

PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETS

Dr. Weese and P. J. Gallagher the Speakers.

The Ontario-Teachers Association held a very enthusiastic and instructive meeting in the auditorium of the high school building last Friday evening.

The room was well filled with parents, both men and women, who are taking a keen interest in the results accomplished thus far by the association.

The evening's program was started off by the boys' glee club of the high school. Their efforts were so well appreciated by the audience that they were called back for a second number.

This was followed by Dr. W. J. Weese in a forty minute lecture on Heredity and Eugenics which was both instructive and highly entertaining.

What I have to say is not based on any fine-spun theories dealing with hypothetical problems, but on the other hand, all is based on actual facts that have been gathered from family records, reports from public institutions, alms houses, statistics gathered for government use at Washington D. C. and from history.

Eugenics is the science of the improvement of the human race by better breeding. Eugenics has to do with the traits that are in the blood. The eugenic standpoint is that of the agriculturist who while recognizing the value of culture believes that permanent advancement is to be made only by securing the best blood so he selects the best ears of corn, the smoothest and best shaped potatoes. The stockman not only selects the best blood in animals but of these he again re-selects the choicest and weeds out the least desirable from among the herds and improves his race of horses, cattle or hogs.

Can the human race be so improved? Yes it can, but will it ever be so? It is hard to tell. But the purpose of the eugenic movement is not only to make better matches among sane and healthy people, but to prevent the marrying of individuals who are by their physical, mental or moral make up entirely unfit to marry. But some would say it would be a peculiar world that would not let a man or woman marry whomsoever they please. But mother would you want your daughter to marry a man who is a criminal, or a man who has mental derangement, or a man who is foul with disease? To prevent this is what the eugenist hopes to accomplish, for all of these traits in man or woman are inheritable and go to make a race weak mentally, morally and physically, and fill our state penitentiaries and reform schools, alms houses, insane asylums, schools of deaf dumb and blind. Who keeps these institutions going when it comes to upkeep and support? You do. This is not all, there are thousands and thousands of epileptics, imbeciles, cretins, and persons afflicted with diseases that should be segregated from the rest of society but who are cared for at home thrusting untold care on those around them, and who never reach our public institutions.

Going on with the need of eugenics. Nearly 2 1/2 million of children

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RAILROAD ENGINEERS ARE ENTERTAINED

Mr. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Dick, Dr. and Mrs. Hedges, and eight young engineers working on the railroad at Riverside accepted Dr. and Mrs. Prinsing's invitation to the Leap Year dance Friday evening. Preceding the dance they were all guests of Mr. Young at an elaborate dinner at the Moore Hotel. They all went back to Riverside proclaiming the Ontario ladies as royal hostesses.

Showing the depressing effects of the war, England is said to be taking up chess as a society game.

Adequate national defense is the best peace measure.

E. M. KIRKPATRICK DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Well Known Parma Business Man Dies in California.

Parma, Idaho—A telegram was received here Friday from M. B. Gwin at Monrovia, Cal., announcing the death there of E. M. Kirkpatrick, one of the leading business men of Parma, on Friday morning. Acute bronchitis is given as the cause of his death.

The telegram stated that Mrs. Gwin would accompany Mrs. Kirkpatrick with the body, but they could not leave Monrovia before Sunday. The funeral will be held at Parma.

Mr. Kirkpatrick went to California a year ago for his health. He was one of the active business factors of this community and at the time of his death was president of the Parma State bank.

COLONEL SLOCUM



Col. Herbert J. Slocum, commander of the troops at Columbus, N. M., which were attacked by Villa.

THE GOOD WILL CLUB IS ENTERTAINED

The Good Will club was entertained by Mrs. J. A. Draper, Mrs. Miles Riley and Mrs. D. B. Parcell at the home of Mrs. Draper Saturday, March 25.

Mrs. Dr. Pogue read a paper on the biography of Whittier calling on Mrs. Glenn for a reading from "Snow Bound," Mrs. Boyd, "Maud Muller," Mrs. Hill, "A Winter's Evening," Mrs. Welch, "Playmates" and Mrs. Draper, "Barefoot Boy." Other members present responded with a quotation from the same author.

The next meeting will be with the Mesdames Ben and Adrian Rutherford, with Mrs. Ben Rutherford as hostess, April 8th.

ANOTHER BUNCH OF PROFITABLE HOGS

Eighteen Head Seven Months Old Average 227 Pounds Each

That it pays to raise pure bred hogs (or any other animal, for that matter,) was emphatically demonstrated Saturday, when J. W. Tyler sold to Henry Goul 18 head of pedigree Poland Chinas, 7 months old, that averaged 227 1/2 pounds each. They brought the top price, 8 cents a pound, and totaled \$328 for the bunch. They were shipped to the Portland market and were the finest lot of hogs ever received here.

The hogs were raised by Mr. Tyler himself and were aristocrats. Their parents are of royal lineage, and the offspring sold were perfect specimens of the Poland China type. No special care or feed was given the porkers. They netted Mr. Tyler \$25 a month since they were born.

Mr. Tyler has one of the best herds of Poland Chinas in the state. He has recently added a boar and a sow pig, each of which cost him \$150.—Emmett Index.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATE CANDIDATES

Bishop Riley Gives the Principal Address.

Approximately 100 Knights of Columbus met here last Sunday to take part in or witness the conferring of degrees for Snake River Valley Council. The Boise and LaGrande Councils sent large delegations. Following the services in the church where the congregation was addressed by the Right Rev. Bishop O'Reilly the initiation ceremonies were held in the I. O. O. F. Hall. The first degree was put on by a team from Baker, while members of the Boise Council had charge of the second. LaGrande's famous aggregation ably assisted District Deputy J. H. Peare in the conferring of the third degree. At the close of the ceremonies a splendid banquet was served to all the assembled members and guests, and the Catholic ladies are to be congratulated for the excellence of the repast and more still for their generous hospitality. Bishop O'Reilly was the guest of honor and principal speaker for the occasion. The Bishop was visibly amazed and even more than usually enthusiastic at the splendid gathering that greeted him. The large assembly put him in a reminiscent mood as with it he compared the score of Catholics whom he found in Ontario some 8 or 9 years ago when he himself acted as Pastor and held divine service in the parlor of the Ontario hotel. In a stirring speech that held his listeners spellbound he inculcated upon them the basic principles of the Order of Knights of Columbus: God and Country. A rousing applause testified to the sympathy of the audience with these noble sentiments. The other speakers at the banquet were J. J. McCue, Grand Knight of Boise Council, Wm. A. Barrett of Albany, State Deputy for Oregon and the Rev. H. A. Campo, Pastor of Ontario. Their remarks on various topics also struck responsive chords and were heartily cheered. After the banquet a social gathering was held at which numerous speeches were heard and the various features of the day's festivities contributed to make it the most successful of the three similar functions held in our town.

NIGHT WATCHMAN GOES ON RAMPAGE

On Saturday morning Walter Burgess got out of his head and raised a rough house. He went into one of the China restaurants and broke up things. When taken home he got riled again and broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rose, where he encountered Mr. Cook and gave him several hard blows. A doctor was called and medicine administered. Walter has little to say for himself except that he is full of apology for his rash acts. He was taken before City recorder Stearns and fined fifty dollars for his conduct. Later he was placed under arrest and charged with assaulting Mr. Cook, for which Judge King assessed a fine of ten dollars and costs. Then he was charged with breaking into the Rose home and bound over to the grand jury. He was dismissed by the city authorities, although it is generally admitted that he was a splendid night man during the three years he has been on the job.

THE TELEGRAPHERS MEET IN BOISE

The Western Union Telegraph Co. held a meeting of the managers of the different stations of Payette, Weiser, Caldwell, Nampa and Ontario at Boise last Sunday, and discussed the various phases of the Telegraphers' trade. The meeting was purely an educational affair and Mr. Treadwell, the local representative reports that many things were learned by the operators present to increase their efficiency in the work.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO BE ORGANIZED

Increased Interest Shown in Dairy Business.

The testing association has not secured a man to look after the testing of the cows for them, but expect to hear from one in a few days.

There is an increased interest in dairying in this section. The Nyssa cheese factory is making good money for the men who are sending milk to it and the same is the conditions attending the Payette butter plant. Farmers who have always opposed the keeping of cows are beginning to realize that a little cash coming in every month is a very good thing. Also that it is quite a convenience to have a market where all the milk can be marketed every day for cash. Several newcomers are cow men and their influence will be felt by the old timers.

Mr. Howard is devoting his attention these days to the Malheur drainage district, getting the owners of lands under the ditches to sign up their lands. He finds it requires a lot of time and talk to get some of the owners to see the advantage of having the surplus waters taken care of. The estimate of the cost is from \$12 down, according to the benefit derived. Mr. Howard says it will be possible, when the system is installed to reclaim even the worst alkali lands in the district, because there is ample fall to run off the excess water. Many of the farmers who own lands that are still able to handle all the water do not realize that it is simply a question of time when their lands will be water logged, if drainage is not provided. The water level is gradually rising and will eventually reach over the danger line. It is a whole lot better to provide the drainage in time to save the land, rather than wait and lose the use of the lands for a time, until they are reclaimed. To one who has seen the water level gradually come up, it seems strange that any owner of lands under a ditch will hesitate to provide drainage, now that an opportunity is afforded.

WILLARD RETAINS THE PREMIERSHIP

New York.—Jess Willard, 227 1/2 weight champion of the world, easily outpointed Frank Moran in a 10-round bout here. Willard had the better of points in every round except the third, which went to Moran by a narrow margin, and the eighth and ninth, which were even.

The conqueror of Jack Johnson declared he had broken all the bones in the back of his right hand during a smashing rally in the third round, and it was noticeable that he did not use his right to any extent in the later rounds. Occasionally he uppercuted Moran's body and jaw with that hand, but it lacked the punishing power shown in his training work.

The chief feature of Moran's battle was his gameness. Although he could make no impression on Willard with his hardest swings, he fought steadily and courageously under a hail of left jabs and hooks which battered his face and almost closed his left eye toward the end of the bout.

BOISE AGITATORS HAVE ANOTHER FIT

Boise, Idaho.—At an indignation mass meeting, held here under the auspices of the Boise Municipal league a movement was inaugurated to recall Mayor J. W. Robinson, because of alleged failure to keep his pledge to the people in the matter of law enforcement and his handling of the police department.

We presume that they call him Marsee Hen. Because he's the Nestor of American Journalism.

HIGH PRICE IS PAID FOR CROP OF WOOL

Butterfield Livestock Company Sells 26,000 Pounds Today for Practically 80 Cents.

The first clip of wool to be sold this season in Weiser was purchased Monday of the Butterfield Livestock company by a Boston firm for practically 80 cents per pound. In the wool, all of which was coarse, was the product of all aged sheep, that is it was not confined to a yearling clip. This price is right at the top price paid anywhere this season and in all 26,000 pounds was purchased. There were representatives of four different companies here this morning.—Signal.

MINISTERS TO CHILE



Joseph H. Shea, the Indiana Minister to Chile.

O. A. C. HEN LAYS 1000 EGGS IN FIVE YEARS

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., March 27.—Oregon, a White Leghorn O. A. C. Station hen, has laid her thousandth egg. This month of laying is the greatest long distance trap-nest record known to the world. The eggs were all laid in the trap-nest from which they were taken and official record made.

The thousandth egg was laid in her fifth year of laying. In the first four years the hen laid 987 eggs. She had but thirteen more to lay in order to get into the 1000-egg rank, which she has now laid.

Oregonia is the ancestor of the pen of fowls that won the laying competition at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Only a few years ago it was believed that the domestic hen could lay no more than 600 eggs in a lifetime.

JUNTURA PEOPLE THINK TAXES HIGH

William Jones blew in from Juntura Monday, returning home Tuesday morning. Mr. Jones says things are good in his section and the people would be happy if it was not for the taxes. They are a fright. We asked him about the range and he stated that the grass was getting good, but the taxes are just eating us up. He stated that the railroad building was going along day and night, but about all the people talked was the amount of their taxes and what became of the money. Why do you know they reduced the value of sheep and increased it on every thing else in the county? That is certainly high handed, even for a sheep man. We made several more leads at him but he was too full of taxes to talk or think about anything else, but he seemed to think that it was about time to call a halt on the expense of conducting the county business, that the limit had been reached and then some.

IDANHA ORCHARD TO HAVE PRUNE DRYER

Large Packing Establishment at Nyssa.

John J. Cancelmo, manager of the Idanha orchard, the largest prune orchard in the northwest, announces that he will build in Nyssa this season a large building, 75x100 feet in size, which will be used as the packing department of the great prune drier built at the orchard here last year at a cost of \$15,000. This drier is the largest and best equipped plant of its kind west of the Rocky mountains. The space in the drier now used for the packing department is needed for conducting the important work of drying the prunes. All the machinery in the packing department will be removed from the big drier to the new building in town when completed.

Joseph Cancelmo of Philadelphia, father of Manager John J. Cancelmo, is the sole owner of the Idanha orchard and prune drier here. He is a wealthy wholesale fruit dealer in Philadelphia. He will come to Nyssa in May to select and buy a site here for the large packing house to be built this summer.

11,500 Bearing Prune Trees.

The Idanha orchard covers 120 acres, three miles northwest of Nyssa. One hundred and fifteen acres of it is planted solidly to prunes, most of the Italian variety. Last year there were 7000 bearing prune trees in the orchard. This year there will be 11,500 prune trees in bearing condition. There are 5500 additional prune trees in the orchard, two and three years old, that will come into bearing next year and the year following. Manager Cancelmo spoke of the necessity of building an addition to the present drier within another year in order to be able to properly handle the large additional prune tonnage when these younger trees come into bearing.

2,500,000 Pounds of Prunes.

The total tonnage last year from the 7000 bearing trees was 1,900,000 pounds of ripe prunes. Mr. Cancelmo estimates the tonnage of ripe prunes this year at 2,500,000 pounds from the 11,500 trees that are in bearing this season. He stated the outlook at present is excellent for a good crop.

Last year there were shipped to the eastern market four carloads of ripe prunes from the Idanha orchard. The rest of the prune crop from this orchard was run through the great drier, the total output being 257 tons, or 574,000 pounds of dried prunes. They were pronounced by experts to have been the finest dried prunes that ever were packed in the west. The entire output of this plant was disposed of before Nov. 15. The dried fruit was shipped in carload lots to Chicago, Buffalo, Philadelphia and New York. This prune drier is ideally arranged and equipped. Good prices for the dried product were obtained, as the demand for this product was away beyond the supply from this drier last year.

A crew of men is now at work pruning and spraying the trees in the orchard. The orchard is being beautified this year by giving it a general cleaning up, fixing up the roads painting the buildings and fences, etc.

THE HIGH TAXES HIT WESTFALL MAN

Charles Becker was here Saturday and seemed much interested in the tax situation. He could not understand how the assessor could place one value on property and collect taxes on that valuation as was done last spring with the personal taxes where no real estate was held, and then the board of equalization raise this value fifty per cent on some stuff and lower it on others without violating the law. He said he could not understand why the valuation on sheep should be reduced with wool and sheep bringing present prices and cited where a band of 1200 had sold for thirteen thousand dollars.