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FAIR MANAGERS GET BUSY

Bigger and Better Than Ever.

NEW FEATURES TO BE ADDED

As heretofore the Malheur County Fair is to keep pace with the progress of the times and Eclipse all past performances.

"Bigger and better than ever" has been a stock phrase when speaking of what the managers of the Malheur county fair are going to have for the people and the peculiar part of it is that they have always made good, as each succeeding fair has been better than the previous one.

There are several new features to be added this year. We noted the exhibit which the schools of the county are preparing and this will be of interest to all and of especial benefit to the men and women of tomorrow.

During the past year this county and section has made great big strides in the dairy business and the fair managers are just as much interested as any dairy man in promoting the industry and placing it on a strictly business basis.

The managers are also going to offer special prizes for the egg layers and give them an opportunity of showing that they are making money for their owners.

Have you any idea how many eggs your hens are laying for you? Do you know the ones that are not worth their feed? You should know these things to be successful.

MR. JOHNSON BUILDS FINE HOME

The carpenters will finish their part of the contract on the C. S. Johnson home this week. This is going to be one of the show homes of the city.

RAILROAD BUILDERS IN EASTERN OREGON

PIONEER OF MALHEUR DIES SUDDENLY OF APOPLEXY

James Westfall, aged 72 years, died at Westfall, on the 31st of May. He worked all that day and died a short time after finishing a hearty supper, from apoplexy.

Mr. Westfall has been an active agent in the development of this county, having been here thirty years and raised a family here. The children are Mrs. Ada Wilson and James Westfall, of Westfall, Oscar Westfall, of Salem, and Mrs. Ida Hillman at Boise. Miss Nettie Hillman, of this city is a granddaughter and attended the funeral at Westfall.

ONTARIO TEAM DROPS ANOTHER TO PAYETTE

Sure, Ontario lost another game to Payette Sunday. Alexander was in poor form, allowing nine hits, walking seven men and striking out ten. Slate for Payette, struck out seven men, allowed four hits and made three out of the nine hits for his team. Five errors were recorded against each team. The score was 11 to 1. Vale is the victim for next Sunday.

WORK ON TUNNEL FINISHED BUT NO EXTENSION YET

The work on the big tunnel west of here was completed last week, but there has been nothing done toward extending the road through it. There seems to be a lack of funds to go ahead with the work and it may drag until the annual meeting of the railroad officials this month, when they will make another appropriation and complete the line.

ICE PLANT IS BEING RAPIDLY COMPLETED

Also Two Big Warehouses and Storage Plant Are Going Up.

The warehouse district is pretty busy these days.

Around the Fraser warehouses the wool buyers have kept things humming all week, but Mr. Brown is carrying the wool and will be able to see daylight in the course of a week or so.

It is some task to handle two million pounds of wool and it requires some space to store it. The Canfield and Butler warehouse is being rushed and there is some grain already stored there.

The Weinhard Brewing company is erecting a cold storage warehouse in the same district to handle their goods in this section. This is one of those portable affairs, built in sections. The walls are fitted with air spaces, packed with mineral wool and will be used in place of the warehouse burned down some few months ago.

In the south end of the district the cold storage and ice plant being erected by Dr. Dutton is nearing completion. This is the first building of the kind erected here and the walls contains at least three times the amount of lumber generally used.

Numerous Trips of Magnates to This Section Very Significant.

Since the visit of Mr. Hill here last week with his engineers and friends the papers of the section visited by them and of the sections that tried to get them, have been full of stories about what the visit signified.

The people of Ontario were well pleased with the visit as they realize that a personal examination of this section will convince any person that it is equal to the best in the world and Mr. Hill was specially interested here in two irrigation projects that have made good and he spent several hours in examining them thoroughly and then expressed himself as well pleased with the work and the results.

Mr. Hill was so well pleased with the outlook in and around Ontario that he has planned to make us another visit next month. He is looked on primarily as a railroad man and when he goes any place it is assumed he is going to build a railroad into that section at once, but like all big men, Mr. Hill has many interests and one in this section is his holdings in the road grant lands and that is what prompted his visit at this time.

Being a railroad builder he is always on the lookout for desirable territory that can be easily reached by his line. At Burns the home side of the man was displayed when he spent the day with a little girl, celebrating her birthday with her little friends, he having a little daughter with a birthday falling on the same date, and he declared it one of the happiest days of his life.

Mr. Hill has made a study of irrigation and finds that the costs of the government propositions are almost prohibitive, because of the red tape methods and incompetency of the engineers, who hold their places through political pull rather than ability.

Mr. Hill said: "The government census shows that the average irrigation project installed by a private citizen cost under \$6 per acre for water. In cooperative projects \$12 per acre. In Carey act projects \$40 per acre. In government projects the

average cost of water to have been \$140 per acre."

In regard to the Hill railroad interests building new lines about the only thing he said was at Burns as follows: "We are going to build through Harney county and we are likely to be in as soon as anybody. It is not necessarily the fellow that starts first that reaches the journey's end first and we are not going to be the last in the race."

Which would indicate they are only waiting for the Harriman people to decide on their route and then the Hill people will get busy and beat them to the business.

William Hanley was along as pilot and he got off several of his bon mots in his speeches. One of them was very apt: "If you are going to howl, do like the coyote, go way back in the hills, raise your face to the stars and howl. He was optimistic, as usual, and can foresee great things for this state and section.

J. H. Young, president of the Hill lines in Oregon, was familiar with the Snake river valley, having been connected with the Short Line, and he stated that the Snake river valley will produce more freight in the next fifty years than any other section of like extent that he knows of. That is the loadstone that brings railroads.

Mr. Leedy, another member of the party, is recognized as the greatest colonizer in the United States, having taken thousands of people to Montana and satisfied them all, because he told them exactly what to expect. He would do wonders for this section if his efforts were directed to the settling up of the millions of acres of idle lands.

L. P. Howe, of the Washburn-Crosby Milling company, stated at Burns that the wheat raised in that section was equal to the best Minnesota wheat and the lands produced more bushels to the acre.

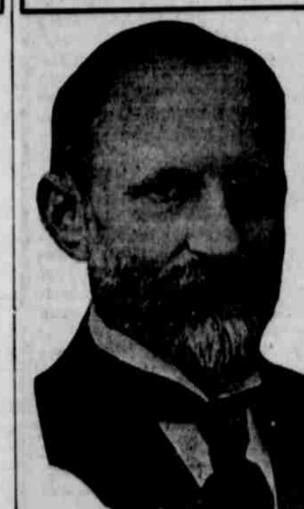
It is not often that any community has an opportunity of entertaining so many men who have made national reputations in the business world and their coming will mean much for us in the future.

WILLIAM M. WOOD



William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, who was acquitted of the charge of placing dynamite to injure strikers.

JOSEPH E. RANSELL



Joseph E. Ransdell, senator from Louisiana, leader in the fight to keep the tariff on sugar.

WEISER DAILY SIGNAL QUILTS

The Weiser Daily Signal is taking a rest until the merchants of that little city appreciate a daily sufficiently to support it. The running of a daily paper in a semi-weekly or weekly town is a losing proposition for the publisher.

If you want printing of the better class you get it at the Argus office—the price is right

MASONS CONFER THIRD DEGREE

On Thursday evening of last week the Masons held the largest meeting in their history, some 120 members being present from Weiser, Nyssa, the Bench and other sections. The Weiser team conferred the Third on a candidate and all were entertained at a spread in the refreshment room. Some excellent talks were made and those present report a very pleasant evening, even the candidate.

FIRST TRAIN FROM ONTARIO TO HOMEDALE TODAY

The train service to Homedale from Ontario was inaugurated today, leaving here on the return of the train from Vale. The schedule has not been issued, but it is expected that there will be a train run on Wednesday's only for the present and that it will run up and back the same evening. A larger engine has been supplied for the service and this will also improve the service to Vale.

70,000 ACRES OF OIL LAND THROWN OPEN FOR ENTRY

The Interior Department has issued an order throwing open for entry some 70,000 acres of land south of Vale, that was withdrawn a few years ago for an oil reserve. The lands are in townships 17, 18, 19 and 20, S. range 43, 44 and 45 east.

DAIRY BUSINESS IS RAPIDLY PUSHING AHEAD HERE

One hardware firm reports the sale of seven cream separators in the last few weeks and have orders for more. That indicates rather a rapid turning to the cow by our people and when they have their crops and buildings arranged to care for them there are, no doubt, many others, who will get the most out of their soil by the cow, hog and chicken route.

Every dairy section is a prosperous and wealthy one and before many years the Snake river valley will be noted as the best of them all. It is the home of the alfalfa, the best dairy plant that grows.

SEWER OUTLET OVER HALF COMPLETED NOW

High Water and Difficult Formation Has Somewhat Impeded Work.

The trunk sewer outlet to the river is about one half completed as far as distance is concerned and about two-thirds in regard to the time required and the work to be done.

For over 300 feet the ditch had to be dug through cement gravel and when this passed there was a very heavy flow of water to bother. The high water in the river has also bothered some. For the balance of the distance the trench will not be much more than half as deep and the indications are the digging will be better.

It is impossible to estimate the benefit this drain will be to the entire city. It will be possible to have dry cellars when the drain is completed and all the unsightly, disease and mosquito breeding ponds will disappear. For the completion of the sewer the work will be done under what is known as the Bancroft bonding act which enables the lot owner to pay for the work in ten years and the cost will be assessed equally against each lot in the district.

Every lot drained will be benefited many times more than the cost.

HARNEY COUNTY RESIDENT IS MARRIED IN ONTARIO

Scott Catterson of Harney county and Miss Isabella McClelland, of Ontario, were married Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. Thos. Johns, in the presence of the immediate family. Their many friends in Ontario and vicinity wish them a very happy and prosperous wedded life.

ONTARIO BEST WOOL MARKET

Million and Quarter Lbs. Sold.

TWENTY-TWO BUYERS PRESENT

Prices Range Higher Than At Any Other Eastern Oregon or Southern Idaho Points Reported So Far This Season.

It has again been proven that Ontario is the best wool market in eastern Oregon or southern Idaho.

The sales opened last Monday morning and continued until Wednesday with the exception of the time that some buyers were at Vale on Tuesday. There was in attendance at the sale here about twenty-two buyers who were all very much interested in buying what they could.

In all there was something like one and one-fourth million pounds of wool sold in the three days. Prices were running higher than at any other point in Oregon or Idaho.

The Baker and Harrison clip sold for 16 1/2%; E. L. Liakes for 16%; Kidwell and Caswell for 14%; T. L. Woodward for 13 1/2%; W. W. Hinton for 14%; E. R. Vernon for 14 1/2%; McConnell Bros., 13 1/2%; R. Arrien, 15 1/2%; J. F. Mahon, 13 1/2%; I. P. Hartt, 14%; H. Walters, 13 1/2%; A. Venator, 13 1/2% and a good many other clips along about the same price.

It is estimated that Ontario prices are from one to two cents higher than any other point tributary here.

On Wednesday morning between 9:30 and 12 o'clock, there were 14 lots put up and sold, which is a record breaker for selling wool fast.

The growers are more than satisfied with the sales and we presume that more wool will be brought here next year than ever before.

In the sale at Vale Tuesday there was 8 clips put up for sale and only one offered accepted. The prices there ranged from one to two cents lower than at Ontario.

The buyers went to Payette Wednesday afternoon but did nothing.

FALLS OVER BANK 25 FEET IN DARK AND BREAKS LEG

Abbe Moore met with a very serious accident on Sunday night breaking a leg and receiving other injuries.

He had been to Payette to notify some people of friends who are sick and when he reached the approach to the Snake river bridge the horse failed to turn down the hill and went past it. Mr. Moore soon discovered that he was off the road, but it was so dark, the lights being off, that he could not determine where he was, so got out and tied the horse and commenced to hunt for something to locate where he was and in walking around he came to the brink of the cut and fell over, a distance of some twenty-five feet, where he lay for several hours.

Marshal Odell heard of the accident and found Mr. Moore about 4 o'clock in the morning, chilled through and suffering intensely. The man was taken home, the bone set and he is reported as doing well. Being well along in years it is quite a serious accident.

MRS. MARY MEAD OF THIS CITY DIES AFTER OPERATION

Mrs. Mary Mead, of Ontario, died at the hospital on Thursday evening following an operation for gall stones and the funeral was held from the Methodist church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The people of Ontario deeply sympathize with the members of the bereaved family.