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COAL SITUATION IS AGAIN PRECARIOUS

SEVERE COLD SNAP PLAYS HAVOC WITH FUEL SUPPLY—SETS PEOPLE TO THINKING.

HOSPITAL SUPPLY RUNS LOW

Records Show That Ontario Has Received More Coal Than in Previous Years by Several Cars—Demand Is Greater than Ever Before.

Ontario is in the throes of another fuel famine. In spite of the fact that three car loads arrived this week there is still a paucity of the precious heat producers. However there is relief in sight, a car load for the city is due tomorrow and will serve a number of families.

Mayor Homan announces that since the city is getting the coal merely for the benefit of the people and handling it at no profit payments must be made on delivery. The city received one car last Friday and divided it among nearly 70 families after caring for the public buildings.

In answer to inquiries concerning the amount of coal the railroad has delivered here during the past month as compared with previous years, Agt. H. O. Drane on Wednesday said:

"On going over the records I find that Ontario had 17 cars during December 1916 as compared with 15 during December 1915 and that for the entire year the receipts were 113 cars as compared with 102 for 1915, so that the railroad is delivering more cars than usual. The extreme cold weather shows that it is a greater demand, rather than a smaller supply that is causing the shortage just now.

The most serious situation which developed in Ontario this week was a shortage of coal at the hospital. The immediate needs of the institution were cared for by a loan of coal from the schools.

LA GRANDE BASKET BALL TEAM TO PLAY HERE SOON

The Ontario High basket ball team will have an opportunity to demonstrate its class with one of the best teams in Eastern Oregon next Tuesday evening when it meets the La Grande five on the local floor. Manager Paul Van Petten arranged the game with the LaGrande boys this week and expects one of the fastest games of the year. LaGrande is out after the Eastern Oregon championship and Ontario intends to put a crimp in the aspirations of the victors.

It will cost the local boys \$30 to bring the LaGrande team here but believing that Ontario wants good fast games Manager VanPetten thinks the citizens will support the effort. A good crowd of rooters will help the local team put Ontario on the basket ball map.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES.

The next meeting of the Literary Society will be held on Friday, the 19th. After the necessary business has been conducted the following program will be given.

Song—Boys' Quartette.
Debate—Resolved that Oregon should Adopt Essential Features of Standard Bill for Labor Legislation.
Piano Solo—Nettie Peterson.

Reading—Ralph Dory.
Song—Boys' Double Quartette.
High School Paper—Ruth Lackey (Editor-in-chief.)
Song—Girls' Glee Club.

The High School Glee Clubs are practicing hard in preparation for the concert to be held Thursday the 25th. Semester exams were held last Thursday and Friday and the school year is half gone.

The new subjects for the last semester are: Commercial Correspondence and Spelling, Commercial Law and Civics.

The Student Body took up a collection last week to pay for the High School picture which will appear in the Capital News Special next month.

WINS THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.

C. S. Johnson of Ontario won the handsome silver loving cup offered by Governor M. Alexander for the best Rose Comb Rhode Island Red exhibited at Boise. The handsome piece of silverware arrived this week and Mr. Johnson paced it on display at the First National Bank.

The bird that won this cup was one of a flock hatched from a \$10 setting of eggs and the bird is worth \$100 now while a fine flock goes with it.

HIGH SCHOOL FIVE TAKES OPINING GAME

Defeats Emmett by a Score of 31 to 15—Plays Weiser Here Next Friday.

The Emmett quintette of basket ball players met defeat last Friday night when the local team won from them by a score of 31 to 15. Ontario put a well balanced team on the floor which played consistent basket ball. It can hardly be said that there was any individual star on either team for each man played a good hard game.

Emmett is represented by an entirely new team this year and altho they fought to the end they were handicapped by their lack of knowledge of the game.

The girls also had an interesting game defeating the Fruitland girls by a 13 to 3 score. The girls have been continually practicing and expect to have a much better team than last year. They have not fully decided what their lineup will be. They are expecting a game next Friday but are not sure of one yet.

Their lineup last Friday was: Messe and Milkin, guards; Sage and Wells, centers; Griffin, Painter and Reynolds, forwards.

Next Friday, January 19, Ontario will witness one of the best games of the season. Weiser will be here and owing to the fact that both teams are practically the same as last season, the game will be a good one.

Last year the two teams played to a tie and Ontario won only after five minutes of extra playing.

As both teams have greatly improved the game will be snappy and full of ginger all the way thru. The line up of the teams last Friday was:

Emmett	Position	Ontario
Clark	Forward	Grames
Whitnell (Cap.)	Forward	Christiansen
Kidd	Center	Maddux (Cap.)
Crabtree	Guard	Duncan
Burke	Guard	Husted

RAILROAD MAN HERE TO ARRANGE FOR EXCURSION

Seth Rhodes, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Oregon Short Line was a visitor today, making a round-up for the purpose of getting everything in ship-shape for the coming Mid-Winter Excursion to California which leaves Idaho points January 30th. The Salt Lake Route will operate several special trains out of Salt Lake City January 31st, in connection with business from northern Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Oregon for this event.

On account of the very severe winter which has prevailed throughout the Intermountain section during the last few weeks, Mr. Rhodes states that the advance reservations for the big excursion to the land of Sunshine-Fruit and Flowers are very gratifying and indications are that the excursion will beat all previous records.

As there is a liberal limit allowed for stay in the beautiful Sumerland in and about Los Angeles and San Diego, it is not to be wondered at that many of our homefolks will "pass up" a few bad winter days here for this convenient summer outing which is only two nights run from Idaho points.

LYNN-ADAMS.

Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock Philip J. Lynn and Fanny May Adams appeared at the Baptist parsonage with friends and asked that they be joined together as husband and wife. After the ceremony the happy couple returned to their home at Fruitland, Idaho.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

NEXT MONTH TO SEE NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR CIVIC BODY—MEMBERS URGED TO BE PRESENT.

WANTED A STIRRING MEETING

President A. W. Trow Will Probably Decline Re-election — With Many Possible Developments Here Increased Activity Wanted.

That the Commercial club must awaken its activities and get busy was the general tenor of remarks at the session of the organization Monday evening. What the club will do will be determined at the annual meeting to be held next month.

The demand for renewed activity was sounded by H. C. Boyer who declared that as at present operating the club was not meeting the desires of the members and urged large attendance at the annual meeting.

It is understood that President A. W. Trow will not accept re-election to the presidency since he intends to devote his entire time to the affairs of the Oregon-Western Colonization company.

Many of the members feel that with the development of the Warm Springs district and other agricultural development in prospect for this section this season that the club should prepare for an active year. Plans will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Endorse Trader's Day.

The meeting Monday endorsed the Traders' Day sale and appointed a committee consisting of H. C. Boyer, E. A. Fraser and A. L. Cockrum to co-operate with Charles Carter and H. W. Clement in making the venture a success.

The club also discussed the general situation of the county fair.

UMATILLA MAN BUYS BIG THOMPSON RANCH NEAR VALE

W. R. Taylor of Athens, Umatilla county arrived here this week with P. C. Lucas who has recently engaged in handling Malheur county lands. After inspecting the W. B. Thompson ranch of 320 acres 5 miles above Vale Mr. Taylor purchased it. The ranch is one of the best in the Malheur valley, the only partially developed. Mr. Taylor who is a successful wheat rancher expects to develop the entire holding as an alfalfa ranch. He also says that there are other Umatilla men who are interesting themselves in land in this section and will come here soon.

Judge Biggs arrived home Wednesday evening from Vale where he has been holding court.

SOCIETY NEWS NOTES.

The Misses Ernestine and Pauline Billingsly were hostesses Monday evening at a charming party given in honor of Miss Nell Platt, a bride of the near future. The evening was spent playing five hundred, Mrs. Tonningson winning high honors. Decorations were in the form of pink hearts and cupid. Little Donald Wood, a faithful replica of the little blind god, played the part of Cupid entering with a wheelbarrow filled high with gifts from the other guests to Miss Platt, after which delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. H. C. Whitworth of Weiser and Mrs. Fred Platt of Parma were the out of town guests.

The Ontario Music Club will entertain their guests at the home of Mrs. L. D. Dorman on Friday evening, January 19th. Mrs. Eugene Moore and Miss French of Baker will furnish the program.

Mrs. O. H. Text was hostess for the Tuesday Bridge club this week.

Miss LaVine Smith was hostess this week to the Wednesday Bridge club.

STIFF SENTENCES ARE GIVEN TO BOOTLEGGERS

JUDGE DALTON BIGGS RAISES ANTE OF JUSTICE OF PEACE BY FIVE AND SEVEN FOLD—JAIL SENTENCES TOO.

BURGLAR DRAWS LONG TERM

Harvey Byce Found Guilty of Robbing Granary—Being an Old Offender He Draws Five Years at State Penitentiary.

Elmer Dorey was fined \$350 in cash and 15 days in jail while M. Townsend was given a \$250 and 10 days in jail by Judge Dalton Biggs of the circuit court at Vale Wednesday. Dorey's sentence came after he was found guilty by the jury while Townsend entered a plea of guilty since the facts in the case against him were the same as that in the Dorey prosecution.

These men appealed from the decision of Justice of the Peace G. L. King who when they were tried in Ontario last month fined them but \$50 each.

That a jail sentence accompanied the fine was not anticipated by the defendants and it is believed will furnish a salutary effect discouraging to bootleggers in this section.

Seaweed Declared Not Guilty.

After a hard fought trial for several days last week the jury which heard the case of Ben Seaward charged with cattle larceny from the Jones Land & Livestock company returned a verdict of not guilty. McCulloch & Wood of this city appeared for Mr. Seaward, while P. J. Gallagher prosecuted the action.

Sentence was also passed on Harvey Rice who was found guilty of having stolen grain from Dead Ox Flat granary and since he had a previous prison record he was given a five years sentence at Salem.

REES FAMILY HRD HAPPY REUNION CHRISTMAS DAY

Among the happy family reunions enjoyed recently was that which brought together the Rees family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rees at Valley View on Christmas Day. More than 20 years have passed since the family were all together. The day was a rare one for Grandma Rees who enjoyed the presence of her children to the utmost, declaring it the happiest day of her life. Those present with her that day were: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Rees, Ferrdale, California; S. L. Rees, Emmett, Idaho; D. A. Rees, Julesburg, Colorado; Mrs. Wm. Rees, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brown and family; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown and daughter and Miss Sadie Claud.

PAY HONORS TO DEWEY

Today wherever the Stars and Stripes float the colors are at half mast in honor of the Admiral George Dewey, who died Wednesday at his home in Washington. The whole nation mourns for the hero of Manila Bay. It is therefore fitting, since the American people have never forgotten the service he rendered the nation, that fitting tribute be paid his memory.

POLICY UNDESIDED AS YET SAY DIRECTORS

Dead Ox Flat Board Declares that it Has not Gone on Record in Favor of Abandoning Irrigation.

The newly elected directors of the Dead Ox Flat Irrigation district, J. H. McKinnon, E. C. Belknap, Ernest F. Sullivan, C. A. Rice, and Pearl Crane assert that the statements which have been made regarding the policy they will pursue while in office are premature. In a signed statement furnished the Argus this week they declare that they have not pledged themselves to any definite policy.

In further explaining their position the directors declare they intend to investigate the proposed irrigating system for the district and if it is found that it can be financed they will report the result of their investigations to the land owners that they may take whatever action they deem necessary.

Concerning the dissolution of the district the directors assert that this is a matter for all of the landowners to determine, and not the directors. However, the board declares it intends to protect the interest of the land owners and not to abandon anything of value.

HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL

Miss Marion Stetler of Fruitland was rushed to the hospital Wednesday evening where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. J. D. Harris returned to her home in the city Wednesday after a two-weeks' stay during which she regained her health.

Miss Eva Meade of Nyssa so far recovered from her recent illness that she was able to return to her home on Saturday.

Mrs. Turner of Payette is convalescing from the effects of an operation performed two weeks ago and will be able to rejoin her family soon.

T. M. Brown of Fruitland is regaining his strength and expects to go back across the river within a few days.

Mr. McClain who was forced to have one of his legs amputated last week has recovered from the shock of the operation and the wound has made such progress toward recovery that he will be able to receive his discharge from the hospital in a few days.

Mrs. Coyle of Ontario was one of the grip victims of Ontario whose case was so severe as to require hospital care. She responded to treatment so well that she will be able to return to her home soon.

MRS. AMANDA BUNCH DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Rev. D. E. Baker was called to Nyssa Sunday afternoon to conduct a funeral service for Mrs. Amanda Alice Bunch, who with her husband and six small children arrived from Arkansas a few days ago. She was a sister of Wiley and Bee Snow of Nyssa. She had measles and pneumonia. The funeral was held from the M. E. church and interment in the Nyssa cemetery.

Mrs. E. E. Goudy left Monday for Pendleton where she was called by the death of her husband. The body was brought back to this city and funeral services were held from the United Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon.

R. C. Dugdale, the nitrate man, was in Ontario Tuesday.

COMMERCIAL CLUB GETS BEHIND MONTHLY SALE

APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE EFFORTS TO GIVE CITY A SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTION.

CLUB TO FURNISH LUNCHEON

New Management Has Big List of Goods of all Kinds, Beside a Big Array of Stock for Sale Next Saturday, January 27.

Ontario's Commercial club got solidly behind the Trader Day Sales at the meeting last Monday. As the result the next sale, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, to be featured by a lunch given by the club. It is the purpose of Carter & Clement, the managers of the Ontario Auction company, the new title of the concern to make the sales here equal to anything in this section. Dicken & Miller will continue to cry the sale.

Since the new firm has the big Moore barns in which to hold the sale it has plenty of room to care for stock brought here before sale days and announces that the stock will be cared for at lowest possible rates.

For the sale next Saturday a long list of stock as well as a large assortment of farm implements and other goods has been listed so that the sale will be the largest held here.

SCHOOL GLEE CLUBS TO GIVE FIRST CONCERT

Boys and Girls Clubs Unite for Initial Performance—Readings and Instrumental Numbers Also.

Next Thursday evening at Dreamland Ontario will have its first opportunity to hear the High School Glee Clubs. The two musical organizations have developed to a marked degree their ability during the past three months under the direction of Miss Mayne Benge, music supervisor and their performance will surprise their many friends.

Besides the glee club numbers there will be chorus numbers sung by 20 voices from the two clubs. In each of the clubs there are 16 voices. Besides these there will be solos by Miss Ethel Heslop and instrumental numbers by a trio composed of Miss Benge, Miss Heslop and Alfred Holland. The literary readings will be given by Misses Edith Raver and Stella Millikin.

The entire program will be well balanced, filled with dash and spirit as well as harmony so that friends of the school will enjoy an evening of well rounded pleasure.

SELLS INTEREST IN SHOP

Fred Rice who has been associated with A. K. Johnson in the management of the Moore hotel barber shop for some time sold his interest this week to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Rice remains in the shop for the present having no idea of leaving Ontario at this time.

GET SEEDS AT THE ARGUS OFFICE NOW

This week the Argus received three mail sacks filled with government seeds from Congressman N. J. Sinnott of this district. These seeds are for the readers of the Argus and we want you to have them.

In order not to be disappointed we suggest that you call early. If you can not come personally send your boy or girl with a note requesting the package or packages desired. There are three different assortments as follows: first: peas, beet, lettuce, muskmelon, radish; second: carrot, lettuce, muskmelon, radish, turnip; third: a flower assortment made up of: candy, tuff, coreopsis, morning glory, nasturtium and poppy.