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CORN CONTEST THIS FALL NOW BEING PROMOTED

Pomona Grange Committee Meets With Commercial Club Monday Night

CONTEST ON BROADER SCALE

A. G. Kingman of Kingman Kolony Presents Subject in Address

The corn contest for next year was thoroughly discussed at the Commercial club meeting, Monday evening. A. G. Kingman, one of the committeemen of the Pomona Grange asked the co-operation of the Commercial club in the matter of funds. The local club last year gave several hundred dollars as premiums in the contest and will give their support to this year's contest, to the best of their ability. The grange will also ask the county court to furnish the sweepstakes prize of the county for the best acre of corn. At the Walla Walla Corn Show the railroad representatives expressed their enthusiasm and willingness to aid in furthering the industry.

The prizes this year will follow the same plan as those of last year which were, one hundred dollars for the best acre in the county, and fifty dollars for first, twenty-five for second and fifteen for third prize, each of the districts.

Also last year there were five districts, while the plan is this year to have only three districts thus cutting down the number of prizes. If this plan is followed one district will be all the land south of Nyssa including Big Bend, Kingman Kolony and the Owyhee; another district will be between this district and the Malheur river and the other will include all lands east and north of the Malheur river comprising part of the Vale territory, Brogan, Willow Creek and Dead Ox Flat.

The showing made in corn raising here last year was a marvel to every one. One of the most interesting phases of the Walla Walla Corn Show was lately discovered when it was found that Bert Robertson of Big Bend won first place for the best twelve ears of corn over a man who had taken first place in the contest for the previous two years. Last year's contest was a great success but the grange promises that this year's contest will be much better.

WM. H. TOMLINSON PASSES AWAY

William H. Tomlinson, aged seventy-three years and seven months, died at the Holy Rosary hospital Saturday March 13, from cancer of the lower jaw. He was born in Missouri in 1842 and came to Oregon. He leaves as relatives in this vicinity three nephews, J. T. Sullens of Ontario, Nelson Sullens, living near Malheur Butte and Ona Ramsey of Rockville. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 p. m. from the Farley undertaking parlors.

BIG BEND BRIDGE STILL IN TANGLE

W. H. Brooks, as district attorney, made a formal demand on the county commissioners, county clerk and treasurer that they be personally responsible to the county for \$31,000, the amount that Small of Portland, bid for the Big

Buy Sheep.
H. Blackwell, a well known local stockman, has this week purchased 2000 head of sheep from John Wood. Eleven hundred head of the band were received by Mr. Blackwell Sunday and the balance are now being brought in from the John Wood ranch. The sheep are all two-year-old ewes. They will be sheared about the first of the month, after which Mr. Blackwell will turn them on the range between Harper and Huntington and will ship them to the Portland market from Huntington about June 1st.

MRS. EMISON WAS AN EARLY POINEER

Settled in Oregon in 1869 and was Prominent in Life of Community

Mrs. Mary N. Emison, one of the early pioneers of Oregon, and a resident of Malheur county for twenty-two years immediately following 1869, was laid to rest in Ontario Friday afternoon, the funeral being one of the largest and most impressive ever held here.

Mary Neat Rice was born in Rawles county, Missouri, June 20th, 1849, where she resided during her childhood and early life, and received her early education. She was married to W. N. Emison in 1869, and the young couple immediately started out to find a home in the west. They came as far as Wyoming by rail, and from there they traveled overland to Malheur county, Oregon, settling here on a ranch.

Mrs. Emison was one of the best known and most beloved of the early settlers. She entered into the life of the community and was always ready to lend an aiding hand in alleviating the many hardships of the pioneer days. She was a prominent member of the Christian church and was always a devout christian.

Residents of this section during the early days tell many stories of her good work among neighboring families in time of sickness, and aside from rearing her own family, she was always ready to aid others when the occasion arose. Five children were born to her, four of whom survive her. The surviving children are Sanford Emison of Blackfoot, Idaho; Mrs. Ollie Young of Portland, Oregon; Charles Emison of Ontario; and Miss Salome Emison of Portland. William Emison died at the age of eighteen years, being drowned in the Snake river at Nyssa. This occurred several years ago. Her husband W. N. Emison died sixteen years ago, since which time Mrs. Emison has made her home in Portland where she died.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon from the home of her son, in Ontario, and the body was laid to rest in the city cemetery beside that of her husband. Rev. Baker of the Baptist church officiated.

Local Horse Market Still Continues Good.

The selling of horses still continues and the business seems to be getting more settled. Mr. Bradbury from Atlanta, Georgia, was buying horses here last week through Hailey and Turner of Caldwell. Altogether they bought up one hundred head of horses, three carloads of which were shipped to the east. A number of carloads of horses have been shipped from here this year and still there are many more for sale.

Bend bridge bonds, also that the officials assume the burden of all legal matters pertaining to the issue of the bonds.

Mr. Small's attorney was here Sunday but returned without any indication of what they would do concerning the matter. It is thought that there will be an early adjustment of the affair but whatever turn the matter takes there will be no delay in the building of the bridge.

KINGMAN BOOSTS FOR BETTER FARMING CONDITIONS

Says Blue Grass Pasture on Every Ranch Would be Money Saver

IS BEST PASTURE GROWN

Demonstrations Made Prove Assertion. The Best For Sheep

A. G. Kingman of Kingman Kolony was in attendance at the Commercial club meeting Monday evening at the city hall. He addressed the club on several very important matters in regard to the farming interests of this county.

One of the things of consequence he discussed was the matter of blue grass meadows or pastures. Mr. Kingman's idea was for someone, logically the county agriculturist, to conduct an experiment with the blue grass on some piece of irrigated land near here. A three acre tract divided up into three equal parts would be sufficient for the experiment. The scheme to be followed was that while one acre was being pastured, one could be growing and the other could be irrigated. So as quick as one was ready for pasture the stock would be moved to it while the old one could be irrigated. Then an account would be kept of all stock that was pastured showing the gain or product of such stock. In this way a complete record could be kept of the expense and revenue from the pasture.

Mr. Kingman stated that for every forty acres of farm land, ten acres should be in bluegrass pasture. This pasture was worth as much or more than any other crop and saved the cost of harvesting it which in other crops would amount to ten or fifteen dollars per acre. Also bluegrass did not tend to kill out as alfalfa does and the older the pasture the more valuable. For instance a bluegrass pasture ten years old is worth twice as much as one two or three years old and one twenty or twenty-five years old is worth twice as much as one ten years old.

Mr. Miller of Big Bend stated that he had some bluegrass pasture and also Chas. Emison related some interesting facts concerning three acres of blue grass on his farm west of town. He stated that during the past year he pastured on his three acres, fifty head of sheep and lambs, three cows and nine hogs. One of the lambs in particular he was sure would shear seventeen pounds of wool worth from twenty to twenty-five cents per pound.

This matter is one of great importance to the interests of this county. Dairying is now, and promises to be more so, of great importance to this community. With a bluegrass pasture becoming more valuable every year, dairying ought to be one of the leading industries here. This is something that should be encouraged by all concerned.

Anybody interested in the propagation of bluegrass should write to the University of Idaho at Moscow, for bulletin No. 80 entitled "Grasses for Irrigated Lands."

CONTEST TO BE HELD BY PUBLIC SCHOOL

The public school pupils of Ontario will hold their seventh annual Declamatory contest, March 24th, at the Dreamland Theatre. Seven contestants will enter and it will no doubt be worthy of a large audience. An admission of 25 cents will be charged. The grown people and the grade pupils will be admitted for ten cents.

CLEAN-UP DAY TAKEN UP BY LADIES OF THE CITY

Ladies' Auxiliary of the Commercial Club Will Promote Cleanliness

BEAUTIFY ALL VACANT LOTS

Move Receives Hearty Support of Commercial Club and Aid is Promised

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Commercial club have taken up the clean-up campaign for Ontario and have planned for an extensive line of work. This club which used to be the Sociality club, has changed its name to one that expresses its purpose. At their meeting March 6, they appointed a clean-up committee, consisting of Mrs. Walter Glenn, Mrs. Murray Morton and Mrs. H. H. Whitney, to look up conditions and the means for bettering them. The club discussed the fly question, vacant lots, dirty streets and alleys and also the matter of beautifying certain public grounds belonging to the city.

Monday evening the ladies asked the Commercial club for their support in a clean-up campaign which was promised. To complete arrangements for their campaign the ladies will ask the city council and schoolboard at their next meetings to co-operate in the movement. Then at the next meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary club, March 27, the final plans will be adopted and the work will be commenced.

A. G. KINGMAN MAKES ADDRESS

Declaring that the farmers of the Lower Snake river valley could make a substantial saving by growing black locust trees to be used for fence posts on their ranches, A. G. Kingman of Kingman Kolony near Nyssa made an enthusiastic address at the regular meeting of the Commercial club Monday night. Mr. Kingman declared that a quarter of an acre of land would grow enough black locust posts to fence an eighty acre field.

"The farmers of this country," stated Mr. Kingman, "should buy paint with the money they are now paying out for fence posts. A black locust fence post will last a life time. It is no trouble to grow them, for all that is necessary is to pull a few seed pods off a locust tree, put the seeds in boiling water and let them stay there until they sprout. Then set them out and the work is accomplished. They grow quickly, and will soon amount to a great saving to the farmers."

COUNTY EXPERT RECEIVES GRAIN

W. R. Shinn, county agriculturist, has received from the Oregon Agriculture College a shipment of grains for distribution purposes. Here is a chance for fifteen or twenty farmers to secure free a start in some excellent grains.

The shipment consists of two bushels of Banner oats, one bushel of 19785 barley, two bushels of Wisconsin No. 9 barley, and one-half bushel of beardless barley. This seed is done up in one-fourth and one-half bushel packages and will be distributed free to the first persons asking for it.

J. M. Brown Improving.
Word has been received in this city that J. M. Brown who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in Portland is convalescing. His son Ben and his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Fiser are in Portland with him.

Mr. Brown, who has been confined in the Holy Rosary Hospital for the past six months, suffering from nervous trouble, was taken to Mallett Monday morning to the Brown Ranch.

LAND SEEKERS GO TO THE INTERIOR

First Party of Immigrants This Spring Leaves for Harney

The first party of immigrants to go out into Malheur and Harney counties this spring passed through Ontario this morning, accompanied by three members of the Oregon Western Colonization Company. Six families arrived from La Grande Sunday evening and ten came in from Salt Lake. One auto load was taken from Ontario and the rest of the party will go to Juntura on the train and will be taken from there in machines, to look over the land.

A large amount of advertising done by Malheur County in the past two years is beginning to show results and a large number of immigrants are expected in here during the coming summer. A vast amount of literature has been sent out by the head office of the Oregon Western Colonization Company at St. Paul this year and they say that they never have had so many inquiries about Malheur county and expect a number of settlers in here soon.

ONTARIO BAND IS GIVEN ASSISTANCE

The Ontario band received official recognition by the Commercial club Monday night, when the club voted a monthly appropriation of \$15.00 to pay the running expenses of the musical organization. The band has received the attention of the club on several occasions, especially on the night of the club smoker last month, when some very good music was rendered, but not until now has the band received financial assistance from the club.

Dr. Colcord appeared Monday night before the club in its regular meeting, and gave a brief outline of the work of the band. Dr. Colcord is training the players, and has devoted much of his attention and given his time to promoting the organization. "There are sixteen pieces in the band now," stated Dr. Colcord, "and the boys are arriving at the stage where they can give pretty good music. With a little financial aid by the Commercial club, we will soon have one of the finest bands in the country."

E. A. Fraser made the motion to give the assistance asked for, and in doing so paid a nice tribute to the work of Dr. Colcord and outlined in brief the benefit of a good band.

15 NEW MEMBERS IN COMMERCIAL CLUB

Fifteen new members were taken into the Commercial club at the regular meeting Monday night. The new members were: R. M. Berry, C. A. Garvin, G. W. Long, E. R. Wann, W. A. Dunnick, O. G. Luehrs, O. C. Field, A. L. McDowell, H. H. Halderman, F. J. Cleo, C. M. Williams, G. H. Grimshaw, E. C. McDowell, Pete

FREE TELEPHONE TOLLS TO NYSSA AND FRUITLAND

Oregon Railroad Commission Orders in Old Rates for Present

NEW HEARING IN SIXTY DAYS

Rental of Rural Telephones is Reduced to \$1.50 if Paid in Advance

Free telephone tolls to Nyssa and Fruitland, and a reduction in the rentals of rural telephones will prevail for the next sixty days, at least, according to a ruling of the Oregon Railroad Commission at the hearing in the telephone rate case in Ontario last Saturday. In sixty days the final hearing will be held at which time a definite decision will be handed down. Thos. K. Campbell and Clyde B. Atchison, members of the Oregon Railroad Commission held the meeting here Saturday to hear the arguments in reference to the complaint filed with them several weeks ago. Attorneys for Ontario and for the Malheur Home Telephone Company were present but neither side was in a position to furnish the information required by the Commission. Therefore an informal hearing was held with the purpose of getting at the question as near as possible and each side got a better opinion of the other's position. Everything was left in the hands of the Commission and each side was ready and willing to learn their rights in the case as fixed by law.

The commission ruled that until the next hearing, which will be held in sixty days, that the old rate on the rural phones and free tolls to Nyssa as before, would be in effect; and that the toll question to Fruitland was not under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Commission. The sixty days delay is for the purpose of allowing the telephone company time to take an inventory of their property and give any other information the commission may require. When this information is secured an expert will check it and it will be used as a basis for arriving at a final decision.

The Malheur Home Telephone Company has reinstated the old rates and free tolls to Nyssa and Fruitland pending the decision of the Railroad Commission. This means that many of the country phones will be re-installed and new ones put in at the old rate of \$1.50 per month if paid in advance.

Mrs. Rich in Hospital
Mrs. Paul E. Rich, of Copper River was brought to the Holy Rosary Hospital last Friday afternoon by Dr. A. J. Weiser. She underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday morning and is rapidly recovering.

Mr. Paul E. Rich and Mrs. Rich's mother, Mrs. Corinne E. Rich, of Weiser were here for several days. Mr. Rich is well known here formerly being employed by the Idaho-Oregon Power Company. Mrs. Rich has the best wishes of her many friends for a speedy recovery.

Duford and J. F. Doty.

The new members are the result of efforts of the new membership committee, the members of which are: M. E. Newton, H. C. Schuppel and W. F. Homan. The Commercial club is steadily growing and is easily maintaining its place as one of the strongest organizations of the kind in the state of Oregon.