

COUNCIL DISCUSSES PANGING AND POKER

Merits of Games Questioned Mayor Wants to Know the Difference Punch Boards Given an Air-ing—Would Change Pound Fees

Expert knowledge concerning the merits of panging and poker was desired by the members of the City Council at the regular meeting last Monday night at the City Hall. Mayor Doolittle was at sea on this important question and wanted information. Marshal H. C. Farmer was called upon and endeavored to elucidate. As the result the council came to the conclusion that if there was a distinction between them so far as gambling was concerned, there was no difference.

Whether or not one gambles, it appeared from the testimony of the marshal, depends upon when he settles up. If he buys a stack of chips before the game starts he gambles. If he settles by getting hinkies after the game, he does not; at least that is the opinion of some of the pool hall proprietors who have figured that method of evading the anti-gambling ordinance. All this testimony and hair line distinctions did not make much of a hit with the city dads. They decided that the law is plain that gambling is gambling and it was the expressed opinion that since most of them have only this one month to serve that the marshal be instructed to tell the pool hall men to "cut out" the panging and poker, which seem to be the subject of most dispute. Other card games were not discussed.

H. C. Boyer appeared before the council to learn what attitude the council was to take relative to punch boards. He said that they were being used in most of the surrounding towns, save Payette, and wanted to know whether or not those operating them would have an opportunity to "clean up" the boards they now had. The Council said, "No." Members of the police committee explained that when the boards were ordered out the stores which had them were given an opportunity to clean up boards then on hand and told that no more on hand and told that no more put some in recently after that warning they have done so at their own risk, and we do not feel that they are entitled to any consideration," said the members of the Council. That was that.

John Blanton appeared before the council to seek a modification of the pound ordinance, and several members urged that some amendment be made. Recently the pound master has run bands of stock numbering from 15 to 43 which broke out of feed lots outside of the city limits and wandered into the city streets, and this has cost the owners \$1 per head. It was that a limit of \$10 be placed as the maximum the pound master could collect. The matter was taken under advisement.

Wants Franchise
A representative of the Binnett Advertising company of Caldwell appeared before the city council to ask for a five years franchise for refuse cans to be placed on 12 corners of city streets, on which the company would be permitted to place advertising and collect for the same. The company pledged to keep the cans clean at least once each month.

The company proposes to charge \$2.50 per month per ad or \$10 per month per can or a total of \$120 per month, or \$1440 per year, making the total for the five years \$7,200. The cans according to an estimate furnished the Argus, represent an investment of from \$10 to \$15 each, or a grand total of about \$180, which together with the cost of painting the cans and the cost of having them cleaned once per month is the company's investment on which it expects to receive \$7,200. No franchise tax was mentioned.

No action was taken in the matter, but an ordinance was presented for consideration at a later meeting.

The second payment on the purchase price of the city park was ordered, by warrant for \$500 and interest.

Rev. Evangelist Reid's message for men, Sunday at 2:30 at the Baptist church.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF CLUB DISCUSS COUNTY AGENT WORK

At the first general meeting of the members of the Commercial club to be held in the evening for some time the subject for discussion will be the work of the county agent and the Extension service of O. A. C. in Malheur county. At that time a number of the ranchers of the county will present their reasons for requesting the business men to endorse this work. A representative gathering of business men should be present in order that a full and complete understanding of the matter may be had.

EGG LAYING CONTEST IS FEATURE OF POULTRY CLASS

Contest on Between Hens Belonging to Boys in the High School Agricultural Class—Boys Making Hens Pay Profits

The boys in the first year Agricultural work at the High school are receiving practical instruction and are practicing it. Three weeks ago a contest was started, captains were elected and they chose sides. The instructor acted as umpire and manager. The boys were given the rules of the contest as follows:

1. Each student must have at least 12 hens to start with.
2. They must take care of these chickens for one month.
3. They can feed anything they want to.
4. They can house their chickens anyway they want to.
5. They must report the number of eggs to their captain each day.
6. The captain makes a record of it on the bulletin board in the Agricultural room.
7. The side producing the most eggs in the month's period will be rewarded by a banquet from the losing side.

Orville Seaward and Paul Neece are the captains. It seems that Seaward's side is ahead so far but Neece's side might come up even or pass the record of the opposing side before the week is up.

Before starting the contest the boys were given training in the care and management of poultry, feeding for egg production, housing of poultry and culling. The boys are expected to practice the things learned in class work. A number of the boys have built modern chicken houses and have installed self-feeders and trap-nests. Nearly half the boys are receiving over 50 per cent egg production now, this makes them a nice profit because the eggs are sold for 50c a dozen.

LOCAL PERSONALS

After a two week's honeymoon trip through Puget Sound cities, Spokane and Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crouter returned home last Friday evening and are receiving the best wishes of friends.

S. J. Simpson of Oregon Slope was an Ontario visitor today.

Mrs. Ray Boyer was operated upon last Saturday at the hospital and is rapidly recovering from the effects of the ordeal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Elisman and Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Burrow of Vale, were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Oakes.

Ira Williams, now a resident of Robinette, was in town this week on business.

C. H. Oxman, county commissioner-elect, was in Ontario Saturday on business. Mr. Oxman has been studying conditions generally to familiarize himself with the duties of the office he will assume next month. This is not his first public position, he having been a city and county official for years in his old home state of Illinois.

Robert E. Lees, who has been with the Union Oil company in Portland for some time, returned home Monday for a visit. He expects to be here until the first of the year.

While playing at school one day last week Freddie Lees was struck in the eye by the point of a pencil which flew from the hands of a boy during a scuffle. Fortunately the injury, while painful, was not serious.

J. W. McWhorter who spent the summer on South Mountain south of Jordan Valley, returned to Ontario this week to spend the winter.

James Graham of Westfall was one of those from out of town who came to attend the Chautauqua series this week.

F. I. Gollagher of Portland, special agent for Geo. H. Tyson of San Francisco, was an Ontario visitor Monday.

Ontario Club Resents Idaho's Attitude On Payments to Reclamation Funds

At a meeting of the Commercial club directors Wednesday approval was given the communications sent to the Oregon delegation in Congress protesting against the Borah bill which would defer any payment upon government reclamation projects for five years and extend the time of payments of the balance for 40 more years.

In this communication it was pointed out that the settlers in Idaho, under government plants are not paying as much in maintenance and principal as are the farmers under pumping plants in Malheur county, and that the Idaho lands are fully developed and well stocked and in every way able to pay despite conditions. It was also called to the attention of the delegation that lands in Idaho under the government ditches are held at from \$200 per acre and upward, and that if there is any place where irrigation is successful and justifies itself it is in the Boise valley.

The position of the club is that in asking for this extension the Idaho ranchers and business men are branding reclamation a failure; that

having had nearly \$24,000,000 from the reclamation funds; four times what the state has put into it, the Idaho people apparently want to keep that for all time and never repay, while Oregon ranchers never have had an opportunity to secure even that which Oregon put into the fund.

If the Idaho people can justify their continued raids upon the reclamation fund, then truly it is believed here that the opponents of irrigation in the middle west have been furnished an irrefutable argument against further government activity in reclamation. In plain words it appears that Idaho wants to boldly rob the reclamation funds and prosper at the expense of its neighbors.

Either this is so or Senator Borah has introduced this measure with no personal hope of getting it passed, but with the idea that it will make excellent campaign material for him two years hence. Anyway, Ontario believes that it is time to call a halt on such practices, if the West expects any further extensions of the reclamation service.

FIRE AT VALE CAUSES BIG LOSS TO SEVERAL FIRMS

Early last Saturday morning fire broke out in the store of the Warm-springs Dry Goods company at Vale and resulted in a heavy loss to that firm and to the Rex Theatre and a dance hall, all located in that block. The damage was estimated at approximately \$30,000 only a portion of which was covered by insurance. The origin of the fire was not determined.

KINGMAN KOLONY

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Everett Hickox Seriously Injured, Merritt Greeling Slightly Hurt—Red Cross Drive Complete in Kolony—Other Items Of Interest

John Reese has been leveling his Kolony place preparatory to planting a prune orchard.

A meeting of the ditch board was held at the Beaumont home Saturday evening at which time the budget for the ensuing year was compiled.

Miss Elsie Elliott has completed her work in the Red Cross drive and reports a satisfactory response from the Kolony people.

The teachers and students enjoyed Thanksgiving vacation Thursday and Friday. During the vacation several improvements were made in the school building.

Alvin, Leslie and Oscar Schaffer and Moxie Simon have gone to Cascade, Idaho to work in the timber.

Mr. V. V. Hickox of Big Bend, and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Greeling of the Kolony, were called to Weiser Friday to see their sons, who were hurt in the Thanksgiving football game. Merritt Greeling was not seriously hurt, but Everett Hickox received rather serious injuries.

Miss Bernice Martin was home from Nyssa and Miss Eulalia Schaffer from Roswell during vacation. Miss Homan spent the week end at her home in Ontario.

H. S. Burroughs spent a couple of days in the Kolony on business.

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the Martin home were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston, Mr. Page, D. W. Johnston and Archie Cantrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton and Miss Susie Claybourne spent the holiday in Nampa with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Otis entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kingman, M. Webb Otis and Robert Wade at dinner Thanksgiving.

The Overstreet and Judd families entertained Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Margaret Ann and Ted Morgan and Mrs. Chas. Schweizer and Lois at the Judd home at dinner Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Greeling were guests in the Yates home in Roswell for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nichols and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Ontario.

CAR LEAVES GRADE AND IS WRECK IN NEVADA WASTE WAY

Coming to town about midnight Tuesday Ed. Springer, a rancher living near Cairo drove his car off the edge of the pavement at the top of the hill on California avenue above the hospital and landed in the Nevada wasteway. The windshield of the car and other portions of the chassis were broken and Mr. Springer was hurt slightly by flying glass.

WHERE THE CLUBS WERE ENTERTAINED RECENTLY

The hostesses for the last two meetings of the Monday afternoon bridge clubs were Mrs. Elmo Pearson and Mrs. R. W. Jones. When Mrs. Pearson entertained last week the meeting took the form of a farewell gathering for she left soon afterward for Weiser to make her home.

Mrs. C. R. Emison and Mrs. John E. Wood entertained the Tuesday bridge club last week and this week respectively.

On Wednesday of this week the Wednesday bridge club was entertained at luncheon and cards afterward at the home of Mrs. J. R. Blackaby.

The Monday evening bridge clubs were entertained at their last two gatherings by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cockrum and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Boyer.

The Tuesday evening bridge met with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Swagler this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cockrum and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Staples respectively have been the hosts and hostesses for the Carnation club's last two gatherings.

The Imperial club met this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Drane.

At a "hard times" party Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Emison entertained the Fortnightly club last Saturday evening. The costumes were strictly in keeping with the spirit of the times.

The Music club met last Saturday at the home of Mrs. E. C. Van Patten, and tomorrow night its annual meeting at which the husbands are its guests, will be held at the home of Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs.

The Woman's club met Thursday at the Library auditorium.

SLIGHT EPIDEMIC OF SCARLET FEVER STARTS IN CITY SCHOOLS

Several cases of scarlet fever of a mild type exist in the city at present. Two new cases developed this week among children of the fifth grade in the west side school and as the result the children of that room were given a vacation and the room fumigated. Two of the Redsul girls are ill with the disease, but not very ill from its effects. None of the cases reported are deemed dangerous but all the homes are quarantined.

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. was held Friday afternoon. Standardization of the school was the main subject, and the organization expects to make a special effort to promote regular attendance of school children throughout the year. This is one of the requirements for standardization. The chairman of a committee to provide a play during the winter was appointed.

COW DEVELOPES RABIES AND WOMAN OWNER IS ENDANGERED

A cow, owned by Mrs. Roy Judd, who lives two miles north west of the city on the Malheur river bottom, died of rabies and Mrs. Judd is believed to have been endangered since she took care of the cow before it died. While treating it she permitted excretions from its mouth to cover her hands.

Dr. A. G. Moore, who was called to examine the animal pronounced the case rabies and sent the brain to the state bacteriologist for examination. He received a report today that the animal showed positive signs of negri bodies confirming his diagnosis of rabies.

COUNTY TEACHERS PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR COUNTY FAIR

Want Sectional Institutes to Replace Annual General Gathering—Aid in Sending Delegates to State Teachers' Association

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Malheur County Division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association held at Ontario, Saturday morning, December 1st, the following measures were discussed and approved:

First: That the Malheur County Teachers' association wishes to assure the County Fair Board of its desire to co-operate in every way possible with the board in its task of making the annual county fair a success. Furthermore, the association desires to be represented as a voting member of the board in order that it may thus co-operate most wisely.

Second: That, if possible, arrangements be made with the county school superintendent for the holding of local institutes throughout the county in the spring, rather than for one general institute. The decision as to the various sectional divisions is to be left to the county superintendent.

Third: That a sum of thirty dollars be appropriated from the funds of the Malheur County Teachers' association partially to defray the expenses of the delegates to the meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' association which is to be held in Portland during the Christmas holidays.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

At the annual election of officers for Aromur Lodge Knights of Pythias held last evening the following were chosen for the several duties: J. B. Atherton, C. C.; Floyd W. Powell, V. C.; Henry Cadday, M. A.; Dr. C. M. Tyler, prelate; C. F. Cox, M. of W.; V. W. Marsden, I. G.; Dr. A. R. Roberts, O. G.; and S. J. Millikin, trustee.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Rev. D. D. Reese is about again after a week's battle with gripe. J. A. Lackey who was operated upon at the hospital last week was so far recovered by Monday that they were able to take him to his ranch home southeast of the city.

Herbert Paul, now a resident of Nampa, was in Ontario today.

While skating on one of the sloughs near Payette last Friday evening, Erling Field of the Argus force fell on a tree root sticking through the ice and severely cut his leg above the knee. It was necessary to sew the wound and he has not been able to work all week.

The Gym party held by the Girls' club Tuesday night at the High school was full of interesting surprises for those present. Considerable interest was shown in the corrective exercises suggested and plans were made to carry this line thru more of the meetings in the future. Physical exercises under a well trained leader will be of great benefit to most of the members. The raffle for the bed spread and scarf will be held next Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the club at the Library.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Neitzel and Mr. and Mrs. Kinehart of Boise spent the week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ryan. Mr. Neitzel is manager of The Motor Sales Co. of Boise.

WILL ISSUE TICKETS FOR LUNCH FOR PIERCE

Commercial Club Invites Non-Members for Next Executive—Directors Hold Meeting Wednesday

In order to know how many persons to provide for at luncheon in honor of Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce who will be the guest of the County Farm Bureau and the Commercial club on Friday, December 15, tickets will be issued for that event. To be sure of a place those who desire to attend should call on Secretary W. H. Doolittle, phone 148J and make arrangements to get one. The dinner is not to be limited to members of the club but all who desire to do so are urged to attend.

At the meeting of the directors Wednesday a resolution was passed endorsing and urging the continuance of the State Tourist Bureau; a resolution was also passed asking the council not to pass the request ordinance by an advertising committee on the street corners; and no action was taken on the petition requesting the county budget board to consider the question of increasing the salaries of several of the deputies in the court house. Concerning this last request several of those present agreed that the salary of the deputy sheriff who has charge of tax collections should be increased, but few declared sufficient knowledge of requirements of some of the deputys to act, and therefore no action was taken. The request of Ryder Bros. for \$25 for space in the Old Oregon Trail booklet was laid on the table.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET

Farmers' Organization Will Meet at Cairo Grange Hall December 15th for All Day Session—Splendid Program With Governor-Elect Walter M. Pierce Principal Speaker

The annual meeting of the Malheur County Farm Bureau will take place next Friday, December 15th at the Cairo Grange Hall, beginning at ten A. M. A strong program has been arranged with Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce as the speaker of the day. This is an event to which the Farm Bureau members look forward as it is the one day in the year when the farmers from all sections of the county get together to discuss their mutual problems and renew acquaintances.

A cafeteria luncheon will be served at a nominal charge by the Farm Bureau committee at noon.

Members of the Farm Bureau are being urged in a circular letter from the Farm Bureau office to extend an invitation to their friends to attend. The Farm Bureau wishes that every farmer should feel free to attend this meeting whether he is a member or not.

MUSIC STORE AND NEWS STAND NOW LOCATED IN HOTEL BLOCK

W. L. Turner moved his stock of musical instruments, etc. from the former location in the Moore building between Washington and Nevada avenues to the Moore hotel block, occupying the room which once was used for the Silver Grill. To make this change possible the dining room of the Moore was moved back to the original location of that department.

Tom Wise in "Three Wise Fools" the comedy of mirth and mystery is scheduled for the Wheaton theatre, Weiser, Idaho, December 15, and will undoubtedly prove one of the theatrical treats of the season. This comedy is by Austin Strong and although it is on its 5th season, John Golden has given it a cast which is sure to please the most particular theatre-goer. Not only has the play smashed all records in America, but it is meeting with tremendous success in London, Australia and South Africa.

J. A. Lakness left today for Burns in connection with business for the Central Oregon Telephone company of which he is manager.