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W. F. HOMAN ELECTED MAYOR OF CITY

McCLAIN DEFEATS DORMAN FOR COUNCILMAN—OTHER NOM- INEES ELECTED.

In the city election held yesterday W. F. Homan was elected mayor, and S. J. Spencer, A. L. Cockrum, L. O. McCoy and George McClain were elected councilmen. C. W. Platt was elected treasurer.

Although there were no opposing names on the ballot, competition between S. D. Dorman and George McClain arose, and the latter name was written in sufficient numbers to defeat Mr. Dorman. The vote for councilmen was as follows:

S. J. Spencer..... 496
S. D. Dorman..... 245
A. L. Cockrum..... 423
George McClain..... 275
L. O. McCoy..... 362
The name of W. W. Wood was written in for mayor in opposition to Mr. Homan, Mr. Wood receiving 144 votes. Mr. Homan's vote was 395. More interest was shown in the election yesterday than at any previous city election, 561 votes being cast. The highest vote cast in a city election heretofore was around 300. The registration in the city last fall was 945.

STORK VISITS ONTARIO

Born December 4th., to Mr. and Mrs. Philpps, a baby girl.

Born December 4th., to Mr. and Mrs. Bus. Byrd of Juntura, a baby boy

Born December 5th., to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Buchner, a baby girl.

Born December 6th., to Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Newman, a baby boy.

GUIDE POSTS TO SUCCESS IN THE APPLE INDUSTRY (Continued from last issue)

Fix Costs Too High

Fixed costs, which must be charged against Oregon orchard land and hence against the annual fruit crop, are too high. The exploitation of land values has created a condition of near-debacle for the grower to overcome. The high price of the land brought with it a heavy mortgage indebtedness and high rates of interest and taxes, all of which must be borne by the fruit produced. And the real investment of money and labor by the grower should be taken account of, too. The expense of boxes, paper, packing, hauling, storage, and refrigeration where available, add greatly to the cost of stock ready for final sale and consumption. Readjustment of land prices and improved methods of picking and packing should relieve the grower of part of his crushing burden.

In addition to the high fixed cost of production the Oregon grower has the handicap of freight charges to overcome when he ships to eastern markets. With a charge of 50 cents a box as freight on his apples, the Oregon orchardist comes in competition with the grower of New York and Virginia, where old orchards have been "brought back" and where cost of production is low. In Virginia, Col. M. V. Stedman, one of the largest apple growers in the country, says that his cost is \$1.00 per barrel. Of this sum Col. Stedman says 30 cents goes for cultivation, 10 cents for spraying, 10 cents for picking and packing, 45 cents for barrel, and 5 cents for hauling. In New York and in Michigan similar figures have been given by large growers.

System of Cost Finding.

The first element in distribution is cost of production. No sane and reliable system of distribution can be maintained unless the cost of goods is known and taken into account. Among apple growers in Oregon reliable cost figures are rare and many growers maintain that it is impossible to ascertain the cost of a box of apples one year after another, on account of crop changes and new elements entering into orchard care. Unless cost of production is known who shall say what shall constitute a fair price for box apples, and who shall know whether the industry is paying its way.

(To be continued)

A. N. Fowler who has been confined to the Holy Rosary hospital for sometime has returned to his home at Ironsides. Mr. Fowler was accidentally shot in the foot.

DECEMBER 10 TO 12 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BOYS CONFERENCE

EASTERN OREGON AND SOUTH- ERN IDAHO DELEGATES TO ARRIVE FRIDAY

The Fifth Annual Older Boy's Conference of Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho, conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association of Oregon and Idaho, will convene in Ontario Friday and continue the sessions over Sunday. The program follows:

Friday, December 10th.

1:00 P. M.—Registration and assignment of delegates to homes from conference church.

7:30 P. M.—Song service. Welcome address, Mayor Trow. Preliminary organization.

8:00 P. M.—Address, "The Marks of a Man," Willis Martin, First Methodist Episcopal church, Boise, Idaho.

Saturday, December 11th.

9:00 A. M.—Bible Study, "The Manhood of the Master," G. L. Clark, First Presbyterian church, La Grande.

9:30 A. M.—"Is the Bible a Man's Book?" Robert Duff, Boys' Work Secretary, Y. M. C. A. Boise.

9:50 A. M.—Business Session, John Kendall, 1914 Conference President, presiding.

11:00 A. M.—C. L. Shaw, General secretary Y. M. C. A. Baker, presiding. "The Place of Recreation and Amusement in the Making of Manhood," Maurice Roberts, Weiser.

"The Place of Work in the Making of Manhood," Leland Mason, Boise.

2:00 P. M.—Bible study, "The Manhood of the Master," G. L. Clark.

2:30 P. M.—Features in Boys' Organizations that are worth while, Dr. O. R. Meredith, Nampa, presiding.

A—Bible study, James Kidd, Pocatello, Idaho.

B—Friendship, Lyle Peterson, Parma, Idaho.

C—Service, Baker, Ore.

D—Athletics, Vernon Blackman, Nampa, Idaho.

4:00 P. M.—Leader's meeting, standards for the year, I. B. Rhodes, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary presiding.

6:00 P. M.—Father and son banquet, F. G. Bailey, toastmaster.

Toasts

"The Kind of a Boy I Like," Judge Dalton Biggs, Ontario.

"The Kind of a Dad I Like," Elmer Horstman, La Grande.

"The Prodigal Son," Elza I. Edwards, Payette.

"The Prodigal Father," W. S. Bruce, Boise.

Sunday, December 12th.

9:00 A. M.—Bible Study, "The Manhood of the Master," G. L. Clark.

9:45 A. M.—Sunday school, each delegate attending the school of his choice.

11:00 A. M.—"The Marks of a Man" Leaders and boys in city church pulpits.

3:30 P. M.—Older Boys' Mass meeting, address, "The Giant Killer," G. L. Clark.

3:30 P. M.—Men's Class Meeting in charge of the Friendly Men's Bible class of Parma.

7:30 P. M.—Boys' meeting, Chas. A. Philpps, general secretary Oregon Sunday School association in charge.

7:30 P. M.—Men's meeting Methodist church, I. B. Rhoades, speaker.

7:30 P. M.—Meeting for Women and Girls United Presbyterian church addressed by Mrs. S. W. Ormsby, general secretary Idaho Sunday school association.

8:30 P. M.—Union services, "The Marks of Manhood in America," S. J. Chaney, president Gooding College.

9:00 P. M.—Closing exercises.

ANDY LACKEY OUT

Andy Lackey was out again after being confined to his home with a broken rib. While up in the mountains recently Mr. Lackey was riding with three others in the back seat of a hack. After it grew dusk they went over a culvert that had been partially washed out, and Mr. Lackey was thrown against one of the bolts of the hack, breaking a rib. He was rendered unconscious for a short time and came home for treatment.

Rev. Chas. H. Powell will hold services in the Masonic hall Sunday, Dec. 12 at 10:45 A. M. to which all are invited.

Mr. Weaver who has been down from the farm in Cow Valley visiting his parents, returned today to the farm.

THE NYSSA DRAINAGE DISTRICT ASSESSED

ALL CITIZENS OF ONTARIO WILL UNITE THIS YEAR TO MAKE EVERYBODY HAPPY

That all the children in Ontario will be able to attend a Christmas tree this year is assured by the ones who have had a plan of this kind in mind. Preliminary arrangements are being made and all the Sunday schools will cooperate with the town in making this a happy Christmas for everyone in Ontario.

A community tree will be held, program rendered, and every child will be given a treat.

Mr. Van Petten is chairman of the committee on arrangements, and he and Mr. Adam have been appointed to secure a tree. It is likely that it will be put on Oregon street between the two local banks. Prof. Batley is chairman of the program committee and will be assisted by all the ministers of the city. Mrs. Adam is chairman of the decorating committee.

GRAND MASTER VISITS MASONIC LODGE

Fred Miller, the grand master for the Masonic lodge, made his official visit to the Ontario lodge last night. About forty members were present. Mr. Miller's visit was enjoyed by all. His talk to the lodge was one of the most pleasing and inspiring ever given here. All members went away more enthusiastic than ever before. The meeting was followed by an oyster supper and a smoker. Mr. Miller formerly resided at Albany but for the present is making his home at Salem being a member of the Public Utilities Commission. It is through Mr. Miller's efforts that the Grand Lodge will convene in Albany next year.

This will be the first time the meeting was ever held outside of Portland.

BEN J. FAUST HERE.

Ben J. Faust who resides near Unity and is foreman of the Eldorado Ditch, was in town last Friday to make a report of the years work to the Eastern Oregon Land Co. here. Some improvement has been made on the ditch this year, four miles of the ditch near the Bean Creek gap being enlarged to twice its former capacity. Mr. Faust operates a farm near Unity and has bought two cars of hogs in his vicinity. These will be taken by freight wagons 40 miles to Brogan and will be shipped through here to the Portland market next Friday.

JORDAN MERCHANTS HERE

Fred Miller of the Jordan Valley bank was a visitor here last Friday, on business. Mr. Miller is a property owner here. He was accompanied home by Otto Blackaby. Mrs. Blackaby and baby will remain here for about a month.



"THE DANCING GIRL"

Florence Reed in "The Dancing Girl" the offering at the Dreamland Theatre tomorrow night. This is the first appearance of Florence Reed in motion pictures. The play is adapted to bring out the emotional talents of the young star and the production is an exceptionally good one.

THREE MEN ARE APPOINTED TO ASSESS THE BENEFITS TO EACH TRACT.

A board of arbitration including C. W. Mallett, A. W. Trow and John Rigby, were elected recently by the Nyssa Drainage District to place the amount of the assessment on each farm to be benefited by the district, according to the value received. Last week this committee went over the farms and has submitted the assessments.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

The meeting of the Music Club scheduled for December 11th., at the home of Mrs. W. W. Wood, will be postponed until Dec. 18. Many of the members were unable to attend on the 11th., being busy with the boys who will be here for the Boy's Conference.

Mrs. Dalton Biggs entertained thirteen little girls at a birthday party Saturday in honor of the ninth birthday of her daughter, Annabel. Games were played during the afternoon and refreshments served. Those present were Lois Prinzing, Lorette and Lorena Strinkland, Margaret, Phyllis and Olive Watson, Pauline Grauel, Olive Dorman, Evelyn and Cecilia Gallagher, Ethel Gerand, Mildred Lawrence and Kathleen Newton.

The Basket social and dance given by the members of the Oregon Club last Friday evening proved to be a highly enjoyable affair and the club netted a neat sum from the sale of the baskets. Dancing was enjoyed until ten o'clock when the baskets, seventeen in all, were sold at auction by Pat Gallagher, who proved to be experienced in this line. One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the excellent music furnished by some local musicians and Mr. Bruning and Mr. Beamguard of Fruitland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tonningsen were at home to a number of their friends both Thursday and Friday evenings of last week to delightful "500" parties. Eight tables were entertained each evening. On Thursday high honors were won by Mrs. Prinzing and Mr. Rambo. Consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. Van Petten and Mr. Rader.

Friday evening high scores were made by Mrs. Billingsley and Mr. Barnett. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg were given the consolation prizes. Both evenings concluded happily with the serving of refreshments.

IS ON PEACE MISSION

P. Monroe Smock who has been engaged in the practice of law at New Plymouth of late months, has accepted an invitation from Henry Ford to sail on the peace ship Oscar II on its expedition to Europe. Mr. Smock left last week to join the party. Mr. Smock was formerly pastor of the first Baptist church of Boise.

MALHEUR COUNTY WINS SECOND PRIZE AT O. W. R. & N. SHOW

Malheur County Exhibitors Carry Off \$225.00 in Prizes at Third Annual Corn Carnival.

For the Best Irrigated Acre of Corn in Boys' Contest Both First and Second Was Awarded to Ontario Boys.

Again Malheur County has won honors in corn growing, that will bring this section into great prominence as a corn growing center. At the O. W. R. & N. Corn Show which closed at Walla Walla last Saturday night, the second prize was awarded to Malheur County for the best general display. The first prize was awarded to E. E. Starkey of Prosser. Third prize to C. C. Tobias of Caldwell, Idaho. This third annual corn carnival is said to eclipse any of the preceding shows by the interest taken and the number and quality of the exhibits shown. Most of the exhibits including the one from this county were sent to Portland to be shown at the International Stock Show there.

Two acres of Dent corn, irrigated, grown by G. G. Brown of Nyssa, won first prize. For the best twelve ear of irrigated corn, D. T. Holly of Big Bend, won third prize. F. L. Porter of Nyssa won seventh prize. For the best acre of irrigated corn, Jesse Johnson of Big Bend won second prize, and L. E. Wilson of Nyssa, third prize. Alex Wade of Nyssa won the fourth prize, B. C. Roberts of Nyssa was awarded fifth prize, George Swigert of Nyssa seventh prize, and S. H. Bender of Ontario, ninth prize.

In the boy's contest, Fred Bender, the fifteen-year-old son of S. H. Bender of the Boulevard, won first prize and Henry Johnson of Ontario won second prize. In the boy's corn judging contest, Donald Conklin won second prize. In this contest many high school boys were entered as well as agricultural school students, and it is indeed an honor for one of our local boys to carry off this prize. Donald Conklin also won second prize on an ear of corn, when shelled, making highest per cent. For the best five acres of corn, irrigated, the first prize was awarded to L. D. Gordon of Ontario.

Mr. Conklin and son Donald who were in charge of the Malheur County exhibit, returned home yesterday morning, and state that the show was a great success from every standpoint. The judging was not all completed until Sunday noon and all the judges expressed themselves as being surprised at the great improvement in the corn over that of last year. Farmer Smith stated that he believed that there was corn on exhibition at this show that was never equaled anywhere else.

During the course of the show, many officials of the O. W. R. & N. visited the show. F. W. Robinson, traffic manager, and H. F. Lounsbury, general freight agent, being there the last day. It is believed by the railroad agriculturists that these shows are the means of interesting many people in corn production, and induce more farmers to grow corn on their ranches in this northwestern country. The experts at this show were ready to give all the information possible to those interested in growing corn. Every day a corn luncheon was served free at the show and included corn coffee and many other delicacies made of corn.

Mr. Rainey has built a big new house on his homestead and is now cosily ensconced with his family therein.

A. S. Whitbeck bought a nice team of gray horses and has been doing a lot of work for Mr. Carter the past few weeks.

Frank Lunger of Weiser is visiting his father-in-law, Levi Crull, and they are busy getting up sage brush.

Jack Howland, wife and child, recently arrived from Northern Idaho to live with his mother, Mrs. Agnes Howland on her homestead. Mr. Howland has been busy hauling winter supplies and feed.

Ira Book is selling off his personal property preparatory to leaving Dead Ox Flat. We understand he is going to Portland.

On Friday night, Dec. 3rd., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, was given a most agreeable and successful surprise party in honor of the 18th birthday of their daughter, Anna. Sixty-four people sat at supper of oysters, fruits, cakes, etc. A most enjoyable time was reported by all.

The sympathy of the entire Flat is with Mr. and Mrs. Gowell who were notified ten days ago of the murder of their son at Baker. The son was a blacksmith in Baker and an old time friend of his who had been drinking heavily of late, repeatedly applied to Mr. Gowell for work and was told as often to go home and sober up and he could get work. Finally he appeared at the shop with a rifle and opened fire, killing Mr. Gowell and another man. The father left for Baker Sunday morning Nov. 28 to attend the funeral of his son.

C. O. Douglas gave a dance and supper at his place Friday night, Dec. 3rd.

Chas. Herr is elected to give the Flat an oyster supper by virtue of the fact that he won first at the corn show.

La Grippe seems to be the popular visitor on Lower Dead Ox Flat now. The attendance at the Park school will be bad this month if the ravages of La Grippe continues.

Chas. Herr bought the personal property left on the Coulter ranch, a few days ago.

Mrs. Hilliard, mother of Mrs. Chas. Herr, who has been visiting on the Flat a number of weeks, left recently to visit a son at Walla Walla, Wash.

The threshing machine again proved the efficacy of scientific dry farming this year on Dead Ox Flat. Ira land yielded over 20 bushels of No. 1 rye to the acre, while the indifferently seeded land shelled out 5, 6, 7 and 8 bushels to the acre.

Paul Campbell and Clay Miller made a trip to Weiser Sunday, going down the river in a canoe.

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BEE GROWERS MEET.

The Bee Growers convention for Eastern Oregon and Idaho met in session at the city hall today. Owing to the small attendance, most of the business to come before the convention was postponed until tomorrow when it is expected more members will be present to vote upon the most important questions to come before the convention.

PHYSICIANS MEET

A meeting of the members of the Snake River Valley Medical association will be held this evening in the city hall. This is a regular monthly meeting. Physicians of all the neighboring towns in Idaho and Oregon are members of the association.

GOLDEN RULE STARTS SALE

In this issue of the Argus, the Golden Rule Store has made announcement of a big sale to start Thursday, December 9th. The store will be closed all day Wednesday, marking down goods for this sale.

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