

## FARM MEETINGS SHOW SPLENDID INTEREST

FIRST DAYS OF FARM BUREAU  
WEEK WELL ATTENDED BY  
INTERESTED FARMERS IN  
SPITE OF BAD WEATHER—  
PROGRAMS UNIFORM-  
LY VALUABLE.

## CAPABLE SPEAKERS PRESENT

Dairy Organization and Poultry Days  
Expected to Draw Largest At-  
tendance of Week on Friday  
and Saturday—Programs  
Are Varied.

Evidently there are many Malheur County ranchers who believe in the old adage—"Knowledge is Power". At any rate the first days of the Short Courses now in progress under the auspices of the Farm Bureau in the City Hall at Ontario, have attracted attendance, considering the frightful condition of the roads, that is highly satisfactory. Each day there have been from 40 to 60 men in attendance and it is safe to say that there wouldn't be representatives all the way from Adrian to Dead Ox Flat and from Fruitland to Bonita, on hand if there wasn't some thing to be gained for those who after the latest information on farming.

The first day of the program was devoted to Horticulture and was presided over by A. A. Reed of Brogan, Chairman of the horticultural committee. Professor Longley of the University of Idaho discussed "Dormant Sprays" as the opening gun. Mr. Longley laid emphasis on the importance of intelligent work in the use of these sprays in controlling scale and other similar pests. Following Mr. Longley, A. A. Reed presented a paper on the "Problems of the Malheur County Orchardist" in which he gave a very clear outline of the troubles which beset the fruit grower from the time he is locating a good site for the orchard until he gets his returns on the fruit.

Mr. Long, Horticultural Specialist for Oregon, combined his lecture on "Orchard Management" and "Pruning" and held his audience for two hours in the afternoon in one of the best received lectures given to date. His discussion of the principles of pruning and blackboard illustrations also brought out a flood of questions.

Professor Longley who had charge of investigational work in dating the summer sprays for control of codling moth and similar insect pests, gave a very interesting talk on the results of his work in Payette County last summer. Mr. Longley advocated that each orchardist should make a study of the habits of the codling moth in order to properly time his spraying. Following Mr. Longley, the committee on horticulture gave a report on the work along marketing lines to date and there was a general discussion of the subject of co-operative marketing of fruit.

The second day of the program was devoted to discussion of farm crops, diversified farming and crop rotations. Mr. Carpenter, Crop Specialist at O. A. C. discussed the crops best suited to Malheur County with particular reference to production methods. This was followed by a very able presentation of the subject, "Practical Crop Rotation" by Chairman Fry of the Crop Improvement Committee.

Mr. Fry advocated a three-year rotation of clover-corn-wheat as the most desirable rotation from all standpoints for the average farm. Clover Seed Discussed.

B. Ahlson, Extension Agronomist for Idaho gave an interesting discussion on the production of clover seed. He cited figures to show that the crop was an exceptionally profitable one and reliable when properly grown. He advocated the ordinary red clover in preference to any other.

Mr. Carpenter closed the day's program with a clear presentation of the value of certified seeds in increasing yields and resultant profits both because of the larger quantity of produce, and the higher market value of the product because of the quality.

Livestock Program Splendid  
Opening the program, Mr. Blingren Livestock Specialist at O. A. C. emphasized the need for intensifying in this industry by use of better breeding stock, but particularly thru less expensive but more intelligent winter feeding and otherwise increasing the calf crop.

Mr. Allen, Livestock Club Specialist gave a very interesting talk on how livestock clubs are formed and conducted and pointed out the economic importance of the work in improving livestock in the community. The greatest appeal to his listeners came, however, from his discussion of the training in industry and citizenship for the boys and girls who enroll in the club work and follow out the plan for each particular line of club work.

I. N. Gabrielson of the U. S. Biological Survey discussed the subject of "Systematic Pest Control" in a way that brought home to his listeners the importance of concerted action against the common enemy, whether it be ground squirrels, pocket gophers or jack rabbits. Many

## UNDER ELECTRIC LIGHTS BIDDIES BREAK UNION RULES

C. F. Cox does not belong to the union, neither do the 35 hens he has so comfortably housed on his property on Sixth Avenue S. W. Until last week these biddies produced 9 or 10 eggs per day, now they are producing from 19 to 21 eggs daily. There is a reason for this wonderful improvement. These chickens no longer work only daily hours, for the coop is equipped with electric lights which are turned on at 4 A. M. and with this early start they get going early. Mr. Cox is firmly of the opinion that the light bill will be more than paid by the increased production.

## AL CHANCE CAPTURED IN CALIFORNIA CITY

Sheriff Lee Noe Left Last Night For  
Long Beach To Bring Back  
Former Boise-Payette Agent  
Wanted Here

Al Chance was arrested at Long Beach, California, Tuesday, by the Chief of Police of that city according to a wire received by Sheriff Lee Noe yesterday morning. The Sheriff left on No. 23 for the California resort city and will stop at Salem to secure a requisition from Governor Olcott on Governor Stephens of California for the delivery of the fugitive.

According to reports received here Chance was recognized on the streets of Long Beach by an Ontario citizen, of whom there are several spending the winter there. The Ontario informed the chief of the Long Beach police force of the presence of Chance, that official took him into custody and informed Sheriff Noe of his capture.

Chance left Ontario December 31 and immediately thereafter auditors of the Boise-Payette company found that his accounts were short several thousand dollars, the exact amount has never been announced. Beside this shortage Chance fleeced at least two local people out of liberty bonds valued at nearly \$1000.

## JUDGE ANDERSON WILL PASS UPON MALHEUR WATER RIGHTS

At a special session of the Circuit Court on Monday Judge Dalton Biggs announced that he had asked Judge Anderson of the Baker district to pass upon the findings of the Water Board in the adjudication of rights in the Malheur River case. This decision was due, said Judge Biggs, to the fact that one of the land owners interested in the adjudication he had no jurisdiction

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gallagher of Juntura were Ontario visitors over the week end. Mr. Gallagher came down to see the Casey's boat in operation on candidates. Incidentally, Mr. Gallagher avers that Juntura is enjoying a fine winter.

questions were asked about the control of various pests and there was a general sentiment in favor of active work against the most destructive pests, particularly the pocket gopher.

Rob Withycombe Wisp  
The genial superintendent of the Union Experiment Station, Robert Withycombe took the floor first thing after noon and gave a lecture on feeding beef steers and lambs which completely won his audience. His lecture was based on actual results obtained from feeding experiments conducted on a commercial scale at the Experiment Station during the past five or six years. In feeding steers, Mr. Withycombe has found that straight alfalfa hay will produce an average gain of 9 pound of fat per day and that it requires a spread of three cents per pound on a 120 day feeding period to pay expenses and \$15.00 for hay. By feeding good ensilage with the hay, he was able to get twice as much gain per day and to cut the total expense of feeding about one third. He advocated buying only good best type steers of such size as could be put on the market at about 1500 pounds weight and preferably good uniform stock.

In regard to the feeding of lambs, which industry Mr. Withycombe considers a little more desirable for the beginner in the feeding game, he found that a ration of alfalfa hay, ensilage and grain gave best results.

Three More Days  
On Thursday the program will be devoted to dairying. On Friday, the organization of marketing associations will be discussed with regard to the principles which determine success or failure in such efforts. On Saturday, there will be an excellent program on Poultry with an especially good list of topics.

## IRRIGATION DRAINAGE SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at  
Vale—Prof. W. L. Powers in  
Charge—Good Program.

On February 14, 15 and 16 an irrigation and drainage school will be put on at Vale under the auspices of the Farm Bureau. Professor Powers, Chief of the Department of Soils at the Agricultural College will be in charge of the technical instruction throughout the three days. The Committee headed by Jake Russell, the Chairman of the Farm Bureau committee on Irrigation and Soil Improvement, has arranged to hold the sessions in the Commercial Club rooms.

Several local speakers have been enrolled on special topics. The program is as follows.

Monday, Feb. 14.—Opening address, "The Need of More Light on Irrigation and Drainage." Hon. Geo. E. Davis, Pres. Commercial Club.

"When and why Soil needs Drainage." Prof. W. L. Powers, O. A. C.

"Legal aspects of Drainage District Organization." Hon. Dalton Biggs, Ontario.

"Preliminary Soil Investigations and Surveys for Drainage Projects." W. L. Powers.

Tuesday, Feb. 15.—"Practical Problems in Organizing Drainage Districts." Percy Pervus, Vale.

"Installing Drainage Facilities in Relation to Soil and Other Physical Considerations for Efficient Drainage." W. L. Powers.

"The Practical Benefits From Drainage." C. W. Mallett, Ontario.

"The Irrigation, "Chopping and General Treatment of Drained Land." Prof. W. L. Powers, O. A. C.

Wednesday, Feb. 16.—"Common Irrigation Practice." Jake Russell, Vale.

"Methods of Applying Irrigation Waters and the Preparation of Land to Facilitate Handling Water." Prof. W. L. Powers.

"The Water Requirements of Alfalfa, Corn, Wheat, Potatoes and other Standard Crops and Approved Methods in the Irrigation of Them." W. L. Powers.

## IRRIGATION PROJECTS MAY BE INVESTIGATED

REPRESENTATIVE P. J. GALLAGHER OF THIS DISTRICT INTRODUCES RESOLUTION WHICH PRESAGES BIGGEST FIGHT OF SESSION

## STATE ENGINEER UNDER FIRE

Allegation is Made That Bond Houses and Contractors Have Been in Collusion—Other Legislative News

(J. T. Beamish, Special Cor.)  
Salem, Oregon, February 7.—What promises to be one of the big fights of the session may develop from the introduction of the Gallagher resolution, calling for an investigation of irrigation district contracts and the state engineer's office, coupled with house bills 178 and 180, by the committee on irrigation. The idea is to eliminate the state engineer as secretary of the state land board and concentrate the responsibility of the office upon the governor and state land board and provides for the appointment of a technically qualified hydraulic engineer.

It seems to be the aim of the irrigation district representatives to effect a reform in irrigation matters, but not to interfere with the present irrigation and drainage laws of the state.

The claim is set up that one California bank has a monopoly of the bonds, secured below par and that terms of contracts are dictated upon the basis of cost plus, including letting of contracts, rentals of equipment, importation of Mexican labor and other details.

This, it is claimed, has caused the cost of transportation to be about doubled, and that only a small part of bond money raised goes into construction.

The committee has arranged to give the matter a hearing on Tuesday evening.

It is claimed that at the present time the office of the state engineer is overloaded to such an extent with various details that it is unable to perform its duties properly. The claim is made that the engineer should be relieved of so many of the details so that more attention may be given to the needs of the farmers of the projects, and of the purchasers of irrigation bonds.

## CHICKEN SHOW BRINGS FOURTH GREAT DISPLAY

Thought Number of Exhibits Not Quite Equal To Last Year's Show, Quality Declared Superior By Judge Wherry

Proclaiming their presence by clarion calls and continuous cackles more than 200 feathered aristocrats are on display at the Boyer building on Oregon street for the annual show of the Ontario Poultry association. The show opened this morning and will continue during the rest of the week.

While the number of birds on display this year is not quite as great as that shown last year, at least the number was not yet so large at noon, there are many additional entries expected today and Friday morning, exhibitors having telephoned in that they were delayed on account of road conditions.

The variety and class of chickens shown however is better than any show yet held here declares C. G. Wherry who has judged the shows here for several years last past.

In number the two most popular chickens of this section are Rhode Island Reds and Barred Plymouth rocks, with Leghorns close behind. In all of these breeds there are many fine pens to be seen.

Large crowds were at the show constantly both this morning and this afternoon. Many visitors are stopping to view the pen of China pheasants exhibited by Louis Kroosin and taken all round there is being manifested great interest in the exhibition, making it an unqualified success.

## PORTION OF ROOF OF MOORE CAVES IN WITH CRASH

Sunday morning guests in the Moore Hotel were awakened by the noise resulting from the crashing of the roof over the corner store room of the building. The caving of dirt on the north side of the excavation that was being made was the cause of the crash.

## ANNUAL MEETING FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Saturday, February 5, will long be remembered a red letter day for the patrons of the Farmers' Co-Operative Creamery Company and their friends when over 600 farmers and their families came through almost impassable roads to attend the annual meeting and to listen to the remarkable addresses of Dairy Products and Organization of Dairymen. No such crowd was expected since the weather was not altogether the best and the roads around Fruitland have never been worse.

At ten o'clock the meeting was called to order by J. H. Brown, manager, and after the opening remarks the annual financial report was given by Ned McGue, of the Van Deusen Bookkeeping Syndicate, one of the auditor's for the Company. The net profits for the year 1920 to the stockholders and patrons of the Creamery were \$10,798.21, not as good as in a previous year when it was \$20,660, but remarkably good for the year just closed when conditions have been bad and abnormal. At the close of this article is given in detail some of the more important receipts and expenditures which might be of interest to the public.

Following the report of Mr. McGue Mr. Brown introduced Mr. Mickle of Portland, Assistant manager of the Oregon Dairymen's League, who gave a most interesting address to the farmers, dwelling particularly upon organization of the dairymen. After a very interesting and witty recitation for the boys he proceeded to tell us how the Oregon dairymen are organizing their leagues whereby they gain more protection and because of these organizations, patterned after the Kuykendall plan of the Bi-Products Associations as organized in the Raisin Districts of Fresno, of the Citrus and Orange Districts in southern California which have proved of value.

After the address of Mr. Mickle Miss Reed with five young women, Misses Tina Hill, Fern Wilfong, Laura Hazeltine, Marjorie Coon and Olive Sargent; four young men, Messrs. Baker, Paul Gardner, Virgil Spahnower, and Robert Kutch gave some very pleasing musical numbers and appropriate for a dairymen's convention. They were accompanied by Miss Reed. Then came the free lunch and it was some job to serve to the multitude sandwiches, pickles, doughnuts, cake, coffee and ice cream.

After the noon hour Mr. Brown introduced Mr. McDermott, President of the Boise Dairy Council, who gave a short address.

Following Mr. McDermott, Mr. Brown introduced F. W. Merrill, of Portland of the Pacific Dairymen's League who gave one of the best educational and instructive addresses ever heard in Fruitland. He is a remarkable speaker with a fine personality and what is better had a most wonderful message not only of interest to dairymen but to all who listened. He told us that nothing else could be substituted for the school term ends.

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## SIGMA GIRLS PLEASE AUDIENCE WITH PLAYLET

Thursday evening at the High School, the Sigma Club gave a very pretty and successful little play by John Kendrick Bangs called "The Worst Man". Only girls handled the parts and Miss Wilson and Miss Abbott helped in putting on the play.

At the same time, at the request of the P. T. A. the H. B. Orchestra and Band gave a concert which proved to be an unusually fine treat for all present. This musical organization is one any town may well be proud of and the crowd present showed their appreciation.

The orchestra rendered several numbers before the play started and the band gave several more between the two acts. Favorable comments were heard on all sides from the parents and friends who filled the auditorium to its fullest capacity.

After the performance Judge Biggs briefly thanked and complimented the young people for the excellent showing made and the teachers for the efforts they must have made to make such a good showing. Before they went home the boys were given a feed by the parents and friends which they seemed to enjoy.

The P. T. A. is to be complimented for planning such an entertaining getting together in a friendly spirit of the parents, teachers and children.

## SNAKE RIVER COUNCIL K. OF C. INITIATION

Twenty Novices Added to Knights—  
Banquet Follows At City Hall—  
Project of Building For  
Lodge Home Broached

More than 100 Knights and their guests sat down to a banquet prepared and served by the women of the Altar Society of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament at the City Hall Sunday evening, which was the closing event of a busy day for the members of Snake River Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Assisted by LaGrande and Portland Knights, a class of twenty candidates were initiated into the order. For this ceremonial members came from as far west as Burns and Juntura and from all of the Idaho towns near by as well as from LaGrande, Baker and Portland. It was declared one of the most successful initiations held by the order in years.

H. H. Tunny was the toastmaster at the banquet and introduced the following speakers: Rev. Fr. O'Callahan of Weiser, J. R. Murphy of Portland, P. P. Ryan, Rev. Fr. P. J. Stack, Mayor W. H. Doolittle and George K. Aiken, Ontario; William Delaney, Payette and William Easle of Albany.

Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. P. Ryan, Miss Catherine Conway, Mrs. Cody Butler, Jas. G. Smith of Ontario, piano duet by Mrs. F. J. Clemo and Mrs. Jas. G. Smith and a solo by Leo Conlin of Baker. All of the musical numbers were very much enjoyed.

Several of the speakers declared that the time must soon be coming when the growth of the order in Ontario will necessitate the construction of a lodge home, and this sentiment found apparent favor with the crowd.

The following were the candidates initiated at the meeting Sunday afternoon: C. M. Acton, J. J. Coyne, A. Dean, G. O. Dean, A. J. Engstchaves, M. Flaherty, P. M. Griel, J. P. Hanford, P. Keane, P. P. Moran, Rev. Roderick D. O'Callahan, Rev. John A. O'Connor, S. Servatius, Jr., J. Williamson, C. W. Short, J. P. Whalen and Joe Menzies.

## SMOKER FOR RANCHERS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY

Other Speakers To Be Heard On  
Modern Efforts Along Co-  
Operative Marketing  
Organizations

The lecturers in attendance at the Farmer's Short Course week, and the ranchers who are in attendance will be the guests of the Commercial Club at a Smoker to be given in the club rooms tomorrow evening.

At the meeting of the club directors last night this and many other subjects were discussed. It was determined to keep the expenses of the club as low as possible so that subscriptions to various activities would not be necessary.

The location of an auto park, the securing of a rest room and club rooms, and other matters of interest were discussed at length and the suggestions of President R. W. Jones and J. A. Lakness will be investigated.

D. F. GRAHAM OF JUNTURA  
NOW EASTERN OREGON AGENT

David F. Graham, for years cashier of the Bank of Juntura, is now local agent here for the Eastern Oregon Land Company. Mr. Graham has not brought his family to Ontario but expects to do so when the school term ends.

## BETTER DRAINAGE IS SOUGHT BY CITIZENS

WATER WASTED BY WARM-  
SPRINGS DISTRICT THROUGH  
NEVADA WASTEWAY DE-  
CLARED TO BE ENDANGER-  
ING BASEMENTS

## LICENSE ORDINANCE PROPOSED

Council Ponders on Financial Problem Following Report of City Treasurer—Water Rates To Be Readjusted For Irrigation Season

That it is imperative some action be taken by the city to improve the drainage system within the city limits, and also to prevent irrigation companies about the city from wanting more water than their waste ditches will carry, was the message which H. C. Boyer, J. R. Blackaby, V. B. Staples, T. H. Moore and other citizens presented to the City Council at its regular monthly meeting at the council chambers Monday evening.

Mr. Boyer, spokesman for the property owners, told the council that not since the first main sewer was constructed, until this past summer have the basements in the business districts been flooded. He attributed the trouble to the condition of the old irrigation ditch which runs up the alley East of Oregon street, and the fact that too much waste water is permitted in the waste ditch south of the city.

J. R. Blackaby and others attributed the trouble to the condition of the Nevada wasteway and the drainage under the paving at the foot of the hill on Third Avenue S. W. Mr. Staples and Mr. Moore told of their experience and urged action looking toward a solution.

Want Revised Licenses  
City Recorder C. M. Stearns called attention to the fact that the present license ordinance is antiquated and unsuited to modern conditions. He advised a complete revision and was instructed to bring in such an ordinance at the adjourned meeting called for next Tuesday evening. The new ordinance will show several increases over the present city statute.

City Treasurer C. M. Platt presented a statement of the city's financial condition showing that a warrant indebtedness of \$35,000 is existing and that something must be done to care for these warrants. This matter was left over for further consideration at the adjourned meeting.

It was pointed out that the Nevada waste way which parallels the hill west of town was inadequate to carry off the water silled in it from the irrigated section west of the city and that by overflowing the flat flooded the entire area. In part this was alleged to be due to the capacity of the pipes under the pavement and the condition of the ditch itself. After a general discussion of probable causes the matter was referred to a committee consisting of Councilmen E. M. Greig, Ivan E. Oakes and H. R. Udick for investigation.

The condition of the city water system's finances was discussed and Recorder Stearns reported that with Water Superintendent V. W. Chambers he had made a comparison of receipts for the various seasons of the year. He urged that the irrigation rates be readjusted and proposed a schedule. No definite action was taken.

## NEW CHIROPRACTOR FORMER A. E. F. MAN COMES HERE

Dr. William Hale, a brother-in-law of Dr. R. A. Moon arrived in Ontario this week and has become associated with Dr. Moon in his chiropractic practice here. The doctors are adding many new electrical appliances so that the scope of their work will be greatly enlarged.

Dr. Hale is an ex-service man of the 146th Machine gun battalion of 41st Division. He went across in 1917 and after being disabled in action was attached to the staff of the Stars and Stripes, the official organ of the A. E. F.

L. L. Capron and wife of Glasgow, Kansas who have been visiting a number of coast cities, stopped in Ontario for a visit with his brother L. M. Capron and family.