

IRRIGATION CONFERENCE

The state wide conference on irrigation, drainage and rural credits authorized by the last session of the Oregon Irrigation congress will be held in Portland during February.

In dignity and representation the conference will approach in importance a constitutional convention. The delegates who have been or will be named are asked to draft legislation providing a limited guaranty of principal and interest of irrigation and drainage district bonds.

The following will send delegations to the meeting: The Oregon State Grange, Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, Oregon Federation of Labor, Portland Chamber of Commerce, Northern Pacific Railroad Company, Great Northern Railway Company, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, Spokane-Portland & Seattle Railway Company, Southern Pacific Company and Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

NEARLY FIVE MILLION BARRELS OF APPLES The U. S. Department of Agriculture office of markets and rural organization under date of January 8th reports computing boxes in barrels at three boxes to one barrel December 1st, 1915 and adding together 5,521,642 barrels, January 1st this had been reduced to 4,817,651 barrels, a decline of about 13 per cent.

BROOM CORN IS A SUCCESSFUL CROP

It has been demonstrated that broom corn can be raised successfully in the vicinity of Ontario. Conditions here are such that one ton to the acre is an average yield.

STRONG PLAY AT THE DREAMLAND SATURDAY

At the Dreamland Theatre Saturday night, "Rule G" will be presented. This is one of the greatest railroad pictures ever produced and is approved by prominent railroad heads who actually pose in the photographs reproduced.

BRACELET MEN GO TO PEN AT SALEM

Friday evening nine men more or less annoyed by bracelets, passed through Ontario on their way to Salem to spend a period of years ranging from one to twenty.

William Ridings, who with Ralph Huff and Ray Motley, was sent up for from one to ten years, was the most light-hearted and by far the best appearing of the nine.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO GIVE BOOK SOCIAL

A book social this year, instead of the annual library ball, is to be given by the Woman's club for the benefit of the library.

A special list of books for this purpose has been ordered, and will be on sale at Letson's Jewelry Store beginning Saturday, Jan. 29th.

PASSING OF MRS. LONG.

Eliza Ann Long was born April 7, 1843, and died in Payette, Idaho, January 17, 1916.

NEW GRAND JURY.

The new grand jury for Malheur county is composed of the following members: B. W. Mulkey, foreman, John Mathews, Oliver Mayfield, J. G. Fretwell, E. J. Beam, J. W. Weaver and H. L. Peterson.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk of Malheur County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the primaries.

IDAHO-OREGON FRUIT GROWERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Idaho-Oregon Fruit Growers Association was held at the Commercial Club Rooms Tuesday, January 18, 1916, with the following delegates in attendance.

- D. L. Ingard and A. A. Stetler, Fruitland. Martin Mayer and E. E. Trayer, New Plymouth. N. B. Barnes, B. B. Davis, Emmett. T. J. Beckwith and A. J. Shearer, Payette. F. B. Suplee, and Geo. Lattig, from Woods Spur. J. H. Lowell, Chas. Paine, Parma. W. I. Parsons, E. S. Moss, Caldwell. A. J. Krum, G. L. Calkins, Nampa. J. M. Adington, Brogan, Oregon. H. E. McElroy, Boise. A. B. Cain, Ontario, Oregon.

Reports from the several districts indicate a very good feeling on the part of the growers and earnest desire for the continuance of the Co-Operative movement and a good deal of enthusiasm manifested as a result of our past year's experience.

The Annual Report of the General Manager was read and approved. The financial status of the Association as shown in his statement, is in a most healthy condition and reveals some startling facts as to the efficiency and economy of financing the past season.

BASKET BALL GAME WON BY ONTARIANS

The basket ball game last Friday resulted in a decisive victory for the local team, the final score being 29 to 15. The Payette boys played a clean game, but were outclassed by the Ontario team.

Three sleigh loads of Payette people came over to see the game and to cheer their men, and, though they were disappointed in the score they were not disappointed in seeing a very good game, which, from the standpoint of the spectators, was one of the most entertaining events of the season.

Miss Amelia Plughoff was down from Ontario and spent Saturday and Sunday with the brains of the News. Miss Amelia is like Pinegan's sister, she is here again and gone again and came again.—Huntington News.



Scene in the comedy drama, "A Gentleman of Leisure," at the Dreamland Theatre Wednesday night.

SHOT MAN IN SELF DEFENSE IS VERDICT

An authentic report of the shooting of O'Neil by McFadden at Riverside last week is given by the Vale Enterprise:

"O'Neil is said to be a very decent fellow when not drinking but upon this occasion he wanted to fight and didn't care particularly who he scrapped with. He first attacked Mike Zupan, who was in the restaurant, but Mike gave him the worst of it and the aggressor was put out of the house.

"The foregoing is the story told by six eye witnesses of the affair who were brought to Vale by Deputy Sheriff Noe. They are: Mike Zupan, Otto Gronholm, Ralph Hood, O. J. Poe, Dave Ping and R. E. Derbyshire.

WILL BACK WARM SPRINGS PROJECT

At a preliminary and informal meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday last it was agreed that the time was ripe for the inauguration of some attempt to build the Warm Springs reservoir.

HOT WIRES CAUSE SEVERAL SMALL FIRES

The wind on Monday dislodged a primary electric wire carrying 4000 volts, which caught a secondary wire which is supposed to carry only 110 volts.

The homes of Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Payne and E. A. Fraser were on the line, also the Farley block and Alexander store.

JUNIORS HOIST PENNANT

The Junior class hoisted its victorious basket ball banner over the stage of the assembly this morning amid a storm of applause from the hundred and forty odd students who witnessed the deed.

TWO DEATHS AT NYSSA.

The funeral of Alonza Peer was held Saturday afternoon, January 15, 1916, at the Latter Day Saints' meeting house at Nyssa.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Luella E. Canter were held at the M. E. church Sunday morning. A large number of friends of the deceased listened to an impressive sermon by Rev. T. P. Graham, after which the body was taken to Caldwell for interment.—Nyssa Journal.

H. R. Boomer, the New Plymouth Holstein breeder has sold his 1915 crop of bulls. He is now offering four bull calves from very fine cows and heifers, one of them being from Daisy Pioneer Clyde, 30 lbs butter in seven days, and 123 lbs in thirty days. Mr. Boomer is proving that it pays to raise fine stock.

THE POMONA GRANGE MEETS

In spite of the bad weather the regular meeting of the Malheur County Pomona Grange was largely attended last Saturday. A number of important matters were taken up and discussed, and arrangements were made for establishing community brands for live stock that is to be pastured on the range.

Among the reports made was that of County Agriculturist W. W. Howard, who spoke briefly of the work he has done during the past year and outlined the work he proposes to do the coming year.

During the afternoon a number of selections were rendered by Mr. Harold and Miss Edna Van Readen and by the Boulevard Male Quartette, while the dinner served by the ladies of the Boulevard Grange was all that the members of the Pomona have come to expect from that aggregation of fine cooks.

WHEREAS, The Corn Growing contest and Corn Carnival was made possible through the generous donation of the Ontario Commercial club, and,

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Malheur County Pomona grange desire to express our appreciation of the good offices of the hereinbefore mentioned club,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Malheur County Pomona grange, being assembled in regular session, do give expression to our gratitude by a vote of thanks to the Ontario Commercial club, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Commercial club, and to each of the papers of the county, and that they be spread upon the minutes of our order.

Richard Brown was born in Tennessee in 1833, and died Saturday, January 22, 1916. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Tuesday and interment took place the same day. Deceased was an uncle of Mrs. B. Reynolds, and had lived here about six years.

A DELIVERY TEAM MAKES A FAST RUN

A team belonging to Martin Brothers made a very fast run from the freight yards, west on Idaho Avenue to Richardson street, on Monday.

The run was made during the excitement incident to the electric display and many thought it was merely a part of the fire department rushing to the fire.

The team tried to make the turn at the corner and left the wagon and a load of coal in front of E. A. Fraser's residence. Ed says he was just about out of coal, so he had no kick.

CASTATER, PARMA P.M.

D. O. Castater's appointment as postmaster at Parma has been confirmed and his commission is expected to arrive in a few days. Mr. Castater has selected for assistant, Mrs. Maude L. Welsh, who has had considerable experience in postoffice work and is exceptionally well qualified for the position. A better selection could not have been made.—Parma Herald.

Mr. Creem made the usual trip to Weiser on Sunday.