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THE MILL WILL BE REBUILT—

When an event of such importance to a community as the burning of a sawmill occurs the question naturally arises, "Will the mill be rebuilt?" That is the first thought running through one's mind as soon as the shock and excitement of the fire are over. It is a justifiable thought, for no matter if the industry be large or small, it has an immeasurable influence upon the commercial life of the vicinity in which it is located.

In the case of the Heppner Lumber company plant, destroyed by fire early Friday morning, assurances have been given that a new mill will be in operation possibly within sixty days. Whether or not the plant will be enlarged, which has been rumored, depends upon the company's ability to find such a plant. Since starting operations in 1939 the plant has run smoothly and now has contracts which assure a steady run. That is the thing in which the company is deeply interested and which is of most importance to the community.

This is good news to the people of Heppner, a number of whom have enjoyed direct benefits from the mill in the form of employment, and to the entire community indirect benefits which would be sorely missed if the plant were to discontinue operations.

A DEPLORABLE CONDITION

It is characteristic of towns of the west (and maybe the east) to place cemeteries "high on a windy hill." Elevation of the homes for the dead is natural in a hilly region and here and there as one travels about the country it is a common sight to see an array of tombstones and markers atop a hill some distance from a neighboring town or community.

Not infrequently these burial grounds are reached by narrow, steep grades which are difficult to negotiate under favorable weather conditions and which are all but impassable in bad weather. Such a condition prevails at Heppner. More than once it has been necessary to abandon cars or carriages and trudge up through snow or mud to the cemetery. It is reported, and on good authority, that such a thing happened quite recently, that when the funeral procession got as far as the reservoir just above the old Catholic church, the funeral car was unable to go any further and the casket had to be carried from there to the burial spot.

These things will happen occasionally. It is a form of embarrassment but should not be permitted to re—that should not be imposed on sorrow-

tion those in charge of the services. ing relatives and friends, not to men-

If it is permissible, the Gazette Times would like to offer the suggestion that the city and the Masonic Cemetery association get together on the matter of improving the road to the Masonic cemetery. Not alone is it a matter of civic pride—it is a matter of necessity as well. The roadway should be widened, graded for proper drainage and given a gravel coating. Some expense would be involved, perhaps \$200 to \$300. That is a small item compared to the benefits to be enjoyed.

This should be a "must" item on the city's improvement calendar for the year 1943.

P. S.—Since the above was written, action has been taken to improve the cemetery road, but we think we had a good idea, nevertheless.

SUGAR TO SHOES

From sugar to shoes. That's the latest turn of affairs in the merry-go-round of government control. If you need shoes more than you need sugar, all you have to do is use your number 17 ticket in your ration book. Simple, isn't it? Well, if the shoe rationing turns out as well as sugar rationing no one will be required to go barefoot or even wear shoddy or slatternly footgear.

On the surface rationing of shoes appears unnecessary, but back of the order lies the old economic order of supply and demand on the one hand and the tendency of a considerable portion of the population to hoard any item considered in the light of a necessity. If permitted to go their way unhampered or uncontrolled these moneyed people, for they are the ones that are in the best position to hoard, will buy heavily for future emergencies, leaving little for those who have neither the tendency nor the means to hoard.

We Americans may think we are hard hit because our living habits are rapidly being fashioned to a universal government pattern, but we have had just a taste of what the near future holds in store for us. Rationing assures a more equal division of the necessities—such necessities as we are to be permitted to purchase—and in the long run will be the salvation of many families. Real inconvenience and suffering will come from denial of certain essentials which have been and will be withdrawn from the markets to put into direct use in the prosecution of the war. Up to the present there has been plenty for everybody—food, fuel, clothing, motor fuels, etc., and under proper supervision there will continue to be enough although perhaps not in plenty as we have viewed plenty in the past. There is evidence that the people as a whole are accepting the various measures outlined for our welfare in the spirit they were intended to be received and that there is no alarm over the future. Changes have been radical the future.

Our idea of a real optimist is the fellow who gets comfort out of the fact that a flat tire is flat only on the bottom

It's every man's business to know his business, and if he doesn't know his business he hasn't any business to be in business.

OBSERVE 45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT OCEANLAKE

A copy of the North Lincoln News, published at DeLake, recently reached the Gazette Times desk. It contains a story of the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warren which was observed on Dec. 27, 1942. Of most interest to residents of this vicinity is the account of the wedding of Warrens, an event of Dec. 27 1897, appearing in the Heppner Times the following Thursday. E. M. Shutt, editor, wrote the story in a style not commonly followed by newspapers these days, especially papers not metropolitan enough to boast of a society editor. Here it is:

The wedding of Miss Helen Myers and Harry E. Warren was solemnized in the Christian church last Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock, in the presence of probably 150 guests. The decorations of the sacred edifice were simple, but beautiful, evergreen and holly being used, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. C. R. Howard under a large bell of the same decorating material, the railing surrounding the altar also being trimmed in the same manner. The ushers were Messrs. Geo. W. Wells and R. F. Hynd.

Promptly at 6:30 as the organ tones of the bridal march were heard, the wedding party entered the south door of the church, led by two little girls, Fay and Elise Bartholomew, who opened the gates to the altar, being followed by Rev. Howard, Oscar and Winnie Myers, (brother and sister of the bride), Geo. Wells and Jennie Noble, R. F. Hynd and Lillie Bissbee, M. L. Akers and Addie Jackson. Next after these came the bride and groom, the bride being dressed in cream satin with orange blossoms and the groom in conventional black. Two of the

bridesmaids were dressed in pink satin and two in white satin. When all had arrived at their various positions, Rev. Howard joined the hearts of these two young people in a most solemn manner, after which the wedding party marched out to the apartment of the C. E. where they received the hearty congratulations of all their guests. This concluded the exercises and all the relatives of both families with the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Myers, where a delicious repast was partaken of the residence being also artistically and beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren left on Tuesday evening's train for a brief wedding tour to Portland and the cities of the Sound.

Mr. Warren is the popular and well-known proprietor of the drug store bearing his name and his bride is one of Heppner's fairest and most accomplished daughters. They are both exemplary young people, and their numerous friends join the Times in wishing them unbounded happiness and prosperity throughout the walk of life.

Then followed a list of wedding gifts and their donors.

MAY CLOSE STORE

Gilbert Dickson, proprietor of Dickson's Variety store, stated Tuesday before leaving for Pomeroy, Wash., where he operates a similar store, that it may be necessary to close the Heppner branch if he is unable to dispose of it shortly. Mr. Dickson is expecting a call to military service in the near future and Mrs. Dickson will continue operation of the Pomeroy store. An effort is being made to sell the Heppner store but labor shortage is causing prospective buyers to hesitate.

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