

BOYS CATCH A BIG OTTER WITH LINE

Herbert and Roscoe Hedge and Morty Scott, inspired by the fine catch of a 300-pound sturgeon by Charles Purdy last Wednesday, put out a line the first of the week in the lower Snake river. Using for bait one of the most populous inhabitants of Idaho, the ever present jack rabbit, they were optimistic on the landing of a sturgeon within a few days, but were more than surprised to find a valuable otter the victim of the bait, Tuesday morning. The animal which was five and one half feet in length, was taken to the home of the Hedge brothers and skinned, the hide being worth \$25 or \$30.—Parma Review.

GOOD WILL CLUB DECORATION DAY

The Good Will Club entertained its children at the home of Mrs. Pogue Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Maud Glen entertained the children for a half hour with the story of the death and resurrection of our Saviour. Quotations from the Bible were given in response to roll call. Colored eggs were hidden on the lawn and the children enjoyed hunting them. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be a Kensington held at the residence of Mrs. Dell Stoner. Decoration Day will be observed. The Good Will Club is asking the Woman's Club, the W. C. T. U. and the different Ladies' Aids to help in arranging an appropriate program for the day, which will be published as soon as arranged.

THE SOFT CORN A HEAVY LOSER

Chicago, April 17.—A loss of many millions of dollars in corn is threatening the farmers of the northern corn belt, comprising the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota and portions of Nebraska and Kansas, according to reports that are current at the board of trade. Millions of acres of corn which failed to ripen properly because of the wet weather of the summer were nipped by the frost before hardening. The corn remained in a soft condition through the winter and now the impending warm weather threatens to ruin it before it can be shipped to market. "The condition of the corn is such that the first real warm weather will make it rot. Very little of that coming in from the Northern corn belt even now is good grade. The price ranged from 26 cents to 55 cents a bushel, due to the varying conditions of the shipments. "The farmers themselves are having to bear the liability of loss, because the local dealers generally won't accept the chance of loss. Instead of buying the grain and shipping it themselves as usual, the dealers are merely acting as agents for the farmers."

PAYETTE CHILD HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Payette, April 26.—Fire which destroyed the residence owned by J. C. Moore and at the time occupied by the T. A. White family, at the corner of First avenue south and Sixteenth street came dangerously near claiming a victim yesterday. The members of the family were down stairs eating breakfast and when the fire was discovered they rushed upstairs to the room where little Ivan was sleeping. Fire originating from a defective flue had gained considerable headway, and they found the room a mass of flames. The bed clothing was burning, having caught from the wall paper. The room was filled with stifling smoke and it was with no little difficulty that they carried the child from danger.

MONSTER STURGEON CAUGHT IN SNAKE

Charles Purdy Makes Annual Spring Catch of Ten-Foot Fish. The first sturgeon of the season was caught last Wednesday by Charles Purdy in the Snake river near his ranch. It was the first one landed this season and is a monster specimen, being about ten feet long and weighing nearly 300 pounds. Many went out from Parma to view the catch.—Parma Review.

GROVER SHIPPING HOGS, GOOD PRICES

Mr. Grover shipped three cars of hogs to Portland, getting them on the Monday market. He paid eight cents for them, and believes the price is going to be better soon. He says while some cleaned up on their hogs pretty close that many are going to raise hogs this season as the prices are very attractive. If hogs are prepared for the spring market they almost always bring a good price.

Robert Marvan, a sheep herder in the employ of Andy Little, was found in the sagebrush on Big Willow creek Sunday morning with his brains oozing from an ugly wound in his head, caused by the explosion of a musket.—Emmett Index.

RAILROAD ENGINEERS WORKING IN YARDS

Two cars of steel have been delivered for the railroad bridge over the Malheur near Mallett. The railroad engineers are working in the yards here getting ready for the changes to be made in the tracks. There will have to be a lot of filling for the 1000 foot extension of the passing track to the east and also of some of the others.

The funeral of Mrs. A. B. McPherson will be held from the Baptist church at 2 p. m. Friday. Rev. Smock will make the address.

THE REGISTRATION OF THE COUNTY

Following is the registration for the county:

Precinct	Rep.	Dem.	Scatt.
Riverside	43	15	5
North Vale	110	49	
Harper	23	10	
Juniper	31	17	
Basin	42	21	54
Jones	16	1	
Juntura	59	5	
Malheur	59	40	2
Beulah	15	8	2
Rome	18	10	2
Cairo	138	91	13
Ontario No. 1	68	66	11
Arcadia	81	67	9
Grange	128	65	19
Westfall	46	11	2
Bully	56	30	5
South Vale	149	51	5
Nyssa	126	74	4
Bonita	43	26	6
Jamieson	55	30	
Jordan Valley	42	16	2
Snake River	121	78	100
Owyhee	54	23	5
Watson	41	20	1
Ironsides	53	37	3
Ontario No. 3	160	84	7
Ontario No. 2	187	125	17
Rockville	13	7	1
Crowley	35	23	5
Skullsprings	3		
McDermitt	none		
Cord	31	7	1
Brogan	43	22	13
Fair	161	66	13
Big Bend	54	45	8
	2304	1253	315

Total registration for primary, 3873.
Total Progressives 35, Prohi. 41, Socialists 157, Independent 45, none 37.

ONTARIO WINS THE BIG INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET

Baker Man Star of the Meet Winning Nineteen Points.

The interscholastic track meet last Friday drew a goodly crowd from Boise with the fine high school band, and the other towns invited also sent along their best track men. Baker sent one man and he proved the individual winner of the meet, taking 19 points, in seven events. Koenig was the star for Ontario, winning 18 points in four events. The Ontario school team won the most points, 52½, while Boise was second with 50½ and Baker third with 19. The meet was a great success and showed the Ontario boys where they stand in comparison with other schools. The events and winners were as follows: Fifty-yard dash—Francis of Baker, first; Koenig of Ontario, second; Pyper of Boise, third. Time 5.4. Hundred yard dash—Koenig of Ontario, first; Pyper of Boise, second; Francis of Baker, third. Time, 10.1. Two-hundred-yard dash—Koenig of Ontario, first; Packenham of Boise, second; Glimp of Boise, third. Time, 54.2. Four-hundred yard race—Koenig of Ontario, first; Van Petten of Ontario, second; Brown of Ontario, third. Time, 54.2. Eight-hundred yard race—Van Pet-

THE TAXPAYERS HAVE ORGANIZED STATE LEAGUE

A meeting was held in Salem last week and a state tax payers' league was organized and the following officers elected: President, Walter Pierce, Union County. First vice-president, C. L. Hawley, Polk County. Second vice-president, J. A. Westlund, Jackson County. Third vice-president, A. M. La Follette, Marion County. Secretary-treasurer, Robert E. Smith, Douglas County. Thirty two of the 35 counties of the state were represented showing that all the people of Oregon realize that it is time to try and remedy some of the evils of taxes. It was shown that industrial enterprises were kept out of the state by the high taxes and that the taxes of Oregon are higher per capita than in almost any other of the states. Many suggestions were made as to how the expenses should be cut, but nothing definite was decided upon beyond having a lobby at the next meeting of the legislature to look after the interests of the tax payers. One of the instructive and enlightening addresses of the day was that of Henry E. Reed, Assessor of Multnomah County, who quoted some figures to emphasize the rapid advance in the Oregon tax rate in recent years. Increase of Taxes Shown. "State and local taxation and the public debt have increased at a remarkable rate in Oregon the past few years," he said. "In the 10 years ending with 1915, total levies of 'ad valorem' taxes for all purposes in this state amounted to a little over \$142,000,000. According to a recent publication of the Federal Census Bureau, the per capita levy in Oregon in 1902 was \$11.43. "In 1915, based on the assessed valuation for that year, and accepting the Government's estimated population of 756,988 to be correct, the per capita tax was nearly \$30.50. The highest per capita levy in the United States in 1912, as shown by the Federal tax compilation, was reported by Montana and amounted to \$26.83. It will thus be seen that 'ad valorem' taxation has reached a high level in this state. Oregon's banner year for levies was 1914, taking the roll of the previous year as the tax base. The total was \$23,083,000 which was distributed to the following accounts: State purposes, 18 per cent; cities and towns, 16.8 per cent; counties, schools, roads and all other local purposes, 65.2 per cent. The amount applied to state purposes includes the maintenance of the State University, the Agricultural College, Monmouth Normal School and a levy of over \$238,000 for the state road fund. "Public indebtedness has bounded upward quite as steadily and imperceptibly as the tax levy."

APPLE CROP HAS NOT BEEN UNLOADED

Washington, April 21, 1916. Much of the 1915 apple crop has not been sold, said a statement issued today by the department of agriculture, which also declared the condition of the apple market was giving growers and dealers grave concern. Thirty per cent of the apples put in cold storage by December 1, 1915, it is said, are still waiting to be consumed. A backward spring alone, the department explained, can start a free movement of the remainder of the crop.

LEADING DRAMAS AT DREAMLAND

At the Dreamland Saturday, April 29, Myrtle Stedman in "Wild Olive" will be featured. The scene is laid in South America and is considered one of the most thrilling dramas in the screen world. "Lady Audley's Secret," with Theda Bara in the leading role will be presented Monday, May 1. All are familiar with this society drama by Miss M. E. Braddon. The play forms one of the most dramatic climaxes ever thrown on the screen and affords Theda Bara, the famous vampire woman, full scope for her wonderful powers of dramatic and emotional expression. Wednesday, May 3, the Charles Frohman company presents John Barrymore in the celebrated adventurous romance "The Dictator," by Richard Harding Davis. Produced in Cuba, the film version of "The Dictator" adheres in atmospheric detail to all the requirements of the unusual story, while John Barrymore's personal success cannot be exaggerated.

BIG SALE OF NITRATE BEDS

D. J. Nottingham, was here from Watson Wednesday and reported the sale of the large deposits of nitrates around that section. About thirty sections, covering the deposit was in the deal. Much of the deposit is high grade.

THE PROSPECTS FOR PROVISION MARKET

In commenting on the provision situation, the Chicago Livestock World says: Europe is taking large quantities of cured meats and would take more if steamboat space was available. In February 63,589,000 pounds of bacon were exported, against 37,171,000 pounds a year ago. Also 34,500,000 pounds of hams and shoulders went abroad, against 18,227,000 pounds during the same month last year. During the eight months ending with February, 383,445,000 pounds of bacon were exported, against 160,295,000 pounds the previous year. These figures talk. Domestic consumption of both fresh and cured pork is urgent and large.

WOOL MEN ARE GETTING BIG MONEY

Weiser, Apr. 26.—The Denbrac Sheep company sold 10,000 fleeces of wool, 80,000 pounds in all, to a Boston firm at 25 cents per pound. It is range wool, part coarse and part fine. H. McHand of Weiser sold 6000 fleeces, about 48,000 pounds in all, to the same Boston firm for 25 cents per pound. It is range wool, part coarse and part fine wool. The Butterfield Livestock company of Weiser sold one car load containing 28,000 pounds of early wool at 29½ cents per pound. This wool was sold to a Boston firm. H. McHand of Weiser this week sold to George Birtwistle of Arling in Long Valley, 1200 ewes at \$19.50 per head cash, or \$12,600.

A. W. GOWAN VISITS MALHEUR COUNTY

A. W. Gowan, of Burns, who is a candidate for the republican nomination of joint senator from Harney, Grant and Malheur counties, was here today shaking hands with old time friends and meeting new people. The Captain is strong on education, irrigation, rural credits and the other movements of progress. He has been in the district many years, has seen the sagebrush disappear and the alfalfa fields and orchards take their places; the large herds of cattle, horses and sheep gradually driven back until there is no place left for them, the settlers reclaiming the lands and making homes for thousands of new comers. In the Harney country the crop prospects this year are the best they have ever been and the acreage in grain is much greater than ever before.

TWO AUTOS COME TOGETHER HEAD ON

Earnest Adams was in Ontario Wednesday morning for Mrs. Atherton and when returning with Roger Atherton also in the car with him he was met by a car near Mallett, driven by Elmer Dory. The Dory car being light was badly wrecked and the load distributed on the ground, while the Adams car had the front ax sprung and the frame twisted. None of the passengers were injured. The road is open where the accident occurred and the railroad boys say they were trying to pass on a single track, and the block signals did not work.

A TAX PAYER FROM JORDAN VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kohout and daughter came over from Jordan Valley the first of the week. Mr. Kohout is on the jury list. Mr. Kohout is quite prominent in the Tax Payers league recently organized at Jordan Valley. He says the people of his section did not get anything like a square deal from the assessor last year and that they are going to keep busy from this time and try and find out where some of the county money goes and also if it is not possible to get an equitable assessment of the property of the county. Many of the officials have never visited that section of the county and have no idea that anyone lives there or that anything is raised there. The grain raised in that section is the best produced in the county and the farmers are entitled to the same encouragement as the farmers of the other sections of the county, as they are paying more than their share of the county expenses.

LARGE HERD OF THOROUGHBREDS

Caldwell—President H. W. Dorman of the Caldwell Cattle company has just returned from Succor Creek, Ore., where he purchased the entire herd of 200 fine Shorthorns belonging to Lloyd Harden. This was rated as one of the largest herds of pure bred and high grade cattle of the breed in eastern Oregon. From a comparatively small beginning, Mr. Harden had in five years developed this large herd. Five years ago he purchased from H. L. Cortner of Payette and Robert McGuire of Lower Boise 23 head of cows and heifers and one bull. These he placed on his Succor creek ranch, where they have since remained under fence. By using only purebred males and retaining all the females produced, he realized an increase of 110 head of purebred females. Last year he purchased additions to the herd with the idea of sending the entire bunch to the range. On changing his plans, he sold the bunch to the Caldwell company, which will distribute the blooded beef and milk producers to ranchers who wish to get a start in the cattle business.

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