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**FRUITLAND ITEMS**

The high school faculty and seniors were entertained by the Christian Endeavor society last Friday evening at the Epworth hall. The different rooms were beautifully decorated with the class colors, rugs and plants. During the evening a class prophecy was read to the great amusement of all. Dainty refreshments were served just before the jolly crowd departed.

G. N. Hill is quite ill with pleurisy.

Miss Florence Anderson visited Miss Jeppson, of Emmett, from Friday until Monday.

Mr. Huntington and family recently moved into their new house. He bought the Mauser place, north of Pleasant View school house last fall and has made a beautiful home.

Miss Vaile Caldwell is visiting this week in Boise at the Kinsey home.

L. B. Mankinson entertained last Sunday at dinner the Misses Westcott, Crowther, Robinson, Talbot, Rowena Robinson, and Steelman.

Miss Esther Kinsey, of Boise visited Tuesday with Miss Mary Kinnison.

A baseball game was played Friday afternoon between Ontario and Fruitland schools at Ontario. The score was 11 to 22 in favor of the home team.

The seniors of the Ontario high school invited the senior class from here to attend their class day program given last Wednesday afternoon. The class enjoyed an afternoon that will be long remembered.

Mrs. H. E. Robinson and daughter, Marion, have invitations out for a party Friday night in honor of the senior class.

Several of the young people from here attended the Ontario high school play given at New Plymouth Saturday night. The play was interesting and the characters well acted.

Clyde Mankinson lost a yearling colt last week with pneumonia.

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**Farm and Garden**

**DO YOU LIKE "SWEETS?"**

**They're Fine With Gravy—Here's How You May Grow a Crop.**

Plant a few sweet potatoes in your garden this spring. They aren't hard to grow, and what is richer to eat than brown sweet potatoes with gravy? Besides, this vine is very ornamental, and its thick, dark foliage helps to make your vegetable garden more attractive.

Sweet potatoes are grown by means of sets or sprouts which grow from the root buds. It is best to get them from seed growers or gardeners. They require warm, moderately rich, sandy land. If the land is too fertile there will be a large growth of top at the expense of the root. The plants may be set out from the middle of May until the 1st of July or after the late frosts are over.

The potatoes may be grown on the level, but a ridge usually is preferred. In the garden ridging may be done with a hoe, making the ridge about eighteen inches broad and six inches high. The rows should be from three and a half to four feet apart. Set the plants along the center of the ridge—they should be about two feet apart—and if the soil is moist it is only necessary to dip the roots in water before setting. But if it is unusually dry at this time it will be advantageous to sprinkle the plants occasionally.

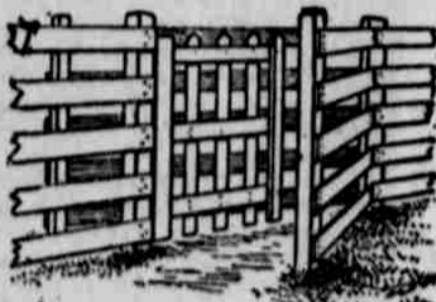
When the plants are small they should be cultivated often enough to kill the weeds and keep a mellow surface. Later on the vines themselves will cover the ground; then cultivation is impracticable as well as undesirable. After the vines are too large to cultivate they should be lifted occasionally or they are likely to take root at the joints and keep on forming more vines with no roots in the hill large enough for use. The vines should be lifted once a week. Every vine should be loose from hill to tip. This lifting may be done very rapidly with a pitchfork, but some care must be taken.—Kansas Industrialist.

**FOLKS OUT, STOCK IN.**

**Here's a Simple Gate That Will Help to Solve the Problem.**

It is often inconvenient to pause and unlatch and then latch a gate between the barnyard or some other place where stock is kept and the garden or a field from which it is desired to keep animals away.

To obviate such difficulties the plan illustrated will be found very convenient. As will be seen, the fence is made to end at two stout posts, be-



[From the American Agriculturist.]  
**STOCK STOPPING GATE.**

tween which is a rather larger opening than is usually allowed for a footpath gate.

From one of these posts the flaring lines of fence are built to posts so as to form a V shaped opening, each ending at a post. On the other large line post is hung the gate, which swings each way and either comes against the V shaped sides when pushed or may continue so as to strike the smaller posts. In either case animals cannot get past, and yet the gate is always open for human beings.—American Agriculturist.

**OLD AND TRUE.**

The old English farmers put their advice about keeping barnyard manure into two lines:

Keep it moist and tread it tight. And it will well your care require. That is pretty much the whole story.—Rural New Yorker.

**FARMING WITH BRAINS.**

Never venture upon an old bridge with team or machinery without seeing that it is firm and safe for heavy weights.

If the fertility of the soil is to be maintained it must be supplied with vegetable matter. Turn under cover crops and increase the humus supply.

According to the Iowa Press bulletin No. 12, sodium arsenite is the only chemical that will entirely destroy the Canada thistle. It is applied at the rate of one and a half pounds to fifty-two gallons of water.

Do not expect the hired man to feel satisfied if you leave him alone with all the chores while you are away visiting unless you are willing to do the same for him occasionally. Hired men are human beings and will, as a rule, appreciate fair treatment.

A soil that dries out quickly, is loose and sandy and leaches is also in poor physical condition from too little water and organic matter. Where irrigation is practicable this is advisable, plenty of manure, green manure, liming if there is sourness and thorough and persistent cultivation.

**SELLS-FLOTO SHOWS WILL BE IN PAYETTE MAY 27**

Of course when the Sells Floto circus comes to Payette on next Tuesday, May 27, it will give a parade which will probably come down the street about eleven o'clock in the morning with bands playing and banners flying and full of all the joy and gladness that it will hold.

Sells-Floto is the only big traveling organization that always gives its patrons the full benefit of this free spectacle. Others cut out the street parade at one time or another, the real reason being that they did not have exactly what they advertised, but when the Sells-Floto circus comes here it is especially requested by the management that you go and see the street parade, because if you don't even care to go to the circus afterwards, you will see much that is interesting, entertaining and educational, while watching the pageant.

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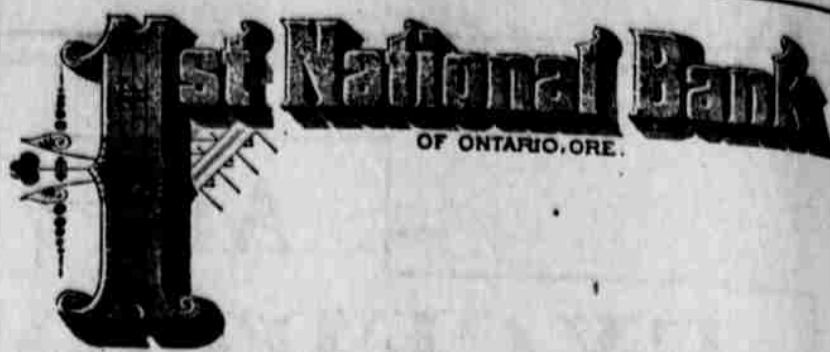
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| April 4, 1910 | 350,636.16   |
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