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PLANT YOUR ROSES SATURDAY

One year ago when the Ontario people started the planting of roses in large quantities the citizens entered into the matter thoroughly, but in many instances lacked the experience necessary to make a success. This season they will be able to profit from previous experience and will prepare their ground and plant their roses so that they will grow and give them blooms the first year. Roses require rich soil, inclined to be heavy, with good under drainage and will respond with a bountiful supply of blooms when so placed and given a little care. Saturday has been designated as Rose day this year and there will be hundreds of roses planted.

BOND ELECTION WINS BY A BIG MAJORITY

Bonds to Be Sold and Work Started on City Hall and Drain System Soon

The bond election held last Friday for the purpose of building a city hall and establishing a drain for the city was all favorable to the proposition. There were but six votes recorded against the city hall and a few more for the drain.

The bonds will be offered for sale and the work started as soon as there is a certainty of them being sold.

The building of this outlet drain will enable the people of the west part of the city to form a drainage district and connect with this outlet, giving them thorough drainage to a good depth and removing the unsightly ponds that have been a menace to the health of the people as well as very unsightly.

With the starting up of this work an impetus will be given to others and many thousand dollars will be expended for improvements before the end of the building season of 1913.

TO ORGANIZE A BASEBALL CIRCUIT FOR THIS SECTION

Bob Duncan was here a few days ago working upon a baseball circuit to include Vale, Ontario, Payette, Emmett and Weiser. There was not much ball enthusiasm exhibited in Ontario, but the other towns are favorable to the league, with all home players.

HOMEDALE IS HAVING A VERY SUBSTANTIAL BOOM

Reports from Homedale indicate they have a real boom on there. They have a township of 320 acres platted. The Gem district is promised water by May 1 and Homedale train service in 30 days, all of which may have some bearing on gold discoveries.

RAILROAD COMPANY MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR BRIDGE

Railroad officials have been making soundings for new piers at the crossing of the Snake river and will soon install new bridges of modern design. It will require about eighteen months to complete them.

IDAHO-OREGON COMPANY FURNISH POWER FOR IRRIGATION

The Idaho-Oregon Light and Power company are arranging to furnish power for the Gem Irrigation district this season and will be ready to start the pumps by the first of May. This will bring some 30,000 acres of choice lands under water.

NEW SHIPPING RATE ON WOOL

The railroad company has announced a new rate on wool from Eastern Oregon points to the coast, placing it as fourth class instead of second. The new rate will take effect May 1 and means about 25 per cent off of present rates.

TORNADOES AND FLOODS THROUGHOUT MANY EASTERN STATES

Destroyed Thousands of Lives and Rendered Hundreds of Thousands Homeless--Property Losses Run into the Millions of Dollars.

POTATOES MAKE EXCELLENT FEED FOR MILCH COWS

At no previous time in our history has competition been quite so keen as at present and in order for one to be successful in any line it is necessary to take advantage of every modern idea that has proven to be of any worth. Much time and thought has been given to the handling of cows to get the most out of them and the dairyman who wishes to succeed must take advantage of these experiments and demonstrations.

It has been proven that a cow requires certain foods to produce rich milk in large quantities. In this section we have the ideal balanced ration in the alfalfa hay, combined with the extra silage. Corn does well here and produces twenty tons of forage to the acre, so that a small field will produce enough to feed the cows during the year and at a small cost.

E. B. Conklin has found that potatoes can be used instead of corn silage to good advantage at present prices. He cuts them up for the cows and gets a large flow of rich milk for his trouble and the cost is small.

What we wish to impress on the mind of the reader is that there is a way to get good money for whatever you produce on the farm, irrespective of market conditions. The price of alfalfa and potatoes was below normal this year when sold regular, but when they are fed to cattle, cows, horses, sheep and hogs the returns show good wages for the work of feeding and also large returns for the hay and potatoes.

MANY TOWNS SWEEPED AWAY BY RAGING WATER

The Nation Appealed to for Aid--Sufferers Without Food, Water and Clothing.

The world has seldom experienced such a devastation as occurred during the past few days in Eastern Nebraska, Western Iowa, portions of Illinois, practically all of Indiana and Ohio and the Western part of Pennsylvania.

On Sunday Omaha was struck by a tornado and heavy rains, destroying hundreds of lives and several million dollars worth of property.

Heavy rains for five days caused the breaking of dams and levees throughout Indiana and Ohio, practically every section being effected, and all rivers are at flood stage.

Estimates of the dead run to near five thousand, with many places to hear from. Several small towns have been destroyed.

In Dayton streets the water was thirty feet deep. Oil tanks exploded and fire destroyed many blocks in the business district, with hundreds of people who were unable to escape through the flooded streets.

Several passenger trains went through bridges into the rivers. Telephone and telegraph lines are down and railroads tied up, rendering relief work difficult.

The Ohio river has reached the 57 foot stage at Cincinnati and the low country clear to the Mississippi valley will be flooded.

SOME DETAILS OF THE TORNADO DESTRUCTION

Omaha Suffers the Greatest Loss--Many Other Sections Are in the Pathway.

Omaha.—Omaha and vicinity was swept by two distinct windstorms late Sunday afternoon, both of cyclonic intensity, which spread death and destruction in their wake. Fire which broke out in many of the wrecked buildings added to the horrors.

The best available figures placed the number of dead between 100 and 200, with not less than 1000 more or less seriously injured.

The first and main storm struck Ralston, three miles west of South Omaha, shortly before 6 o'clock, and moved in a northeasterly direction through the city of Omaha, leaving a wake of death and destruction eight miles long and from four to six blocks wide. The path of the storm lay just north of the business district, and included two of the fashionable residence sections, known as West Farnam and Bemis Park. Practically all the buildings in this district were demolished.

The well-defined path of the storm ended at Crater Lake, near the Missouri river, north of the city.

To add to the horrors, fire broke out in many of the wrecked buildings. The streets, littered with debris, were practically impassable for the fire apparatus, and the fires burned themselves out except in instances where the flames were brought under control by volunteer "bucket brigades."

The second storm swept across the Missouri river about 6:20 P. M., doing considerable damage in Council Bluffs.

Figures compiled early place the number of known dead in Council Bluffs at nine and a score injured.

The police were unable properly to protect the stricken district, and soldiers from Fort Omaha were called out. The town was practically under martial law.

Omaha's suburbs suffered heavily.

Ralston, southwest of Omaha, was razed to the ground and a half score or more are dead.

The worst damage was done and the heaviest toll of lives exacted in the western part of Omaha, in the vicinity of Twenty-fourth and Lake streets, and from there northeast to Sixteenth and Binney streets. This was the residence district, and the destruction wrought was well-nigh appalling. Whole blocks of homes were picked up and dashed into a shapeless mass. Streetscars were hurled from the track and demolished.

Chicago.—A terrific wind storm, causing widespread destruction and loss of life and property, wrecking the already demoralized telegraph service, raged over the central west and middle states. Reports from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Indiana indicate heavy damage.

Omaha, Berlin, Ashland, and Yutan, Neb., the latter town near Omaha; Marshalltown, Ackley, Woodbine and Carroll, Iowa; Terre Haute, Ind., and Abilene, Kan., are places from which messages carrying the news of grave destruction have been received.

Terre Haute, Ind.—With a known dead list of 16, reports brought by messengers on horseback from the south part of Vigo county, indicate that the toll of a tornado which struck here late Sunday night would reach 50. The property loss probably exceeds \$500,000.

In addition to destroying about 300 homes in the south portion of Terre Haute, Prairieton, a small town six miles south, was destroyed and the intervening territory devastated. The injured number at least 300 and many of these are in a serious condition. The hospitals are filled to their capacity.

ADRIANOPLE CAPTURED BY BULGARIAN ARMY

Arsenals, Stores and Much of the City Set on Fire by the Officers of the Turkish Army.

London, March 26—Adrianople has fallen after one of the most stubborn defenses in the history of warfare. Tchatalji suffered a like defeat, the Bulgarians carrying all before them. Shukri Pasha, defender of Adrianople, surrendered his sword to the Bulgarian general, but carried out his threat to destroy the town rather than let it fall into the hands of the Bulgarians.

W. T. LAMPKIN WILL SOON MOVE INTO LONG BUILDING

W. T. Lampkin has purchased the stock of ladies goods carried by the Long Clothing company and will place them on sale this week. He has taken a lease on the store room formerly occupied by the Long store and will move into the new location soon as it can be remodeled. There will be a large sky light placed in the roof and the front will be finished similar to the front of the Alexander store, except that white brick will be used instead of red.

This will be a much larger and more central location than where the store is now located and additional lines will be added and the stock made more complete.

DR. PRINZING RETURNS FROM HIS EASTERN VISIT SATURDAY

Dr. Prinzling arrived home a few days ago from a three week's trip to the east. He was at Rochester, Minn., with the Mayo brothers, the great surgeons for a while and also in Baltimore and New York, where he got posted on the latest surgery and medicine. He was not in New York while Dr. Friedmann was there, but said the medical profession was not enthusiastic over the discovery because Friedmann was trying to commercialize it. He passed through Omaha a few hours before the cyclone struck there.

DAVID F. HOUSTON



David F. Houston, of Missouri, who is Secretary of Agriculture in President Wilson's Cabinet.

WORK AND WIN CLUB MEETS

The regular meeting of the Work and Win club was held Thursday, March 20th at the home of Mrs. Charles Emison.

The afternoon was spent in considering a program for next year's work. The chairman of the program committee offered suggestions and each member present stated her preference. After considerable discussion the club voted to continue the course of civics which has been so enjoyable the past winter and to study particularly the duties of good citizenship. In view also of the approaching exposition at San Francisco, it was thought advisable to devote several meetings to the history and development of the Panama canal.

For Sale—A Ford automobile in good shape. Price \$350. D. C. Booth at Multnomah rooms.

AN EPIDEMIC OF RUNAWAYS.

There was a flock of runaways this week. On Monday a team tore loose from a wagon in front of the Moore and ran the full length of Oregon street, coming up against a telephone pole at the Ontario hotel corner, with small damage.

On Tuesday the team belonging to the laundry took a spin around the corral at the laundry, wrecked the wagon and tore down some fences before they could be stopped, resulting in a \$100 loss.

On Wednesday there was a double. A local delivery horse took a turn around and a team from the country gave an exhibition, with comparatively little damage.

SALES DAY HERE IS VERY SUCCESSFUL

Articles Sold Brought Good Prices--Sales to be Held Twice a Month

Saturday was a fine day in Ontario and the streets were well filled with persons who had something to sell or wanted to buy something. The offerings included about everything imaginable from a steel duck boat to a land marker. The prices secured were satisfactory, alike to bidder and seller and it resulted in many articles that were of little value to their owners getting into hands that needed them.

The Commercial club is so well pleased with the result of the first day that they will hold these sales on the first and third Saturdays of each month and everyone is invited to bring in anything they have to sell.

It is found that many people have one or two articles to sell and not enough to hold a sale and these sale days is just the thing for them, enabling them to sell what they want to get rid of.

DREAMLAND THEATRE ADDS NEW FEATURE

Principal Events of Each Day to Be Shown--Other High Class Attractions

The Dreamland managers are giving the public unusually good entertainment and receiving generous patronage. Ever on the lookout for novelties they will soon start a series of slides depicting the current events of the day, from the American Press association, the same people who furnish the Argus with the excellent news service.

For the balance of the week they have the Swiss Bell Ringers in a musical and comedy program, with change each evening. They are good and will entertain you if you go.

On Sunday evening Frank Hampton will be there in musical selections, including the violin, piccolo, etc. He comes from a week in Boise, where he pleased all who heard him.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Edwards and Merritt Musical Comedy company will appear with the Honey Girl chorus of eight girls. They have been at Baker two weeks to big business. Do not miss them.

BEAVER RIVER POWER COMPANY WANT FRANCHISE HERE

David Wegg, assistant general manager and Charles Pitzer, of the Beaver River Power Co., are in Ontario investigating the advisability of extending their lines into Ontario. The advent of a new company, whose rates are nearly forty per cent lower than any heretofore offered to Ontario would mean a great saving to the consumers of electricity. We understand the company will have no representative here for the present, but will return and be present at the next meeting of the city council when they will apply for a franchise.

KING CONSTANTINE



King Constantine, of Greece, who succeeded his father King George, recently assassinated.

STRIKES A POPULAR CHORD

Prof. A. B. Macpherson, county superintendent of this county came in to visit our schools and meet the patrons. He is a firm believer in practical education and is making an effort to get the parents and teachers working together for a more thorough and practical education of the pupils, even if they do not pass so rapidly to the higher grades. There is much cause of the public school system for lack of thorough fundamental knowledge of the branches taught and a desire to have the pupils advanced in their grades more rapidly than they are qualified to be advanced; in other words to have them taught algebra before they know the multiplication table. At a recent eighth grade examination, out of 80 pupils, only 9 were able to pass. Prof. Macpherson believes in thorough education and we should uphold him in his efforts. He spoke very highly of this school and the teachers we have as being excelled by none in the county.—Jordan Valley Express.