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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, at the High School auditorium Monday evening, when 'The Heir of Mt. Vernon,' in five acts was presented.

- 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.

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, and is now in use. Three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, were necessary to install the machine, as it is quite a complicated affair and required much electrical wiring and fitting.

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, while the girls of Nyssa were not beaten last year except by the College of Idaho girls.

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.

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. A banquet was served after the meeting. The new officers will be installed the second Thursday in January.

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, from a point near Antelope, Nevada, on the Western Pacific, to Ontario and Boise.

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.

NO SCORE FOOT BALL GAME HERE SATURDAY

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.

Burns And Ontario Teams Put Up Hard Fought Battle Here.

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 TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



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.'

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Brooke appearing for the state. McKenzie is charged with having taken \$135.00 from his room-mate in the Drexel Hotel at Vale.

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.