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A BAD PENNY

There is an old saying that has been applied to the new publishers of the Gazette Times this week with more or less regularity until we are wondering if there might be a grain of truth in it—"a bad penny always returns". We have returned several times since first taking leave of here in 1916 but never to stay for long. Our coming usually was in response to an emergency involving a few weeks or a few months and then we returned home to take up former pursuits.

This time it is different. It might be said that we still are answering an emergency call, for printers are getting scarcer every day and the Gazette Times had difficulty the past month in keeping in circulation, but if we can give the people the kind of a paper they want and can count on the right amount of cooperation necessary to make that kind of a paper, we will be here for a long, long time.

A lot of water has run under the bridge, spilled over the dam or gone elsewhere since the writer as a youth set his first line of type at the old Heppner Times office on upper Main street in 1901. The modern composing machine, the linotype, was not thought of then as a possibility in the average country newspaper printery; the cylinder press was operated by hand, and the job press was a footpower set-up. Over at the Gazette office, which was two doors farther south, composition was by hand but a steam boiler furnished motive power for the presses as well as providing heat for the building. All this was abandoned in favor of a gasoline motor when the late Fred Warnock moved the Gazette office to May street where, in 1910 the plant passed into the hands of Vawter Crawford. In the meantime, the Times was partially modernized with the addition of gasoline motive power and the installation of a semi-modern composing machine, the Simplex. With the acquisition of the Times in 1912, and the consolidation of the two plants, the Gazette-Times was published in the Times building, where, in 1914, the first linotype installed in Morrow county was set up and the Gazette Times was on its way to becoming a modern, up-to-date printing establishment.

In 1919, after the plant had been moved to its present location, another step was made with the installation of a new modern book and news press, and a few years later the original linotype was supplanted by a late model, multiple magazine machine, placing the Gazette Times in the front rank with country newspapers of the state. Few shops in Oregon outrank this plant in equipment, particularly towns the size of Heppner, and it is with pardonable pride that we boast a little in taking

To Hold Meetings in Heppner



Willie White, state evangelist for the "99" men's movement in Oregon, will open a month's evangelistic services Sunday morning at the Church of Christ. Meetings will be held each night except Mondays from Oct. 4 to Nov. 1. Rev. White is no stranger to Heppner audiences, having conducted a three-night series here last spring. In addition to his evangelistic work, he conducted a series of boys' summer camps during the summer, one of them attended by a group of six Heppner boys.

over publication and operation of a business that has served this section for upwards of 60 years.

It will be the purpose of the new owners to carry on and make the Gazette-Times a worthy representative and faithful servant of the county. So long as that policy prevails we are sure that the good people of this solid community will show their appreciation by properly supporting the paper and patronizing the printery.

To our many friends we extend greetings, and to the many new people we extend a cordial invitation to come in and get acquainted.

THEY DESERVE CREDIT

A word in appreciation of the efforts of those who carried on at the Gazette Times office during the month of September seems appropriate. There is enough work, trials and tribulations for experienced newspaper people in the everyday processes of journalism and printing to make one old before his time, and for those not practiced in caring for a newspaper shop to have the entire responsibility thrust upon them like a bolt out of the blue is somewhat of a jolt.

To the everlasting credit of Cora and Lera (we're writing in family terms now) they had no intention of turning the key in the door. They didn't even fold their arms, wring their hands or sigh, but went to work. It likewise was a busy time for Jesse Turner, who, aside from rustling printers to keep the paper publishing, learned some of the inside tricks of putting a paper together. For that matter, the sympathetic understanding of most of the subscribers is worthy of mention, as well as others who helped carry on.



PINE CITY NEWS

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER
Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers spent Friday in The Dalles on a business trip.

Dorothy and Jean Wigglesworth of Echo spent the week-end with the Wattenburger children while their parents spent a few days in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wattenburger attended a dance in Lexington Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and daughter Patty were dinner guests at the E. B. Wattenburger home Sunday evening. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Abercrombie and family joined them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger sent Sunday and Monday in Pasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farley and Marie Beebe visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore and sons called Thursday evening at the E. B. Wattenburger home.

Pine City club ladies will meet Thursday for an all-day club meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch spent Saturday evening in Heppner.

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