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## COMMITTEE SETS SAILS FOR BIGGEST FAIR EVER HELD IN VALLEY OF SNAKE

BUSINESS MEN SUBSCRIBE TO FUND TO GUARANTEE ATTRACTIONS—ALSO AGREE TO PREPARE SUITABLE STREET DECORATIONS

### FEATURE PARADE PLANNED

"Sage Brush Trail" to Be Unique—Stunts Now Being Devised—More Enthusiasm Evidenced Than Any Time in Recent Years

With more enthusiasm manifested than at any time in recent years and resembling the gatherings of years ago when the Malheur county fair was the biggest thing of its kind in this section, the special fair committee of the Commercial club launched its campaign last Friday evening to make the 1922 exhibition one that will be remembered.

The members of the committee who were in Baker for its celebration came home with the determination to outdo the Baker show, and they declare they will do that very thing. There were several features of Baker's exhibition which appealed to the committee, but which they believe can be bettered and with the ideas thus gained they are starting their campaign.

First of all, it was determined to enlist the support of all the merchants of the city—to make the fair everyone's fair with everyone working for its success, for by this means only can the comprehensive program outlined by the committee in its plans be accomplished.

To determine how greatly the business men are interested in the fair, the committee appointed three members to solicit a guarantee fund to make good any deficit in the entertainment fund. Thus, if the merchants have their money invested in the effort, the committee feels that they will enter into the spirit of the fair and boost it harder than they might otherwise.

**Business Men Behind Effort**

The committee which undertook the work of securing the guarantee began their campaign Monday afternoon, and they found the business men awaiting them. Not once were they turned down, showing how marked is the interest of the people in this section.

**Rip-Roaring Midway**

The committee was impressed at Baker with the attractions on Grizzly Gulch, and believe that with an extension of the plan there used, that Ontario's Sage Brush Trail will be a more noteworthy effort. Several of the local business men are at work now planning booths and attractions for the Sage Brush Trail, and certainly will have ticks on them to make the Trailers step some to keep up with the pace.

Beside having the regular midway features the Sage Brush Trail is going to have many free attractions of high order and real entertainment. The night attractions of the people are to be cared for, kept bright and snappy, and be on a plane that will make the call one that will long be remembered after a trip down its winding ways.

With the pep evidenced at the meeting of Friday, and the response shown by the first trip of the committee it is an assured fact that the 1922 fair will be the best ever staged in the Snake River Valley.

**BRIDGES AND WATER TANKS BEING GUARDED THESE DAYS**

Special Agent Edgerly of the O. S. L. was in Ontario the first of the week, and while here placed a number of men at work guarding the railroad bridges and the water towers. This policy is being pursued all along the line since the strike started.

**MAN ARRESTED HERE HELD TO ANSWER SERIOUS CHARGE**

Deputy Sheriff Charles W. Glenn yesterday arrested Fred Curtis, an itinerant worker on a warrant issued at Ephrata, Grant county, Washington, charging him with a crime involving a minor girl.

The school board purchased forty new seats and are having thirty of the old ones repaired.

### GO TO VIEW ROUTE OF HIGHWAY INTO INTERIOR

County Judge E. H. Test accompanied by R. H. Baldock, division engineer of the State Highway Commission, on a trip to the interior to view the two routes proposed for the extension of the Central Oregon highway from its present terminus at Burrell ranch. They will view the northside route via Buelah and Westfall, and return via Crane and the southside route. The plan to go up the canyon of the Malheur has been abandoned as being too expensive for present consideration.

## GAME COMMISSIONERS PASS THROUGH CITY

Captain Burghdoff and Commissioners Discuss Problems With Local Sportsmen—Will Put Warden on Job Here

Malheur county will have a game warden to protect the fish and game of this section. This was the one definite statement secured from Commissioners I. N. Fiebachner and George H. Kelly and State Game Warden Burghdoff who were in Ontario last Friday evening enroute to Burns and other interior points.

The visiting officials arrived here during the evening, spent the night and left in the early morning for the interior. During the short stay here they discussed the local game situation and told the sportsmen who called upon them, that due to the lack of funds available the commission could not provide a fish hatchery for the county or do extensive propagation of game birds, but that it was their intention to see that the game was given more protection. To do this a warden will be assigned to this county.

One of the most important changes which the commission has made is that by which the pheasant season will be the same all over Oregon. The following is the complete text of the recent rulings:

In accordance with the recent decision of the Oregon state game commission to make all hunting laws uniform throughout the state, announcement was made yesterday by the commission that the open season, as defined in chapter 153, section 2, of the general laws of Oregon of 1921, for hunting, killing, taking on having in possession, alive or dead, the following named game animals and game birds, respectively, shall be as follows:

The open season for deer throughout the entire state shall be and is hereby declared to be from August 30 to October 31 of each year, both dates inclusive.

The open season for quail and Chinese pheasants in all sections of the state where there is an open season therefor shall be and is declared to be from October 15 to October 31 of each year, both dates inclusive.

The open season for grouse, or native pheasants, in all sections of the state where there is an open season is declared to be from August 20 to September 20 of each year, both dates inclusive.

The open season for sage hens in all sections of the state where there is an open season is declared to be from July 15 to July 31 of each year, both dates inclusive.

The open season for prairie chickens in all sections of the state where there is an open season is declared to be from October 15 to October 31 of each year, both dates inclusive.

Notice is also given by the commission that the changes in the open season made by the foregoing order in nowise affect the bag limits or other regulations provided by law respecting the hunting for, killing, taking or having in possession, alive or dead, of such game animals or game birds.

Any and all persons hunting for, killing, taking, or having in possession, alive or dead, any deer, quail, Chinese pheasants, grouse or native pheasants, sage hens of prairie chickens in the State of Oregon in violation of the foregoing order will be prosecuted as by law provided.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AGAIN PICNIC AT MCGREGOR GROVE

Lodge Furnished Barrels of Ice Cream for Kiddies as Well as Lemonade and Coffee

The grove about the farm of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGregor on the Valley View road was again the scene of the annual picnic of Armour Lodge Knights of Pythias, their families and friends, the gathering was held last Sunday and was an all day affair. More than 150 people were present to enjoy the fun.

The lodge committee provided a big supply of ice cream and every kiddie there for once at least had all the frozen sweets he or she could negotiate. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor had decorated the grove and provided the tables so that all the picnickers had to do was get there and enjoy themselves.

During the day an athletic program for the boys and girls was held, while the grown-ups pitched horse shoes, played cards and enjoyed themselves watching the children have a good time.

### E. P. GIBSON CHARGED IN COMPLAINT WITH ASSAULT

E. P. Gibson who has been foreman of a ranch owned by Geo. Ross on the Boulevard was arrested yesterday on a complaint sworn to by Mr. Ross charging him with assault. Gibson is to have a hearing before Judge C.M. St. Saturday.

## U. F. POWELL COMPANY SENDS REPRESENTATIVE

G. P. Chriss to Have Charge of Local Agency—Will Ship Potatoes, Fruit and Lettuce From This Station This Fall

G. P. Chriss of the U. F. Powell company of Boise, arrived in Ontario last Friday and is making arrangements for the handling of the produce already contracted for by that organization. From Nysa to Ontario, and from Ontario to Vale the Powell company has contracts covering the sale of 700 acres of produce including potatoes, fruit and head lettuce.

Mr. Chriss has already distributed the seed to the growers who are to plant head lettuce, and is now distributing the sacks to the potato growers. He has arranged for warehouse facilities and will have a crew assembled to care for the business of the company's patrons.

### ROBBERY OF AUTOS LANDS YOUNG BURGLARS IN TOILS

Marshall H. C. Farmer solved the mysterious series of robberies which have taken place during the past month when he caught three boys Tuesday night and secured their confessions. The boys, all subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court admitted that they were the ones who entered the Harvey Garage, the Cash Grocery, the Independent Market and Boyer Brothers' warehouse, and took numerous articles and some cash. Two of the three have been caught in similar escapades here and after admonitions were paroled on promises to be good. This time Judge E. H. Test gave them one more chance to mend their ways on the understanding that with a repetition of the offences they would be sent to the reform school.

The clue which finally landed them in the officer's hands was that obtained when they were seen around some parked cars which it was found later had been ransacked and several articles taken.

### WEAVER-REES

The announcement this week of the wedding which took place in Tacoma, Washington on June 24, uniting Lou Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weaver, of the Boulevard, and Miss Lola Rees, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rees of Valley View, was a distinct surprise to their many friends. Both the bride and groom were members of the graduating class of the Ontario High school which received diplomas last May, and are well known among the younger set of the city and county. They are to make their home in Tacoma where Mr. Weaver has a position with the Wheeler & Osgood Lumber Co.

## SEVEN MALHEUR COUNTY RANCHERS GET PERMITS

Three Ontarians Are Listed Among Those Who Will Put In Pumping System—Engineers' Office Announces Grants

From the office of State Engineer Percy Cupper announcement is made of the issuance of permits for water rights in Malheur county as follows: To E. C. Peterson of Vale, covering the appropriation of water for irrigation of fifteen acres, at an estimated cost of three hundred dollars.

To W. E. and Evan A. Brown of Ontario, covering the appropriation of water from Plummer Slough for irrigation of 102 acres, at an estimated cost of \$1800.44.

To A. C. Holland of Ontario, covering the appropriation of water from Snake river for irrigation of forty acres.

To C. W. Hinkle of Payette, Idaho covering the appropriation of water from Snake river, for irrigation of 27 acres in Malheur county, at a cost of approximately \$300.

To A. W. Johnson of Ontario, covering the appropriation of water from Snake river for irrigation of forty acres, at an estimated cost of \$800.

To Pascual Eiguren of Jordan Valley, covering the appropriation of water from Jordan creek for irrigation of 68 acres, at an estimated cost of \$500.

To W. W. Jones of Jordan Valley covering the appropriation of water from Baxter Creek and spring for irrigation of 120 acres.

## LOCAL MEN DECLARED TO HAVE MADE RICH STRIKE

Company Formed for \$200,000 To Develop Mine Purchased Under Option Taken by Ray Duncan and Fred Lackey—Nampa Men Are Interested

Fred Lackey of this city, and Ray Duncan of Ironside, who together have for the past two years spent a portion of their time working on a mining claim near Silver City, Ida., are declared to have made a big gold strike.

So rich is the vein of ore which they uncovered that with Dr. Kellogg and D. H. Rhoades of Nampa, they have proceeded to sell stock in the company they incorporated to buy the property which Messrs. Duncan and Lackey held an option for some time. Only \$50,000 of stock is to be put on the market and a large portion of the money thus raised is to be used for further development.

J. W. McCulloch of this city was called to Nampa last Friday to draw up the papers for the incorporation.

The story of this mine and the manner of securing it by the new owners reads like a romance, such as only could be found in a mining camp like that of Silver City, say those who are familiar with its history. According to their version the mine proper was once a part of the Old Poorman mine from which nearly 50 million dollars worth of ore was taken more than 40 years ago. Then the vein ran out, so the owners believed, and they abandoned the property.

But there was one old miner who did not believe the vein was worked out, and after the previous owners had abandoned the claim for a sufficient length of time to permit him to take up work, he started to demonstrate his theory.

After cutting through a fault he picked up the vein again and for the past 30 years has worked it alone with crude machinery hoisting the precious metal out by hand. Even by this method he was able to maintain himself in good condition.

Two years ago, Messrs. Lackey and Duncan started to work in that section, and the old miner, whose name is Peterson, got acquainted with them. He told them of his experience, and when he took sick and was no longer able to work the mine enlisted their interest. After they had worked the mine awhile they took an option on it, paid a substantial first payment, and in turn interested the Nampa men mentioned above, in their project.

Recently they made what they believe to be a big strike, and on conferring with their associates immediately took steps to incorporate and proceed to mine the precious metal on a bigger basis.

## SPECIAL POTATO SHOW TO BE HELD MALHEUR COUNTY'S ANNUAL FAIR

### HORSESHOE PITCHING FAST BECOMING LOCAL AMUSEMENT

The park is now the scene of something besides loafing. Every day devotees of the nation's latest rage, horseshoe pitching, demonstrate their skill heaving the caulked irons at the posts. Alex Lohead is the veteran exponent of the game, while Bernard Rader, Paul Van Potten and Jack Jimmerson with A. L. Ackerman are striving for its honors. Several match games have been staged of late, and Frank Ryan and Dennis Conway have a challenge up for the winner of an elimination contest. The big match to be staged before the grandstand at the county fair. But the management declares that Messrs. Ryan and Conway will have to meet competitors from the entire county before they can annex the county championship.

## RAILROAD PROBLEM SUBJECT OF MEETING

Ontario Commercial Club Takes Lead in Calling Gathering At Burns of All Interior Points—Delegates to Go From Here Friday

At the suggestion of the Ontario Commercial club a meeting will be held at Burns Saturday of this week to consider what action the communities of Southeastern and Central Oregon should take in the matter of memorializing the State's representatives and the Portland Chamber of Commerce relative to the situation which has arisen by reason of Supreme Court's decision unmerging the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific.

At the meeting of the club yesterday noon the following were named to go to this meeting: J. W. McCulloch, E. A. Fraser, P. J. Gallagher, W. H. Doolittle, R. W. Jones, W. J. Pinney, Ivan E. Oakes, Larus Blackaby and Geo. K. Aiken. The Bend Commercial club declined an invitation to the meeting as did the Klamath Falls and Lakeview clubs, but Vale and other towns on the Oregon Eastern have accepted and will be represented.

An idea of what such a route would mean to Central Oregon and to the Willamette valley may be gained from the following table of distances from Eugene to Granger, Wyoming:

By the existing line of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific and Union Pacific, 1386 miles. By an extension of the Natron cutoff to a connection with the Central Pacific at Susanville, California 1143 miles; by the present lines via Portland 1054 miles; by an extension of the Natron cutoff to Odell, thence to Crane via the Union Pacific system 924 miles.

That there is a real possibility of the last named line being built may be gained from the following telegram from Carl Gray, president of the Union Pacific to the Bend Bulletin:

Bend, Ore., July 10—(Special)—The attitude of the Union Pacific system relative to providing railway facilities for Central Oregon is disclosed in a telegram received yesterday from Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific, in reply to an inquiry sent to him last week by the Bend Bulletin which said it understands the Union Pacific pledges itself to complete the Natron cutoff if it gets control of the Central Pacific from the Southern Pacific, and asked what will be the attitude on building out of Bend and whether a line running east from Bend to Crane will be built to connect at Odell or some other point on the Natron line.

President Gray's telegram in reply to the Bend Bulletin's inquiry was sent from Salt Lake as follows: **Early Program Recalled** The program for railroad construction in Central and Eastern Oregon formulated during the Union Pacific control of the Southern Pacific is well known. It involved

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### FAIR DIRECTORS SET ASIDE A FUND FOR BEST POTATOES OF RURAL TYPE—COMPETITION OPEN TO OREGON AND IDAHO RANCHERS

## SPECIAL CONTEST FOR YIELD

Show to Be Known as First Annual Snake River Valley Potato Show—Ranchers Should Prepare Now to Enter Contest—Committee Is Named

Realizing the growth of the potato industry and to further its development in this section, the directors of the Malheur County Fair determined to make the big feature of the annual exhibition this year the initial holding of an annual Snake River Valley Potato Show. To do this a special premium fund has been set aside to be awarded for the best potatoes in different classes, and also for the biggest yield of potatoes in a measured five acre tract or more, the yield to be calculated as of the date of digging. In this class the tract entering competition must be certified as having been measured by the county agent of the county where located.

The contest in all these classes is open to ranchers on both sides of the Snake River, in Oregon or in Idaho, this being deemed as the best means of inspiring competition and thus securing an added incentive to careful work.

The prizes listed by the Fair board are as follows: Class 1: Best five bushels; \$50, \$35, \$25, \$15. Class 2: Best single bushel; \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5. Class 3: Best 10 specimens; \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4. Class 4: Best bushel certified seed; \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5.

Special contest for the highest yield of U. S. No. 1 or U. S. Fancy from measure 5 acres or more, certified by the county agent where grown, yield to date of digging to count by acre as follows:

Dug on or before July 20, multiply by 1.5; before August 1, by 1.4; by August 10 by 1.3; by August 20 by 1.2; by September 1, 1.1 and after September 1 by 1.0.

For this contest the winner will receive \$25, second \$15, third \$10, and fourth \$5. This contest is limited to those who also enter for competition in class 1.

The Fair committee named the following committee to have charge of the Potato Show: Jonas Brown, Oregon Slope, and W. H. Doolittle and George K. Aiken of Ontario.

## TRAILMAKER HONOR GUEST OF ONTARIO

Business Men Attend Luncheon In His Honor—Tells of Plan to Have Oregon Trail Designated National Highway By Congress

Still active, though now in his 92nd year, Ezra Meeker who 70 years ago, passed through this section over the Old Oregon Trail, was the honored guest of a luncheon of the Ontario Commercial club at the Moore Hotel yesterday noon. The occasion was made the largest gathering of business men in months, every business house was represented by some one to pay their respects to the man who has done so much to perpetuate the romantic history and advance the material welfare of the region traversed by the most historic road in all the nation.

Mr. Meeker in his brief address called attention to the bill which was originally introduced in the Senate in 1916 to have the Old Oregon Trail designated as a national highway, but failed to pass the House. It has been re-introduced by Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington, and will be before the next session of Congress.

Mrs. L. E. Jones leaves this week for a visit with relatives in Twin Falls.