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SANTA CLAUS TO ATTEND MUNICIPAL TREE IN ONTARIO

MESSAGE RECEIVED THIS WEEK SAYS SANTA CLAUS WILL BE IN ONTARIO

Plans are steadily nearing completion for the municipal Christmas tree to be held down town Christmas eve. The Commercial club, schools and churches have united their efforts to make this a Christmas long to be remembered by all the grown-ups as well as the children of Ontario. All of the citizens are heartily in favor of this plan of one Christmas tree for all and other trees in the schools and Sunday schools will be given up this year. Provisions are being made for candy for 1,000 children and that number of boxes have been ordered.

Mr. Adam and Mr. vanPetten, who were in charge of securing a tree, report that a tree nearly 40 feet high has been ordered. The decorating committee, including Mrs. Adam as president, Mrs. Van Petten, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Prinsing, Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Emison and Mr. Dickson and Mr. Gerard, held a meeting at the City Hall Thursday afternoon. Each member was assigned some definite work. Arrangements have been made by the men on this committee to light the tree with myriads of small colored lights. It is expected that the school children will co-operate with the ones who have the decorating in charge by each stringing a few yards of popcorn for decoration. In this way the tree can be made very attractive and the true holiday spirit carried to every home.

The program will include a rousing Christmas chorus by the school children. Other music will also be arranged for but the principal feature will be the distribution of the treats by Santa Claus.

MASONS TO NYSSA

A number of the members of the local Masonic lodge went to Nyssa last evening to assist their neighbors in putting on some degree work. Included in the party were W. T. Lanpkin, M. E. Newton, Joe Sholes, E. G. Bailey, Dan Purcell, Jas. Farley and J. W. Gilmore.

PARMA MEN HERE.

A delegation of six business men from Parma spent Sunday in Ontario. They are members of the Friendly Mens Bible Class. They attended the Boys Conference meetings during the day. Those who were here were R. W. Mitchell, Senator H. A. Baldrige, J. E. Kerriek, F. H. Walmaley and Mr. Blackwell.

J. A. Lackey returned from San Francisco today. Mr. Lackey has been in charge of the exhibits from Union, Baker, Wallowa and Malheur counties, and has been in San Francisco since the beginning of the fair.

James McAllister of Pocatello, was a visitor here today.

C. D. Wood, a representative of a furniture house, was here on business today.

Mr. Christensen, proprietor of the Cash Bazaar, made a trip to Boise returning Monday evening.

Mrs. H. A. Dick and little daughter came in from Riverside Monday, on their way to La Grande to visit relatives until after the holidays.

Adam Murray is down this week from Beulah. Mr. Murray is a prominent stockman from his section.

Mr. Hill of Riverside came in yesterday and stopped here for a while. He was bound for Nyssa.

Clyde Weittenhiller went to Burns yesterday.

Mrs. R. J. Dodge came in from Riverside yesterday.

Joe Takahara, proprietor of a restaurant at Riverside, was a visitor in Ontario yesterday.

ANNUAL FAIR MEETING HERE NEXT SATURDAY

The annual meeting of the Malheur County Fair Association will be held in the Commercial Club rooms in Ontario next Saturday. New officials will be elected throughout, as all terms of office expire. The annual report of Secretary Grauel will be given at the meeting.

MISS PETERSON BETTER

Miss Nettie Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson of this city, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Holy Rosary hospital yesterday morning. She is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

O. S. L. MEN HERE.

W. W. Woodside and D. L. Lowrie, traveling auditors for the O. S. L. were visitors here today.

FAULKNERS HERE

Chas. Faulkner and family, and the little daughter of O. A. Faulkner, came in from Burns yesterday. They are enroute to Indiana to spend the holidays with Mrs. Faulkner's parents. Mr. Faulkner has just returned from a trip to Alaska and was so taken with the country that he expects to go back after the first of the year and make his home there.

NEW DAUGHTER ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bierman are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 11th, at the Holy Rosary hospital. Mrs. Bierman was formerly Miss Fannie Broeman of this city.

FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of J. S. Edwards was held today at Jamieson. Mr. Edwards was president of the First National Bank of Vale for the past eight years. He died Saturday in Portland of Bright's disease.

MRS FLEMING LAID TO REST AT WOODBURN

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Fleming, wife of J. C. Fleming, on the Boulevard, were held at the home Sunday afternoon. Elders Hale and Winkle of the Later Day Saints church of Boise, conducted the services. The body was shipped to Woodburn, Oregon, Sunday night, where services were held at the grave and interment was made today. Mr. Fleming, daughter Clara, and two sons accompanied the body to Woodburn.

Mrs. Ella Fleming was born in Kentucky in 1858, being little more than 55 years of age at the time of her death. She had not been in particularly poor health and her death came as a great shock to her many friends and relatives. The Flemings have made their home on the Boulevard the greater part of the time for 18 years, and Mrs. Fleming was always known as a kind neighbor ever willing to help those in trouble or sorrow. Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Winnie Graybel of Spokane who arrived here in time for the funeral, Miss Clara who resides at home, Lee and Walter. One son died about six years ago and is buried at Woodburn.

Thoughts for Christmas

This was the chorus of that heavenly anthem which fell upon the shepherd's ears and which will ring down the centuries till the end of time: "Gloria in excelsis Deo—peace on earth, good will toward men."

May Christ's glory illumine every home and cradle, every workshop and counting house! May a brighter halo than the painter put around his head surround every mother and babe throughout the land at this Christmas-tide!

NEW LEAGUE DISTRICT FORMED IN OREGON TO DEBATE

BAKER, MALHEUR AND HARNEY COUNTIES TO BE INCLUDED IN NEW DISTRICT

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The entrance of three Malheur county high schools into the Oregon High School Debating League has made necessary the formation of a new league district. It will be known as the Southeastern Oregon district and takes in Baker, Malheur and Harney counties.

Vale, Nyssa and Ontario contain the high schools that have entered.

The Western Oregon schools are always apprehensive of the prowess of Eastern Oregon debaters. Last year the runner-up was Enterprise high school and the year before Pendleton was winner of the state championship which is donated by the University of Oregon, is held this year by Salem. The finals will be held at the University next May.

Meanwhile the nine districts will debate for the district and inter-district championships. The fifty schools that will compete, classified by districts, are as follows:

Coos Bay district—Myrtle Point, Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille.

Eastern Oregon district—Union, Enterprise, Prairie City.

Lower Columbia district—Tillamook, Astoria, Clatskanie, Rainier, Seapooose, St. Helens, St. Johns.

Northern Willamette district—Silverton, Woodburn, Jefferson, Canby, Estacada, Forest Grove, Newburg, Oregon City, Salem.

Southern Oregon district—Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Medford, Talent.

Southern Willamette district—Albany, Brownsville, Corvallis, Eugene, Junction City, Lebanon, Roseburg, Springfield, Yoncalla.

Umatilla district—Athena, Condon, Echo.

Upper Columbia district—Bend, Madras, Moro, Prineville, The Dalles, Wasco, Redmond.

Southeast Oregon district—Vale, Nyssa, Ontario.

Debate Complete Success

The debate Friday afternoon was a complete success and the audience was more than pleased with the ability displayed by both sides. The negative side won the debate getting two of the judges votes to their opponents one. Ephraim Harriot and John Moore were the victors and Francis Batshe and Robert Bender took the affirmative side of the question which was "Resolved that the U. S. should adopt the plans for national defense as proposed by President Wilson."

Gives Another Address.

Mr. Lewtus gave another address in the school house Friday afternoon, his first being so well appreciated by the students that he was invited a second time to address them. This last talk was quite as much liked as the first and Mr. Lewtus having proven a favorite with the High school will always be welcome in the future.

Mrs. J. A. Walters of the Boulevard has been quite ill for several days, and was removed to the hospital yesterday.

FOUR THOUSAND ROSE SLIPS ARE OFFERED TO THE HIGH SCHOOLS

STATE UNIVERSITY WILL GIVE HARDY ROSES TO HIGH SCHOOLS

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 13—Four thousand Frau Karl Druschki rose slips, rooted and growing, are to be given away this college year to the four-year high schools of the state by the University of Oregon. The plants are to be set out on the high school grounds and cared for.

Any time after the first of January, the desired number of slips—from 12 to 20—will be shipped prepaid on the request of the high school principal, the chairman of the board or the president of the student body. The requests will be filed and filled in order of receipt, but some of the eastern Oregon shipments will be held up until after the hard freezes.

H. M. Fisher, superintendent of the University grounds, says that the roses are a uniformly hard and vigorous variety. The two-hundred foot hedge from which the slips are cut, is even now full of large white buds. Most of the 1600 cuttings sent out last year grew, Mr. Fisher says. It was the first time the offer had been made, and there were more requests than could be filled. Even the grade schools began asking for them. Mr. Fisher says that by close trimming the parent hedge could furnish as many as 10,000 slips, so prolific is it. The only receipt asked by the extension division of the University, through which application for the cuttings should be made, is acknowledgement through the local paper.

A Circuit Court case, the Boulevard Drainage System vs Effie J. Gorden, G. H. Seaward, R. A. Beagle, A. B. Cain, S. F. Taylor, administrator of the estate of A. A. Brown, deceased, S. F. Taylor, E. R. Hanford, R. H. Hart, Wm. McMaster, C. R. Belding and W. W. Wood, will be heard at the City Hall tomorrow. This case has created a great deal of interest. It is the outcome of the drainage district stockholders objecting to the above named farmers allowing the waste water from their irrigating ditches to be carried into the drainage ditch.

MAIL CLERKS ADDED.

Two mail clerks started work this morning on the Juntura—Riverside branch line train. This will materially lighten the work in the local office and will also be for the betterment of the service. The mail that is consigned to these places has greatly increased in the past few months and the parcel post mail is as heavy as is handled on any branch in this part of the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kahout and daughter Katherine, returned to Jordan Valley yesterday morning, with Otto Blackaby who came over to spend the week end. Mrs. Kahout has been visiting here for several weeks.

Bert Carter, the twelve-year-old son of C. E. Carter, was in yesterday from near Juntura. He underwent an operation on his limb at the hospital this winter, and physicians report that he will soon be able to walk again.

GRAVEL MAIN STREET AND ROAD TO BRIDGE

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held Friday evening, the street-commissioner was instructed to gravel and improve Main street, and also to gravel the road leading from the city to the Snake river bridge east of the city. The work has already been commenced.

STORK BRINGS TWIN GIRLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crawford are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of twin girls born Saturday, December 11th. Mrs. Crawford was formerly Miss Ethel Coward, daughter of T. F. Coward of this city.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The midget basket ball team played their first game last Thursday and were victorious over the local fifth and sixth grade team, by a score of 18—19.

The Freshman team defeated the public school team Monday evening by a score of 11—17.

Basket ball hopes are shining for the coming season and it is expected that the local high school will have the best team in its history. In the game that was played here by the conference men between Idaho and Oregon, Maddux was the only local man who played and he distinguished himself by making all the baskets but one in the first half. He did not play in the second half and the Idaho men began slowly to catch up with the Oregonians. The final score, however, was 12—18 in favor of Oregon. The showing which Maddux made is a fair estimate of what the local team will do this year.

Fred Test is back in school again and is working hard to catch up with his studies.

The illness of Nettie Peterson came as a surprise to the school. She underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday morning.

MANY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SHORT COURSE

O. A. C. PROFESSORS GIVE LECTURES THAT ARE INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE.

A great many farmers in the county are taking advantage of the Short Course offered this week by the Extension service of the O. A. C., at Vale, Nyssa and Ontario. Two days program on Friday and Saturday, will also be held at Brogan.

W. S. Brown conducted the lectures here yesterday and took as his principal subject, "Orcharding." Today he has taken up the marketing and shipping of the fruit crop. This afternoon a number went out to witness a pruning demonstration by W. S. Brown. This is indeed a rare opportunity for the farmers to get instruction from efficient and practical men without going away to a school.

The program for the remainder of the week will take in various lines including agriculture, domestic science, stock raising and dairying. The lecturers will be J. E. Larson, E. B. Fitts, R. E. Reynolds and Miss Turley, all of O. A. C.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Bourk was hostess to the Tuesday Bridge club this afternoon. Mrs. Cockrum won high honors.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doty entertained about twenty of their friends last evening at an old fashioned taffy pulling.

Mrs. H. C. Schuppell will entertain the Silver Fork club tomorrow afternoon.

The Ontario Music Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. W. Wood, Saturday, December 18th.

BOYS CONFERENCE MEET CLOSES IN THIS CITY SUNDAY

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE BOYS FEEL GRATEFUL TO ENTERTAINERS

When 125 boys coming from a radius of 400 miles gather in a city for a conference such as has been held in Ontario the past few days, it is a good demonstration of what is being accomplished in the lines of Y. M. C. A. work and through other organizations in which the boys themselves are the leaders.

The meeting held here last week was highly successful from every standpoint. Thirty-one communities were represented. Greenleaf, Idaho had the best representation, fifteen coming from there.

Owen Keown of Baker, president of the student body of the Baker high school and also captain of the foot ball team, was elected chairman of the conference and presided at all the boys meetings. Governor Alexander sent a letter of greeting which was read at the opening session. Impressive speeches were made by G. L. Clark pastor of the Presbyterian church of La Grande, Willis Martin of the First Methodist church of Boise, and S. J. Chaney president of the Methodist college at Gooding.

One of the principal features was the father and son banquet held at the high school Saturday evening. Covers were laid for 225. The banquet was served by the high school, assisted by the ladies of the town. Judge Biggs made an interesting address and Eliza Edwards of Payette and W. F. Homan and a number of boys were called upon for short talks.

Sunday a meeting in the conference church was led by Rev. Chas. A. Phipps, secretary of the Oregon Sunday school association. It was in the nature of testimonials from the boys telling of their accomplishments during the past year and what they expected to attain the coming year. Mrs. Ormsbee, secretary of the Idaho Sunday School association, addressed the women in the Presbyterian church and Mr. I. B. Rhoades spoke to the men at the Methodist church.

On Sunday a delegation of six business men from Parma, attended. They were members of the Friendly Men's Bible class which has a membership in Parma of 89. A great deal of enthusiasm was worked up here by these men who told of their accomplishments in Parma since this organization began its effective work.

Two weeks ago when the Western Oregon Boys Conference met in Salem, Gov. Withacombe was one of the speakers and became very much interested in the work. The Governor has since made an offer of a silver cup to the club of boys in the state making the best showing in agricultural work the coming year. Another silver cup has been offered for the boys club which shows the most savings at the close of the next year.

Several towns including Twin Falls, Payette, Weiser, La Grande and Baker invited the conference to meet in their town next year and a committee was appointed to determine the meeting place at a later date. It is likely, stated Mr. Rhoades, that the territory will be divided and two meetings will probably be held, one at Baker and one at Twin Falls or Pocatello.

All of the boys who were entertained during the conference had many words of praise for Ontario, and the way the homes here had been opened to them. The leaders and officers also expressed themselves as being very grateful for the hospitality shown them.

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM NEW PLYMOUTH WED

Miss Teresa Brady and Glenn F. Collingsworth of New Plymouth, were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. Baker, Sunday afternoon. Both young people have made their home near New Plymouth and are well known. Their parents are both well-to-do families living west of New Plymouth. The young people will make their future home in that neighborhood.



MARIE DORO IN "THE MORALS OF MARCUS" THE ATTRACTION AT THE DREAMLAND TOMORROW NIGHT.