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Samuel E. Notson

A LIFE just ended was so close to us, so intermingled with the threads of community destiny, that no proper perspective appears from which to view it. If Heppner has ever had a number one citizen who carried her name with credit into places far and wide, his name was Samuel E. Notson.

A man whom we did not suspect of being a close friend of Mr. Notson's remarked on hearing news of his passing, "If Sam Notson had lived in a larger place he would surely have been governor of the state, and he would have been a good governor, too."

As he appears to have been predestined to a life of service to his fellow men, no more fitting tribute might be written than this: "He was his brother's keeper." Always his heart went out to those in distress, and though after it spelled financial loss to himself as a lawyer, he would first attempt arbitration of all disputes before using the courts as a final resort. So strong was his tendency in this direction, that as prosecutor he gained prominence among his fellows as well as fire from those who opposed his theory, when he staunchly advocated that the state is as duty bound to protect the rights of the accused as it is to convict the guilty, and that truly every man under the American system of government is to be considered innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Notson followed what appeared to be almost a heavenly command, as throughout his life he brought some enlightenment to every circle in which he moved. He was first and foremost the educator. His early training in the school room carried on through life, as county school superintendent, as district attorney, as lawyer, as civic leader, and as instructor of a Sunday school class, the latter, of all his activities, being probably his greatest pride and joy.

Never was Mr. Notson so busy that he wouldn't spare a few minutes to help a debating student in search of material, to assist with a community or church activity, or otherwise to extend a helping hand where it appeared to be needed at the time.

So enthusiastic was he about bringing good entertainment to the community that at one time he signed up for a lyceum course all by himself and almost single-handed put it across, even to putting on a presale of tickets all alone. It was on this program that Opie Reed, one of the leading literary lights of the country, was brought to Heppner. Almost every lyceum and chautauqua guarantee had Mr. Notson's name at the head of the list and there were few times when he did not have to dig to help make up deficits.

His name was on a subscription list

to help build a new hotel after the city had lost its old one by fire, even though it required signing a note at the bank for the amount.

Enumeration of the activities in Mr. Notson's life alone requires much space without attempt to enlarge upon his contributions to the fields of his endeavor. His work in the field of good roads alone would make a story of impressive length. He was Morrow county's lobbyist at Salem when the state highway system was first mapped, and to his efforts may largely be credited establishment of the Oregon-Washington highway through Heppner. Too, it was through him as spokesman on many occasions that Morrow county's road cases were presented to powers higher up.

Mr. Notson conceived the Columbia river as potentially a mighty transportation artery when he first came to Oregon. Riding along its banks on a train with his father, he was struck with the idea that some day it would play an important part in the development of a great new empire of the west. He never lost sight of that idea and when the first organized movement to obtain that goal was started Mr. Notson was among its numbers and he was active in every move since made to the same end.

Always the student, Mr. Notson was keenly interested in new developments in all fields of learning. He was exceedingly well versed in political science and American history and was fired with a patriotic fervor that many times led to sacrifice of self in the interests of better government. His health was poor when the World war came along, but he answered every demand upon his services as valiantly as any soldier at the front; and without so much recompense as "a dollar a year man," he used his voice, trained in elocution, to carry each successive message forcefully, thereby contributing largely to Morrow county's being to the forefront many times in raising of quotas.

Though of strong convictions in his religious and political opinions, Mr. Notson ever tempered conviction with the logic of the lawyer, and if there were those opposed to his views he always gained respect for them.

Any man's mortal life is but a fleeting moment in the space of time, and any man's greatness is measured by time alone. The fruits of man's labor live, however; and of the fruits of Mr. Notson's labor in Morrow county where he spent the most productive years of his life, let it be said, "They are good."

Local Folks Attend Notson Final Rites

Final rites for Samuel E. Notson, pioneer school man and lawyer, held at the Holman and Lutz chapel in Portland Tuesday morning, were largely attended by friends of this county and former residents now residing in the city. A beautiful tribute to his active career was given in the sermon by Rev. R. C. Young, pastor of the local Methodist church in which Mr. Notson was a leader throughout his residence here. Laurel Beach, son of Mrs. Elsie M. Beach of Lexington, a lifelong friend of the family, sang. Pallbearers at the Portland service were C. J. D. Bauman, Ray P. Kinne, A. E. Johnson, P. A. Anderson, J. O. Turner and F. W. Turner.

Among those in attendance from here were Mr. Bauman, Mr. Kinne, Mr. Johnson, J. O. Turner, F. W. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs, Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Alfred, Hanson Hughes, J. L. Gault, Tom Wells, Mrs. Neva Cochell, J. J. Nys and family, Fred Hoskins, Jack Milsom, John Barber. Former residents in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson, Mrs. Nellie Bissett, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Akers, Mrs. Lavelle White, Mrs. Al Emerson, Mrs. E. Palmer Hoyt, J. N. Hart. Commitment in Belcrest cemetery, Salem, followed the Portland service.

CALL FOR BIDS

Bids for transportation for school year 1937-38 from Dist. No. 9 to Ione will be received by the clerk of Dist. No. 9 up to August 25.

MRS. RUTH GORGER,
Clerk, Dist. No. 9,
Lexington, Ore.

Prize List Given for Grand Parade

- The grand parade the last day of Rodeo is scheduled to start at 11 o'clock in the morning, forming on Gale street north of the Methodist church. All entries are welcome, and prizes are announced as follows:
1. Grand sweepstake, \$25.
 2. Floats: 1st, \$30; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$10.
 3. Best costumed lady riding side saddle: 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$2.50.
 4. Best four horse team: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$5.
 5. Best costumed cowgirl: \$3.
 6. Best costumed cowboy: \$3.
 7. Best buggy team: \$2.50.
 8. Best costumed juvenile cowgirl (under 12 years of age): 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2.
 9. Best costumed juvenile cowboy (under 12 years of age): 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2.
 10. Best clown with animal and equipment: \$5.
 11. Oldest pioneer man, Morrow County: \$5.
 12. Oldest pioneer woman, Morrow County: \$5.
 13. Pets, most original: 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2.
 14. Best representation of historical character, juvenile under 15 years: 1st, \$2; 2nd, \$1.
 15. Ugliest pet, juvenile under 12 years: 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50.
 16. Most typical covered wagon: \$2.50.
 17. Best equipped saddle horse, men: 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$2.50.
 18. Best equipped saddle horse, women: 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$2.50.
 19. Best paraded calf: \$2.50.
 20. Best paraded bull, any breed: \$5.
 21. Best float entered in parade by juvenile (15 years or under): 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$5.
 22. Largest immediate family of Morrow county in parade: 1st, \$12.50; 2nd, \$7.50; 3rd, \$5.

Cash Contributions Make Parade Prizes

Harlan McCurdy, Rodeo parade director, has had his crew busy the last two days soliciting cash for prizes, meeting with ready response on most every hand. Contributions generally have not been large, and in some instances Mr. McCurdy believes not as large as might reasonably be expected, though a list of liberal prizes is provided. In the short time the committee has been at work so far it has not been possible to contact everyone, and anyone overlooked will be gladly mentioned in next week's paper. The list to date includes the following names:

Hughes & Hughes, Gazette Times, Heppner Market, Central Market, Heppner Bakery, Dave Hynd, Ferguson Motor Co., Shell Oil Co., Bill Hynd, J. O. Turner, Morrow County Abstract Co., Safeway Store, John Skuzeski, Standard Stations, Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., Heppner Service Station, E. R. Huston, J. O. Peterson, Green's Feed Store, E. G. Noble, Heppner Blacksmith and Machinery Co., Braden & Bell, Green's Hardware Store, Earl Gordon, Thomson Bros., Aiken & Aiken, Del Ward, Tom McMullen, R. C. Phelps, F. W. Turner, Key's Barber Shop, Morrow County, McAtee's, Gilliam & Bisbee, George Howard, B. R. Patterson, Gonty's, Heppner Laundry, Wightman Bros., Interior Warehouse, W. F. Barnett & Co., Beach Equipment Co., Ira Lewis, Elmer Hunt, Clair Dougherty, Morrow County Grain Growers, G. J. Ryan, W. W. Eubanks, Carl Allyn, Farmers Elevator Co. of Ione, Paul Balsiger, Jackson Implement Co., Gilanders & Burroughs of Pendleton, Frank Wilkinson, Harold Cohn, Victor G. Peterson, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, L. L. Matlock, Dave McAtee.

PRIZE FOR BEST PONY

Special prizes of \$10 and \$5 will be awarded for the first and second best saddle horses appearing in the Rodeo. Judging will be on Friday, the second day, at the afternoon show.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our gratitude to our many friends for their kindness following the loss of our home by fire, and to thank everyone for the many gifts which will aid us in re-establishing our home.

Beulah Nichols and Billie.

Experimental Fur Farm Being Started at OSC

Fur farming in Oregon and elsewhere is "coming of age" as a regular branch of the livestock industry, and is developing the usual opportunities, pitfalls, successes, failures and scientific problems of other agricultural enterprises. Convinced of this fact, the Oregon legislature included \$5000 for use by the OSC experiment station in establishing investigational work of direct service to the fur farming industry.

"Fur farming now represents a business of \$50,000,000 in the United States where upwards of 3000 fur farms are operated," says R. E. Dimick, head of the department of fish, game and fur animal management at Oregon State college. "Oregon has more than 300 fur farms, many of which are showing good financial returns while others are not. Fur farming in general, however, was about the only branch of the livestock industry to show profits during the depression.

With the new appropriation there is now being constructed an experimental fur farm on some waste land of the experiment station near the campus. About 50 animals, mostly foxes and mink, will be placed there about September 1. Problems of breeding, nutrition, disease, and marketing will be studied the same as has been the case with other branches of the livestock industry.

"Fur farming in Oregon possesses possibilities of further extension, particularly upon lands producing low crop yields," says Dimick. "Excellent furs are produced here that compare favorably with those coming from much colder areas. Those

contemplating entering the industry, however, must realize that under present conditions failures are many and successes are few.

"As a general rule, those who succeed in a commercial way are persons who own their own land and animals and who do most of their own work. Fur farming is a business of many details. Success comes from intelligent management and good business ability. The hired laborer who possesses these attributes is usually soon in business for himself."

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Motorists are hereby warned to lock their cars at night, and to remember their car license number. Pinball machines must be discontinued by September 1.

C. J. D. BAUMAN,
Sheriff.

BEEF FATTENING TRIALS MADE

Dallas—Fattening livestock on irrigated pasture may develop into one of the important farm enterprises in the Willamette valley, if trials conducted on various farms in Polk county are an indication, believes County Agent W. C. Leth. It is not unreasonable, he says, to expect a production of 1000 pounds of beef per acre from good, well-managed irrigated ladino pasture, which based on market prices for beef this season, would mean a return of from \$50 to \$90 an acre. Considering the fact that very little is involved in a beef production program, this would be considered a satisfactory income, he says.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo was confined at home by illness for several days this week.

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