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HAY AND GRAIN CROP HEAVY THIS YEAR

LYRIC THEATER BOUGHT BY SPARKS COMPANY

A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR PIPE ORGAN IS TO BE INSTALLED, AS SOON AS ARRIVAL FROM THE FACTORY IN EAST

A COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAM EACH DAY

Prineville To Be on The "Sparks" Circuit of Modern Motion Picture Houses in Central Part of Oregon.

Final arrangements have been completed whereby the Sparks Amusement Company, which at present is operating in Heppner and Condon, will manage the Lyric Theater, starting the first of October.

The Lyric has been successfully operated by Clinton Houston for almost a year. The Paramount-Artcraft line of pictures, which stand for all that is the best in the motion picture world were introduced by Mr. Houston during his management and will continue to be shown in the local theater.

J. B. Sparks, who will come to Prineville as the manager of the local concern, was in town during the last of the week, and represented the company in the business transactions. He will arrive in Prineville about the first of October and will make his home here.

One of the improvements which will appeal to the local trade will be the installation of an American Pipe Organ, valued at about \$5000 in the theater. Pipe organ music has become universally popular in the larger shows, and the installation of one here will prove a big attraction. The organ has already been ordered and is on the way.

Two new projecting machines, of the latest make, and fitted with every modern contrivance, will take the place of those in the operating room. The entire cost of fitting up this room will be about \$1200.

The new machinery will provide steady power and light, and will make possible a clear picture, even for those in the front seats, doing away with the flickering that usually makes those seats undesirable.

By a rearrangement of the seating system, and a little consolidation, it will be possible to enlarge the capacity of the room fifty seats. This will assist materially in taking care of crowds, but will in no way detract from the comfort of the room.

Another innovation which is entirely new to the picture fans here, and which will be tested out, is the change every day plan. New pictures will be run every night, which will allow the confirmed picture fan to see almost twice as many films as before.

The price of admission will be the same for adults as under the old management. The admission for children for the five week days from Monday to Friday will be ten cents, but on Saturday and Sunday nights the price of admission will be twenty cents.

When the contemplated improvements are made, The Lyric will be one of the very best moving picture houses in Central Oregon. The Sparks Amusement Company plans to have five houses of this kind on their circuit in all. The keyword of the new management will be "The Best", best pictures and best service.

METHODIST LADIES' LUNCHEON IS APPRECIATED BY CLUB MEMBERS

The luncheon prepared by the Methodist Ladies Aid society last Friday, for the men of the Commercial Club was done full justice to by those who attended. Those who managed to attend made up for the absentees in the size of their appetites. The Ladies' Aid diners have long been famous.

An apple pie with flaky crust and juicy center, a counterpart to that with which the menu topped off, was sold to the highest bidder, and Ralph Jordan, who says himself that was always a lucky guy, got away with the specimen of culinary art for exactly one dollar and six bits.

A general discussion of clean-up day came first in order, emphasizing the necessity of having a town cleaning before the Fair. It was pointed out by the chairman that the Mayor had set the 25th as a holiday for this special purpose, so that there will be no excuse for anyone to fail to clean up. President Rosenberg appointed Asa Battles, Ralph Jordan and Vernon Harpham as a committee to meet with a similar one from the Ladies Annex to take steps toward cleaning up Prineville. Mr. John Shipp called attention to the permission given by the City Council to all desiring, to burn refuse in the yards, providing of course, that such fires are properly watched and taken care of. Fires for this purpose will be permitted for five days, beginning the 25th.

R. L. Schee, Secretary of the Inter-State Fair, invited discussion of plans to properly house visitors who will be in town for the celebration. He pointed out that up to this time, sleeping accommodations in Prineville during the Fair have been at a premium, and some system is necessary whereby as many rooms will be registered as possible, and so there will be no confusion in assigning rooms. Mr. Schee suggested that the Ladies Aid take charge of the work, and make a house to house canvass in order to locate rooms, and establish an information bureau in some central location during the fair from which persons desiring rooms could be directed to a place to spend the night. The speaker advanced the opinion that the city should pay for this work, as Prineville will reap many benefits from satisfactorily taking care of visitors.

Dr. Rosenberg suggested that the ladies get a deposit of 25c for each room which they list from the owner, when the canvass is made, for their labor in doing the work, and that this be included in the price of the room, and the visitors pay to the household direct where they get the room.

The proposition to undertake this work was turned over to the ladies, to decide whether or not they could take charge of this work, and under what conditions.

The most bountiful hay and grain crop ever harvested in Crook county is being gathered by the farmers, and while haying has well past its crest, there is yet a large amount of second crop alfalfa and some grain hay being cut and a considerable acreage in the swath and windrow, and grain harvest in this county is just getting well underway.

The grain hay harvest was exceptionally large in the cattle country south and east of Prineville, and a good supply of moisture in both precipitation and irrigation provides anywhere from fifty to one hundred percent more alfalfa than the usual supply in the river valleys and the Powell Butte district.

The latter locality harvested almost as much hay the first crop as was in the ricks there last fall after the entire crop was cured, and the second crop is a large one, the entire cutting being of a better quality than usual.

On the Ochoco Project, where

there were a large number of rye stacks a year ago, the hay this year is largely sprinkled with alfalfa and perhaps half of them are of a decidedly green tint being almost if not entirely all alfalfa.

Conditions which have forced many of the stock out of the country will decrease the demand for hay, and undoubtedly will establish a much lower price for hay than has ruled for the past several years, although there have been no sales of any magnitude reported thus far this fall.

The grain yield has been good, and so far as the threshing has progressed, and average of nearly twenty bushels per acre is being reported for wheat, which at the prevailing high price of about \$2 per bushel brings a good return per acre.

The year, regardless of late spring and early fall conditions, has been a most successful one for the farmer and will go a long way toward making a general prosperous condition throughout the adjacent territory.

STOCKMEN MUST BE ORGANIZED

"What the stockmen of today need is efficient organization. That's why we are forming the Harney County Livestock Association in Harney county. In the past the stock grower worked alone in getting his stock marketed. It was every man for himself, and get ahead of the other fellow if possible. It was the lack of cooperation that forced the farmers and stockmen to bear the brunt of every shift of the market, and culminated in the present situation. The trouble with the stockmen is that they didn't wake up to the fact that "organization" is the keynote of the world's progress quick enough."

The above quotation is the opinion of Pat Cecil, one of the most up-to-date and influential cattle men of Harney county, and a member of the advisory board of the Silver Creek Cattle and Horse Raisers' association. Mr. Cecil is a reliable authority on the stock situation, having been in the cattle business in Harney county ever since the time when the trip from Burns to The Dalles was made entirely by stage, and took five days to complete.

Mr. Cecil further stated that he has great faith in the future of the livestock industry, and while he does not expect a miracle to happen as soon as the cattlemen are organized, and realizes that there is a hard and up-hill road to climb before the situation is back where it should be, the end will be a permanent gain to the stock grower.

According to Mr. Cecil, the situation in Harney county is counted not critically serious. Very few liqui-

dations have resulted from the drop in the market on cattle, and few movements of any kind in livestock have been reported. Up to this time the Harney county growers have been compelled every year to ship their stock to Idaho and elsewhere to feed during the winter, on account of the scarcity of hay supplies, but this year it is estimated that there is a supply of home grown feed abundantly large enough to feed all livestock in the county, with a small margin to spare, so it is expected that all growers will plan to feed the stock on the home range.

Mr. Cecil further stated that while Harney county has been without rain of any consequence all summer, up to the last few weeks, and in spite of the fact that very little water has come down in the creeks, yet the crops of alfalfa are the best within a number of years, and the wild grass on the range is especially good. Mr. Cecil is one of the boosters of the Harney County Irrigation District, and expects the new project to do wonders in the way of increasing crop yields and opening up the country. He was in Prineville two years ago when work on the Ochoco project was just beginning, and stated that in the success of the Ochoco project he can picture what the Harney county project will do for that country.

Herefords are the best cattle for the country represented in Central Oregon, according to Mr. Cecil, who is a grower of purebred Herefords, as they adapt themselves best of any breed of cattle to shortened range conditions, in his opinion. He formerly specialized in Durham cattle.

GATHER YOUR EXHIBITS NOW FOR OREGON INTER-STATE FAIR

The abundant crops throughout this part of the country should be the means of filling the pavilions at the fair grounds to overflowing for the opening day, October 6.

Community exhibits from Lower Bridge, Terrebonne, Tumalo, Powell Butte and the Ochoco Project are all being prepared, says Manager Schee, and will make the best showing that has ever been made here, he says.

Instructions for the preparation

of exhibits were recently published in the Journal.

Call on or address Mr. Schee for a premium list, which gives a wide variety of awards, which will pay you well for the time required to prepare your exhibits.

Exhibits of cookery, canned goods and hand-work articles should be made by the ladies who will find a wide variety of premiums in these divisions.

HOLT TRACTOR IS NOW TEARING UP MAIN STREET

THE BIG JOB OF PUTTING THE STREETS IN OUR BUSINESS SECTION IN SHAPE HAS STARTED.

MAIN STREET TO BE MADE SMOOTH AND HARD

This Improvement Has Long Been Needed, But Up To Now A Lack Of Proper Equipment Has Held It Off.

The 125 horse power Holt tractor is busy this week pulling a large scarifier and grader in the task of tearing up the uneven surface of Main and Third streets and leveling it in such a manner that it will be able to stand up under the heavy traffic to which it is subjected.

Because of the extremely hard condition of the surface, but little progress was made at first, and a thorough soaking of the street, to which was added the rains of the past few days, has made the work more satisfactory, and much better results are being obtained.

The street will be rolled and put

in first class condition, and should be finished in fine shape for the Inter-State Fair early next month.

The city plans to pave these streets, but this step cannot be taken for a short time yet.

Automobiles are being kept off the streets while the work is in progress, and a move to prohibit parking except on the side streets has been discussed.

All traffic was discontinued on Main Street yesterday on account of the operations of the grading crew. The street was so muddy that cars cut it up as fast as it was smoothed down.

JOKE ON SAM, OR SYLVAN

Sam Ellis pulled off a good joke on Sylvan Michel, to be sure, when he sent him a nice long night letter, collect, giving him advice of general helpfulness to the newly married, but Sylvan did him one better. He sent Sam a fifty word day telegram, likewise collect, thanking him for the very good advice, and asking him to call again. Is the joke on Sylvan or Sam?

GILLIS AND GUSTAFSON SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS

J. A. Gillis and Gus Gustafson left Sunday morning on a hunting trip up Paulina way. They returned Sunday evening with a sackful of

ducks, two wild geese, and one bobcat, which clinches their reputations as good hunters.

Mr. Gustafson turned his share of the ducks over to the Domestic Science department at the high school, and a feed was prepared by the lady members of the faculty on Monday night.

MRS. ROBINSON ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Ross Robinson entertained about fifteen of her friends Monday afternoon at her home, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Bean of Portland. The afternoon was spent at sewing and conversation. Delicious refreshments were served which closed a very enjoyable afternoon.

THE FIRST OF A REGULAR SERIES OF NEWSY ITEMS FROM THE C.C.H.S.

By Clarence Mertsching



One of the improvements that attracted the attention of the students when school started was the cement walks that extend around the assembly building.

Mrs. Phatt was not able to start her classes until Thursday morning. She was detained on account of business for a longer time than was expected.

The Seniors started the new school year with a snap Tuesday morning. If a cloud of smoke is seen around the high school buildings, it will be caused by the Senior class in action.

The Freshmen apparently did not have very many friends last Thursday. As evidence of the worth of co-operation, any member of the high school can testify to the efficiency, and incidentally, to the safety of such a movement, especially when initiation is the objective. The

Sophomores met in a body and organized a plan of attack while the Rooks had no organization formed to offer resistance. Had they cooperated, there would have been representation of the scene of last year's initiation. However, no resistance was confronted and in the haste to complete the job an unfortunate Soph was accidentally turned over the banister and initiated along with the Rooks.

At a meeting of the Senior class held Tuesday the 14th, officers of the class were elected as follows: Class advisor, Miss Cramer; President, Clarence Mertsching; Vice-President, Myrtle Lister, Sec.-Treas. Veva Bolter. At the same time action was taken to prepare for the Senior reception.

The Junior class is not as large as it was last year, but those that are left say that quality and not quantity, is the meritorious feature.

A Junior meeting was held Monday evening, when class officers were elected. Miss Cunningham was selected as class advisor, Chester McKenzie as president, Vera Dunham vice president and Chester Luelling secretary-treasurer.

A new feature of high school is being tried out in the domestic science department under Miss Hall. The food is prepared by the students in this department and the lunches are served in a style similar to the cafe-

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