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MINSTREL SHOW TO BE EVENT OF SEASON

OREGON CLUB AND BAND TO DELIGHT FRIENDS—PRAC-TICES DEMONSTRATE ABILITIES.

FOR BENEFIT OF THE BAND

End Men All Tuned Up with Jokes That Will Bring the Smiles, Not to Say Ha Ha from Everyone. The Date is Thursday, February 1.

One week from tonight is the date. The place is the Dreamland Theatre. The event, the real event of the season is the Oregon club-ontario Band Minstrel show.

There is a paragraph in the information leading to a big time. The benefit show for the band will prove the laugh producer of the winter to the citizens of Ontario who enjoy a good performance.

During the past two weeks the performers have been busy practicing for the performance and have astonished director Byron Turner and Business Manager James Smith with the unknown ability possessed in two organizations.

The duty of passing necessary leads for jokes has fallen to the dignity of Attorney W. W. Wood, while the preparation of the jokes will be well executed by the end men, Byron Turner, Chet Lackey, Art Dunnuck and Herschel Brown.

Of course the band will be there to furnish the instrumental music; and there will be a wide variety of vocal work from solos to chorus numbers. A pleasing skit will be presented and all in all a most enjoyable evening is in store for all Ontario.

That the entire city will be present is assured for all of the proceeds will go to the benefit of the band whose weekly concerts during the summer are greatly appreciated. The band boys have practiced faithfully all winter so that the coming season will demonstrate that Ontario possesses a musical organization of which the city may well be proud.

BIGGEST HOG IN THIS REGION GOES TO HAM ETC.

H. H. Tunny of the Oregon Packing company this week killed what was perhaps not only the largest hog in Malheur county, but in the Northwest. The big porker, a Chester White weighed just before its demise 1095 pounds, and measured from the tip of its snout, to the last curl in its tail 19 feet and 11 inches.

"Had it not been for the cold weather and the necessity of keeping her standing on the board floors, I would have fed the sow until spring and then by March I believe she would have weighed 1200 pounds," said Mr. Tunny. "An idea of the size of the animal may be gained from the fact that each of the hams weighed 87 pounds when trimmed for salting."

COL. RIGBY GOES TO PORTLAND ON BUSINESS

Col. John Rigby, editor of the Malheur Enterprise of Vale was in Ontario Tuesday enroute for Portland on business in connection with the Warm Springs District. Col. Rigby may soon leave the newspaper game for more lucrative fields, according to announcements in the LaGrande and Portland papers of Sunday which record the early entry of Geo. Curry of LaGrande into this field.

While in the city Col. Rigby reported that already the sale of the Warm Springs bonds has attracted a great deal of attention to this region and declares that the next few months will witness an emphatic revival in the demand for Malheur count real estate.

Rev. W. H. Swartz will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Tabernacle" at the Baptist church next Wednesday evening. This will be free to all and everyone is invited.

A Silver Tea for the benefit of the Students' Loan Fund of the State Federation will be held at the home of Mrs. E. M. Grieg next Wednesday afternoon.

WOULD LOWER RATES AND RAISE SALARIES

Bills Affecting This Section Make Appearances in Legislature During Past Week.

Two bills affecting Malheur county people made their appearance at Salem during the past week. One of these measures is Senate bill 91 by Senator Julien A. Hurley, the purpose of which is to raise the salary of the county superintendent of schools to \$1,500 per year.

The other measure is that introduced by Representative C. M. Crandall which has for its purpose the reduction of passenger rates on interstate travel from four cents to 3 and one half cents.

While no opposition from this section is liable to greet the later measure the Pomona Grange has already passed resolutions condemning such action as is contemplated by the former measures at this time.

RELIEF FROM COAL FAMINE IS IN SIGHT

Cold Spell Gives Way to Balmv Sunshine—Two Cars of Coal Arrive and Others are Due.

Ontario gave a unanimous sigh of relief today when a warm sunshine broke the grip Jack Frost had held on the city for nearly three weeks. This afternoon snow on the streets and sidewalks is melting fast and many pools of water are replacing the icy strips.

The arrival of spring-like weather—if it be not spring itself—also furnishes relief from the coal famine since there were two cars of coal received in the city this week and others are enroute. If the warm weather prevails for even a short time the reduced demand for fuel will make possible the arrival of the coal now enroute to Ontario and this will permanently relieve the situation.

The worst of the famine for fuel was reached last week when citizens almost cried for a little coal at the one place in town it could be secured. All manner of vehicles were called into service to take coal to the homes.

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TWIN HILL RANCHERS HAVE NO COAL WORRY

School Started Now for Benefit of Children—Ontario Boy is School Master.

Perhaps nowhere in this part of the country do the people mind the extreme cold weather so little as in the Twin Hill district, located between the north and south Jacobsen Gulch.

There is no worry over the freezing of water pipes because there are no water pipes, and no worry over shortage of coal because no one uses coal. People are blessed with an almost limitless supply of arge sagebrush firewood, and in spite of the twenty beow zero weather that has prevailed there for the past week, the long evenings have been spent in contentment around hot stoves whose supply of fuel does not depend upon railroads.

Something has already been said about the productiveness of this section and it may be worth while to mention that a bunch of horses is and have been living on the range there for the past six months and are at the present in good condition and will probably remain so, as there is still a few hundred acres of bunch grass that has not yet been touched, of course this grass is dry but it evidently contains a lot of nourishment, judging from the looks of the range horses.

Not many people seem familiar with this part of the country and for

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WHIRLWIND FINISH TOO LATE TO WIN

HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL FIVE LOSTS FIRST GAME OF SEASON TO LAGRANDE... M. I. A. TEAM.

SECOND HALF SENSATIONAL

After Being Badly Outplayed in Opening Session Ontario Comes Back Strong and all but Noses Out Victory.

By a score of 21 to 19 the LaGrande M. I. A. basket ball team won from the High School five at the Opera House Tuesday evening. The game was a whirlwind and furnished plenty of thrills for the large crowd which saw it.

The first half was the visitor's from start to finish and looked like a walkaway for them. Individually the locals were their equal but apparently lacked team work, as the result the score was 16 to 6 in their favor when the whistle was blown. In this half Larson, the visiting center was the star point maker being credited with five field baskets and three free throws.

Rader Passes Well.

In the second period Bernard Rader replaced Gramse at forward for Ontario and the team changed its tactics and passed the ball. As the result it outplayed its rivals and all but won out. Beside holding its opponents to two field goals and one free shot, ran up 13 points, eight of which were the result of basket shots and five following fouls. Maddux was the star point maker for Ontario being credited with all but two of the points and these were made by Rader. On the defense Husted won the honors with Christensen for the visiting forwards were credited with only three baskets.

The line-up was: LaGrande: Schofield and Rosenbaum, forwards; Larson, center; Holster, Rosenbaum and Bean, guards. For Ontario: Gramse, Rader, Holland, forwards; Maddux, center; Christensen and Husted, guards.

Summary: Field baskets: Maddux 5, Rader 1; Fouls, Maddux 7 in 19 chances; Field baskets, Larson 5, Rosenbaum 2, Schofield 1; Fouls, Schofield 2 in four chances, Larson 3 in 8 chances. Referee, Dibble, Payette; scorer Klemo, Ontario.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION FOR NYSSA R. F. D. ROUTE

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Malheur, Oregon, to be held at Vale and Ontario, on February 19, 1917, to fill the position of rural carrier at Nyssa, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other postoffices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schuppel of Baker are here for a few days.

RANCHER CREATES BANK ACCOUNT ON A TWENTY-ACRE RANCH

How many residents of Ontario saved \$500 during the past year as the results of their labor? H. H. Wiedemann, who lives on a 20 acre ranch above Nyssa was able to do that last year. Mr. Wiedemann was in Ontario last week on business and to a friend Judge G. L. King, related the success he has been able to achieve on his little plot of ground. "Beside side paying the living expenses of myself, my wife and child," said Mr. Wiedemann, "we put \$500 in the bank during the last year and it all came from the ranch. Tho we have 20 acres only 13½ are in cultivation. The ranch is a general one; we raise alfalfa, keep pigs and chickens and a cow."

SUPREME MASTER IS GUEST OF GRANGERS

MOST SUCCESSFUL GATHERING OF RANCHERS TAKES PLACE AT BOULEVARD GRANGE HALL SATURDAY.

WOMEN SPREAD FINE BANQUET

Grangers Endorse Boys' and Girls' Club Work but Condemn Effort to Raise County Superintendent's Salary by Legislature.

Supreme Master of the National Grange, Oliver Wilson of Peoria, Illinois, was the guest of honor at an all day session of the Malheur Pomona Grange at the Boulevard Grange hall last Saturday.

During the morning session business of the grange was transacted and many matters received the attention of the crowd which taxed the capacity of the hall. In the afternoon the meeting was thrown open to the public and an interesting program was presented.

The feature of the day, aside from the address of Mr. Wilson was the banquet served by the women of the Boulevard grange. It was necessary to have three tables to accommodate all those present and the banquet was so successful that innumerable congratulations were showered on the women who provided it.

At the afternoon session the Kingman Kolony orchestra added to its great popularity with the people of this section by playing many beautiful numbers. Vocal solos by Mrs. Griffith and numbers by the Boulevard Grange quartet were also enthusiastically received.

In his address Mr. Wilson reviewed the history of the Grange movement from its inception and recounted the vast amount of good that it had been able thru the co-operation of members to achieve for the farmers of America. Mr. Wilson proved to be a speaker of rare ability possessing a pleasing and impressive manner. The members of the Grange deem the privilege of having him present at the meeting a rare treat. Among the matters brought before the meeting was that of the continuance of the boys' and girls' club work, there being an effort made in the legislature to stop it. The work was unanimously endorsed and resolutions urging its continuance were adopted.

Oppose Salary Increase.

The question of raising the salary of the school superintendent of Malheur county was raised and a resolution condemning such action by the legislature was adopted.

This is the second all day session held by the grangers during the past few months and so successful have been these meetings that another one is being planned for the near future.

THREE BRICK BUILDINGS FOR CRANE THIS SEASON

J. L. B. Morrison of Crane came to Ontario with his son on Monday and returned to his home on Tuesday. The trip was made in order that an X-ray picture of a fracture of the boy's arm might be taken.

Mr. Morrison reports that the new town of Crane is looking forward to a great deal of activity this summer. Plans have already been prepared for the erection of three brick buildings and other improvements are contemplated.

TRADERS' DAY SALE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY

Plans Prepared to Accommodate Large Gathering—Interest is Increasing in Monthly Market.

Carter & Clement, the new managers of Ontario's monthly Traders' day sales are expecting a large gathering in the city Saturday. To care for the crowd which is expected the Commercial club committee is going to supply lunch and plenty of coffee and sandwiches will be on hand.

Messrs. Carter & Clement have made several trips into the country around about in the interest of the sale and report that many of the ranchers are coming either to buy or sell stock and farm implements. With the coming of spring the managers believe that the sales are bound to grow since they are furnishing the means of exchange which the ranchers have long desired.

BEE MEN HERE TO DISCUSS WAREHOUSE

Consider Question of Location of Warehouse and Discuss Problem of Grading Honey and Other Matters.

The directors of the Idaho-Oregon Bee-keepers' association were in session here Wednesday and Thursday of this week. A. L. Boyden, sales manager of the A. I. Root company of Medina, Ohio, was present and considered many problems with the board.

The two most important questions up for consideration were the location of a warehouse for the distribution of supplies to the members and for the furnishing of a central point for the gathering and grading of the output of this region for shipment. The board at a previous meeting tentatively accepted an offer for a warehouse at Caldwell, and while this was not definitely settled, since no better position has been offered it will probably be selected.

The board also considered the question of grading honey and steps may be taken to undertake that work this season. The session on Thursday was given over to the settlement of numerous problems of the association.

COLD WEATHER LEVIES TOLL OF BEE COLONIES

Bee Keepers Report Thousands of Busy Summer Workers Dying This Week.

C. E. Dibble of Payette, President of the Idaho-Oregon Beekeepers' association was in Ontario on business Monday and reports that the extreme cold weather of the past few weeks has played havoc with the bees of this section.

"There has been a loss of thousands of bees in this section," said Mr. Dibble, "especially among the weaker colonies. Since it has never been the custom in this section to store the bees in collars during the winter the beekeepers have left them in the hives in their fields. The weaker colonies during the past week have shown a high mortality having had insufficient strength to recover from the extended cold spell. As a general rule bees can stand to be frozen for a short spell but if the cold extends over too long a period they fail to revive. This has proven especially true of weak colonies here this winter."

NEW PASTOR HERE FOR METHODIST CONGREGATION

Rev. Earle D. Hanna of Hinton, Iowa, arrived in Ontario last week and took charge of the service at the First Methodist church last Sunday. Rev. Hanna preceded his wife and two children who are expected to arrive this week. The services at the church will be held Sunday at the usual hours.

CAR OVERTURNS BUT OCCUPANTS ESCAPE

ARTHUR VANSICKLIN WITH PARTY OF THREE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE ON BOULEVARD FRIDAY.

CAR VERY BADLY DAMAGED

Was Trying to Get Car out of Rut When Rear End Skidded and Sent Car into Ditch Beside the Road.

Despite the fact that they were caught under the big Franklin six owned by Arthur VanSicklin of this city when it turned turtle on the Boulevard four miles south of the city last Friday afternoon, none of the occupants were injured.

The car was literally wrecked. One wheel was smashed completely, the windshield, at least one section of it was broken into a thousand pieces, while the other was left intact. The top of the car was reduced to trash while the rear end gave ample evidence of the smash up when it was towed into the Ontario Auto company's garage. The engine however, was uninjured and was a material aid in bringing in the car.

The accident occurred as Mr. VanSicklin was returning from the ranch where he is feeding a big bunch of sheep this winter. The car was coming toward the city at a fair rate of speed with the wheels traveling in the ruts of the frozen roadway. Mr. VanSicklin made an effort to get the wheels out of the rut. He succeeded in getting the front wheels out but the back ones refused to follow, skidded in the hard road and sent the car upside down into the ditch. All that saved the occupants from severe injury was the fact that the top was up and held the weight of the car until they could crawl from under. Not one of the party had even a scratch to show for the experience.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES.

By Thel Lamplin

Last Friday the Literary society held its regular meeting in the High School auditorium.

The High School Glee Clubs have been practicing very hard this week preparing for their concert which is to be held Thursday night.

A new club which has recently originated known as the Kodak club held its first meeting Tuesday.

The debate teams are working on the State question and are planning debates with other schools of the vicinity.

The Basket Ball teams are going to Caldwell next Friday night and hope to win another victory. So far this year the team has not lost a league game and is trying hard to get the championship.

Miss Ruth Bryant of Fruitland has entered High School.

Ontario Wins Another Victory.

Last Friday night the Weiser High School basket ball team met defeat when the local team won from them by a score of 29 to 15. The game was one of the fastest and best played games ever witnessed on the home floor. Owing to the fact that both teams were strong and since Weiser is Ontario's greatest rival the game was full of "pep" clear through.

Weiser had a strong line-up and played a good hard game.

The first half witnessed the fastest playing. When the whistle blew the score was tied twelve to twelve. Then in the next few minutes of play Ontario took the lead and kept it till the game was ended. The stars were Kaiser for Weiser and Maddux for Ontario. The line-up was as follows: Weiser: Jennis and Alderson, forwards; McMurn, center; Pierson and Kaiser, guards. Ontario: Holland and Gramse, forwards; Maddux, center; Christensen and Husted, guards; Dibble, referee.

The same night the Senior girls defeated the Freshmen girls by a score of 19 to 7. This game was a good one although one-sided. The line-up was, Seniors: Turner and Griffon, forwards; Clement and Lackey, centers; Milliken and Wells, guards. Freshmen: Painter and Reynolds, forwards; Sage and Bender, centers; Mence and Stevens, guards.