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## EXPECT TO FINISH THE SEWER BY CHRISTMAS

Council is Asking for Bids To Construct Sewer Lateral No. 1.

The contractor on the big sewer has his work well along, all the big pipe being laid and the gang of seventy men are now laying the west lateral which is to drain the pond near the cemetery. When that is completed the men will lay the lateral leading to the Boyer pond. It is now thought that the work will be completed by Christmas, but much depends on the ground encountered.

The strata of water sand was encountered last week and caused some delay and it is expected that it will be out again before the completion of the pipe laying.

When the catch basins are resounded all the water from the ponds will be turned into them and it will then be seen that the drain is several feet below the lowest part of the unsightly ponds that have been a breeder of disease here for so many years.

The Council is now asking for bids to construct the lateral sewer No. 1 and later they will start work organizing for lateral No. 2 and on until all the city is covered and every lot drained.

## BEE MEN HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION THIS WEEK

The bee men of this section held their annual meeting in the rooms of the Ontario Commercial club on Tuesday with an attendance of seventy-five members representing 15,000 colonies of bees. Reports showed that the wet season had curtailed the production and that a many sections the field was crowded.

An effort is being made to have the association go more into the marketing of the products as it is realized that it would be a decided advantage to market from a central agency.

There was a splendid banquet at the Moore, the dining room being filled. The old officers were reelected. There will be a field meeting held at Washoe on July 10, 1914.

## TWO CARLOADS OF HOGS SHIPPED FROM HERE TUESDAY

There were two carloads of hogs shipped from here Tuesday and about \$3000 paid out for them. It is these practical demonstrations that will teach the farmer the necessity of getting into diversified farming and always having something to sell for which there is a demand.

## LARGE NUMBER OF DEEDS ARE FILED BY PAYETTE VALLEY R. R.

There were seventy-one deeds filed in Caldwell last week by the Payette Valley railroad and indications are that the road will be turned over to the Oregon Short Line about the first of the year. Many conjectures are heard about what the short line is going to do with it, but it is only a guess.

## WEISER BOYS BREAK INTO ONTARIO BAKERY SUNDAY

Three boys from Weiser broke into the cellar of the Elk saloon on Sunday evening, stole some whiskey and beer and then went to the Ontario bakery and mixed things up in bad shape, destroying about \$20 worth of goods.

They were turned over to the Washington county authorities and sent to the Idaho State Reform school. The youngest, and apparently the toughest, was about fourteen years old, the others about sixteen.

## FAIR ELECTION DECEMBER 15.

A special election is scheduled for December 15. The question to be submitted is: "Shall the county take over the property of the Fair Association at Ontario?"

This will necessitate a levy of one mill on the property of the county as equalized and finally settled, which will realize about \$13,500.

This buys the land and frees it from all encumbrances.

A one mill levy will amount to one dollar on each thousand dollars of valuation; that is, if a man is assessed at ten thousand dollars he will be called upon to pay the sum of ten dollars for this purpose. If his assessment is, say \$6450 he will have to pay the sum of \$6.45. If his assessment is \$1400 he will pay 1.40.

## NEEDLE ATTACKS ON WOMEN TO BE PROBED

Newark, N. J.—Federal authorities probably will join state officers in an investigation of the poison needle mystery growing out of the experience of Mrs. Marjorie Graff in a moving-picture theater here. So far the only arrest is that of Armand Megaro, a young South American, who is held in \$20,000 bail on an assault charge made by Mrs. Graff after a man seated near her in a box jabbed a needle into her arm and she was seized with drowsiness.

The cases of five young women reported to have been victims of experiences similar to those of Mrs. Graff are being investigated by the police, and the attention of the federal authorities has been brought to the Graff case in connection with their inquiry into several white slave cases.

The needle used on Mrs. Graff had not been dipped in poison, so far as a microscopic examination showed. There will be an effort to obtain the nature of the drug used.

California Progressives Meet. San Francisco.—From every congressional district of California the progressives of the state met here in party conference, repudiated their one-time "affiliation" with the national republicans, cheered their leader.

## EXTRA SESSION DOUBTFUL

Opposition Manifested to Plan Said to Be State-Wide.

Boise.—Opposition that has developed in many parts of the state will, it is believed here, block the proposed call for a session extraordinary of the Idaho legislature urged upon Governor Haines to correct faulty legislation in the drainage act, and to pass needed legislation for Carey act land matters, as well as to amend the revenue laws and take up such other matters it is asserted need legislative attention.

Prospects were bright for the call at one time. However, since then the state's chief executive is said to have heard from advisers in many parts of the state who have come out flatly as opposed to an extra session.

The state press has, in practically every instance, criticized severely the suggestion, principally on the grounds that the taxes in this state are now high, and to add an additional \$20,000 or \$40,000, which a legislative session would cost, would only add to the burden.

## Two Shot in Duel.

Salem.—John Zoller, marshal of Gervais, is believed to be dying from a wound in the neck and left shoulder received in a pistol duel which occurred when he approached two suspicious characters. Ray McCarroll, arrested several hours after the shooting in this city, has made a complete confession to Sheriff Esch, but declares it was his companion who shot the marshal. McCarroll has two bullet wounds in his left shoulder, but his condition is not serious.

## Mines Near Baker Busy.

Baker.—Activity such as has not been seen in years in the Mormon Basin country is being shown, and several mining properties show bright prospects. Estimates have been made that there are at least 250 men now working there, and that by next summer there will be as many more.

## DR. ARTHUR YAGER



Dr. Arthur Yager, of Kentucky, who is now governor of Porto Rico.

## MRS. HETTY GREEN



Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, who recently celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday.

## COMPLETE ROUT OF FEDERAL CERTAIN

Fleeing Mexican Troops Reach Ojinaga on Border in Demoralized State.

Presidio, Tex.—The complete rout of Huerta's federal army in northern Mexico with the frantic flight of his generals for safety on the border and the demoralization of the unpaid troops was established with the arrival at Ojinaga, Mex., opposite Presidio, of the civilians and soldiers who deserted Chihuahua city.

In the remarkable hegra which struggled for eight days over the 185-mile trail through the desert and endured great hardships for want of food and water, were General Salvador Mercado, Huerta's deposed military governor, and commander of the federal troops in the north; General Pascual Orozco, General Antonio Rojas, General Marcelo Caraveo, General Ynez Salazar and a host of subordinate officers. They had deserted their posts in fear of General Francisco Villa's rebel army.

Along with them came, burdened with property they could carry, men, women and children, representing some of the richest families in the republic. Their flight with the army was in the face of reports that they might expect no mercy should they fall into the hands of the rebels.

## Lives of Foreigners to be Safeguarded.

Mexico City.—Foreigners must not be interfered with if fighting occurs in the federal district. This indication is contained in the general army orders. These orders specifically say that in the event of fighting the officers in command of the government troops must understand that the lives and property of all foreigners are to be respected.

## MANY STOCK SHOW ENTRIES

Idaho Boys Win Hog Contest With Oregon Aggies Second.

Portland, Or.—With nearly 900 entries, the Pacific International Livestock exposition opened Monday morning at the Portland union stockyards, to continue throughout the week.

Idaho carried away first place in the students' judging contest and in the fat carload hogs. The team from the university of Idaho made an aggregate score of 2351 1/2 out of a possible 3000, and won first prize, \$50 in cash.

The remarkable development in the students' contest was the close score, a difference of only 64 points separating the four teams.

Oregon agricultural college was second with 2345; Washington state college third with 2331.

## No More Veal on Hotel Menu.

Portland, Or.—Hotel keepers of Oregon, in an effort to lower the price of beef, will not serve veal to their patrons, if the terms of a resolution adopted by the Oregon state hotel association are carried out.

## STATE TAX LEVY TO BE 4.365 MILLS

The Latest Estimated Expense of State for 1914 is Now Placed at \$4,165,000

Salem.—The tax commission, in making public the state tax levy for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1914, announced that the total amount of revenue required for the general state purposes for the year, not including amounts apportioned on a special millage basis, would be \$3,888,258.10.

Added to that sum will be a tax of one twenty-fifth of a mill, yielding \$38,171.30, for the Monmouth normal school, and a tax of one-fourth of a mill, yielding \$238,570.60, for the state road fund, making the total amount needed \$4,165,000.

To raise this money the average rate of taxation on all property in the state will be a little more than four and one-third mills, or, to be exact, .004365. The rates in the various counties will vary widely, depending on the relation of assessed to full cash value of the property in each county. The lowest will be 3.1 mills and the highest 5.6 mills.

## Finer University is Aim.

Eugene.—"What the board of regents intends to do is to build a university that the state will be proud of for years to come," declared Governor West in explanation of the decision of the regents, who met at the university to delay taking steps for the construction of the \$100,000 building, funds for which were approved by the people at the recent referendum election.

## Grants Pass Plans Annual Shoot.

Grants Pass.—The local gun club is making arrangements to hold an annual shoot at this place on December 21. The day's work will include both shotgun and rifle practice. For shotgun practice flying targets will be used. Cash prizes will be offered as well as other prizes yet to be determined.

## Will Ask Opening of Unit.

Hermiston.—A petition has been drawn and will be circulated in a short time asking the opening of the sixth unit of the Umatilla project. This unit has some of the most valuable land in the country, lying between the feed canal and the "A" line ditch, an area of about 3000 acres. The plan is to irrigate from the feed canal until the water supply from that source is cut off, when the water in this "A" line will be utilized by the use of hydraulic rams.

## Self-Defense is Proved.

McMinnville.—"Not Guilty" was the verdict of the jury that sat on the trial of James Hutchens, who was indicted for murder in the first degree for the shooting of Walter A. Rodgers. The jury was out about two hours and when the verdict was read by Judge Holmes the audience handclapped for three minutes.

## REAL ISSUE OF FAIR ELECTION

Remember that the real issue at the election Monday is for the county to levy a one mill tax for one year only to buy the grounds and improvements of the Fair association. This will mean a straight bill of sale covering full title to all the holdings.

The demonstrations at the Malheur county fair have added thousands of dollars to the county through the adoption of improved methods by the stock men, the cattle men, the fruit men, the dairy men, the hog raisers, the chicken men, the general farmer, the corn growers and feeders. Every additional fair will bring out new ideas that will be taken up and made into dollars.

## OUTLAW KILLED BY COWLITZ OFFICERS

Chehalis, Wash.—Deputy Sheriffs Kirby and Howell, of Cowlitz county, killed an unknown desperado just north of Toledo, 32 miles south of Chehalis, on the Cowlitz river. The dead man was one of a pair which, it is alleged, robbed the Castle Rock hardware store of Welthje & Gehman. The second man, believed possibly to be Mike Donnelly, a mulatto, a paroled convict from the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, made his escape.

The details of the immediate events leading up to the shooting are said to have been that when the sheriff's posse approached the outlaws the latter were on a level place at the top of a small hill and had their campfire in the middle of the trail. Salal several feet high surrounded the place. As the officers approached they ordered the two men to throw up their hands, and apparently they did so, stepping back out of sight and opening fire on the posse. The deputies began firing about the same time, and eight or ten shots were exchanged in all.

## LIQUOR MEN LOSE CASE

Judge Bean Rules "Booze" Cannot Be Shipped into Dry Zone.

Portland, Or.—A transportation company is not compelled to accept shipments of liquor into "dry" territory, according to a decision rendered in United States district court by Judge Bean in the case of F. Zimmerman & Co. against the O. W. R. & N. and the Oregon Short Line.

Plaintiff asked that the railroad companies be compelled to accept liquors at Portland, consigned to Heyburn, Idaho. The railroads had refused to accept the shipment because of the Webb-Kenyon act, which prohibits the shipment of liquor into "dry" territory from another state.

Judge Bean in his decision says that while the Webb-Kenyon law has been held unconstitutional by one of the lower courts of Iowa, the supreme court of Delaware, the only court of last resort which to his knowledge has passed on the act, has held the law to be constitutional.

## No More Arms for Ireland.

London.—Taking official notice for the first time of the anti-home rule preparations in progress in Ulster, the government issued an order prohibiting further importations of arms into Ireland.

## SEVERAL PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENTS GIVEN LAST WEEK

Mrs. McCulloch gave a surprise to her husband a few evenings ago, but one of the neighbors had to go and give it away, so Mac was not very much surprised, but they had a splendid time just the same.

Mrs. Fraser entertained on Saturday. There were thirty-two present, some elaborately gowned and the decorations and refreshments were in keeping. "500" was the principal diversion, with Mrs. Cokrum as prize winner and Mrs. Jack Landis second. Mrs. Whitworth quit 400 in the hole, but she lost out as there was no booby prize.

The Carnations met at Mrs. Fraser's on Thursday evening. Mrs. Prinzing and Mr. Kenyon were the winners.

Mrs. Van Petten entertained a host of friends on Monday evening.

## APPLE GROWERS FROM BENCH WIN PRIZES

At Spokane Apple Fair-- Fruitland Gets First On Five Box Class.

Idaho exhibitors at the Spokane apple show carried off eleven prizes and learned enough to feel certain they will win more next time with the same quality of fruit. Method of display entered into the contest to a considerable degree.

The Idaho prize winners from this section were as follows:

Ten box class—Arkansas Blacks, B. F. Tussing of Fruitland, second; Rome Beauty, C. W. Young, of Fruitland, second.

Five box class—Arkansas Blacks, B. F. Tussing, Fruitland, first; White Winter Pearmain, Santa Rosa Orchard company, Fruitland, first; Ben Davis, C. A. Maneman, Fruitland, first; Winesaps, H. Harland, Payette, third; Black Ben, C. M. McBride, New Plymouth, second.

One box class—White Winter Pearmain, Santa Rosa Orchard company, Fruitland, first; Winter Banan, C. W. McBride, New Plymouth, second; York Imperial, T. H. Beckwith, Payette, second.

## FIELD ORGANIZER OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS HERE LAST WEEK

E. F. Walton, field organizer of the National Highways association, was here last week trying to create interest in the organization. There will be a meeting of the Commercial club early in January at which time Mr. Walton will be present and give a talk on what they are trying to do. The proposed highway will probably go through Parma, Nyasa, Ontario, Payette and on to Weiser. The road will be bought by the commission and kept up by them.

With one good road in each community there will be an incentive to build others so that in a short time all the trade centers will be connected by good highways and the farmers will be able to reach a market at all times of the year.

## PURELY A BUSINESS PROPOSITION FOR THE COUNTY

What is good business for an individual should be good business for a county. If you should offer a business man a location and improvements worth \$25,000 for \$13,500 he would not hesitate about taking it. This is the proposition to be voted on Monday. The grounds and buildings have cost the Fair association over \$23,000 and are today worth more than that amount. They are being offered to the county for \$13,500.

The fair proposition was thoroughly covered in the Argus last week and there is little new to be said about it. It is simply a question of whether the people of this county wish to hold a fair and receive the benefits thereof or not. The grounds and buildings offered at this time at about half what they would cost to duplicate is undoubtedly the best opportunity the county will ever have to buy grounds and buildings at any such price. The grounds at Ontario can be visited by more people than if located at any other point in the county and it is the attendance and gate receipts that makes a fair a success.

The people of the county have much to learn about what can be produced here to the best advantage and a county fair will demonstrate these things to a better advantage and at a smaller cost than in any other way.

The arguments are all in favor of the fair and the cost is only a trifle in comparison to the benefits received. William Jones and Thos. Turnbull say that a fair in this county is a necessity and they are among the largest taxpayers, but they look beyond the present tax of one mill on the dollar and see the benefits that are sure to come from the holding of county fairs.