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## DEATH H. M. STRAW OCCURS SUNDAY

PROMINENT IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS MANY YEARS

Resident of West End of County For 22 Years. Funeral Held Tuesday at Family Home.

The sudden death of Harry M. Straw Sunday morning was a shock to the community of which he was a pioneer resident and a prominent citizen. The cause of his death was angina pectoris, from which disease he had suffered for several years. Sunday morning on arising he complained of being cold and of a slow pulse, and after a time, came into town to consult his physician. Dr. Sears being out at the time, Mr. Straw started for his car to return home, but on reaching the gate of the Sears home, evidently suffered an attack and sat down by the gate to wait for it to pass away. A few minutes later Mrs. Sears heard a call and on going to the door saw Mr. Straw clinging to the gate post and sinking to the ground. She immediately called the neighbors but before help could be secured, he had died.

Mr. Straw's quiet, friendly personality won for him friends all over the project, and he had always been one of the first to offer his services in any time of need, wherever he thought he could be useful in the life of the community.

Harry Meyers Straw was 47 years of age, being born May 13, 1881, the son of Dr. Daniel and Florence Straw, Wells, Minn. After completing school he was employed by the Lamb Lumber Co. at Wells, and had continued in the lumber business up to the time of his death, coming to Oregon in 1904 for the Wind River Lumber Co. at Cascade Locks. He was transferred from there to Ione and from Ione to Echo, and became associated with Dr. M. S. Kern in 1906, starting the first lumber yard at Hermiston as manager, in which capacity he remained up to the time of his death.

In December, 1907, he was married to Pearl A. Barmore of Echo, at Spokane. When the first unit of the Umatilla Project was open to homesteaders, Mr. Straw was one of the first entrants to file and took up 20 acres east of Hermiston. He has always been prominent in all affairs of the city, being elected to the city council on December 4, 1907, soon after the incorporation of the town. He was the second city recorder, taking office in June, 1908, and has served almost continuously as a member of the city council for 15 years. He was president of the Hermiston Commercial club from 1924 to 1925. A member of the school board, having been elected in June, 1926, he would have become chairman of the board this year. He was active in Masonic affairs and a charter member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at the family residence, by the Masonic lodge and Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle of the Episcopal church, Mr. Straw having been a life long member of that denomination. Interment was made at Vancouver, Wash., Tuesday evening with the Episcopal commitment services. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kellogg accompanied the family to Vancouver and a number of friends from Portland attended the services at the graveside.

Mr. Straw is survived by his widow Pearl Straw, and two daughters,

## HERBERT HOOVER



Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, who received the unanimous vote of the republican national convention as candidate for president of the United States.

## FRIENDSHIP FLIERS SAFE IN BRITAIN

Burryport, Wales.—The trans-Atlantic monoplane Friendship, with Miss Amelia Earhart, first woman to make a trans-ocean flight, as co-pilot, landed safely in Burry inlet, Bristol channel, Monday, after a flight of 2000 miles from Trepassy Bay, N. F., in 20 hours, 54 minutes.

Shortage of gasoline caused the Friendship's landing 135 miles from Southampton, its destination.

When members of the press went out in a fishing boat to greet the Friendship, Miss Earhart appeared at the door of the fuselage, smiling, but with her eyes and face showing signs of great fatigue after the strain of her flight. She wore a leather coat and had a bright colored bandana around her head.

"We are glad to get it over," she said. "We are tired, cold and hungry."

"During most of the flight we could not establish any radio communication at all."

"We never expected to land here," Miss Earhart continued. "We did not know where we were for a long time this morning until we sighted a ship (the America)."

Elizabeth, a student at O. A. C., and Dorothy, a junior in the high school. A brother, F. W. Straw, of Lewiston, Idaho and two sisters, Mrs. B. E. Jones of Bismark, N. D., and Mrs. Constance Oseth, of Fort Snelling, Minn., also survive him. F. D. Watson of Ashland, Ore., and Gideon Straw of Maine are uncles, and Mrs. John Intlekofer, of Vancouver, is a cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barmore and son William arrived Wednesday from Keys, California. Mr. and Mrs. Barmore are the father and mother of Mrs. H. M. Straw.

Orville Hines of Boardman is the new barber at Bert Mullins.

## DO CHICKENS PAY? MRS. GENN SAYS, YES

ACRES OF FINE BLUEGRASS MAKE IDEAL RANGE

Laying Flock Now Numbers 400 and Will Be Increased to 1000 By This Fall.

"Do chickens pay? Oh, absolutely," said Mrs. George Genn one day this week when she stopped feeding her white Leghorns long enough to be interviewed, and the future program planned by the Genns on their place west of town proves their satisfaction with the line of work they have taken up. Acres of fine blue grass make ideal range ground for the chickens, the young ones being quartered in range houses and the layers in two fine houses near the home. One of the laying houses is of the O. A. C. type and the other is built after plans issued by the agricultural college at Pullman, Wash. The Washington type of house has proved most satisfactory at the Genn place, and the third and largest house, which will be built this summer, will follow this plan. Both houses now in use have straw lofts are equipped with ventilators and are light and airy. The laying flock up to now has numbered 400, but Mrs. Genn expects to go into the winter with 1000 laying hens. Young cockerels are finding a ready market and the flocks will be thoroughly culled.

Last fall Mrs. Genn had a few turkeys, eight to be exact, and sold them for a little over \$48.00. This return induced her to go into the raising of turkeys a little heavier this season and 100 poults range the blue grass yards this summer.

Speaking of feeds for poultry, Mrs. Genn laid stress on the value of milk in the ration and a visit to the barn found Mr. Genn busy in getting this necessary article of diet for the chickens. Six fine Jerseys were in the stanchions of the barn, which has a concrete floor and gutters. The barn has been built to accommodate 10 head of cows and the Genns will build up their herd to fit the barn. They need the milk for the poultry and a good cream check is always a nice thing about a farm.

"It's all work and it's all hard work," say Mr. and Mrs. Genn, "but it's worth it."

## ALFRED SKOVBO EXHIBITS LARGE COBBLER POTATO

An Irish Cobbler potato weighing 15 1-2 ounces was brought in last week by Alfred Skovbo. He has a nice patch on the north edge of the project. So uniform are his potatoes that he only had 8 pounds of culls in 115 sacks.

He has popcorn five feet high.

## Hay Sales Reported Slow

Owing to the fine condition of pasture in the western part of the state there is very little hay moving from this vicinity. The price is running around \$8 in the stack and only a limited amount of hay being bought.

In the district between Boardman and Echo there are only about 10 cars per week going out. This is very low for this time of year but will undoubtedly pick up as the summer advances.

George Bessie who lives in Longview, Washington, will take care of the Bessie ranch north of town this summer.

## LOCAL MEN PURCHASE YOUNG BROS. FUEL YARD AT LA GRANDE

Tim Gaither and Jack Waller, both pioneers of the project, closed a deal with Young Brothers of La Grande for their fuel yard. They are to take possession July 1 and will operate under the name of Gaither & Waller. Mr. and Mrs. Gaither came to the project in March, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Waller came June 1, 1909. Both families have made many friends they regret to leave and all join in wishing them success in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaither and daughter Anna will leave soon, while the Wallers will remain until Dr. Kern returns and definite plans are made at the Inland Empire Lumber Co.

## UMATILLA DEFEATS ARLINGTON IN LAST LEAGUE GAME

The last game of ball scheduled in the Wheatland league was played at the Hermiston ball park Sunday afternoon between Umatilla and Arlington. The final score was 3 to 0 in favor of Umatilla.

## LOCAL BOY SCOUTS ARE IN NEED OF SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Boy Scouts of Hermiston are doing fine work and from that group of boys will come the highest type of our future citizen.

They are in need of financial help to carry on the work in a worth while way. The committee in charge of the local work at a recent meeting, going into the needs of the work for the boys, find we need \$125.00 for the work from February 1, 1928 to February 1, 1929. Seventy-five dollars for the council and \$50.00 for the local troop, \$12 of which is for debts the local troop is responsible for, \$38 to care for the plan for new work for the boys.

The committee hopes that every man will feel the need of helping these boys carry on this fine work they are doing.

Begin with a dollar's worth of boy problem and end in big community betterment in superfine American manhood.

In behalf of the committee. A. J. Ware, Publicity Committee.

## It's A Hard Life, Brother!

Life is one thing after another out in the little corner of the project occupied by the Experiment station and on the farms of R. C. Todd and F. L. Metz. Every few days the cry of "grass fire!" goes up after the passing of a freight train and the entire neighborhood turns out with shovels and wet sacks to fight the flames and later count the damage, lost time and accumulation of dry heat in shootouts. Alternating with this summer pastime is the game of "dodging the boulders," which is played by the residents of these three farms and the blasting crew of the state highway department, the residents being "it." The gravel pit being blasted out to provide gravel for highway work being done through Hermiston is just over the ridge west of the three places, and for some weeks now rocks falling about the farms have endangered life and limb and wrecked sleep and dispositions. Some rocks falling beneath bedroom windows around the small hours of the night, when the heaviest blasting has been done, have weighed over ten pounds.

All that the Todds, the Deans and Mr. Metz can do is hope for the best and wait for the termination of this twenty-four-hour "reign of terror."

## SEN. CHARLES CURTIS



United States Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, who was chosen as the republican candidate for vice-president at the recent national convention.

## NEW CHINA WOULD REVISE TREATIES

Washington, D. C.—Basing his request on a statement made by Secretary Kellogg in February, 1927, that the United States would negotiate new treaties with any responsible government of China, Dr. C. C. Wu, representing the newly established Nanking nationalist government, has asked the state department for immediate revision of the Chinese treaties.

Secretary Kellogg, Dr. Wu said, has taken the subject under advisement. Dr. Wu said that as the delegated representative of the new Chinese government he would insist on China having new treaties that would allow her to manage her own finances, her own postoffice system, and tending to abolish extra-territoriality, the most disliked and highly controversial portion of the present treaties.

In the meantime, Dr. Wu said, the new government would take immediate steps to move the capital of China from Peking to Nanking. This, he added, was in line with the policy of the nationalists announced many months ago.

## WOULD CUT AUTO FEE

50 Per Cent Reduction in Oregon License Cost Urged.

Salem, Or.—Completed initiative petitions providing for an increase of the state gasoline tax from 3 to 5 cents a gallon and a reduction of approximately 50 per cent in motor vehicle license fees were filed in the state department here by Joe E. Dunn of Portland.

Under the provisions of the initiative measure providing for lower motor vehicle license fees the cut would be approximately 50 per cent on all vehicles with the exception of heavy trucks and busses. For the operation of solid-tire trucks the present license fee would be increased 25 per cent.

Tuberculosis Association in Portland. Portland, Or.—Delegates from all parts of the United States arrived in Portland Monday and Tuesday to attend the 24th annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis association.

Mrs. Melissa Livermore is home after spending several months in Pendleton.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESS

88 ARE ENROLLED AND CORPS OF 11 TEACHERS

Eighty-eight Enrolled With Corps of Eleven Teachers

Friday marked the close of the vacation Bible school. Those in charge feel it has been a success. There were 88 enrolled and 11 teachers.

During the two weeks intensive study more was accomplished than in 8 months regular Sunday school sessions.

Following is the list of those neither absent nor tardy:

- Betty Payne, Glenn Warner, Kenneth Benschel, Grace Benschel, Donald Pankow, Ann Ray Martin, Eunice Woughter, Howard Cherry, Cecil Warner, Hugo Pankow, George Pankow, Louise Benschel, Vivian Dyer, Lois Hamrick, Mary Hamrick, Jean Cherry Ruth Dodd, Mildred Phelps, Pauline McGill, Frank Benschel, Albert Skovbo, Randall Smith, Geraldine Mullins, Zelma Sale, Ivy Parsons, Vina Rae McCulley, Mildred Cherry, Roberta Mullins, Edna Turblad, Jun Dahlman, Mary Skovbo, Anna Hendricksen Robert Benschel, Lester Flannigan, Alan McNaught, Jackie McGill, Eddie Parsons.

Sunday evening a program was presented at the Baptist church by all the children enrolled.

- Opening Song ..... Primary Prayer ..... Primary Song, "Jesus Loves Me" ..... Primary Scripture, Luke 11:8-15. Hymn ..... Congregation Prayer ..... Rev. Simpson Hamrick Dramatization ..... "Baby Moses" Dramatization ..... "Ten Virgins" Song ..... "Be a Hero" Dramatization ..... "Defense of Paul" Hymn ..... Congregation Dramatization ..... "Story of Ruth" Offering ..... Congregation Story and Tableau ..... "Infant Samuel" Presentation of Certificates. Song, American the Beautiful School Benediction ..... Rev. A. J. Ware

## MISS JESSIE McCOMB SPEAKS AT MEETING OF AUXILIARY

Miss Jessie McComb, home demonstration leader of Corvallis, met with the Auxiliary of the Farm Bureau Friday afternoon at Columbia park. A very interesting talk on kitchen arrangement was given.

The ladies in charge served refreshments at the close of the afternoon.

## Sight of Eye Lost

Word has been received from Portland that the steel has been removed from Vincent Sherrod's eye, but the sight is lost. The specialist, however, is hoping to save the eyeball. A piece of steel lodged in his eye one day last week while he was watching a mechanic in a local garage.

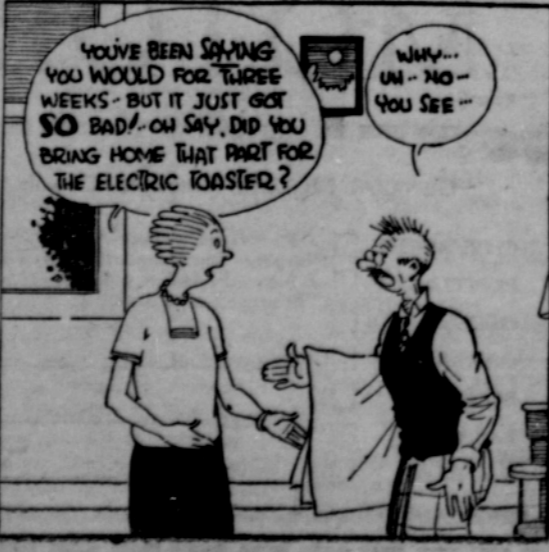
## School Election Held

District No. 14 held their annual school election Monday, June 18. W. J. Warner was re-elected to a three year term, R. A. Brownson was re-elected clerk which is a one year term.

Officer: Have you seen anything suspicious, sentry?  
Sentry: Yes, sir. I've seen a dead horse carted into camp, and I'm wondering what kind of steak we'll have for dinner to morrow.

## THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



## Feminine Strategy

