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NO MORE A DRY TOWN

Cottonwood Went Wet Yesterday When Creek Took New Course Down Main Street.

The rapid melting of the snow which fell the first of the week, taking out with it considerable of the old snow underneath, caused Cottonwood creek to go on the rampage yesterday afternoon and the natural channel through town was not able to carry away all of the water which poured down from Cottonwood Butte and the adjacent hills. About the middle of the afternoon the water broke away from the original channel near the old brewery and about one-fourth of the volume came pouring through town. The stream took the south side of Main street and the small torrent poured down the gutter and over the cement walks in front of the Turner Drug Store until east of the Hoene hardware store, where it again took to the street and washed down in a broad sheet past the hotel and finally found its way back to the creek channel again. The stream was deep enough to make necessary a raised plank walk across the gutter and, when the flood reached its highest mark about 5:30 o'clock, the water washed the fronts of the buildings on that side of the street. Owing to the frozen condition of the ground the water did no damage but had the freshet occurred later in the season it would have washed out the street to a depth of two or three feet.

The high water caused all kinds of excitement and frequent remarks were dropped about Cottonwood no longer being a dry town. A Grangeville livery team, which brought over a load of traveling men from the county seat town, drank its fill from the water running down the street while the men were being put off at the hotel.

The freshet yesterday was the worst experienced here in years and it is fortunate that no damage resulted from it. The stream is down to normal again this morning and no more trouble is anticipated.

Charles Strickfaden Joins Benedicts

Charles Strickfaden, a prominent young farmer of the Ferdinand section and a brother of Mrs. J. A. Gaul of this city, was married at high noon last Sunday at Gonzaga college in Spokane to Miss Aubra Belle Hill, of that city. After a short visit in Spokane they will go to Gilbert, Idaho, for a visit with relatives and will then come to their home on the farm near Ferdinand.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Strickfaden, of Ferdinand, and is a young man of fine character and ability who is in every way worthy of the lady of his choice. The Chronicle extends sincere wishes for a very happy wedded life.

Henry Dourhoff, who is employed at the Convent southwest of town, received a compound fracture of the left forearm the first of the week by being hit by a pulley. He was assisting to raise a horse when the pulley broke loose from where it was fastened in the roof of the building and, in falling, struck the young man across the arm with the above result. Dr. Shinnick was called to reduce the fracture and the patient will be all right again in due course of time.

Another Fine Pioneer Gone

J. J. Schlee, a pioneer farmer of the Uniontown section and well known to many residents of this part of Idaho, died at his home in Clarkston at noon last Thursday from injuries received when he fell from the hay loft of his barn to the concrete floor below two hours before. After the fall he walked to the house but became unconscious and soon died from a fractured skull. The deceased was almost 66 years of age and came to Uniontown in 1876. He resided there until a few years ago, when he moved to Clarkston, and was quite wealthy, owning over 1500 acres of choice Palouse soil besides large land holdings at Clarkston. He was a fine type of farmer and citizen and numbered his friends by thousands. The funeral was held Saturday morning from the residence, interment being made in the Lewiston cemetery. The deceased was a relative by marriage of George Killmar, of Winona.

Vance Rooke Undergoes Operation

Vance Rooke, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rooke, was taken seriously ill at his home over on Snake river last week and on Friday was taken to Lewiston on the boat by his mother. On reaching the hospital his condition was pronounced serious and demanding an immediate operation. A telephone message was sent to his father, who rode out from across the river Saturday and left for Lewiston on Sunday morning's train. The patient recovered nicely from the operation and word received here Monday was to the effect that he stood a good chance of recovery.

Vance had been operating a pack train for the past several weeks packing feed down from the plains country to a band of sheep on Snake river and had evidently over worked, bringing on a serious attack of appendicitis. His many friends here will be glad to know he is doing so nicely.

Buys Horses For Montana Farmers

Henry Katterhagen, the Uniontown stock buyer who has been here for the past week buying up horses for the Montana trade, shipped out seventeen nice animals to Spokane Wednesday morning, the rest of the car being made up with another bunch secured in the Illo country. Mr. Katterhagen bought the horses for a Spokane dealer and the latter will dispose of them to farmers in the homestead sections of Montana where good light farm horses, and especially good brood mares, are in demand. While the price paid was not large, averaging \$122 per head, the animals secured were a fine bunch and will undoubtedly be followed by further shipments from this section.

Mr. Katterhagen states that the horse market is fairly quiet and there is no demand whatever for heavy stuff. Light horses for the Montana farmer trade are in fair demand but as soon as this demand is supplied the market will be dull again. France is the only warring nation in the market for horses and is not paying over \$135 for the best animals, consequently the farmers cannot look for fancy prices unless something unforeseen occurs to create a big demand.

Mr. Katterhagen secured horses from the following parties: C. B. Fetters, 2; Frank Forsmann, 1; A. Halter, 1; Felix Martzen, 1; Mrs. Huff, 2; Riley Rice, 4; Tom Hill, 2; A. C. Gentry, 1; Ralph Gentry, 1; John Duclos, 2.

\$60,000 Loss Sustained in Grangeville Fire

The fire which destroyed the flour mill and E. S. Sweet barn at Grangeville on Thursday night of last week proved more serious than at first reported, as is shown by the following dispatch:

Grangeville, March 3.—(Special to the Tribune.)—The burning of the prize livestock at the E. S. Sweet stables this morning when the building was fired by brands from the burning flour mill, presented one of the most pitiable spectacles possible to describe. A total of 11 horses and 24 cattle, many registered prize winners at the big stock shows last winter, were destroyed in the flames.

The stables were located fully a quarter of a mile from the burning mill and immediately after the fire brands ignited the barns the work of removing the animals was attempted. All were cut loose by Floyd Trueblood but they rushed back into the burning building after having been driven to a place of safety. Some of the cattle and a few of the horses were so terrified that any efforts to drive them from their stalls were fruitless and with the wind blowing a 50-mile gale the rescuers were soon driven from the building.

It developed today that Mr. Sweet carried no insurance and his loss from the early morning conflagration will amount to approximately \$20,000. It is estimated the cattle burned were worth about \$2,000, buildings \$2500, two registered brood mares \$2000, two sweepstake stallions \$7500, two young registered stal-

lions \$2000, seven registered and high grade horses \$2500, feed, equipment and the furnishings \$1500.

Mr. Sweet is extensively engaged in farming and stock raising and for several years has given special attention to the raising of purebred horses, cattle and hogs. He has been prominently identified with the promotion of the Northwest Livestock association's annual show and sale and now is heading the association as president for the second term.

The loss sustained by the Grangeville Roller mills was estimated today by the owners to be about \$30,000 and the insurance carried amounts to \$12,000. The milling company is headed by W. W. Brown, R. N. Walker and Isaac Zehner and since the mill was taken over by the new owners approximately \$7000 had been expended in new machinery. It is stated the plant was one of the most complete in the state and its products were in demand in all markets. The capacity of the mill was 125 barrels of flour a day.

The cause of the fire remains a mystery. When discovered the flames were sweeping through the entire structure, which prevented the location of the origin of the fire. Reports from ranch houses several miles out in the country are that firebrands were carried through the air like shooting stars and at a number of places the ranch houses were saved only through the persistent efforts of the farmers and their families.

Big Increase in Creamery Products

The creamery has begun to feel the effects of the coming spring and the increase of the output of butter has been noticeable during the month of February. Mr. Gibbons, the local butter expert, informs us that the amount of butter turned out by the local creamery for the past week exceeds that of the previous weeks during the winter by about fifty pounds, which makes the average about seven hundred pounds each week. He predicts that, with the coming of warm weather this spring and the resultant green feed for the dairy herds, the output of the plant will average twelve hundred pounds each week. The period during which the production of milk is greatest is between the months of April and October, two months being deducted from this period for the expected dry weather.

In his estimation, the greatest drawback in the way of dairy progress in this section is the lack of silos which are very necessary to the proper operation of a modern dairy in a country adapted to the raising of wheat. Even with the decreased production during the cold winter months, the Kendrick creamery has paid money on the investment; and, with the enlarged herds which are being planned, it will be one of the best little industries in this vicinity.—Kendrick Gazette.

If a creamery will pay in the Kendrick country we cannot see why one would not pay here and believe this matter should receive closer attention than has been given it in the past.

The local passenger train was nearly two hours late Wednesday night and again last night, due to small gravel slides on Culesac hill.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Re- hashed from Exchanges.

The Kendrick Gazette changed hands last week, Ralph Knepper succeeding B. C. Johnson. The latter will go to Montana and hold down a homestead.

The farmers union at Illo is contemplating spending \$20,000 this year in erecting three grain elevators at Illo, Dublin and at Catholic spur on the Craig mountain road.

County Attorney Frank L. Moore, of Moscow, has issued a sweeping order against the operation of punch boards in Latah county. The punch boards are claimed to be a violation of the anti-gambling law.

A large number of the members of the Nez Perce Indian tribe are arranging to hold a spring dance at Lapwai in the near future to celebrate the passing of the severe winter. The dance is an old tribal custom and has been held for many generations.

Frank Colton, a young man of the Kamiah section, was sentenced late last week at Nezperce to serve 30 days in jail because he refused to support his young wife. He was prosecuted under the "lazy husband" act, his wife being the complaining witness.

James Morgan, George Howard and C. Raymond Carey were held to the district court for trial after an examination Saturday at Lewiston. They were charged with having burglarized a drug store at Lapwai on January 7th and when arrested at Pemdleton had some of the stolen goods in their possession.

An attempt was made Tuesday night to crack the safe of the First Bank of Culesac but the robbers succeeded only in blowing the vault door and rifling some safety deposit boxes, getting but little money. They also broke into a store and meat market and helped themselves to a few small articles. No trace of the robbers has been found.

A suit for \$6,000 damages has been filed in the district court at Lewiston by Emma Ringer and husband against Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Wilkin, of Grangeville, and A. H. Diddock. The Ringers claim they acquired a tract of land in Idaho county from the defendants without seeing the land and later found it had been much misrepresented.

According to a recent report of the state insurance commissioner, Idaho is now paying \$17,529.57 annually in premiums for insurance carried on the various state institutions. The total insurance carried amounts to \$1,322,824. It has been suggested that the state would be money ahead to carry no insurance at all and pay such fire losses as occur out of the premiums saved.

Deer are quite plentiful and tame around Elk River this year. Tuesday afternoon one trotted down the station platform and out through the cut past the water tank. One was seen in the lumber yard picking its way quietly along the tracks close to the planer, which was running, and another which ran through town, collided with a lady on the sidewalk in front of the Henderson home on First. On Sunday a herd of fourteen spent several hours at Camp B, two miles above town, but were two shy to give the kodakers a fair chance.—Elk River Sentinel.

School Notes

Casper Manwaring has withdrawn from school to work.

In the 8th grade debate, "Resolved, there should be a closure rule in the Senate," the negative side won.

The Sophomores have taken their finals in English literature and have resumed the study of composition and rhetoric.

The following received Palmer method buttons: Bernice Simon, Blanch South, Sylvia Hale, Nema Manwaring, Bayard Martin, Selma Butler, Burdette Belknap, Margaret Simon, Elia Hamlin.

In the series of spelling contests in the 7th and 8th grades the past month, the side with Harry Edwards as captain won from Elma Manwaring's side. As Raymond Matthiesen and Wallace Rhett received the highest grades in the monthly test, they are the captains for this month.

The pie social Tuesday eve at the school house drew about 90 interested people to the building and was a success in every way. The crowd was much larger than was anticipated, and the proceeds \$14.55 well paid the school for their effort. The school takes this method of thanking those who showed their loyalty by being present.

The following pupils had the highest averages in their respective grades the past month:

First Grade—Kenneth Hensley, 2nd grade—Lenora Nims, 3rd grade—Selma Butler, 4th grade—Margaret Simon, 5th grade—Evelyn Parker, 6th grade—Agnes Eckermann, 7th grade—Grace Robbins, 8th grade—Wallace Rhett, 9th grade—Floyd South, 10th grade—Meta Schroeder, 11th grade—Barney Seubert, 12th grade—Marie Libbey.

The following pupils averaged 95 or more in all their work for the past month:

Vera Thompson, Lizzie Engel, Harold Simon, Floyd South, Jennie Manning, Henry Zoderow, Mildred Parks.

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy:

Donald Belknap, Lenora Nims, Ches. Manwaring, George Rogers, Helen Schiller, Elza Matthiesen, Irene Simon, Arnold Donaldson, Kathryn Phillips, Bell Manwaring, Leslie Shields, Rry Reed, Kenneth Hensley, Helena Hamlin, Irene MacMaster, Dorothy MacMaster, Raymond Nims, Jack Parker, Clarence Peterson, Burdette Belknap, Blanche South, Leslie Baker, Burdette Randall, Mabel Fredericks, Elia Hamlin, Edwin Fredericks, Scovill Jenkins, Nema Manwaring, Bernice Simon, Margaret Simon, Richard Smith, Delbert Hale, Ray Rogers, Maudie Deardorff, Bettie South, Evelyn Parker, Willard South, Will Rogers, Agnes Eckermann, Wilber Robbins, Vivian Baker, Harry Edwards, Olin Hamlin, Arcena Manwaring, Elma Manwaring, Raymond Matthiesen, Arthur Peterson, Wallace Rhett, Euclid Rice, Margaret Baker, Marian MacMaster, Allen McPherson, Henrietta Manwaring, Jesse Rogers, Grace Robbins, Charles Hamill, Gladys Lamb, Adeline Gaul, Jennie Manning, Mildred Parks, Aloysius Wagner, Floyd South, Anna Peterson, Henry Zoderow, August Schroeder, Bertha Terhaar, Harold Simon, Chester Rhett, Casper Manwaring, Ferdie Nacker, Caroline Terhaar, Arthur Eckermann, Lizzie Engel, Meta Schroeder, Frank Martin, Myrtle Rhett, Marie Libbey, Barney Seubert, Edna McDonald, Lillie McLoughlin.

New Bank For Whitebird

Boise, March 4.—John Nevin, of Whitebird, Idaho county, called upon the governor today relative to chartering a new bank. He states that spring operations are opening at Whitebird and Idaho county has a prosperous year before it.

W. B. Hussman was a county seat visitor the first of the week.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. John F. Nuxoll at Greencreek Saturday morning, the funeral being very largely attended. The deceased was not quite 42 years of age at the time of her death.