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ENTRIES COMING FOR FIRST POULTRY SHOW

MANY PRIZE WINNING BIRDS TO BE SEEN IN ONTARIO NEXT WEEK WHEN PETS OF FEATHER TRIBE GATHER.

RANCHERS MANIFEST INTEREST

Owing to Rush of Christmas Season No Premium List Prepared, but Prizes will be Announced at Show.

Interest among poultry raisers is increasing in the poultry show to be given in Ontario next week. All ready ranchers and bird fanciers from around the country have signified their intention of entering their best birds so that a fine collection will be seen.

Owing to the rush of the Christmas season and the late start which the local committee made, no elaborate premium list is being prepared. The first show is more or less of an experiment, the principal object being to determine the extent of the local interest and to make the show a means of forming a permanent organization which can proceed with a bigger show each year in the future.

Before the show takes place the committee will arrange for the prizes and these will be announced and posted at the show when it starts January 4. The association will charge a nominal entry fee of ten cents for each bird and the admission to the show will also be 10 cents.

Entry blanks may also be secured at The Argus office or at the Ontario Produce company or the Oregon Packing company. An innovation which will meet with the approval of poultry raisers will be the special prize for the most practical appliance, such as water fountain, feed hoppers, gates, latches or other device of benefit to the novice or experienced grower.

Among the feature exhibits will be the pea fowls of A. C. Lockhart of Jamieson, and Max Mueller's wide varieties of pheasants, and Al Herren of Jamieson will exhibit his big bronze turkey, which won the prize at the Missouri state fair. This bird was declared one of the most perfect turkeys ever exhibited.

The Boise valley will be represented by an exhibit owned by Mrs. N. Silversmith, secretary of the Boise association. Pat O'Connor of Crane will send an exhibit of Pekin ducks, imported from Ireland, the largest of the species to be found in the west. These and many other exhibitors, too numerous to mention will be shown and if Ontario is to take many prizes it is up to the local exhibitors to fill the coops in quality and quantity.

PIONEER COMES TO VISIT SON AND IS TAKEN ILL.

F. L. Sheets was accompanied on his return Wednesday from a visit to Joseph, by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sheets, who are pioneers in this part of Oregon. The elder Mr. Sheets came here in 1864 and in the early days established a blacksmith shop at La Grande where he shod the oxen which dragged the freight wagons from Umatilla landing to Baker.

The trip from Joseph to Ontario evidently was a severe test for the pioneer blacksmith for on Thursday morning he was taken ill and his plan of proceeding from Ontario to Gooding, Idaho, for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. S. O. Gates has been indefinitely postponed.

SISTERS GAVE TREE

Among the pretty Christmas trees in the city Christmas day was that of the Dominican Sisters at the hospital. Beside having many beautiful gifts to present friends the Sister gave a beautiful program which was decidedly well received by those present.

The O. S. L. paint car arrived here this week to perform some service on company buildings. The first job done was that on the residence recently prepared for the occupancy of Roadmaster Feeney. The station will also be given a coat of interior decoration while the crew is here.

COAL SITUATION IS BECOMING SERIOUS

ONTARIO HAD EIGHT CARS THIS MONTH BUT STILL MANY FAMILIES ARE SHOR OF FUEL.

ONE CAR ARRIVES THIS WEEK

No Coal Coming Now from Utah Mines—Denver & Rio Grand Places Embargo on Empty Cars.

While Ontario has had few scares during the past few months over the coal situation the condition of many families became serious this week. The situation was relieved somewhat today by the arrival of one carload for the Van Petten Lumber company which was parceled out in half ton lots to those out of coal.

One of the causes of the coal shortage is the embargo which the Denver & Rio Grand railroad has placed on empty cars from the Oregon Short Line. This embargo went into effect December 22 and is effective until December 30.

The mines in the Rocksprings district alone are supplying the coal for Idaho and Eastern Oregon and the Oregon Short Line has placed an embargo on shipments of all kinds, save coal and live stock, for the present. When these two commodities have been moved in sufficient volume to take care of the immediate needs other shipments will go forward. An idea of the seriousness of the situation may be gained from the fact that the operation of the railroad is threatened due to the lack of coal for motive power. Steps are being taken to relieve this threatened danger so that within a few days the situation should be improved.

WORRIES CEASE FOR RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

Month's Salary Given Men Receiving Less than \$150 per Month and all under \$4,000 per Year Get Protection.

One of the handsome Christmas gifts of the season was that made by the Union Pacific system to its employees, wherein those whose monthly pay check is less than \$150 per month receive a month's extra pay and all receiving less than \$4000 are placed under the provisions of a pension and insurance system.

While the men appreciate the extra month's pay, the idea that their families are protected in cases of accident, illness or death is giving the greatest joy. Over thirty families in Ontario come within the provisions of the gift.

MASONIC BODIES NAME OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

At the regular meeting last Thursday evening Acacia lodge No. 118 A. F. & A. M. elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: E. G. Bailey, W. M.; M. E. Newton, S. W.; Clinton Trow, J. W.; Joe Sholes, S. D.; Frank Weaver, J. D.; Ralph Dunbar, S. S.; Emory Hill, J. S.; R. S. Rutherford, Tyler; Dan Purcell, Marshal; E. A. Fraser, Treasurer and D. P. Dearborn, Secretary.

Zadoc Chapter No. 34 R. A. M. elected the following officers: Dan Purcell, High Priest; E. A. Fraser, King; John H. Denison, Scribe; W. W. Letson, Treasurer; D. P. Dearborn, Secretary; John Weaver, Captain of the Host; Con Ryan, Principal Sojourner; J. W. McCulloch, Master of the First Veil; E. G. Bailey, Master of the Second Veil; Dr. H. H. Whitney, Master of the Third Veil; W. F. Homan, Royal Arch Captain; R. S. Rutherford, Sentinel.

After having served for three years as a jackie on Uncle Sam's men-of-war, Ed Sequine is home again with his parents.

What is Ontario's Greatest Need, in Your Opinion?

Packing Plant is Business Man's Opinion

An Ontario business man, who has ideas but wanted the Editor to write them has this to say concerning Ontario's Greatest Need:

"Ontario should have a meat packing plant. This would not only serve to give the city a payroll but it would prevent a useless economic waste for this entire section.

"Now we raise meat here, cattle, sheep and hogs. We ship them to Middle Western packing plants and then turn around and buy back, hams, bacon, dried and corned beef. Why should we have to pay freight two ways on the bacon and hams we eat? Why should not these things be made here?

"There is plenty of beef and pork as well as sheep raised in this section to keep a packing plant busy and beside furnishing a market for the stockmen it would furnish employment for labor here. It would make a payroll and it would develop a real big industry.

"It would add a whistle to Ontario and a few whistles with the pay rolls that go with them would make Ontario the city she will never be without them.

"What Ontario needs is a pay roll, and a meat packing plant would create one."

Editor's Note: Many readers have mentioned with interest the ideas expressed by others in this column. You may not agree with them, or you may have a better suggestion; or better still you may have the idea which will result in translating these suggestions into realities. If you think you can, write us about it.

Does It Pay to Farm on Malheur County Lands?

If you do not think so read what different ranchers in this vicinity have done during the past season. If you have a record of which you are proud let the Argus tell the story—

THIS MAN NETTED \$6,000 in FOUR YEARS

Give us the facts and we will prepare the story.

Harry Brown, who for the past four years has lived half way between Ontario and Vale recently purchased a farm of his own and paid \$3500 in cash on his purchase.

Four years ago Mr. Brown went onto his rented farm, without a cent of capital. During this short time he has and after paying \$3,500 on the purchase of a farm had a neat sum left as working capital. Besides making a good living he estimates that he cleared up \$6,000 in cash. This is substantial evidence of what an irrigated Malheur county farm can do.

What does your record show?



Marguerite Clark in "Out of the Drifts," Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

DIRECTORS NAMED MAY NOT QUALIFY

WANT EXPRESSION OF ATTITUDE FROM BUSINESS MEN OF ONTARIO BEFORE TAKING OFFICE.

FEW STOCKHOLDERS ATTEND

Situation to be Presented to Commercial Club at its Next Meeting for Action.

With but a few members present the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Malheur County Agricultural association was held at the city hall last Saturday afternoon. Following the reading of the secretary's report and a general discussion of the situation the following directors were elected: H. C. Boyer, W. W. Letson, Thomas Brosnan.

These directors did not qualify at once and may not qualify unless assured the united support of the business men of Ontario for the fair.

To get an expression of opinion from the business men the matter of further support for the fair will be presented to the Commercial club at its January meeting.

HIRSH NOTES.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hill on Thursday a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. Albersson whose home is in Harney county, 150 miles south of Burns. While enroute to Ontario three weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Albersson were the victims of an auto accident between here and Vale, in which, fortunately neither was hurt.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Mushlitz Thursday.

MAN BROUGHT HERE WITH BACK BROKEN

Henry Wiseman, a Rancher Near Weiser Suffers from Peculiar Accident—Is Beyond Surgical Aid.

Suffering from the results of an injury received by being hit with a bucket dropped upon him while he was digging a well, Henry Wiseman a rancher living near Weiser was brought to Ontario last Friday for an X-ray examination by Drs. Prinzing and Weese which showed that the fourth dorsal vertebrae of his back was pushed to one side and twisted on its axis so that it destroyed the use of the spinal cord for feeling or movement below the dislocation.

The injured man was taken to the hospital Saturday and removed to his home Sunday. Dr. Anderson, of Weiser, whose patient he was, and Dr. Stewart of Boise after consultation with the local surgeons determined that surgical aid could not save him.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT CALDWELL MONDAY

A. W. Porter who for years was a resident of Ontario and while here was proprietor of the Ontario Pharmacy died at his home in Caldwell on Christmas day following a long illness. Mr. Porter was well known in Ontario, especially by the older residents. He left here 13 years ago to engage in the drug business in Caldwell. He is survived by his wife and two children.

SHEPHERDER RUNS AMUCK.

John Britfus a shepherd from above Vale ran amuck last week and was apprehended by county authorities and held at the county jail until Roy McAfee, traveling guard from the Pendleton Insane Hospital arrived last Saturday to take him to the asylum. Between trains Mr. McAfee held his man in the local jail.

ZERO WEATHER COMES FOLLOWED BY SNOWS

ALL INTERMOUNTAIN REGION HAS CHILLY CHRISTMAS FOLLOWED OR ACCOMPANIED BY SNOW STORMS.

THRU TRAINS BADLY DELAYED

No. 19 of Today is Annulled and Stub Train Operates in its Place. Trains Stalled in Wyoming.

Ontario did not receive its share of eastern mail today and may not get any tomorrow. All trains from the east are snow bound near Laramie, Wyoming, and when they will be thru is not known now.

Along with the region between the Cascades and the Mississippi river the Snake river valley suffered the coldest weather of the year during the past week. On Wednesday morning the thermometer approached the zero mark, and this combined with the coal shortage gave the residents of the city something to think about, especially those who suffered from frozen water pipes.

To care for local travel the railroad ran a stub No. 19 from Green River, Wyoming, and this was running away behind the regular schedule so that the west bound trains are uncertain. From the west the trains were delayed somewhat due to snows in the Blue Mountains.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS

Paul Butterweck of Parma was in town Tuesday.

Attorney J. W. McCulloch was a Vale business visitor today.

Evert Staples came home to spend Christmas with his parents.

The Tuesday Bridge club met this week with Mrs. Frank Rader.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Benson spent Christmas with friends in Nampa.

Mrs. Jacob Prinzing was hostess this week for the Wednesday Bridge club.

Mrs. E. C. Van Petten has cards out for a bridge party Friday afternoon.

A. E. Brown of Venator came to Ontario to spend Christmas with friends.

Miss Gladys Emlson visited her uncle Judge Rice at Caldwell for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker Ball went to Juntura to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones.

Mrs. Brown spent Christmas with her son and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown in Nampa.

Mrs. C. H. Martin of Council, Idaho spent Thursday and Friday visiting Miss Emma Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Taggart and son Max, went to Vale to visit Mr. Taggart's parents on Christmas day.

Miss Helen Crooks who is teaching in the Big Bend district arrived in Ontario Saturday for the holidays.

A. C. Lockhart, the Jamieson beekeeper was in Ontario on business and pleasure several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCoy and baby went to Enterprise to spend Christmas with Mrs. McCoy's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Greig were host and hostess Tuesday for the monthly meeting of "The Remnants."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Jordan Valley are visiting at the home of Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blanton.

Miss Ruby Fenwick, one of the popular young ladies of Jordan Valley came down to spend the holidays at the home of Miss Lavina Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Blackaby and baby of Homedale came to Ontario to spend the holidays at the home of Mr. Blackaby's father, J. R. Blackaby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kime of Harper came to Ontario Tuesday and returned on Wednesday to their home. Mr. Kime declared that Ontario had more snow than Harper had seen this year.

The Oregon club was host to a large number of friends at a Christmas dance Monday night. The hall was tastefully decorated with Yuletide emblems and the usual good time was enjoyed by all.