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LARGE DELEGATION GOING TO PAYETTE

Invitation of Payette Commercial Body Accepted and Many Business Men Plan on Being There—Payette to Boost for Fair

Ontario business men will invade Payette tomorrow (Friday) night. Between 50 and 57 have already promised to be on hand to make the trip and many of them will be accompanied by their wives—for the women were invited too, the Payette Commercial club being strong for the ladies—so that the west side of the river will be well represented. The Sage Brush Quartette will journey over too to warble for the gathering.

On Tuesday President J. H. Davis of the Payette club called up and invited the speakers who are proclaiming the gospel of the Malheur county Fair to be present and assured the Malheur county folk of an opportunity to present the possibilities of the Fair at the meeting.

This is the first meeting of the Payette club since spring, and was to have been devoted exclusively to the subject of dairying and methods of extending that industry in this section. Realizing that the Fair furnishes one of the best means of presenting the dairy argument to many ranchers, the Payette men have decided to co-operate in making the Fair successful.

Secretary W. H. Doolittle is arranging for the trip to Payette and lining up the cars. If you have not a car of your own to make the trip, see Mr. Doolittle and tell him you want to go. If you have a car and can take an additional passenger of two, or three, or four, tell Mr. Doolittle so.

MAY BRING GEOLOGIST TO INVESTIGATE LOCAL FIELD

Meeting Held Here Tuesday Discusses Matter With F. L. Evans Representative of Penn Pacific Oil Company

At a meeting attended by a large number of those interested in having this field investigated to determine whether or not there is a likelihood of developing it as an oil region, F. L. Evans, representative of the Penn Pacific Oil company made a definite proposition Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Evans said that his company was ready to proceed to put in an outfit here to drill after a geologist they would name made an investigation. To secure the service of this authority the company requested the local men to contribute \$2000.

After hearing the proposition and discussing it the meeting appointed a committee to consider plans for securing the funds and in determining the ability of the Penn Pacific Oil company to make good on its proposal.

LOCAL PERSONALS

At the home of the groom's sister Mrs. H. L. Chapman of this city, Rev. Henry Young read the marriage service for Miss Gladys G. Hagler and William S. Shanahan of Boise Tuesday evening. Following the wedding the newly weds left for the Idaho capital.

The Ontario Girls club will meet next Tuesday evening, September 5 at the home of Mrs. W. L. Turner. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Letson and W. H. Doolittle drove to Hailley Sunday to view the War Dance mine.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Haw are entertaining Mrs. Haw's mother Mrs. Adeline Stall of Chicago, and her son Edward Stall of Arcadia, Florida, and Miss Lilly Biester of Chicago. With Mrs. William Viernow of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Haw took their visitors to Arrowrock dam this week.

Enthusiastic over Burns prospects with the sale of timber lands to the north, Sam Mothershead of Harney county and his son Sam, Jr., were in Ontario Wednesday enroute to Boise. School will open at White Settlement on September 4, with Irving Harris as teacher.

Miss Florence Ready is spending the week with friends at Pocatello. D. F. Graham made a business trip to Ironside on Tuesday, remaining over until Wednesday.

BEEBLE MAKES INROADS ON SEVERAL FIELDS OF LETTUCE

"If it is not one thing it is two," goes an old saying, that is having currency this week among the ranchers who are raising head lettuce commercially. After a hard battle to get a stand of the salad foundation, ranchers are finding their crop attacked by a brown beetle that looks like the old fashioned June bug. It is the same bug that does aerial stunts about the air lights in town. Here it does no damage, but out in the fields where its activity is directed at the roots of the lettuce instead of attacking the globes on the lights it hurts.

Out on Dead Ox Flat at the Megordan and Lattig ranches the beetles have injured hundreds of plants by boring into the ground and eating off the tap roots. Specimens have been sent to the entomologists and efforts are being made to combat the pests. Some of the farmers are hanging lamps over tubs of water in their fields and putting oil on the water, thus killing a lot of beetles every night.

NEW PRUNING METHOD IS DEMONSTRATION SUBJECT

Horticulturists of County Gather to Hear Specialist Explain Methods—Fruit Growers Experimenting on Own Account

The farm bureau held three meetings for the fruit growers during the week, one each at Brogan, Nyssa and Oregon Slope. C. L. Long, horticultural specialist for the extension service was the speaker. Attention was given particularly to examining pruning and thinning demonstrations which had been started earlier in the year, and to general discussion of the current problems of the orchard men.

Mr. Long is demonstrating a type of pruning which he believes will result in much better trees being grown than where indiscriminate methods, or even the kinds of pruning in vogue among students of the subject of a few years ago, are used. His method calls for a tree built up from four to six leaders each of which is maintained as a definite mid-rib for the subordinated branches attached to it. Examples of this type of pruning done last fall under his instruction were examined in all of the orchards, as well as examples of that type of branch as it occurs more or less frequently in all orchards, were pointed out to the attending orchardists and contrasted with "twin" and "triple" branches which were coming down under the weight of the fruit, soon to become subjects for permanent removal, whereas the "mid-rib" type of branch supports its load without coming to the ground.

The specialist believes that apples should be thinned to at least seven inches apart as an average, and some large varieties even more. Examples of thinning were observed and the results studied. At the C. A. Hunt orchard at Nyssa, an experiment is being carried out with Jonathan apples to determine what is the most profitable distance for thinning this variety under conditions. Mr. Hunt has thinned three trees with the apples 9 inches apart, three more with the apples 7 inches apart, three with the apples 5 inches apart, and left three trees unthinned. The results are already showing up favorable to the thinning. He will harvest each set of trees separately and pack the fruit out separately to determine just how much each will yield and the different grades and the cash value of the crops.

Joe Howrey who has charge of the Stanfield ranches in the vicinity of Lochart near the roof of the county, came down to Ontario to renew acquaintances and transact business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Munson of Kearney, Nebraska, and their daughter, Miss Corine, arrived last Friday for a visit with Mrs. Munson's brother, C. P. Skow. They may stay here this winter, but are not certain as yet, for they plan an extended tour of the west ere they return to their Nebraska home.

Miss Cecelia and Evelyn Gallagher returned Tuesday from Burns where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Olson.

FRUITLAND FIRMS START DAIRY PREMIUM FUND

Experts to Judge Stock and Plans Being Made to Have Demonstration of Judging Part of Every Day's Program

H. A. Gardner of the Fruitland State Bank and Pete Johnson, general merchant of that community, started the special fund for the dairy show to be held as part of the Malheur county Fair. Since then it has been growing daily and as the result the support which the committee is receiving in its efforts many handsome prizes will be won by the owners of fancy dairy stock.

The committee which started out to secure the dairy show fund is, Ivan E. Oakes, secretary of the Fair, and Dr. A. G. Moore, and they report that an unusually fine spirit of co-operation has been manifested by the business men seen thus far.

Following on the heels of the Fruitland donations came one from The Farmers Co-operative Creamery at Payette, and other firms on the Payette side are to give, for all are interested in dairying and desire to see the dairy section of the Fair go.

Judges to Demonstrate

The committee plans to have the judge of the dairy-division give a demonstration in front of the grandstand one day during the Fair, giving his reason for selecting the winning animals, thus making it possible for more people to learn the basis for judging stock. Requests for this feature have come from many people and it is believed this will be one of the most interesting of the events of the entire show.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Walter Taylor who for some time past has been a resident of Eugene, where he is attending the University arrived here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Frank C. Jones, and his sister Mrs. Hart.

H. Wakerlig of Westfall, appeared in Ontario this week and registered at the Carter House.

From Bonita on Sunday came Bert Simonson to Ontario. He registered at the Carter House.

Westfall must have been more or less deserted this week, or the Westfall folk took a particular notion to travel, for that community was well represented on the Ontario hotel registers, among others was Jim Miller who wrote his name on the Carter House list on Sunday.

The very south end of the county, hundreds of miles away was in evidence in Ontario during the week for Warren McHargue was here from Crowley, and from a still more remote section of the county came James P. Anderson of McDermitt. Mr. Anderson lives in Malheur county, but he is so close to the line that he gets his mail from the McDermitt postoffice in Nevada, and thus he registered at the Carter House. Mrs. Anderson was here recently and this visit of Mrs. Anderson's followed to locate a residence for the Anderson family when they come to place their children in school.

Two sturdy representatives of the land of the thistle, but now residents and sheepsman of Malheur county, Oregon, are John Robertson and Murdoch Murchison who were in Ontario this week. They came here from Riverside.

G. Allen Brown, a brother of the well known Brown family of Oregon Slope and Payette, who is one of the prominent students at O. A. C., was in Ontario last Friday and Saturday in the interests of the college. Mr. Brown was the business manager of the O. A. C. annual last year and has had so many student honors and offices that he has lost count. But of more import to many friends in this section is the fact that just before commencement last spring Miss Cecil Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Logan of Brogan, and Ontario, for they lived here two winters, announced her engagement to Mr. Brown. Miss Logan met Mr. Brown here Saturday, for being a loyal student at the O. A. C., she was likewise interested in seeing more Ontario students at the college.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO RIDE TO SCHOOL

Promises Made to Parents of Children in Western End of District to be Kept—Tuition to be Charged Outsiders

At a meeting of the board of education held on Wednesday evening it was decided to establish one route for hauling in pupils to the grade school who live directly west of Ontario.

It was also decided that all grade pupils who attend the Ontario school who live outside the school district will be charged a tuition of four dollars per month payable in advance.

There will be a general meeting of all the Ontario teachers on Saturday morning of this week at 10 a. m.

All children who will be six years of age by January first, 1923 will be permitted to enroll in school this fall although parents are advised that in many cases it is better for little children not to start until they are past six rather than before they are six. Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Homan will both have classes of beginners at the West Side school, and Mrs. Conklin will have all beginners at the East Side school.

Sergeant Abendroth has taken the orders of many of the cadets for uniforms and is still at the High school each day for that purpose.

All grade children will enroll Monday morning at 9 o'clock in the same room they attended last spring. After they get the list of books needed they will be excused for the day. High school students will enroll on Monday and Tuesday as per the announcement in last week's Argus.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Miss Joysie Turner who has spent her vacation from O. A. C. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turner, is preparing to leave next Thursday for Corvallis. Although college will not open for several weeks Miss Turner has to be back in order to direct putting the Xi Beta House in order for the incoming bevy of coeds, for she is manager of the house. Before returning to Corvallis, however, she will visit for a day or two at Hood River with college friends.

After several weeks strenuous effort at the C. M. T. C. at Camp Lewis Owen Turner arrived home Tuesday on No. 4. The drill was properly mixed with sports and other diversions so that he liked his stay very much.

Mr. and Mrs. David Miller of the Big Bend, were here in Ontario Tuesday on business.

A. J. Hall, insurance adjuster, was an Ontario visitor on Tuesday. Mr. Hall came down from Boise on business.

A. A. Tyler of Eugene, a brother of Dr. C. M. Tyler of this city, will be here this week with a party of Willamette valley folk who are interested in ranching and are desirous of exchanging their holdings in the valley for property over here. They left Eugene on Tuesday and are expected here today.

Mrs. Homer Gilham of Baker, arrived here last Friday to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Wilmer Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne and family and Mrs. Bette Payne returned this week from a stay at Payette Lakes. William Butler was a business visitor at Juntura where he went to buy some sheep.

P. J. Gallagher left Tuesday evening for Portland on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCulloch and family spent the week end at Payette Lakes.

Mrs. J. A. Cooper of The Dalles, was the guest Saturday of Mrs. W. H. Brooke.

Mrs. Helen Clement who has been the guest of her son Harry B. Clement at Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Clement arrived in Ontario last week and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wisdom at their home southwest of town.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dorman and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Foote and daughter of St. Louis returned Tuesday from a trip to the Payette Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Briethaupt returned Saturday from a trip to Baker county. While gone from here Briethaupt delivered lectures to the ranchers of Baker and Union counties on the alfalfa weevil and its methods and means of battling it.

The regular monthly meeting of Congregational Ladies Aid will be held September 5 at the home of Mrs. W. E. Loos.

ELECTRICAL STORM PLAYS MIDDLE WESTERN STUNTS

The electrical storm on Tuesday evening took many Ontario and Fruitland folk back, for the time being, to their old homes in the Middle West where such capers on the part of the elements are not unusual. Preceded by a healthy movement of the elements which proceeds we know not whither and cometh from we know not whence, an electrical storm arrived about 6:30 p. m. and used the heavens as a playground with brilliant results. So long as the flashes tripped across the sky no damage was done, but with that uncertainty of movement which sometimes happens, they left their aerial playground and sought objects on the numdame sphere. One bolt hit a tree in front of the Frank Rader residence and stripped off the bark and otherwise trimmed it. Fire flew in all directions and presented a remarkable picture to those who witnessed the procedure. Another flash picked out the office of the Fruitland Banner and hit it, starting a small fire which was extinguished before much damage was done.

POTATO FREIGHT RATE IS REDUCED BY COMMISSION

Senator Stanfield Wires of Cut to Missouri River Points—Colorado and Utah Want Similar Rate Reductions Themselves

Senator R. N. Stanfield wired J. R. Blackaby Tuesday informing him of the reduction of 14 cents per hundred weight on potatoes to Missouri river points made by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and indicated that a further reduction of six cents would be made following the adjustment of rates in connection with the request of Utah and Colorado growers for reduction.

The campaign for the reduction in potato rates started in the Boise valley and was actively pressed by the Boise, Nampa and Caldwell commercial organizations and the Idaho delegation assisted, apparently by Senator Stanfield who evidently kept in touch with the situation.

When it became known that the Idaho bodies were asking for a reduction of full 20 cents per hundred weight the Utah and Colorado people objected since that would reduce the Idaho rate below their tariff, so the commission has equated the Utah and Colorado rate. Just what the effect of the reduction will be remains to be seen.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fraser drove to Boise to spend the day Friday, and on Sunday accompanied by their son, Edmund S. Fraser and Misses Viola Husted and Hortense Wells, drove to Starkey Hot Springs.

Back from a trip to Chicago, William Hanley of Harnoy county, passed through Ontario Monday morning. Mr. Hanley declares that the crops in the Middle West are bigger than he has seen in years. He looks for a revival of business too.

Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wood and family who have been the guests of relatives in Grant county for several weeks returned home last Friday. During their stay over there the Judge called upon many old time friends in the interest of his candidacy for the district bench, but that did not prevent him from enjoying the fishing at Strawberry lake and many of the mountain streams of Grant. The fishing was fine, too, he declared. Save for the section from Austin to Whitney the roads are fine and the trip can be made readily in a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clemo enjoyed a vacation at Payette Lakes and have returned to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Taylor of Chico, California, arrived by auto from their home in the south to visit with Mr. Taylor's uncle, James Sullen who lives south of town. They expect to tour this section before returning. Years ago Mr. Taylor resided here.

Mrs. William Tharp of New Plymouth was the guest at the J. H. Tharp home this week.

W. H. Brooks returned Saturday from Portland and other Willamette valley points where he went on a visit. While on the other side of the mountains he was one of the guests at the dinner which Wallace McCamant gave to Vice President Calvin Coolidge.

NEW PLYMOUTH HOST FOR FAIR BOOSTERS

Assurances Received That Payette County Community Will be at Fair Enmasse—Will Urge Dairy Breeders to Exhibit

Headed by President E. C. Van Petten, Vice President W. F. Homan, Secretary W. H. Collette of the Commercial club and Secretary Ivan E. Oakes of the Fair Board, the members of the Commercial club Fair committee journeyed to New Plymouth last Friday evening to attend the monthly dinner of the New Plymouth Commercial club. The committee took with them, as their star attraction the "Sage Brush Quartette," Reese Jenkins, Jack Jimmerson, Byron Turner and Al. Quast.

The quartette was the most worked feature of the gathering and so popular was its offerings with the New Plymouth men that Ross Mason the chairman of the meeting, called for the singers' entire repertoire.

After a remarkably fine chicken dinner prepared by the women of the Baptist congregation, short talks were made by Mr. Van Petten, Mr. Homan, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Doolittle, J. A. Lakness and George K. Aiken for the visitors; Mr. Mason called on Rev. Rice of the Congregational church to respond. He expressed the appreciation of the New Plymouth folk for the visit of the committee and declared that the spirit of co-operation manifested would be reciprocated by New Plymouth, as did Mr. Mason.

ATTRACTIONS LINING UP FOR COUNTY FAIR

Committee Preparing for Additional Novelties—Baby Show Will Be First Day Feature—Specialist Coming to Aid

Every meeting of the committee which is arranging attractions for entertainment here during Fair week marks the addition of definite arrangements for some event. Chairman H. L. Peterson and his assistants are marking progress every day until assurance is on hand now that the Fair will be what has been planned, the biggest in many years.

Merchants of the city have prepared for the Baby Show which will be held on the first day—mothers who have prize winning babies—and all babies are prize winners, of course, are going to have the center of the stage on the first day.

Arrangements have been started to have one of the state authorities on health nursing here for talks on the care and feeding of babies in connection with the baby show, so that like every feature of the Fair this year, real educational worth will attach to all the numbers.

Merchandise prizes well worth the winning will be awarded to the winners in the various age classes into which the babies will be divided, and this feature will be one which the mothers of Malheur and adjoining counties will appreciate.

Merchants to Decorate

A uniform plan of decorations for the business houses of the city has been worked out and a committee this week called upon every business house and secured orders for bunting in the official colors to be used in dolling-up their establishment. Thus Ontario will start to put on its doll clothes and bid its visitors a merry welcome and continue to show them all a big time during the entire week.

The committee is also hearing from communities in the upper country that are preparing to send horse shoe pitching teams to the Fair to compete for the prizes in that rejuvenated sport which is now popular all over the country, and with this spirit of competition manifested it is certain that there will be something doing every minute of the Fair

Randall Sage and his daughter, Miss Grace, drove up from McDermitt Tuesday. Miss Sage came here to take the train for Bandon, Ore., where she will teach again this year. Mr. Sage will remain here for two weeks on business.