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## 115 BUSHELS OF CORN TO THE ACRE

Is Record of One Boy In the Corn Contest.

## ALL OF THE BOYS DO WELL

Professors Bailey, Fitts and Shinn investigated the corn crops being grown by some of the boys who are entered in the corn contest and they found things that surprised them.

A son of Frank Johnson has a field that it is estimated will yield 115 bushels to the acre. This corn is planted thick and was also planted late, but it shows what can be done by a boy and should be a good object lesson for some of the men.

One of the Bender boys has a field that will yield about a hundred bushels to the acre of exceptionally good corn. The field was well cultivated and kept clean but not watered even, showing chance for improvement, and it might have been planted thicker. But this is an acre that any one should be proud of.

One of Trent Johnson's boys has a field that will yield about 85 bushels. That is an exceptionally good yield, but not the best, but the boy is entitled to great credit for his demonstration of what our climate and soil are capable.

One of Prof Conklin's boys has a field that will yield about 75 bushels. This was planted on alfalfa sod and shows up well.

The Dingman boy has a field that will yield fifty bushels to the acre, but this was not measured up.

The average production of the United States is 27 bushels and for an Oregon field to produce four times the average certainly demonstrates that Oregon is some corn country. Take that field and use it to fill a silo and the tonnage to the acre would be immense. It is practical demonstrations like these by the boys that show what can be done in the dairy line in this country, which Prof. Fitts pronounces the best he has ever seen, one acre being capable of supporting two cows.

## YOUNGEST BARITONE SOLOIST IN THE UNITED STATES



LE ROY MAULE, Age Ten.

LeRoy Maule, baritone soloist of the Payette, Idaho Band, who has been engaged by the Malheur County Fair Association to partake in the festivities during fair week, has the distinction of being the youngest baritone soloist in the United States. He has in his repertoire such solos as the "Air Varié", "Down On The Form" (theme and variations) etc. He is a sight reader, plays the regular baritone part to standard military band music, and his brilliant playing, pleasing personality and stage presence, never fail to captivate his audience.

## FATHER CAMPO DETAINED IN BELGIUM BY THE WAR

That he may be detained in Belgium until it is too late for him to resume his work as pastor of the Catholic church at Ontario at the end of his leave of absence on November 1, and that the people of the capital of the Belgians are in terror on account of the proximity of the war, is the information conveyed to Bishop C. J. ORTLEY of the diocese of Baker, on a postal card received from Rev. A. J. Campo, who was visiting his mother in Brussels at the time that the war broke out, and who remained to comfort her during the trying times before and during the fall of the city. Father Campo said that it was impossible for him to send a letter, as nothing sealed was permitted to go out. Nothing was stated on the card in regard to conditions in the city.

## Tax Payers Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the taxpayers in the Commercial Club rooms on Saturday evening to discuss the tax measures on the ballot.

R. E. Smith, of Roseburg, was here Saturday and started the movement to defeat the single tax measure, on the ballot as the \$1500 exemption.

Uren never fathered a measure in the interest of the tax payer.

## NORTHERN PART OF COUNTY NEEDS ROADS

To Keep in Touch with Rest of the County.

## RICH SECTION IS NEGLECTED

George Bodfish, of Malheur City, who stopped over in Ontario Tuesday night, believes it would be good business to give the northern part of the county a little more consideration.

At present there is a good wagon road to Baker, and most of their business is done there. The telephone rate from Vale and Ontario is 75 cents, while there is no charge to Baker for those having individual telephones.

The freight rate from Ontario and Vale to Malheur is 63 to 70 cents, including railroad and team.

The Baker people keep their road in good condition, while in this county they are neglected and in bad shape from Ontario and Vale to the Basin and Malheur City.

Baker would willingly cross the line into Basin and Malheur but cannot and this county wont touch them, with the result that they are in bad shape.

The natural result is that there is a tendency on the part of the people of Ironsides, Malheur and Basin to want to be set off into Baker county.

Malheur county should try to get in touch with that part of the county. It might be possible to connect up with them by telephone and the roads made passable.

That is about the richest part of this county and should be given every consideration or allowed to go where they can get it.

Mr. Bodfish has a large store at Malheur and has the opera house at Nyssa and a farm adjoining there.

## BABIES AND OLD SETTLERS HAVE AN OUTING AT VALE

The babies and old settlers had an outing at Vale last week. Some of the babies were given prizes for having bodies that measured nearest to standard, but all of the mothers know their children were entitled to a prize.

The pioneers had a great pow wow. G. L. King responded to the address of welcome with a splendid speech.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, who were camped in '79 where Vale is now, were among those present.

R. A. Locket, who has been here 49 years, was the oldest settler there.

## EVERYTHING IS READY FOR OUR GREAT COUNTY FAIR

Sufficient Entries to Fill All the Buildings—A Higher Grade of Farm Produce to Be Shown.

## TO BE FAVORABLE YEAR FOR EVERY BODY

The Amusement Features Embrace Many Novelties That are Sure to Please.

## A BIG ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED DURING THE ENTIRE FAIR

Tuesday is to be Children's Day at the Fair and all children accompanied by their parents will be admitted free. The Vale band will furnish the music and all the entertainments will be of especial interest to the children.

Wednesday will be Emmett day, with the Emmett band to furnish the music.

Thursday the Weiser people and their band will be in the center of the stage.

Friday the New Plymouth band will furnish the music, bringing the New Plymouth and Fruitland crowds with them.

Saturday Payette will furnish the band and crowd.

The nominees at the heads of the tickets for Idaho and Oregon have been invited to attend the Fair and they will be given an opportunity to make short talks.

The Big Bend people are coming on a special train, probably Thursday, but the railroad has not decided which day they can furnish the train.

H. W. Clement reports that they have made many improvements in the house devoted to birds and now have uniform wire cages for the fancy and also for the dogs.

Dr. Whitney says that all the pens in the hog house have been engaged and that they are arranging for more room. And the same thing is what one gets when they ask the department managers what they expect to have.

The public should remember that while the exhibits are all going to exceed anything seen in the past, that the amusement and educational features are also going to be kept in the lead. There will be plenty of horses here for the races and for the cow-boy events, with mules and steers to fill in. A new feature will be the balloon ascension, and parachute jump each day, the Slide for Life and other features in front of the grand stand between the heats. The managers of the motor cycle races report that they are receiving many entries and some good races are promised.

The track is being worked and promises to be in good condition for fast time.

Following is a list of the cash prizes for the boys and girls races to be held on children's day at the fair:

- Girls under 12—50 yds. first \$1.00, sec. 50c.
- Girls under 15—50 yds. first \$1.00, sec. 50c.
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- Boys under 12—50 yds. first \$1.00, sec. 50c.
- Boys under 15—50 yds. first \$1.00, sec. 50c.
- Boys under 14—bicycle race one-half mile, first \$2.00, sec. \$1.00.
- Girls under 15—bicycle race one-half mile, first \$2.00, sec. \$1.00.
- Boys under 6—25 yds. first \$1.00, sec. 50c.
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- Free for all under 18—100 yds. first \$2.00, sec. \$1.00.

## Prizes to Be Awarded Automobiles

- First Day: Five mile professional, purse \$60, first prize \$30.00, second prize \$20.00, third prize \$10.00.
- Second Day: Five mile stock machine, purse \$50, first prize \$25.00, second prize \$15.00, third prize \$10.00.
- Third Day: Three mile sidecar, purse \$45, first

prize \$20.00, second prize \$15.00, third prize \$10.00.

Fourth Day: Ten mile professional, purse, \$80, first \$45.00, second \$25.00, third \$10.00.

Five mile race, free for stock machine, purse \$60, first prize \$25.00, second prize \$15.00, third prize \$10.00.

Fifth Day: Five mile handicap, purse \$65, first prize \$35.00, second prize \$20.00, third prize \$10.00.

Stock machines must be equipped as they come from the factory, with the exception of lights and horn.

The side car race will carry one passenger of a 150 pounds or more. Three riders to enter each race.

Owing to the fact that we have only a half mile track we cannot use the F. A. M. rule, but rules will be made satisfactory to all parties.

No cash entrance fee will be charged, but a small percent of the winnings of each race will be deducted.

Any further information will be furnished by writing, C. F. Cox.

## All Stores to Close.

All of the Ontario stores will close at 12:30 to 5 p. m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. All will be open in the evenings.

Melvin Kelly, the county commissioner, was calling on Ontario friends this week.

## THE SNAKE RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGES ARE BEING REBUILT

The work of building new piers under the railroad bridges crossing Snake river, one mile north of here, is progressing rapidly.

Forty eight workmen are employed and they have the excavation about completed for the first pier. These piers are 50 feet long and 12 feet wide at the bottom, tapering up. The excavation is made through 20 feet of gravel and five feet of shale.

Next week another crew of the same size will be started on the other bridge.

## PROF. FITTS TALKS TO THE BOULEVARD GRANGE

Prof. Fitts, of the Oregon Agricultural College, delivered an address at the Boulevard Grange hall Saturday evening before the largest audience that has attended any of the meetings this summer. The meeting was thrown open to the public, and it was decided that the section north of Ontario should enter a community exhibit at the county fair, a committee being appointed for the purpose of securing and arranging the products.

This being the third visit of Prof. Fitts to this section this year, he stated that he considered himself in a position to judge of its merits, and having seen the crops in all their stages he could see no reason why Malheur county should not become one of the best dairy sections in the world, it being, in his opinion, particularly adapted to dairying and fruit raising.

During his address Prof. Fitts paid a tribute to the work that is being done by County Agricultural Adviser Shinn, and stated that as the work advanced the results would become more and more apparent.

## GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE BACKED BY CANDIDATES

It appears that Dr. James Withycombe republican candidate for Governor, is going to have the backing of a unique political organization. This organization is to be composed of the candidates whom Dr. Withycombe defeated in the primaries. The organization is to be completed at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the office of Gus C. Moser, sponsor for the idea.

Moser is first on the list of defeated candidates. He sent out letters a week ago to the other six—Grant B. Dimick and George Brownell, of Oregon City, and A. M. Crawford, Charles A. Johns, W. A. Carter and T. T. Geer, of Portland. He received the last answer today. Every defeated candidate applauded the idea, and promised to do his best to attend the meeting Saturday afternoon.

No name for the new organization has been chosen, but several have been suggested. They include the "Comeback Club," the "Relay Runners" and the "Still-in-the-Rings."

"Our intent," said Moser today, "is to adopt some plan by which the support we received in the primaries can be diverted to Dr. Withycombe in the final election. We all feel that if we can do that, our primary race will not have been in vain."

## BUILDING BOOM ON AT IRONSIDES

Several new buildings are all ready for occupancy

## TOWN LOOKS PROSPEROUS

Ironsides, Sept. 9.—Ironsides and vicinity has had quite a building boom recently and there is much work in the building line now going on.

William Beam has just completed his new residence.

E. Beam is building a new seven room bungalow.

F. W. Smith is building a new house. He is having his lumber shipped to Brogan and is hauling it from there by team.

W. J. Hilton is having his store repainted. The heavy windstorm of Monday morning damaged the new paint somewhat on account of the dust.

A. E. Nichols who has been living in Ironsides for some time moved to his homestead on Ironside mountain Monday.

H. M. Rutherford has just completed his new granary as has also W. R. Lofton.

## James Larson Laid to Rest.

James Larson, who died on the 31st of August was buried last Thursday from the Baptist church, Rev. Myers conducting the services. James was born at Albany, Wisconsin, April 29th, 1892, was a resident of Ontario about three years, where his upright life won many warm admirers.

Mrs. Larson wishes to express her appreciation of the many kindnesses and favors extended her.

## PARMA CHEESE FACTORY READY TO START WORK

B. J. Vanderhyde, of Independence, Oregon, arrived in Parma, Thursday, August 27, to take charge of the Parma Dairy Products Co. cheese plant. Mr. Vanderhyde was employed at Independence by the Independence Creamery Co. in their butter, ice cream and ice making plant. He comes to take charge of the Parma plant highly recommended. The machinery for the Parma Dairy Products Co. factory has arrived and is being put in place for the opening of the plant, which will be not later than the 10th of September.

## CITY COUNCIL HOLDS TWO BUSY SESSIONS

Ordinance Providing for Bonds Issue Passed.

## TO BUILD A COURT HOUSE

The regular meeting of the Council was held Monday evening.

The usual liquor licenses were granted and also class C license to A. E. Rice & Co.

A large number of bills were presented and allowed.

The city recorder reported the swearing in of H. L. Nolas, chief of police.

The reports of the city recorder, city treasurer, and the board of health, were presented and referred to their respective committees.

Council adjourned to Tuesday evening.

Meeting called Tuesday evening with all members present.

The city engineer reported in the repairing of the outlet of the old sewer. It was extended into the river and cribbed up.

A petition was presented by property owners praying for a sidewalk along the south side of block 154, from Oregon street east across the first ten lots, and council declared intention ordering it constructed.

Ordinance No. 263 was passed and approved, which is an ordinance adding a concrete sidewalk constructed across the south end of block 137.

Ordinance No. 264 concerning the ordering of a special election to be called September 29, and held at city hall, to vote on three questions, first, shall there be issued \$6500 in bonds to provide financial aid to Malheur county agricultural association; second, shall there be issued bonds in the amount of \$3500 to provide financial aid to Holy Rosary hospital; third, shall there be issued \$30,000 to provide a fund for the purchase of a suitable site and the erection of a court house and jail for Malheur county, in the event the county seat shall be moved from Vale to Ontario.

The Council adjourned until the 29th.

## GERMAN WAR MINISTER



General Von Falkenhayn, who is Minister of War of the German Empire.

35,000 Wounded are Left Uncared For. Rome.—On the battlefield between Tarnow, Lemberg and Tarnopol more than 35,000 wounded Russian and Austrian soldiers were abandoned to their fate because there was no means of removing them. Neither army during the fighting would ask for a truce to bury their dead or to collect the wounded, being fearful that the other would take advantage of the armistice to better their position.