

RANGERS DECIDE TO INCREASE DIRECTORATE

Caucus Held at Power Plant of Snow-Moody Project Last Saturday—Members Optimistic over Prospects.

At a caucus held last Saturday at the Power plant of the district, ranchers under the Snow-Moody project on Dead Ox Flat nominated candidates for positions on the board of directors. The members present, and the gathering was largely attended by representative owners of land in that section, recommended that the by-laws of the district be changed so that instead of three the directorate be increased to five members.

The caucus presented enough names for consideration at the election to be held next Tuesday to care for the increase in the board.

The ranchers who attended the meeting last Saturday were unanimous in their expressions of success secured during the past season and optimistic for better things to be accomplished during the coming year.

TRAINMEN ACCUSE ROADS OF JUGGLING

Cleveland.—W. G. Lee, chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, issued a statement here, charging that the railroads of the country are permitting delays to trains and overtime which would not ordinarily be permitted, in order to prove the enormous expense that would follow obedience to the Adamson law. The statement asked whether if the supreme court declares that law either constitutional or invalid the brotherhoods should continue to await the eight-hour day.

Mr. Lee denied a report published that a sealed statement putting the Adamson law situation up to the men had been sent out by the chiefs of the four brotherhoods.

It was learned from an authoritative source that the general chairmen of the four brotherhoods will hold a meeting in Chicago January 11 to consider the situation.

ANSWER TO PEACE NOTE NOW READY

London.—The final draft of the reply of the entente allies to President Wilson's peace note, which already has been approved by France and Great Britain, has been forwarded to Italy and Russia and, as no changes have been suggested thus far from those quarters, it is not improbable the note will be delivered to the American ambassador in Paris, William G. Sharp, without change.

In its present form the reply is about the same length as the note to the central powers and has the same characteristics of general and guarded language. One of the most important points is a differentiation between peace among the present belligerents and such future arrangements as may be made for permanent peace, the purpose being to show neutral upholders of a future permanent peace that this is attainable.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$1.42; bluestem \$1.53; red Russian, \$1.40; forty-fold, \$1.46.
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$27 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$21 per ton; alfalfa, \$18.
Butter—Creamery, 34c.
Eggs—Ranch, 40c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 36c; valley, 35c.
Hops—1916 crop, 50c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem \$1.51; club \$1.47; forty-fold, \$1.47; red Russian, \$1.25; five, \$1.47; turkey red, \$1.53.
Barley—\$27 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 33c.
Eggs—42c.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO WEISER, JAN. 8.

A special train will be run from Ontario to Weiser and return, Jan. 5th, 1917, to accommodate those going down to see the play, "Winning of Barbara Worth," at Wheaton Theatre. The train will leave Ontario at 7:00 P. M. returning after the performance. The fare for the round trip will be 70 cents.—Adv. 52-1

Harry Clement is the proud possessor of a new 1917 model Maxwell which he purchased recently from Mr. Olson of the U. S. Plumbing Co. agent for the Maxwell here in Ontario.

The Week With Ontario Citizens

W. A. Fulkerson left Monday for a short business trip. He is expected to return today.

Mrs. James P. Doty was taken ill this week with what appears to be pneumonia.

Mrs. Dan Gallagher of Juntura is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher, this week.

Mrs. Harry Wilson of Cornucopia arrived here on Tuesday evening to be the guest of Mrs. E. M. Greig for several days.

Little Miss Jean Alken is one of the many victims of the epidemic of grip which is raging in Ontario this week.

M. E. Bain, formerly editor of The Argus, who is now in the mining game near Homestead, Oregon, left Monday for an extended stay in the hills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dunaway and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. De Armond of Vale were guests at the home of Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs, Sunday and Monday.

In honor of Mrs. Harry Wilson of Cornucopia who is the guest of Mrs. E. M. Greig, Mrs. H. H. Whitney entertained at her home on Oregon street Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. R. Fortier entertained the Wednesday bridge club at her home in the South end Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. A. L. Cochran secured the high honors for the afternoon.

The plate glass for the eight store rooms in the Wilson buildings arrived this week and Contractor Hagin and his crew have been busy putting the big lights in place.

Owing to the fact that Rev. W. N. Brown was suffering from a severe cold the evening services at the United Presbyterian church were not held. Rev. Brown has recovered sufficiently however so that the regular services will be held on Sunday.

There was a general exodus of attorneys for Vale on Tuesday to attend the session of the district court. Among those who went from Ontario were: Attorneys J. W. McCulloch, W. E. Lees, R. W. Swagler, W. H. Brooke, C. McGonigill and P. J. Gallagher.

The members of the public school faculty who did not leave the city for the holiday season were the guests of Mrs. Lucy Fox Saturday evening for a dinner which the guests helped prepare, following which an impromptu "stunt" program contributed to a pleasant evening.

S. D. Dorman received word last Friday evening of the death of his uncle, John H. Bullard, of Bullard Bros, the foremost jewelry firm of St. Paul, Minn. Owing to the possibilities of delays on a trip east at this time Mr. Dorman did not go back to attend the funeral services.

Judge Dalton Biggs went to Vale Tuesday to open the regular January term of the district court.

Mrs. Thomas Barnett has been ill this week at her home on Indiana street with an attack of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dorman had as their guests for New Year's dinner, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Whitney.

Mrs. W. F. Homan entertained the Carnation club at her home on Virtue street Wednesday evening.

R. W. Jones of the Grant Agency went to Emmett, Idaho, Wednesday on business.

Accompanying the cold snap and snow fall of the past ten days was husky epidemic of grip which claimed victims in nearly every family in town, especially among the children.

Miss Ruby Fenwick of Jordan Valley who spent Christmas holidays here as the guest of Miss Lavina Smith started on her return trip Sunday.

The Oregon Club was the host for a pleasing dancing party at the club rooms Monday night. Many of the guests were from Payette.

David Wilson of Spokane arrived in Ontario Tuesday to superintend the final work of renovation being performed on his business buildings on Oregon street.

Local Alumni of the University of Oregon wore broad smiles Tuesday after learning the results of the football game at Basadena, California, between the varsity and Pennsylvania which resulted in a 14 to 0 victory for Oregon.

Among the members of the victorious Oregon University football team who made the trip to Pasadena for the New Year's game with the University of Pennsylvania team was Neil Morfitt of Brogan who this year was a sub on the varsity, being understudy for "Shy" Huntington, the star half back.

The resignation of Miss Nell Platt from the public school faculty caused a readjustment in the teaching force when the sessions began follow the Christmas vacation, Tuesday. Miss Emma McGivern who has been in charge of the fifth grade took Miss Platt's eighth grade while Miss Rena Biggs succeeded Miss McGivern in the fifth grade.

Stephen Houck of Joseph came to Ontario last Saturday to accompany his father and mother-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sheets back to their home. Mr. Sheets was still suffering from the attack of illness which overtook him shortly after his arrival here last week for a visit with his son, F. L. Sheets of the Argus, who also accompanied on the return trip, as far as LaGrande, Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES By THEL LAMPKIN

School was resumed Tuesday morning after a short holiday vacation.

Wednesday morning a pipe in the boiler room at the school house broke and school was stopped in the forenoon.

Hazel Hardman who has been absent returned this week.

Misses Ruth, Maude and Margaret Griffin are in school again.

Miss Erma Williams of Weiser was a visitor at the High School Thursday afternoon.

Bryan Neib an O. H. S. graduate and Port Arthur of Blackfoot, Idaho, were visitors Tuesday.

Everett Trausdole of the science department visited Portland during vacation.

Professor E. G. Batley took a trip to Elgin his former home during the holidays.

Sherman Pierce has discontinued school for the year.

Miss Sylvia B. Hurd of Medford, Oregon, has taken Mrs. C. C. Dodde's place in the English department.

Miss Bengie the music teacher is planning a Glee Club concert the end of the month.

The class basketball games were played off last Friday night. The Seniors won the pennant over the Juniors. The Juniors played a good hard game even to the finish and were good losers.

The regulars are practicing every evening and hope to have a championship team this year. They are going to Payette Friday night to have a practice game.

The first scheduled game will be Friday the 12th with Emmett.

Irl Johnston of Parma came to Ontario Saturday to get the 1917 Indian motorcycle which he purchased through the U. S. Plumbing company of this city.

BLIND STUDENTE INVENTS PSYCHOLOGY "LAB" DEVICE

Apparatus Made by Thomas Cutsforth at State University is Pronounced a Real Contribution.

University of Oregon, Eugene. —Blindness is a fearful affliction, but that it need not cut off entirely the usefulness of the victim has been demonstrated by Thomas Cutsforth, of Riddle, Ore., who has completed an apparatus for testing the comparative ability of the blind to learn. Mr. Cutsforth is one of the two blind students at the state university.

By using Mr. Cutsforth's device an instructor may determine what method of presenting study material is best suited to the individual blind student. The apparatus is a box 4 inches wide, eight inches long and four inches deep. Under the movable top, a belt of canvas runs under two rollers, one at each end. By turning a handle on the outside of the box, the canvas can be made to revolve. Around the rollers, and on top of the canvas, is fastened a strip of paper on which are words in the dots of the alphabet for blind. In the top of the box is an opening one by two and one-half inches, with slanting edges. Through this opening a section of the paper is exposed. In feeling the print through the aperture as the handle is turned, the fingers of the student rest on a cross piece that gives the paper a solid background.

Words can thus be presented at varying speeds. Tests are given to determine how quickly the subject can acquire a lesson from the sense of touch only; then a test to see if the speed is increased when the instructor speaks the words while the student is feeling the impression on the paper; then a combination of paper, instructor's prompting, and repetition by the student after the instructor.

"The box makes possible experiments to show the idiosyncrasy of any blind learner," said Dr. R. H. Wheeler, instructor in psychology. "This is not the only contribution of Mr. Cutsforth. He has discovered illusions of the blind and has done research work in dreams of the blind. His is, indeed, some of the best work that has been done in this phase of psychology."

Leslie Blades, of San Dimas, Cal., the other blind student, has submitted a thesis on the problem of the best ways to present study material to the blind. The work of the two men in this department is ultimately to be published.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The good people of Ontario and vicinity, greetings for the new year, 1917. You have borne with us the past two years, and we have enjoyed our stay with you. The past year has been a prosperous one in many ways. We certainly appreciate your kindness and co-operation for a better Ontario, and righteousness in our vicinity.

Every new year offers opportunities—there are greater things to accomplish for good through our activities.

Not merely what we desire to see, but what we are inspired to do, will make the temporal fit into the eternal.

Balancing the books of the past year we see many debts marked up against us. Do we see any credits?

On the clean page of the new year we have opportunity to reduce the debts and increase the credits.

It is an individual proposition. Every account is a personal one, but has its influence on the entire community.

Topics for discussion next Sunday, January 7, 1917; 11:00 a. m. "The James Boys of Ontario." This address will be worthy of the consideration of every citizen of Ontario. Hear this address, 7:30 p. m. "God's Sympathy for the Oppressed." This is the fifth in a series of addresses on the topic: "The Gospel of Deliverance."

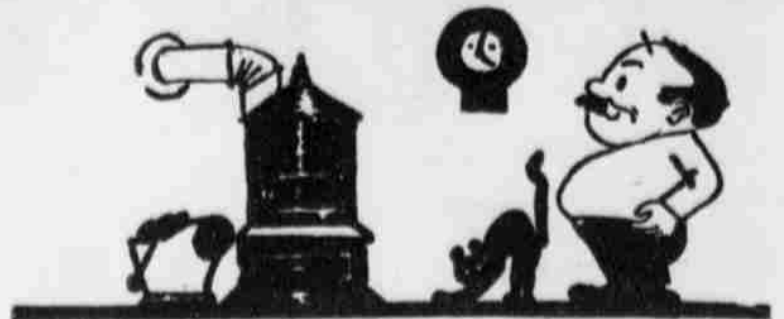
A hearty invitation is extended to every one to come and worship with us this first Sunday in the new year.

D. E. BAKER, Pastor.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL.

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Rust, Nyssa; J. M. Barton, Mrs. M. A. Coleman, Henry Wiseman and Wade Barton, Weiser, Idaho; A. A. Allen, Mrs. Ben Brown and Mrs. S. V. Boston, Vale; Mrs. M. B. Smart, Boise, Idaho; Mrs. A. H. McCann, Bonita; Mrs. A. S. Wright, Huntington; H. E. Ward, and Mrs. Victoria Blackburn, Drewsey; and Miss Claire Ryan of Juntura. All of these have recovered and left the hospital save Mr. McClain whose leg was amputated on New Year's day.



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