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## BIGGEST DAIRYMEN OF NATION VISIT VALLEY

Through Courtesy of Idaho's Governor Dairy Party Visits Malheur County—Look to This Section as Coming Dairy Country

Malheur county entertained the party of dairy specialists, leaders in the dairy industry of America Monday. This opportunity came as the result of the courtesy of Governor D. W. Davis, whose guests the visitors were on this trip.

The special car in which the party traveled landed at Payette on No. 17 and the car from Ontario, Payette and Weiser met them, and drove them to Weiser where a sumptuous trout breakfast was served to 62 people.

On the trip across Dead Ox Flat enroute to Weiser the party stopped at the Otto Miller place and at the A. A. Guttridge ranch where the soy bean crop and pasture lots were seen.

From Weiser the party went by car up Mann's creek for 12 miles and back down Monroe creek to the Inter Mountain Institute where the herd of prize cows was inspected. From Weiser the return trip was made on the Idaho side to Payette and thence to the C. H. Sargeant ranch near Fruitland where luncheon was served by the Jersey club and the business men of Payette.

The party went to New Plymouth, and then came to Ontario where a short rest was taken before leaving for the trip to Parma via Nyssa. The first night stop was made at Parma, going from there to Boise, spending the seventh and eighth there, leaving Boise on the ninth for Shoshone, spending the day on the Twin Falls North Side, and the night of the ninth at Buhl. Leaving Buhl on the tenth, they will motor to Burley, stopping at Twin Falls for lunch, and spending the night at Rupert. Leaving Rupert by train they will go to Pocatello, stopping there the night of the eleventh, going north through Idaho Falls and Rexburg to Ashton on the twelfth.

This excursion brought what is said to be one of the greatest opportunities offered to the people of a western state, the party of eastern dairy experts and representatives of big eastern agricultural publications invited to Idaho by Governor Davis, have arrived to investigate the region for possible development as a center of the country's rapidly growing dairy products industry.

With Wisconsin, the present center of dairy farming, unable to expand further, New York decreasing in production, Minnesota with very little increase in development possible, and the consumption of dairy products increasing rapidly, these big producers and experts are looking to southern Idaho and Malheur county, Oregon as the ideal region into which the dairy industry can expand.

The visit of the eastern experts is expected to have a two-fold object, one being the showing of Snake River Valley the possibilities of its own territory and the opportunity.

"Intelligently grasped, of tremendous development in business, population and importance. In fact it is hinted that as a direct result of this trip and that of J. L. Kraft, noted dairy products distributor, some months ago, the establishment of a chain of some thirty cheese factories in Idaho is a possibility for the near future. Mr. Kraft is also a member of the present party. The second object which is of equal importance is the gaining of direct information by the dairy experts and agricultural journals for use in eastern dairy districts for the guidance of dairymen there in expanding their activities into the Idaho region which it is pointed out can support 20 times as many cows on a given acreage as the richest Wisconsin land.

Tremendous publicity for the southern Idaho region is expected as a direct result of the visits of eastern experts. One member of the party, J. H. Frandson, who was formerly professor of dairying at the University of Idaho is dairy editor of the Capper Farm Press, representing the Nebraska Farm Journal, Kansas Farmer, Cappers Farmer, Missouri Ruralist Oklahoma Farmer, Ohio Farmer, Pennsylvania Farmer and Michigan Farmer, all Capper

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## REFUND SCHOOL BONDS AT ONE HALF PER CENT LOWER RATE

The directors of School District No. 8 have completed arrangements for the refunding of the district's bonded debt at a reduction in interest of one-half of one per cent, or a saving of \$230 per year in interest charges. The bonds to the amount of \$46,000 have carried 6 per cent but are now to be replaced by 5½ per cent bonds which were purchased by Johnston & Hattrem of Portland. Under the terms of the contract the bonds are to be run for 20 years with the privilege of retirement at any interest paying date. The bonds were originally issued for the erection of school buildings and during only a few years has there been any provision made for the retirement of any portion of them.

## ONE FOURTH OF PUPILS IN RURAL SCHOOLS IN CLUBS

In Urban Schools Much Smaller Per Cent Takes Up Club Work—Distribution of Club Work In County Shown By Report

In the monthly report of the county club leader there was given this month a study of the distribution of club memberships in the county which is interesting. It shows that while Ontario for example, has two clubs, Nyssa one, Vale has four and Oregon Slope three.

Malheur county boys and girls are in the following numbers studying these subjects: Canning 6, sewing 117, cooking 19, corn growing 21, dairy record keeping 45, home making 17, pig raising 42, poultry raising 31.

In discussing the work of the clubs Harry R. Wellman, county club leader, in his report says:

"The success of club work is judged on what it does for the individual boy or girl, what it does for the community and what it does for the county. This in turn depends upon the quality of work that is turned out, the financial success of the project, the benefit toward improving the agricultural and home-making practices, and the number of boys and girls that it reaches. At this time we can only consider the latter or in other words the number of boys and girls that are in the club work.

For purposes of comparison we will consider only those pupils who are in the third to eighth grades inclusive, because we have very few club members, outside of Vale, either below the third grade or above the eighth grade.

This year 297 boys and girls actually started work on one of the club projects. 200 of this number living outside of Vale, Ontario, Nyssa or Jordan Valley. (Up to the present time club work has not been carried on in Jordan Valley.) There are 1518 pupils between the 3rd and 8th grades inclusive, 747 attending school in four towns and 771 attending school in the rural districts.

In figuring up the percentages we find that 19 per cent of the total number of boys and girls in the above grades are in club work and that 25 per cent of the rural boys and girls are in club work.

## STREET IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE PASSED

Street and Sidewalk Improvements Ordered—Enforcement of Anti-Cigarette Law Discussed

At a meeting of the City Council last Monday evening steps were taken to improve two sections of the city. An ordinance was passed for the improvement of streets in District No. 1, which embraces Virtue street and Tennessee avenue, by grading them to the proper subway and surfacing them with gravel.

Notice was ordered to be given to the owners of property in block 24 to build a sidewalk on Richardson street.

A committee consisting of W. F. Homan, A. L. Cockrum, T. H. Moore, E. C. Van Petten, H. C. Boyer and E. A. Fraser was appointed to act as a budget committee to make up the annual city budget.

The matter of more strict enforcement of the anti-cigarette law was presented to the council by Mesdames C. E. Bingham, W. J. Roberts and A. G. Moore. Assurance was given the committee that more rigid enforcement of this law would be brought about.

## OREGON PEOPLE WANT RAILWAY ACROSS STATE

Emisaries From Central Development League Encouraged by Interest Manifested by People of Columbia and Willamette Valleys

"The people of Oregon want to see a railroad constructed across the state, and not all of the people in the Willamette Valley have been stamped by the Southern Pacific propaganda." This was the message which J. W. McCulloch and Mayor Doolittle brought back with them following their trip through the Willamette Valley and in north-eastern Oregon for the purpose of setting before the people of those sections the views of the Central Oregon Development League concerning the railroad situation in the central portion of the state.

"We held meetings at Baker, La Grande, The Dalles and Hood River, and these meetings were well attended. Though we did not ask for resolutions, endorsements were given us and resolutions were adopted at Hood River and several of the other points," said Mr. McCulloch.

"Over in the valley we held meetings at Salem, Eugene and Corvallis and stopped for a time at Albany. We went to Astoria and Seaside and held meetings at the former and had our position endorsed there.

"The Southern Pacific had representatives following us during our entire trip and at Salem an effort was made to take the meeting from us entirely, but was defeated by the fairness of the presiding officer.

"It was our position that we were not interested in what railroad is extended from Crane to Odell, that we are interested solely in getting a 'railroad' and that we object to the argument that this central and southeastern Oregon territory be made tributary to the Central Pacific through branches run up from Nevada, when in fact it is farther from the Central Pacific than it is across from Crane to Bend for example.

"The Southern Pacific has been very active in arousing public sentiment in every community over there, and we found that though resolutions have been passed favoring the Southern Pacific contention, that 90 per cent of the people with whom we came in contact desire a railroad to be built across Central Oregon and should public sentiment be consulted we will have many friends in that territory."

## SPIDERS HIT PRUNES HOPPERS EAT PRUNES

Ranchers Life One of Trouble These Days—Sprayers and Poison are Needed to Control Enemies of Crops

Between red spiders with their depredations on the prune orchards and the attacks being made on the young lettuce by the grasshoppers the life of the rancher growing either of these crops is a busy one these days.

The spider mites which got under way with their flank attack upon the prunes before the orchardists were aware of what was happening, have made serious inroads upon the yields, according to many of the prune raisers. They have reduced the crops in the Boise and Snake river valleys by nearly 50 per cent, according to some estimates, and ranchers who had ordered their suits cases in which to ship their crop are cutting down their orders by nearly that amount.

It is believed that the efforts of the grasshoppers to get fat on lettuce salad was detected in time so that the rancher who secures poison and spreads it about his field will not suffer any loss at all. The details of the poison formula which is being sent out by County Agent L. R. Briethaupt can be obtained from the farm bureau office, and with it instructions as to how it should be used. Ranchers whose crops have not yet been touched should watch the fields and when the hoppers begin to gather take steps to protect the tender plants for the amount which the hoppers can eat in a short time is astonishing.

## SCHOOL SESSION WILL START SEPTEMBER 4

Definite Date Set for Opening of Ontario Schools—New Members Added to Teaching Force

Announcement was made this week by authorities on the school board that September 4 is the date set for the opening day of Ontario schools. With the opening at this early date it is believed it will be of greater advantage to the students in the respect that school will close earlier in the spring and few will be compelled to drop out on account of early farm work.

No definite arrangements have been made regarding school during Fair week, but it is believed part time will be taken off to attend, but not the entire week.

Several of last year's teachers are back in the High school and grades with only a few new additions in the faculty of all three schools. Following is the corps of teachers for the coming term:

**East Side**  
Miss Hazel Smith, principal and will teach the 5th A, 6th and 7th grades; Mrs. E. B. Conklin, 1st and 2nd grades; Mrs. Gertrude Moore, 3rd, 4th and 5th B.

**West Side**  
Mrs. Pearl Jamieson, 1st; Mrs. W. F. Homan, 1st; Miss Ada Lee, 2nd; Miss Ruth Lackey, 2nd and 3rd; Miss Laura Wherry, 3rd; Miss Etta McCreight, 4th; Miss Vera Neeb, 4th and 5th; Mrs. Henry Casiday, 5th; Miss Mae Platt, geography 6th, 7th and 8th; Mrs. W. J. Roberts, language and grammar, 6th 7th and 8th; Mr. W. J. Roberts, principal, and will teach history and physiology, 6th, 7th and 8th.

**High School**  
Miss Catherine Conway, English; Miss Carrie Baley, commercial and gymnasium; J. A. Turnbull, science and military drill; Miss Ruth Cabene English and Latin; C. A. Lathrop, Principal, and will teach mathematics; Sgt. Abendroth, R. O. T. C.; O. E. Paulson, vocal agriculture; J. M. McDonald superintendent, teachers training class; L. L. Culbertson, history; Miss Helen Dunstone, music.

## LARRY GRAMSE NAMED COUNTY GAME WARDEN

Promise Made by Commission While Here Last Month is Kept—Local Man to Guard Fish, Birds, and Big Game—Hens are Scarce

Larry Gramse of this city was appointed deputy state game warden for Malheur county last week by the Fish and Game commission, thus keeping the commissioner's promise made to the sportsmen of the county last month when the commissioners were here.

Mr. Gramse has assumed the duties of his office and is now in the field getting acquainted with the situation. Since he has lived in this section for years and has traversed every section of the county he is thoroughly familiar with its topography. He has also hunted and fished over the territory he will patrol and knows the sportsmen of the valley.

Hunters report that the sage hen is almost an extinct specie this year but that ducks are plentiful. The lakes of the Jordan Valley section are covered with them and even in the lower valley they are beginning to make their appearance much earlier than usual.

## WHO WANTS AN AMBITIOUS BOY TO WORK DURING TERM?

The Argus has a letter from a woman in the interior concerning a 17 year-old boy who wants to come to Ontario to go to school. He would like to get a place to work for his board during the school year, so if anyone in town seeks that kind of help, or could arrange to use a boy's ability, call at The Argus office and secure this letter.

Mrs. J. W. McCulloch who accompanied Mr. McCulloch on his trip to the Willamette Valley, remained over there for a visit with relatives.

H. C. Boyer was delayed on starting his trip to the East, and did not get away until Friday night. He will be gone for several weeks.

## ADVENTUROUS YOUTHS APT TO SUFFER PUNISHMENT

\*Attention has been called to the fact that several young boys have lately been seeking thrills by climbing to the heights of the city water tank, and unless this is stopped the participants will come to grief. This pastime is likely to result in a serious injury or death in case someone should fall, and authorities are determined to put a stop to it immediately.

## BOYS AND GIRLS TO HAVE PRODUCTS AT THE FAIR

Brogan, Kingman Kolony, Oregon Slope, Jefferson and Riverdale Preparing Teams to Enter Judging Contests

An application of the educational advantages of holding an annual county Fair is given in the judging contests which are to be held under the direction of the county club leader, H. R. Wellman, wherein the boys and girls who have been studying the various branches of agricultural production, livestock and poultry raising will compete for honors.

Already five teams of boys and girls have started work in preparation for the contest and will have representatives who will show just why they think this or that specimen is the best entitled to consideration for the blue ribbon.

The teams which have already signified their intention of entering the contest come from Brogan, Kingman Kolony, Oregon Slope, Jefferson and Riverdale.

That the boys and girls are working on this project is evident from their activities during the past month during which four meetings were held by pig clubs for the purpose of work in livestock judging. The pig clubs at Oregon Slope, Jefferson and Riverdale met with Mr. Allen, assistant state club leader, at the Intermountain Institute and took up the score card method of judging dairy cows and pigs. Mr. Allen also met with the Brogan pig club.

## DISTRICT CONVENTION OF REBEKAHS HELD HERE

The 10th annual convention of District No. 25 convened in I. O. O. F. hall at Ontario August 2, at 1:30 p. m., with Mrs. Mildred McMahon, president of Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, in attendance. The following Rebekah lodges were represented: Beatrice No. 82 Ontario, and Yellow Rose No. 202 of Nyssa.

The morning session was postponed on account of a funeral in the city. The afternoon session was called to order by the chairman, Emily Pogue, with 29 members from the two lodges in attendance. The session was devoted to business and instruction in the lodge work, by the president.

Reports were read from the following lodges of the social activities as well as regular business: Sylvia No. 43 of Burns; Beehive No. 135 of Jordan Valley; Yellow Rose No. 202 of Nyssa, and Beatrice No. 82 of Ontario. Beatrice No. 82 exemplified balloting for membership in a very creditable manner. Yellow Rose No. 202 exemplified the introduction of visitors from another jurisdiction.

The following officers were elected Leah Elliott, Yellow Rose No. 202; vice chairman, Winnie Diven, Beatrice No. 82; secretary, Vernena Beam, Yellow Rose No. 202; marshal, Phoebe Hunter, Yellow Rose No. 202; R. S. chairman, Emily Pogue, Beatrice No. 82; L. S. chairman, Ida Walters, Yellow Rose No. 202; O. S. guardian, Minnie Leuck, Yellow Rose No. 202; I. S. guardian Gertrude Boswell, Beatrice No. 82.

The evening session was called at 8 p. m. and was devoted to business and installation of officers by President Mildred McMahon.

The initiatory degree was exemplified by Yellow Rose No. 202, and the Rebekah degree was conferred upon Gertrude Skow and Anna Carlson. Pres. Mildred McMahon gave an address to the lodge after which she instructed the members in the secret work.

Meeting closed with the next annual convention to meet at Nyssa.

Miss Lucy Miller of Caldwell who has a class of violin students here, was in Ontario Saturday on which day she meets her pupils, and will continue to do so throughout the summer.

## POTATOES ON MARQUIS RANCH BREAK RECORD

"Potato" Smith Declares That Never in Forty Years' Experience Has He Seen Such Yields—250 Sacks Per Acre Now

Seventy acres of potatoes, so thick that you cannot tell in which direction the rows go for the vines are so heavy that they reach to the waist of an average man, are being dug now by C. F. (Potato) Smith, from the Rex Marquis ranch on the John Day highway between here and Vale. The crop so far indicates that the yield will break all records for spud production.

"Not in forty years of potato growing have I ever seen such a field of potatoes," said Mr. Smith. "We have dug four acres and they have run over 250 sacks to the acre, and the percentage of culls has been very small. The later potatoes will go even more than 250, and should, I believe, reach fully 300 sacks per acre."

"Several times I have seen patches of potatoes, say five to 20 acres, go 300 sacks to the acre, but I have never seen a field as large as this do so. Here there are 70 acres and they are all uniform. While we are getting 250 sacks per acre from these Irish Cobblers, I believe we will get fully 300 sacks of rurals."

"This is due of course to several things. The soil is exceptionally fine, it was properly cared for since it was turned from sage brush, and we plowed under a crop of alfalfa. But there is more land like this in this section which should produce equally large crops if rightly farmed."

Mr. Smith who is perhaps the best known potato raiser in the Snake River valley, came to the Idaho country from Greeley, Colorado, where he settled 40 years ago and started to raise potatoes. After 27 years in the Greeley district Mr. Smith moved to Idaho, settling first in the Idaho Falls territory and a few years ago moved to Deer Flat near Caldwell, where he now makes his home. His son is operating the Marquis ranch which Mr. Smith rented last fall and he comes here now and then to look after the crop.

"Raising potatoes is just like mining," says Mr. Smith, who is somewhat of a philosopher as well as a rancher, "for when a man gets to raising them he seldom can get away from it. They are a gamble, but year in and year out they will pay—at least that is how I have found it. I have made big money and taken some big losses, too. But there are years when I have cleaned up \$20,000, and the chance to clean up that much is an allurement that keeps me in the game. I don't care if I never keep the money, for I just want to make it so I can spend it, and travel. Why, one year I traveled 17,000 miles in our old car and we enjoyed life."

On the crop which he is getting from the Marquis field Mr. Smith roughly estimates the cost of producing each sack of spuds to be about as follows; for rent of land seed 10 cents, picking 9 cents (he is paying 7 cents and boarding the men) hauling to the cars 7 cents; sacks 10 cents, preparation of the ground, supervision etc. 10 cents, total 56 cents. Some of the items may run a little more than this but the total cost of all other elements will not make the total exceed 65 cents. The first three carloads which Mr. Smith sold went for 95 cents.

While Mr. Smith has succeeded in getting a remarkable crop his record is exceptional. Right across the road a Jap is farming a ranch with land practically the same as that on the Marquis place and is getting only 50 sacks per acre. And yet there are those who declare that the Jap is a better farmer than the white man.

## NEW GRAIN COMPANY OPENS OFFICE HERE

Andrews Grain Co. is the firm name adopted by Ontario's newest business house. A. N. Andrews of this city, is proprietor and started operations this week in the old Boyer building across the street on the corner from the postoffice. He is operating a complete feed, grain and seed store.