

Brief News of the week

"The Merchant of Venice" has been barred from New York public schools, upon request of prominent Jewish patrons of the schools.

The Diamond Match company paid fines aggregating \$2600 for violations of the Wisconsin child labor law. The complaint alleges 324 infractions.

That a girl who does her hair up, wears a hobble skirt and is commonly known as "Miss," is too old to be spanked, is the ruling of Police Judge Thompson at Elgin, Ill. A father who spanked was fined.

The Women's Recall league of San Francisco, which is seeking the removal of Police Judge Charles L. Welser, has 12,000 names on the recall petitions, 5000 more than are necessary to compel a recall election.

The Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad will spend \$25,000,000 in building 725 miles of new road, which will cross Montana and strike the Canadian Pacific railroad somewhere near the Montana-Idaho boundary line.

Enormous frauds committed against the government through illegal trafficking in stolen postage stamps have been discovered by postoffice inspectors. Postmaster-General Hitchcock says they involve at least \$2,000,000 annually.

The woman suffrage amendment to the constitution giving women the ballot is the first amendment of eight which have been introduced in the Montana assembly to pass both houses and it may be the first on the ballot at the election in November, 1915.

The National American Woman's Suffrage association, as such, will take no part in the inauguration of President-elect Wilson on March 4 next. Nor will "General" Rosalie Jones and her "army" of marchers have anything to do with the inaugural parade. The women say the inauguration is a partisan affair and the association is a non-partisan body.

People in the News

H. R. Williams was elected at New York a vice president, director and member of the executive committee of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. Formerly he was president of the Puget sound division.

Senator Kenyon, before the Iowa legislature, pledged himself to do all in his power to aid the Wilson administration, "not from a partisan standpoint, but when the measures advocated by the democratic president would produce the greatest good for the greatest number."

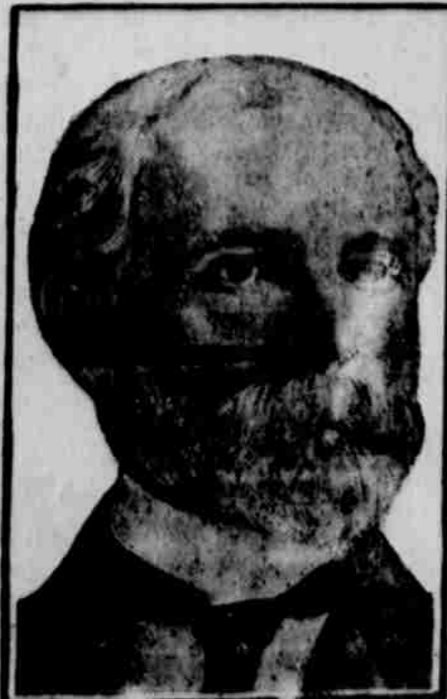
Senator La Follette announced in a letter to Governor Carey and other progressives of Wyoming that he would contest Senator Warren's election on the ground that his preferential election was granted through alleged extensive frauds in the coal mining districts of Uintah county.

Gustav Carl Luders, one of the best known composers of comic opera and musical comedy in America, died suddenly of apoplexy in New York while calling on friends. He was 49 years old. Among his popular successes were "The Burgomaster," "The Prince of Pilsen" and "The Fair Co-Ed."

Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president of the United States on the socialist ticket at the recent election, was arrested at Terre Haute, Ind., charged with obstructing justice by corrupting a witness in the government's case against the Appeal to Reason. The newspaper was attacked by the government for violation of the postal laws.

The participation of subsidiaries of the United States steel corporation in pools organized for the purpose of fixing prices was known to Judge Elbert H. Gray, chairman of the corporation, long before he gave orders that the pools should be abolished, according to William E. Corey, former president of the organization, in his testimony in the government's suit to dissolve the corporation.

WHITELAW REID



Whitelaw Reid, Ambassador to England, who died in London after a short illness.

DEAD OX FLAT NEWS

Willard Yost has rented the Cottingham place, opposite Crystall.

Sneak thieves are doing a brisk business here.

Winona, the 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Macomb, is reported ill with scarlet fever.

E. C. Belknap is building a home and stable on his ranch on Saake River.

A postoffice inspector looked over the proposed rural free delivery route here Monday.

Walter Kleinfelter is working in Payette for the fruit packing company.

Through hazy chirography on the part of the correspondent, two names were wrong in this column last week. It is Mrs. Erickson, not Emison, who is improving from an attack of peritonitis, and Fred Morton, not Minton, who intends to dig a well.

Jim Eaton, of Weiser, armed to the teeth and laden with traps, with a decrepit cayuse, for coyote bait, in tow, arrived in North Jacobson Sunday.

Returning from Indian Valley Frank Patterson broke road through four feet of snow for forty miles without mishap, only to get his buggy stuck within 200 yards of his house.

Frank Welch, who was sick in Ontario for some time, came out to his homestead the first of last week.

Tom Heslop and Will Rudd, former residents of this place, who have been in the landscape gardening business in Portland for the last few months, are now full fledged chiropodists—which is to say, being interpreted, corn doctors. They are working from Portland toward Los Angeles and are doing splendidly.

Considered in connection with poultrymen of this vicinity, D. B. Stokely is in a class by himself. His chickens lay when others wouldn't think of laying, in summer and winter alike they lay for all that is in them. Thus during the holidays, when the average poultry man was railing at his luck or threatening to go out of business, Mr. Stockley's principal chore was to gather a bucket full of eggs every evening. Besides a few Plymouth Rocks, Mr. Stokely keeps the White Leghorns and the Rhode Island Reds. He modestly attributes his success solely to the close attention he gives his flock.

One of the most successful social events of the season was the dance at Levi Crull's Friday night. Owing to the splendid sleighing a large crowd turned out, there being thirty-four numbers a side. August Senkbell and Dick Hawkey, of Weiser, were the musicians.

A man who has recently completed some noteworthy improvements on his ranch positively refused to allow that fact to be mentioned here, on the ground that he had no use whatever for the Ontario people. They had built a hospital, but what had they done for him? His horses had run away; he had an attack of rheumatism; he had ice in his whiskers. These conditions, however, had not prejudiced him. "And now to cap it all," he explained, "I've got the women on my back," which may or may not account for everything.

A colt broke through the platform over the E. F. Sullivan well, hung by its front legs while it kicked down several feet of curbing and, with it, a half ton of loose earth, then climbed out unscathed. It took two men the better part of a week to get the well back into working condition.

Charles Wyman left for Sumpter Tuesday, where he will work in the mines. Arthur Thiel, of this place, is also working there.

Mr. and Mrs. Senkbell, with Master Fritz, went to Payette Wednesday to attend the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Casberg.

Mackinaw Strikes Going Out of Port Los Angeles.—The steel freight steamer Mackinaw, en route from Balboa, Panama, to San Francisco, via Los Angeles, struck the breakwater at the entrance to San Pedro harbor in a heavy fog and came into the harbor after several of the crew had been taken in the boats in the belief that the vessel was sinking.

CIRCUIT COURT PAROLES SEVERAL CONVICTED MEN

Four prisoners each convicted of a penal crime were sentenced Monday. They were J. E. Roberts, former manager of the Ontario Democrat, who as secretary and manager of the Malheur Publishing company, which owns the Democrat printing plant, was found guilty of embezzling \$310.75 of the company's funds; George W. Hero, who pleaded guilty to selling a mortgaged house in order to take a trip to Chicago to see his wife, who was confined in a hospital there; H. M. Morton, 19 years of age, self-convicted of raising a check from 50 cents to \$30 and Bruneau Sholtz, arrested last October at Baker for stealing a saddle.

Roberts, Hero and Morton were sentenced to the penitentiary for from one to ten years and pardoned for three years, during which time they are to report regularly to the sheriff.

Scholtz got a jail sentence and was paroled.



SCHUBERT CONCERT CO. AT OPERA HOUSE FEBRUARY 1

In engaging the justly famous Schubert company, of Chicago, to give one of their entertainments here the Cemetery association can congratulate themselves upon securing an additional and entirely unexpected feature of the greatest excellence. For it so happens that Miss Frances Rhinehart, the eminent harp soloist, is making a short concert tour of the United States in company with the Schuberts and will positively be heard here with them on February 1 at the opera house. Keep this in mind for, although she is not advertised on the Schuberts program she will be here with them and add two great solos to their program. It is our good luck that she is visiting her musical friends at the time they happen to be engaged to appear in Ontario.



Life Crews Are Lauded Astoria.—Captain J. H. Quinn, inpector of the Lifesaving Revenue Cutter service, has completed his official investigation of the wreck of the steamer Rosecrans, and the circumstances attending the loss of the power lifeboats, the "Tenacious," of Capt Disappointment, and the "Dreadnought," of Point Adams.

He finds no blame attached to either crew in the matter, and speaks in the highest terms of the work done in their attempts to save the survivors of the wreck.

Josephine Poultry Show Success Grants Pass.—The Josephine County Poultry association has just concluded the most remarkable exhibition of blue-blooded fowls ever held here. Visitors and poultry-raisers acknowledge that this was the best show held in Grants Pass since the organization of the association. Numerous prizes were awarded.

PRIZES AND WINNERS AT POULTRY SHOW

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Brown Leghorn female—2-pound can steel out coffee, given by the New York store, J G Sloan

White Rock female—One \$2.50 poultry roaster, given by Malheur Mercantile company, E B Sargent

Barred Rock male—Art picture framed, value \$2.50, given by Everhart Drug company, Wilbur Clayton

Barred Rock female—Granite dish pan and stew kettle, given by Combes Variety store, Wilbur Clayton

Buff Rock, male or female—50-pound sack Veribest flour, given by Wilson Bros, J H Dennison

Rhode Island Red male—one wagon umbrella, value \$2.50, given by Malheur Mercantile company, J C Beam

Rhode Island Red, female—\$2.50 in merchandise, given by W T Lampkin White Wyandotte, male—one, J Nodie

Humpty Dumpty egg carrier, given by Ontario Commission company, C E Amidon

White Wyandotte female—\$3 hat given by W G Long Clothing company, Roland Koenig

Silver Lace Wyandotte male—one triple galvanized iron hen's nest, given by McBratney-McNulty Hardware company, Mrs J S Tharp

Silver Lace Wyandotte female—one package each of Talbotts Poultry Regulator, louse powder and roup remedy, given by Bernole Drug company, Mrs J S Tharp

Silver or Golden S S Hamburg female—one Ontario felt pennant, value \$1, given by Ontario Pharmacy, G G Wherry

Partridge Wyandotte male—One Axminster rug, 27x54 inches, given by Marshall Furniture company, Elmer Smith

Partridge Wyandotte female—one pair ladies' shoes, value \$3.50, given by Malheur Mercantile company, Chas Ctek

Buff Leghorn cockrel—one salad bowl, given by Combes Variety Bazaar, A B Cain

White Rock male—One poultry fountain, given by McBratney-McNulty Hardware company, E B Sargent

Buff Leghorn female—one sack Veribest flour, given by Wilson Bros, A M Williams

White Orpington male—\$2.50 cash, given by the Ontario National bank, S J Kenepp

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Black Minorca female—one dozen \$4.50 cabinet photographs, given by J S Burrell, photographer, prize must be claimed in 30 days, Wilbur Clayton

Black Langshan male—one \$3.50 hat, given by Boyer Bros, Geo Mordhorst

Black Langshan female—2-pound box of I and E chocolates, given by I and E bakery, Geo Mordhorst

Highest scoring bird in Show—\$2.50 cash given by First National bank, Albert Wherry, 94 1/2

Golden Wyanodttes—J S Sloan

Turkeys, Ducks and Geese

Best pair Pekin ducks, large box Woodward's chocolates, given by J M Conner, Ontario, bakery, V V Hickox

Best pair Indian Runner ducks—one sack Elkhorn flour given by Malheur Mercantile Co, W G Hurtle

Best pair Toulouse geese—star cut water pitcher and set of 6 glasses, given by Cash Variety store, J G Sloan

Best pair geese other than Toulouse—one package each of Talbotts Poultry Regulator, louse powder and roup remedy given by Bernole Drug store, L V Patch

Best pair bronze turkeys—one 50-pound sack Wild Rose flour, given by P O Ream grocery, Mrs A H McGregor

Best pair White Holland turkeys—one box fancy stationery, given by P O book store, L V Patch

Largest turkey, weight considered—\$2.50 cash, given by First National bank, N R Fitch

Highest scoring Black Orpington, Ontario Argus—S J Kenepp

Highest scoring Golden Wyandotte—Ontario Argus, J G Sloan

English Strain Indian Runner ducks, Ontario Democrat, V V Hickox

White Guinea—Ontario Argus, L V Patch

Pigeons—L V Patch, W R Fitch

Japanese Silkies—L V Patch

Guinea, pearl—J H Spainhower, N R Fitch

Rouen Ducks—N R Fitch

English Terriers—L V Patch 1 and 2

Spitz—Sam Hobson

Scotch collie—Ontario Argus, C E Dibble

Coach dog—A M Williams

Lewylin Setter—J H Spainhower

Russian Wolf Hound—L V Patch

Walker Fox hounds—N S Felthouse

W A Crank—Sweepstakes won on weight, solid color, White Leghorns, five birds scored 457 1/2

J G Sloan—Sweepstakes, on weight, parti-colored Brown Leghorns, five birds scored 451

George Mordhorst—Sweepstakes on weight class, solid color, Black Langshans, five birds scored 459

J Nodie—Sweepstakes on weight class, parti-colored, Rhode Island Reds, five birds scored 458 1/2

The principal classes had the following number of entries:

Barred Plymouth Rocks, 27, White Plymouth Rocks, 14, White Orpingtons, 29, Buff Orpingtons, 18, Buff Leghorns, 23, White Leghorns, 28, Partridge Wyandottes 22, Rhode Island Reds, 32, Black Langshans, 16, W. G. Wherry, who acted as judge, exhibited pens of silver Lace Wyandottes and S S Hamburgs, but did not compete for prizes.

REPORT OF BUSINESS AT PORTLAND STOCK YARDS

Receipts for the week have been: Cattle 1747; Calves 30; hogs, 3887; horses 48.

The cattle market is steady to firm in all lines. A third of the week's receipts was contracted stuff from California and Utah points, leaving an inadequate layout for the buyers and bulk of beef offerings were only fair to medium quality. Best steers sold steady at \$8; cows \$6.75 and \$7.00 and heifers \$7.25 to \$7.65; veal market was strong at \$9.00 for choice light calves; bulls and stags steady.

Monday's run of 2742 head of hogs broke all former records for a single day and lowered prices a dime. Reaction set in after Tuesday and top grades were selling freely at \$7.50 to \$7.75 Thursday.

Mutton values had a strong upward tendency as the week advanced. Prime wethers sold at \$6.25 to \$6.50, a quarter over former prices. The lamb market is steady to strong at \$7.00 and \$7.35, with demand exceeding the supply.

TRACK LAYING MACHINE GANG IS BUSY AT NYSSA

Nyssa is now the scene of considerable activity; the rails and ties are being laid rapidly on the extension from Nyssa to Homedale. 8,600 feet is a record of one day's work by the automatic track laying machine. An automatic machine for lifting gravel to ballast the roadbed arrived Saturday. Nearly 300 men are employed, which means a monthly payroll at Nyssa of about \$15,000.



CARMEN'S ITALIAN ORCHESTRA AT DREAMLAND FRIDAY NIGHT

Carmen's Italian Orchestra is a group of cultured Italians of the Roman type. By inheritance and training, the best in music has come to them so that, though young, they are able to render the choicest of musical compositions.

Felice Fereinando, as leader, is no doubt unsurpassed this side of Italy among the Italian organizations of the musical order. Judging from the point of skill and native musical instinct the company is superior to any like American orchestra. The company will appear at the Dreamland tomorrow night. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

EXPECT 125,000 CHILDREN TO ENTER INDUSTRIAL CONTEST

Last year, as near as we can get it there were about 60,000 children engaged in making or raising something with which to compete for prizes in the industrial contest. That was only a little start in the work, but it was a great stimulus to future effort.

As a result of the inspiration gained last year we hope to have practically everyone of the 125,000 school children of the state engaged in some phase of the work this year. To those who did not get interested last year and are not familiar with the rules of the contest, we wish to say that they are very simple. The most important one is that the children must do the work themselves and the parent or guardian will be required to sign a statement to that effect.

In raising garden, some one else may plow the ground and harrow it, but the child must do the rest—the planting, cultivating, harvesting etc.

In raising poultry the child does not have to own its parent flock, but must set the eggs and feed and care for the chickens they exhibit.

One of the main objects of these contests is to get the boys and girls interested in doing something. To teach them to do something, practical, something worth while, something by which they can earn a living when they grow up to manhood and womanhood. And the only way to learn how to do something is to do that thing with your own hands. If you show something that someone else has raised or made you are cheating yourself out of the most valuable part of the contest—the experience gained by doing it yourself.

Not only that, but in showing something that is not a product of his own effort he is practicing deception, cultivating dishonesty and laying the foundation for a life of dishonor and trouble. He may be successful in deceiving others. None but himself and the members of his own family may ever know that he has cheated, but that is enough. In doing what he knows is not right he loses respect for himself, and that is a long step in the wrong direction. When a person loses respect for himself he soon loses the confidence and respect of others. "To thyself be true, and it follows as the day follows night that to no other man thou canst be false."

Every child should early in life get this principle firmly fixed in his mind and through life never depart from it.

Parents, don't think you are favoring your child by giving or loaning him something to take to the fair to win a prize with, for you are not. On the other hand, you are doing him an absolute injustice. You are cheating him out of the valuable experience of learning how to do something and at the same time educating him to be dishonest. Character building is the most important part of the early education of the child and the greatest value in these industrial contests is along that line—forming in the child habits of industry, economy, system, honesty, self-reliance and all of the traits that go to make up the good citizen.