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AGRICULTURE IN MALHEUR COUNTY FACES MANY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

RECENT EDITORIAL OF ARGUS
INSPIRES COMMENT ON FACTORS
WHICH AFFECT THE
INTERESTS OF THE RANCHERS
IN THIS REGION

COST AND MARKETS ANALYZED

Three Conditions Regulate Price At
Which Alfalfa Hay Is Sold—
Exhaustive Study of Problems
Here Presented

By L. R. Breithaupt, County Agent
for Malheur County

I read your editorial on "Revolutionizing Farming" in your issue of June 2 with considerable interest and wish to say that you have put the situation which confronts the farmers of this section into words which show both understanding and sympathy. However, I believe that there are some phases of the matter which you did not develop sufficiently, and as the question is one which should receive the earnest consideration of every citizen, regardless of whether his income is derived directly or indirectly from the soil, I am constrained to reply to your article.

You speak of the necessity of all becoming convinced that the rancher can no longer depend solely on alfalfa and mention two factors which have already contributed to the conversion of many; low prices in 1920 and the spread of the weevil. Contributing to the low prices, you correctly attribute heavy production of feeds and lessened numbers of livestock, in the United States. Two other factors at least contributed to the low prices of feeds; inability of livestock men to buy feed because of curtailed credits and falling prices for their products, and the mild winter with consequent heavy pasturage and low requirements of cured fodder.

But thus far we have only considered the past and it is of the future that we are most concerned now. The question is whether the average future market for hay will justify the farmer in producing it. If it will, then, so far as economic conditions are concerned we can continue in the business. The weevil (Continued on page 3)

MALHEUR COUNTY GIRLS TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL

Violet Lees, of Bonita, State Winner in Sewing and Sylvia Grabner of Brogan Leave For Corvallis.

Malheur County will be represented at the Boys' and Girls Summer School at Corvallis, Oregon, June 13 to June 25, inclusive, by two Sewing Club girls, Violet Lees and Sylvia Grabner. The girls left for Corvallis Wednesday, and are going to stop in Portland for a few days to visit friends.

Miss Lees won the State Championship in Sewing at the State Fair in Salem last year. First prize for all State Winners is a free trip to O. A. C. Summer School as conducted by the Boys and Girls Club Department. Miss Lees home is in Bonita, and this year she has enrolled in the Cooking Club project.

The Brogan Sewing Club is sending a delegate to the Summer School. Their president, Sylvia Grabner has been selected as this delegate. Miss Grabner has done some excellent work in Sewing this year, and the experience and knowledge she gains at Corvallis will undoubtedly be an inspiration to the members of the Sewing Club, and also to their parents. The Brogan Parent-Teachers Association is helping to pay the delegates' expenses. This Association is doing things worth while, and their help and encouragement in the Club work is certainly appreciated by all of the Club Workers.

Mrs. Courtney who arrived here several weeks ago from Orange, California for a visit with her son, Alvin Courtney has gone to La Grande and Walla Walla to visit other relatives.

Art King was in Vale Friday calling on Frank Winston who is still very sick.

Soldier Bonus Measure Is Only One Favored By Majority in County

By a big vote the people of Malheur county favored the soldier bonus measure but did not approve of any of the others. In some precincts the women's jury bill was favored as was the governor's veto and the hygienic marriage bill, but generally speaking the people voted no, save for the bonus bill.

In the state the bonus bill carried by an over whelming vote, indicating plainly that the people of Oregon have not forgotten the soldiers'

DEAD OX FLAT RANCHERS TO PLANT 100 ACRES OF CLOVER

Clover will be one of the substitutes used by the Dead Ox Flat ranchers when they replace many of the alfalfa fields of that region next season. This was the decision of a meeting of some 20 ranchers of the crop improvement committee held on the lawn at the Otto Miller home yesterday following the talk made there by E. C. Fry of Nyssa.

Mr. Fry gave a detailed story of his success in crop rotation on his ranch near Nyssa, which astonished many of his listeners and urged them to unite so that at least 100 acres be planted. Other talks were made by P. M. Northrup, I. I. Culbertson and J. L. Brown.

Among those who agreed to plant clover next year were the following: K. N. Osborne, C. G. and Tom Heslop, I. I. Culbertson, George Lattig, L. R. Breithaupt, F. M. Northrup and William Vincent.

NAMPA COMES HERE TO PLAY LOCALS SUNDAY

Ontario Team Wins One and Loses Two in Past Week—Many Subs Figure in Play—New Players Coming For Sunday

Nampa will play Ontario here Sunday. Manager F. J. Cleme has made arrangements to strengthen the lineup of the locals so that a hot contest will be staged. The local ball magnate has been keeping the wires hot in an effort to locate a batter that will burn the opposing batter and keep up the work that Ernie Wells started but has since stopped.

The game Sunday will be one of the best played here in a long time unless all the plans go awry for the locals have practiced faithfully and with all the regulars in the lineup proper support will be given the battery men.

During the past week Ontario won one game and lost two. With Shake of Payette hurling, the locals defeated the Chaffee Athletic club of Pocatello 13 to 5 last Friday and lost to Nyssa last Thursday, and then went to Nampa Sunday and lost to the Junction city Independents.

The locals were handicapped badly in both games, lost due to the absence of regulars who could not show up. Some of the boys were having, others were ill, while the battery men were not working the form.

Manager Cleme has ironed out many of the difficulties which caused the temporary slump and the team is going strong in practice this week.

Mrs. Fred Butler left Tuesday for a visit with her mother at Medford, Oregon.

Mrs. J. H. Denison of Portland who has been visiting friends in Ontario spent a few days in Nampa where she attended the graduation exercises of the Nazarene school there, her sister Ruth Doane being among the graduates. Mrs. Denison left today for her home in Portland.

Mrs. Bela Atherton spent the week end with her parents, E. K. Ingles.

Mrs. I. J. Higgins of Glenna Ferry is visiting with Mrs. Omar Klum this week. She is on her way to Weiser where she will visit relatives.

W. E. Lees and son Freddie left yesterday morning for Riverside and other interior points for a few days outing and fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kennedy were down from Brogan today.

Mrs. J. H. Hawkins and daughter Midge, of Weiser are guests of Misses Nellie, Mary and Elsie Morris.

Mrs. Mary Morris of Weiser came over Sunday to visit here daughters, Misses Nellie, Mary and Elsie Morris.

Miss Bessie Rutherford returned Sunday from Payette where she has been visiting friends for the past week.

BUSINESS MEN ASKED TO UNDERWRITE FAIR

Agreement Reached Between Fair Board and Commercial Club's Committee and This in Turn Is Presented To Business Men

The problem of presenting the 1921 Malheur County Fair with all the usual accessories of racing, buckaroo sports and amusement features is gradually being solved.

The county fair board with the funds available will prepare for the agricultural section as contemplated in the laws which make appropriations for this purpose, but it will not undertake to present the amusement features, which have hitherto been the cause of deficits. If these features are to be presented the payment for them must be guaranteed by Ontario business men.

This was the result of a meeting held last Saturday evening at which the members of the fair board discussed the matter with a committee representing the Commercial Club.

E. C. Van Petten of the commercial club committee made this proposition to the fair board: "That the fair board permit the business men to receive the gate receipts at the entrance and grandstand and sell the concession privileges in the city and grandstand and meet the cost of the amusement program, while the fair board itself put on the agricultural show and put out the advertising paper for same and pay one half of the expense of a band to be used in connection with both departments."

This proposition was accepted by the fair board and at the meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club at noon yesterday the proposal was presented for confirmation by the directors. To see that the city will be able to deliver the goods and guarantee the payment of the bills in connection with the show it was determined to secure a guarantee subscription list on this basis:

The business men of the city will be asked to guarantee a total of \$1,500, each firm or individual guaranteeing a specified sum named by themselves, and said sum to be the maximum that that firm or individual will have to pay in any event; if the deficit is less than \$1,500 each guarantor will pay only his proportion. For example if the deficit due to bad weather or other cause is only \$750 then the guarantors will have to pay just half of their guarantee.

The committee in charge in preparing its plan has in mind the presentation of a program that while fully as entertaining as any ever presented will not be as expensive. Then too the cost will be less this year in many departments due to falling prices, so that the committee feels morally certain that it will come out some where near to even on the show. However if Ontario business men want the city to retain the fair amusement features it is but logical that they stand behind the committee which is to do the work with their guarantee.

Another feature of the committee's plan is to have no "honky-tonk" shows or gambling wheels in the concession zone down town but to substitute therefore clean amusements which will appeal to everyone. Mardi Gras features and a carnival of fun with local people taking part will be considered and the fair week will be made an occasion of a good time for everyone on an entirely new basis.

THREE DIFFERENT PLANS FOR HIGH SCHOOL CONSIDERED

Kingman Colony Folks Would Improve School Facilities

At the regular P. T. A. meeting on Friday, June 3rd, it was decided to continue the regular meetings during the summer and to meet at the homes, or combine the business session, with a picnic, or in some way make the gathering during vacation, an outing for the members.

The next regular meeting on the first Friday in July, July 1, is at the home of the President, Mrs. R. R. Overstreet. We hope to have 100 per cent attendance. At the meeting called last week for the consideration of High School work in the Kingman Colony school the coming winter, it was decided to call another meeting for Monday, June 6th at which time the final word from the state board as to the high school work possible to undertake, would be available. The plans under consideration are: 1. Two teachers with one year of accredited High School work. 2. Two teachers with two years of High, the grade and high school work to be divided between the two teachers. 3. Three teachers with 1st and 2nd year High, accredited, and grade work.

Under the direction of their class leader, Mrs. M. M. Groeling, the Young People gave one of the most successful evenings of entertainment that has ever been given in the Colony. The rooms and tables were

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EARLY PIONEER PAYS ONTARIO BRIEF VISIT

Three T. Danilison of Historic Firm of Early Days Recalls City Beginnings

(By J. R. Grogg)

Theo. T. Danilison, proprietor of one of the two first general mercantile stores established in Ontario was here yesterday renewing acquaintances with the old timers. He was on his way to Blackfoot, Idaho, to visit his brother, who is in poor health and resumed his journey this morning. His coming recalled Ontario's early history.

When the Ontario townsite was located about 36 years ago the town consisted of two stores, two hotels, two saloons, two livery stables, a blacksmith shop and lumber yard. All the buildings were frame. The general store of Shilling & Danilison was located on the present site of the Ontario Pharmacy. W. L. Geary & Co. conducted the other store in the frame building just north of E. A. Fraser's store which is now used by Mr. Fraser as a warehouse.

The frame building across the street was the first building erected in Ontario and was first occupied as a hotel. R. S. Rutherford, who for years had followed the vocation of a freighter between Boise and Winnemucca engaged in the draying business here and hauled the lumber for the first building. The building was erected by Wm. Morfit, who located the townsite. The other hotel was erected near the present site of the First National Bank by O. F. Scott, step-father of County Commissioner F. M. Vines, who was Ontario's first postmaster. Judge J. T. Clement, first county judge of Malheur, conducted the first lumber yard where the Van Petten Lumber Yard is now located. Judge G. L. King, was the first O. S. L. station agent in Ontario and held the position for many years. A. H. McGregor was another of Ontario's first citizens and engaged in the hotel business, all these were contemporaries of Mr. Danilison.

Fred J. Kiesel was interested with W. L. Geary in the mercantile business and later took over Mr. Geary's interest in the store. Mr. Kiesel then merged his interests with Shilling & Danilison in one large general mercantile establishment under the firm name of Kiesel, Shilling & Danilison. Mr. Danilison is the only member of this firm now living.

Financed The Owyhee They financed the enlargement and extension of the Owyhee ditch, which was then furnishing water for only a few settlers on the Owyhee river, near Ontario. The enlarged system is now 30 miles in length and has developed a large area tributary to Ontario and Nyssa. At that time the only evidence of a town at Nyssa was a section house and a water tank.

This firm secured 400 acres under the Owyhee ditch and developed the tract under the firm name of the E. S. & D. Fruit Land company giving the tract the name of Arcadia, this name being selected by Mr. Kiesel. Mr. Danilison superintended the setting out of the famous Arcadia Grove, setting out a large number of the trees himself. About twenty years ago Mr. Shilling and Mr. Danilison both retired from the firm and Mr. Kiesel took over the mercantile business and the Arcadia farm. The mercantile establishment was reorganized under the firm name of the Oregon Forwarding Company.

Judge E. H. Test and E. A. Fraser, Ontario's pioneer merchant, were managers of this firm at different times. Both had been connected with the firm under the old regime. Judge Test resigned as manager of the Kiesel & Shilling store to accept the appointment of county clerk of Malheur county at the time this county was cut off from Baker county, being the first county clerk of Malheur county.

When Mr. Kiesel disposed of his mercantile interests in Ontario and the Oregon Forwarding Company became a thing of the past Mr. Fraser purchased an interest in the R. D. Greer & Co. general store with H. T. Husted. Mr. Greer retired and the firm became known as the Malheur Mercantile Company. At Mr. Husted's death Mr. Fraser took over the entire establishment and now conducts it under his own name.

When Mr. Danilison retired from business here he removed with his family to Davenport, Washington, and engaged in the contracting and building business. He has been a resident of Washington state ever since.

It was hard for Mr. Danilison to realize that this was his old home and difficult for him to pick out the old landmarks. Nothing but the Malheur Butte looked natural, he said. When Mr. Danilison was engaged in business here, Ontario was one of the greatest stock shipping points in the northwest. Thousands of cattle, horses and sheep were brought in from the Malheur and Harney county ranges every spring and fall, some coming a distance of over 200 miles, being driven in from the range to be entrained here. There was no marshal or peace officer and on these occasions the town would be turned over to the buckaroos, who would celebrate in their western style, after putting the stock on the train, before returning to the range.

RECALLERS SHOW HAND IN PETITION WHICH IS DRIVEL OF GENERALITIES

VALE TO BURRELL ROAD TO BE ADVERTISED FOR LETTING

R. H. Baldock, division engineer of the Highway Commission for Eastern Oregon was in Ontario yesterday and announced that the bids for the Vale to Burrell section of the Central Oregon Highway will be called for letting on June 28.

Mr. Baldock also went over the work on the grading of the Old Oregon Trail section of the Columbia River Highway in this county and approved of the work so far done. The crushers are now almost ready and graveling of this section will start next Monday. W. C. Stone the contractor expects to gravel two miles per week by working the crushers 16 hours per day. Bids for the bridges will be called for immediate letting and the entire 14 3/4 miles now under contract will be completed before fall.

STILL OPERATOR GOES TO JAIL FOR MONTH

Ernest Ashmore Draws \$250 and 30 Days—Guy Stroup Given \$20 and Cost During Busy Court Session This Afternoon

Ernest Ashmore operated a crude still on a ranch on the hill west of town. It was a copper kettle with a spout on the top, set in an old candy bucket in which were misshapen coils.

This paraphernalia and the contents of some bottles resulted in Ernest getting a \$250 fine and a 30 day jail sentence in Judge C. M. Stearns' court this afternoon. Ernest pled guilty to possession of the booze which the officers located where he lived.

Ernest was not the only offender before the judge during the busy afternoon, for Guy Stroup appeared and answered "guilty" when he was charged with imbibing more moonshine than he could carefully convey. For this offense Guy enriched the treasury with \$20 and paid an additional \$3 cost.

AUTO TRUCKS MUST PARK ON SIDE STREETS NOW

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening after a grist of routine business was cared for the city dads declared that the nuisance of big trucks occupying half the street while their extended bodies covered half the sidewalk must stop. Therefore, in the future these trucks will park on the side streets, particularly upon Washington street.

NEGRO HELD TO GRAND JURY CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

William Carter, a negro who recently came to Ontario was arraigned before Judge C. M. Stearns this afternoon charged with a loathsome crime. After hearing the story of a group of little boys the judge held the prisoner to the grand jury under a bond of \$1,000 which he was trying late today to raise. Carter was arrested after the boys told the officers of their experience with the negro. It is also alleged that he followed some little girls one evening this week, who on seeing him became frightened and ran, thus eluding him.

Died With Boots On

For over seven years after this town was founded there were only three graves in the Ontario cemetery and none of the three persons died a natural death. All died with their boots on. The first victim dropped dead from heart disease, which disease he contracted before coming here. The second victim, a German sheep herder, was killed in a saloon which was conducted in the building where the Ontario Real Estate Office is located now, and the third man was killed on Morten's island. The pioneers of those days would point with pride to their cemetery, with only three graves as an evidence that this was a very healthy climate when endeavoring to induce new comers to locate here.

Dead Ox Flat Ranchers and Local Business Men Denounce Recallers

At a gathering of ranchers on Dead Ox Flat yesterday afternoon when they met to consider local problems, cognizance was taken of the attempt being made by some men to plunge the county into an expense for a recall election. They appointed a committee to draft resolutions fittingly representing their sentiment which was that of approval of the County Court's road program and denouncing the attempt at a recall.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club yesterday noon with a number of busi-

ness men, there being 23 present a similar resolution was adopted and ordered prepared for printing in the papers of the county.

WILL COST COUNTY THOUSANDS

Mistaken Opinion Exists That Petitioners Have To Put Up Bond—They Do Not, Taxpayers Must Foot the Bills

Exhibiting their puerility the men who would recall County Judge E. H. Test and County Commissioner Frank M. Vines got out their petitions and charges last week.

The principal burden of their charge is the fact that the County Court entered into a contract with the State Highway Commission to complete the Old Oregon Trail from Ontario to Huntington. Of course the petitioners do not put the facts thus baldly, but that is the fact just the same, as revealed in the next to the last paragraph of the petition for it is on this road alone that the paragraph could possibly apply.

Charged With Bad Weather

The petitioners also charge the county court with the bad weather of last winter which put all the roads in the county in bad condition, for they are charged with not keeping the roads in repair. Everyone in the county who knows anything knows that the roads last fall were in better condition than they ever were in the county and that it was the terrific weather of the winter that put them in the condition they were in for a long time this spring. Then to make a kind of showing the petitioners rehash the charges of the Malheur Enterprise more than a year ago when under the management of George H. Currey it charged the county court with bad judgment of permitting Harvey Test to act as agent for taxpayers who had claims against the county. They knew that a Grand Jury investigated this matter and dismissed the accusation.

The Men Behind It

It is revealed as time passes that the men behind this movement are as principals: William Thompson, R. E. Went, George W. Hayes, and George W. McKnight of Vale. The petitions have been circulated in the interior, and were in Jordan Valley on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Since only 25 per cent of the number who voted for the supreme judge are necessary to have the election held it is certain that sufficient signatures can be secured. It is also certain that if a counter petition were circulated that 60 to 70 per cent of those who signed the original would sign the second. The getting of signatures signifies nothing.

Will Cost Taxpayers Thousands

This effort on the part of a small group to wreck private vengeance on the county court that has stopped their little games will cost the people of Malheur county between \$2,000 and \$3,000. There has been an impression extant that the petitioners had to put up a bond to indemnify the county should the recall fail. This is not the case. The petitioners put up nothing. The county pays the bill, any little group that wants to put the county to expense may do so by getting out a petition to recall anyone.

These people who would recall the present court have been talking about it for months—yes for more than a year—why did they not act in time so that their recall could have been put on the ballot at the election held on Tuesday.

While crying about waste in county funds these reformers are themselves in one act costing the county \$3,000—a fine example to be setting to officials if it not?

Mrs. Geo. P. Reithsen and niece Miss Helen McGowan left last Tuesday for Portland and Seaside for a months visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Daus are spending the week in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Allen attended the Woodmen picnic at Weiser Wednesday.

Mrs. Banks of Boise and Miss Margaret Cupp of Hailey, Idaho, visited their sister, Mrs. E. W. Howland last week.

Mrs. L. H. Patton and son Earl were over from French, Idaho, Sunday for a visit with the C. U. Stover family.

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