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## ONTARIO WINS IN BASKET BALL GAME

For the second time this season the Payette High school basket ball team met the Ontario team and for the second time the Idahoans went down to defeat before the local champions. The game was played at Payette in the little "cubby hole" in which the Payette boys had been practicing all the season, and of which they were familiar with every nook and corner. The fact that Ontario was victorious under this handicap is sufficient proof of the relative strength of the two teams.

The game was fast and well fought by both sides. Ontario took the lead from the first and the ball was in their possession most of the time. The handicap due to the size of the hall was evident when the Payette boys got the ball, for they seemingly threw without looking at the basket, and were several times successful in thus making a score.

In the last half of the game the local team slowed up slightly and Payette was quick to take advantage of it, gaining on their opponents till they were actually ahead in the number of scores. Ontario rallied again and in the last five minutes of the game played their opponents off their feet, ending up with a score of 27-25 in Ontario's favor.

Many young people from this place witnessed the game and were well pleased with its outcome.

The Ontario High school basket ball team still maintain their record of not having been defeated this season.

If the world isn't sweet enough for you put more sugar in it.

## PLEASE FEED THE BIRDS.

The deep snow covers their usual food—insects' eggs and larvae and the seeds of weeds—and they will starve unless we feed them.

Give Them "Hayseed," chaff from the barn floor, crumbs, scraps of meat bones and suet; anything eatable and they will repay you a thousand fold by their work in the garden and orchard all the spring.

Do It Now. Fasten the meat scraps and suet securely to the trees and see how eagerly the chickadees and woodpeckers go to it. Tread the snow down hard and scatter the hayseed and crumbs there, or put it on a board or box and watch the juncos and tree-sparrows fill up. Put out chaff and grain for the quail and meadow-larks in the pasture. They work for us all summer long, eating insects.

## 10 DIMES FOR WARSHIP.

Marjorie Stierrett, a Brooklyn girl, who started a fund to build a battleship for Uncle Sam by sending a dime and writing a letter to a New York newspaper, calling upon other children to contribute a like amount, is treasuring a letter from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in which he enclosed 10 dimes. Colonel Roosevelt said that "four of them were for four of his grandchildren and the other six for his grand children's children, who are not born yet." Marjorie's fund now amounts to \$55.30.

## ONTARIO MAN SPEAKER.

A guest at the weekly Commercial club luncheon was H. B. Gruel of Ontario, who is contemplating locating in the jewelry business in Baker. He spoke on the subject of a farmers rest room in connection with the Commercial club and strongly advocated this feature, which he states has been a great success in Ontario. —Baker Democrat.

## TESTING SEED CORN JOB FOR RANCHERS IN BAD WEATHER

Many jobs are advertised for the farmer while shut in by the bad weather. The Farm papers tell him to mend his harness, tighten the fence, get up the winter's fuel supply and various other things. The important indoor job for the irrigation farmer in Malheur County is to test his seed corn.

Seed Corn testing has been the favorite piece of advice offered to corn growers for years, because of the great benefit to be secured with so little effort. "Half the Deed is in the Seed." This is especially true of corn, for as we find the kernel, so we find the entire ear, is a rule with few exceptions.

It requires but eight to ten good sized ears to plant an acre. Then suppose that two of them are worthless. That means you will get four-fifths of a possible crop, but it will cost you as much for plowing, cultivating and irrigating as a perfect crop. Can you see how easily you can drop your profits by planting untested corn? Besides these sterile ears there may be some that will sprout but put out sprouts so weak that they could not grow under field conditions, and if they did they might be so far behind the stalks around them that they would make barren stalks. It is practically impossible to get a perfect stand of corn without making an ear test, and it is so simple and easy that there can hardly be an excuse for planting untested seed.

One very simple method is to drive nails upon which to stick the ears in regular rows through a board so that the individual ears can be numbered. Then make flats about twenty inches square and three inches deep. Divide this flat into small two or three inch squares, using wire as it is more permanent than string.

Each square can then be used for a correspondingly numbered ear. Fill the flat with some sandy, loose soil, wet it down and then it is ready for business.

Choose a certain number of kernels from different parts of the ear and place in the corresponding check. After all the checks are filled, cover with a thin layer of sand, and set in a warm place. Always be careful to keep the flat moist.

In a few days the corn will sprout and you will be able to sort out your strong growing ears from the weak and dead ones.

Making the individual ear test is much better than shelling the corn and then making a composite test for several reasons. It is impossible to pick out the individual bad kernels, and you destroy your chance of finding and discarding the bad seed by shelling before testing. True, if you find your seed bad you can plant a little heavier than if all good, but this will cause many hills to be too thick while some will be too thin. The only good method is to make the individual ear test, because it is so simple and cheap that a child can do it. Let every one test his seed corn and so get an even break at the start.

Another point which I desire to call to the attention of the new corn growers, is the value of well-bred seed corn. There is scrub corn as well as scrub live stock, and every grower should increase his chances by using the very best. There are seed corn breeders in the corn belt that make a specialty of pure, high producing seed, and it will pay every corn grower to procure some of this specially-bred corn to grow his seed for the next year. I am in position to take orders for this corn, and so, if you will forward your order by mail, I will be able to make up a large order and get better rates than would be possible by each individual.

W. W. HOWARD,  
County Agriculturist.

For some moving picture films it is peculiarly fitting that they should be converted into explosive for use in war Stricken Europe. They would not have to be metamorphosed so much at that.

## BEAUTIFUL SPRING.

Rex Lampman in Oregon Journal. Boys are shouting—as they chatter along the streets—on roller skates. And girls trill at each other. —and laugh when they meet. —and are long in parting.

And old folks come out—to walk in the sun.

—and talk of springs agone. And I hear that wild flowers have been found.

And the frogs are tuning up—out at Oak Grove.

And yesterday—the sun came up in a glory of gold.

And smoke lifts slowly from the chimneys.

And there are a bunch of pussy-willows—cuddling their little gray faces—against the mistletoe. —that hangs above Nona Lawler's desk.

And from across the street—on the roof of the Unitarian church—comes the cooing of pigeons.

And the air touches your cheek with caressing fingers.

And Count Wallin doesn't kick—any more—against having the window open—in the local room.

And the street lamps—as dusk came down last night—seemed different—than before.

—as though a magician had come along—and touched them with enchantment.

And yesterday—I was in a high building—waiting for a man.

And when he came out—I had forgotten—what I wanted to see him for.

And across the street was an office building.

And the stenographers sat at their typewriters—with their fingers quiet on the keys.

And I don't know what they saw. —and perhaps they couldn't tell. But I think they were looking—far away—into some valley of dreams —as yet undiscovered—to the geographers.

And last night—going home—I saw a rivulet—hurrying down a hill-side.

—and it was white—and silver. —and sinous—like the arms of dancers.

And it sang a song—unto itself—about itself.

And perhaps—as Colonel Wood says—that song is sufficient.

And I know there is nothing—that may be said or sung—about the spring—that hasn't been said or sung already.

Solomon—and Sappho—and Chaucer—and Shakespeare—and Swinburne and Lowell.

—and all sweet singers—of all times—have sung their songs—about the spring.

But every year—about this time—when spring starts singing.

—and all her creatures waken—and make sweet sounds.

—I feel myself wanting to sing. And of course—I know what a joke a spring poet is—but—

LISTEN—If this weather keeps up—like it was yesterday—a little while longer—I think I'll have to write a spring song—myself.

## AVERILL HARRIMAN HERE LAST FRIDAY

Averill Harriman, the young railroad magnate, and wife arrived here from Arden, Ida., the summer residence of Mrs. E. H. Harriman, where they were on their honeymoon trip. Mr. Harriman was accompanied to Ontario by Oregon Short Line officials, including W. A. Whitney, general superintendent; A. B. Stevenson, division superintendent; E. C. Calvin, general manager; Carl Stradley, chief engineer; E. T. Adams consulting engineer. The party returned Friday from Riverside on a tour of inspection over the Oregon & Eastern preparatory to fixing the budget for the year. Mr. Harriman and wife left Friday for Portland and San Francisco.

Most of our Democratic exchanges seem to favor that proposed non-partizan tariff board, on condition that they all be "good Democrats".

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