice Groshens and reports her recovering rapidly from an operation which she underwent recently. Mrs. Sadie Sigsbee, mother of the girls, is in Portland with Mrs. Groshens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ridings arrived in Heppner Saturday evening, coming from New York where they were located during the school year and Mr. Ridings taught in Seth Low Junior college. Mr. Ridings went on to Eugene while Mrs. Ridings remained for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark.

Fred McMurray, in the city Saturday from Hermiston, said he expected to start digging his early potatoes in the near future. He has planted a large acreage of potatoes again this year, having just finished planting his late tubers. Fred has helped supply the local market for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Copenhaver have returned to the county from near San Francisco where they resided for some time, and Mrs. Copenhaver is reported ill at the home of Mrs. Corda Saling in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Copenhaver farmed for many years in the Sand Hollow district.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, who were married in Portland last week, called at the home of Mr. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parker, on the way to their home in Portland from Wallowa county, leaving Saturday afternoon. While here they received felicitations of many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hughes were callers in the city the first of the week from the Butter creek ranch. They recently moved their home from over on the John Day river and have established residence just above the home of their son, Edwin.

L. Hedrick of Stanfield and John E. Clark of Hermiston were in the city yesterday spreading advertising for the Fourth of July celebration to be staged at Stanfield. Motorcycle races and stunts will feature the celebration, covering two days, July 4-5.

John Doherty, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Doherty of Lexington, was thrown off a horse he was riding on a slippery hillside when the horse slipped. His left leg was broken near the ankle, and the fracture was reduced at a local doctor's office.

Harold Crawford while working his first day in the woods for the Scitzmeier mill on Rhea creek Monday, nearly severed the last two toes of his left foot with a double bitted axe. He was brought to Heppner hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schwartz arrived in the city from Portland Monday, expecting to spend several days while making arrangements to reconstruct the residence on their Skinner creek farm, which was recently razed by fire.

County commissioners George N. Peck and L. D. Neill were in the city yesterday to attend funeral services for the late county assessor, Jesse J. Wells. Mrs. Neill accompanied her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chinn arrived home the first of the week from Portland, Mrs. Chinn being well on the road to recovery from a major operation which she underwent recently in the city.

Jesse Goff, formerly of Lonerock and now with federal airways communications division, was a visitor in the city Friday. The family now resides at Pendleton and Mr. Goff is stationed at North Dalles, Wash.

Colleen Miller, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Miller, and Tommy Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes, both underwent tonsilectomies at the office of a local doctor this mornning.

Bernard McMurdo arrived home this morning from Portland where he had been since the close of the school year at Oregon State college. He was a freshman at O. S. C. last year.

See or write Victor G. Peterson, Field Salesman, Heppner, Oregon, for Federal Land Bank farms in Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Grant and Harney Counties. 16-17

Elmer Griffith, H. O. Ely and Bert Mason were among folks of the Ione and Morgan section in the city yesterday for funeral services for the late Jesse J. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Peterson left Tuesday for Spokane, where Mr. Peterson expected to attend a meeting of Federal Land bank employees.

Edmon Fulgham, 9, of Lexington broke his arm Sunday while cranking a car and the fracture was reduced at a local physician's office.

Phillip Smith, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith of Ione, underwent removal of tonsils and adenoids at a local physician's office this week.

E. H. Miller returned home the first of the week from Spokane where he attended the meeting of North Pacific Grain Growers.

I have four mares for sale or trade for cattle; price is right; weight from 1150 to 1400, broke single and double. W. H. French, Hardman. 14tf

Cecil Thorne was in the city Monday from the Morgan district, expressing pleasure over better crop prospects since the recent rains.

Alvin Casebeer, in the city this morning from the farm at the head of Stingle canyon, reported his wheat crop looking pretty fair.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton, will be at the HEPPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th.

Miss Colleen McMillan of Lexington underwent a tonsilectomy and removal of adenoids here the first of the week.

Victor Rietmann was up Monday from the farm in the Ione section, feeling pretty good over crop prospects in his section.

## JESSE J. WELLS PASSES

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Mr. Wells first assumed the office of county assessor January 1, 1911, and had served continuously since, his record of service calling forth the confidence of the voters as shown in his constant reelection. That the confidence was fully merited is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Wells caused to be established in his office a system of records that was copied in many other counties over the state. Basis for the system which Mr. Wells conceived was the indexing of property by description, rather than by alphabetical name of owner as had been the custom before he took office.

Probably no man in Morrow county was known to more people in the county than was Mr. Wells, as his work took him into homes and businesses in every part, and he became recognized as an authority on assessment practices, not only to local people but to authorities over the state.

Throughout his 62 years residence in the county Mr. Wells witnessed the growth of Heppner from a small pioneer town through its entire development, and had part in many outstanding events in the development. As a baby he experienced the Indian scares, and when in 1878 residents of Heppner thought it neces-

sary to build a fort to protect themselves, the fort was built on property of his father, and young Jesse was among the number taken into the fort's refuge while his father acted as second lieutenant of the protective forces, captained by Frank Maddock and with J. L. Morrow as first lieutenant.

Mr. Wells' father made his first trip to the county in 1858, as chronicled in a history compiled by W. S. Shiach, and returned on a freighting expedition in 1864. He told the chronicler that as he remembered it the population at that time consisted of John Jordan, at the forks of Willow and Rhea creeks; T. W. Ayers and William Ayers on Butter creek; A. J. Breeden on Willow creek about seven miles below the site of the present Heppner; Oscar Clark at the mouth of Clark's canyon, just below and on the opposite side of the creek from the present town of Lexington, and William Cecil at the point where Willow creek was crossed by the old emigrant road.

The original Wells home in Heppner was situated on Willow creek at the west end of the property now owned by Judge W. T. Campbell. The large black walnut tree along the west fence line of this property, where for many years youngsters of the community picked up the fallen nuts, was planted by Mr. Wells' mother. It was just a sprig when first set out and she protected it by placing a fruit jar over it.

Both Mr. Wells' parents, two brothers, George and Harry, a sister Pearl, Mrs. Robert Morgan, also her husband, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Wells, were all victims of the flood of June 14, 1903.

Surviving Mr. Wells are the widow and baby Betty, sons Thomas J., deputy assessor of this city, and Harry of Vancouver, Wash.; daughters, Mrs. Helen Nichols of Corvallis, and Miss Myra of Berkeley, Cal., and brothers Clyde of Pendleton, Richard of Heppner and Glenn Y. of Portland.

G. T. Want Ads bring results.

## THE STAR Reporter

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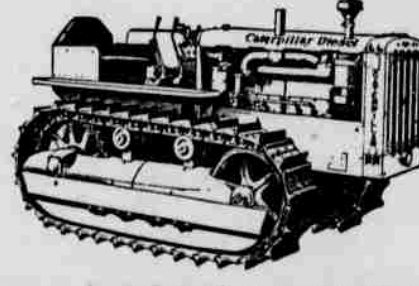
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