Thank goodness, large families are out of fashion. The office holder has fewer relatives to get on the public pay-roll.

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"Prices of Hogs Soar." And so are the consumers.—Springfield Union.

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OREGON WHEAT LEAGUE OPPOSES PROPOSED RAIL RATE INCREASE

FARM COMMODITIES ARE HIT IN FREIGHT RATE INCREASE.

Request Made to Interstate Commerce Commission; Northwest Will Mobilize Support in Fight.

The Eastern Oregon Wheat league through its state officers, has joined other agricultural bodies included in the Northwest Farm Rate council in determined opposition to proposed increased freight rates on farm products from this region, according to word just received from C. W. Smith, state secretary of the league.

A surprise request recently presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a widespread increase in freight rates on farm commodities from this territory brought quick opposition from the agricultural organizations, Smith reports. As a result of preliminary meetings, the council rate specialist and attorney, Arthur M. Geary of Portland, was sent to Washington to attend the first presentation of the railroad's case before the Interstate Commerce Commission on October 1. At that meeting Mr. Geary presented a resolution from the Farm Rate council, urging the commission to direct a non-suit of the railroad's petition. He also urged that hearings on the proposal be scheduled in Salt Lake City, Spokane and Portland, in order that western farm shippers be able to present their case in full.

Mr. Geary's analysis of the railroad's voluminous petition indicates that increases would effect practically all commodities which northwestern farmers ship East in any considerable volume. Specific increases listed by Mr. Geary include: wheat, 3c per 100 lbs.; livestock, 10% where present rate is 25c or higher; fruit and fresh vegetables, 3c; dried fruit, 10% with maximum of 5c; hay, 10% with maximum of 4c.

The proposal for such rate increases comes at a time when the Interstate Commerce Commission has not yet passed upon previous requests of northwest agriculture that present rates but be reduced rather than increased. While that request has hung-fire for years with the railroads urging more delay, the latter are now pleading for speedy disposition of their plea for a raise in rates.

Mr. Geary believes that the ultimate objective of the railroads in the present move is to do away with competition among railway, waterway and highway carriers by having all such transportation placed under the regulation of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He says there is evidence that coast to coast steamship lines may join the roads in the proposed increases.

Local county meetings of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league may be called soon if found desirable in mobilizing support for the fight against the rate increases, says Mr. Smith.

Return from Coast Trip.

Frank Rhodes of Boise, Idaho, who is a brother of William Rhodes of the Columbia district, visited at the Rhodes home last week as he returned from Oregon and Washington coast points. He was accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. King, and by his sister, Mrs. Marvin Krueger, who joined her husband in Portland where they will make their home. On the coast trip they visited a sister, Mrs. Roy Davis at Centralia, Wn., whom they had not seen for thirty years. William and Frank Rhodes came to Umatilla county in 1882 with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rhodes, and Frank Rhodes had not visited here for 27 years.

JOSEPH JAMES POULSON.

Joseph James Poulson, 85, pioneer of Wallowa county, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Uelous Poulson in Enterprise Wednesday, September 19, following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held at Wallowa Thursday, September 20, from the Christian church. Mrs. Otie Horner and Mrs. Sadie Wood of Hermiston, who are Mr. Poulson's daughters, attended the funeral.

CONGRESSMAN PIERCE GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME HERE

Congressman Walter M. Pierce was given an enthusiastic welcome by more than a hundred people here Monday night when he appeared as a speaker in the Hermiston Union church building. His audience interest was held throughout his address as he told of his work and experiences at Washington during the special and regular session of congress.

Mr. Pierce said that at the time he became one of the committee on agriculture he was the only member west of Missouri or north of Kansas. Later a member was put on by the citrus interests in California, he said. He told how the triple A act was intended as a basis of recovery for agriculture, and how later the corporations organized under this act were instrumental in moving the thirty million bushel wheat surplus from the northwest territory.

On the tax question Mr. Pierce expressed himself as being opposed to a sales tax in any form, and as favoring a reduction in tax exempt securities.

"I am back of the President's program one hundred percent," Mr. Pierce said, "and the full and complete development of the finest, most perfect power stream in the world, the Columbia." Mr. Pierce referred to the President's two obsessions as power and navigation which have been borne out in his program of development of streams in the Pacific Northwest.

Roy Buchanan of Pendleton, county democratic chairman, introduced other visiting candidates whose names will appear on the democratic ticket in the November election. Among these candidates were:

Jack E. Allen, candidate for senator from the 19th senatorial district which comprises Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties. Mr. Allen is also mayor of Pendleton.

Bruce Shangle of Milton, canditorial district.

Guy Johnson, candidate for representative from the 23d district; Raley Peterson of Pendleton, president of the Young Democrats organization in Pendleton, and candidate for representative from the 23d district; Dave Erwin of Pendleton, candidate for county treasurer of Umatilla county.

J. W. Lenhart, who is candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, is from Umatilla county and also spoke in behalf of Horace Walter of Benton county, as candidate for Secretary of State, and for Walfred Shuholm of Multnomah county, candidate for Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor.

Barney Anderson of Pilot Rock, who is a candidate for County Commissioner was present and said a few words in behalf of Congressman Pierce.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Meridith Daily, music instructor, reports that 17 students have turned out for orchestra this year. Recently the members received the Jenkin's Music books which were ordered for the class, and have been making excellent progress in the new work undertaken.

Thursday and Friday of this week Miss Margaret Elliott will hold tryouts for the Junior play. "Hold Everything" is the play that has been selected. It is a three act comedy with a cast of 14 members, 8 girls and 6 boys. The play will be presented October 15.

Last week a misleading statement was turned in regarding community football tickets. These tickets admit only one person to the game. If a man who buys a ticket is unable to attend, his wife may use it.

The Ione football game has been postponed until October 12th.

The Umatilla County Teachers' convention was well attended last Friday. Mr. McAtee reports that all of the Hermiston teachers were present.

The regular six weeks high school examinations will be given next week.

In the ticket selling contest which ended Tuesday, the juniors and sophomores won. The freshmen and seniors will present an assembly program in the near future to pay the penalty for losing. Bill Jackson reports that so far 117 student body and 40 community tickets have been sold.

POLICE OFFICERS WARN PUBLIC AGAINST PEDDLERS.

Due to the recent exposure of peddlers who have misrepresented merchandise to people of Hermiston, the city police officers are asking thaat the people of Hermiston request the peddler to show a "License to Peddle in the City of Hermiston." If the document is not shown the presence of the peddler in the community should be reported immediately to the city police.

Any article of merchandise made by the individual or farm produce grown or raised by the individual may be peddled without first purchasing a license from the city.

By cooperating in this way with the city police officers, a number of undesirable transient peddlers may be kept out of the city.

MARK M. SMITH BURIED IN PENDLETON SATURDAY.

Funeral services for Mark M. Smith were held in Pendleton Saturday, September 29, at the Methodist church, with Rev. W. S. Gleiser officiating. Many friends of the family were present from Hermiston, Pilot Rock and Butter Creek district to pay their final respects. Those acting as pall bearers were H. T. Fraser, Robert Woodward and H. A. Pankow of Hermiston, A. W. Rugg, Hugh Currin and R. Porter of Pilot Rock.

Others attending the funeral from Hermiston included Mr. and Mrs. William Struthers, Mrs. Stanley Struthers, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Upham, Mrs. Ralph Richards, Mrs. B. S. Kingsley, Mrs. H. T. Fraser, and Mr. and Mrs. Stater.

Church Elects Officers.

Officers for the Methodist church were elected Sunday, September 30, following a pot luck dinner held in the basement of the church. These officers named included: G. M. Pierson, superintendent; Mrs. E. E. Rainwater, assistant superintendent; Monroe Swarner, secretary; K. D. Pierson, treasurer; Mrs. F. E. Earnhart, organist; Junior superintendent, Mrs. W. A. Briggs, with Mrs. R. H. McAtee, assistant; Primary superintendent, Mrs. A. E. Marble; Miss Esther Boese, assistant.

The next meeting of the board will be held October 22.

Legionnaires Visit Pendleton.

Several Legionnaires from Hermiston attended installation of officers of the Pendleton Post Monday night. R. B. Taylor of Milton, commander of district No. 6, acting as installing officer. Members of the Hermiston Post present were Sam Moore, commander, Jim Todd, L. C. Todd, Frank Pearson and Art Blinston.

BULLDOGS HOLD ATHENA SCORELESS IN OPENING GAME

VISITORS FAIL IN ATTEMPTS TO CONVERT PASSES.

Locals Will Meet the Ione Team Oct. 12th; Hermiston Takes Fumbling Honors Saturday.

When the whistle blew ending the Athena-Hermiston football game in a scoreless tie the Bulldogs were digging themselves out of a hole as a result of an Athena punt being downed on the two yard line. But had the game continued there is little doubt that the Hermiston eleven would have been able to get out of the pinch, not that they had been crawling out of tight places many times during the game, but rather that during the four hard fought quarters they had demonstrated their ability to cope with the visitors.

As a result of the game ending in a tie, the answer to the inquiry of who played the better ball is rendered most difficult. Each side could cite a number of facts to give it claim to the honor, and any impractical observer would have to admit that the Athena boys showed evidence of excellent coaching. They used their minds and bodies during the 40 minutes they were in action.

However, looking over the statistics compiled during the game, a little edge might be conceded to the Bulldogs, although at that figures often lie. At any rate, Hermiston made seven first downs to five by Athena. Adding up the total yardage made from downs, gives the Bulldogs the larger score, while Athena had the better record in running back punts. The ball was in the territory of each team about equal lengths of time, but the local boys came more nearly scoring than the other team, working the ball up to Athena's 12 yard line where they lost it on downs.

On numerous occasions the Athena boys took to the air, but virtually all of their passes were incomplete, one of them being beautifully intercepted by Moore. Hermiston completed two lateral passes for but slight gains. The visitors suffered the more penalties, while Hermiston took the fumbling honors.

But all in all the Bull Dogs showed up well. Although most of them were having their first experience in actual playing, the type of ball they played tended to conceal this fact. Moore played an outstanding game, time and time again smashing through the line or going around end for substantiaal gains as well as displaying good head work. Also, during the second quarter Jendrzejewski, substituting for Moore, carried the ball four successive times for a 25 yard gain and two first

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AUXILIARY HEADS DISTRICT IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Hermiston Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary heads all Units in District No. 6 in reaching its quota of 45 memberships, according to a letter received today from Mrs. Mable McInturff, state membership chairman. Thirty-six memberships were sent in Monday and the balance of the quota Tuesday.

Any Unit in the district obtaining the greatest percentage of members and dues by the first of October will be awarded a gavel bell and navy plate, and the membership chairman will receive a special prize award. In the event the Unit should go over the top first, of all Units in the state, a membership cup will be awarded. The local Unit's standing will not be determined before the latter part of the week.

Credit for this award goes to Mrs. Guy Amsberry, chairman of the membership committee, Mrs. J. M. Norton and Mrs. J. G. Sage.

LEGION AUXILIARY NOTES

At the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit held in the Legion hall last Thursday, September 27, standing committees for the coming year were appointed by the president, Mrs. Anna Castric.

Child Welfare — Bonnie Storey; Hospital and Sick—Mattie Kingsley; Publicity—Marie Todd; Americanism and Fidac—Mildred Tilden; Constitution and By-Laws—Alice Stone; Poppy—Hattie Hamm; Music—Vera Norton; Community Service—Dorothy Todd; Membership—Inez Amsberry; Legislative—Joan Sage; National Defense—Rena Waterman; and Historian—Beatrice Christopherson.

A pot-luck dinner will be served at the next regular meeting Thursday, October 11, at 7:00 p. m., followed by installation of officers by the district president, Beatrice Christopherson, who is a member of the local Unit.

Mrs. Beatrice Christopherson, president of district No. 6, motored to Heppner Tuesday night to install officers in the Heppner Unit. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Amsberry. Mrs. Amsberry, who is membership chairman for the Hermiston Unit, announced at this meeting that her Unit had gone over the top in membership, reaching its quota of 45 Tuesday of this week.

Returns from Idaho.

Guy Cronk returned last week from a trip to Emmett, Idaho, where he buried his father, J. H. Cronk. While there he saw relatives whom he had not visited for 30 years. His brother Lee, and sister, Mrs. Oscar Hackett and a cousin and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Timmerman, all from Nebraska, returned to Hermiston with Mr. Cronk and visited for a week. While here they made a motor trip into the mountains.

IRRIGON NEWS

By Mrs. W. C. Isom

Miss Josephine Campbell, who has been staying at the Tom Caldwell home for some time, left for her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Barnes had Mr. Barnes' sister and family from Elgin, Ore., as guests in their home Thursday night.

Miss Rhoda Shellenberger, primary teacher, was taken seriously ill the first of last week and was taken to Portland where she was operated on for appendicitis. She is improving rapidly.

Mrs. O. Coryell is substituting in the school room during the absence of Miss Shellenberger.

Relief work started Monday and those who are employed are busy improving the school grounds.

Frank Markham is the envied boy of all his school mates, having gone with a party of hunters last week and returning with a two point deer as his trophy.

Chas Wilson and Blanche Walker who have been working in the fruit at Yakima for some time, returned to their homes Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leicht motored to Corvallis last Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Nelson and two sons, Grant and Dudley, from Mt. Vernon, Wn., visited Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. Fred Reiks from the 19th to the 27th of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kupers from Helix and Mrs. Ward from Umatilla were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reiks Wednesday night.

Mrs. O. Coryell and mother, Mrs. Laurenson, Mrs. O. Barnes and Will Scarlett motored to Tollgate Sunday for a day's outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy came down from Tollgate Friday evening. Mrs. McCoy will remain until the CCC boys of Co. 1309 are moved to Cottage Grove, Ore.

Don Isom visited his parents over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Houghten motored to Portland Friday.

School was closed Thursday while teachers were attending institute at Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom were dinner guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kendler, at Umatilla Wednesday.

Mrs. Emmett McCoy has been quite ill with intestinal flu but is some better. Her daughter, Mrs. J. Berry of Umatilla, was with her several days last week.

Earl Leach, Ray Sparks, Chester Wilson and Wayne Caldwell left Friday on a two days hunting trip in the mountains about 25 miles above Ukiah. Earl will visit his father, Cloyd Leach, while on the trip.

Clarence Wood spent the week end with the home folks.

Earl Steward visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warner Saturday.

Frank Brace and son Bobby and Frank Leicht left Friday on a hunting trip in the mountains.

Mrs. Byrnes and daughter Verna of Umatilla visited Mrs. W. C. Isom Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Shell moved to Umatilla Monday of last week where they are employed on the Mc Farland ranch for the winter.

"GIFT OF GAB" WILL SHOW AT OASIS SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

The rise of an auctioneer to the position of the nation's best-known radio announcer and reporter is the theme of Universal's colorful and tuneful picture "Gift of Gab," which will be at the Oasis theatre Sunday and Monday.

The picture boasts 30 radio, stage and screen celebrities. It offers a "play within a play," a satirical murder skit being acted out as it is also acted out in a broadcasting station.

In the screen play, as actors, are Edmund Lowe, Gloria Stuart, Alice White, Hugh O'Connell, Sterling Holloway, Graham McNamee, Victor Moore and Henry Armetta, among others.

The audience will have an opportunity to see the inside workings of a nationally famous radio station as the picture progresses.

Appearing in the murder skit are Bela Lugosi, Karloff, Roger Pryor, Chester Morris, Douglass Montgomery, Binnie Barnes, June Knight and Paul Lukas.

In specialty numbers are Ruth Etting, Phil Baker, Gene Austin, Alexander Woolcott, Helen Vinson, Winn Shaw, the Beale Street Boys, the Downey Sisters, Gus Arnheim and his orchestra and Candy and Coco.

NOME DISASTER HELD PAINTED MORE SERIOUS THAN IN REALITY

W. H. BLOOM RELATES STORY AS EYE-WITNESS.

400 People Left Homeless, but No Suffering Seen; Aid Comes Quickly from Outside.

W. H. Bloom, superintendent of the Umatilla schools for four years before going to Nome, Alaska, in August, had just arrived in that city with his family when the big fire practically wiped out the business and residential district. He relates the story and circumstances of the fire in the following letter. Mrs. Bloom is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dyer of Hermiston.

Nome, Alaska
Sept. 19, 1934

Dear Al:

"Apparently the papers "outside" have been picturing this as a terrible disaster, and it is really serious. However, there has been no actual suffering from hunger or exposure, and there were no deaths or serious injuries. We feel extremely fortunate that it did not happen during the winter when supplies could be brought in only by plane or dog team. There is enough food in town to last two or three weeks, longer if necessary, and we have been told that boats with supplies from Dutch Harbor and Seattle have been dispatched, so there is no cause for alarm.

"The fire broke out in the Golden Gate Hotel at about ten o'clock Monday morning, September 17th, and by three-thirty the same day, the main section of town covering ten blocks in length, five of which were four blocks wide and the other five were three blocks wide. All of the following were destroyed: 46 business houses, two banks, the theatre, five lodge halls (Artic Brotherhood, Eagles, Moose, Odd Fellows and Masonic), six hotels, two bath houses, U. S. Jail, Post Office, U. S. Court House, U. S. Customs office, Coast Guard, Alaska Road Commission, U. S. Commissioner's Court, City Hall, Fire Department, Central Heating Plant, U. S. Reindeer office, Northern Air Transport, Roust Airway office, doctors' offices, books, and equipment, two dental offices, four law offices and all law libraries, and the Chamber of Commerce building. In order to save the remaining buildings, dynamite was used on several, but was not successful until the damage had mounted to three million dollars. Several factors made it difficult to check the flames. There was a high wind from the north east; all of the buildings were constructed of wood; they were built close together; the streets were narrow; fire hoses and equipment were burned; and finally, the pump house itself was swept to the ground.

Both native and public schools, the churches, a large apartment building owned by the Hammond Mining Company, the hospital, two warehouses, the building of Indian

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ALONG THE CONCRETE

Frank Brace of Irrigon drove 50 miles into the mountains to hunt deer last week without his gun. Members of the party said he made an excellent cook until his snoot got wet and dripped into the stew.

Clark Wood, editor of the Weston Leader, says that the Literary Digest has lost 27 million subscribers since they ceased printing his editorial quibs. What a national calamity.

Al Quiring, ye Herald co-publisher has thoughts that dwell upon romance these days. Sh-h! Its a secret, but Al is to be married October 14. It's near the red letter day on the calendar. (October 12, Columbus Day.)

Never stand on a thin dime. Someone might tell you it is like Woolworth—"Nothing over ten cents."

After being married for a year and a half the Chas. Duvall family have discovered that it is not economical to clean the soot from under the oven in the kitchen range more than once a year. Otherwise, it takes more fuel.

Alphabet Soup