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THE CRY OF STARVING CHILDREN OF EUROPE MUST BE ANSWERED—\$10 SAVES A CHILD'S LIFE—WILL YOU SAVE ONE FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

SAVING OF 300 LIVES IS TASK OF MALHEUR

COUNTY ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO SAVING OF STARVING CHILDREN OF EUROPE—GENEROUS RESPONSE MUST GREET APPEAL

\$10 SAVES LIFE OF ONE CHILD

Ontario Asked to Save 85 Lives—Vale to Do Same for 40—Nysa Will Save 25; Other Quotas Assigned by Committee

Malheur County's greatest Christmas gift, the lives of 300 children. That is the message that the committee in charge of the appeal for funds to save the starving children of Europe wants to send to the State Headquarters on Christmas eve.

Arrangements for carrying the appeal—it is not a drive for funds—no pot-luck—but it is an answer to the crying children, the half-naked, undernourished victims of the great war; whose miseries no American can comprehend, and whose anguish must be relieved, lest they die.

At a meeting this noon at the Blue Bird, A. J. Robinson, directors of the appeal for Eastern Oregon outlined the needs to a hastily called meeting at which Geo. K. Allen, county chairman, J. M. McDonald, local chairman and the following were present: H. B. Cockrum, county treasurer of the fund, J. R. Blackaby, Mrs. Irwin Troxell, Rev. D. D. Gillanders, Rev. W. J. Luscumbe, Frank P. Ryan were present.

A Universal Christian Appeal

The appeal at this Christmas time is universal. It is made by the united efforts of all the organizations of the nations who have contributed to war work; the Y. M. C. A., The Red Cross, The Jewish Welfare, The Knights of Columbus, and every other organization touched by the cry of the children.

The following chairmen have been appointed, and the number of children each community is asked to save at the given rate of \$10 per child is given:

Ontario, 85, Jas. McDonald; Vale, 45, A. E. Ager; Nysa, 25, Frank Hall, Rev. W. F. Shields; Brogan, 13, A. A. Reed; Jamieson, S. J. L. Page; Westfall, J. D. Fairman; Malheur, 5, Geo. H. Bodfish; Bonita, 3, J. F. Phelan; Ironside, 10, Ernest Loeey; Harper, 10, J. D. Fairman; Riverside, 3, Duncan McRae; Junta, 13, Dan P. Gallagher; Oregon Slope, 10, Mrs. E. W. Tomlin; Women's club; Cairo, 6, John Keegan; Ontario, White Settlement, 5, Lincoln, 6, Rex Marquis; Jordan Valley, 30, T. T. Kohout; Valley View, 6, W. S. Rees; Riverside, Jordan Valley, 8, Gibbon; Crowley, 5, Tom Turnbull; Heulath, 5, Barney Tillston; Adrian, 15, Mrs. E. L. Tate

BUYERS LEAVE TO GET FIRST OF DAIRY COWS

S. P. Graham of Vale, C. M. Beaumont of Adrian and E. Frost of Oregon Slope in Initial Party Commercial Club Assists

S. P. Graham, county chairman of the Farm Bureau Livestock committee and C. M. Beaumont, purchasing agent for the Kingman Colony dairy cow pool, departed for Williams Valley Monday evening to secure a car load of grade Jerseys. E. Frost of Oregon Slope, purchasing agent for that community, followed on Wednesday, to secure a car load of grade Jerseys for that locality.

Arrangements have been made thru the initiative of the Ontario Commercial Club, to keep Mr. Graham in the Williams Valley and western Washington for some time, scouting for good buys in the dairy stock line. His services will be available to everyone who wishes to bring in dairy cattle, but particularly for those who act as purchasing agents for carload pools from the different localities in the county. Graham will work with the county agent and the Dairy Specialist of the College in lining up stock so that purchasers from this county will be able to make their selections advantageously.

The first purchases will probably be made in Washington County where County Agent McWhorter has been busy for some time listing available stock. Washington County has a number of the best stock in the World. At present, Jersey cattle offer the best opportunity for the purchase of cattle of high production from the standpoint of capital invested. Higher producing Jerseys are available for the price than of other breeds, because of being more numerous with consequent opportunity for selection. The Jersey breeders have not been as active in booming their breed, also.

The cattle that will be secured will be auctioned off soon after arrival. The auctions will take place right in the community where the pools are formed. Persons who are not mem-

TEACHES 7-YEAR-OLD TO BOX; EARNS WAY THROUGH COLLEGE

University of Oregon.—As boxing instructor to a 7-year-old boy, is how one student is earning his way thru the University of Oregon. The little lad, who has just started to public school, has learned the need of a capable fist. So his mother, an admirer of Roosevelt, hired the student to come over to her home three times a week and teach the youth how to spar.

The records show that University men are performing a multitude of tasks in order to get an education. They wash dishes, spade gardens, wash windows, help clean houses, wait on tables, wax floors, pick apples, shovel coal, sweep floors, mow lawns, shingle houses, mix cement, drive busses, repair shoes, drive peanut wagons and act as salesmen.

HAY GROWERS' MEET LARGELY ATTENDED

150 Ranchers Meet at Cairo Grange Hall and Plan Growers Association to be Perfected at once

The meeting of Malheur County hay growers called by the Farm Bureau Marketing Committee on Wednesday at the Cairo Grange Hall was attended by one hundred fifty or more farmers who assembled from all parts of the Snake River and Malheur Valleys. The meeting was called to order by chairman Tensen and Gilbert Dean appointed secretary, after which a full consideration of the present hay situation and of the future prospects for hay markets took place.

The relationship between the range stock demand and the available supplies was discussed, as well as the export demands. The advisability of increasing farm livestock and the production of other crops was given much favorable consideration as a means of preventing the recurrence of a situation similar in future years. To get a systematic marketing system going, secure information of conditions affecting markets and make it available to the producers, the chairman was instructed to appoint a committee of sufficient number to adequately represent the hay growers for the purpose of bringing a growers association into existence.

A plan for forming a pool to negotiate with certain buyers who were reported as, in the market for hay in large quantities on a divided payment plan, was presented and a census taken of those who were willing to go into such a pool. Several thousand tons were listed and a committee, with T. W. Claggett as chairman, appointed to complete negotiations. This matter was taken up aside from the general purpose of forming an association.

The meeting proved very profitable to all who attended as it served for the exchange of much valuable information the influence of which will work to the benefit of all interested in the development of the country. Among the good talks given was that of F. N. Northrup of Oregon Slope who presented statistics to show the value of farm livestock keeping and the probable value of wheat next year. He recommended a policy of the grower holding the surplus rather than dumping all on the market at any price to get rid of it, together with a general movement to consume hay on the ranch where grown.

LAST CHARTER MEMBER OF I. O. O. F. PASSES

W. E. Huley, Pioneer of Malheur County; Business man of 47 Early Days Dies After Short Illness of Pneumonia.

W. E. Huley, a well known farmer and one of the pioneers residents of Ontario, died at his home four miles west of Ontario Monday from an attack of pneumonia after a brief illness. Mr. Huley was engaged in business in Ontario about thirty-five years ago. For several years past he has been engaged in farming. Besides his wife he leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his death. Mr. Huley was a prominent Odd-Fellow the last of the Charter members of Ontario Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 99, and was a past noble grand. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the Odd Fellows Hall under the auspices of the local lodge which conducted the ritualistic services at the grave. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. Luscumbe of the Methodist church. The funeral was largely attended by aid time friends of the deceased. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

Members of the pool will be allowed to purchase cattle by bidding on a cash basis. As fast as there is need for more stock, other pools will be formed. Anyone interested in securing dairy stock can get assistance from the Farm Bureau by seeing any of the livestock committees of the County Agricultural Agent.

HOWARD BOUND OVER FOR SWEENEY MURDER

PRELIMINARY HEARING WAIVED BEFORE COUNTY JUDGE E. H. TEST TODAY—NO PLEA ENTERED—NO ATTORNEY REPRESENTS ACCUSED

SWEENEY'S BODY STILL MISSING

Officers in Quandry Over Failure To Find Body—Howard's Relatives Ride With Corps—Shadows Haunt Youthful Murderer

George W. Howard, self confessed murderer of George R. Sweeney the Vale tailor, was arraigned before County Judge E. H. Test at Vale this morning. Howard waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to the Grand Jury which meets in January. No attorney represented him today.

Marshal H. C. Farmer of Ontario, Deputy Sheriff, C. W. and Frank Glenn and Bert High have searched in vain for the body of Sweeney. They have dragged the Owyhee where he claims to have sunk the body. They have found the trunk with its bloody smears and hair identified as that of Sweeney. They have in brief confirmed every statement of the confession, save that of finding the body where he claims to have thrown it.

Parents Ride With Corpse

The searching party learned from Howard's parents that the young man arrived at the ranch with the trunk in the rear of the car and that he took each member of the family riding, one at a time, over the lonely roads near Watson, while in the rear rode the victim of his crime. Of course the family was unaware of the gruesome tragedy until the officers told them.

Howard told Sheriff Noe in a second statement that he visited the scene where he threw the body every day, for all the time his guilty conscience pictured the body rising out of the waters to accuse him.

Each time he visited the scene he found the shadow which harassed him was that cast by a bunch of willows. The officers who have examined Howard are at a loss to properly describe his action. He does not look the part of a desperate criminal; nor yet that of a maniac. He shows some sign of remorse, but more that of one resigned to his fate.

THREE TIMES POPULATION CAN BE SUPPORTED BY DAIRY COWS

An idea of what the general introduction of dairy cows into this community will accomplish, statistics prove that three times the population can be supported by the same hay acreage, if the product is fed to dairy cows, that can be supported when the hay is fed to beef cattle.

This statement applies only to the rural population, who in turn will be able to increase the business of the towns and cities and thus make possible material increase to them, as well.

Not only this, the introduction of this type of farming will naturally be followed by the introduction of related industries, creameries, canneries and other means of furnishing employment for urban dwellers.

In other words dairying is a basic industry whose prosperity means a wider diffusion of wealth than the attendant upsurge on any other form of agriculture.

Is not this a worth while industry for any community situated as is Ontario to promote?

HALLOWELL CONCERT CO. HERE FRIDAY EVENING

American Legion Secures Most Popular of Traveling Orchestras—Dance to Follow Concert—Is Real Musical Treat

The Hallowell Concert company, one of the very best of the traveling concert companies that come to this section will be the attraction at the Majestic Theatre Friday evening. The concert is to be given under the auspices of the Ontario American Legion post, and will be a real musical treat. Aside from the excellent ensemble which the orchestra secures from its artists, it has an exceptional number of soloists. Mr. Wenzel, the baritone, alone is a treat.

After the concert the company will play for a dance which the legion will give at the Old Opera House.

County Commissioner F. M. Vines was here from Vale Wednesday to attend the funeral of W. E. Huley. Mr. Vines and Mr. Huley were associated in business together in Ontario many years ago.

J. A. Lackness is Portland and Salem on business connected with the telephone company.

RAILROAD ASKS THAT HAY TARIFF BE MADE

UNION PACIFIC AND SHORT LINE REQUEST INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION FOR REDUCED TARIFF.

SALVATION OF HAY MEN SEEN

Rate of \$10 to Missouri River and Proportionate Rate East of That Terminal Will Mean Heavy Hay Movement From This Section.

The brightest ray of hope to pierce the gloom which has overshadowed the prospects of the hay growers of Malheur County and of all Southern Idaho, came today when it became known that the Union Pacific railroad officials and those of the Short Line have asked permission to file a tariff of \$10 per ton from this section to the Missouri river terminals.

The Boise Statesman also carried the statement that the U. P. officials have asked the intermediate lines, as the railroads between Omaha and Chicago are called, and other eastern roads to make a proportionate reduction on their tariffs for the salvation of the hay crop of Idaho.

Applies to Oregon Points.

County Agent L. R. Breithaupt, acting for the Farm Bureau Marketing committee and Mayor R. W. Jones, president of the Commercial club acting for that body immediately got into communication with Short Line officials to determine whether or not the rate would apply to Oregon points on the Short Line, since the Boise stories gave the rate as from Idaho points.

Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Breithaupt were assured that the tariff would apply to Oregon points on the Short Line and Joel Priest, General Agent of the Short Line said he would wire headquarters to have that point specifically stated.

H. O. Drane local agent has been informed by wire that the new tariff would be issued, but it may be several days, perhaps a week, before complete authorization for the rate from the Inter State Commerce commission can be secured.

That this rate means a great deal to this section can be understood when it is known that in Ontario today there are inquiries from eastern points for several hundred car loads of baled hay for points east of Chicago, at prices which will be satisfactory to the hay ranchers under the new freight rate.

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR COUNTY PIONEER DIES

N. C. Long Passes Away After Lingering Illness—Was Mason 54 Years—Served Throughout Entire Civil War.

N. C. Long, aged 88 years, died at his home here Tuesday evening after a lingering illness. Compliments attendant upon old age was the cause of death. Masonic funeral services were held this morning at the Methodist Episcopal church, the service being conducted by Anaciah Lodge of this city. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Luscumbe.

The body was then taken to Vale where Masonic service was conducted at the grave by the Vale Lodge, interment being made this afternoon.

N. C. Long was a pioneer of Malheur County. He came here from California in 1875, to which state he had moved from Kansas in 1866. From 1875 until a year and a half ago he lived near Vale. He is survived by his wife and three of the seven children born to him; the children living are: Mrs. A. L. Parker of LaGrande, Oregon; Harvey F. of Ontario and Critty C. of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Mr. Long was born at Clinton, Illinois in 1832. He moved to Kansas as a young man and enlisted in Company F, 4th Kansas Infantry in August 1861; was discharged February 29, 1864 and re-enlisted the next day and was honorably discharged a second time August 30, 1865. The next day at Council Bluffs, Iowa he was married to Elizabeth Fay, who survives him.

He was a member of the Methodist church all his mature life and for 54 years was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB IS FORMED AT UNIVERSITY

University of Oregon, Eugene—Students of the University, representing twelve foreign countries, have formed a Cosmopolitan club. William J. Russias, a native of Greece, who is chairman, says that the club has a three-fold purpose: To help promote a better understanding among the foreign born students on the campus, to establish a more friendly relationship among nations by means of intimate contact here, and to make better acquainted with each other the American students and the students of foreign birth.

RANCHER APPROVES POSITION OF COUNCIL ON TIME CHANGE

Dear Sir:— It was with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I read your editorial in the Argus of this week regarding the changing of time. I think as you say that the stand taken by the City Council of Ontario is a wise one, that we should abide by the standard time as ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission and that individual interests can adjust their starting and closing times of their business as seems best to them but let all the clocks indicate the same time and thus avoid endless confusion.

Very truly yours,
P. M. HOALS

SINNOTT SAYS OREGON NOT FAIRLY TREATED

State Has Furnished Reclamation Fund With 11 Millions And Has But Half That Sum Returned To It—Ask Two New Projects

That a determined effort is being made by the Oregon delegation in Congress to secure justice for the State in the distribution of irrigation funds is evident from the press dispatches from Washington. It is further evident that progress is being made.

In Tuesday's Oregonian appeared the following story sent out by its special correspondent:

Representative Sinnott laid before the house committee on appropriations today a detailed statement showing that estimates for reclamation projects for the next fiscal year sent to congress recently by the secretary of the interior do not give Oregon a fair share of the money available for irrigation.

In the statement he pointed out that Oregon has paid into the reclamation fund \$11,165,112 and has received in allotments only half that amount. Several states, he showed, have received several times what they have paid in. Representative Sinnott's protest was due particularly to the division made of the money paid into reclamation fund from federal royalty provided by the oil leasing bill.

Although Oregon would receive increased appropriation under the estimates submitted to congress, the increases are small compared with amounts given to other states, he held.

Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott appeared before Director Davis of the reclamation service today and urged that additional estimates be sent to congress for two new projects in Oregon.

On Wednesday there appeared a story that Secretary of the Interior Thomas Barton Payne had recommended to Congress the construction of the Des Chutes project in Oregon. It further stated that since this is a new project it must receive Presidential approval, but that this is certain.

Ontario folks are wondering whether this is one of the two projects which Senator McNary and Congressman Sinnott recommended—if they recommended any specific project—and if so what the status of the Owyhee project is at the present time.

P. J. Gallagher of this city who is in Washington just now in the interests of this latter project is expected to start from the national capital tomorrow for Ontario.

SUBSTANTIAL FUND IS CHARITY BALL RESULT

Despite Adverse Weather Conditions Large Crowd Attends First Annual Dance for Charity—Many Interesting Sidelights

The first annual ball for the benefit of those who might be in need in Ontario was a successful venture, though not as great as its projectors desired. However they were greatly handicapped by the adverse weather, for it rained that night as it seldom rains in this section.

Despite the rain, however, a large crowd was in attendance and many purchased tickets who did not attend. There were booths and games in the carnival attractions, but best of all there was a generous spirit of good time over all.

The committee from the Oregon club and the Knights of Columbus who united to stage the event were gratified at the result considering the handicap and everyone present declared the function one of the best ever staged here. The committee had not completed an audit of the receipts and expenses of the gathering but as nearly as could be estimated the net proceeds will reach \$155.00.

SECOND ANNUAL FARM BUREAU MEETING HELD

RECORD BREAKING MEETING OF COUNTY RANCHERS HELD AT CAIRO GRANGE HALL SATURDAY—RANCHERS BATTLE MUD TO ATTEND

BARBECUE AT NOON PLEASURE

President Geo. A. Mansfield of State Farm Bureau Delivers Eloquent Address—Committee Reports Progress—Officers Re-Elected.

With more than 250 ranchers and their wives present the second annual meeting of the Malheur County Farm Bureau was held at the Grange Hall at Cairo last Saturday. It was the largest meeting of ranchers held in the county in years, and despite the bad roads in many sections there were ranchers from all the lower valley present.

Beside attending to the annual business of the Bureau thru the day session, the ranchers, many of them remained for a dance in the evening, which was one of the Stellar features of the gathering, vieling with the big barbecue at noon, in which J. F. Phelan of Bonita played the role of chef. The balance of the sumptuous dinner was prepared by the women of the Grange and left nothing to be desired.

During the meeting variety and pleasure were added thru the musical numbers given by Mrs. A. M. Dunlap of Vale, accompanied by Mrs. A. M. Moody; the violin numbers of Mrs. Phelan of Bonita, accompanied by Mrs. L. R. Breithaupt, and Miss Luella Callin, while James Smith of Ontario as song leader carried the crowd along thru the afternoon's program by interspersing community singing with vocal solos. Mrs. Smith accompanied his efforts on the piano, thus taken all around an excellent program was presented.

Geo. A. Mansfield of Medford, Oregon President of the State Farm Bureau delivered the big address of the day, making an eloquent appeal for cooperation on the part of the farmers, and F. L. Ballard, county agent leader for Eastern Oregon made a brief talk.

The meeting was called to order at 11 a. m. by President V. V. Hickox, who made a brief address. The minutes of the first annual meeting of the Malheur County Farm Bureau were read by Secretary L. R. Breithaupt, and approved.

Reports and recommendations from heads of departments were made by the following:

Pete Tensen, chairman of the Buying and Marketing Committee; E. M. Dean of the Community Betterments Committee; G. W. Dean of the Post Control Committee; S. P. Graham, of the Livestock Committee; V. T. Herrett, Treasurer, presented his annual report; Mrs. W. L. Davis, of the Home Betterments; L. J. Hadley of the Soil Improvements and Irrigation Committee.

The Cairo Sewing Club girls gave a demonstration showing the different steps taken in making a bag from a flour sack. This demonstration was very successfully given, from the cutting of the pattern to the finished article, and great interest in the Boys' and Girls' Club work was manifested by those present.

A report on Boys' and Girls' Club work was made by Miss Marie Wilson, Club Leader—Mrs. Hurley, the chairman of the committee being unable to be present.

A. A. Reed, of the Horticulture Committee, being unable to attend the meeting, his report was read by Secretary L. R. Breithaupt.

Ivan E. Oakes reported the work of the Farm Records committee.

F. L. Ballard, Assistant County Agent Leader for Eastern Oregon spoke of the work of the Farm Bureau, showing its relation to the College Agricultural work, and emphasizing the necessity of organized effort, and a definite program of accomplishments. Mr. Ballard stated that he believes the Farm Bureau to be the greatest farmer's movement in the United States, and that its power is due to the fact that it is organized from the bottom up, and not from the top down. He emphasized the importance of committee meetings in the different communities, stating that the success of the County Farm Bureau depends upon the work of the community committees, and that the work that is being done under the head of the National Farm Bureau Organization simmers down to the community Farm Bureau. Mr. Ballard expressed the hope that the Malheur County (Continued on Page Seven)

SHOPLIFTERS CAUGHT WITH GOODS BY LOCAL OFFICERS

A number of Mexicans whose fingers clung to goods they did not purchase in local stores were rounded up by the police today. Marshal H. C. Farmer and Night Marshal J. H. Gordon arrested the Mex this afternoon and secured most of the stolen property which included silk shirts, galeros, gloves, one suit and other articles. Local merchants identified the goods.