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PEDDLERS BUSY NOW FLEEING RANCHERS

FOLLOWING CHICKEN "BOGANIZERS" COME AGENTS WITH "CULTURE" FOR LEGUMES AT HIGHTONED PRICES, DECLARES COUNTY AGENT.

FACTS CONCERNING CULTURE

Professor Copson of O. A. C. Refutes Questionable Statements Made by Agents Working in State—Local Ranchers Advised.

Following the visit of a bunch of agents who sold chicken treatments at fancy prices, and handed out panaceas for all the ailments of the feathered tribe, the ranchers of Malheur county are being called upon by another brood of pests who are selling culture to ranchers.

County Agent L. R. Brithaupt, to whose attention the activities of these men have been called had the following to say concerning them:

"The use of this culture is not likely to prove of any value on any of the soils in the county. It is possible that inoculation might be of value on new land of an alkali or puddled nature, but if so, it could be done far cheaper by the soil method, or if pure culture is wanted it may be secured for a small fraction of what these peddlers ask.

"The following letter from Professor Copson of Oregon Agricultural College, dealing with this matter gives the reasons why ranchers should not purchase soil inoculations without exact knowledge:

"The following circular letter is sent to you in order that you may give the farmers the facts on the question of artificial inoculation of legumes, and to refute the questionable and false statements made by agents selling commercial cultures.

"(1). The 'pre culture' method is perhaps the best way, all things considered, to get the special kind of bacteria into your soil. If you already have a certain legume growing in a field on your farm, you can easily thoroughly inoculate another field with some of this soil. This is the surest method known and has no disadvantages when you know there are no weed pests to be carried along with the soil.

"(2). The pure cultures prepared

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HEYMAN TO HAVE HIS PRELIMINARY HEARING

Marshal H. C. Farmer Returns With Man Accused of Having Obtained Money Under False Pretenses—Hall Furnished.

Lester I. Heyman, alias L. Hirsch, who was arrested at Niagara Falls, New York, charged with securing funds from the First National bank under false pretenses, reached the city Wednesday morning accompanied by Marshal H. C. Farmer, who made the trip east for him.

Heyman was arraigned before Justice of the Peace G. L. King, Wednesday afternoon, and thru his attorneys, P. J. Gallagher and W. E. Lees of this city and Livingstone Osborne of Chicago, waived the reading of the charge, a copy having been furnished them, and was held for a temporary hearing tomorrow (Friday morning).

Pending the hearing a cash bail of \$4500 was furnished by his attorneys.

GO'FER THE GOPHERS IS CAMPAIGN SLOGAN

The Farm Bureau campaign against the pocket gopher is getting under way. Thru the pest and disease committee the compulsory law has been brought to bear so that the menace of untreated land adjoining land which is consistently treated can be eliminated. Everyone must have made an attempt to rid their premises of this pest by April 15 or be liable to having the work done by men appointed by the county Court and the costs assessed in taxes against the land.

DIVISION ENGINEER BALDOCK VIEWS ROUTE OF OREGON TRAIL

R. H. Baldock, division engineer for the Oregon State Highway commission, with Engineer Drinkhall, who is locating the route for the Old Oregon Trail from Hantington to Ontario, accompanied by County Judge E. H. Test and members of the Commercial club's road committee, spent last Friday afternoon looking over the two proposed routes to bring that highway into Ontario.

In the morning the committee viewed the entrance to the city via Riverside, which would give to Ontario one of the most scenic and delightful highways in this section. In the afternoon the party drove over the route all the way across Dead Ox Flat, viewed the location of the Malheur river crossing and walked over the line from there to the power plant mill, on Dead Ox Flat.

Mr. Drinkhall will run the lines for the two routes to determine the difference and prepare the other data necessary before a choice is made.

SLEEPING SICKNESS CLAIMS H.S. GRADUATE

Rosecoe Belding Son of C. E. Belding Formerly of Ontario Victim of Sleeping Sickness in San Francisco.

Rosecoe Belding, son of C. E. Belding, formerly of this city, died last Friday in San Francisco of sleeping sickness according to a telegram received Monday by J. R. Blackaby of this city, a friend of the family.

Rosecoe Belding was 32 years old at the time of his death and is survived by a wife and one child. He served with the marines during the war and had been out of the service for some time when the malady which caused his death manifested itself.

The young man lived in Ontario until the family moved to Culver, Oregon ten years ago. The young man was raised in Ontario and was a graduate of the Ontario High School with the class of 1910, and is still well remembered by many of his boyhood chums here.

SOUTH END OF COUNTY NOW HAS FARM BUREAU

Jordan Valley Organizes and has Squirrel Campaign Going Strong With Good Results.

An earnest bunch of farmers of the Jordan Valley section, that rich little valley far to the south in Malheur county, gathered in the parlor of the Jordan Valley hotel on the evening of March 25 to hear of the work of the Farm Bureau and take up the organization of a local Bureau.

After listening to a report of the Farm Bureau movement from its inception in the State of New York some years ago, down thru its spread to Oregon and to Malheur County and the progress made thus far by the Agricultural Agent, a motion was passed by acclamation that a local Bureau be formed forthwith.

A general discussion of projects and committees followed in which most of those present participated. The projects and committees elected were:

Chairman, James W. Parkes; Secretary and Crop records, D. D. Joslyn; Soil Improvement and Irrigation, R. G. Quigley; Livestock Improvement, A. B. Azzenaga; Crop Improvement, W. S. Skinner; Pest and Disease Control, Geo. S. Parks.

This community has already put out about 800 pounds of squirrel poison. Another shipment of 1000 pounds was sent to them on the 27 of March. The squirrels are a serious pest in that section but the poison is getting the best of them. At the Farm Bureau meeting the members went on record instructing their pest and disease committees to work to bring the compulsory rodent control law into action against this pest in addition to the pocket gopher.

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OREGON COMMISSION WILL TAKE TESTIMONY

HEARING ON APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR HIGHER IRRIGATION RATES IN OREGON TO BE HELD IN ONTARIO.

START TESTIMONY ON APRIL 8

Action of Oregon Body Follows Intimation That Idaho Commission Will Make Temporary Rate for Permanent Rate to Be Named Later.

Following advice from the Idaho Utilities commission that it would make a temporary irrigation power rate to cover the 1920 season, and make a permanent rate following the introduction of final data concerning the value of the Idaho Power Company's plant, etc., the Oregon Public Service commission has given notice that it will hold a hearing on the company's application for increased rates in Oregon at the City Hall in Ontario at 1:30 p. m., April 8.

Notice of this hearing was given to the representatives of irrigation companies in Oregon who use pumping plants and these men in turn have notified all of the land owners interested that they will be ready with data to show the commission the exact status of ranching conditions under pumping systems.

According to the terms of the rise asked by the Idaho Power Company the rate for irrigating plants would rise in some cases as high as 80 per cent. On the Ontario-Nyssa system, for example, the rise would be approximately 61 per cent, or from \$4.44 per acre to \$5.00 per acre.

It is the contention of the company that the present irrigation rate was a "development rate," and that it has not returned any dividends to the company, nor even paid for the cost of producing the power, maintenance, etc. The rates asked are estimated to permit a return of 12 per cent on the company's investment, so the power users declare, and they will endeavor to show that the power users are not making that return on their investment and labor.

WILL FORM COUNCIL OF PARENT-TEACHERS

County Wide Organization to Be Formed in Ontario on Saturday Afternoon—Meeting Called at Three O'Clock.

Mrs. Bruce Koster, chairman of the Parent-Teachers association of Oregon for Malheur county, has called a meeting of representatives of the various Parent-Teacher circles of the county to be held in Ontario on Saturday.

The meeting will be held in the Commercial club rooms at the City Hall and will be convened at 3 o'clock. The purpose of the gathering is to form a county organization whereby there can be secured more united effort for the upbuilding of the educational system of the county.

It is expected that there will be representatives present from all the Parent-Teacher circles of which there are a number in the county and that definite plans can be made for immediate activities.

MISS HUMPHRIES OF VALE WINS DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Miss Margaret Humphries of Vale was declared by the judges to be the winner of the annual declamatory contest of the county schools. The contest was held last Saturday evening at the auditorium of the High School. The other contestants were: Miss Fay Foster of Nyssa and Miss Myrna Secoy of Ontario. The contest was close, and the crowd was expectant until the decision of the judges was announced. Superintendent Hammett of Vale presided at the contest and Miss Catherine Conway of Ontario, Mrs. W. S. Clark of Nyssa and Miss Reed of New Plymouth were the judges. Most of the audience came from Vale and Nyssa to hear the speakers.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO PROVIDE CELEBRATION

H. L. PETERSON NAMED GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE BY COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS.

DANCE ON PAVING SCHEDULED

If Plans Mature Celebration Will Mark Completion of Paving Program—Also Hope to Turn on Cluster Lights at Same Time.

Definite Plans were made Tuesday by the Board of Directors of the Commercial club for the Fourth of July celebration launched at the last meeting of the club.

For the purpose of getting the program under way, to arrange for defraying the expenses of the celebration, get the sports program outlined, and attending to the thousand and one details which such a celebration entails the following general committee was appointed: H. L. Peterson, chairman; Al Chance, D. M. Powers, H. H. Tunny, and A. Christiansen.

These men are named chairmen of the following sub-committees: Finance, H. L. Peterson, whose associates are all members of the general committee; sports, H. H. Tunny; program, Al Chance; parade, D. M. Powers; decorations, A. Christiansen.

Turn On the Lights

One of the ambitious plans of the celebration committee is that it will be able to mark the event with the turning on of the cluster light system which is proposed for the city, and of course it is planned to have a big dance on Ontario's new pavements by that day.

The committee has not been able to take up the program in detail but is mulling over many ideas which it hopes to develop so that the biggest civic celebration ever staged in the valley will be held in Ontario this Fourth of July.

NORTH DAKOTA FARMER TELLS ABOUT LEAGUE

Arthur Foster of Clyde, North Dakota, Has Interesting Story of Working of Non-Partisan League; Speaks at Grange Hall April 8.

National publications like the "Country Gentleman," "Luce's Digest," etc., have repeatedly lauded the romance of the Non-Partisan League of North Dakota. But the first time that Oregon folks have had an opportunity of hearing the story first hand was when Arthur Foster related it at a recent luncheon of the Portland Press Club.

Mr. Foster is a North Dakota farmer, temporarily living in Oregon. He and a friend were the only two farmers living in his entire township who refused to join the League. He tells of the manner in which farmers fell for the arguments and promises of solicitors, how the League captured the Republican party and elected state officers, a legislature, and even a Supreme Court, pledged to do the bidding of its leaders. He tells of the millions which went into a chain of farmers' stores and of the establishment of country and city newspapers controlled by the League—of the secret caucus which controlled the legislature and of the legislation that it passed. Finally he tells of the state-owned utilities which were founded and the resulting increase of taxation which was the undoing of the Socialistic plans of this farmers organization.

Mr. Foster will speak at Grange Hall on Thursday, April 8th, and will repeat the startling account of the Non-Partisan League which he told to members of the Portland Press Club at their recent meeting.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Suddeth, at the Holy Rosary hospital, on March 20, a son.

DR. W. G. HOWE SELLS HIS PRACTICE TO DR. C. M. TYLER

Dr. W. G. Howe, who for more than eight years has practiced dentistry in Ontario and built up a large practice this week sold his practice and a large portion of his equipment to Dr. C. M. Tyler, formerly of North Powder, but for the past three weeks at Nyssa.

Dr. and Mrs. Howe expect to leave Ontario in a few days for Portland and Willamette Valley points, and later may visit California. The change Dr. Howe is making is due to a desire to seek a lower altitude for the benefit of Mrs. Howe's health, and is made with regret, he said.

Dr. Tyler, who comes to Ontario, via Nyssa, just as Dr. Howe did eight years ago, is a graduate of the North Pacific Dental college of Portland in the class of 1918. He practiced his profession at North Powder for two years and went to Nyssa three weeks ago. Dr. and Mrs. Tyler are here in Ontario now looking for a residence in which to make their home.

BASEBALL SEASON TO OPEN HERE APRIL 18

Payette and Ontario to Fight for Opening Honors—Oregon Towns Win Toss for Opening Games—Council Protests League Decision.

Manager E. C. Propst of the Ontario baseball team won the toss with Payette's manager and the opening game of the Idaho-Oregon league will be played in Ontario on April 18. At the same meeting the Vale and Huntington teams won their toss with the Parma and Weiser teams respectively, so the opening games will be played in Oregon.

At the meeting last Sunday in Payette the managers had a stormy session, due to the efforts of Council and Cambridge to break into the league. Nyssa, too, asked for a place but when the situation was explained to them they withdrew their application.

Council, represented by a man named Morrison, furnished most of the excitement for he is said to have become abusive, to the directors, when they told him the basis upon which the decision was reached to limit the league to six teams and to keep the towns listed as close together as possible to reduce traveling expenses. Later the Cambridge representative appeared and asked for a place and was told of the directors' policy, but the request was entertained, and coupled with that of Council, put to a motion and rejected by a five to one vote. Weiser was the only team voting for an eight team league.

Ontario Team Forming

Manager Propst is busily engaged lining up players for his team. He has partially completed his infield with the exception of pitcher, and has plenty of talent to chase flies in the gardens. As outlined at present the locals will have Mace and Chapman behind the bat, Eble at first, Harry Chapman at second, Jack Hammond at short, Vickery at third, Eastley, Test, Driscoll and Husted in the field. This is of course a tentative line up and may change in many respects before the opening game which will be played at the Fair grounds.

ROBBERS MAKE RICH HAUL AT GOLDEN RULE

Entrance Gained Thru Window in Rear—Men's Apparel and Suit Cases to Value of \$500 Taken by Thieves.

Some time Sunday night thieves secured entrance to the Golden Rule store and quietly helped themselves to approximately \$500 worth of men's wearing apparel, suit cases, watches and other valuables.

The men were not discriminating for in taking shoes they gathered in odd numbers, while in taking

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COUNTY CLUB LEADER WANTS CANNING CLUB

MISS MAZIE WILSON, IN CHARGE OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' WORK, SEEKS CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS IN BENEFICIAL CAMPAIGN FOR YOUTHS

BOYS WILL HAVE CALF CLUB

Work Started in Other Sections of County Already—Vale Has Two Sewing Clubs Under Way; Ontario Slow to Grasp Possibilities.

To promote the campaign for combined educational work and thrift the results which follow the introduction of Boys' and Girls' club work, Miss Mazie Wilson, county club leader, is holding meetings this week in Nyssa, Oregon-Slope and other districts of the county.

At a meeting held Monday night at the City Hall Miss Wilson proposed the formation of a girls' sewing club and a girls' canning club for Ontario; also for the formation of a calf and corn club for boys.

Only a few of those asked to attend the meeting here were present, but the subject will not be dropped and Ontario will be entered on the list of communities interested in promoting the welfare of the children and advancing the thrift movement.

H. B. Cokrum of the First National bank who was present at the meeting assured Miss Wilson that the bank would co-operate to promote the calf and corn club, and assist the boys enrolled in financing the purchase of pure bred stock and to secure pure seed for corn.

What Ontario needs to get its work under way is the interest of some of the parents who will advise with the boys and girls during the summer and keep the interest aroused. Miss Wilson will be in Ontario again Friday of this week at the City Hall to discuss this matter with any who are interested in getting this work under way.

Vale Boys and Girls Busy

Two sewing clubs at Vale have been organized and have begun their work. Mrs. L. P. Lumpee is leader for the Eighth Grade Sewing Club girls who will complete Divisions 1 and 2 of the Sewing Course this year. Miss Jean Conklin, leader of the Seventh Grade Sewing Club, re-

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MOVING BEE STINGS LOCAL BUSINESS MEN

Complexion of Business District to Undergo Decided Change During Next Two Weeks—Store Rooms Filling Up.

May 1 may be officially recognized as "Moving Day" in most places, but the month of April will see a general transfer of location on the part of a number of Ontario business firms.

The initial move in the program was that made this week by W. L. Turner, who transferred his music store and insurance office from the Moore building where it has been located for the past two years, to another of Mr. Moore's buildings, that which was occupied by the Independent market until two months ago. This building has been entirely renovated and Mr. Turner is getting settled in his new location already.

Following this comes the Ontario Modern Pressary which is to leave its present location and seek its new home in the building formerly occupied by the Allen Shoe company.

With the removal of the Pressary room will be made for the location of the Wayt Implement company, which has already occupied the back end of the building which was originally constructed for a garage.

The Wilson buildings on Oregon street between Second and Third avenues are being made ready for the occupancy of the McDowell store which takes three of them.