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EDITOR SHEPARD PREPARES AN INTERESTING

Paper For Meeting of Idaho State Horticultural Association

A lengthy, but very interesting paper on "Brickbats and Bouquets," prepared by E. H. Shepard, editor of Better Fruit, of Hood River, was read by M. J. Higley at the meeting of the Idaho State Horticultural meeting. Mr. Shepard urges diversified farming for the fruit growers, such as poultry, hogs, truck gardening, etc.

"Every fruit grower should have a flock of chickens, a dairy cow or two, some hogs," said Mr. Shepard. "Sixty-four different by products can be made of the apple. Clean cultivation in orchards is tabooed."

"Hood River has been sending away each year \$60,000 for butter, which the fruit growers could easily save by keeping cows."

"Half the profits of the fruit growers is spent for butter, eggs, meat, etc., which they could save to themselves by carrying on proper diversified farming."

"Cooperation of the fruit growers as exemplified by the North Pacific Fruit distributors is highly commended. The success of the fruit growers lies in cooperation," said Mr. Shepard.

"The apple producers of the northwest have been getting only 26 per cent of what the eastern consumer pays for the northwestern fruit. In the next ten years there will be about 25,000 acres of apples in bearing in the northwest. In the east there are 10,000,000 less apple trees than 10 years ago. The decrease of apple trees in the east is offset by the increase in the northwest."

"Distribution is of vast importance to the apple growers of the northwest. The Panama canal will give to the northwest growers lower freight rates to the foreign nations."

"Europe points the way to the great advantages of cooperation among the farmers. The farmers of Europe are prosperous as a result of cooperation. The northwest fruit growers are having a proper start in the organization of the Northwest Fruit Distributors."

"By proper cooperation the northwest can be made the richest country in the world."

MR. BOYER VISITS JUNTURA AND OTHER INTERIOR POINTS

Cliff Boyer was up in the interior last week looking over the situation and prospects for trade and believes there will be some trade this season.

The Juntura people are much in need of a road to Dreysey and the Hole in the Ground, but there seems to be a shortage in the funds of the county for new roads.

That section had good crops of vegetable and grain this year and the large number of men employed on the railroad has made a market for all they have. Settlers are going in fast and the lands are being filed on by men who will make their homes there.

Altogether there is a good feeling among the people and business conditions are good.

REBEKAH LODGE HAS BANQUET --INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At the last regular meeting of Beatrice Rebekah Lodge No. 82, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Emily Pogue D. P. installed the following officers for the ensuing term:

N. G. Mrs. Clara Morton; V. G. Miss Harriet Sears; Recording Sec., Mrs. Hattie Draper; financial Sec., Mrs. Daisy Rutherford; treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Purcell; Warden, Mrs. Winnie Divin; Conductor, Mrs. Lou Morgan; I. S. Mrs. Mary Cronin; O. S. Mrs. Mary Jones; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Emily Pogue; L. S. N. G., Mrs. Edna Boyd; R. S. V. G., Mrs. Alice Carlile; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Mary Lyells; Chaplain, Mrs. A. Johnson.

PAYETTE Y. M. C. A. IS BURNED DOWN ON MONDAY

The Y. M. C. A. building in Payette, was entirely destroyed by fire which began at 7 o'clock Monday morning and continued to burn until the fine building was a total wreck.

The fire is supposed to have caught from the furnace as the lower part of the building was filled with smoke when the fire was first discovered and the flames spread so rapidly that those who had rooms in the building were forced to jump from the windows or escape by tying their bed clothing and personal clothing together to serve as ropes.

The building cost, when new, \$28,000. It was insured for \$7,500 which is just enough to pay the indebtedness still outstanding.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY AFTER TAMMANY

Chief Murphy's Bank Accounts to Be Investigated by Whitman.

New York.—The Tammany dough bag is being opened and its contents examined. Not since William Sulzer, impeached and removed from office as governor, first charged that Charles H. Murphy threatened and then wrecked his administration, have political circles been so stirred as they were following the announcement that District Attorney Whitman was investigating the "chief's" bank accounts. Following the trial of graft unearthed in connection with the awarding of highway and barge canal contracts, Whitman is now seeking to drive straight into Tammany Hall. It is even said that Murphy's personal liberty is threatened.

Sulzer has again come forward as a vital force in assault against corruption. An inquiry is to be made into the impeachment proceedings which resulted in the removal of Sulzer. Certain railroads, it is alleged, had a money interest in the impeachment and Sulzer has furnished Whitman with a mass of documentary evidence.

United States Senator O'Gorman is scheduled to take the stand in the John Doe hearings on the graft.

"If he backs Sulzer, the chief's a goner," was the remark heard more than once, even among Tammany braves.

ALBERT J. JENNINGS



Albert J. Jennings, former train robber and ex-convict, who has started a campaign for governor of Oklahoma.

RAILROAD COMMISSION WILL NOT REDUCE TRAIN SERVICE

The Railroad Commission has declined the request of the O. S. L. company for authority to reduce the train service between Vale and Brogan from daily to three times a week, and has also refused to permit the reduction on the Homestead branch between Huntington and Robinette. The company will increase the train service to Homedale to three times a week, commencing April 1st.

ONTARIO TO BE ON THE GREAT NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Col. Thatcher Makes Good Road Talks in this Section And Is Instrumental in Organizing a Good Roads Club in This City.

Col. Thatcher, who has been traveling over the United States for the past eleven years preaching the doctrine of good roads and public highways, reached this section last week and has been busy teaching the people the many advantages to be gained by having roads that can be traveled at all seasons of the year.

The Colonel spoke at Cairo Thursday evening and was requested to come back Monday and give them another talk.

On Friday afternoon he spoke in the high school and in the evening at Dreamland and again on Saturday afternoon. In the evening he held a meeting in the Commercial club rooms and organized a Good Roads club with Col. Cockrum in command.

The principal object of these meetings was to interest the people in the national highway which is to be built through Ontario. There are many branches of this road, one going to Weiser up the Weiser river on to Lewiston and a connection with a road that will reach Seattle. Also a branch through here to California.

The main highway will go through Boise, Emmett, New Plymouth, Fruitland, Ontario, Jameson, Brogan and on to Prairie City, then down the John Day valley to the Dalles, where it will connect with a highway into Portland. This is considered a very desirable route because of the grades encountered, there being but one low divide to cross from here west and it will be a cut of 12 1/2 miles from the present rail line to Portland.

This main highway is to be built by the government and the people are urged to use their every influence with the representatives in Congress to have measure passed providing for its construction.

The building of this highway will stimulate road building and all the country through which it passes will have an object lesson in what good roads mean to a section. There was a measure passed by the last legislature providing for counties to issue bonds to build highways and many of them are taking advantage of it. These bonds are long time ones and will not be paid until the country is settled up, when there will be many times the present number of inhabitants to assist in the paying for the roads.

Another meeting will be held here on Monday evening at the rooms of the Commercial club and a full house is desired.

Mr. Wright, who is here from Wenatchee, Wash., visiting his son, says that Colonel Thatcher did them a world of good in that section and showed them how to build a fine road into Seattle, using an old railroad grade over the mountains. The cost of these roads fall mostly on the railroads and towns along the lines, the farmers paying only a small per cent of the cost.

Through Colonel Thatcher there was an eighty million dollar bond issue in Ohio for good roads.

If you have not heard the Colonel speak be sure and attend the meeting next Monday evening.

COLONEL THATCHER The Good Roads Advocate of National Fame



CONDITIONS IN EASTERN STOCK MARKETS GOOD

Charles Kenyon and Baker Ball are home from a trip east with a shipment of sheep. They caught the market fair and realized good prices for their stuff, which was prime. The business men they talked with predicted an early resumption of business when the new administration got through with their new measures. The new banking law was commended, but the delay in getting it started seemed to be irritating everyone.

The proposal to change the law regulating big business was upsetting conditions. Men with money are not going to try to do anything until legislation is settled. They would much rather take a vacation and have their factories idle than do business on a losing or uncertain basis.

NORTHWEST SUFFERS DAMAGE BY STORM

Terrific Gale Visits Northwest and Wind Reaches Highest Velocity Experienced for Years.

Portland.—Causing injury to members of at least one family at Tacoma, wrecking small buildings and damaging large ones; killing livestock in at least one locality, leading to one railroad wreck and minor trouble in practically every district of Oregon and Washington, the gale of Sunday and early Monday was one of the worst "blows" that has ever been experienced in the Pacific Northwest.

A big gravity pipeline at Tacoma gave way, flooding a large area, wrecking four houses and injuring three persons. Several others had narrow escapes from the rushing waters, which carried away their homes. Trains on three railroads were held up about seven hours by the flood.

At Baker, Or., the courthouse and a factory were damaged, while one house was lifted from its foundation and set down on another lot. Wires were damaged, trees snapped off and smaller buildings razed.

Ranchers in various sections were affected by the storm, some losing hay, which was blown away, while light land grain of others was blown from the ground.

Numerous towns report small buildings damaged, some destroyed, while heavy rains or light showers followed the gale.

JAMES C. GILMORE



James C. Gilmore, president of the new Federal Baseball League, which will fight the National and American Leagues.

DIVORCES GRANTED BY THE CIRCUIT COURT AT VALE

Jessie Morse from; E. W. Morse, Almeter Stevens from H. T. Stevens, Ada Carroll from William A. Carroll, Joseph A. Cooley from Anna M. Cooley, Lizzie J. Mustard from James Mustard, Mollie L. Skeffington from Nelson J. Skeffington and custody of child, Minnie J. Barnett from Norman E. Barnett.

ORCHARD ACREAGE IS MAKING BIG INCREASE

Growers Should Build Evaporators And Take Care of Culls.

A few years ago there was hardly a hundred acres of orchard in this whole county and at present there are some 5000 acres of trees of all ages.

There are 700 acres on the Dead Ox Flat, about 500 in the Big Bend and Owyhee sections, 2300 acres from Nyssa north to the Malheur river and over 2000 on Willow creek.

There are several small orchards scattered over the county, but that about covers all the commercial orchards planted so far.

About 3500 acres of these will be in bearing this year and before all the others reach a bearing age there will be several thousand acres more of young trees planted.

The growers should get together and have evaporators built to handle the culls and organize for the establishing of uniform grade and pack. It will be too late when the apples are ready to harvest and market.

FROM LEWISTON TO SAN FRANCISCO BY WATER

Last week superintendent of water lines, E. R. Budd, of the O. W. R. & N. company made the announcement that during the Panama exposition at San Francisco in 1915, all water excursions would be run from Lewiston to San Francisco in 1915. The distance from Lewiston to deep water is approximately 500 miles where connections will be made by the ocean steamers of the company. The operation of the river boats through to ocean tide will be due to the completion next year of the canal at Celilo on the Columbia, a work that up to this date has entailed an outlay of approximately \$700,000. Already plans are receiving attention for organizing excursion parties at Lewiston to make this trip, which is planned will be made at some date in June 1915.

The above is of especial interest to the people of this section as it marks another shortening of the distance to navigable water. Before many years boats will be going from Ontario to Portland and freight rates will be a fraction of what they are now.

TO OFFER PRIZES TO CORN CROWERS OF THIS SECTION

The directors of the Commercial club held a meeting Wednesday afternoon and took in two new members. A committee from the Pomona grange, consisting of J. H. Gibson and A. G. Kingman, met with the directors and asked their endorsement of a plan to get the farmers interested in raising corn.

The proposition is to divide the country into districts and offer prizes for the best corn. The districts are to be Cairo, Nyssa, Big Bend, Vale and Willow creek, Dead Ox Flat and the Payette Valley. There will be a county sweepstake prize and district prizes for best acre, best bushel and best ears, also on varieties.

The members of the Pomona expect the cooperation of Vale and Nyssa Commercial clubs in the movement to make this a corn county. It has been repeatedly demonstrated what corn will do for a community and the grange is to be commended for taking up this work.

EMPIRE LUMBER COMPANY BUYS YARDS AT NYSSA

The Empire Lumber company has purchased the entire stock and personal property of the Oregon-Idaho Lumber company of Nyssa, of which Robert Van Gilse was the chief owner. Under the management of Harry T. Francis, the business of the Empire Lumber company has been steadily increasing and now has one of the best equipped yards in this section.