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JITNEY BUS MAY START NEXT WEEK

Make Two Round Trips Each Day to New Plymouth and Nyssa

35 CENTS FOR ONE WAY TRIP

Ontario Merchants Agree to Refund Money Paid for Fares

The jitney bus for Ontario has at last been secured, and by a week from Monday will be making regular trips between New Plymouth and Ontario and Nyssa and Ontario. An agreement entered into by 41 merchants of Ontario and E. D. Mowery of Portland, provides that a combination passenger and freight car is to make two round trips each day between Ontario and New Plymouth, and Ontario and Nyssa. The trip to New Plymouth will be made by way of Fruitland and the trip to Nyssa will be made by way of Arcadia.

The following schedule of fares will be charged:
To the city limits of Ontario.5c
Distance not greater than 3 miles. .10c
Distance not greater than 5 miles. .15c
Distance not greater than 7 miles. .20c
Distance not greater than 9 miles. .25c
Distance not greater than 11 miles. .30c
To New Plymouth or Nyssa, or return to Ontario.35c

The merchants of Ontario agree to refund the fares paid by passengers, the contract relating to that part being as follows:
"It is further agreed that E. D. Mowery will give to each passenger a coupon ticket showing the amount paid by the passenger, and stating on said coupon how the same may be redeemed.

The merchants of Ontario agree to redeem all coupons given out by E. D. Mowery during the first 90 days of said operation, said redemption to be as follows and not otherwise: The said Ontario merchants will receive one five-cent coupon with each dollar purchase, and allow the purchaser five cents for the coupon. All coupons to be presented on or before August 1, 1915. It is agreed that no coupon will be redeemed under this agreement after August 1, 1915."
The car to be used is a 38-passenger Jeffrey, and will have a capacity of fourteen passengers. The body of the car is now under construction in Portland, and is supposed to be here by next Tuesday, but may be delayed for a day or two. It will commence operation as soon as it arrives.

NEW AGRICULTURIST FOR THIS COUNTY

H. T. French, Was in Ontario Monday Confering With Officials

That Malheur county will have a new county agriculturalist in the near future is the announcement of H. T. French who was in Ontario and Vale the first of the week conferring with county officials. Mr. French has charge of the agricultural work throughout the state. Announcement of the new man will be made in the near future, and it is probable he will take up his duties here within the next two or three weeks. Mr. Shinn who has had charge of the work here for the past year expects to go to his ranch in Washington.

SPELLING CONTEST AROUSES INTEREST

The grade school spelling contest held in the high school auditorium last Friday night, was one of the most unique entertainments that has occurred in Ontario for some time. With twenty-six students entered in two divisions, it was feared for a time that the contest would last until the small hours of the next morning, for time after time the contestants spelled the words correctly, and the audience was amazed at the excellent spelling qualifications of each contestant. In the first division Lucile Shaw won first prize and Wesley Compton took second. In the second division Helen Dunbar won first with Charlotte Claggett second.

PUMPING PLANT FOR NYSSA RANCH

Work of installing the pumping plant on the ranch of Test, Gregg and Newman at Nyssa has been completed this week, and is ready for the irrigation season. The ranch comprises two hundred acres with about 160 acres under cultivation. It was all cleared and leveled last winter, and most of it has been put in crop this spring.

The pumping plant consists of an eight-inch pump to be run with a ten-horse power electric motor. Water will be pumped out of the Snake river.

DOLLAR DAY BRINGS BIG BUSINESS TO ONTARIO

Third Sales Day is Most Successful of Any Held so Far

MANY PEOPLE IN THE CITY

Residents on Bench Across River Express Appreciation of Sales

Dollar Day in Ontario last Saturday was one of the most successful sales days yet put on by the Ontario merchants, as a large amount of merchandise changed hands, and visitors to the city were more than pleased with the excellent bargains offered. The idea of co-operation between the merchants and the consumers, as has been promoted by the local merchants, has met with the approval of the people, and has become very popular over the country.

One resident of the bench district across the river was loud in his praise of the Ontario merchants for the manner in which they had worked out the co-operation idea. "We will do all our trading in Ontario now," he stated, "for we like to deal with your progressive merchants, and find that we can buy cheaper here than elsewhere." Another resident of near New Plymouth put the matter in a little different light. "This is a day of intensified merchandising," he stated. "Just as we farmers find that our most money is made in intensified farming, so the merchants have discovered that intensified merchandising is their salvation. General co-operation and organization, such as will not interfere with healthy competition, is what is needed, and such an arrangement makes possible a larger business and more money for the merchant, and at the same time gives the farmers a chance to buy a better quality of merchandise and at smaller prices."

ANOTHER PARTY OF LAND SEEKERS ARRIVE

Immigrants Pass Through Ontario Monday for Harney

SEVERAL FROM UNION COUNTY

People of Grande Ronde Valley Interested in this Section

Another party of immigrants, many of whom came from Union county and several eastern points, left early Monday morning for Harney county in search of farm homes. This is the third party that has gone through Ontario this spring en route to interior points looking for good cheap land. The party was accompanied by local officers of the Oregon-Western Colonization company.

One member of the party from Union county stated that many people of the Grande Ronde valley were greatly interested in this section, and that probably many more would follow in the near future. Much confidence is expressed that the railroad from Ontario across central Oregon will be constructed across Harney county in the near future, and that good railroad transportation will soon be available. There is a large quantity of excellent farming land in Harney county and central Oregon, which can be purchased at low prices, and people are anxious to locate before the railroad is built, believing that the price of land will raise after the railroad has been completed.

BASE BALL LEAGUE NOW PERFECTED

Meeting in Boise Last Friday. Season Opens May 2nd

- IDAHO-OREGON LEAGUE SCHEDULE TO JUNE 27.
- May 2—Ontario at Boise; Caldwell at Nampa.
- May 9—Boise at Ontario; Nampa at Caldwell.
- May 16—Caldwell at Boise; Ontario at Nampa.
- May 23—Boise at Caldwell; Nampa at Ontario.
- May 30—Ontario at Boise; Caldwell at Nampa.
- May 31 (Decoration day)—Ontario at Boise; Nampa at Caldwell.
- June 6—Boise at Nampa; Caldwell at Ontario.
- June 13—Nampa at Boise; Ontario at Caldwell.
- June 20—Boise at Ontario; Caldwell at Nampa.
- June 27—Ontario at Boise; Nampa at Caldwell.

Formal organization of the Idaho-Oregon Baseball league was made in Boise last Friday when representatives from Boise, Nampa, Caldwell and Ontario met there, elected officers, adopted rules and provided a schedule for the four team organization. William L. Ash, a well known Boise cigar man, and an enthusiastic ball fan, was chosen president of the league. C. T. Lackey represented Ontario at the meeting. Speaking of the meeting the Boise Statesman says in part:

"A resolution was adopted by the league under which rowdism absolutely will not be tolerated and each club will be compelled to get rid of any player guilty of umpire baiting or other objectionable conduct. "Division of gate receipts was a

POWER INTERESTS MAY CONSOLIDATE IN ONE COMPANY

Electric Bond & Share Co. Would Gather in Local Company

SAY COMMISSION MAY OBJECT

Merger Would Include One Gigantic Company With no Competition

Unless the public utilities commission of Idaho interferes the Electric Bond & Share company, capitalized in the millions, will, before the present year is over, have merged into one gigantic subsidiary company—the electric power corporations operating in southern Idaho, Malheur county, Oregon, Utah and possibly Montana and Washington, if its present plans go through. It is the parent company behind the merger now under way to take over the three hydroelectric power companies, the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power company, the Idaho Power & Light company and the Idaho Railway, Light & Power company.

The Southern Idaho Water Power company, now operating in the Pocatello territory, is reported to have agreed to enter the merger, and as soon as contracts of the Great Shoshone & Twin Falls Water Power company can be straightened out that corporation will be taken over. The Utah Power & Light company and the allied railway interests, formerly the Utah Light & Traction company, recently reorganized, are already said to be controlled by the Electric Bond & Share company.

The Electric Bond & Share also has plans under way and hopes to acquire the holdings of the Washington Water Power company. The Southern Idaho Water Power company and the Great Shoshone & Twin Falls Water Power company, former Kuhn enterprises, are now controlled by the American Waterworks & Electric company of New York. Recently the public utilities commission of Idaho permitted the Idaho Power & Light company to enter the Twin Falls field, but that concern had practically ceased construction work there and recently large crews of men were laid off. It is known to be included in the merger. This removes all rival concerns in the same territory. The American Waterworks & Electric company has a capitalization of \$180,000,000.

The Idaho commission, however, may not allow the merger, and the heads of the different concerns have been ordered to appear before that commission April 23. It is feared by the commission that it will have no control over the power situation if the merger is accomplished, and there is a possibility that it will not be allowed.

question on which the organization spent considerable time. Boise and Ontario are compelled to pay a percentage of their gate receipts for park hire. A system was therefore agreed upon under which the receipts will be divided as follows: Twenty-five per cent will be taken out by the home club for park; 10 per cent of the remainder will then be deducted for league expense. The balance will then be divided between the two clubs, 60 per cent to the home team and 40 per cent to the visitors. The visitors will be guaranteed railroad fare for 11 men.

"An umpire and a scorer will be employed for each club on its recommendation, but umpires will work only in neutral towns. The salaries and expenses of umpires and the salaries of scorers will be paid by the league.

ANOTHER BASE BALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED

A meeting was held at Payette Monday night to organize another Idaho-Oregon league. Representatives from Vale, Emmett, Weiser and Payette were present. This league promises to be a good one as some of the best amateur performers of this section will be seen in action.

The clubs have already begun working out, and the players are trying to get in good condition by the opening of the season, which will be some time the latter part of this month.

People in this district will have no trouble finding good ball games to attend this summer.

FIRST BALL GAME IS PLAYED SUNDAY

The Ontario baseball team played the first game of the season last Sunday with Payette on the local diamond, the score being 7 to 6 in favor of Ontario. The game was played exceptionally well considering the time the boys have been practicing. Until the seventh inning Payette did not score, but a bunch of five hits in the seventh inning netted them five runs. Payette was given six errors while the local boys got by with none. Nine hits were credited to Ontario and seven to Payette.

Indications are that Ontario will have a winning ball team this season. All the players are working hard to get into condition, and by the time the season opens, May 2, should be ready to play fast ball. A return practice game will be played in Payette next Sunday.

QUARENTINE AGAINST RABIES HAS BEEN ORDERED

State Livestock Sanitary Board Takes Steps to Stamp out Plague

DOGS MUST BE MUZZLED

Eleven Counties, Including Malheur, Come Under Order of Board

Eight eastern Oregon counties, including Malheur county, have been placed under quarantine against rabies by the state livestock sanitary board at its meeting in Salem last Saturday. Lake, Harney, Crook, Baker, Malheur, Wheeler and Union counties in eastern Oregon, and Multnomah, Clackamas and Jackson counties in western Oregon, to which it is feared rabies may spread. While it is not known just how sweeping and severe the quarantine may be, it is thought here that it means simply a rigid inspection of all livestock before it can be shipped. Local stock inspector, W. W. Hinton, stated that he had received no notice of the quarantine as yet, but would probably receive definite instructions within a few days.

However, it is known that one of the provisions of the quarantine will be that all dogs be muzzled, unless used in herding livestock, and that all civil officers will be called upon to aid in enforcing the law. Penalties for violation of the law are fines of from \$50 to \$100 for each offense.

In the past few weeks there have been few reports of rabid coyotes in this section of Malheur county, and it is thought the prompt action of the county officials in ordering all dogs muzzled last winter, has had much to do with stamping out the plague here. Rabies still exists, however, and the action of the livestock board will no doubt materially aid in the ultimate extermination.

EIGHT CITIES TO ORGANIZE TONIGHT

Lower Snake River Power Users Association to be Perfected

MEETING CALLED IN PAYETTE

Constitution and By-Laws Have Been Drawn Up for Adoption

Permanent organization of the Lower Snake River Power Users' Association will be perfected tonight in Payette when representatives from eight towns and cities of the lower Snake River valley meet there in the city hall. The action tonight is the result of a motion of an informal meeting held two weeks ago, at which time a committee was appointed to draw up the by-laws and constitution and perfect the preliminary steps toward the final organization.

The by-laws provide for sixteen directors, one from each of the cities and one from each district surrounding each city. It was decided that in this manner equal representation in the organization could best be arranged. The towns and surrounding districts included in the organization are Huntington, Weiser, Payette, New Plymouth, Emmett, Ontario, Nyssa and Parma.

The object of the new company is to work in harmony with the power company in promoting the use of electricity at nominal rates. One of the first moves of the organization, it is understood, will be to present data to the Idaho public utilities commission with a view to securing a lower rate on electric power for pumping purposes. This move is entirely satisfactory to the local power company, which has promised to aid the new organization in any manner possible.

ROSCOE CONKLIN WILL FULLY RECOVER

Removed to His Home Today. Case is Most Remarkable One

The experience of having his forehead smashed in by a discus, being rushed to a hospital, placed under an anesthetic and splinters of the skull and about a teaspoonful of brains removed—all this and not lose consciousness except while under the anesthetic, only to be pronounced out of danger and to be removed to his home from the hospital five days later, is the experience of Roscoe Conklin, who was injured in the high school track meet at the fair grounds last Friday afternoon. Not only is he pronounced out of danger, but his physicians, Drs. Weese and Prinzing state that he will fully recover and will never experience any ill effects from the injury. The case is said to be one of the most remarkable that has occurred in this section of the country.

The many friends of Roscoe Conklin were shocked last Friday afternoon with the news of his injury. At the first the rumor spread that he could never recover, and despite the encouragement of the physicians, it was feared the accident would prove fatal. The discus was thrown wild and was hurled through the air a distance of about fifteen feet before it struck. Roscoe was knocked down by the impact, but he immediately regained his feet without assistance, and did not

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