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HOLD THE BROOD SOWS.

Prof. E. J. Iddings of the University of Idaho believes that the man who is able to hold onto his brood sows is going to be glad that he has done so even if the keeping of them is at a sacrifice.

The present status of the swine raising business is a most important one. A whole lot of our hog raisers are getting badly scared and are getting rid of their hogs.

I looked up a few months ago the relation between high prices of grain and the price of hogs and found that for a period of years the prices paid for hogs and for grain fluctuated together so that the teaching of the past in regard to this present situation is that it will only be a few months at most until we have high prices for hogs to correspond with the high prices of grain which we are likely to have for a year or two.

It has been my experience that the man who plays the hog raising game conservatively is the one who wins in the long run. At the present time conservative practice would indicate the restriction of operations to a certain extent possibly and the maintenance of the herd as cheaply as possible, keeping a foundation for the better times that are certain to come to the hog men of the whole country.

The present tendency to plow up meadows and pastures and all available land and sow to grain is going to result in a low price of grain and high prices for livestock unless that tendency is considerably checked inside of the next year.

Alfalfa hay can be substituted for grain to the extent of at least three-fourths of the grain ration. This will considerably cheapen the cost of keeping brood sows over winter. If the breeder has skim milk or buttermilk and some of the root crops in addition to the hay, he will need no grain at all in keeping his brood sows over winter.

probably the cheapest for the results that it gives. In those sections that grow corn and have some corn on hand, this is one of our cheapest feeds as compared with prices that are asked for other commonly used feeding stuffs.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Prof. Roy Conklin, of Wallowa, is among the visitors in the city today.

Carl W. Cook left last night for Portland on business.

H. L. Pearson is in the city today from Baker stopping at the Foley.

Prof. A. C. Strange is at the Foley today from Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Shoffall are visitors in the city from Baker today.

Miss Carrie Last left this morning for Spokane, where she will visit with a sister.

Prof. Chas. A. Montandon is a visitor in the city from Enterprise, registered at the Sommer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer expect to leave this evening for San Diego to attend the exposition and visit friends.

Mrs. J. E. Cunliff returned this morning from Baker where she has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Embrey.

Roy Harvey returned to his home in Portland this morning after a visit in the city with his mother, Mrs. J. T. Harvey and family.

Mrs. A. B. Parker left for her home in Portland this morning after a visit with her brother, J. K. Wright, and wife, in this city.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson and children were over night visitors in the city on their way to their home in Wallowa after a visit in the western part of the state.

Mrs. C. A. Martin, of Council, Idaho, who has been visiting in this city with her sister, Mrs. Graham, left this morning for Pendleton for a few days' visit with friends.

Mrs. Merton Kiddle left Monday night for Portland where she was to spend a few days with friends, from there she will go to Salem to be a guest with Senator and Mrs. E. E. Kiddle.

Miss Justine Clark, at one time a La Grande resident, is a guest in the city with friends this week. She expects to leave in a few days for Nampa where she and her mother expect to make their future home.

Mrs. C. R. Hibbard went to Imbler this morning to spend the day with her brother, Walter Wade and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wade just returned from a honeymoon trip covering a period of two months and extending from Portland where the wedding took place in November, to New York City by way of the Panama canal.

H. Christofferson who has been employed for the past year on the C. C. Coolidge ranch, has gone to Utah and expects to bring his family to La Grande and locate here. Mr. Christofferson is a brother of Mrs. Coolidge.

Card of Thanks.

We thank our friends and neighbors for their kind assistance in our sad hours, and for the beautiful flowers we especially thank the Grande Ronde Meat Co., and employees, and the Loyal Order of Moose for their beautiful floral offerings.

ALBERT NEUKIRCHNER, MRS. IDA BLOOMER, JAMES E. NEUKIRCHNER.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock: Maximum, 41; Minimum, 37; Lowest temperature last night, 35.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

Mrs. P. S. Robinson, entertained the members of the "Ramblers" and a few invited guests at their home on Pennsylvania avenue Monday afternoon at a "white elephant" party. Each of the guests was instructed to bring with them a "white elephant" some article that was not needed in the home, yet too valuable to throw away, and many laughable creations were produced.

Mrs. P. S. Robinson, O. E. Silverthorn, and Miss Margaret Anson entertained the boys and girls of high school age who attend Sunday school at the Presbyterian church at a party in the parlors of the church last night. About 35 were present. Games and music helped to pass a very pleasant evening. Refreshments were served.

Miss Netta Hunter entertained eight girl friends at cards at her home in Island City Saturday evening. Miss Charlotte Jones won the head prize. Those present were Mina Ash, Welma Osterling, Charlotte Jones, Leona Newlin, Lucille Mulkey, Lucille Pierce, Florence Happersett and Helen McDonald.

On Saturday evening, January 30, a jolly crowd of young people of Summerville chaperoned by Mrs. A. C. Glenn and Mrs. J. M. Choate gave a delightful surprise party at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Colt in honor of their guest, Vern Rinehart of Portland, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rinehart, formerly of this city. After a short musical program games were played.

Mrs. Polack took splendid advantage of the near approach of Valentine day when she entertained the "Auction club" Thursday afternoon. Valentine favors were provided for the guests, and after cards had been played, at which Mrs. M. B. Donohue won high score, the guests were seated at the handsomely decorated table where covers were laid for 15.

Mrs. F. L. Meyers, assisted by Miss Margaret Newlin, entertained the afternoon division of the Kaffee Klatch yesterday at cards. Usually the afternoons are given over exclusively to sewing. Mrs. Meyers and Miss Newlin had in several special guests. Honors at cards went to Mrs. P. S. Robinson and Mrs. Vincent Palmer were the winners at cards.

The Catholic ladies have planned another "Dutch Treat" progressive five hundred party for February 15. Ladies and gentlemen both are invited. All are assured the same good time that was had at the last one. It will be held in Zuber Hall if the weather permits. Three beautiful prizes will be given the three highest scores among the ladies and for the three highest scores among the gentlemen.

The Young Ladies' Sodality annually announces, in invitations just sent out, a pre-Lenten dancing party at Rex Hall for Friday, Feb. 12. The committee in charge is Miss Grace Murphy, Miss Leona Newlin, Miss Eileen Peare and Miss Helen McHugh. The patronesses for the evening will be Mrs. J. F. O'Connell, Mrs. J. F. Corbett and Mrs. E. E. Kirtley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Dunn were delightful entertainers of the San Souci Wednesday evening. Honors at cards went to Colon R. Eberhard. The next Bridge section of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Claude Scranton, and it is likely that it will be last afternoon meeting of the club for the present social season.

The Parkdale club held its last session with Mrs. Lee Humphrey of Island City. It was purely a social afternoon, topped off with delicious refreshments. The next meeting of the club, which will be February 10, is to be held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Hughes, north of the Palmer mill.

The Wednesday Bridge club was entertained by Mrs. F. L. Lilly this week, guests for three tables being present. Honors at cards went to Mrs. Robert Newlin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Snodgrass entertained the Pinochle club Tuesday evening of this week. The head prize went to Mrs. Archie Bacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill entertained the Jolly club this week, card honors going to W. B. Bach and Mrs. E. C. Tuckey.

How Deep Was Frost. Frost went about two feet deep this winter in gravel and probably sixteen inches in ordinary soil, at Union. This is an unusually great depth for this country, and serves to illustrate the steady cold that the country has experienced here. This week there has been a break in the cold spell, with warmer weather and rains in the low lands.—Union Republican.

Robbers Steal \$12,000. Lima, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Robbers entered the Lima Bank today, covered the cashier and assistant with revolvers and secured between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

A Number of Charming New Spring Suits

are now on display in our ready-to-wear department. Important changes noted in the suits are smart short jackets and graceful fuller skirts. Serges, poplins, coverts and garbardines are the favored materials. The new spring coats are shorter and looser fitting having a more youthful appearance than before. Check materials and coverts are the materials they are showing. Suits moderately priced \$20.00 to \$35.00. Coats moderately priced \$7.50 to \$20.00. We invite you to come in and see them.

New Spring Neckwear

Neat, attractive, beautiful, exquisite styles in collars, vestees, sets, guimpes, collar and cuff sets, etc. Scores of different artistic styles to select from. Just received from New York by express—Included are collars of Oriental laces, organdies, piques, sheer embroideries, etc. See them. Priced at only 25c and 50c.

Remodeling and February Cleanup Sale is now offering big opportunities to you--savings in every department you cannot afford to miss

Cost and below prevailing on entire line of ladies' fall and winter ready-to-wear coats, dresses, waists, etc., selling at unheard of low prices. Entire line of men's suits, overcoats, pants, wool shirts, hats, boys' clothing, mackinaws, etc., now at remodeling and February clean up prices—Because we need the room—The entire men's side is to be remodeled.

Also in accord with the season our White Season Sale is Now On

Stacks and stacks of beautiful under muslins, yards and yards of new spring embroideries, our entire stock of new spring white wash goods all now at substantial savings at our white sale.

February Cleanup of Dress Goods Etc.

Odds and Ends—Surplus stocks, etc., in dress goods at way down low prices to clear them out. Entire stock of new draperies and curtain materials reduced. Extraordinary low prices now on all blankets and comforts. If there ever was a time for the economical man or woman to save—that time surely is NOW at this store.

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Several Apply for Titles. Application was made today at the local land office by the Cornucopia Mines company for a mineral patent. Homestead applications were made by Geo. L. Oik, of Monument, and Louis Liusier, of Joseph.

State Secretary Here. I. B. Rhodes, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is in the city today and will be one of the principal speakers at the men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. at 8:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Presbyterian male quartet will sing.

Arkansas Dry Bill Signed. Little Rock, Feb. 6.—Governor Haynes today signed the statewide prohibition bill. It becomes effective January 1st, 1916.

Miss Brown Improves. Mrs. Ben Hopper received word today that her sister, Miss Brown, who was taken to Baker in a critical condition a few days ago, is much improved. She was brought through the crisis, she writes, before returning home, by Dr. Ralston, of La Grande.

We Are Theirn. There is no one kicking about it. We went to La Grande to meet the enemy. We met 'em and we are theirn. It makes our hearts bleed like unto they had been chopped into by a dull axe. Fact its just like a woman had chopped 'em open. A woman's mighty handy with an axe when it comes to chopping hearts and making the blood come. A special train carried the Union concert band, the fast basket ball team, and many thousand rooters. They went at the giant players of the M. I. A. but it couldn't be done. We might make a thousand excuses but that is always left to sporting editors. They are the boys to tell how the other fellows won by a fluke or their home team wins by superior playing. There are no excuses to be made. The Union boys accepted the challenge to play for the championship on the La Grande floor and the boys of La Grande cut the melon. From the score it was the greatest game that the city of La Grande ever saw. While there was no doubt a little roughness there were few fouls and a man from each city refereed half a game. Its now up to some other athletic club to contest

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FOR RENT—Modern furnished house 1401 Fifth St. corner N Ave. Mrs. A. F. Lilley. 2 6 2t.

FOR SALE—Onions, by sack or any quantity desired. A. F. Lilley. 2 6 2t.

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