

IRRIGATION ACTIVITY

Early Development of the Warm Springs Project is Assured

The first definite action looking towards the early development of the Warm Springs project was commenced this week, when a well known representative of the Vale Chamber of Commerce started a petition asking for action on the part of the county Court in the organization of an irrigation district under our state law.

The Argus has canvassed the situation very thoroughly and finds the people enthusiastic over the possibility of getting the Malheur Warm Springs dam constructed.

P. J. Gallagher, a prominent attorney at law in Ontario and now a candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney on the republican primary ticket was interviewed by the Argus representative and expressed himself as follows:

"The times are excellent for the construction of the great Malheur project. The new district law has made it possible to offer investors such security as they wish. This law has been many years in the making, and has now advanced to the point of real co-operation and permits the owners to manage their affairs as a municipality like Ontario. No graft can get by and no huge promotion profits can be loaded on the land. Every dollar raised by the people goes directly to the work. No money can be raised without their consent and every dollar is accounted for and made public.

The present election petitioned for is merely for organization and carries no financial proposition with it. Upon this election depends the organization and getting in position to do business with either the government, the state or bids from trust companies for securities.

Should we be able to enlist the government in the enterprise the district will be able to deal with them at once. The organization must be made before anyone will consider our affairs at all.

I understand the steps so far taken are for the purpose of acquainting the people with the requirements of the district law. While I have not been retained to assist in the organization of the district, still I will do everything in my power to further the project."

FOR SALE.—M. E. Church for sale. Inquire of C. C. Pratt. 6-1

APPLICATIONS FOR GRAZING PERMITS

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, and sheep within the Malheur National Forest during the season of 1916, must be filed in my office at John Day, Oregon, on or before February 29, 1916. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request.

Cy J. Bingham, Supervisor. 5-9

Doolittle's Sanitary Dairy milk and cream is now handled by Wilson Bros. and the Purity Bakery. When you want a bottle of cream or milk call for Doolittle's Sanitary Dairy Milk. 5-6

ALL ABOUT LAMBS AND LAMBING

Frank Oxman, the king of lamb buyers, says there is danger of overlooking the early lamb game, and folks must not overlook the fact that early lambing means winter feeding, close herding and less wool. He figures that handling a ewe flock for early lambs adds a round dollar to the expenses. Naturally Mr. Oxman speaks for western conditions for he is a western man and deals in western lambs. However, he is the largest and one of the shrewdest lamb dealers in America.

An Oregon sheep feeder plays a clever trick on his ovines, turning night into day via the electricity route. The pens are wired and lights turned on from 4 P. M. to 9 P. M. The woolies continue to feed until the circuit is shut off. At 4 A. M. the tungstens are turned on and the sheep feed till daylight. This gives the bah lambs plenty of time to court Morpheus, at the same time adding three-quarters of a pound to the daily gain. Compared to the increased weight the cost of lighting is insignificant.—Stock Reporter, Portland.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

The following pupils have sent in the best specimens of writing during the past three weeks; District No. 60, Elmer House, Ralph Ages; District No. 11, Dollie Chandler, Mae Murphy, Lane McDonald; District No. 13, Irene Dotson, Gladys Howard, Vada Moffitt; District No. 29, Roy Harding, Rose Harding; District No. 46, Clara Anderson, Lyda Johnston, Edythe Swigert; District No. 38, Mary Wallace, Joe Wallace; District No. 53, Area Moore.

Mrs. Griffin, one of the eighth grade teachers in the Ontario schools, encourages the pupils in her room to bring to school pictures of people who are prominent in the current affairs of the nation. These are clipped from magazines and placed on a bulletin board. They are referred to again and again as current events are discussed and the pupils soon become familiar with the faces of the people who are making history.

The Grove and the White Star schools were closed a part of last week on account of bad weather. The teachers, Miss Thompson and Miss Welbourn spent the enforced vacation at their respective homes in Nyasa and Parma.

White Settlement Notes.

Notwithstanding the deep snow our enthusiastic Parent-Teacher Club met at No. 33 in regular session on the afternoon of February 4. Dr. Weese of Ontario who was to have made the principal address did not arrive. Nevertheless a splendid program was rendered. After the program a bountiful lunch consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake and coffee was served to about forty persons. The association has purchased a Babcock milk tester and placed it in the school to be used by the school in connection with the agriculture club and class work. Several new members were present at the meeting Friday.

The Philotaxian Literary Society which meets every two weeks on Thursday evening at the White Settlement school house is doing some good work. This society is putting forth a strong effort for the uplift of the community.

Cecile Hagood of the eighth grade took the State examination in January and secured her exemptions in physiology and geography.

We have been suffering from an epidemic of measles but just as soon as a victim can possibly return to school he is found at his post of duty.

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the month of January, Leonard Fairbanks, George and Maurice Dunster, Harry Smith, Thomas Sullens, Myrtle Waun, Ara and Joe Marshall, Clark Winslow, Stanley Harper, Carl Brown, Earle Hickey, Marie and Leah Smith, Victor, Gus and Tom Hagood and Hugh Lamb.

The school children are feeding the birds and trying to save them during the stormy weather.

Wade School (Big Bend).

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the month of January, Lois and Walter Scholes, Maurice and Lyda Johnston, Rex Brumbach, Averitt Hickox and Myron Brown. These pupils are all in the upper grades.

The final examination in history was given last week. The grades received are, Rex Brumbach 99, Lyda Johnston 95, Averitt Hickox 90 and Wayne Robinson 85.

Clara Anderson, an eighth grade pupil has given up her school work for the present but will resume her studies before the next final examination.

Owing to the deep snow during the past week, a bird lunch counter was opened. This was supplied with scraps from the children's lunches. Our feathered friends were not the least backward about helping themselves.

Riverside Notes.

January 21 we organized a Liberty Bell Bird Club and the following officers were elected: Vice Director, Theron Levee; Treasurer, Gladys Poe and Secretary, Bevel Orrell. We have held two very enthusiastic meetings and the boys have built some good bird houses. The girls bring donations of food for the feathered friends. The other day one of the little five year old boys found an injured snow bird and is caring for it.

Those receiving prize packages of Colgate's Dental Cream for the best compositions on "Good Teeth and Good Health" are: Rhoda Armstrong, Leah Armstrong, Chrissie Seibert and Theron Levee.

We are planning a short program for Washington's Birthday.

Beulah Notes

Reported by the Pupils.

We are glad to hear such good reports from our graduates who are Nettie McDonald now a student in the Boise High school and Margaret Murphy who is attending the St. Francis Academy in Baker.

Good coasting is being enjoyed by the boys.

Letter Writing Week has been observed by the Beulah pupils.

We are glad to receive the new

THE ALDERMEN HOLD A BUSINESS SESSION

The city council met in regular session Monday evening at the city hall and transacted routine business.

The city recorder filed his report showing he received \$3,897.29 during the month and the treasurer showed the city balance to be \$2,699.26.

The city marshal reported there were no arrests for the month, business in his line being very quiet.

The fire marshal reported all the apparatus in good condition and all the hydrants working.

The matter of the city cemetery was threshed over, a report showing some of the tangles being submitted. The matter was ordered adjusted.

The recorder reported a list of delinquents for the assessments due for Trunk sewer No. 2 and Lateral No. 1. An ordinance was passed ordering the proper officers to proceed and collect by due process.

D. P. Dearborn filed his report as auditor of the city records, showing everything was balanced. He was requested to make a further report covering the outstanding city warrants.

Bills amounting to \$1,011.10 were audited and ordered paid. They included \$366.45 to the Electric Company for lights and water, \$155 for coal and \$228 for salaries.

The recorder reported having heard from a number of cities regarding what they were paying for city hydrants, varying from \$39.50 a month for thirty hydrants at Prineville to 26 hydrants at Parma at \$130 a month.

A petition was presented asking for a light at the corner of block 25.

The recorder was instructed to collect one dollar for all dogs reclaimed.

IMPORTANT FOR THE LOCAL FRUIT GROWERS

Assurances have been received by the state department of the government office of markets that the federal trade commission are on their way to Boise to attend the state-wide farmer's conference which will convene in the hall of representatives of the state capitol next Monday for a three days' session.

Upon the request of fruitgrowers, shippers and business men of the large fruit districts of the Pacific northwest these government representatives visited the principal fruit sections a month ago to investigate matters, after which they officially called the principal shippers together in conference the middle of January.

In view of the chaotic situation existing at present in the marketing of apples in the Pacific northwest, and the serious outlook for the coming season unless all interests can unite on a plan, this proposal by the federal authorities is timely and of such vital interest to all growers that a large attendance from all fruit districts should be present.

A special railroad rate of fare and one-third for the round trip has been granted by the railroads, on the certificate plan, which requires the purchasing of a one-way ticket and the securing of a receipt for fare paid; the receipt is then turned in at Boise, together with one-third of the regular fare back, when a return ticket will be issued.—Statesman.

The Purity Bakery and Wilson Bros. Grocery Store both now handle Doolittle Sanitary Jersey Dairy Milk and Cream. When you want a bottle call for this milk and cream. You will find it the best milk sold in Ontario. Every cow is tested for tuberculosis and the milk is clean and sanitary. 5-6

The pupils are busy taking tests all last week.

The following names appear on the roll of honor this month: James McDonald, Claire Pearson, Margaret McDonald, Everett Pearson, Frank Scott David McDonald, Wanda Templeton, Lane McDonald, Raymond Chandler and Dollie Chandler.

Owyhee Notes.

At the last meeting of the Industrial Club a number of important things were discussed and after the business meeting a short program was given. This was arranged by the pupils and was a surprise to the teacher and the advisors. The boys are to meet with their advisor, Mr. Bradley, for the purpose of getting help with their projects.

The Sewing Club girls have taken possession of a large box which they expect to fill with articles to be taken to the County Fair next fall.

"The Hillside School" is the name recently given to the hill school in District No. 29 across from Weiser. The other school in this district is known as "The Annex School".

A SNOW STORM HITS ENTIRE NORTHWEST

The snow storm which raged throughout the northwest last week proved the worst in years and has many of the old timers guessing.

With the warm weather of the past few days many of the streams are running bank full and no doubt some damage will be done.

There was some slight damage to the exhibition hall at the Fair grounds from the heavy snow.

Part of the county bridge near Thos. Brosnan's place on the Malheur river is reported out.

Up the valley they are having some trouble but not very serious. At Riverside they had rain instead of snow, so the railroad suffered very little. In a few places the water was over the railroad, and a few slides occurred. On the Homedale branch there was no trouble, the frost being out of the ground.

There are many rumors of damage but nothing definite could be learned.

The Big Willow was reported out of bank and some of Van Dusen's sheep lost.

POPULAR LECTURER COMING.

Emmit D. Nichols Author of the Second Declaration of Independence and popular lecturer of the northwest will deliver his noted lecture entitled, "The One of the Hour," at the Baptist Church, Ontario, Oregon, next Sunday evening, Feb. 13th at 7:30. This is considered one of the most interesting and instructive lectures that has been delivered on the all important up to date matters that concern the world's interests. It is a lecture that interests the non-church goers as well as the church communicants. The public is therefore cordially invited. Seats free.

D. E. Baker, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES.

The impossible condition of the roads made it expedient for Rev. Koenig to abandon the journey he began last week to Everett, Washington, and to return to Ontario and take charge of his own work here. Because of this Dr. Wright will not be in Ontario as announced until conditions are more promising for special meetings than they are at the present time.

The pastor expects to occupy the pulpit at both services next Sunday. In the morning the theme will be, "Attending Drawbacks", in the evening, "Lincoln's Religion".

PHILIP KOENIG, Pastor.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our special meetings will begin next Monday night, February 14th, at 8 p. m. Rev. J. B. Story of Parma, will preach five nights and Rev. M. E. Dunn of Spokane, Wash., will continue the series. Music and sermons will be good. Services are free and everybody is invited.

W. N. BROWN, Pastor.

Don't read this unless you are interested. Don't come if you do not want to live better. Special meetings begin next Monday—every night at 8 p. m., in the United Presbyterian Church. Good seats, music, and Dunn will preach.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The pastor will spend four days in Portland including next Sunday. Deacon O. F. Neece will speak at 11 A. M. next Sunday, and Hon. E. D. Nichols of Boise will deliver an address at 7:30 on the topic, "The One of the Hour." Seats are free and an invitation is extended to the public to attend these services. I bespeak a good hearing for both of these men.

D. E. BAKER, Pastor.

Rev. D. Loree will begin a series of revival services at Cario about the middle of next week. He is conducting a meeting now at Arcadia, which is resulting in much good.

Rev. D. E. Baker will go to Portland Friday to attend a four days Layman's missionary Conference at that place, which begins Sunday morning. There will be between three and four thousand Layman and ministers attending the meetings.

NOTICE.

Dr. W. G. Howe has moved his dental office to the Wilson building. 15 tf

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JAMES R. MANN



James R. Mann, Republican leader in Congress, who defended President Wilson's preparedness program.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Iron currency is issued by the Austrian government, it is reported. Kaiser Wilhelm is said to be on the western front and has been there for some time.

The German government has confiscated all products of German textile factories, dispatches say.

Persistent reports come from Dutch sources that the Germans are about to begin a great offensive smash against the Anglo-French lines.

The long-looked-for offensive of the Teutonic allies against Saloniki may now be on or near at hand. An agency dispatch from Saloniki reports that an artillery duel has been in progress near Doiran, where strong forces of the central powers for some time have been facing the positions of the entente allies. Such a bombardment might well be the prelude to an advance movement by the Teutons and their allies.

Along the many fighting lines of the widespread war field, few operations of importance have been reported the past week. On the Franco-Belgian front, the French bombardment is intense in the Champagne and the Argonne. Berlin reports cases of sporadic activity by infantry, one instance being south of La Bassée canal, where the British are declared to have been repulsed when one of their detachments attempted an advance.

The British war office gives a list of the damage done by the latest Zeppelin raid, declaring no damage was done to docks, granaries or munition factories. In all 26 men, 28 women and seven children were killed and 48 men, 46 women and seven children were injured. In the 29 raids, great and small that have taken place over Great Britain since the war began, 133 men, of which 17 were soldiers, 90 women and 43 children have been killed.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Storms sweeping the coast of Alaska took 11 lives and did \$100,000 damage.

The Wisconsin democratic conference endorsed President Wilson for re-election.

Maryville, Mo., joined the "dry" forces by a vote of 894 to 192 in a local option election.

Floods in Arkansas, Kentucky and Mississippi have been responsible for 11 deaths, approximately \$10,000,000 damage and making 22,000 homeless.

The Methodist church paid out \$1,200,999 in pensions to retired ministers and ministers' widows in 1915. The pension fund needs \$15,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 is on hand.

Brigadier General Edwards, commandant at Panama, has recommended the purchase of more territory at each entrance to the canal for the purpose of better safeguarding the entrances.

General Goethals says it will not take more than eight months to remove the slides from the Panama canal, and it may take half that time. The slides were not caused by turning in the water before the canal was completed.

The executive committee of the association of western railways, issued a formal statement in answer to the demands of railroad employees for eight-hour days and time and a half overtime, with a statement that it would cost \$100,000,000 a year.

Allies Expect Attack.

London.—There appears to be a growing belief, both in Paris and London, that the Germans are preparing to launch some important military movement on the western front. For nearly a fortnight increasing German activity has been reported along this line.

J. W. Patton came in from Falk Tuesday to visit with his friend Mr. Moody for a short time.

BIG SHIPMENTS OF FRUIT FROM PARMA

Approximately \$35,000 worth of fruit, prunes and apples, was shipped from the Parma fruit warehouse during the past fruit season. Seventy cars of fruit was shipped from there and it brought to the growers an average of \$500 per car. The apples were sold at prices ranging from 75 cents to \$1.25 per box, f. o. b. Parma, and the prunes brought an average of 50 cents per crate, f. o. b. Parma. This fruit was partly handled through the Idaho-Oregon branch of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, and Denney & Co.

Approximately \$300,000 has been distributed among the Parma-Roswell farmers during the last season for the following three items:

Hogs, 121 cars, \$135,000; 750,000 pounds of red clover and alfalfa seed, \$125,000; fruit, 70 cars, \$35,000.

Many more thousands of dollars have been distributed there during the year just closed for such farm products as hay and grain, and for cream, and for livestock of various classes such as horses, dairy and beef cattle, etc.; also honey.

WAS A PIONEER OF THE GREAT WEST

James Edward Reedy was born at Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, on the 19th day of December 1870, and died in Ontario, Ore., January 22, 1916, being 45 years, one month and three days old, at time of death. "Jimmie" as he was known by his host of friends came over the plains with his parents when he was six years and stopped at what was then known as Fort Boise. From this place the family moved to Utah and thence to Snake River, where the deceased remained the greater portion of his life.

In 1895 Mr. Reedy was married to Mrs. Ida Slaley, a widow with two children, Lena and Leta. To this union was born a son Edward. These children survive him, the step-daughters residing in this city and Edward at Huntington.

In July of 1907, Mr. Reedy buried his wife in Baker, by whose side his body was placed in it's last resting place.

Besides his children, a mother, brother and sister in Columbus, Ohio and a sister in Haines, Oregon, survive him.

Deceased was a member of The Woodmen of the World, Camp 353, Weiser, Idaho.

WHITMAN IS FOR HUGHES

New York Governor is Candidate for Re-election.

New York.—Governor Whitman reiterated his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor. His announcement was coupled with a denial that he had agreed to seek the nomination for second place at the republican national convention on a ticket to be headed by Theodore E. Burton, William E. Borah or Albert B. Cummins.

"I am for Justice Hughes for president. He would sweep the country," said Mr. Whitman.

Fifty-five Million Feet of Timber Sold.

Corvallis, Or.—A transfer has been completed in Benton county whereby the Charles K. Spaulding interests here, the owners of 55,000,000 feet of standing timber and a logging railroad running to the edge of the property.

By arrangement with the Southern Pacific company the logging company will ship logs to the two Spaulding lumber mills, one at Salem and the other at Newberg.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Club 96c; bluestem, \$1.08; red Russian, 96c; forty-fold, 97c; red 85c, 96c.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18.50; alfalfa, \$20.
Butter—Creamery, 32c.
Eggs—Ranch, 37c.
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J. J. DILLARD

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