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SCHOOL PLAY IS PLEASING

'The Heir To Mt. Vernon' Seen By Large Audience Monday Evening.

A most delightful and pleasing entertainment was that rendered by the pupils in the different grades of the Ontario public schools...

There were forty characters in the cast and the plot dealt with the early life of George Washington...

The cast was made up principally of pupils of Class A of the Sixth and Seventh grades...

The complete cast of characters follows:

- George Washington... Martin Moore
Mother Washington... Charlotte Claggett
Betty Washington... Vivian Grauel
Mary Bland... Deric Dearborn
Mary Cary... Dottie Crummett
Martha Danridge... Edith Raver
Mrs. George Washington... Edith Raver
Mildred Washington...
Margaret Blackaby
Admiral Vernon... Fred Bender
Lord Fairfax... Westly Glenn
George Fairfax... Jack Peterson
Fritz... Clifford Shriner
Mrs. Laurence Washington...
Ruth Lampkin
Laurence Washington... Billy Biggs
Janet Washington... Alice Dorman
Boston Courier... James Biggs
Charles Washington... Joe Wilson
Jackie Custis... Joe Wilson
Martha Custis... Thelma Lampkin
John Washington... Marcelle Wheeler
Billy (negro)... Pete Madden
Sally (negro)... Rose Bender
Aunt Shady... Fern Stevens
Aunt Chloe... Eva Mead
Aunt Dinah... Etta McCreight
Sambo... Frank Dorman
Pete... John Odell
Rasmus... Jack Weaver
Remus... Glenn Thurman
Jenks... Harold Newton
Uncle Joel... David Sanford
Hunters... William Stevens, Homer Maddox, Cecil Robinette, John Rutherford, Harold Calvert, Floyd Christenson, Don Poorman.

Between Acts. (Musical Numbers) 'Old Folks at Home'... Colonial Girls 'Dixie Land'... Negroes 'When Kris Comes Round'...

Royal Arch Masons Elect. Zadoc Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held their annual election on Friday evening last...

Eastern Star Elects Officers. On Thursday night, December 10th., the Eastern Star lodge elected the following officers: Worthy Matron, Mrs. J. D. Billingsley; Secretary, E. G. Bailey; Patron, W. T. Lampkin; Associate Matron, Mrs. McCulloch; Treasurer, Mrs. W. U. Sanderson; Conductress, Mrs. Chas. Seguire; Assistant Conductress, Mrs. E. G. Bailey...

Mrs. J. F. Carnex and three children of Fruitland met with an accident near the Snake river bridge Saturday when the king bolt of their buggy broke, throwing them out. Fortunately none of them were hurt.

NEW X-RAY MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED

Drs. Prinzing And Weese Purchase Latest Model Machine For Use.

The new X-Ray machine recently purchased by Drs. Prinzing and Weese was installed in their office last week by P. H. Hoag of Spokane...

The machine is entirely complete in every department and allows for the making of X-Ray photographs of large size. 'While it is not necessary to make photographs in every case,' stated Dr. Weese...

The new machine was purchased from the Wm. Meyer Co., of Chicago, and is the newest model, embodying the most recent inventions and improvements...

BASKET BALL GAME HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

School Teams Of Nyssa And Ontario Will Meet In Local Opera House

The basketball fans of Ontario will be given a treat tomorrow evening when the boys and girls teams of Ontario will meet those of Nyssa high school in the local opera house.

Judging from the past records of the teams, the games will be close and hard fought. The Nyssa boys won one game and lost one game last year with Ontario, and defeated Vale, which, on paper, makes them look a trifle stronger...

The price of admission for both games will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. The line-up of the boys team is not yet settled, but the girls team will be:

Guards, Rena Adams and Grace Sage; centers, Nettie Peterson and Ella Brosman; forwards, Fern Calvert and Ruth Griffin.

Meldrum Is Under Arrest.

Walter Meldrum was arrested and bound over Tuesday to await action of the Grand Jury, before Justice G. L. King, under \$250.00 bonds, for robbery of Robert Moore's cigar store. Marshall Noe stationed Officer Burgess in the store and Meldrum was caught red-handed, it is claimed, Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock...

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NEW MAIN LINE RAILROAD FOR ONTARIO IS RUMORED

Is Said Line Will Extend From Grangeville Idaho To Point In Nevada.

ROUTE IS THROUGH ONTARIO

Visit Of Western Pacific Officials To Ontario Is Significant

That a railroad, connecting Northern and Southern Idaho, extending from Grangeville, Idaho, to Antelope, Nevada, and materially reducing the distance by rail between San Francisco and Eastern Oregon, Idaho, Eastern Washington and Montana, will soon be an actual realization, is indicated by the trip last week of Western Pacific officials and eastern financial representatives...

It is claimed by good authority that the P. & I. N. R. R., running north from Weiser to New Meadows, has been owned for some time by the Hill people. The Western Pacific railroad, a Gould line, and closely affiliated with the Hill interests, has for some time past shown a marked interest in a railroad into Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho...

For years there has been a demand for a direct route from Northern to Southern Idaho. At the present time Northern Idaho's closest connection with the state capital is by way of Spokane and Pendleton over the O. W. R. & N. This will be remedied somewhat when the O. W. completes its line down the Snake river to Lewiston, but the most convenient road for Northern Idaho people, it is said, would be a line from Grangeville south.

The party of railroad officials who

Large Hog Shipment.

The largest single shipment of hogs ever made from this section of the Snake river valley, was made Tuesday, when Grover Bros., of Ontario, shipped eight cars to Seattle. Two of the cars were loaded at Nyssa, three at Payette, two cars at New Plymouth and one car at Ontario. The shipment goes to Frey & Co., packers of Seattle.

TEMPORARY LULL IN WORK ON BUILDING

Store Building Being Erected By T. H. Moore Completed By Spring.

An unusual touch of cold weather this week has caused the temporary suspension of work on the new brick store building being erected by T. H. Moore, the building being located on Idaho street just east of the Ontario Furniture Company's store.

Construction work on the new building was commenced late in the fall, and Mr. Moore states it will be completed by spring. The new structure will be a one story building with a frontage on Idaho street of 36 feet, and having a depth of 75 feet.

'I do not know now what the building will be used for,' stated Mr. Moore to a representative of the Argus, 'but it will be for rent as soon as completed. It is very probable, however, that I will receive applications for it before it is ready for occupancy.'

NO SCORE FOOT BALL GAME HERE SATURDAY

Burns And Ontario Teams Put Up Hard Fought Battle Here.

It was with a feeling of joy and pride that the Burns football boys returned to their home city after the game here last Friday. Joy, because they held the Ontario team to a no score game and pride because they considered themselves lucky to make such a showing against the team of ex-stars of Ontario.

The game was hard fought from beginning to the end and was played throughout without a quibble or argument with the referee, which is an unusual thing when town teams are playing and be it said to the credit of the players on both sides that they were gentlemen throughout the game.

The first half ended in no scores on either side but the Ontario boys were still confident and everywhere one could see small groups of fans coaching the players on what to do in the second half, but all to no avail as the second half ended as did the first--0 to 0.

Any account of the game would be incomplete and imperfect which did not mention the work of Buck Weaver who went into the game at the beginning of the second quarter and finished the game with his working clothes and high leather top boots on. In spite of heavy shoes and lack of preparation Buck's figure was repeatedly seen back of the opponent's line picking up fumbled balls and tackling runners behind their own scrimmage line.

Every player on the Ontario team played a good game. The Ontario line up was as follows:

- Center, Harry Brown; Right Guard, Emerson Wand; Left Guard, Leonard Kershner and Frank Weaver; Right Tackle, Deke Williams; Left Tackle, Chester Lackey; Right End, Bill Lyles and Bill Fiser; Left End, Roland Koenig and Tom McGiver; Quarter, Burr Woods; Full Back, Lee Maddox; Right Half, Ren Blackman and J. J. Beatty; Left Half, Roy Smith.

W. R. King, chief counsel for the U. S. Reclamation Service, and Oliver P. Morton of Portland, district counsel for the same service, were in Ontario Tuesday, spending the day here. They left in the evening, Mr. King going east to Denver and Mr. Morton going west to Hermiston where he will make a short visit before returning to Portland.

BANKERS MEET THIS WEEK

Semi-Annual Meeting Of Banker's Association Creates Interest.

Preparations are now practically completed for the meeting in Ontario Saturday of the bankers of Eastern Oregon, comprising what is known as group six of the state, and including Union, Baker, Wallowa, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties. Present indications point to this meeting as being one of the best attended and most interesting of any yet held by the organization. An invitation extended to the neighboring Idaho bankers, is expected to bring a good representation from across the river.

To date the Boise City National Bank and the First National Bank of Boise have expressed their intention of sending representatives to the meeting, and the Merchants National Bank of Portland will be represented. It is expected that the Lumberman's National Bank of Portland will also be represented.

While there is no fixed program for the meeting, and topics of discussion will be brought up as they are suggested by the members and visitors, one topic is sure to receive considerable attention, that being the new Federal Reserve banking system. This law has recently gone into effect, and is a topic of much interest to all banking men.

The officers of Group Six are as follows:

- Chairman, Wm. Miller of La Grande; Vice Chairman, Wm. R. Holmes of Enterprise; Secretary, H. A. Sonne of Baker; Treasurer, C. W. Wright of Union; Executive committee, W. T. Wright of Union, C. T. McDaniels of Wallowa and C. A. Northy of Huntington.

A banquet will be held at the Carter Hotel Saturday evening.

TWO DEATHS OCCUR IN NYSSA SECTION

Saturday afternoon, December 12, at 2 o'clock Mrs. Robert Harris, aged 36 years, died after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Harris was a daughter of the late David T. Rigaby and has lived in this vicinity nearly all her life. She was buried in the Owyhee cemetery Sunday afternoon, Rev. Quinn conducting the funeral services. A husband and three children survive her.

Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, December 12, Mrs. Mary Williams died after a lingering illness of cancer. She was about 62 years of age and was born in Illinois; her home has been in this vicinity for several years. Mrs. Williams is survived by a husband, Fred Williams, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Ed. Hillier. The funeral was held Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Rev. Quinn had charge of the services, assisted by Rev. Carrick. Farley's Undertaking establishment of Ontario conducted both funerals.

MAN AT VALE HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY

W. G. McKenzie, charged with grand larceny, was bound over Friday to the grand jury, the hearing being before Justice J. R. Wheeler at Vale, Prosecuting Attorney W. H. Broke appearing for the state. McKenzie is charged with having taken \$135.00 from his room-mate in the Drexel Hotel at Vale. Both McKenzie and the room-mate, it is claimed, asserted the next morning they had been robbed. Marshall H. H. High became suspicious, however, and searched both men, finding the money on McKenzie.



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