

FRUITLAND NEWS

The State Grange of Idaho is holding its annual meeting at Payette this week, Jan. 19, 20, 21. It is hoped a good delegation will attend from our local Grange.

It is announced that the Farmers' Institute will be held here commencing February 1st, and continue the entire week.

Mrs. Linnie Carl of Portland, national W. C. T. U. field secretary for young people's branches, gave an entertainment Tuesday evening at the Methodist church. She is a good entertainer and those present spent a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. J. O. Scritchfield came over last Friday from his ranch near Ontario.

Skating is fine again on the Payette river and the young people are enjoying skating these clear, cold evenings.

Rep. D. L. Ingard came home from Boise Friday and returned Monday evening. While here he attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Noble Ditch Co., and a meeting of the directors of the Fruitland State Bank Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richardson lost their little son Saturday night, who was spared to them but one day. Rev. Tickner and Rev. Koenig conducted the funeral services at the home Sunday afternoon, after which it was laid to rest in the Parkview cemetery. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in their sorrow.

Mrs. Z. Puchert was called to Payette a few days last week to nurse Mrs. James Treavey, who is sick.

Mr. W. E. Dorothy has traded his ranch east of town for a fine residence property in Payette and notes and mortgages in Portland.

The Home Missionary Society met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. K. Wilcox.

Several from here attended the tabernacle meeting in Ontario Sunday and Sunday evening. They report big crowds, good sermons, good singing, good order and good interest shown throughout the services.

Mr. Gus. Davis bought the Waldrop place last Saturday. He had several head of cattle he traded for part pay.

The next Mother's Circle meeting will be the first Friday afternoon in February. Prof. and Mrs. Neilson will have charge of the music. Mr. Neilson will conduct the program. His subject will be music.

The young people's branch of the H. M. Society met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Enburg entertained a number of their friends at six o'clock dinner Sunday evening. All enjoyed a good time.

About five o'clock Monday morning the nice home of Mr. Henry Weidner was destroyed by fire.

Fruitland Boys' Corn Club is composed of real live, energetic young fellows, who are accomplishing good results in raising the yield of corn per acre and in finding better methods of handling the corn crop. Mr. Harry Ireland, county agricultural agent, was in Payette last Saturday afternoon and gave a talk on corn and pig clubs at the Y. M. C. A. He is anxious to help the boys in every way possible.

Apple packing is still in progress at the packing houses. It is thought now that the entire crop will be sold and good prices realized.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Deeds, a daughter, January 14. Mr. and Mrs. Deeds are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young.

EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

By Peter Radford
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king!"

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; milady has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has pleaded with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

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FIELD FENCING

This is the time of year to purchase Fencing.

Our stock is very large and complete and prices much reduced.

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TO THE PUBLIC:

In this public way we greet the people of Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon in the territories heretofore served by the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Company. A company organized by the bondholders has purchased the plants, properties and franchises of that corporation at foreclosure sale, and in doing so is preserving the independence of those properties and saving you from the domination of the power trust.

These properties have been taken over in behalf of many hundred small bondholders of that company who found it necessary to take this action in order to save themselves from being sold out, at ruinous losses, to the interests that own and control our competitor. They are the same interests that during the last few years controlled the Idaho-Oregon, because they held a large majority of the stock. If you have had any grievance against their management we should not be held responsible therefor, for we and those whom we represent are the innocent victims of the same management and have been forced into the present situation to protect the small bondholders who heretofore have had no voice in what should be done.

As owners of these properties, it is our purpose to become closely identified with the communities served. We realize that unless you prosper and succeed we cannot. It will be our purpose, therefore, to encourage every worthy enterprise in the territory served and to aid in the development of these communities.

The interests which we have had to fight have placed every obstacle in the way of our reorganization, to the end that they might profit by the loss which they could force upon us, and we appeal to the independent, fair-minded and public spirited citizens of this territory for a square deal.

- A. W. PRIEST,
Paper Manufacturer, Appleton, Wisconsin.
- W. D. WILLARD,
Cashier First National Bank, Mankato, Minnesota.
- W. O. CARRIER,
President Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin.
- D. M. LORD,
Retired (Formerly of Lord & Thomas Advertising Agency) Chicago, Illinois.
- C. M. SMITH,
Broker, Chicago, Illinois.
- JOHN R. ALLEN,
Professor Mechanical Engineering, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- W. H. FORSTER,
President Hays Manufacturing Company, Erie, Pennsylvania.

- H. D. MILES,
President Buffalo Foundry & Machine Company, Buffalo, New York.
- E. J. MULLER,
Treasurer The Fuchs & Lang Manufacturing Company, New York City.
- C. L. PARMALEE,
Broker, New York City.
- GEORGE E. FISHER,
Banking and Insurance, Brockton, Massachusetts.
- ALLEN HOLLIS,
President Concord Street Railway & Electric Lighting Company, Concord, New Hampshire.

Bondholders Protective Committee.

(Paid Advertisement.)

BIG BEND FARMER EXPLAINS METHOD OF RAISING CORN

Bert Robertson Tells the Story of How He Raised Over One Hundred Bushels of Corn to the Acre.

In submitting my report of the acre of corn entered in the corn show held at Ontario, Oregon, Nov. 11 and 12th, will not be able to give very much ancient history of the land on which corn was grown. However, had been in alfalfa for a number of years as was one of the first ranches leveled in the Big Bend district.

Land was plowed in the fall of 1912, sowed to oats the following spring, grew very rank causing them to fall which meant quite a loss, 60 bushel per acre being threshed. In the spring of 1914, the ground was irrigated on the 25th of April.

Plowed May 1st at a depth of 8 inches plowing under a crop of volunteer oats, weeds, alfalfa, etc., which had attained a growth of ten or twelve inches, being very thick on the ground.

Harrowed as fast as was plowed using a spike or drag harrow. Harrowed four times with harrow spikes set with back, reason for not using any other such as disk or spring tooth did not want to get any more of the green crop that had been plowed under on top than could help.

Had a very good seed bed planted May 4th, using a Rock Island double planter drilled not checked, sown three or four inches apart, dropped corn every fourteen inches. Secured only a fair stand, reason for not getting a good stand I think is due to grain being dropped on alfalfa stubs and ground drying before corn had time to germinate, seed corn was purchased shelled therefore was not tested.

First cultivation was done with a two horse cultivator, four small shovels being used, plowing at a depth

of about five or six inches. Second cultivation being same as first only did not cultivate as deep and not so close to corn.

Third, used a small and two large shovels, cultivating 2 1/2 or 3 inches deep and a little farther away from corn than second plowing. Fourth and last used four large shovels cultivating 2 1/2 inches deep and probably six inches from corn, throwing dirt well up to the rows.

A one horse single shovel plow was then used making a furrow for irrigating. Up to this time corn had not had any moisture only from rain and what had been retained in the ground since planting.

Irrigated on the 15th of July corn being in full tassel.

Second irrigation twelve days later, third irrigation when kernels were well formed in the milk.

No cultivation being done after irrigation begun.

The corn was husked on Nov. 4, ground being measured, husking, weighing, and taking samples being done under the supervision of Mr. A. G. Kingman and Mr. W. R. Shinn. Harvested 112.30 when gathering selected 20 bushel of the choicest ears of which after grading and selecting the second time will leave seven or eight bushels of choice seed corn. The growers of this section have received some valuable comments which we appreciate very much, our success at Ontario being first aided by the papers of Malheur county, also the Walla Walla corn show which we think every citizen of Malheur county should be proud of. Still after all our so-called scientific farming, our wonderful soil, abundance of sunshine and irrigation, calls for more praise than any individual.

Yours for more corn in 1915.
BERT ROBERTSON.

Your Girl and Mine. 11

The Dreamland Theatre on Saturday, January 23rd, will present the seven part photoplay "Your Girl and Mine," with an all star cast including Olive Wyndham, Katherine Kaelred, and Sydney Booth.

Mrs. Medill McCormick the great suffrage leader, suggested the drama, the scenario of which was prepared by the well known writer, Gilson Willetts. Nominally, therefore, "Your Girl and Mine" is an argument in favor of granting equal suffrage for women; essentially, however, it is a drama full of the most thrilling situations and action, and produced without stint of money and with every possible regard to suitability of settings; adequacy of cast; and strength of acting.

The story tells how Ben Austin marries an heiress, who after the wedding finds that the law in some states compels her to pay her husband's debts; that the law makes her home his; that the law permits him to will away his children and place them under the care of his father; in other words, that she has not yet been enfranchised. In working out the story the author insists that collectively men are unjust towards women, but that a woman seldom, if ever, appeals to a man as an individual without securing her right and every consideration to which she is entitled. So the picture falls short of overstating its case by alleging that men are naturally unjust towards women.

There is a minimum of propaganda in the film. An imaginary character played by a charming girl and called "Equal Suffrage" appears at the tenebrous parts of the drama and points out that granting of votes to women would prevent or abrogate the evil conditions illustrated, viz: child labor; tenement house fire troubles; and excessive hours of labor for women and children. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw appears personally in the picture, which has the endorsement of the National Suffrage Association.

Doda Smith of Weiser was in Ontario on business Friday.