

Early Day Editor Was Colorful Character, Writes Texas "Print"

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I stayed with Heppner newspapers to see interior towns develop, cutting off of Heppners' trade territory by new railroads and changing of stage lines. I witnessed the passing of the colorful trail drivers, who came to Heppner each spring and with the melting of the snows headed east behind great bands of sheep to eat their way to Wyoming, Montana and Kansas pastures, and ultimately into the Chicago and Omaha packing houses. Many wonderful stories of those days lie dormant today, perhaps never to be written, which are as much the saga of the northwest as are the lives of the missionaries who pushed into the wilderness to press the white man's civilization upon a roving, happy people, then as free as the wild life upon which they survived.

John W. (Watermelon) Reddington sold the Gazette to the Pattersons. Reddington, a colorful soldier of fortune and an Indian fighter of considerable note, passed his last days in the Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle, Calif. Heppner Blackman and I helped place him (our old boss) in the earth from which he came. There is much to be written about John W. Reddington. He was a wonderful American. He was fearless and honest. He loved the pioneers of Heppner, even to Cut Mouth Joe, the Indian, and he never quit talking about them.

Reddington came back to Heppner in later years to acquire the Gazette. I became his foreman. Hep Blackman came in to learn the trade; however, Hep had spent some little time with me at Ione where I published, edited, printed and deviled the Post. Vawter sat me up in business when I attained the ripe age of 16. He sold the Post after a year's venturing his dollars and good reputation and I went to work for Reddington.

Later I went over to the Times with E. M. Shutt. John Reddington delighted in taking verbal shots at his competitor on the "lower side of Stewart's livery stable." Shutt was vain and Reddington jabbed him about "strutting." Finally, the goading drove Shutt to desperation. He laid in wait for Reddington, a much older man, and beat him up. Shutt felt his honor had been vindicated and Reddington didn't give a damn, so everything was peaceful. Reddington sold the paper to Warnock & Michel and soon I was back on the Gazette.

In the years of service on the Gazette I worked with Jack Mills, as fast a printer as I have contacted to this day, and God knows I have contacted many of them; Sammy Teed, a queer little hunchback who loved his liquor far too well, and several tramps who dropped in for a square meal or two and a jag. But Vawter, Jack and I held the fort several years on the old Gazette. We saw it prosper and we saw it sink to unprofitable levels.

There is nothing I would like better than to dig back into the files of the Gazette, if such there are, and retell those wonderful stories of the gay nineties. There are a lot of us old boys sticking around who were youngsters in those days—youngsters who were rough and ready, but gentlemen toward their women folk, and who packed a lot of fun into a one-seated buggy almost any night when the weather permitted.

Back at the turn of the century Heppner was a gay little city. It was a substantial metropolis. Its newspapers were virile and its people ready for almost any sort of a lark. Don't get me started—

Scout Fund Team Named at Dinner

Final arrangements for the educational finance campaign for the Boy Scouts of America were made at a "kick-off" dinner Thursday evening at the Lucas Place.

As explained by Clifford J. Hanson, assistant scout executive of Blue Mountain council, there is no set financial quota or goal to be reached by the Boy Scout drive. The funds are necessary to maintain Scout work in this and all other communities having troupes, and it is important that the people of the community have an opportunity to learn of the benefits to our youth coming from this great organization.

J. O. Turner was named chairman of the local drive and a committee of 16 men was chosen to contact a list of people prepared in advance of the meeting.

Sunrise Service, Cantata Scheduled

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choral communion at 11 a. m. Sunday.

At St. Patrick's Catholic church high mass will be observed at 10 a. m. Sunday with the combined Ione and Heppner choirs joining in the singing.

J. Fred Stilwell, pastor of the Cooperative Church of Ione, announces special services, including an Easter program in the Sunday school and an appropriate Easter sermon at 11 o'clock, with special music by the choir.

HORSE TOSSES HEAD BREAKS RIDER'S NOSE

Mrs. Vivian Kane suffered a badly fractured nose when a horse she was riding Sunday reared up, striking her in the face with the back of its head. Consequently, her face is terribly sore and is taped and bandaged.

Mrs. Kane is a good horsewoman but the unexpected action of the horse caught her off guard.

RETURN TO WORK

County Treasurer L. W. Briggs and Deputy Sheriff Neva Wells were back in their respective offices at the court house Monday morning after enforced vacations due to sieges with influenza.

VISITS THE DALLES

Miss Effie Adrews, manager of the Heppner office of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, enjoyed a short vacation the past week which she spent visiting relatives and friends in The Dalles.

Farm War News

BETTER RETURNS FOR WAR CROPS

Higher support prices, which replace incentive payments for three crops, have been announced as follows: Dry edible peas, \$5.65 for No. 1's, \$5.40 for No. 2's; dry beans, \$6.50 for most varieties, except limas and kidneys, which will bring \$7.50 per hundred; flaxseed, \$2.85 per bushel. Incentive payments will be made on potatoes and commercial vegetables on the acreage between 90 and 110 per cent of the farm's goal. Payment rates for vegetables is \$50 an acre; for potatoes, 50 cents a bushel on the normal yield.

CRAWLER TRACTOR REPAIRS

Manufacturers of crawler tractor parts have been directed to allocate 20 per cent of their production for essential civilian use, including agriculture. This should relieve the shortage caused by heavy military demands, but because of the large back-log of orders for parts, the effect of this regulation may not be felt for a month or so.

WHEAT LOAN DEADLINE

All warehouse-stored wheat loans expire on April 30. If wheat is not delivered or loan redeemed before that date, farm storage loans will run another 12 months.

TIRES FOR TRACTORS

Owners of steel-wheeled tractors may convert to rubber if they can show that the tractor must be mov-

ed over the road between farms, or that the tractor was purchased after May 1, 1942, and its use is seriously handicapped by the soil or topography on the farm on which it is operated. Tire certifications will be issued by OPA rationing boards to owners certified by the County OPA war board.

Final Figures on Red Cross Released

With all returns in, results of the recent Red Cross war fund campaign show that Morrow county citizens subscribed a total of \$3410.37. This figure and district totals were submitted the first of the week by Bennie Howe, county chairman.

According to Mr. Howe's tabulations, district subscriptions were as follows: Boardman, \$83.50; Cecil \$90.50; Hardman \$87.25; Ione, \$954.30; Morgan \$85; Irrigon \$147.16; Lena and Pine City \$97.50; Eight Mile and Gooseberry \$316.50; Lexington \$505.49; Heppner \$977.16; miscellaneous donations \$66, making a total of \$3410.37. Morrow county's quota, \$2100; oversubscribed \$1310.37.

A WORD OF THANKS

Speaking in behalf of my committees and for myself, I wish to thank the people of Morrow county for their generous contributions to the American Red Cross war fund and I wish to commend the committee workers for their untiring efforts in making the campaign so completely successful.

Bennie Howe,
County Chairman.

CLUB MEETS MONDAY

Mrs. D. M. Ward will be hostess to the Past Matron's club at her home Monday evening. The meeting opens at 8 o'clock.

STAR Reporter

Friday-Saturday, April 23-24

Walt Disney's
Bambi

The life and loves of a tiny fawn that lived in the great forest... a "must see" and a real treat for old and young alike, in Technicolor.

—plus—
OUTLAWS OF PINE RIDGE

Western story with Don Barry and Lynn Merrick.

Sunday-Monday, April 25-26

The Hard Way

Ida Lupino, Dennis Morgan, Joan Leslie, Jack Carson, Gladys George
Fine dramatic entertainment for everyone.

Tuesday, April 27

Johnny Doughboy

Jane Withers, Baby Sandy, Bobby Breen, "Alfalfa" Switzer, Butch and Buddy, Henry Wilcoxon, Spanky McFarlan
The junior victory caravan goes to town for the army, featuring the youngster stars of yesterday.

Wednesday-Thursday, April 28-29

Seven Days Leave

Victor Mature, Lucille Ball, The Great Gildersleeve, Freddy Martin and his Orchestra, Ginny Simms, Les Brown and his Orchestra, The Court of Missing Heirs and Truth or Consequences

A happy blitz of laughs and romance!
(Any mother with a son in the U. S. Army—Air Corps excepted—will be admitted free to see this feature upon presentation at the theater boxoffice of a snapshot of her son in uniform).

RECOVERING FROM FLU

Nels Justus is able to be on the street again after a severe tussle with the flu.



Change in Train Time

Effective Sunday, April 25

The Spokane

for Spokane and the East,
Walla Walla, Yakima, Lewiston, Colfax, Pullman, Moscow

Will Leave Arlington

11:43 P.M. DAILY

Instead of 12:28 a.m.

Arriving Spokane 6:40 A.M.

(Instead of 7:00 a. m.)

For further information or reservations, inquire

F. C. Tolleson

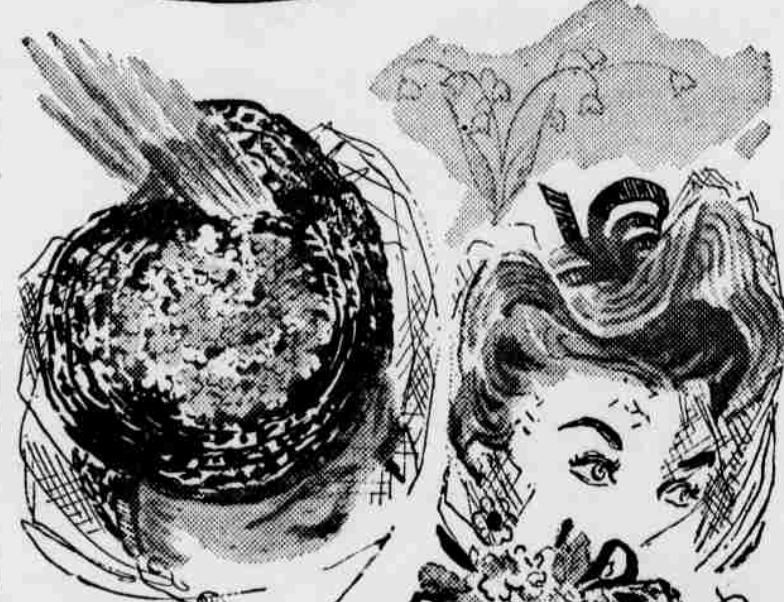
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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

The Strategic Middle Route

Easter at Penney's

THIS YEAR IT'S SMART IF IT'S USEFUL



HERE'S YOUR EASTER HAT!

1.98

Gaily Flowered or Smartly Tailored

A new hat makes your Easter wardrobe! In Penney's brilliant collection see the lovely new sailors—all crisp and shining... the tiny calots and pompadour styles... berets and off-face types. Everyone a beauty—they'll set off your new coat or suit and make life brighter the minute you make your choice. Some are a mass of flowers, others are trimmed with feathers, ribbons or ruching. Grand choice of colors, too!



GIRLS' HATS 1.49

Big wide-eyed boinets, jaunty sailors and soft breton rollers. Straws, felts with all the ribbons and flowers little girls love!

AN EASTER HAT

For you, too, Sir!

Genuine Fur Felt! **2.98**

Shown is the new bound edge Medallion—one of the top styles by Marathon! All of spring's newest and BEST details are represented in this fine group!

