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DEAD OX FLAT LAND WILL BE IRRIGATED

Snake River District Includes Several Hundred Acres of Fine Land

Arrangements have been made for the completion of the plant on the Snake river irrigation district, the cost to be paid for in bonds of the district to cost \$42,500.

Twenty-five hundred and ninety-six acres of land are embraced in the Snake river district company's project on the Dead Ox Flat north of Ontario. It includes the best land on this famous bench and for years has been farmed. Practically every acre under the proposed plant is in a good state of cultivation and very little work will be required in making it susceptible to irrigation.

The completion of this system will irrigate practically all of the flat under irrigation since the balance of the land was put under water over a year ago. There remains approximately, but 2000 acres to be reclaimed and it is understood that some of the owners are seriously contemplating the installation of private pumping plants.

ENTIRE ADVANCEMENT TRACT WILL BE WATERED THIS YEAR

The 24 inch pipe line of the Ontario Advancement company has been laid the full 8,500 feet and the pumps are all ready to place water on this entire tract. The pumping equipment is one 8 and one 10 inch direct connected pump, operated by a 60 and a 40 horse power motor.

OREGON PRODUCES ITS OWN PORK FOR HOME CONSUMERS

Since last August not a hog has been imported into this state. This is the encouraging news made public last week by C. C. Colt head of the Colon Meat company, at Portland, who says Oregon farmers are going extensively into the business of live-hog raising. During 1911, more than half the total number of hogs marketed at the Portland market came from Nebraska.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD INITIATION CEREMONIES HERE

Snake River Valley Council No. 1056, observed solemn initiation exercises last Sunday, which were attended by a large concourse of local and visiting Knights. The three degrees of the order were conferred on a class of 24 candidates, thus increasing the membership of Ontario Council to about 60. The ceremonies were in charge of officers for Boise Council and the first two degrees and the third were exemplified most successfully by District Deputy John Regan, acting State Deputy Jess H. Hawley, who prevented from attending.

NYSSA MAN WILL PLANT 10,000 CHOICE PRUNE TREES

Harry Monce, the well known nurseryman recently sold 10,000 extra choice prune trees to Mr. Sanderson, owner of the largest prune orchard in Oregon. The orchard is located near Nyssa and netted handsome returns for the owner last year.

Evidently Mr. Sanderson knows a good thing when he sees it and wants more of the same kind. He recently returned from a visit of several months with relatives in Australia. He has been all over the world, but up to the present time has found no better farming country than southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon. He expects to market 100 cars of ripe prunes this season from his big orchard.—Nampa Record.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BENEFIT FRIDAY NIGHT

At Dreamland Theatre in Which Leon J. Chapman Will Take Prominent Part—Don't Miss It.

Friday evening at the Dreamland theatre the Commercial club will give a musical and literary benefit the proceeds to apply on a deficit the club owes. As the present secretary, Mr. Chapman, is about to leave Ontario, he has consented to appear on the program in a series of impersonations from Riley, Field, King, Adams, Cook and other authors. Mr. Chapman has never appeared on a public program while having resided in Ontario, but has given entertainments at Payette and assisted in some of the local productions.

Hundreds of press notices in Mr. Chapman's possession might be used to advertise the entertainment, but as he is well known in Ontario, there is no doubt but that Dreamland will be taxed to capacity.

The program will be interspersed by musical numbers, making a well selected evening's entertainment in addition to the usual pictures.

WALTER H. PAGE



Walter H. Page, the Magazine Editor, who was named American Ambassador to Great Britain.

FIRST LAVENDER CLUB IS FORMED AT WEST STAYTON

The first lavender club ever formed has been organized at West Stayton, starting with fifteen members, with the following officers: Mrs. H. S. McGowan, president; Mrs. D. B. Conness, vice president and Mrs. S. D. Turner, secretary and treasurer.

The object of these fifteen women is to raise lavender for commercial purposes. Having irrigation available during the dry summer months, they believe that the results will be highly satisfactory. Dr. Withycombe, of the O. A. C., at a recent meeting held at West Stayton, spoke very encouragingly in regard to possibilities of the undertaking of this new club.

O. W. R. & N. TO ESTABLISH FEED YARDS AT ONTARIO

Official Here for that Purpose--First Move Towards Establishing Headquarters Here.

An official of the O. W. R. & N. company was here a few days ago to make arrangements for the establishing of feeding yards here.

He secured the services of Dave Magill to look after the yards, which are located close to Mr. Magill's home and stated that they would have water and feed racks installed at once as they intended using this point to make up their stock trains.

They will establish a 32 hour train schedule to Portland on the start and later this will be reduced until they make the run in 24 hours.

The establishing of this stock service from Ontario is the first move of the railroad people in opening up headquarters here and will be followed by other new services in a short time.

It is reported that the tunnel west of Vale is now through and the water being taken care of so that another thirty to sixty days will see the tracks laid and the men at work on the bridges west of the tunnel. Three car loads of men for the work went through Ontario this week and were taken to the front.

There are some thirteen bridges to be built between the tunnel and River-

side, after which there will be little to delay the work. The Crane creek cut, which is deep and about a mile long, will not delay the work as they can place a large crew at work. When the Harney valley is once reached it will be only a case of laying the ties and rails, as the grading will not amount to much.

BASEBALL CLUB IS TO BE ORGANIZED IN ONTARIO

A meeting of the baseball fans was held in the Commercial club rooms Tuesday evening and an effort made to organize a club here for the local league. The sentiment was for the organization of a club of home players and all players were notified to report at the fair grounds on Wednesday evening for practice. If a club can be gotten together they will arrange a game with the Payette team at Payette. The league embraces the nearby towns and can be carried on at small expense for traveling.

MANY NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN ONTARIO CEMETERY

The Ontario cemetery has been undergoing many changes the past few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Farley have had charge of the work and they have the weeds and grass all taken care of, many trees planted, the grounds laid out and the whole general appearance of the place changed.

Water is now piped to the grounds and there is every inducement being made for the owners of lots there to care for them and make it a beautiful home for our departed relatives and friends.

POPE PIUS X.



Pope Pius X, whose condition was reported improved, suffered a relapse, due to reluctance to submit to strict medical regime.

ONE IN EVERY EIGHT IS HURT

Of 145,000 Engaged in Hazardous Work 19,226 Injured.

Olympia.—In the state of Washington one man in every eight who are engaged in hazardous or extra hazardous occupations, as defined by the industrial insurance law, is injured, and one in every 50 who are injured is injured fatally. These astounding figures are discovered in the report of the state commission for the first 17 months of its work.

During that period 145,000 persons were engaged in hazardous work. The accidents brought before the commission totalled 19,226, and the deaths resulting 406.

An average of \$2000 per day is paid by the industries of the state to injured workers or their heirs.

WOOL CLIP WILL BE LARGE --SHEARING TO START SOON

The wool men are looking forward to a larger tonnage of wool for this market this season than ever before.

It has been established beyond question that the prices paid at Ontario are better than at the smaller places, the facilities are such that the wool can be seen to full advantage and the large volume marketed here enables the buyers to fill their cars without trouble.

The season has been a good one for the sheep and the clip will be of good grade. Shearing has started at the Brogan plant and they will work at Skull Springs in a few weeks. Most of the wool will probably be shipped here from Brogan and Harper in order to get the benefit of the better prices which prevail.

FAREWELL MEETING GIVEN SECRETARY

Commercial Club Holds a Special Session Bidding Mr. Chapman Farewell Ere His Departure.

A called meeting was held at the rooms of the Commercial club on Wednesday evening for the purpose of giving Secretary Chapman a farewell and listening to what was being done.

About sixty letters have been received within the last month from men interested in the dairy business and an effort is being made to have them come here and locate. They are from practical dairy men who know what is necessary to make the business successful and they have the means necessary to get started.

Many of the club members took advantage of the occasion to express their appreciation of the work done here by Mr. Chapman as secretary of the club, and also as a citizen and resolutions to that effect were ordered drafted and presented to him.

Mr. Chapman has been the secretary some three years and secretary of the Fair association and it has been mainly through his efforts that the fair has been built up and the town placed on the map so that all now know that Ontario is the railroad center of eastern Oregon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIVE VERY ENJOYABLE DANCE

The ball given by the Knights of Columbus last evening was attended by about 70 couple who pronounce the music furnished as excellent and all arrangements perfect. The next semi-annual will draw even a larger crowd.

STATE TROOPS CAPTURE NACO

Naco, Ariz.—General Pedro Ojeda, commanding the remnants of his federal garrison of 300 troopers at Naco, Sonora, surrendered to the United States troops on border patrol here, after having withstood a siege of state troops which lasted for five days, and in which more than half his troopers were killed.

The surrender was hastened by the attack on the federal garrison by the band of Yaqui Indians under General Alvaro Obregon, commanding state troops. The dead on both sides has been estimated at 200, and the fortifications at Naco, Sonora, are veritable slaughter pens. About the buildings are strewn more than 100 bodies, shot, cut and horribly mutilated.

General Ojeda, true to his promise, refused to surrender. While the fighting was at its height he attempted to march across the border with his small band. The fire from the enemy was demoralizing, and Ojeda and his men ran and became scattered.

Captain H. A. Stewart, Company A, Ninth United States cavalry, ran alone to Ojeda's assistance.

The American officer grasped the Mexican general by the arm. Together they ran in a hall of lead to where an automobile was awaiting.

AUCTION SALE OF FINE HOLSTEIN COWS HERE

On Saturday, April 26---All Thoroughbred Dairy Stock From Illinois

There will not be an auction sale on Saturday, the 19th, as originally planned, on account of the Club having just received word that 50 head of thoroughbred Holsteins have been shipped from the east to be auctioned off at a sale to be held in Ontario on April 26th. These fine Holstein cows are the selection of a bunch of 500 in the best dairy sections of the east and are all prime animals. It was intended to have a sale Saturday of this week, but when word was received that these thoroughbred Holsteins were on their way to Ontario it was postponed one week. This will be an opportunity to secure some fine cows and ones that have records behind them.

The dairy business around Ontario will soon grow to one of importance and by importing cows of this character the country will rapidly advance.

SUPPOSED DROWNED MAN TURNS UP AT LAGRANDE

James Farrell, who lived on the bench near Payette, disappeared Thursday and is supposed to have been drowned in the Snake river.

He left his home for a hunt along the river, where some geese had been seen flying around. His wife tried to discourage him by remarking that even if he killed one it would be too far out in the river to get, to which he replied that the river was not too wide for him.

When he did not return a search was instituted and his gun with an exploded shell and a rabbit were found on a gravel bar at the edge of the river, where there is a very swift current, and the supposition is that he tried to wade out to get the bird and the current carried him under.

The river was dragged and powder exploded, but the body has not been recovered. He was married about three weeks ago to Miss Francis Richardson, daughter of one of the prominent ranchers on the bench.

Later—Just after a clairvoyant had located the body in the river, a telegram was received from Farrell by his wife. He is in LaGrande and asked his wife to join him. No explanation has been given for the disappearance.

LOGANBERRIES PROFITABLE CROP IN THIS STATE

From Independence comes the report of big profits in loganberries. One grower states that he received \$200 from one-half acre last season. While a new industry, Polk county people are going into the business of growing loganberries extensively.

TO IRRIGATE BENCH LANDS FROM STORAGE WATER

Wes Caviness is promoting a proposition to water the bench lands west of Vale by storage waters of the Cottonwood. The cost of the water is estimated at \$12 an acre, which is certainly low for a good water right.

MALHEUR CITY HAS NEW PAPER

Malheur City, in the northern part of this county, has a paper, the Mining News, published by John Alden Seabury, formerly editor of the Vale Enterprise. Malheur and the Mormon Basin some eight miles away, have been mining camps since the 50's and have turned out millions of dollars. With the development of the quartz mines new life has come. The News would be a credit to a much larger city.