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OWYHEE

P. M. Boals is spraying for alfalfa weevil. This is the first work to be done along that line on the Slope, and it will be watched with interest by the hay growers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lattig entertained at Sunday dinner in honor of the fortieth wedding anniversary of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mahoney of Payette.

Mrs. Dillard and Mrs. Peavey of Oklahoma are the guests of Mrs. Arner Gorton.

The lettuce growers of the Slope held a meeting at Park school house Friday evening to decide on the question of where the Dead Ox Flat growers should pack their lettuce. Mr. Dean, the director of Malheur county, was present and gave a talk on what has been accomplished by the association. After thorough discussion the meeting went on record favoring Weiser for the packing and shipping point.

Mrs. L. R. Briethaupt of Onthrio, spent several days last week with Mrs. C. A. Karst. While on the Flat Mrs. Briethaupt organized a music class, and expects to give lessons at the Karst home.

Miss Marie Howard of Birding Island, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. Welcher.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Arner Gorton and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller motored to Campbell's Hot Springs Sunday evening.

E. Frost, wife and daughters, and Charlotte Brown were Sunday dinner guests at the Stanley Brown home in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Clauses Andrus and son motored to Boise Sunday and spent the day with friends.

Mrs. L. R. Briethaupt of Ontario, and Mrs. C. A. Karst and daughter were dinner guests Friday evening of Mrs. Walter Davis.

Virgil Atterbury, small son of Lawrence Atterbury, had his tonsils removed one day last week.

Dr. Rawley McVicker and brother Clayton, of Beatrice, Nebr., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Clough. Dr. McVicker recently graduated from the university at Des Moines, Iowa, in osteopathy, and expects to locate in the west.

Mrs. Arner Gorton and her guests Mrs. Dillard and Mrs. Peavey, enjoye a several days outing in the mountains last week.

Mrs. J. P. Walker of Payette, entertained Tuesday in honor of Misses Rhena and Ruby Tomlin of the Slope.

Mrs. P. M. Boals entertained at dinner Saturday in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mr. Boals. Music on the Violin by Dr. McVickers, with Mrs. Briethaupt at the piano, was much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tomlin entertained at their home Wednesday evening in honor of Misses Rhena and Ruby Tomlin and Jean Bartshe. The evening was pleasantly spent in games after which refreshments were served by the hostess. About twenty guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Vincent and Reva Miller were guests of C. Welcher and wife Sunday evenisg.

The Dead Ox Flat baseball team met their old rivals, Woodspur, on the Payette High school diamond Sunday afternoon, and took them to another defeat by a score of 12 to 6. This gives our boys a clean record for the season, and the boys are looking for new worlds to conquer. Batteries, Culbertson and Miller; Reimer and Harland.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon,
May 24, 1922

NOTICE is hereby given that Altemont Sutton, of Payette, Idaho, who, on July 9th, 1917 made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 05643 for N½NW¼ Sec. 14 and E½NE¼, Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 46 East, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 6th day of July, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses:
George Harper, of Weiser, Idaho.
Chas. McBride, Ralph Griffith, C. C. Dodge, all of Ontario, Oregon.

THOS. JONES,
Register

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of School District No. 39 (thirty-nine) until 12 o'clock June 28, 1922, for the building of a new school house.

Plans and specifications may be seen at Malheur County Bank, Nyssa, or at the office of I. E. Oakes, Ontario, Oregon.

A certified check for five per cent of the amount of the proposal must accompany each proposal. The board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

JOE KOOPMAN (Clerk)
Nyssa, R. F. D., Oregon.

Those who desire to register for Mrs. Cox's music class during the summer may make arrangements by calling 60j. 1t.

FOR RENT—Two room apartment, furnished. Call 60W.

AN ORVILLE

By MILDRED WHITE

Diana's elder sister brought her argument to a climax.

"Remember, my dear," she said grandly, "that you are an Orville."

"Well," asked Diana testily, "exactly what does that mean? First, and always, I am an American, and if my mother chose to fall in love and marry into an aristocratic old family, why should I be continually persecuted with the fact?"

Gwendolin shrugged.

"Mother was a sweet and lovable lady. You greatly resemble her pictures, Diana. But she wore herself out endeavoring to live up to the requirements of father's family, failing dispiritedly in the end. Mother's tastes and ambitions were simple and homely, like yours, my dear. The rest of us are all Orvilles. And I don't mind confessing here, in the secrecy of my boudoir, that my marriage was made in accord with the dictates of father's family. I owed them that. Aunt Phyllis Orville talked with me often concerning my duty, and I knew what would be expected when Grandmother Orville, in my girlhood, sent me abroad. I was supposed to repay that kindness by a gratifying marriage. And I did. Gordon is a banker, coming from one of the finest families in Boston. There was a boy in the co-ed college I attended—"

Gwendolin paused. Her usually sharp black eyes were filled with dreams.

"Never mind that episode," she went on. "I merely refer to it to show you that we all have our love affairs and that they are easily put in abeyance. I admit I rather fancied this stranger admirer of yours, until Lois Adams learned accidentally of his boarding place. My dear! Think of a man of the slums presuming to force his attentions upon you! I declare it makes me furious when I realize how Lois must have laughed in secret over our humiliation."

"She need not laugh," Diana said, her quiet tone in pleasant contrast to her sister's excited one. "John Dalton is a man, whether he lives in the slums or the exclusive park, though that 'slum' remark is an exaggeration. He does board, he told me so frankly, in an old and shabby part of the city. He is trying to make his way up in his profession, alone and unaided. He thought," added Diana bravely, "that we could marry sooner that way. And nothing in the world," the girl raised her lovely, flushed face, "is of consequence to John now, save our marriage—and his profession."

Gwendolin jumped to her feet.

"Good heavens!" she exclaimed. "Has your affair gone as far as that? What will father say, if you persist in this foolishness?" the sister wailed.

Diana arose.

"I don't know," she replied. "I guess I'll go and ask him."

Her father was not in any room of the apartment which they shared together, so she sought him later in his office.

"Father," the young, loved daughter asked abruptly, "what became of Aunt Phyllis Oryille, and why were my sisters obliged to live up to her snobbish standards?"

"Brought up like a princess, Phyllis was," he said. "We Orvilles had a pretty fine home, big stone place facing Orville court. Phyllis inherited the property and disposed of it, I suppose, long ago. Foreigners and business blocks have crowded out the court. It's called plain Court street now. I never drive down that way—tarnishes my memories."

"Court street," repeated Diana. "Father, I came to talk to you about Court street. It's where a man lives that I love."

"Love," whispered Colin Orville. He stared now at his daughter.

Diana nodded. "John is a civil engineer, father," she went on, "and your own friend Mr. Stewart thinks a great deal of him. But Gwendolin is humiliated because I want to marry John, for I am an Orville, and he lives on Court street." The sentences came in a confused rush.

Deliberately her father arose and got into his coat. "We will go and see just where he is," he said. "We can talk things over on the way."

It was a dingy house of past grandeur—oh, very far past, with crowding stores on either side, and children chattering around it in a foreign tongue.

Colin Orville grasped his daughter's arm. "Diana," he cried, "my dear, this is my old home." He shook his head sadly, then smiled his whimsical smile. "That, for the lasting glory of a proud name, and a proud house."

An old lady opened the door. She was a tall, white-haired woman, and she opened to them as one conferring a favor; then all at once her sternness melted into one longing cry.

"Colin," she said. "Oh, Colin!"

"To think," Diana's father said later, as the three sat in the old parlor together, "that you married a poor man abroad, Phyllis, my dear, and were too proud to confess to your family. And to think that you came back again to live on here in secrecy—perhaps in want—"

"Oh, no," the old lady answered him, "I have made a living, Colin, and I've had some really nice boarders. There's an exceptional young man stopping with me now, a Mr. John Dalton—"

"I know," laughed Diana, tremulous, starry-eyed; "that young man is going to marry an Orville, Aunt Phyllis."

THE PUBLIC FORUM

The Argus welcomes communications from its readers or other citizens of this section. Such communications should be limited to 300 words and will be printed if they do not contain libelous, personal or other objectionable matter. The fact that a communication appears in this paper does not mean that it reflects the ideas of the publisher, and no responsibility for the views is assumed. All communications must be signed or they will not be printed.—The Editor.

OUR COUNTY AGENT

The editorial in your issue of June 8th, entitled "Benefits of Direction" states the principle underlying the employment of a county agent by Malheur county. Probably nothing can be said to alter the beliefs of those who oppose our having an agricultural adviser, but in view of the continued opposition on the part of some of our tax-payers to same I desire to state, for the benefit of that portion of the public which is ignorant of the value arising from the work, why it is that the Farm Bureau stands solidly behind the retention of the county agent.

The retention of this official whom Mr. Becker is pleased to call useless and "a farmer of the farmers" by the County Court is primarily due to the insistence of the County Farm Bureau on same. The responsibility for the employment rests upon the latter organization. Our motive in this is that thereby our county may obtain the benefit of State and National assistance which otherwise would be lost. No man of intelligence inveighs against the activities of the National Department of Agriculture, or bemoans its cost. The saving which it has made for the agricultural interests of the country, thereby adding to the wealth and prosperity of the nation is beyond calculation. The work of the county agent is designed to do for us in a smaller way what the department is doing nationally. The space allotted me does not permit of a recital at this time of what has been accomplished by the work, but in the opinion of unbiased observers progressive farm methods and new measures are adopted five or six years sooner in counties having agricultural agents than in counties where they do not have them.

A striking instance of this is found in the State of Kansas, where a wheat developed by the Kansas Experiment station and distributed in 1918 through county agents, produced over a period of years an average of 3.5 bushels per acre over any other winter wheat grown. It would seem in view of the higher yield obtained that farmers generally would have changed to the higher yielding variety. Did they do so? In thirty-three counties having county agents in 1919, 1034 farmers adopted and grew the new wheat, while in fifty-one counties without county agents only 329 farmers grew it.

We have an illustration of the same thing nearby. Those who are interested in farm matters know what the development of Hybid 128 wheat at the Pullman Experiment station has done for the wheat farmers of the Northwest in the way of increased yields. Over in Union county which has a county agent, five carloads of this seed were sown last fall; while in Baker County adjoining where they are saving the salary of a county agent none was sowed so far as can be learned. In Union county there are more than 160 silos; there are but few in Baker county. Sulphur and landplaster are applied to alfalfa in Union as a wide-spread practice, while in Baker county the application is rare.

Other illustrations of the benefits which follow the employment of a live county agent could be given. If Mr. Becker and his confreres will take the trouble to inform themselves as to what is being done by the county agent and the Farm Bureau to improve conditions as they now exist amongst our farmers they will find they represent the only constructive force that is seeking to improve those conditions.

The Farm Bureau has no quarrel with Mr. Becker or anyone else over the subject of good schools or of their teachers being well paid. We stand for more and better schooling, not less. However, Mr. Becker's statement that the salary of the county agent comes directly out of the pockets of the tax-payers of the county is only partially true. In one way the county really pays none of it whatever. The budget for this year and for the years heretofore has been made up from funds supplied from Malheur county, the State of Oregon, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The county has never yet contributed an amount equal to the county agent's salary and in effect the salary is paid by the State of Oregon and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The money which the county appropriates is nearly, but not quite, sufficient to pay the current expenses of conducting the work. In other words, the county appropriates nearly enough money each year (this year the amount is $2600.00) to pay for office expenses, including stenographic assistance, office supplies and equipment, car upkeep and travelling expenses. It amounts practically to payment by the county of the current expenses incident to the work of a county agent furnished us by the State and Federal Governments.

Thomas W. Clagett.

EXCURSION RATES MADE TO PORTLAND FESTIVAL

On account of the annual Rose Festival at Portland, Ore., June 20 to 23, the Southern Pacific announces that it will grant excursion rates to Portland on June 16, 17, 18 and 19, with final return limit July 15.

The rate for the round trip will be one and one-half times the normal one way fare.

The Rose Festival is one of the most popular annual events of the Pacific Northwest and inasmuch as it follows close upon the Shrine convention in San Francisco the railroads look for an unusually large attendance at the celebration.

SERVICES AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY

Services will be held at the Congregational church next Sunday. Rev. LaVerne Phillpott of Boise, who will act as student pastor in Ontario this summer, will preach.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. C. W. Du Bois will hold Episcopal services in the Masonic Hall Sunday evening, June 18 at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all.