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NEW COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION

ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED AND THE USUAL GRIND OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

The new city council met in regular session Tuesday night and started the New Year by transacting the regular routine of work laid out for the general transmission of city affairs. The newly elected officers comprise the following members of the organization.

Mayor, W. F. Homan; councilmen, S. J. Spencer, (re-elected) for two years; L. O. McCoy, one year; A. L. Coker, one year; Geo. McLain, two years; holdover members, E. A. Fraser, H. L. Peterson; C. M. Stearns, city recorder.

The new council organized by electing E. A. Fraser chairman. The following appointments were confirmed by the council:

Marshal, Street Commissioner and Janitor, Harry C. Farmer; Health Officer, Dr. H. H. Whitney; Chief of Fire Department, Harry C. Farmer; Night Marshal, Walter Burgess.

The standing committees of the council appointed by Mayor Homan are:

Finance: Cochran, Fraser, McLain, McCoy, Peterson and Spencer.

Streets, Sewers and Drains: McCoy, Peterson, and McLain.

Park and Cemetery: Fraser, Cochran, and McCoy.

Water and Lights: Spencer, McLain and Peterson.

Help: Cochran, McCoy, and Fraser.

D. P. Dearborn, secretary of the cemetery association, presented the City of Ontario a deed to all unsold lots in the cemetery, which was accepted. Mr. Dearborn also gave the city, on behalf of the Cemetery Association, \$1753.81 for the payment of cemetery debts.

The bond of the City Treasurer was increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The following bills were allowed and paid:

First National Bank, cemetery debt, \$1092.31; Harry B. Grant, office furniture, \$50; L. A. Walker, work on Snake river bridge \$148.24.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES.

School in the Bonita District will be closed two months on account of bad weather and the long distances the children have to go through the snow.

The Cow Valley or Bonita School and Sunday School gave a Christmas program at the school house. Santa Claus remembered the children with a treat that would please children anywhere.

The Skull Springs boys and girls were given the privilege of voting in the question of Christmas holidays and they voted to have school instead of a vacation. Either Miss Stuve is an excellent teacher or those are exceptional children. Of course there is a possibility that both are true. Hulah Baker of this school treated the school with her birthday cake Christmas eve. This is further evidence that a splendid spirit prevails in this little school. Blanche Slayton has the distinction of making the highest average in the December examinations.

The Heulah teacher writes that her boys and girls had a jolly time Thursday afternoon before Christmas. They popped corn, played games and were given a complete surprise in the form of a "grab bag" and a hunt for a gift book. Friday evening the children gave a Christmas program and the entire community enjoyed the Christmas tree. This school, along with the others report a good deal of illness caused by bad colds and influenza.

School in District No. 29 closed December 24th., for the holidays. The teachers spent their holidays in their respective homes, Mrs. Spaulding in Weiser and Miss Weir in New Mouth.

Miss Weir writes that her pupils expect to write in the January examinations are working hard and will do their best to make record grades.

Mr. Thompson, one of the directors in the Annex School, No. 29, was school visitor the other day.

The Mooreville pupils and teacher

had as their guests the people of the neighborhood Christmas night. Miss Eleise Brieux is teaching her first term of school at Mooreville. The pupils there have spelling matches Friday afternoons after recess and last week LaRue Dutcher was the champion speller. Miss Brieux reports Area Moore as a close second.

The patrons and pupils in the Oregon Canyon school celebrated Christmas with a program that was enjoyed by all of the thirty people present. One auto containing twelve people drove twenty miles to be present. Miss Iredale writes that Santa Claus is a good friend of the people in that community.

Two pupils of the McDermott school will write in the January examinations. These are the first children in this district to write in the state examinations. We hope that in another year all of the rural schools will be sending out eighth grade graduates instead of reporting children who are leaving school when in the fifth, sixth or seventh grades. There is no reason why children in our interior districts should not receive as good training as the boys and girls who live in or near towns. Mr. Thornburg deserves credit for the interest in school work that he is developing in a district where such things have been somewhat neglected for the past year.

The remainder of the library books have been received and will be shipped to the various schools this week.

Thirteen districts have asked for examination questions for the January examinations. This is an exceptionally large number for mid-year.

The two schools in the vicinity of Westfall where Mrs. Jacobs and Mr. Parker are teaching are progressing nicely. In Mrs. Jacob's school 20 new library books, a mirror, wash basin, towels, etc., have been added recently. The liberal patronage of a basket social given recently made these additions possible. The children in this school gave a program before the holidays. One of the features was a "fish pond" full of presents. This made a great deal of fun for all concerned. The teachers contribution was candy in choice Christmas boxes.

STUDENT BODY ADOPTS NEW CONSTITUTION

The student body of the high school held a meeting Wednesday morning and adopted the new constitution as prepared by the committee. Several changes have been made and it is thought that under the new constitution the organization will be all that is desirable. The most important change is that of having a board of control which would control all student activities of the school.

This would be composed of two faculty members, two alumni members and two student members. In this board of control would also be a board of directors of finance. The president would have the right of sitting in all the meetings of both boards. It is thought that by having two alumni members in the body it will bring the alumni and the students to a better understanding of each other, and it is hoped that under the new constitution the activities of the student body will be a benefit, not only to the school, but to the city as well.

A HIKER FROM DENVER

A pretty young woman is expected to pass through Ontario at any time on a long hike from Salem to Boise. Miss Phyllis Skrekot of Denver, is hiking from one capitol to another in the Pacific northwest, and passed through Baker last Saturday on her way to Boise. A special from Baker thusly describes the natty young globe trotter:

"Garbed in skating cap, sweater knickerbockers, puttees and stout shoes and carrying a revolver conspicuously at her waist, she looked more like a boy than a girl. She is making the trip alone, and says her trusty revolver dispels all fear. In Summer she lives on game which she shoots, but in Winter has to depend on farmers for food. She says she is gathering material for a series of short stories."

IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO CHURCH SHOWS GOOD BE IMPROVED GROWTH FOR YEAR

C. A. Crothers, a prominent rancher of Robinette, was in the city yesterday on business connected with valuable improvements on his large irrigated ranch. He is contemplating installing large electrical pumps for the distribution of water in his ditches, and his visit here yesterday was for the purpose of further advancement along that line.

Mr. Crothers is entitled to the credit of producing more wealth from a limited number of peach trees, than the majority of fruit raisers in the Robinette section. From 600 peach trees during the last season he realized the sum of \$875.00 and states that it was not considered a banner peach year, at that. With the inauguration of a new irrigation system, Mr. Crothers expects to materially augment the yield of peaches in the year 1916.

ONTARIO TO HAVE NEW MOVIE THEATRE GETS BIG MONEY FOR APPLE CROP

With the passing of saloons the movie shows are gradually taking their place. During the first week in February, C. C. Morton and Fred Jones, of Dayton, Wash., will open up a movie theatre in the Farley building. The show will be strictly a ten cent affair, and will run the regular line of pictures.

Mr. Morton is in the city and will superintend the remodeling of the Farley building for the opening night in February.

RABIES NOT GONE YET.

Apparently the fear of rabies in this community has long ago subsided and it is to be feared that the pestilence will break out again and catch somebody off their guard. This is a disease that cannot be gotten rid of by vigilance for only a short time, but it must be continually hunted not only among the dogs of the community, but among wild animals as well. It seems inconceivable that one can believe that this dreaded pestilence can be eradicated in as short a time as has elapsed since the last mad dog scare.

In the Rocky Mountain range between the Dominion of Canada and Mexico, there are thousands of

The annual business meeting of the Baptist church was held last Friday evening, with a good representation present. The reports from all departments showed a decided success and progress. Virtually all current bills were paid before the meeting. The church paid out during the year, including the old debt on the church building, and interest and principal on the parsonage debt, the sum of \$1,860.25. There were 97 additions during the year, 69 by baptism and 27 by letter and relation. This the best record the church has ever made in one year.

A budget of \$1,599.00 was voted for the current work of the church during the coming year.

That there is big money in raising apples in this section is the opinion of C. W. Mallett, who was in the city yesterday from his ranch near Mallett station. Although it may be somewhat late to chronicle the results of fruit raising in this section, there are some facts being disclosed that cannot be passed without comments.

From 125 apple trees, Mr. Mallett received the sum of \$496.00 from the yield last season, and even that but little attention was paid to the development of this small orchard.

secluded spots wherein the wild beasts of prey may successfully keep out of the way of the huntsman's rifle. That the disease exists among coyotes is given sufficient proof by the fact that recently one was killed near Boise that was in the advanced stages of rabies. Who knows how many of his own kind this specimen had infected before he invaded the haunts of man?

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. A. V. Dahl of New Plymouth will speak at the church next Sunday at both hours and the pastor will speak at New Plymouth. The public is invited to attend. D. E. Baker, pastor.

MY TRIP TO STATE FAIR

(By Marion Lowe.)

Two or three days ago some one asked me when I started to the State Fair, and when I started to write the story of my trip, I got to thinking of that question and decided that the best answer after all was that I started last spring in May when I first began my club work, even if I did not realize where my journey would end.

Wednesday when mother and I were at the County Fair, I found I had won the County prize and the following Friday I left home for the actual trip. This was the 24th of September, the last day of our fair. I took the train at Nyssa for Ontario, where County School Supt. Miss Clark met me and from there we traveled together.

We had a fine trip down the Columbia, and the only thing I found to regret was that I did not have a camera to take some pictures as we went along. We got to Portland about 12 o'clock Saturday, and that evening we reached Salem.

Sunday afternoon we went out to the Fair Grounds, and had as much of the hunting put up in our booth as we could, so that we would be able to finish decorating Monday.

Monday we decorated and put up the exhibits in our booth, and I think it was the most interesting work I have ever done, except canning.

That, and Wednesday and Friday evenings, the matrons, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Maris took the camp girls to free band concerts by McElroy's band of Portland, and each night found us in camp.

Our camp was a large black tent just outside the entrance to the Fair Grounds. Our beds were slightly different from what we had been accustomed to at home, the mattresses and springs being "two in one." They were made of a generous load of

through the state capitol and listened to a talk by Governor Wythecombe, and the things he said made us feel quite proud of ourselves, but at the same time gave us a desire to keep on working. State Treasurer, Thomas B. Kay, also gave us a short talk.

From the Capitol grounds we went past the penitentiary, and all the time I was looking at the grim old walls around it, I kept thinking, if the people inside, I kept thinking they were boys and girls, had had the opportunity for an educational trip as we were taking, surely there would be no need for such a terrible institution.

After passing that we came to the State Hospital and I wondered if most of the men and women there would have been there if they had been given some interesting work such as we had, to take their minds from the sorrow or sickness or whatever caused them to become insane. But I didn't have much time to wonder for the autos had turned toward camp and the supper which was waiting for us. After we had eaten the boys and girls gathered outside the tents and played games such as we play at school.

Friday afternoon I was told I had won the State Prize for Canning. This was so far from what even in my wildest dreams I had ever dared to hope for that I could hardly believe it was true until I saw it printed in black and white.

From Thursday night until Saturday it rained, and rained hard. At first I didn't mind, but finally I wondered if the elements couldn't take a joke when I said I wouldn't care if it did rain.

The fair was fine in every way except I don't think if I had been one of the fair board, that I would have let the Gypsy fortune tellers on the ground.

Saturday morning most of the girls left, but I didn't leave until evening. I was the third girl on the grounds, and one of the four last ones to leave. I had an extra fine time while I was there, but I was glad to get back to dear old Malheur county.

Mr. Churchill, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Charleton sent me a letter and my achievement pin, and I received it November 2nd., and it made me glad again that I took up the Industrial Club work—and now how many times is it that I've been glad since Mr. Maris and Miss Clark organized our Club?

Marion Lowe, Gwyhee Industrial Club, Malheur County, Oregon.

JOHN B. RATTO HERE MONDAY NIGHT

The Lyceum Course at the Dreamland Theatre next Monday evening presents John B. Ratto in his original characterizations. Mr. Ratto fits the characters to the words, and only those selections are used that can be presented by natural characters in a genuine way, making the impersonation not only artistic but entertaining.

The Redpath Bureau heartily endorses Mr. Ratto as one of the most consistent successes ever on their list. This statement is based on 8 years business, and the booking of approximately two thousand engagements. He has always been a faithful worker for the committees, never failing to help either by word or action the success of a cause.

Mr. Ratto in his impersonations will appear at the Dreamland Theatre Monday night, Jan. 10. Price of admission 50 cents.

AT THE DREAMLAND TOMORROW NIGHT

At the Dreamland Theatre tomorrow night Daniel Frohman presents John Emerson in "The Bachelor's Romance," a delightful, sentimental comedy-drama.

John Emerson portrays the role of David Holmes, a lovable and eccentric bachelor, who runs at the sight of a woman, but is finally tripped head over heels in a love affair.

STOCK SHIPPED TODAY

Five cars of cattle and two cars of hogs were shipped from Ontario this afternoon to the Portland market. C. Emison shipped one of the cars of cattle and Dave McGill was the shipper of the other four. Randall Sage shipped the hogs.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. C. H. Powell, general missionary, will hold Episcopal services in the Masonic hall in Ontario, Sunday morning at 10:45 a. m. All are invited to attend.

THE MALHEUR - WARM SPRINGS PROJECT

SAID TO BE THE BEST PROJECT INVESTIGATED BY STATE ENGINEER

The land owners between Ontario and the canyon will be pleased to learn that State Engineer John E. Lewis, in his address at the Oregon Irrigation Congress, said that all the projects investigated by the state in the co-operative investigation of the Federal and State irrigation projects, the Warm Springs project turned out the best.

Mr. Lewis stated the cost was low and with the Warm Springs reservoir to impound the spring runoff the water supply will be ample to furnish adequate water for about 30,000 acres, or the most of the unwatered lands located between the head of the Malheur valley and Ontario, as well as to provide a full season's water right for the lands that now have partial water rights. The actual cost for impounding an acre foot in the Warm Springs reservoir will be about \$4.00.

He also stated that the land that has a full water right to July and August, and with ditches constructed, that but a few dollars per acre would have to be paid, depending on the actual amount of water required to make a full water right, while the land with no water right and without any ditches to convey the water to the land, from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per acre will have to be paid.

A complete report will be published within a few weeks showing the general plan of construction of reservoirs and ditches, and the same report will show the plans of a complete drainage system that should eventually become a part of the Warm Springs Irrigation project.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Stacia Henderson of Payette, was officially enrolled as a student of the Ontario high school, Wednesday. She will take up the teachers course that is being taught here.

The sophomores of the local high school will meet the Fruitland sophomores tomorrow evening for their first basket ball game this year.

The freshmen are also planning a game with Fruitland freshmen for Friday evening. This will be the first public game these two teams have ever played.

The first basket ball team of the local high school is practicing every evening and much interest is being manifested in the team by local fans.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

The M. E. Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. C. S. Watson yesterday afternoon. A feature of the afternoon was the large attendance. Three new members joined. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Henry Giraud in two weeks.

The Remnant club was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Adam. The entertainment was in the form of a card party, Mr. Rader winning high honors. Later in the evening a camp-fire supper was served, the food being cooked over the fire-place. Candy pulling was another feature of the evening, and a good time was had by all present.

LOCAL ITEMS

Tom Arnold went to the interior the first of the week, where he will visit with his son, Arthur. They will probably have a hunting trip before Mr. Arnold returns.

Mrs. J. W. Roberts paid a visit to the Argus office yesterday, subscribed for the Argus and promised to visit the local high school in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are the teachers at the Mallett school.

Chelsey Boyer of the firm of Boyer Bros. left town the first of the week for Montana. It was stated that his stay will be indefinite, but his many friends are hoping that he will soon be back.

FIRST LIQUOR INDICTMENT.

A special from Portland states that the first indictment in Oregon for violation of the prohibition law was returned there Tuesday by the county grand jury against Gus Anderson. He was found guilty of accepting a marked dollar for a bottle of whisky.