

OREGON SLOPE FORMS FIRST FARM BUREAU

WOMEN'S CLUB SERVES BANQUET AT PARK SCHOOL HOUSE TO FORTY RANCHERS AND GUESTS ON FRIDAY NIGHT—ELABORATE PROGRAM

PROJECT COMMITTEE NAMED

Marketing, Irrigation, Soil Improvement, Stock Improvement, Crop Improvement, Pest Control, Community Welfare, Home Improvement Aim of Organization.

By adopting a complete and thoroughly balanced program for the betterment of conditions the ranchers on the Oregon Slope, better known as Dead Ox Flat, formed the first Farm Bureau in Malheur county. This was done following a banquet given the men by the Women's club of the district at the Park school house last Friday night.

No more enthusiastic meeting, marked by a spirit of determination to accomplish results, was ever held in this section. The forty odd ranchers present manifested a keen appreciation of the problems before them and the speakers each in turn took broad and comprehensive views of the conditions that require study and attention. E. J. Burrell presided as toastmaster at the banquet while L. R. Brethaupt, county agent, had charge of the meeting which formed the bureau program.

Want an Ideal Community

The there is room for betterment in marketing conditions, and need for change in irrigation methods, soil improvement and stock betterment; while pests and diseases that cause loss must be eradicated, the speakers and the members present agreed with P. M. Boals that improvement in community life, better schools, and school grounds, cleaner and better roads, fine lawns and trees, in other words, community improvement, was after all the great object.

"We want an ideal community," said Mr. Boals, "one in which we will be glad to bring up our children and to which any man will be glad to bring his family. We can not afford to give our attention entirely to crops and stock and not consider the greatest crop of all—the children." He then outlined a general plan of making the desired changes, and after discussion it was determined to bring the women of the district into the program by adding to the original program a project for home improvement.

Prior to the adoption of each project an address or paper was read on the subject by one of the members:

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GIRLS' AND BOYS' CLUBS SHOW FINANCIAL GAINS

Records Show Net Profits of \$12,000—Benefit Education and Resources of Oregon.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 13.—Oregon will reap still larger benefits from the girls' and boys' club work which netted a profit of \$12,000 in 1919, thinks Geo. E. Ferrell, national club leader.

"Oregon stands in the front rank of states in club work", Mr. Ferrell says, "and I think warrants the expenditure of more federal funds in this state this year."

Great improvement in the work of last year over former years is noted by the national leader. The number of completed reports for 1919 was but eight per cent, while in 1918 it has risen to 43 per cent.

Other advantages cited by Mr. Ferrell are free demonstration work that educates not only girls and boys but the general public to a better way of doing many things such as canning, baking and judging livestock. A great number of pure bred cattle have been brought into Oregon by these demonstrations, which were called especially successful.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO GIVE ITS SILVER TEA FOR STUDENT FUND

At the home of Mrs. E. C. Van Petten on Wednesday, January 22nd, will be held the annual Silver Tea of the Woman's club, the purpose of which is to provide for the club's annual contribution to the students' aid fund.

For years this has been an event in the club life and thru it many hundred dollars have been added to the fund, from the earnings of which young women struggling for an education are assisted. The money is not given to the girls, but is loaned to them and when they are able, after they have left college, they return the amount loaned and the work thus continues.

The club is open on the Silver Tea program for all the women of the city and the club members, anxious to materially increase the fund, urge all the women who can to be present at Mrs. Van Petten's next Wednesday afternoon.

INDEPENDENT MARKET IS IN NEW BUILDING

Handsome Structure With Cold Storage Plant in Connection Completed—Grocery and Feed Line Added to Lines.

On Saturday of this week the Independent Market will occupy its new home erected for its business by A. Robinson. The building which is unique in many ways is the first of its kind built in this section.

Its features that are different consist in the connection with the market of a big cold storage plant, with an ice machine of such dimensions that it will care not only for the icing of the cold storage plant, which was moved from the south end of town, but the icing of a window in the front and all the counter cases. In the rear of the market proper, which is 35x40, is the cold storage and packing plant, with three big cooling rooms, each 20x25, and a two story smoke room. In the basement beneath the cold storage section is located the ice machinery, cooking rooms and storage rooms, all equipped with machinery for handling meat and food products.

Another of the innovations within the building is a carrier by means of which meat will be taken to and from the smoke houses and refrigerators to the market and other parts of the building, quickly and easily.

Establish Grocery Department

Along the north side of the market will be located the grocery department in charge of Walter C. Cochick, who comes here from Weiser, where he had charge of the grocery department of M. Somers. Around the pillars in the center of the room display space has been arranged and altogether a market as handsome as can be found in the Snake river valley is complete. Thruout the market the floors are of concrete and every precaution has been used to promote the sanitary handling of food products.

In speaking of the growth of business in Ontario Mr. Robinson said, "Two years ago when I came here to look around I was convinced that there was a big demand for a packing plant to serve the local needs and soon had that proven. Now we have the capacity to handle meat and provisions in a larger way, and that was needed. For example, one customer this week purchased over \$500 worth of meat, cured and prepared right here."

STARTS WORK ON BUSINESS BLOCK AND RESIDENCE, TOO

The Ontario Modern Pressery will have a new downtown home in a short time. Work on the excavation for the building which will be 20x60 was started today on the lot just north of Dreamland. Mr. Hirsch also started work on the foundation for the residence he is to build on South Virtue street, to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Browne.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday afternoon, January 27, at the home of Mrs. A. Gramse.

The Wednesday bridge club met this week with Mrs. A. L. Cockrum. Mrs. E. A. Fraser entertained the Tuesday bridge club at her home on Richardson street Tuesday afternoon.

RESOURCES OF BANKS SHOW GREAT INCREASE

Two Institutions Approimate Two Million Mark—Gain Through Year Has Been Steady, Showing Continued Prosperity.

With a total resource of over two million dollars, the Ontario banking institutions in their report to the comptroller of the currency for December 31, 1919, give ample indication of the strength of the houses and the financial prosperity of this section.

One year ago the banks' combined resources were \$1,354,521.36, this year the combined resources of the two institutions was 1,991,758.53. With the call in March the two banks showed a total of \$1,462,660.91; in May there was a slight reduction, the total being \$1,444,793.76. September saw the scale turn with a total of \$1,549,759.10, while December recorded \$1,963,107.86.

HIGH WATERS DROWN CATTLE AND SHEEP

P. S. L. Co. Loses Between 500 and 600 Head of Cattle on Malheur—Balahtyne Loses 2000 Sheep on Owyhee.

The Chinook wind which passed over the upper Malheur and Owyhee valleys last Friday night and Saturday caused the loss of thousands of dollars worth of stock by drowning.

When the Malheur rose and covered the gravel bar at the Biggs ranch west of Vale between 500 and 600 head of cattle were drowned. They belonged to the P. S. L. company. Many of the herd of 900 head were saved and picked up several miles below the ranch.

Over on the Owyhee the high waters came over the canyon like a solid wall during the night and covered the Ballantyne camp, drowning 2000 sheep, worth \$20,000 or more. The sheep herders had no warning of the approaching flood and had to hurry to save their own lives.

Earlier in the week the streams to the west filled their banks and in one of these flooded streams Albert Ward of Nyssa was drowned when the horse he was riding stumbled while fording the stream. The death of the young man cast a gloom over Nyssa where the young man lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward.

William Jones and other visitors from the interior report that the chinook has cleaned up all the snow in the lower hills and in the Harney valley. They declare that Ontario is the only place that has snow on the ground now, save the high mountains.

The S. W. Class of the Presbyterian Sunday School had a most enjoyable bob sled ride last Wednesday evening. Eighteen of the young people met at the parsonage and from there rode to the home of A. S. Worth near Payette. After spending an enjoyable evening there an oyster supper was served; the party arrived back in town at a late hour.

LOOK OUT FOR THE TRAFFIC OFFICER—OBSERVE LAWS

Ontario autoists and drivers of horse drawn vehicles have not been observing the traffic regulations since there was no day officer on the street. There is one on the job now, and therefore it behooves those who have been careless to change their practices. The regulations are for the protection of everyone, of the auto driver as well as the pedestrian, and will be enforced. This warning should be taken—so get your license number; observe the regulations; keep to the right and drive within the speed limits. This will save you trouble. All traffic regulations apply equally to teams as well as autos.

H. C. FARMER, City Marshal.

CHICKENS AND PETS ADMIRIED BY CROWDS

Hundreds of Birds Throng Room and Space Is at a Premium—Dogs and Rabbits Divide Honors.

The largest poultry show ever staged in this section opened today and hundreds of visitors and fanciers of the feathered tribe came to Ontario to view the contest for honors. The building secured for the show, which in previous years would have been adequate, is really too small for the show this year, for more than 400 specimens are on exhibition, among them some of the finest birds in the valley.

Before all the entries could be cared for the committee had to secure a large number of new coops and carpenters were at work building these long after many of the birds were on display.

Besides the chickens and ducks there are a number of rabbits and dogs on exhibition and the crowds are spending a great deal of time listening to the barnyard symphony that is being played.

The exhibitors at the show come all the way from Boise and Emmett to Weiser, Nyssa, Vale and Ontario are well represented and practically all of the popular breeds of chickens are shown.

This evening at the Commercial club rooms a banquet will be served to the poultry men at which time it is expected that the permanent poultry association will be formed to hold the show annually. This year the exhibition is backed by the Commercial club.

OLCOTT'S AX KILLS SUCCOR CREEK ROAD

Hurley Shunts Salary Bill to One Side—Legislature Adjourns After Orgy of Bill Passing—Citizens Disappointed.

Governor Ben Olcott killed the bill that would have joined Jordan Valley to Malheur county. On the broad general ground that the Highway commission is empowered to handle road matters he vetoed the bill which Representative Gallagher introduced and which passed both houses. It is true that this opened the way by which many other road bills were enacted, and this multiplicity of bills probably caused the killing of the Succor creek road.

Ontario, Jordan Valley and Nyssa business men wired the Governor asking to be heard before he acted, but these messages were too long delayed, for the Governor acted promptly on Tuesday and killed the bills.

The legislature which adjourned early Sunday morning was notable for its turbulence. Nothing really constructive was accomplished, the five measures assigned as reasons for its having been called were acted upon. The fish controversy was settled in a way, the results of which are yet to be seen. The woman's suffrage resolution of ratification was passed, the soldiers' education fund enlarged and relief was given to the beneficiaries of the workmen's compensation act; and additional safeguards were provided for enforcement of hazardous industries.

Salary Bill Fails

The bill which Representative Gallagher had passed in the house raising the salary of the County Judge of Malheur county did not get by the senate, the before he left Senator Hurley favored it. The Gallagher bill amending the irrigation code and his amendments providing for the creation of a fund from which the state can pay the interest on irrigation and drainage districts were passed and approved.

H. C. Smith and Harry Hodge motored to Boise on Monday.

Mrs. D. M. Taggart underwent an operation at the hospital Monday morning. She is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Arnold of Crane are in Ontario this week.

DAYS OF FORTY NINE STAGED BY OREGON CLUB

Members of the Oregon club and some 30 guests enjoyed a treat last Friday evening at the Days of '49 program which the club staged with all appropriate trimmings. L. I. Hirsch was the big boss of the gambling joint where with Oregon club specie roulette, faro and good old fashioned poker was played while the dance hall scene was worked to the acme of perfection, such as Red Gulch never knew.

EXPRESS OFFICE IS LOCATED UP TOWN

E. F. Clemo Succeeds H. O. Drane as Express Agent and Establishes Office—Clint Pinney Takes Delivery Service.

Ontario has an up-town express office. It also has a new express agent, for H. O. Drane, who for years has held that title, has relinquished it and Fred J. Clemo is the duly appointed representative of the company. The office of the company up town is that formerly occupied by the Empire Lumber company, the Ontario National bank of years ago and lately by the Overland Auto company, opposite the postoffice.

Under the new management Ontario is made a 12 per cent office and the agent secures that commission for the business done by the company, and delivery service is paid for by the customers.

To have an adequate delivery service Mr. Clemo has secured the assistance of Clint Pinney, who with his new auto truck is looking after that end of the game under the title of the American Express & Transfer.

The office was opened this week and the company is now doing business at its new stand.

WIFE IS AWAKENED FINDS HUSBAND DYING

Claude E. Brittingham Victim of Apoplexy at Home Near Wilder—Lived in Ontario For Years.

Claude E. Brittingham, formerly of Ontario, died suddenly at his ranch home near Wilder early Sunday morning. Apoplexy was the cause of his sudden death.

Mr. Brittingham went to bed Saturday night apparently in good health. A few hours later he was taken with a coughing spell and sat up. When this stopped he joked with his wife about it and lay down to sleep. A few minutes later Mrs. Brittingham was awakened by his trembling. Before she could light the lamp he had died.

The body was shipped from Wilder to Vale, where he had lived for some time and funeral services were held from the Christian church under the direction of the Vale lodge of Knights of Pythias, of which he was a member. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. W. J. Luseombe of this city.

The deceased was born in Missouri in 1874 and for the past 20 years has lived in Malheur county at Drewsey, Vale and Ontario. He left Ontario only three months ago for Wilder, where he bought a ranch. In 1909 he married Miss Una Altnow of Drewsey, who with his mother, two brothers, Frank of Ontario, and C. A. of Burns, and a sister, Mrs. Dennis O'Brien of Lehannon, survive him.

Ben Stuart was a grip victim during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sproule of Vale were in Ontario for the week end.

The directors of the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation company elected officers this week as follows: C. T. Lackey, president; D. M. Taggart, vice president; T. W. Claggett, secretary-treasurer and manager.

Glenn Brown came down from the interior Monday night.

The annual meeting of the Advancement Irrigation company was held at the City Hall Monday afternoon.

Earl Blackaby is spending the week in California.

POWER USERS WILL GUARD THEIR RATES

COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED TO SECURE INTERVENTION OF OREGON PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION—FAIR DEAL ASKED.

COMPLAIN OF POWER SHORTAGE

Mass Meeting of Irrigation Districts Using Power Held in Ontario Saturday—Idaho Users Asked to Join Effort.

According to press dispatches from Salem the Oregon and Idaho commissions will hold a joint hearing at Boise, starting on February 10th, to consider the Idaho Power company's application for increased rates.

Forty representatives of the irrigation companies in Malheur county who use electric power for their pumps met at the commercial club offices last Saturday for the purpose of considering what action to take concerning the request of the Idaho Power company for a rise in the irrigation rates.

As the result of the meeting a committee was appointed consisting of E. J. Patch, Snake River Improvement company; Jonas Brown, Payette-Oregon Slope and Crystal district; John Dunphy, Advancement Irrigation company and Independent users about Ontario; Thos. W. Claggett, Owyhee Ditch company, Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation company and Wilson Ditch; H. R. Otis, Kingman Colony and Big Bend Irrigation companies. This committee was instructed to consider the best means of protecting the interests of the users; to invite the co-operation of the power users on the Idaho side and first of all to enlist the support of the Oregon Public Service commission in the matter. Mr. Claggett was named chairman of the committee.

This action did not take place until there was a lengthy discussion of every phase of the problem by speakers called upon by County Agent L. R. Briethaupt, who presided.

The general attitude often expressed by speakers was that of fairness to the company, and a willingness to have the question thoroughly examined and if a rise is justified to stand it; tho it was likewise the opinion of the speakers that the rise sought by the company means the abandonment of some of the systems, especially should prices of farm products fall.

Method of Measurement Vexes

The principal complaint voiced by various speakers was not the question of a rise in rates so much as the lack of power when power is needed, and coupled with that the

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PARENT-TEACHERS TO HEAR ORCHESTRA

Rev. Adam of Payette to Deliver Address at Association Meeting Friday Evening—Parents Urged to Attend.

At the High School auditorium Friday evening, January 23, will be held the first evening program of the year, which will also be unique in the history of the association in that that it will be the first public performance of the High School orchestra which Prof. M. D. Thomas has been training for several months.

Beside the orchestra program the members of the Parent-Teachers association will hear an address by Rev. Adam of Payette. The subject of the address has not been announced, but will be timely. The parents of all the children of the schools are urged to be present. The program will commence at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of Farmington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brown on Sunday.