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## ONTARIO MAN IN CHARGE OF EASTERN OREGON EXHIBIT

### James Lackey Goes to San Francisco to Install the Display.

### AIR OPENS FEBRUARY 12TH.

### Mr. Lackey Will Represent Five Counties of Eastern Oregon.

James Lackey left for La Grande Monday and from there he will go to San Francisco to attend the Pan-American exposition. Mr. Lackey was appointed by the County Court to take charge of the Malheur county exhibit at the fair. In company with Judge McKnight and County Commissioner F. Weaver, he went to La Grande to attend the meeting of the Eastern Oregon district. At this meeting Mr. Lackey was appointed general manager of the exhibit of the district which comprises Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties. Each of the counties made an appropriation to pay for the exhibit and eastern Oregon will be well represented.

## IRRIGATION BILLS PASS THE HOUSE

The house of representatives passed three irrigation measures last week which have a direct bearing on projects in Malheur county. One of these, House bill 298, will give the state the power to purchase irrigation bonds for irrigation districts organized under state or federal supervision. Another bill that was passed proposes to make state lands held by private individuals subject to irrigation contracts subject to irrigation assessments. This will make landholders develop their land or sell it. The third bill gives the irrigation district the right to sell their surplus water power for electric power purposes.

## OVER 100 BUSHELS CORN TO ACRE BY NYSSA MAN

In an interesting article to the Argus, F. C. Fry of Nyssa, who took second prize for the Nyssa district in a corn carnival at Ontario last fall, explains how he raised 102 1/2 bushels of corn to the acre. The article follows: "I am glad to have the opportunity to explain how simple a matter it was to me to raise that amount and it could be an easy matter for the average farmer to have no trouble to get the same or even better with the usual advantages we have here in Malheur county. Nowhere in the northwest have I worked with corn which was as easily worked and roughly worked into a perfect seed for any kind of crops which was so little labor as the acre of corn. There was no special pains taken. It was raised under the same conditions as the entire field of 38 acres. The one acre was taken almost in the center of the field and I was allowed for some time as to where to set my prize acre. It was only at the last moment when I actually decided on the acre measured. I have a field which was selected a better one. This field was in alfalfa for years and in the spring of 1913 I plowed up and put into wheat, yielding 44 bushels of Little Club to the acre. In the spring of 1914 the field was plowed at the depth of about 16 inches with a J. I. Case 16-inch plow with a homemade harrow following, which I considered as good a pulverizer as two

## WOMEN SELL VOTES.

Pikeville, Ky., Feb. 6.—(Argus Special Service).—Charged with selling votes at the last school election for \$1 apiece, three women were indicted here today. Eleven hundred men are accused of having committed fraud here at the primary election last August.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Commercial Club elected officers Wednesday night as follows: E. C. Van Petten, president; H. C. Boyer, vice-president; Harry Grauel, secretary-treasurer, and A. L. Cockrum, M. E. Newton, H. C. Whitworth, W. H. Doolittle and L. A. Adam as directors.

## PUPILS AT HAINES HAVE SAVINGS BANK

Haines, Ore., Feb. 6.—(Argus Special Service).—At the suggestion of their teacher, Miss Fannie Fishes, the pupils of the fifth and sixth grades here have started savings bank accounts with the Haines bank. Much interest is being shown by the children.

## WHEAT FAMINE FEARED.

Purchases by European Nations Heavy.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 6.—(Argus Special Service).—The residents of Washington, Oregon and Idaho may suffer from the lack of wheat unless enormous prices are paid for importations from other portions of the country, according to statements made here today by leading millers and growers. Crop statisticians say that there is less than three million bushels of wheat in the hands of farmers and millers. The highest quotation in the price of patent flour was reached today at \$7.40, although \$8 flour is freely predicted. Cash wheat prices advanced from 7 to 10 cents a bushel on the Portland Merchants' exchange this week.

Julian Hurley of Vale was in Ontario Friday.

## FRUIT EVAPORATOR MAY BE BUILT IN ONTARIO SOON

### Figures are Compiled to Show the Cost and Profit of Such an Establishment Operating Here.

Effort is being made to establish a fruit and vegetable evaporator in Ontario. Local men are behind the scheme, and an attempt is being made to form a stock company of local people to finance the undertaking. The following circular has been issued, and explains the plans:

"It is the intention to endeavor to form a small stock company to install and operate a fruit and vegetable evaporator in the city of Ontario, and the following information reliably obtained will give concisely what results can be accomplished from a plant of this kind:

"Evaporated Apples.—The cost of the production of 100 pounds of finished product would be \$4; proceeds from sale of 100 pounds, \$7; profit over cost, per 100 pounds, \$3.

"Evaporated Potatoes.—The cost of the production of 100 pounds of finished product would be \$11; proceeds from sale of 100 pounds, \$25; profit over cost, per 100 pounds, \$14.

"Evaporated Squash and Pumpkin.—The cost of the production of 100 pounds of finished product would be \$3; proceeds from sale of 100 pounds, \$25; profit over cost, per 100 pounds, \$22.

"Corn is another product that can be handled at a big profit. These figures, both cost and profit are exceedingly conservative. The product from the class of evaporation that would be installed commanded from one cent to one and a half more per pound than any other on the market last season.

"The total cost to install a one unit plant that would turn out from

## DOG CATCHER CONTINUES TO KILL CANINES

### Sixty-four Animals is the Record to Date. Many Reports of Mad Coyotes Are Circulated.

Sixty-four dogs have been killed so far by R. A. Beagle and he reports that all dogs are being muzzled according to city ordinance. Last Saturday he was called upon to kill the dogs of Rev. Koenig and C. F. Loveland. These dogs were bitten a little over three weeks ago by a dog that was supposed to be mad. Not wishing to kill their dogs until they were certain that they were mad, the owners kept the dogs tied up. Saturday they developed hydrophobia and were killed.

Tuesday a coyote, which had been kept chained to a post by some member of the steel gang, escaped and ran down through the east side of town. Several persons attempted to kill it, thinking it to be mad, but it escaped.

About fifteen head of cattle have died of rabies out on Walker's place, where Baker Ball's cattle are feeding. It is not known how the stock got infected.

1,500 to 1,800 pounds per day of finished product would be under \$2,000. Great care has been exercised in drawing up this estimate, and it is above what the actual cost will be.

Another unit to double the capacity could be added at a very small cost. The whole world is the market for this class of commodity, and owing to the state of affairs in other countries, there is nothing that has a bigger future ahead of it than evaporated fruits and vegetables. There is no place in this country that has any better facilities for catering to it than Ontario, Oregon."

## VALE WINS BASKET BALL GAME FROM ONTARIO BY SCORE OF 28 TO 21

Great interest has been centered about the basketball game between Vale and Ontario, which was played on the local floor last Friday evening. Dopesters are still figuring how Ontario lost and all agree that Ontario didn't "come back" in the second half while Vale did. The game was attended by the largest crowd that has yet witnessed a basketball game in Ontario, the seating capacity being so limited that a large portion of the crowd had to stand out on the playing space which interfered greatly with Ontario's signal plays and was an advantage to Vale in that it reduced the playing field to about the same dimensions of the Vale hall.

The first half was clearly Ontario's, the score of 13 to 11 at the end of this half does not represent the difference in the playing of the two teams as Ontario was easily 25 per cent better than Vale throughout the half. Three of the baskets made during this half were made by signal plays from center,

while Vale failed to make her signal work once during the first half.

In the second half Vale made her signals work twice from center, while Ontario worked but one.

All but four of Vale's points were made by one man, Nelson, while Ontario's points were distributed between three players. Ontario shot one foul out of seven chances, while Vale shot eight out of ten chances. The game was hard fought from beginning to end with no wrangling over decisions and was played and won fairly.

Line up:  
Ontario: Lee Maddux, M. Glenn, Fred Test, R. Ellis, Ernest Gramse, E. Nelson, Earl Weaver, Alfred Holland, M. Brown, Jay Husted, R. Glenn.  
Vale: M. Glenn, R. Ellis, E. Nelson, M. Brown, R. Glenn.

## KINGMAN COLONY CASE IS HEARD

Tuesday evidence was taken by Mr. Walker, the court stenographer, in the case of Kingman Colony Irrigation company vs. Retta Payne in which the plaintiff is starting suit to foreclose mortgage. W. W. Wood and J. W. McCulloch are the attorneys for the plaintiff and W. H. Brooke and John Rand of Baker City are the attorneys for the defendants.

The final argument in the case of the First National bank vs. Seward Bros., Beane Bros., and Johnson was heard by Judge Biggs in the city hall Monday. Both sides will submit law briefs after which the court will render its decision.

W. W. Wood and J. W. McCulloch are the attorneys for the plaintiff and W. E. Lees, Judge Davis of Vale and Judge Webster of Portland are the attorneys for the defendants.

Mrs. James Diven of Vale is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Purcell.

## FIVE FRUIT-MEN GO TO TACOMA

A call has been issued for a council of the fruitgrowers of the northwest, February 15, at Tacoma. This council will have for its purpose the complete union of all the fruitgrowers' associations of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

In this way a uniform price will be put on all fruit and by-products will be standardized, the shipping of the fruit will be organized and done in the cheapest way possible, and the fruit growing industry put on a business basis.

Five members of the Idaho-Oregon Fruitgrowers' association will attend the council in Tacoma.

Hydrophobia still is claiming its victims. Up in the Agency valley about fifty head of cattle have become infected. At the Harper ranches about a thousand dollars worth of stock has been reported lost through rabies. Becker, who is feeding at Arcadia, reports some losses.

## PRELIMINARY STEPS TAKEN TO START LOCAL Y. M. C. A.

### BASEBALL DECISION SOON.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—(Argus Special Service).—Judge Landis assured the newspaper men here today that they could look for a decision in the big baseball suit of the Federals against organized baseball most any time now. Ever since the lawyers have finished pouring out their arguments the newspaper men have haunted the Federal court and Judge Landis has promised them that all would have an equal chance.

## APARTMENT HOUSE BEING BUILT HERE

Alex Lohead is erecting a two-story apartment house a block west of Boyer Bros.' store. This apartment house will be about about thirty-two feet wide by thirty-eight feet long and will cost in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL FINANCE COUNTY FAIR

Baker City, Ore., Feb. 6.—(Argus Special Service).—An effort is being made here to hold a county fair next fall despite the refusal of the county court to appropriate \$2,000 for this purpose. President Welch today appointed a county fair board and these men will go ahead with preliminary plans. The members realize that it will be a hard task to raise the necessary \$2,000 or \$3,000 from a public subscription but committees will be appointed early and it is thought that the merchants, stockmen, farmers and mining men will make up the needed amount.

### BAKER BREAD HIGH.

Baker, Ore., Feb. 6.—(Argus Special Service).—Twelve cents was the price asked here today for loaves of bread hitherto sold for 10 cents. The size of the 5 cent loaves were reduced from 12 to 10 ounces.

A mad coyote was killed Tuesday by G. J. Berry in Thompson's field. Mr. Berry saw the coyote in the field and taking his rifle killed it at the first shot. It was in a very vicious state and started to attack Mr. Berry.

## Local Men are Working on Plans For Institution For Ontario.

### PLANS NOT YET PERFECTED.

### Need of Such an Institution Has Long Been Known. Now Started.

That Ontario will soon have a Y. M. C. A., or an organization similar, is the statement made this week by several local men, who are interesting themselves in securing some such a local institution. While the organization is not yet completed, there has been a committee appointed to look into the matter and to take the necessary preliminary steps toward starting the movement.

The need of such an institution is known by every one and has been discussed considerably in the last few years. Several movements have been started for this purpose but for various reasons have been abandoned. But the desire and need for this kind of work is still as great as ever and it will receive the hearty support of every person.

## MCBRATNEY SELLS HARDWARE INTEREST

J. T. McNulty and J. C. McCreight bought out the hardware part of the store owned by Wm. McBratney, Tuesday. They will take possession of the business March 1. Mr. McBratney will retain the furniture and fixtures part of the business and will keep his residence at Ontario. At present he owns undertaking establishments at Huntington, Weiser and Council and intends to put in and equip complete and up-to-date undertaking parlors in Ontario in the very near future.

County School Superintendent Miss Fae Clark attended the Vale-Ontario basketball game here Friday night.

## NATIONAL GRANGE IS BOOSTING THE COUNTY

A story showing the possibilities of corn growing in Malheur county and the Snake river valley, appears in the January number of the National Grange Monthly, published at Westfield, Mass. The story follows:

"Seldom has the National Grange Monthly been able to present to its readers a Grange article of more absorbing interest than that printed herewith: Interesting not merely in itself but as an illustration of Grange leadership for better things—in this Oregon instance leadership for better agriculture, at a time when it was sorely needed. The article is written from Ontario, Oregon, and is from the pen of A. E. Kimball, lecturer of the Pomona Grange of Malheur county, the organization which has accomplished so much for the farmers of its locality.

"The Corn Carnival, held today in this city, marks the end of the Malheur County Pomona Grange corn contest, the results of which astounded all the old settlers in its total, 12 out of the 31 contestants having averaged over 104 bushels of shelled corn to the acre, and the winner of the sweepstakes securing the remarkable yield of 121 bushels and 40 pounds, and that under ordinary field conditions with no special fertilizer or care. In fact, the contesting acres were selected from fields of from two to 38 acres. When one considers that previous to this year practically no corn had been raised in this county—in fact it had been said that corn could not be successfully grown at this altitude of 2,100 feet and so far north—

the results are all the more remarkable.

"Probably no Grange in the country faced a more serious problem than confronted the Malheur County Pomona last spring. Malheur county was formerly considered a range country, with an area larger than the state of Massachusetts and a population not so large as a small town of that state. A few farmers settled along the rivers and discovered that where water was applied to the soil enormous yields of alfalfa could be secured, and soon mountainous stacks of that wonderful legume dotted the landscape. On the ranges thousands of cattle grazed and in the winter entered the feed yards to grow sleek and fat on this finest of hays.

"Gradually but steadily the area of the cultivated land increased, while just as steadily the ranges decreased, until suddenly it was discovered that sufficient numbers of cattle did not remain on the ranges to dispose of all the hay the farmers were growing. Other crops had been tried with indifferent success, owing principally to the disadvantageous freight rates, but nearly every farmer had reached the conclusion that the section was only adapted to the growing of hay and fruit. But only a small portion of the farmers could afford to hold their land while their fruit trees were coming into bearing. In a new country where development was progressing rapidly money was in great demand, while there were practically no savings to meet the demand, and to

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