

# Live News From Surrounding Towns And Country. Happenings of a Week

## FRUITLAND ITEMS.

It was a shock to the entire community when the sad news of J. M. Royston's accident Friday evening was heard. He was driving his fine registered Jersey bull into the barn when the animal turned and rent him with his horns, causing his death within a few minutes. Mrs. Royston and one of his daughters came to his assistance, and with pitchforks kept the animal away from him until other help arrived. The doctor was called, but he was dead when the doctor arrived. His family and relatives have the deep sympathy of the entire community.

Honorable Ernest Anderson of Nampa visited over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, east of town.

We have the prospects of a bumper crop of apples this year and all kinds of fruit as well. The trees are in bloom and as yet there has been no frost to do any damage. Also other crops are in fine condition.

A co-operative creamery meeting was held in Payette last week that will interest the dairy men of this vicinity as well. Officers were elected and it is the intention to begin handling the cream by the first of May. This organization starts out with bright prospects for success as the board of directors are men of experience in this line of work and the business will be conducted in a business like way.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Russell were dinner guests at the D. D. Hunter home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rich and little daughter visited Sunday at the William Hollenbeck home.

The Fruitland high school baseball team played with the New Plymouth team Friday afternoon, resulting in a score of 9 to 2 in favor of Fruitland. It was a league game and we are sure proud of our boys.

Miss Alma Crowther, who has been visiting friends in this community a few days, left Saturday for her home on Big Willow.

The Queen Esther circle of Fruitland will entertain the Payette Queen Esther circle Thursday evening at Epworth hall.

April 27 is the date set for voting on the question of bonding this district to build a new high school building. The polls are open from 1 to 7 o'clock in the school building. Come and vote for the best interests of your boys and girls and the community.

Mrs. J. O. Scritchfield, who is seriously ill with appendicitis, will undergo an operation Wednesday.

The high school domestic science girls with their teacher, Miss Hall, enjoyed a picnic Saturday afternoon. They went up to the mouth of Big Willow on Berding island. Weiner-wurst, salad, pickles, eggs, potatoes and rolls were served for dinner.

Miss Apphia Robinson entertained several friends Thursday evening in honor of Miss Alma Crowther.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams of Twin Falls arrived Saturday for a short stay at the Royston home.

J. H. Spainhower and H. R. Russell took the high school team to New Plymouth Friday afternoon in their Maxwell cars.

The seventh and eighth grades gave a very interesting program Friday night in the Methodist church under the direction of Prof. T. R. Neilson. The house was crowded and everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Mrs. Ira Dalzell and Mrs. Harry Powell will entertain the Kensington club Wednesday afternoon at the Dalzell home.

Dr. J. D. Gillilan occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning in the Methodist church.

Plummer Grimes and Russell Hooker have sold their automobile to Mr. Higby, manager of the Idaho-Oregon Fruit Growers' association. They will leave soon for San Francisco to attend the world's fair.

Miss Mamie Boyer, who is teaching school at Wilder, Idaho, spent the week end visiting with her home folks.

## KINGMAN KOLONY NEWS.

A force of ten men, working for the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power company, are constructing the line to the new pumping plant. They are domiciled at the Overstreet home.

Kolony people, particularly those

who often ship stock, are much pleased with the new stockyards which the railroad company has just completed at Kingman.

C. E. Peck and H. R. Otis attended the meeting of the users of electric power at Payette last Thursday evening.

The Girls' Sewing club held its first meeting Saturday afternoon. Helen Peck was elected president and Martha Moses secretary.

Mrs. Jennie Tyler and daughter, Miss Lillian Langley of New Plymouth, visited at the Maxwell home last week. Miss Dorothy Pilcher accompanied them on their return and will be their guest for a few weeks.

Miss Lucy Thompson, the teacher of the Owyhee school, spent the week end with Miss Florence Kingman.

Mrs. Kadsler and children were the guests of Mrs. Lee Boyd for several days last week. They returned to their home in Payette Saturday evening.

R. R. Overstreet was digging a ditch last Thursday, and upon glancing up suddenly saw a rabid coyote within three feet of him. He killed it with his shovel, and has been congratulating himself ever since that he chanced to look up at that moment.

H. D. Thompson came over from New Plymouth Saturday to note the progress being made on his new house.

A. G. Kingman attended Pomona Grange in Nyssa Saturday.

Mrs. E. Wade, Mrs. C. E. Peck and Miss Helen Peck were Nyssa visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan and daughter, Margaret, visited the Boydell family in Nyssa Saturday.

Last year's corn contest for which Mr. Kingman labored long and faithfully, always "cheerfully cheerful and optimistically optimistic," was written up in a page article entitled "Intermountain Corn," in last week's Country Gentleman.

The Kolony orchestra will give a concert on the night of April 30 at the Kolony school house, the proceeds to be used to swell the fund for a piano for the school house. The members of the orchestra are Helen Peck, Thelma McCreary and Anna Anderson, violinists; Corinne Maxwell, cellist, and Mrs. C. E. Peck, pianist. They will be assisted by Mrs. Frank T. Morgan, reader.

The program follows:  
March, "Old Faithful".....Holzmann  
Violin solo, "Kuiawiak".....Wienlawski  
Thelma McCreary  
Overture, "Goddess of Night".....  
.....Thos. Allen  
Violin solo (a), "Air Variet"; Dancela  
(b), "The Bee".....Schubert  
Helen Peck.

Reading, "Emmy Lou Learns to Read".....Martin  
Mrs. Morgan.  
Overture (a), "Poet and Peasant";  
.....F. Von Suppe  
Valse (b), "Nights of Gladness".....  
.....Ancliff  
Intermission.

Tango, "Yankee Dandy".....Weidt  
Fox Trot, "Whip and Spur".....Allen  
Violin solo, "Mazurka de Concert".....  
.....Ovide Musin  
Violin solo, "Sunday Morning".....  
.....Ole Bull  
Helen Peck.

Melody in F.....Rubenstein  
"Ger-man-ee".....Weidt  
Song, "I'm Glad My Sweetheart's Not a Soldier."  
Corinne Maxwell.

Grand opera selection, "Bohemian Girl."  
Medley, "Southern Melodies."  
"Hindu Man".....Eugene  
Tambourine specialty, Thelma McCreary.

"Under the Double Eagle".....Wagner

## NYSSA NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hunt were Ontario visitors last Saturday.

Miss MacLean of Hailey has been visiting at the Boydell home for the past week.

Miss Harben of Ruthfield, Idaho, is visiting her cousins, the Misses Hon. Rev. Powell held services in the Parish hall Sunday afternoon.

A chicken pie supper will be given by the Ladies' Aid society in the basement of the parsonage next Wednesday.

Mrs. G. F. La Frens, a Nampa homesteader, visited in Nyssa last week.

Miss Elsie Gibson, who has been teaching school at Lacombe, Ore., re-

turned home Sunday.

A party was given Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Merry Ellen How, who returned home Saturday from Westfall where she has been teaching school.

Miss Marion McDonald, who is attending the College of Idaho in Caldwell, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McDonald.

Mrs. Ira M. Falkington and Mrs. Cowans visited Ontario Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Biggs of Caldwell has been visiting in Nyssa this week.

Professor Straub of the University of Oregon delivered a very interesting lecture to the pupils of Nyssa high school last week.

Mrs. John Lackey and daughter, Tressie, visited Ontario Saturday.

Mrs. Broughton of Portland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Phillips.

Misses Edith Iredale and Della Clarke were Parma visitors last week.

G. B. Holloway of Boise was in Nyssa Monday on business connected with the ranch, which he recently sold to G. Russel. Mr. Russel expects to put in 80 acres of corn for silage. In connection with his dairying Mr. Russel is raising hogs which will consume the by products. At the present he has a herd of 300.

Thomas Canham and P. J. Phillips, directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District, were in Boise Thursday, Friday and Saturday in connection with the highline ditch. It is understood that a contract has been signed between Mr. Talmadge and the district officials concerning the surveying and development of a power plant.

The ladies of the Missionary society held a "quilting bee" in the basement of the Presbyterian church on Tuesday afternoon. After the work was over a delicious luncheon was served.

Mr. Conklin of Ontario was in Nyssa last week for the purpose of buying cattle. He purchased two cows from C. C. Hunt and six from W. L. Gibson.

Mrs. Sheffield of Payette was a visitor at the home of Mrs. C. C. Hunt last week.

Mrs. Newbel and Mrs. Glascock of the Owyhee were in Nyssa Saturday.

Horace Burbidge was a business visitor in Caldwell Tuesday.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crawford, a popular young couple of Nyssa, were surprised by a company of young people last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Burbidge drove to Vale last Sunday.

The electric light crew of the Idaho-Oregon company went out to Kingman Kolony line where they will begin work.

A. Gramse, county fruit inspector, has been inspecting the orchards around Nyssa and now the sweet odor of spray again fills the air.

The Wilson Bros. have purchased a five-passenger Overland.

## DEAD OX FLAT.

A. S. Witbeck has had the well drillers busy for several days past, but has not struck water to date.

Mr. Raney of Lamer, Dead Ox Flat, has moved onto his claim in 9-17-46, formerly the Charles Wyman claim.

Elmer Hayworth of Lower Dead Ox Flat has moved recently to his homestead near the head of Moore's hollow.

Mr. Raney and Mr. Hayworth are both old timers and have finally concluded a dry farm is worth while.

There was recently a government engineer out looking over the bench with a view to determining the practicability of the Dead Ox Flat irrigation project. This is a much mooted question among those of the higher lands of the project and many of them are struggling to get out of it. No one seems to dispute the fact that water can be put on the land, or rather portions of it, but many think the cost will exceed the benefits.

J. R. Langley lost a valuable horse a few days ago—the best one, of course. This is always one's luck. He is now left short of horse power.

Levi Crull, who is tending the Ayer's place on Lower Dead Ox Flat, made a trip home Tuesday, and to Payette Wednesday, and returned to work Thursday with a load of supplies and Fresno scrapers. He has his ground all ready for seeding and will do some ditch work in a few days.

It is a grand sight to look from the bench land roads down over Lower Dead Ox Flat these days. One can see farms after farms and fields after

fields—some green with alfalfa, clover or grain, while others are fresh plowed, over which teams are plodding with the disk, the harrow, the drill or the corugator. Much fruit is being planted and many new tracts are being put in cultivation this year. Dead Ox Flat is all right. Boost!

The Rice Bros. are now ralling brush on Charles Rice's new place just west of Aug Senkibile's.

Mr. Senkibile is turning the sod upside down at a lively pace.

I. C. Thompson and Charlie Darnell recently returned from Wilson Creek, Idaho, where they did a big job of plowing. Mr. Thompson is now doing some seeding on his new place near the Payette bridge, formerly the Charles Rice place.

Mrs. J. R. Langley has had excellent success with incubator chickens. She says, "I would have no other chickens. They can be raised easily if you know how and you don't have to wait till the old hens go to setting." Mrs. Langley has also demonstrated for a number of years that early garden truck can be raised in abundance on the bench without water.

Mr. Stokley, who is sojourning in California, writes it would be hard to find a better place than this.

A. T. McDonald came down in the valley on a business trip with Levi Crull last Thursday, returning to his homestead Friday.

It is learned that Mr. Stonebreaker struck water in his new well at a depth of 135 feet and the water rose 85 feet, and that Mr. Higby got water at 90 feet on practically the same level.

Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch has been reproduced in this interesting picture with far greater attention to detail than it was possible to give it when it first appeared on the stage.

[An entire circus was hired and transported to San Rafael. Theodore Roche, a leading lawyer, supervised the court scenes.

Supporting Beatriz Michelena are such well known players as Blanca Chapman, Andrew Robson and House Peters.

The production is a dramatization of Anne Crawford Flexner's successful play based upon the widely read stories "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and "Lovey Mary," by Alice Hegan Rice. It was produced by arrangement with The Leiber company by the competent company of the California Motion Picture corporation and is presented by World Film corporation, Lewis J. Selznick, vice president and general manager, home office, 139 West 46th St., New York.

Dreamland, Saturday, April 24.

Another New Family Settled Here.

J. J. Powers and his sister, Miss Elizabeth Powers, came here recently and bought the Ramey ranch, about three and a half miles south of Ontario, where they are comfortably settled and very busy with spring work.

The Powers came here from Gate City, Va., and think they will like Oregon very much. They are doing their full share in helping to improve the country, both being vigorous workers.

Improving Town Ditch.

Stockholders and waterusers of the Town ditch are at work cleaning and improving their main ditch.

Where the old canal used to run across the sagebrush desert section, owned by Wood & Hanley, from Charlie Leavitt's place to Gordon's corner, the new ditch runs due east from Leavitt's to James Walter's corner, thence down the section line due north to Gordon's.

This work is being rushed to completion so as to get the water on very soon.

Concert Planned.

A concert for the near future is being planned by Dr. Colcord, manager of the Ontario band, and some of the members of the music clubs here for the benefit of the band. The boys are practicing diligently now and are anxious to make some more money for uniforms.

Open air concerts are also planned to begin soon in the park near the depot.

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My commission expires Oct. 19, 1916.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

(By Amelia Plughoff.)

The ball game last Friday between Payette and Ontario was the most interesting game of the season. The teams were about evenly matched keeping the score about the same, but Payette came off the victor with a score of 9 to 8.

Will Fitzgerald, who was injured on the high school hike, is again attending school, after an absence of three weeks.

Our boys went to Boise last Saturday to take part in the track meet. Those who were on the team were: Jay Husted, Lee Maddux, Darr Dearborn, Glenn Brown, Rowland Koenig, Lary Gramse, Earl Weaver and Earl Griffin. Owing to the size of the Boise team, who were much heavier than our men, and the drawback of a sandy track, resulted in an overwhelming victory for Boise.

Roscoe Conklin is almost fully recovered from his injury, and will be in school next week.

Payette will again visit our town next Friday, for the purpose of the Ontario-Payette track meet. The opposing teams are quite evenly matched, and an exciting game is anticipated. This meet will be held at the fair grounds and an admission of 25 cents will be charged.

Friday, April 23, is the "Night of Nights" of the school year. The carnival arrangements are all made, and we are planning on a successful event and all patrons and parents are urged to be present.

A party of Freshmen young ladies were delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Ruby Waldron at Mallet station, leaving Ontario Saturday morning and returning Monday morning.

Those who enjoyed Miss Ruby's hospitality were: Edith Martin, Dorothy Jaquiah, Virginia Reynolds, Theodosia Willis, Abbie Winegar and Hazel Hardman.

Baptist Church.

Topics for next Sunday, April 25th, 11 a. m., "A Clean Life;" 8 p. m. "Every Dog Has His Day." Hear these addresses, they will do you good.

D. E. BAKER, Pastor.

Rambles of a Visitor

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ter, and the result has been the ideal.

There are many so-called "garden spots" in this broad land. But truly there are none that will compare with this. The resources of the country are manifold. Opportunity is offered for almost every kind of agricultural endeavor, and the success obtained in every line brings this section to the first rank for diversified farming.

From truck gardening for the early spring market, to the raising of large fields of corn; from the successful production of early strawberries and small fruits to the cultivation of large commercial apple orchards, there is no country that excels this. Truly the Creator was kind when He made this favored section.

A stranger visiting in Ontario recently made the remark, "You people don't realize what a wonderful country this is." The idea he intended to convey being that we were prone to accept the wonderful opportunities offered, in too much of a matter-of-fact manner. Probably this is true, but the rule "Realization is never so great as anticipation," has certainly been disproved in this section. For you find no dissatisfied people here, and a visit to the many farm homes of the section makes one's heart glad with the many expressions of satisfaction and the substantial and profitable home life to be found on every hand.

While the whole of the Lower Snake and Payette River Valleys has been called the "Modern Garden of Eden," the Fruitland section just across Snake river from Ontario has been termed the "Heart of the Garden." A visit there at this time of the year leads one to believe that the name is correct. Going from Ontario into the Fruitland section, the first home to attract the visitor's eye is on the right hand side of the road and is that of W. F. Myers. Mr. Myers has forty acres of land every foot of which is in cultivation and under irrigation. This place presents an ideal picture of diversified farming. Out of the entire forty acres, eighteen acres is devoted to fruit, ten acres to alfalfa, one acre to strawberries, one-fourth of an acre to red raspberries, one-fourth acre to dew berries and logan berries and ten acres will be devoted to corn.

Of the eighteen acres in fruit there is ten acres of apples of the Rome Beauty, Delicious, King David and Jonathan varieties. All of the apples will bear this year for the first time. The balance of the orchard is devoted to cherries, which will also produce their first crop this year. Lambert, Bing, Early Richmond, Royal Duke and Sixteen to One are the different varieties of cherries in the orchard.

Mr. Myers states there is every in-

dications of a bumper crop this year. Weather conditions are ideal and if nothing unforeseen arises, there will be a big fruit crop throughout the entire section this season. Mr. Myers has just completed the planting of five acres of field peas which he put in between the trees in his orchard. He also expects to seed six or seven acres in the orchard to alfalfa. His corn will be planted sometime before the first of May, and he expects to put in Yellow Dent and a white variety.

"I believe a farmer will make money by raising hogs and corn," stated Mr. Myers, "and I intend to go into that business to some extent. It is a good combination, and on a farm of this size will go well. There is always a certain amount of refuse from the orchard that is not lost when there are hogs to clean it up. I have been in this section of the country for fourteen years, eleven years on this place," he continued, "and I have learned many things here by my experience. For several years I devoted most of my place to small fruit and berries and truck gardening. There was good money in it for awhile, but now too many people raise their own stuff, and the market is not sufficient. I had bad luck in trying to ship to commission houses, so have gradually worked away from that kind of work."

Mr. Myers farms his place with one team. In addition to the work team he has a fine brood mare on the place, the mare now having a fine colt following at her side. He has four brood sows and before many days expects to have four fine litters of pigs.

The work of pruning his orchard was completed last week, and he expects to try an experiment this year in spraying. Instead of spraying twice as has been the custom in bearing orchards, he says he is going to try to combine the two sprays, putting the scale spray in with the arsenic of lead spray, thus saving the expense of one spraying. He will spray sometime during the next week or ten days.

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Mrs. C. W. Platt

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club of Ontario. Her father was a prominent Mason.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters, besides her husband, and a brother and two sisters. The brother and sisters reside in New York City. The daughters are the Misses Mae and Nellie Platt of Ontario, and the sons are Fred Platt of Parma, and Donald Platt of Ontario.

The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, with Bishop Paddock officiating. Interment occurred in the Ontario cemetery.

Franchise is Asked

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marketing of it, and thus the application for a franchise in Ontario. Power engineers have estimated the complete cost of installation of the project and the annual maintenance to be from \$7.50 to \$10.00 per horse power per annum. And it has been figured that the entire cost of the complete installation of the hydro-electric plants, transmission lines, pumping plants and the principal ditches to water the entire twenty-two thousand acres, will cost less than a million dollars.

The plans of the company include the building of its power plant on the Payette river at the junction of the north and east forks. By so doing they can utilize their power rights on both forks of the river at the one plant. Their transmission line to bring the power to the Snake river will be 46 miles in length, which will cost about \$2,000 per mile. The line will be built to carry 66,000 volts.

The pumping plant will be built on the Oregon side of the Snake river, just west of Payette. The first lift of water will be to height of 230 feet. At this level a considerable amount of land can be watered, and water will also be supplied to a small reservoir from which a second lift of 100 feet will be made.

While this is considered ordinarily as a very high lift for irrigation water, it should be born in mind that the company will own their own power project which will allow for the supplying of power at a minimum cost and will be by no means prohibitive. This company will have no "peak loads" to pay for and will not be limited to a five months' service within a period of six months. Eminent engineers who have examined the project express surprise at its feasibility, and at the low cost.

It is the intention of the company to supply their surplus power at a rate that will allow it to be used for heating purposes. But this matter hinges on whether the city council allows them a franchise within the city limits.