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## PRESENT FAIR PLANS TO GUESTS OF CLUB

**Payette, Fruitland and New Plymouth Men Promise Co-operation in Making Fair This Year Real Winner**

Thirteen may be a Jonah number for some folk, but it is not going to be so for the Malheur County Fair, according to the committee, which individually, and collectively is working on the program for the thirteenth annual Malheur County Fair.

The committeemen told the assembled crowd which taxed the capacity of the Commercial club rooms last night about their plans. They told them all about, or rather just mentioned the fact that here we are going to see the "diving girls" of marvelous beauty, "Three Fingered Jack's Place," and many other attractions on along the Sage Brush Trail.

The meeting last night was one of the most successful ever held in Ontario. A message of co-operation was presented by James E. Davis, the energetic head of the Payette County Commercial club; by its secretary, Mr. Johnson; by "Fitch the Land Man"; by A. G. Gardner of Fruitland, Pete Johnson, and Mr. Hilyer, also of the other side, and by J. R. Brown, manager of the Payette Creamery.

C. H. Sargent whose fine Jersey herd is one of the big industries of Payette county, called attention to the fact that dairying was not given the prominence due it on the Fair premium list, and that set the meeting off on the discussion of dairying. Mr. Davis on behalf of the Payette club invited the entire membership of the Ontario Commercial club to a meeting at Payette on September 1 to discuss plans for advancing the interests of dairying. He thanked Ontario for its co-operation in making the stay of the dairy party in this section successful, and made a stirring appeal for future co-operation.

J. A. Lakness, W. F. Homan, P. J. Gallagher, W. H. Doolittle, H. L. Peterson, D. W. Powers, Ross Jenkins, H. C. Boyer, Fred Clemons and G. K. Alken also made short talks. President Van Petten presided.

The big feature of the gathering, however, was not the speech making, but the musical numbers furnished by the Sage Brush Quartette, the vocal solos by Reese Jenkins, and the violin solos by R. W. Jones, accompanied by Miss Dollie Rollins, while Mrs. Jenkins accompanied her husband.

The Sage Brush Quartette discovered to Ontario two new singers in the persons of Messrs Reese Jenkins and Jack Jimmerson, who with their associates, Messrs. Barney Turner and Al. Quast, made a hit of the evening. Mr. Brislawn, a traveling man from Salt Lake, also sang. Louis Hurtle, Paul Van Petten, W. A. Walker and Bernard Rader were the refreshment committee.

C. R. Peterson came down from the Circle Bar ranch Wednesday for a short visit with his family here and to look after business interests.

Mrs. Robert D. Lyle of Vale, was the week end guest of Mrs. Iyan E. Oakes, and Master Charles Burrows accompanied her to be the guest of John Oakes.

A. H. Foote of St. Louis, completed a double surprise here Sunday when he arrived for an unexpected visit with his cousin, Mrs. S. D. Dorman of this city. That surprised Mrs. Dorman. The second thriller furnished was that to Mrs. Foote and her daughter who have been visiting in California and arrived here Sunday afternoon and were greeted at the station by Mr. Foote and Mr. and Mrs. Dorman, for Mrs. Foote did not know her husband was west of the Missouri river. Mr. and Mrs. Dorman took their guests to the Dorman cabin at Payette Lakes on Tuesday for a short stay.

Mrs. Anna Roberts of Colfax, Washington, arrived here this week for the all season's work as trimmer at the Osborn Millinery.

To mark the highway with proper signs the crew of sign men of the State Highway commission reached Ontario Monday. In the crew were A. R. Dimick, W. G. Kuser and B. Adams, all of whom registered at the Moore, from Salem.

## OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY IDAHO IS APPRECIATED

At a meeting of the Commercial club last night a resolution was ordered drawn to express the appreciation of the club at the spirit of co-operation manifest by Governor D. W. Davis and the Idaho authorities in including this section of Malheur county in the routing of the dairy experts.

This effort to promote dairying was declared to be the biggest piece of constructive work performed in this section for years, and the purpose of following it up was manifested by numerous speakers. Copies of the resolution were ordered sent to Governor Davis and to the Boise papers.

## STRANGE STORY OF HOW IT GOT THERE MISSED FIRE

**A. E. Richards of Everett, Washington Declared Victim of Old Friend Who Disappeared—Cost Richards \$250 Fine**

With a story of mistaken confidence, and of how he was the innocent victim of the cupidity of a friend of month's standing was the explanation which A. E. Richards of Everett, Washington, gave for his presence in his car of a large consignment of moonshine, when it was searched in the park Sunday afternoon by Sheriff Lee Noe, Phil Schnur deputy, and H. C. Farmer, marshal.

According to Mr. Richards he drove down Sunday afternoon from the county seat with one Hanson and another fellow named Johnson, the latter from Vale; the former being an old friend from Everett. While Hanson and Johnson visited friends around town Richards—who explained that he went to Vale for his health—just sat in the shade in his car. Hanson came back and said some friend wanted to ride back to Vale with them—and Richards being an accommodating individual acquiesced when the stranger also said that he had some baggage. Richards just kept on reading the paper.

And Mr. Richards was the most surprised man in the world when the officers came up and asked to search the car, for they found the moonshine in eight two quart jars with a cute funnel beside one jar that was all but empty—it had just one drink left.

They tried Mr. Richards before Judge Stearns and the following jury, Tuesday: E. A. Fraser, Will Johnson, Louis Kroesin, Jr., S. F. Taylor, Wilmer Boyer and Eugene McCoy—but the jury could not supply the missing links in the defense so found Richards guilty of illegal possession. The judge fined him \$250 and costs.

## Kohout-Mumford

At Chehalis, Washington last week occurred the wedding of T. T. Kohout, manager of the Blackaby Commercial company of Jordan Valley, and Mrs. Mumford, also of Jordan. The bride has for several years been connected with the Blackaby company as bookkeeper, while Mr. Kohout is well known over the entire county. Prior to his residence in Jordan he lived here in Ontario. The honeymoon of the newly weds took them into Washington and to summer resorts on the west side of the mountains.

Edgar M. Draper who is superintendent of the Winslow, Washington schools, left here Tuesday for that city to be prepared to take up the school work for the coming year. Mr. Draper has been here for the past two months visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Draper.

Still believing that agricultural possibilities in the Snake river valley are superior to those of California, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Swagler returned to Ontario last Friday after an extended auto trip through Northern California, going as far as San Francisco and other cities near the bay. The primary object of the trip was to permit Mr. Swagler to attend the sessions of the American Bar association which held its annual convention in San Francisco. The roads going, via the Old Oregon Trail and Pacific highway are fine, but it is a crime to attempt the trip via central Oregon and the east side of California, says Mr. Swagler.

Mrs. Irving Brogan and her children of Portland are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Taylor, after spending several weeks in Boise.

## WHEAT STACK BURNED 700 BUSHELS RUINED

**Weed Fire Thought Extinguished Revives and Spreads to Grain Field—Crop Insurance Covers Loss**

Sparks smoldering in what was thought to have been an extinguished weed fire finally fanned into a flame and spread into the wheat field and stacks of grain on the Holden Clement ranch southwest of the city last Saturday night. As the result the stacks containing, it is estimated, 700 bushels of grain were totally destroyed.

Fortunately Mr. Clement had insured the crop so the loss of several hundred dollars is saved him.

## RAILROAD TO BURNS ASSURED DECLARED VISITING LAWYER

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Biggs of Burns are guests here this week of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Weese and Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs. Mr. Biggs declares that the people of Burns are so certain of the early construction of the railroad from Crane to Burns to take out the timber of Bear Valley that they are going to hold an election to select a section boss for the Burns section, or something like that. In all seriousness, however, Mr. Biggs does feel that since the government is going to sell the timber, in fact has it advertised, that the dawning of a new day for Burns is at hand and that the development of the timber lands is but the beginning of intense activity on the part of the various departments of government; which will be followed of course by private initiative.

## ONTARIANS NOW BUSY IN SOUTHERN IDAHO TOWNS

While on the trip with the dairy party in Southern and Southeastern Idaho the editor of the Argus met a number of former residents of this city. At Jerome Miss Irene Grauel who learned the telegraphic code here under the instruction of C. H. Truesdale, greeted the writer when he went to file a news story for one of the papers; at St. Anthony Sprague Adam and Herbert Lackey welcomed the tourists. They report business in volume greater than last year, and it is no wonder, so thick are the tourist cars enroute for the Yellowstone. At Parma Ray Wilson was one of the men to greet the dairy party and help make the stay enjoyable, and Art Moore paused to get the latest news from Ontario; while Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Luscombe were interested members of the audience at Wendell.

## BUSINESS MANS MOTHER DIES

**Death Claims Mrs. Tabitha Pye McDowell at Portland—Was Pioneer of Colorado—Came to Snake River Valley in 1905**

After an illness of many months, Mrs. Tabitha Pye McDowell, mother of A. E. McDowell of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nona Hunter of Portland last Thursday. Mrs. McDowell, who was called to her bedside, and his sister, Mrs. Hunter, brought the body here for interment. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church and interment was made in the Ontario cemetery. Rev. H. Young preached the funeral service, and a large number of friends of the bereaved family were present.

Tabitha Ellen Pye, was born in Iowa in 1858 and in 1874 she married William A. McDowell. Soon after their marriage they moved to Colorado, then a pioneer state. There they lived until 1905 when they moved to Weiser, Idaho where her husband died several years ago. Since then Mrs. McDowell has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hunter. Beside A. E. McDowell of this city, two sons W. A., of Portland and L. A. of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Nona Hunter of Portland, and Mrs. William Rains of Walla Walla survive her.

After spending the summer with relatives and friends in Ontario, Boise and Vale, Mrs. W. R. Shinn and children left Wednesday for their home in Washington.

Word has been received to the effect that Andy A. Wright, formerly a resident of Ontario, died of heart failure on July 30. Mr. Wright, who had been living at Wanatchee, Washington for the past eight years, passed away suddenly while attending a ball game.

S. Boston and Miss Grace Boston were registered at the Carter House on Monday.

## BURGLARS PLY TRADE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

**Trio of "Hard Boiled" Birds Caught With Plunder—Little Girl Watches Men Enter Home And Gives Alarm**

When Miss Dortha Heitsman looked out of the window at her home last Sunday afternoon she noted three strange men hanging about the residence of K. A. Allen. She knew they were strangers for they acted that way.

The actions of the men aroused Miss Heitsman's curiosity. She determined to watch them, for she knew that Mr. and Mrs. Allen were not at home.

Soon she saw two of the men crawl into the window while the third did sentry duty outside.

Having watched the performance of the strangers that far Miss Heitsman's most elaborate deductions had been confirmed—she was witnessing the perpetration of a robbery; so she at once notified her father, Ed. Heitsman.

There is no phone in the Heitsman residence so Mr. Heitsman ran up to the S. D. Dorman residence and had Mr. Dorman telephone Marshal H. C. Farmer; in the meantime Miss Heitsman was keeping watch of the unfolding drama, presented by the burglars and their watchman.

Mr. Dorman got his car and went for the marshal and together they secured Mr. Heitsman, who in the meantime had gone to the Allen home where he talked to the "sentry" while the men in the Allen home made their get-away by the side window.

When the marshal and Mr. Dorman joined him they all gave chase and in a few minutes the burglars were located east of the railroad track. When "friked" they were found in possession of numerous articles identified by Mr. Allen as having been taken from his home, as well as a number of other articles of jewelry and toilet articles which it is believed were taken from Weiser and Baker.

The three burglars gave the names of Jack McCall, Harry Sherman and Joseph Sable. The last two are but kids, 18 years old, and claimed St. Paul, Minnesota as their homes. They claimed to the officers to have been on the bum through the country and had met McCall at La Grande and he advised them not to attempt to go to the coast but to return back with him.

When arraigned before Judge C. M. Stearns Monday afternoon they waived a preliminary hearing and were bound over to the grand jury. Bail was fixed at \$1000 which they had not, so Sheriff Lee Noe took them to Vale with him.

## MRS. L. W. THOMAS PASSES

**Funeral Held Here for Mrs. Ben Crummett's Mother—Had Visited Here on Several Occasions**

Funeral services were held from the Peterson Chapel Sunday afternoon for Mrs. L. W. Thomas, mother of Mrs. Ben Crummett, who died at the home of her daughter Friday evening of arterio sclerosis. Her death ended an illness from which Mrs. Thomas had suffered for several years. Beside her husband she is survived by four sons and a daughter who live in Canada; Mrs. Crummett who lives between here and Vale, and a son and a daughter who live in Oklahoma. Rev. Henry Young of the Methodist church conducted the funeral service, and interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas, whose maiden name was Jane Gardner, was born near Patterson, Missouri 68 years ago. In 1877 she married L. W. Thomas of that place. For years they lived in Missouri, but later moved to Canada and back to Oklahoma. Several times they came to Oregon for extended visits with Mr. and Mrs. Crummett, so were acquainted with many people of this section.

G. E. Saulsbury of Juntura, was numbered among the men from the interior to visit the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawson left Tuesday morning for an extended auto trip through Southern Idaho, the Yellowstone Park, and on to their former home at Polson, Mont. Returning they will go via Spokane and Pendleton and the Old Oregon Trail home.

From Burns this week came Mrs. I. S. Geer and registered at the Moore during an overnight stop enroute to the outside points.

## THREE BIG ATTRACTIONS SECURED FOR ANNUAL FAIR

J. A. Lakness and D. W. Powers of the Fair Committee, went to Boise this week and secured three great big attractions for the annual County Fair.

First and foremost for the Sage Brush Trail they contracted for the appearance of the Famous Diving Beauties, an attraction par excellent.

Next they arranged to show the latest wrinkle in baloon ascensions and parachute drops, a novelty presentation of a stunt that never fails to thrill.

Also arrangements have been completed for a Baby Show. Particulars concerning this big event will be given in the next issue of the Argus.

These are but just a few of the headliners of the biggest and best Fair ever staged here.

## LEASE HOLDERS SAY LIBERAL OFFER MADE

**Question Correctness of Statement in Last Week's Argus Concerning Cause for Inactivity in Oil Search**

Replying to the communication written the Argus last week by A. F. Boyer, the officers of the Malheur Petroleum association who accepted the statements therein contained as referring to them, this week addressed a direct reply to Mr. Boyer in the following language:

Ontario, Or., Aug. 18, 1922.  
Mr. A. F. Boyer,  
1025 Tenth St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:  
"On July 7th last, we wrote you as follows: "Through information received from your correspondent, Mr. L. M. Seaward, we learn that if conditions are made acceptable to you that you will drill a commercial well in this territory. And you name as the acreage you desire, six thousand acres; this we will furnish you in the following manner: We will checker-board twelve thousand acres in forty or one hundred sixty acre blocks, and your choice of the first section or block upon which you desire to drill. All leases to be kept in escrow in a place mutually agreed upon, until the fulfillment of all contracted agreements. The only cost to you will be the royalty, one-eighth to the land owners."

In your reply of July 10th you say, "If I ever put down a well in the Snake River basin, I must have 6000 acres just where I want them; when I get what and where I want it, I may put down a well in the basin."

Now you rush into print in the local paper and intimate that this association is blocking a genuine effort to drill in the vicinity and your statements are misleading and inaccurate, because you have made only a bunch of demands and never guaranteed anything. Now, Mr. Boyer, we mean business and again affirm the offer we made you; you know we do not have acreage in a solid block because you were told so, and you did enough looking around over this field last spring to find out most anything.

We organized this association and spent considerable money in hopes of getting some development in the vicinity, and not to speculate; if we are holding such valuable acreage we will make a sacrifice to get something started; you and your big associates come and pay us what we are out and you can have every acre we have leased provided you start a test well at once with equipment and men capable of drilling 2500 feet.

If our leases do not cover the chosen spot, we will lend you our assistance in getting more leases and in other ways. Now it's up to you, talk turkey or quit hollering."

Respectfully,  
Malheur Pet. Association,  
By W. L. Turner, Sec'y.

Signed:  
W. S. Homan,  
Frank Rader, Trustees.

Homer Maddux, who for six years has been employed in the Argus office, working up from the position office "Devil" to bookkeeper, thru all the jobs in the front and back office, has resigned and is throwing dirt on the highway to get into condition for attendance at the University of Oregon this fall.

## VACATION DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS END

**Next Week Will See Last of Summer Holidays—School Doors To Swing Wide On September 4—Registration Days Announced**

Vacation days are ending for the boys and girls of the Ontario schools and all preparations have been made for the opening of the school according to the announcement made by Superintendent J. M. McDonald, which follows:

"The Ontario Schools open for the new school term on Monday morning, September 4, 1922. All grade school pupils should be on hand at 9 o'clock and report to the same room in which enrolled last spring, for directions. The names of books needed and lessons for Tuesday will be given pupils immediately after enrollment on Monday morning, after which they will be dismissed for the day.

Owing to the congestion in the West side school, a seventh grade class will be organized at the East side school for those pupils who completed the sixth grade there last spring.

High school students will enroll according to the following schedule: Seniors and post graduates, Monday September 4, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.

Juniors, Monday, September 4, from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.  
Sophomores, Tuesday, September 5, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.

Freshmen, Tuesday, September 5, from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.  
"High school students need not report to school on Monday and Tuesday except at times indicated above. All freshmen who are not graduated from our Ontario grade schools, should bring their eighth grade diplomas with them when they enroll. Regular classes in the High school begin meeting on schedule Wednesday morning.

"Arrangements have been made to offer all classes offered in the High school last year. Teacher Training will again be offered but the enrollment will be limited to about ten pupils based on their excellence in scholarship during the past three years. The High school day has been lengthened to eight periods instead of seven. Five periods will be arranged for in the forenoon beginning at 8:30, and three periods in the afternoon together with assembly, extending the dismissal time to 3:45 p. m.  
The R. O. T. C. Battalion will be under the direction of Sergeant Abendroth, who has been assigned by the war department to give his full time to our unit. He is now taking orders from the cadets for uniforms to be bought from the government for less than half the amount usually paid. He can be seen at the High school building from now until the opening of school."

## POULTRY DEMONSTRATIONS PROVE INTEREST OF MANY

**H. E. Cosby of O. A. C. Faculty Demonstrates Methods for Determining Quality of Flock—Tour is Successful**

Chicken raisers from Malheur county in numbers larger than had been anticipated, gathered Tuesday and Wednesday to attend the poultry scholl which was conducted by H. E. Cosby of the O. A. C. Extension service.

At the A. B. Cain farm on Tuesday, Mr. Cosby gave a lecture on judging chickens to determine their quality. He also discussed feeding and care of chickens and other poultry problems. In the afternoon the pupils of the school—the many poultry raisers of the county—themselves handled the chickens and connected up the information gained at the morning lecture with a practical application.

On Wednesday a poultry tour was conducted which took the chicken raisers of the county, augmented by a large number from the Fruitland bench and Payette, to the large poultry ranches of Payette county, and finally to Archie Larsen's complete plant near Weiser, where luncheon was served and informal talks made.

Mr. Larsen gave the benefit of his experience as a commercial chicken raiser to the gathering and spread before them the records of his flocks. The excursion and the sessions of the day previous was declared the most helpful effort of its kind furnished the chicken raisers of the valley.

Earl M. Dean, formerly of Nyssa, but now manager of the Denney & Co. agency at Fruitland, was in Ontario today looking after his company's interests.