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## BASEBALL SEASON TO OPEN HERE ON SUNDAY

Vale to Come to Ontario and Huntingdon Will Battle at Nyssa—Locals Have Had Two Practice Sessions—Regular Ceremonies

With the usual features of a city official heaving the first ball and a parade and all that sort of thing the Eastern Oregon Big Four baseball league will open its season on Sunday.

Nyssa and Ontario draw the opening games according to the schedule adopted at a meeting of the managers and officers held at P. J. Gallagher's office Monday evening. Vale will be Ontario's opponent and Huntingdon will journey to Nyssa.

Ontario so far is the least prepared for the opening, though Ross Jenkins has a bunch of tossers out for several workouts during the week. A heaver is the troublesome factor. Ontario and Nyssa both are trying to land Charlie Newbill who was with the locals last year, and who now is making a record for himself at the O. A. C. where one day last week, pitching for the freshman team he shut the regular varsity out with one scratch hit.

Nyssa has made more progress than any of the Malheur county teams and will start the season with at least two practice games behind them. Vale, too, has had one practice game and a veteran team; while Huntingdon has its last year's team almost intact.

Ontario has but three of last year's men, but has a large number of new players whose ability is uncertain. The following is the league schedule for the year:

- April 30: Huntingdon at Nyssa.
- Vale at Ontario.
- May 7: Nyssa at Vale.
- Ontario at Huntingdon.
- May 14: Ontario at Nyssa.
- Vale at Huntingdon.
- May 11: Huntingdon at Ontario.
- Vale at Nyssa.
- May 28: Nyssa at Ontario.
- Huntingdon at Vale.
- June 4: Nyssa at Huntingdon.
- Ontario at Vale.
- June 11: Vale at Nyssa.
- Huntingdon at Ontario.
- June 18: Nyssa at Vale.
- Ontario at Huntingdon.

The ninth game to be played at the two towns showing the best record for gate receipts during the season, and to be played between the two highest teams and the two lowest teams, and if the managers are willing, a post season game may be played between the two highest teams, if their standing is altered by the ninth game. The ninth game receipts to be divided 60-40, and the post season game, if played, the same.

## YOUNG MAN IS DROWNED IN WATERS OF OWYHEE RIVER

The 17 year old brother of Harry Howland was drowned in the Owyhee river, up near the Derrick and Lowe ranch Friday while attempting to ford to an island in the river. He was riding a horse, but apparently became frightened after getting into deep water and left his horse. While swimming to his brother's boat near by, he was caught in a whirlpool and carried out of sight. The young man came here a few days ago from Cambridge for a visit with his brother who has been trapping at Mitchell Butte. After giving up hope of saving his brother, Mr. Howland grief stricken, went overland in a car to break the sad news to their mother and other members of the family at Cambridge, Idaho. At present the river is at the highest point of high water for the season, and making an attempt to recover the body would be very difficult as well as practically useless.

Miss Emma Johnson who has been visiting relatives and friends in Ontario this spring will return to her home in Spokane, Friday.

Paul Seligman is having the Studio remodeled this spring. A new coat of paint and a new French window are among the improvements. The old skylight has been removed and the addition of the French window makes the studio much more homelike and modern.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mustard returned Friday from Portland where they have been the past few months. Dave Logan and Mrs. Gladys Pugh of Brogan drove to Ontario Friday and returned home Saturday.

## NYSSA GIRL ONE OF SEVEN TO WIN HONORS AT WHITMAN

Miss Marion Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowe of the Owyhee country, was one of the seven members of the graduating class of Whitman college at Walla Walla, Washington, to achieve a scholastic standing during the past four years which merited election to the honorary fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa. X. Election to this fraternity which long has held the field as the coveted fraternal order of students in the liberal arts, is sought by students all over America and membership in its ranks is a mark of scholastic attainment. So far as the Argus is aware, Miss Lowe is the first Malheur county student to secure this honor.

## HIGH SCHOOL TOSSERS TAKE OPENING GAME WITH NYSSA

Van Petten Pitches Shut Out Ball But Errors and Passes Give Visitors 5 Scores While Ontario Garner 8

Lathrop's ball tossers of the O. H. S. won their first diamond victory last Friday afternoon in a listless game with Nyssa on the home grounds. The score was 8 to 5.

The visitors however did not earn their runs, for Frank Van Petten pitching his first High School game, let them down with one hit, but errors behind him and his own generosity with passes permitted the Nyssa boys to spike the pan five times.

Ontario took the lead in the second inning and scored twice, after Nyssa had one across in its half of the inning. In the third the locals made the game sure by hammering in four runs. But this margin was sadly reduced when Nyssa all but evened the count in the fourth by duplicating the stunt. It was in this session that Van mixed two passes with two errors by his team mates. From then on he pitched shut-out ball, and though Nyssa had the bases populated in several of the succeeding stanzas could not develop the punch to put them across, while Ontario added one in the fourth and another in the seventh.

Ontario's line-up was: Van Petten, p; Linsy, c; Baker, 1b; McCullough, 2b; Biggs, ss; Sanford, 3b; Weaver, lf; Chadwick, cf and Morton, rf. Bill Lyells and Bud Young did the umpiring.

## ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED AT GIRLS' CLUB PARTY

The Ontario Girls Club was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. L. Turner. Two small impromptu playlets were presented and several Scenarios written, Miss Nellie Morris winning the prize for the most cleverly written plot. Miss Marjorie Turner took this occasion to announce her engagement and coming marriage to Ralph Reid of Kelso, Washington. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. E. M. Greig presented an invitation to the members, inviting them to her home next Monday, to a May day breakfast. The invitation was accepted. The hike planned for next Tuesday afternoon has been postponed for a week, and the meeting will be held at the McNulty home.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. C. E. Secoy Tuesday April 26th with 43 present. At the close of the regular session the following program was given:

Mrs. L. Belle Lees talked on the primary election of May 19th. Mrs. George Howe read a paper on "Publicity"; Mrs. C. E. Bingham talked of the importance of electing a "Bone Dry" man for the legislature. Miss Myer! Bingham sang two selections accompanied by Mrs. Walter Gramson on the violin. Later, refreshments were served. Mrs. Mallett, State President of the W. C. T. U. will be in Ontario on May 2nd and will give a lecture at the Congregational Church in the afternoon, to which the public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gregg and family left Monday evening for Portland where they will visit for a few weeks.

Rev. J. D. Gillanders leaves today for Lexington, Oregon where he will preach Sunday.

In the absence of Rev. Gillanders Sunday, Rev. D. B. Reese will occupy the pulpit both in the morning and in the evening. Services will be held at the usual hour.

## W. C. T. U. CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Evelyn Gallagher Takes First in Seventh and Eighth Grade Contest While Freddie Lees Wins in Sixth Grade Contest.

At the High School auditorium the three winning essays selected by the judges as the best in the two divisions of the W. C. T. U. contests were read and the winners announced.

In the seventh and eighth grade division, Evelyn Gallagher was first; Naomi Clay, second and Eleanor Wood, third. Their essays were on the subject: "The Evils of the Tobacco Habit". The prizes awarded were first \$4, second \$3 and third \$1.

In the sixth grade division the writers wrote on the subject: "Habits Which Affect the Health." First place was won by Freddie Lees, second by Leonore Jones, and third by James Graham. Their prizes being \$3, \$2 and \$1, respectively.

The winning papers in each division will be entered in the state wide contest. The judges were: Mrs. J. M. McDonald, Mrs. L. Belle Lees and George K. Aiken.

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN ANSWERS LAST CALL

Barney L. Bull Dies at California Soldiers Home, Spent Summer Here—Octo Genearcan

A message has been received by relatives from Orin Bull announcing the death of his brother, Barney L. Bull at the Old Soldiers Home at Saevette, California. Mr. Bull left in response to a message of his brother's serious illness and was with him when he passed away, Thursday evening, April 20th.

Barney L. Bull was a veteran of the Civil War and was 80 years, 10 months and 10 days old. Since the death of his wife four years ago he spent the summers at Ontario to be near his brother, making his home with his niece, Mrs. C. A. Keefe and the winters in California. Mr. Orin Bull will accompany the body to Yakima, Washington where interment will be made.

## JONES-PLESSMANN

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Jones wish to announce the marriage of their son, Fred to Elizabeth L. Plessmann of Portland, Oregon.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Herbert T. Jones at the future residence of the bride and bridegroom, 327 West Park Street, Portland, Oregon, on April 20 at 10 a. m. Luncheon was served at 11 a. m. after which the young couple left for their honeymoon trip. Marchonelle roses, exquisitely arranged were the sole decorations.

Miss Hazel McCulloch has returned to her home here after teaching the White Settlement school the past winter.

In place of the regular business session, the Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen will have a social evening and entertainment next Monday evening May 1st. A short play will be staged.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan leave Saturday to attend the State Convention of Knight's of Columbus to be held in Portland. Mr. Ryan will return in a week and Mrs. Ryan will visit for three weeks.

The Music Club are preparing to give the Cantata, "The Lady of Chalot" some time during May. The exact date will be announced later.

William Weaver is the name given to the son born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Howard Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Murphy of Beulah came to Ontario this week where she will visit friends and also be under the doctor's care for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones of Juntura drove to Ontario Friday and are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitworth of Weiser visiting in Ontario Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Carille came down from Brogan Friday on a short business trip.

Miss Mildred Hansen has entered the Western Union Telegraph office as a student.

## LIBRARY BASEMENT IS READY FOR RECEPTION

Function to be Held to Mark Completion of Lower Floor of Building—Ideal Place for the Meetings of Clubs—To Be Furnished

The necessary funds for the completion of the library basement were all secured and the rooms are now finished and plans are under way for an opening reception to the public. The large room makes an ideal auditorium for many purposes, and when furnished will be a pleasant home for several women's organizations which have interested themselves in its completion, notably the W. C. T. U. club and the Girls' club. The Music Club will give early in May a concert for the purpose of raising money to help furnish the room.

The Library Board again wish to publicly express their thanks to Mr. J. R. Blackbly whose generous offer gave them the impetus and emboldened them to begin the work. Thanks are also due the contractors, Messrs H. C. Secoy, Plant, F. and N. Rasmussen, who not only interested themselves in doing a fine piece of work, but gave a whole days time free of charge as well as some material, as their donation to the library.

## NURSE TO SPEND MONTH ON HEALTH MISSION IN COUNTY

School Children to be Examined for Minor Defects—Health Talks to Be Given in all Sections of County

Miss Beneta Stroud, public health demonstrator working under the direction of the Oregon State Anti-Tuberculosis society arrived in Ontario this week and is now engaged in a campaign of education in the schools of the county.

Miss Stroud is at present examining the children of the schools for minor physical defects and delivering talks on hygiene and health. Later she will visit other sections of the county doing the same type of work.

Miss Stroud is here because Malheur county folks have year after year bought Christmas seals, the funds from which are used in such educational work. It has been found that if minor defects are cared for the health of the children is vastly improved.

## ONTARIO FOX FARM HAS ITS FIRST MATERIAL INCREASE

Eight New Silver Fox Come to Add Value to Handsome Band—Each of Young Arrivals Valued at From \$600 to \$900

H. B. Cready and J. K. Hatch, owners of the only fox farm in this section of the county, which farm is on the Moore ranch just west of the fair ground, are the proud possessors of eight tipy foxes which were born in the kennels during the past week.

The little animals, four in each litter are pedigreed representatives of their specie, the silver fox, the raising of which is becoming a national industry. There are now 270 fox farms in the United States, and several of these are in Oregon. In all these farms have listed some 4845 fox.

The parents of the handsome little animals born here are registered and pedigreed and are of the sixth generation in captivity. Mr. Cready who has been engaged in the fox business now for a year past declares that the little pups in the kennel are worth from \$600 to \$900 each, and they are doing well.

## GET LICENSE BUT CHANGE MINDS; DON'T GET MARRIED

Youthful Ontario got excited last week when they learned that at Payette there had been issued a marriage license which named as principals, Jack Peterson and Helen Brecount, both of Ontario. However, the wedding did not take place for they changed their minds; then their parents learned of the fact and thoroughly discussed the matter with them.

## PROMOTOR CLAIMS RAILROAD WILL REACH BURNS THIS YEAR

E. W. Barnes, who has been romoting the consolidation of timber claims in the Malheur forest and the bill which provides for the exchange of lands within the reserve for similar lands outside, was in Ontario Wednesday on his way back to Burns, from Washington. Mr. Barnes would not say whom he was representing in the big timber deal, but declared that the appreciation of the people ought to manifest to the Oregon delegation, particularly Representative Sinnott for the passage of this bill.

"We will be operating in Harney county this year," said Mr. Barnes. "We will build a railroad from Crane to Burns and to the head of Bear Valley, a distance of 102 miles, and Burns will have a payroll this year," he said.

## CALIFORNIANS COME TO VIEW RANCH PROPERTY

A. W. Hendrick, Vice-President of California Joint Stock Land Bank Highly Pleased With Appearance of This Territory.

For the purpose of viewing the ranches in this section whose owners have applied for loans from the California Joint Stock Land Bank, A. W. Hendrick, vice president of the company and his appraiser, J. E. Montgomery spent several days last week here.

During their stay they viewed ranches from the territory opposite Weiser as far south as the Owyhee country and as far west as Ironside.

Some time ago a number of local ranchers applied for loans and on the first report of the company's appraisers the loans were denied, but on reconsideration Mr. Hendrick and Mr. Montgomery came to view these same ranches again, and while they did not declare the result of the second inspection, the fact that a second inspection was made indicated to many the probability of favorable action.

Mr. Hendrick who years ago was president of the University of Nevada and once was a professor at Whitman college, is thoroughly conversant with conditions all over the west. He expressed himself as highly pleased with conditions here and predicted improved business conditions this fall.

## WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 4th

The annual meeting of the Ontario Women's Club will be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday May 4th, at the Commercial club rooms in the city hall. At this meeting officers for the new year will be chosen and other important business transacted. All members are urged to be present.

Miss Elsie Poole and Miss Derece Dearborn have returned to their homes here, their school at Arcadia being over.

The Congregational Ladies Aid will meet next Wednesday May 3rd with Mrs. Frank Casiday who lives in Riverside addition.

The Ontario Oddfellows entertained one hundred visitors at their meeting held last Friday evening. The Payette, Weiser and Nyssa lodges were all present. Five candidates received the Initatory Degree, which is the Degree of Friendship. G. W. Haw, Noble Grand was host for the Banquet at the close of the session.

I. O. Prout who has been connected with the Purity Bakery here for the past year, left last week to enter the Government Hospital in Boise. His health has been bad for some time and he was obliged to give up the baking business for a time, at least. Mrs. Prout will stay for the present with her parents.

Mrs. Walter Cochick has as a guest this week Mrs. Fred Stapleton of Colfax Washington. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Cochick and Mrs. Stapleton visited in Weiser, Mrs. Stapleton's former home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilham returned from Portland Monday bringing with them Miss Mildred Gilham who has been so seriously ill. Mrs. C. A. Gilham, the mother also accompanied them home and will remain until Miss Gilham's health is improved.

## OIL DEPOSITS CAN BE LOCATED BY MACHINE

A. F. Boyer has Invention Which is Application of Magnetic Theory—Trials Made in California Successful.

Mysterios of the earth no longer are so to A. F. Boyer who after years of work has perfected a machine by which he can determine the presence of oil and other mineral substances deep in the bowels of the earth's crust. The machine is so simple, says Mr. Boyer that he has not had it patented, but is using it on a royalty basis.

The operation of the machine or instrument is based on a new theory of cosmic chemistry which Mr. Boyer himself worked out; namely that where minerals in large bodies are deposited even at a distance under the surface these minerals throw off a peculiar magnetism or radio activity which penetrates almost to the surface. By taking samples of soil from several feet beneath the surface and placing it in a resort for treatment under the formula which Mr. Boyer has developed the presence or absence of mineral matter can be shown.

Mr. Boyer has during the past two years, while a resident of California, tested the machine in practically every field in the golden state with most remarkable results. He believes in it as deeply as did thousands of old believe in the mysteries of the divining rod for the locaton of water. He has used the machine for testing fields in this section and declares that there is oil and gas here in quantities so that one day this field will be an active field.

## FREIGHT AND PASSENGER CARS ARE NOW BEING CONTROLLED

J. H. Gordon of this city, formerly night policeman returned from Salem this week where he went to be sworn into the service of the Public Service commission as inspector of automotive transportation for the district of eastern Oregon. His territory extends from the Columbia river to the Nevada line and from the Cascades to the Idaho line. While the inspectors of the public service commission give particular attention to the licensing of cars and trucks used commercially they also co-operate with the authorities of the Secretary of State's office whose duty it is to regulate speed and see that the general car license laws are enforced.

"On this first trip over the territory a warning is being given to car owners who have been using their cars for hire without taking out a surety bond and filing their schedule of rates. In every town visited so far complaints have been recorded of such practices and the proprietors will be arrested if they continue the practice," he said. Mr. Gordon is also checking up on the weights and car capacity of bus lines and securing other data for the commission.

## HELP! HELP!

In behalf of the many who are suffering in the Near East for want of food and clothing the Near East committee sends out the following appeal to the people of Ontario and vicinity.

Anyone having clothing that can be spared such as coats, pants, shirts, overalls, underwear, dresses etc., in fact any article that might be of service to some sufferer in the Near East, please leave at the McCright Hardware store. Cash gifts or any article that can be converted into cash will be welcomed and appreciated. Remember others are suffering for the things we have and are not using. Let us search our wardrobes thinking all the while of other.

NEAR EAST RELIEF COMMITTEE, Dr. R. A. Moon, Sec'y.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Chapman have moved to Ontario from Payette and are living temporarily at the A. L. McDowell home. Mr. Chapman has charge of the Western Union office.

Herbert Lackey of St. Antony, Idaho drove thru to Ontario Saturday to make a short visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lackey. Miss Marjorie Turner has resigned her position with the Malheur Home Telephone Co. and Mrs. Jack Landis has taken her place.

The M. E. Ladies Aid will hold a cooked food and apron sale May 23 at McDowell's Store.