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W. H. "Uncle Bill" Aldrich, recently of Salem has been in Heppner this week seeking a building in which to set up a furniture repair business. A carpenter for a long number of years, Mr. Aldrich has reached that time of life when he must abandon climbing ladders and running

around over buildings and he now seeks to employ his skill in restoring furniture to use. He has been a resident of Salem the past 20 years but has done a good bit of carpenter work in Morrow county, mentioning that he rebuilt the Ernest Heliker and Foster Odum houses a number of years ago.

Weather Provides Conversation In Monument District

By Millie Wilson

The main topic of conversation around Monument these days is cold weather and frozen water pipes.

Last week two loads of heavy machinery arrived in Monument for the new sawmill, which the Broadfoot brothers are building. In spite of storms and cold weather a lot has been accomplished. The roof is on and part of the heavy machinery is installed.

The dance sponsored by the American Legion and the ladies auxiliary last week was a huge success and attended by one of the largest crowds ever assembled in Monument. It was a Gay Nineties affair and a great many were in costume. First and second prizes were given for the best man and woman representing the Gay Nineties. These were won by Mead Gilman and Mrs. Morton Cupper, first, and Howard Swick and Mrs. Chance Wilson, second.

There was a prize for the best couple, which went to Bertine Leathers and Ab Gates. Little five-year-old Lulu Fay Stirwalt

was chosen as the best dressed child and L. D. Vinson had the best whiskers. Mt. Vernon's orchestra furnished the old-time music and the Girl Scouts served the supper. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening.

Emory Moore made a business trip to Heppner on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Musgrave from Mt. Vernon were in town Tuesday. Mrs. Rho Bleakman, home. Mrs. Bleakman spent last week visiting her parents.

The H.E.C. club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mattie Stubblefield. There were ten present. The afternoon was spent working on a quilt which will be raffled off the night the refreshments were served by the hostess, Mattie Stubblefield, assisted by Cora Stubblefield. A short business meeting was held. It was decided to have a committee meet with the school board members on February 5 and discuss the feasibility of serving dance suppers in the school auditorium.

On account of drifting snow, Dewey Tanler, the stage driver from Long Creek, was forced to turn back on Thursday and take the mail by Mt. Vernon and Dayville to Kimberly then up the river to Monument and on to Hamilton where he expected to spend the night.

Al Pippin from Heppner was in town last Sunday. He visited the Emory Moore home while here.

Chet Brown, our local fire warden, and George Stirrit made a trip to the Roy Trout ranch north of Long Creek on Tuesday. They report about three feet of snow in that part of the country.

Wayne Leathers drove Charles Roach Sr. to the hospital at Prairie City last Sunday. Mr. Roach was suffering from virus pneumonia. He returned home last Thursday, but must stay in bed for several weeks.

Claud Crouch, Mrs. Crouch and Ruth Van were in Monument Monday. Mr. Crouch loaded some steers at the Lewis Batty ranch. Those with trucks to haul the cattle were Buddy Batty, Clinton Batty, Harold Cork and Morgans Truck line. The cattle were going to The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leathers took Mr. and Mrs. Dell Neal to their ranch at Top last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Neal will stay at the ranch and take care of the chores while Mr. and Mrs. Leathers are at John Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Cribbins, Mrs. Flo Gilman and Mrs. Ethel Schafer went to Pendleton on Monday. They went by way of Heppner and returned by Long Creek. While in Pendleton Mrs. Schafer consulted a doctor.

The M.M.M. club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Grace Stirrit and Lola Shank. There were 24 present with Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Rounds, Daisy Simas and Mrs. Harris as visitors. The president, Mrs. Lois Hill, and the secretary, Mrs. Louisa Fleming, were both absent. Also the vice president, Mrs. May de Ette Hinton, was late, so Millie Wilson acted as president and Mrs. Martha Matteson as secretary. Most of the time was spent in discussing a play which the ladies expect to put on this spring. A committee was appointed to review the play and have it ready for the next meeting, which will be held in the church February 17. A guessing game was played. Ruth Swick won first prize. Ella Durst won second. The door prize went to May de Ette Hinton. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, salad and coffee were served by the hostesses, Grace Stirrit and Lola Shanks.

George and Harry Capon and Harold Cork were in John Day Thursday on business.

Ike Shank from Mt. Vernon is visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Stubblefield.

Roy Farrar left Sunday for The Dalles with a load of stock for Harold Cork.

Jack Forrest and Wilbur Flowers made a business trip to Burns last Saturday.

Between six and eight inches of new snow was reported on the mountain last Sunday morning. Emory Moore, director for the Monument community REA, attended a power meeting at Long Creek last Monday. Fred Jackson, field representative of the REA, is in Washington, D. C., to meet with congress. Monument community has subscribed \$100 to help with his expenses.

The Big Four Lumber company have their new sawmill at Monument almost completed. The cold weather is going to hold up operations somewhat, as the ground is frozen so deep the cat's can't be used to finish the millpond. Logging operations will start soon, then Monument will, indeed, be a busy place.

Word was received from Katy Hinton at Hamilton that Kenny Holmes' car was stuck in a snow drift near the old sheep sheds. The road from Hamilton to the top of the hill is all drifted full

A thinking driver doesn't drink; a drinking driver doesn't think.

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French Reviews the Legislature

By Giles L. French

Along about this time in every legislative session the weaknesses of the state's budgetary system become apparent. It is more so this time. The board of control has not been very positive in its handling of administrative agencies. Many of them have run deficits and the ways and means committee has been forced to pass several deficiency appropriations because the money was already spent.

In theory administrative heads must get approval of the budget director before over spending of their budgets. When this is permitted over the head of the budget director there isn't much left of the budget.

Perhaps some other agency will be created with real authority to control spending so it can be kept within the budget passed by the legislature. Appointive officers are in a weak position and subjected to many pressures.

One can learn but a limited amount from reading about a legislature in the papers. Often the men whose names are most often used have the least influence. Certainly the more radical ideas make the most headlines, which is probably natural.

It is true that men have been headlined almost daily and still have been unsuccessful in passing a single bill. It may be politically wise if re-election is all that is desired. But if voters expect their representatives to really get something done such showmanship is not the first requisite.

Nearly every county has presented a salary bill for its officers which means that there is little faith in the passage of the biennial salary bill now reposing in the senate committee named to consider such things.

At this writing there seems little chance for passage of the bill to raise the basic school bill from \$50 per census child to \$95 per census child. The school men make a good case and there is undoubtedly some need but there just isn't \$16,000,000 laying around. It is proposed to make a levy over the six percent for a two year period for capital investments which would permit construction of school houses in districts where the present ones are too small. It would be a loan over the present bonding limit, not a gift as the department requests.

The writer was in error when he said that the wheat league had endorsed the business tax. Paulsen Kaseberg has already pointed out the error. The Sherman county group has approved and the league is studying the matter. It is entirely academic because the bill will not pass at this session anyway but inaccuracy is hereby noted.

Perhaps the main argument for the new tax is the inequities of the one it is planned to replace. The personal property tax is our

poorest tax, the hardest to collect and the least fair. Efforts to correct have been and are being made but the job has not progressed very far.

Diversion of funds has been the main subject of discussion the past week and interest in it is growing. Whether property owners will get interested in the matter until it is too late cannot be foretold. Usually they fail to do so.

Diversion would make the property owner in line for payment of most of the tax increase the state may need in coming years. If there were no diversion the voters could control taxes better.

If there must be tax increases (and perhaps there should be) all segments of the people should bear a part of them, not just property.

Stockmen are having a time over the brand law and it seems to be a question impossible to solve in a state as large as Oregon. Yet, a new law must be passed. The last one was approved by the stockmen's association and then everybody jumped on it, stockmen and shippers alike. The rates were not enough to pay for enforcement and the general fund picked up the check. Now they are at it again with no more promise of agreement.

Klamath stockmen drive stock to California for summer pasture and have to pay on them both ways and they don't like it. Trucker don't like to be stopped. It's hard to get good inspection of stock and if cattle are hauled many miles before inspection that performance doesn't amount to much. It seems as hard to prove the ownership of a cow as it was in the good old days of brand changing. And steaming a steer is grand larceny now—or was until the price drop.

Be as good a driver as you think you are. Watch your step—on the pavement and on the gas.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Duke Gets His Tractor

Duke Thomas bought a farm with the money he'd saved in the Service, but he couldn't get a tractor. He needed it badly, but was tenth on the local dealer's list.

"Tell you what," old man Peter says. "If those nine fellows ahead of you agree, you'll get the next one I get in." "No, thanks," says Duke. "I'll just take my turn."

But old Peter mails out nine postcards. And the other day he tells Duke his tractor will be in next week. "I simply wrote the facts to the fellows ahead of you. They decided it."

From where I sit, it's that spirit understanding that helps make our democracy so great. Understanding for the other fellow's problems and respect for the other fellow's rights—whether it's his right to earn a living, his right to cast his vote against your candidate, or even his right to enjoy a moderate, friendly glass of beer or ale—if and when he chooses. Let's always keep it that way!

Joe Marsh

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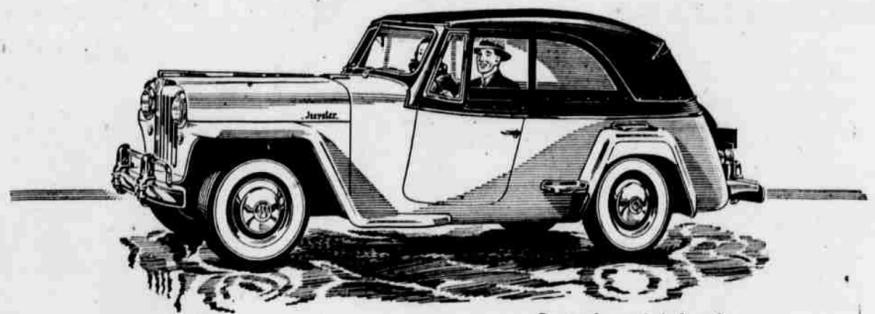
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