

## COMMERCIAL CLUB VERY MUCH ALIVE

MEETINGS ARE HELD DURING  
TUESDAY LUNCH HOUR

"We Are Accomplishing Things for  
Hermiston," Says E. P. Dodd,  
President

By E. P. Dodd  
A Commercial club is an established institution in every progressive community the country over, just as churches, schools and city boards are necessary factors in well organized society.

Towns and cities are often judged by the size and activity of their commercial clubs. If there is none or one without life and enthusiasm so is the town's degree of progressiveness measured. If there is a strong, active club of progressive, public spirited citizens anybody knows it is a town worth watching.

Live Wire Necessary  
You never know of a town that got anywhere without an organization of live wires and you never saw live wires in a dead town. They don't stay there any longer than it takes to unshackle themselves from the fogies of pessimism and the muck of selfishness. Commercial clubs and progressive business men's leagues are composed of men of optimism and peptomism who are unselfish and broad enough to know that if they help others they help themselves and that the public welfare is their own welfare.

The old style of mental perversity was to do nothing that did not help the doer directly. The new style of brotherly care is to do everything that helps anybody anywhere with the supreme thought that when anybody is benefited everybody is benefited.

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## OREGON HAY MEN FORM ASSOCIATION

7000 ACRES OF ALFALFA IN  
ORGANIZATION

Problems of Getting Started Told  
by L. A. Hunt; Better Prices  
Secured for Growers

By L. A. Hunt  
During the fall of 1920 there arose a definite demand by hay growers to erect some kind of marketing agency to stabilize hay prices, and to protect the quality of the hay shipped out of eastern Oregon.

Following a preliminary organization campaign an office was opened August 1st in Hermiston with an acreage signed up of about 4000 acres. The amount now under contract is almost an even 7000 acres owned by 225 growers, located in compact bodies in Morrow, Umatilla and Deschutes counties. The aim of the board was to restrict the enlargement of the organization this year, while the details of selling, assembling, baling, accounting, shipping, financing and grading, weighing and inspecting were being worked out. In none of the departments have the association had safe precedent for guide, and have been compelled to charter a course all their own.

Inspectors Are Secured  
The setting up of a system of assuring was completed with the assistance of the first accountants of Hermiston, and is a radical departure from that used in ordinary business. Until the farmers' organization began to function few farmers had any accurate conception of hay grades. Until that time there was only one deputy hay inspector in the State—located in Portland. Now, through the co-operation of the Public Service Commission there are eight inspectors shipping from eleven loading stations.

The cost of this service was fixed by the state at \$2.00 per car, and in certifying of weights alone, the saving so made has more than paid its way. In addition to this the association pays \$1.00 per car for the supervision of the hauling, loading and billing of the hay. This eliminates all other field expense in assembling the hay and seems to be as eco-

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## MR. AND MRS. F. G. PALMER FREE METHODIST PASTORS

Services Will be Held Every Sunday; District Elder to be Here Next Week

Reverends Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Palmer of St. John, Wash. have been given charge of the Free Methodist Mission in Hermiston, opposite Hermiston hotel. They are living in the Ted Hall house on Gladys Ave. between 6th and 7th.

They will conduct gospel services each Sunday in the Mission hall as follows: Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Preaching, 11:00 a. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Cottage prayer meetings will be held each Wednesday evening.

District Elder, F. E. Pond of Walla Walla, Wash. will be here over the New Year to hold a quarterly meeting. There will be preaching Thursday and Friday nights. A Watch Meeting Saturday night and the regular quarterly meeting service on Sunday.

All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

## BUSINESS BUILDS UP AT BOARDMAN

NEW ENTERPRISES OPEN DURING PAST YEAR

Several Fire Proof Buildings Are Built; \$50,000 School Bond Issue is Voted

By M. B. Signs  
Boardman, Ore., Dec. 22—Your correspondent arrived in Boardman in September 1919. At that time the project was about three years old. The town had a lumber yard, a feed business, a couple of garages, three grocery stores, a confectionery and hotel. Since then there have been many changes.

None of the people who were in business in 1919 are still in the same line except O. H. Warner of the Highway Inn. In March 1920 a disastrous fire destroyed the lumber yard and stock and store. The lumber yard was rebuilt more conveniently but the other building was not rebuilt.

Three Cement Buildings  
In the business section there have been added three cement buildings. One houses the post office and the third is at present unoccupied. The other buildings have been remodeled and painted and the hotel has been enlarged and finished into a commodious hostelry. During this period several neat cottages have been added to the residence sections and more are contemplated. It is expected, too, that the town will soon have electric lights.

The religious interests of the community are taken care of by the community church organization and the Adventists. The latter have a local pastor at present and the former is planning to call as soon as a suitable candidate is available.

Schools Among Best  
Progress in school matters is evidenced by the fact that a \$50,000 bond issue made possible the addition of two 85 foot wings to the central portion of the school building, and the addition of several teachers to take charge of the new school courses. The census of school children has increased at the rate of 33 per cent and the present capacity of the busses used to transport the pupils is taxed to the utmost. The school is one of the most modern in the state, offering the full four year high school course in addition to the grades and thoroughly equipped.

The main business of the community is farming and the acreage developed has doubled within the period. Roads have been improved and a 10-mill special tax recently voted will continue the improvement. In connection with the raising of alfalfa, the dairy interests have begun to develop and several carloads of cattle have been imported.

Cheese Factory Opens  
Records are being kept, and a milk testing station is to be equipped in the school. A cheese factory has been organized and is putting out a very satisfactory product. Several farms have recently been appraised for federal farm loans and if these are available material progress will be noted in the immediate future.

The spirit of optimism is fostered throughout the district by numerous community gatherings and in spite of adverse conditions which have af-

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## SENIORS PLAY TO LARGE AUDIENCE

"THE TIME OF HIS LIFE" IS  
PRESENTED

Crowd Fills High School Auditorium;  
Acting is Good and Play  
Full of Pep

The big audience that crowded the high school auditorium last Friday evening surely had the time of its life for the play was well acted and full of pep from beginning to end.

"The Time of His Life," was the name of the play too and it was appropriate. The plot opened with an embarrassing situation in the "Bob" Grey home caused by the absence of the negro servant Uncle Tom at the moment when stylish visitors are expected. Tom carter alias Harold Waterman, brother of the lady of the house who was Miss Doris Swayze volunteered to save the situation by taking the negro's part himself. His services were reluctantly accepted and he proceeded to make a comical situation as soon as the guests arrived.

Fred Hesser's Part Funny  
The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wycombe, Frederic Hesser and Miss Aloha Hammer and Dorothy Landon whose part was taken by Miss May Rogers. Peter Wycombe was an eccentric old man who thought he was going to die every minute. Frederic Hesser played this to perfection and had the audience in laughter most of the time as he developed symptoms of one unheard of disease after another.

Tom Carter did not want to go on with the negro part when he found that with the guests was his sweetheart, Dorothy Landon, but he could not back out and had to make the best of the part.

Finally Tom in desperation to get rid of the negro part telephoned the police to start searching for Uncle Tom and when they failed went out to search himself. Being disguised as Uncle Tom he was immediately captured by Officer Hogan who was Gwyn Hughes and returned to the Grey home under guard.

Dewey Payne Taken for Burglar  
When James Landon, brother in law of Peter Wycombe enters the house he is mistaken for a burglar by that nervous gentleman who has the negro Tom, who has just returned, blind him. The rage of James Landon, portrayed by Dewey Payne, was very great when he found that his none too friendly brother in law had done.

Finally all was patched up and even Landon and Wycombe became friends on condition that Wycombe should never mention his health again. The two negro parts, the real negro by Hollis Gordon and the imitation negro by Harold Waterman were remarkably well acted.

Perhaps the longest and most exciting parts of any was that of Mrs. Bob Grey, which was very ably taken care of by Miss Doris Swayze. Miss Hammer acted the rather snobbish society woman in a life like manner while May Rogers was the laughing young woman.

Mrs. Gunn Directs Play  
The play which lasted about two hours, went off smoothly and without confusion. It was directed by Mr. Roberta Gunn and did credit to her efforts. The high school orchestra played between the acts and students sold candy and pop corn balls. The affair was a financial success the receipts totaling \$100.75. The crowd Friday evening was somewhere between 200 and 250.

New Books at Library  
To make your holiday brighter, the Hermiston Library Board has purchased a number of the newest books of fiction. These are to be found on the pay shelf at the library and will be ready for circulation Saturday, December 24.

On the payment of five cents, a book may be taken for three days, with a charge of two cents per day for each additional day the book is kept.

This is in no way connected with the Readers' club, which has been discontinued.

If Santa forgets to bring the particular book you want, come and see what we have for you.

With holiday greetings;

The Hermiston Library

A sacred concert will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday night at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We wish to thank you for your friendship and support during the past year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

THE HERMISTON HERALD

## "WATCH US GO---WE MEAN BUSINESS" IS SLOGAN OF UMATILLA BOOSTERS

By Alice R. Nugent

With the close of the year 1921 we should all take a few moments to reflect on the good that has been done in our community, and the things accomplished by the city and the various civic organizations.

We, in our humble way, in our busy little city, feel that we do have much to be thankful for, as great things have been done in Umatilla since January 1, 1921.

Numbers of houses, which should be a credit to cities many times our size have been built, and several are still under construction. The names of the owners of the new houses follow and all of these are occupied: Mrs. Gibson, Harold Benjamin, Frank Gast, O. Stangeby, R. L. Tipple, H. H. Edwards (one finished and one under construction), H. L. Duncan, Earnest Goodlin and Harry Mosby, whose fine concrete block house has been destroyed by fire.

New property owners who have recently purchased houses and remodeled them into modern dwellings are Frank James, Ed Renick, Fred Knudsen, J. W. Cornell, Dick Lane, Tom O'Donnell, Herbert Lane, Ed Wither, C. A. Smith, Earl Brownell, Lester Smith, Frank Gast, Clint Harvey, Harry Grammer, Elmore McKenzie and Clifford Caldwell.

New farm owners west of the city are John Wurster, N. C. Stewart, E. R. Ash, W. Agee, Ted Carroll and Henry Dexter. These farms are all on the highway and west of Umatilla to the Morrow county line.

Third street has been graded, graveled and put in first class shape by the city and taxpayers from A street to F street at a cost of \$3200. The entrances and exits to town have also been graded and runs filled in, and all other necessary street work done.

The community building and the grounds formerly the old school house which was built in 1863 and was the first school house in the county has been entirely renovated and beautified by the school board and Home Bureau, the yard, fence and seeding of the lawn was done by the women. Col. Raley of Pendleton of educated in his youth in this

## FORMER RESIDENT HAS \$7,000 FIRE AT TUMALO

J.M. Griffen's Store is Destroyed;  
Was Employed Here for  
Several Years

J. M. Griffen, a former Hermiston resident and now of Tumalo, Oregon had the misfortune recently to have his store building destroyed by fire.

Mr. Griffen was employed by the reclamation office here and at the time he left was superintendent of irrigation. An article in the Bend Bulletin about the fire follows:

"Fire which started from a stove-pipe which pulled out of the chimney destroyed the Tumalo postoffice and store building this morning. The blaze was destroyed at 8:45, almost as soon as it started, but the towns people were unable to save the building on account of lack of fire fighting equipment. The first class mail was saved. The loss is estimated by Deputy Fire Marshall Tom Carlon at \$4,800, with \$3,000 insurance. The building belonged to the store proprietor, J. M. Griffen, who estimates the loss at approximately \$7,000.

Several nearby wooden buildings were threatened, but the work of the fighters, who used buckets and wet sacks, together with the fact that there was little wind, prevented the fire from spreading to them. Chief Carlon and George Stokes of the Bend fire department answered the call for assistance which came to the fire station here, but found that no aid could be given."

The cold wave struck Hermiston the first of this week. There was some snow but the disagreeable feature was the cold weather coupled with a strong wind. The government office here records 13 above as the coldest point. This was Sunday night. Monday night the thermometer reached 13 1/2.

Jasper Templeton was in Pendleton Saturday.

## UMATILLA NEEDS GOOD COUNTY FAIR

DAIRY AND HOG SHOW READY  
FOR PROMOTION

Big Show Held Here This Year Successful But Must Have More  
Money Says Geo. Root

By Geo. Root

The ninth annual Dairy and Hog show, held in Hermiston October 7 and 8, was both a success and a failure.

Judged by the big crowd of people that attended the show on both days, it was a success. Judged by the splendid type of animals shown in the cattle division, in the hog division, and in the horse division, it was a success. Judged by the exhibits of farm produce, fruits, honey, boy's and girl's club work, school industrial work, and by the woman's exhibit of home economics and domestic art, the show was a splendid success.

No! Enough Premiums  
But, judged by the amount of premium money distributed among the exhibitors, the show was a miserable failure. The fact is, the Dairy and Hog Show has outgrown itself. In other words, it has passed the knee breeches period and is now wearing long pants. There was a time when a few hundred dollars would take care very nicely of the premium list. It can no longer be done.

The state of Oregon very wisely provides for just such educational enterprises as the Hermiston Dairy and Hog show. In most of the counties they are known as county fairs. About 14 years ago Umatilla county was the possessor of a county fair. It was held at Pendleton. Most of the essentials of a county fair were produced either in the east side, or the west end, forty miles from Pendleton. The expense of assembling

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## EXPERIMENT WORK OUTLINED BY DEAN

GOVERNMENT STATION HAS  
BEEN HERE 12 YEARS

Duty of Water, Soil Fertility and  
Crop Testing Continued During  
Past Year

The Umatilla Project Experiment station which is jointly maintained by the Oregon Experiment station and the U. S. department of agriculture was established 12 years ago for the purpose of investigating the best method of establishing permanent and profitable agriculture on the sandy irrigated soils in Oregon and Washington. The experiments have chiefly embraced crop testing, irrigation methods and the improvement of the fertility of the soil.

Type of Agriculture Changes  
During the period the station has been operated the type of agriculture on the project has changed greatly. At first the interest was chiefly in horticultural crops but it changed rather rapidly to general field crops. During some recent years as much as 80 per cent of the crop income has been derived from alfalfa. At the present time the tendency toward a more diversified system of agriculture with most of the crops fed on the land is very pronounced. As these changes in the agriculture of the project have come the work of the Experiment station has been altered to a certain extent to supply information on these subjects of general interest.

Soil Tests Are Made  
During the past year duty of water, soil fertility and crop testing work have continued. A new phase of the duty of water work was inaugurated when water requirement tests on 6 soil types were conducted in cooperation with farmers and the U. S. reclamation service. Some exceedingly interesting results were secured.

For instance in one of these tests the relative amount of water required for checks and borders was compared. The checks which averaged slightly under half an acre required an average of 7.81 acre-feet per acre while the average requirement on the border was only 3.19 acre-feet per

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