

## PARENT TEACHERS TO GIVE BAND BENEFIT

The Ontario Parent-Teacher's Association has planned an entertainment in honor of the High School Band and Orchestra to be given at the High School Assembly Room on Thursday evening, January 27, under the direction of Prof. M. D. Thomas. The members of the band have been practicing two nights a week since the opening of school and great deal of time and energy has been put into making a strong musical organization.

In appreciation of the work that is being done and of the advantages to be derived by students and community, the Parent-Teacher's Association has arranged for the production of "The Worst Man," a play by John Kendrick Bangs, to be given by the Sigma Club of O. H. S. rehearsals for the play began on Tuesday and are being directed by Mrs. Cabene and Miss Abbott, advisors of the Club.

Following is the cast of characters:

The Worst Man	Miss Ruth Cabene
Attitude Willoughby	Dorothy Edwards
Belinda DeWitt	Alma Homan
Bette Hawkins	Alice Berwin
Carolina	Ruth Homan
Lucella	Ula Gramse
Edwence	Hope Cochran
Anna	Reba Hood
Nette	Evelyn Stewart
Bill Boy	Margarette Potter

The band will also entertain with number of selections.

An admission of 25c will be turned over to the Sigma Club to defray expenses for the play. Members of the Band and Orchestra will be given complimentary tickets.

## ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW TO BE HELD SOON

At the next meeting of the Ontario Commercial Club a committee will be appointed to assist in arranging the Annual Poultry Show.

It is hoped to secure the store building formerly occupied by Boyer Bros. which is roomy and a fine location.

The poultry industry is fast becoming one of the greatest in the U. S. In 1919 the value of it exceeded a billion one hundred and fifty million dollars and it is growing rapidly each year.

This section is splendidly adapted for poultry and egg production and many people are making a fine profit from their flocks.

This year's show should be better than any held in the past as the industry has doubled in the past two years and many birds of high standard will be shown.

The date of the show will be decided next week, but it will probably be held in the first week in February.

## PLAINTIFF AWARDED DAMAGES BY JURY IN DISTRICT COURT

Both plaintiffs in cases tried during the last week and the first of this week before Judge Daley at Vale were awarded damages. The first case, that of Estor Arnwine vs. R. N. Stanfield, declared to be one of the most meritorious cases tried before the court in several terms, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff. A similar result was the result of the case of J. M. Paterson vs. Dr. W. G. Weir. To try these cases the court adjourned last session.

## DOG POISONER IS AGAIN AT WORK HERE IN ONTARIO

The annual appearance of a dog poisoner in Ontario was made last Friday when "Dugan" the valuable collie belonging to F. J. Clemons was home lying from the effects of strychnine. Dr. A. G. Moore was called and though every effort was made to save the dog he died. A dog belonging to Frank McLoch who lives across the street from Mr. Clemons has disappeared and it is believed that he too was a victim of the poisoner.

Mrs. D. A. Grady and son left Tuesday for a visit with her sisters. Mrs. Wm. Plughoff at Huntington and Mrs. Frank McGee at Lewiston, Idaho. From Lewiston she will go to Dillon, Montana to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Grady's mother.

D. C. Anderberg and wife returned Tuesday from a visit with Mr. Anderberg's mother at Salt Lake City. They stopped off at Pocatello and are on their way home for a few days' visit.

## ROCKVILLE-WATSON MAIL ROUTE AGAIN OPENED

The mail route between Rockville and Watson, which has been discontinued for a long time, has been put in operation again the first trip being made by H. B. Syme, of Watson, who has the contract for carrying the mail, January 13. Senator Chamberlain a short time ago presented a petition from the people in the vicinity of Ontario and Watson to the postoffice department asking for the re-establishment of this mail route with the result stated above. The people of Watson have been inconvenienced by the discontinuance of this route being without their mail for a month at a time.

## CAIRO FARM BUREAU HOLDING ANNUAL MEET

The Cairo Grange Hall today the members of the Cairo Farm Bureau are holding an all day session for the re-organization of the bureau for the year. Beside the program of business there will be a dinner to which the various members are contributing the cats, and in the evening the Grange will give a dance.

Tuesday morning at the city hall the program of work committee consisting of E. B. Conklin, A. Gramse, P. Countryman, Seymour Ross, S. D. Dorman and Geo. K. Aiken considered proposals to be submitted for the activity of the various committees for the year.

Beside the program outlined by the county executive committee the Cairo committee decided to add there to a committee whose business it will be to promote the poultry industry in this section so that the business will reach a point where an adequate market will be justified. It was also decided that an executive committee be formed which will be empowered to remove committees which do not function, and this executive committee will be urged to co-operate with the proper committees of the Commercial Club of Ontario to promote the advancement of mutual projects.

The committee also urged that efforts be made to improve the market roads in the Cairo district, particularly the Valley View road, and that a study be made of school problems to ascertain whether or not school buses might not be installed to take children of that section to the schools of Ontario.

## FORMER ONTARIO WOMAN PASSES AT EMMETT

Mrs. Eleanor Jamieson passed, to her reward last Saturday night having reached the ripe age of eighty-nine years. She had recently moved from Ontario to Emmett, Idaho, having lived in Ontario for some seven or eight years. Services were held at Emmett Monday and she was laid to rest in the cemetery there. Her immediate relatives are her husband Jas. F. Jamieson, a veteran of the Civil war, her daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Evans employed with Dr. Wason and Fortner, and Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dickson, her son-in-law and daughter who a short time since moved to Emmett to take advantage of a new business opportunity.

She was born near Pittsburg, Penna., moved to Iowa, then to California and later to Ontario.

Her departure is a distinct loss to her loved ones and friends because to each year of her life was added sweetness, beauty and fragrance. Her example of patient faithfulness is a loss; her example of unselfish devotion to duty is a loss; her example of regular attendance at public worship in the house of prayer, even though the impaired hearing forbid her hearing a sermon, is a loss.

One of the most valuable assets for youth is the example of ripe experience and the testimony to the truth of eternal verities by the aged. She drank daily from the river of the Lord's pleasures and was ready for her crowning.

She was a lifelong member of the United Presbyterian Church.

## HOWARD FOUND GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

After an exciting case in the district court, Geo. Howard was found guilty of the murder of George W. Sweeney. At 7:30 p. m. this evening the jury returned a verdict of first degree murder, which may mean a death penalty. He will receive his sentence Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

R. W. Jones left Monday on a business trip through the interior. County Agent L. R. Brethaupt who has been ill for more than a week is very much improved and able to be about again.

Miss Pauline Seligman left Saturday for Gooding, Idaho where she will attend Gooding College.

## UNION PACIFIC MAN WOULD AID SHIPPERS

Agricultural Department Send Representative Here to Study Market Situation—Is Optimistic

C. C. Gignoux, assistant supervisor of agriculture of the Union Pacific System was in Ontario last Saturday to secure information relative to the amount of hay yet unsold in this territory.

Though he declared that the reduced hay rate had not yet achieved the benefits which the people of Idaho and of Malheur county had hoped from it as yet, he declared that in his opinion judging from the data collected in various sections that the benefits would be manifest in this region in the next two or three months when the hay of Colorado and Nebraska were moved to market. The low rate has affected those regions already and they being nearer secured the first advantage.

Like every other student of farm problems who has been in this section Mr. Gignoux is an advocate of diversified farming as the proper solution of the marketing difficulties of the people of this section.

In their effort to be of immediate assistance the Union Pacific officials are gathering data among the buyers of hay as well as the shippers and have added the County Agent of Malheur County on their list of those who will receive the bulletin issued weekly showing those who are in the market for hay and other farm produce.

## ALFALFA PRODUCTS COMPANY MAKES INITIAL SHIPMENT

G. H. Ross shipped the first three carloads of alfalfa meal, January 13, from the Alfalfa Products Company mill of Ontario. Two carloads were shipped to Memphis, Tennessee and one to St. Joseph, Missouri. Orders for meal have been received all winter, and had the weather been such as to permit grinding and hauling, several more cars would have been placed on the market.

## LOCAL PERSONALS

R. W. Jones made a business trip to Baker last Thursday.

W. F. Homan is in Portland on business.

J. A. Lakness was in Baker on business last week.

J. F. Joyce, county road master, returned the first of the week from Watson where he has been looking after road work.

Miss Lucille Rollins, accompanied by the two young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cox, Marguerite and Clementine, have returned from a five months visit to their former home at Grinnell, Iowa. They were accompanied home by Mr. Cox's Mother, Mrs. Anna Cox, of Iowa Falls, who came to visit her son and family. Miss Rollins is spending the week end in Boise.

Mrs. H. L. Fox is reported quite ill again.

Mrs. S. F. Taylor is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Cora Beagle and little granddaughter, Miss Laura Gregg, returned Friday from a visit to relatives at Caldwell.

Miss Elinor Randall who has been ill for several days at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Whitney is able to be up and about again.

The Rebekah Lodge initiated two candidates Wednesday night, the work being conducted by the Payette Lodge.

Mrs. J. R. Kidd, of Huntington, who is very ill was brought to Holy Rosary Hospital Tuesday evening.

Miss Mildred Frost visited with her sisters, Mrs. Lee Brown and Miss Marie Frost at Payette Saturday and Sunday. She was accompanied by Miss Gladys Franklin.

Fred Rice was in Payette Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Gregg visited Payette Friday.

Mrs. Helen Struthers is visiting in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Reed of Brogan are in Ontario for a short time. George Wayt was a Boise visitor Saturday.

R. T. McHaley of Prairie City was an Ontario visitor Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown of Barren Valley were in Ontario over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Perkins of Canyon City stopped in Ontario a few hours Saturday on her way home from Brogan where she has been visiting her daughter.

Mrs. S. B. Staley of Montpelier arrived today for an extended visit with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rasmussen.

## STANDARD OIL WILL QUADRUPLE STORAGE

New Tank Will Have Capacity of 440,000 Gallons of Gasoline—Lubricating Oil to Come in Bulk—New Office Too

The capacity of the storage tanks of the Standard Oil company in Ontario will be more than quadrupled when the improvements contemplated for immediate construction are completed.

The company has purchased four additional lots adjacent to the present plant, doubling the ground space owned by it, and is already assembling the material to start the erection of a gasoline tank which will be 50 feet in diameter and 30 feet high. It will have a capacity of 440,000 gallons of gasoline. At present the storage space of the plant here is but 80,000.

With this increase in capacity for gasoline the company will use some of the present gasoline tanks for the storage of lubricating oil which it has hitherto handled here in barrels only.

Beside increasing the tank storage the company is to increase its warehouse space, rebuild its office, and make the local station one of the largest distributing plants in the state.

With this additional storage capacity the days of gas shortage are over in this section in the belief of J. H. Test, local agent for the company.

"We have some of the material on hand now for the construction of the tanks and I expect to see the work started very soon. When this building is completed it will be possible to plant a lawn, lay out driveways and otherwise improve the appearance of the plant," said Mr. Test.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF LEGION TO HOLD MEETING JANUARY 22

The auxiliary unit of the Ontario Post No. 67 of the American Legion will meet in the auditorium of the City Hall on Saturday January 22 at 3 p. m. A full attendance is urged as important business is to be considered.

## LOCAL PERSONALS

John Lawrence from the upper John Day Valley stopped in Ontario a few days in his way to Brogan where he is feeding cattle this winter.

C. E. Dibble of Payette was an Ontario business visitor last Saturday. Mr. Dibble came over to learn what had been done toward the holding of a poultry show here this year.

P. M. Boals of Oregon Slope was in Ontario Tuesday to attend the meeting of the orchard men.

F. M. Northrop of Oregon Slope and his son were in Ontario Monday. Mr. Northrop left on No. 19 for Salem.

Miss Lucille Biggs who has been ill for several days so far recovered as to be able to return to Eugene to take up her work at the University.

Homer Maddux made a trip around the Boise-Caldwell loop on Tuesday.

City Recorder, C. M. Stearns left Tuesday morning for Boise and returned today. While he was gone Mayor W. H. Doolittle was in charge of the office.

United Senator-elect R. N. Stanfield was an Ontario visitor last Friday evening returning from Vale where he was a witness in the Arnwine vs. Stanfield case.

Col. William Hanley left last Saturday for his home in Burns after interviewing the hay men of the valley relative to the formation a hay growers association in Eastern Oregon.

L. G. Olson of Boise, formerly of this city was a business visitor here last Saturday.

Senator Bruce Dennis of Union county and his son John, and Judge Phy of La Grande were in Ontario Sunday enroute from Vale where they went on business.

Dr. G. E. Howe, formerly of Ontario spent the greater portion of last week and the first of this in Ontario and Vale.

Mrs. Elmo Pearson of Weiser was in Ontario Monday to spend the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rader.

A. A. Reed of Brogan spent the first of the week in Ontario on business in connection with the formation of a growers organization among the fruit men of the county. Mr. Reed is chairman of the Farm Bureau's horticultural committee which is at work in an effort to solve the marketing problem of the fruit men.

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The Royal Neighbors will install the following officers Monday evening, January 24.

Oracle—Neighbor Lulu A. Brown  
Vice Oracle—Neighbor Alma C. Bingham.

Past Oracle—Neighbor Grace Lingel  
Chancellor—Neighbor Maggie Howe  
Recorder—Neighbor Mamie Secoy  
Receiver—Neighbor Alva Duffield  
Marshal—Neighbor Myrl Bingham  
Inner Sentinel—Neighbor Emma Gramse  
Outer Sentinel—Neighbor Clara Studebaker  
Manager 3 years—Neighbor Kate Breckon  
Manager 2 years—Neighbor Grace B. Turner.

## HORTICULTURIST HERE TO DISCUSS MARKETS

Consider Proposition to Join in Idaho Association for Marketing of Products of Malheur Orchards

A. A. Reed, chairman of the Horticultural committee of the Malheur Farm Bureau is holding a meeting here this afternoon of the members of his committee for the purpose of discussing the proposal made the orchardists of this county joining with the Idaho fruitmen to market their crops co-operatively.

A number of orchard men from Nyssa, Oregon-Slope, Brogan and Jamieson are here and the plan will be thoroughly discussed before action is taken.

Mr. Reed last week attended a meeting of the Idaho association in Boise and believes that by co-operating with the men on the other side of the river results beneficial to Malheur county men can be obtained.

## VETERANS OF G. A. R. MEET THOUGH NUMBER DECREASING

Veterans of the G. A. R. in the valley are not so numerous now as they were in years gone by. This was emphasized at a meeting of Sherman Post at the Y. M. C. A. in Payette Monday, January 17, at which G. L. King of Ontario was elected and installed commander of the Post. There were only nine old soldiers in the party, but at the W. R. C. which met at the same time there were 40 present and they gave the old soldiers a happy party. Among those who went from Ontario to attend the meeting were: Judge and Mrs. G. L. King, R. S. Rutherford, Mrs. M. E. Osborne and Mrs. Nell O. Bedford.

## TELEPHONE SERVICE IS DISRUPTED

Telephone service between Ontario and Nyssa is demolished. A farmer cutting down a large tree on the boulevard Monday let it fall across the line. Rural lines and toll lines connecting Ontario with points eastward, and Ontario-Nyssa lines are all out. A crew is repairing lines today. All toll service from Ontario is routed thru Payette. Nyssa is now cut off from telephone communication with outside points.

## NEW MANAGER IN CHARGE OF RANCH OWNED BY ST PAUL MEN

A. R. Albee, formerly state fruit inspector for the Payette district of Idaho has succeeded E. B. Sargeant as manager of the Barrows-Ordway ranch six miles southwest of the city. Mr. Sargeant has returned to his own ranch on the Fruitland Bench. Mr. Albee moved from Payette to the ranch last week and is now in charge of the property.

## RAILROAD RETRENCHMENT POLICY FINALLY HITS HERE

The retrenchment policy of the Short Line hit Ontario during the past week with the result that five men employed about the stations have been laid off, one is to be "bumped", and the section crew has been practically cut in two. Among the men let out in the retrenchment program are the following: Passenger Agent J. O. Lauder; Bill Cleik J. E. Pheneay; James Stamp, John Sherman and V. E. Bryan were house men and checkers. Fred Nelson, warehouse man is to be bumped by one of the employes from the Nyssa station. H. O. Drane is again both freight and passenger agent.

Mrs. Henry Griffin has gone to Seattle to represent the local Chapter of the Red Cross at the Red Cross convention in that city. She will be gone three weeks.

Mrs. Don Fowler, of Glenns Ferry, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Greip.

## ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS VALE RIVALS

### First Game of Basket Ball Played This Season Ends in Victory For Ontario

The Vale High School basket ball team met the Ontario High School team here Friday evening at the opera house, and received a very substantial drubbing from the local team by allowing a final score of 29 to 18 to be piled upon them.

This was Ontario's first game of the season and many of the fans turned out.

Coach Lathrup expressed satisfaction in the manner by which his proteges acquitted themselves but believes there will be a decided improvement in the team before the next game.

Ontario High had a slight advantage over Vale by playing on the home floor while Vale had the advantage of more practice.

The game was full of thrills and at the last gave evidence of a close score. Vale started the scoring when a foul gave them a free throw and a basket. This was soon tied however, when Sullivan threw a basket on a foul and Dean brought the crowd to their feet when he added two points to the local's score in the next play. The Ontario boys having once gained the lead maintained it to the end of the game. In all fairness however, it must be said that the Vale team held their own very well in the first part of the game and greatly redeemed themselves in the last few minutes of play thus overcoming some of Ontario's lead and the battles ended with score of 29 to 18 in favor of the locals.

The line up was as follows:

VALE  
C. Ager F 4 points, Williams F. 4 points, P. Ager C 10 points, Purvis G, Boswell G.

ONTARIO  
H. Neese F 6 points, L. Weaver F 6 points, G. Dean C 12 points, J. Weaver G, J. Sullivan G 6 points.

## COMMUNITIES TO CO-OPERATE IN ENDEAVOR TO FIND OIL

A number of business men of the communities of Weiser, Payette and Ontario are forming a co-operative organization for the purpose of drilling four test wells, for oil, one on each of the four most likely structures or domes adjacent to the three towns. The sites are to be selected by competent oil geologists.

It is the plan of the organization to scientifically and economically test this field for oil and commercial gas, which are known to exist here. The quantities can be determined only by the drill. Recent geological investigations and reports have given this field a high rating making it worthy of a thorough test. Developments in other fields where similar geological conditions exist have become proven oil fields of great value.

Weiser, Payette and Ontario will each furnish acreage for this venture and the number of acres selected will run into the thousands. It will be situated on both sides of the Snake river extending through the valley from Nyssa to Weiser.

While the venture may seem to some to be a new idea it is not to others and the idea of community development, which is original and logical, is meeting with enthusiasm and applause on every hand.

It is evident to those who have familiarized themselves with the plan that it is the most fair and logical proposition yet proposed for proving and developing this field.

A comparatively recent industry which has added materially to the value of natural gas is the extraction of gasoline without depreciating its value for heating and lighting purposes.

Stock will be subscribed for the purpose of raising money to be used for the drilling and testing. There will be no promotion stock, and all money raised will be used for actual development.