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CLUB VERY FAVORABLE TO EVAPORATOR SCHEME

Special Committee Reports Favorably on Plan to Establish Fruit Evaporator in Ontario.

H. H. Halderman is Experienced in Work and is Promoting Company in This Section.

H. H. Halderman is actively engaged in establishing an evaporator at Ontario this year. He has made a careful study of the business and is certain of his success. Last week he presented his idea to the Commercial club and a committee was appointed to look up the matter as to its prospects. The committee have endorsed Mr. Halderman's plans, encouraging him to go ahead with them.

Mr. Halderman has had a good deal of commercial experience and has observed conditions both in this country and Europe. In evaporated fruits and vegetables there is a great field for development. A shipload of the finished product could be utilized in the European trade right now. Alaska also demands this kind of food in great quantities. These things Mr. Halderman has observed and he will make a trip about March 1 to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and other large cities to make arrangements for disposing of the products of the evaporator he will establish.

This is an enterprise that every citizen of the county should support. It will not take much money to establish it but it will provide a market for apples, peaches, pumpkins, squash, potatoes that would otherwise generally be wasted. It will cut down the waste of the farm and so build up its efficiency. It will pay big profits to the company and at the same time bring in outside money for the bulk of the products will be sold outside of the county and probably the state. Therefore, we wish Mr. Halderman to have every encouragement in putting in this new industry in Ontario.

TREES ARE USEFUL AS WINDBREAKS

Forest Service Announces Useful Scheme for Farmers.

According to the forest service, trees as windbreaks have a value to the ranchers of Oregon and Washington in the dry regions east of the Cascades. A windbreak or shelter belt around the ranch buildings and fields adds not only to the beauty of the landscape, but has a valuable influence upon the growing of crops. Violent and long continued winds, such as occur in eastern Oregon, will dry out the soil, or carry away the rich top soil. Furthermore, in such region irrigation ditches are either scooped out by the wind or choked up by wind blown soil. Under such circumstances windbreaks would mean a big saving in dollars and cents, not only in the protection of the soil, but in the maintenance of irrigation works.

In the dry sections east of the Cascades, where the trees must endure drought and frost, Lombardy poplar, Carolina poplar, Ealm of Gilead and perhaps box elder, are about the only trees that will thrive. In irrigated regions, however, black and honey locust, Osage orange, Russian mulberry and Russian wild olive are excellent species to plant. Among the evergreens, western yellow pine, Scotch pine and European larch are frequently planted.

PRICE OF BREAD RAISED IN ONTARIO

Local Bakery Forced to Reduce Size of Loaf. Flour Drubles

On account of the rise in the price of flour, the local bakery has made a change in the size of the loaves of bread sold. Formerly the weight of dough in a five cent loaf before it was baked was 13 ounces while in a ten cent loaf it was 26 ounces. Now the weight is ten ounces in the five cent loaf and twenty ounces in the ten cent loaf.

Flour has raised from \$4.75 to \$8.45 a barrel, making a raise in price of almost 80 per cent. In cutting the weight from thirteen ounces to ten ounces the reduction has been not quite 25 per cent. So that now bread is selling cheaper, considering the cost than heretofore, so cheap in fact that a person buying a dollar's worth of bread tickets can get bread cheaper than by buying the flour and baking the bread, not counting the labor.

A good many people are taking advantage of this condition and the bakery is selling a good many tickets for the dollar's worth. Twenty-four tickets can be bought for a dollar so that the gain this way is twenty cents on the dollar. Some of the bakeries in other towns have quit baking the five cent loaves.

MINSTREL MAIDS AT DREAMLAND THURS.

How long could you stand in one position with out so much as winking an eye lash? This is the question you will be asking yourself after you see little Fif Moore pose as a statue in the tabloid Musical Comedy, "A Night in a Cabaret," which comes as part of Grace M. Russel's new 1915 Minstrel maids to the Dreamland Theatre, next Thursday night, February 25.

For nearly half an hour this tiny and clever actress holds the same attitude while a riot of music and fun goes on about her, until the audience begins to wonder if the pretty figure is really flesh and blood, or only wax. Then comes the thrilling climax when the statue is brought to life. This is only one of the many novelties with which the new Minstrel Maid show is filled.

All new faces, all new songs, all new dances, all new costumes, all new scenery, all new novelties, are with the Minstrel Maids this year, and it is promised that this clean, pleasing entertainment will score one of the biggest hits of the season when it appears next Thursday evening in the Dreamland.

KNIGHTS TO MEET HERE FEBRUARY 23

Feb. 23 the local order of the Knights of Pythias will entertain the neighboring chapters from Huntington, Weiser, Payette, New Plymouth and Vale. The grand officers of Oregon will be present and the meeting will be one of the most important and interesting ever held in Ontario.

In its study of windbreaks, the forest service has compiled the following suggestions for those who wish to plant windbreaks or shelter belts:

Place the windbreak at right angles to the direction of the prevailing winds.

To obtain best results from one-eighth to one-fifth of the farm should be devoted to this purpose. The protective value more than pays for the ground it occupies, to say nothing of the timber yield.

Plant only such species as will form windbreaks, and are suited to the region and the locality.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BEGINS ON ANOTHER YEARS WORK

Committees are Appointed by President Van Petton and Announced at the Meeting Monday Night. Regular Business is Transacted.

The Commercial club held their regular monthly business meeting Monday night. The appointment of committees took up most of the business but several matters of importance also were discussed. President Van Petton appointed the following committees:

- Finance—E. A. Fraser, A. L. Cockrum, Ray Wilson.
- Membership—M. E. Newton, H. C. Schuppel, W. F. Homan.
- Publicity—E. G. Bailey, W. H. Doolittle, E. M. Gregg.
- Good Roads—H. H. Whitney, J. R. Blackaby, S. D. Dorman.
- Black and Entertainment—H. L. Peterson, W. H. Laxon, E. G. Bailey.

- Sociability—Representatives of all ladies' associations in the city.
- Irrigation and Electric Power—A. W. Trow, E. M. Greig, H. C. Whitworth.
- Transportation—E. A. Fraser, H. O. Drane, Sam Creem.
- Manufactory—D. M. Taggart, L. Adam, H. L. Peterson, W. W. Letson, Ray Wilson.
- Automobile—J. Prinzing, H. B. Cockrum, A. A. Wright.
- Immigration—A. W. Trow, E. G. Bailey, W. H. Doolittle.
- Legislative—J. W. McCulloch, W. H. Brooke, H. Withycombe.
- Agriculture, Horticulture—T. Clagget, A. Gramse, E. B. Conklin.
- Merchants—D. M. Taggart, Frank Rader, L. O. McCoy, H. L. Peterson, W. T. Lampkin.

STATE AGRICULTURIST COMES TO ONTARIO

Malheur County Farm Expert Will be Chosen in Few Weeks.

Prof. French, the state leader of the county agricultural work of Oregon, was in Ontario a few days this week. While here he consulted with the county commissioners in regard to the county agricultural work. Prof. French is a great enthusiast in the corn raising possibilities of this county and stated that the corn show here was something great. The question of who will be county agriculturist for the coming year will be settled in a few weeks. Prof. French went to Huntington Monday.

EPWORTH LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED HERE

A meeting was held Tuesday evening in the M. E. church to organize the Epworth League. Although a stormy night eighteen were present and the following officers were elected: Mr. Armitage, president; Faye Pratt, first vice president; Mrs. Girand, second vice president; Mrs. Abernathy, third vice president; Mrs. Robt. Maddux, fourth vice president; Jesse Brown, treasurer, and Laverna Thompson, secretary. Mrs. Fox was also elected Junior League superintendent and Junior Sunday school superintendent. Sunday evening at 6:30 the first devotional meeting will be held.

OVER HUNDRED BUSHELS OF CORN TO ACRE FIRST YEAR

A. M. Johnson of Nyssa District Produces Huge Yield of Corn First Season. Malheur County is Natural Home of Corn.

A. M. Johnson of the Nyssa district raised 112.95 bushels of corn on one acre of ground. When farmers can do this the first year it is attempted, it shows that Malheur county is a natural corn country. Mr. Johnson has kindly consented to tell us how he did it.

The ground on which this corn was raised had been in cultivation about six years. It was plowed about two inches deep in the fall and in the spring it was irrigated. When the alfalfa had got a good start it was plowed about

REPORT MURRAYS HAVE RABIES UNTRUE

Father and Son Who Were Bit by Dog do not Develop Malady

A report that George Murray and his son Virgil, of Vale, who went to Portland last week to take the Pasteur treatment, had developed rabies, is untrue. The report has been widely circulated about Ontario and Vale, but upon investigation it was found to be false.

It will be remembered that two weeks ago Mr. Murray and his son Virgil were bitten by one of their dogs. The dogs had fought a coyote several weeks previous and so were watched carefully for signs of rabies. In about three weeks one of the dogs showed the symptoms and was killed. A few days later the other dog began to act strange and in attempting to tie it up it bit both the father and son.

NEW COAL COMPANY ENTERS LOCAL FIELD

E. J. Bartels, representing the Wyoming Coal Co., was in town last week making preparations for putting in a branch of his company. The company has already started the coal business by delivering at wholesale prices directly from the cars. Mr. Bartels said that there would be no more high prices on coal in Ontario and that his company was here to stay. As soon as a convenient place has been secured, the company will put in an office and yards and handle other lines besides coal.

LOCAL MERCHANT AT PORTLAND MEET

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boyer Attend Retailers' Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boyer left last Sunday evening for Portland to attend the annual convention of the Retail Merchants' association. Fully 1,000 men, representing the retail interests of the whole state of Oregon, are in attendance at this meeting, which is being held at the Multnomah hotel. Governor Withycombe and A. J. Kingsley, president of the Oregon Manufacturers' association, delivered the address of welcome to the delegates Monday morning.

One of the social features of the convention was the theatre party at the Orpheum Monday night when the Portland association acting as hosts bought out the entire house for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer will return the last of this week.

IRONSIDE PEOPLE ATTEND MASK BALL

Those to attend the masquerade ball at Malheur were: Bill Beam and wife, Ted Wisdom, Bill Quinn, Bert Lawrence and wife, Ellis Renshaw, Ruth-erford brothers, Millous Lawrence, Lin Tureman, Chas. Howard and family, Elmer Moithan, Summers Smith, Fred Lawrence and wife, John Smith and family, Conor Young and wife, Tip Tyler, Ernie Lacey and family, Gus Lawrence, Don Lacey, Cecil Smith and Mary Lawrence, Onie Elms, Walter Hinton and wife, Gladys Young and Walter Lawrence, Arthur Young and Guy Wise. All report a fine time.

Owing to bad roads our stage has been arriving at a very late hour the past week, therefore compelling the anxious readers to be delayed a day in the war news.

Mrs. A. R. Van Buren and Mrs. Wm. Allen was called to the bedside of their mother at Payette, Idaho, who is very ill and being in the eighties, will probably not recover.

Chas. Boon went to Brogan on Sunday to meet his family, which returned from Fruitland, Idaho, on Monday. Mrs. Boon has been visiting relatives the past three weeks.

Earl Loftin, who has been in Ontario the past three weeks, returned on Friday with his new Ford auto. He found the roads almost impassable for a car but landed safely.

Herman Rose, who has been attending business college in Baker and has completed his course, returned to his home here last of the week.

Mrs. A. J. Murray, who has been at the bedside of her father, J. H. Rose, returned to her home at Unity the first of the week.

Jonse Elms and family of Unity moved into this vicinity on Thursday, where they will live for some time.

Lela Serrurier of Portland, sister of Grace Rutherford, who has been visiting here the past three months, returned to her home on Monday.

Gus Lawrence returned from Unity on Thursday where he had been visiting friends.

Mrs. Ben Jones is at the home of her grandfather, J. H. Rose, during his illness.

Mrs. Chas. Howard spent the week end with relatives in Malheur, returning on Sunday.

Wm. Allen and son Roscoe left on Sunday with a carload of mules for Baker en route to Walla Walla.

Mrs. H. M. Rutherford, who has been visiting relatives at Miller, Ore., the past two weeks, returned home on Saturday.

HORSE INSPECTION IS HELD AT FAIR GROUNDS

French Inspection Board Takes Fifty-three Head Out of Many Horses That Are Offered.

John Day Buyer Takes 20 Head After They Were Turned Down. Inspectors go to Juntura.

The French officials held an inspection at Ontario Monday and bought fifty-three horses out of several hundred that were offered. The best grade of horses were passed up and only the lower priced ones were bought. The price paid was from \$80 to \$120. On Tuesday Henry Trowbridge of John Day bought twenty horses from those that were rejected by the inspectors.

Halley and Turner of Caldwell bought about twenty-five or thirty head of heavy stock for the stock sale held every month at Caldwell.

The horses bought by the French officials will be shipped with those from Boise and Caldwell to New York as soon as cars are available.

It is not known if the inspectors will come here again or not. They will hold inspection at Boise, then at Caldwell and then at Juntura. They may come here again before going to Juntura but it is not certain.

"THE DEEP PURPLE" AT DREAMLAND

"The Deep Purple," to appear at the Dreamland theatre Saturday night, Feb. 20, the next release of the World Film corporation in which Clara Kimball Young is starred in the part of Dorris Moore is a picturized version made and produced by James Young of the play by Paul Armstrong and Wilson Mizner.

Doris Moore is the daughter of a minister living at a small country town a few hours' distance from New York. Her life is one of sweetness and usefulness. She helps her father in his work among his congregation, teaches in the Sunday school and plays the wheezy old organ in the church.

The household is thrown into a mild state of excitement on receipt of a letter purporting to come from an Organ Supply company in New York, but which in reality is from a band of crooks who use this as one of the fraudulent schemes whereby they obtain money from the unwary. The letter offers to supply a beautiful pipe organ on receipt of an installment of one-third of the cost, the balance to be paid on time. The matter is laid before the deacons and they decide to consider the offer. The minister writes to the organ company and the chief crooks, Harry Leland, a handsome, dashing man of the world, arrives and explains in glowing terms, the advantages of the organ. While waiting for the deacons to collect the first installment of two hundred dollars, Leland pays considerable attention to Doris who is much fascinated by him, representing as he does a totally different type of man to what she has been used to.

In the meantime the crooks in New York have received information from out west that Will Lake, a young eastern college man who in two years has made a fortune of fifty thousand dollars is returning east, and will stay in New York for a week. They decide to try to blackmail Lake on his arrival and at once communicate with Leland, who replies that he will return immediately as soon as he gets the organ money. Leland has become (Continued on Page 8)