

SCHOOL DAYS



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COMMERCIAL CLUB ALIVE  
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fit. So much for Commercial clubs and their moving inspirations in general. If you don't think they are doing things its your fault because you know no better, or you are resenting the disturbance to your self-incasement. If you are a member of some club you know the spirit.

**Hermiston Club an Old One**  
The Hermiston Commercial club has been in existence nearly as long as the town. It was started as a Development League and different organizations were formed during our early days. All finally merged in purpose and activity into the present club which now has about 50 members. The club for over two years and a half has met every Tuesday at 12:30 p. m. at a luncheon alternating between the two hotels in town and not a single meeting has failed of a good attendance during these 140 weeks. The members pay their own luncheon charge and the annual club dues are 25 cents a month.

**How Funds Are Raised**  
Other moneys are raised by donations and through soliciting from the business men of Hermiston. At the annual meeting early next January a report from all standing committees and the officers will be made of the year's work. A budget and plans for the work of 1922 will also be made at that time. The members each year are striving more toward a systematic, business like method of conducting the affairs of the club.

At the luncheon hour any question of public interest may be presented by anyone, member or visitor, and will be assured of respectful consideration. It is the special desire of the club to hear from any part of the Umatilla project or any district where assistance may be rendered. The club believes that only by the development of the neighboring resources of the Hermiston country can Hermiston grow and it is striving to create a better understanding and a warmer interest in mutual welfare between all parts of the irrigated district.

**Unity of Action Secured**  
The discussions of questions at the luncheon leads to unity of action. Men may disagree in discussion but follow the decision of the majority when action begins. There is no sulking, or holding back, or kicking over the traces when once the course is adopted. This is why the Hermiston Commercial club is accomplishing things. Interest in public matters is increasing every year and the strength of this community is being felt throughout the county.

The club welcomes any citizen to its membership and to its meetings. Its purposes are broad and its spirit is wide awake and neighborly. If you don't believe it come and see. We are here to stay and we'll do you good whether you want us to or not.

OREGON HAY MEN FORM ASS'N.  
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nominal an assembly as can be secured. Financing of the organization was at first thought to present no real problem, and in co-operation with local business men, a system of growers orders was established, and have been put into general use by business men and members. These are not, however, available for discount with the Federal Reserve bank, and in stringent times such as these a drastic system is needed. It is thought this feature can be farther improved, so as to provide a little better credit for the growers.

Under the present plan no money is advanced the grower, save for baling and hauling, except from the direct sale of hay.

**Selling Policy Changed**  
The selling department has been radically changed since first inaugurated. It was originally intended to sell through a joint agency with Oregon and Washington. This after a short trial was found to be too expensive, and since October 20, the association has been conducting its own selling campaign. The Oregon Hay Growers do not sell through brokers or to wholesale anywhere in the Pacific coast, having decided to start right and go direct to the consumer and retailer. Only one salesman is in the field working in western Oregon, while the eastern Oregon trade is cared for from the main office.

The association has proven the possibility of marketing hay on the Atlantic coast, having already sold 1,000 tons on this market to good advantage. All of which business has been handled through correspondence. It is hoped, in this way, to hold the selling expense to a minimum, although it is recognized that this season's cost will be more than after the trade really becomes used to "Certified Hay."

**Good Prices Obtained**  
With the experience gained in the winter's operations it is planned to reach as completely as possible all alfalfa districts in the state selling competitive hay. The Willamette valley market has been demoralized by the dumping of clover hay by local farmers, and they themselves are asking for help in handling the situation. Next spring some kind of organization will be erected to care for this. Whether it will be a part of the Oregon Hay Growers or a separate organization affiliated with it, remains to be determined. The association has been able to sell hay at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 above the prices quoted from Washington dealers, and this speaks well for the quality of hay handled.

UMATILLA NEEDS COUNTY FAIR

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th exhibits at that time was prohibitive, and the Umatilla County Fair was discontinued.

**County Fair is Needed**  
Today there is a demand for its resurrection. Everywhere you go among farmers and breeders they are talking about it. Each year at the state fair when the county exhibit roll is called and Umatilla is noted absent, the question is asked why is one of the wealthiest in the state a slacker. It is because we have no county fair organization. The Dairy and Hog show is ready to be initiated into a first rank county fair, and take her second degree at the state fair next fall at Salem.

**Benefit Comes From Show**  
The Dairy and Hog show is responsible for more benefit to the county than a casual observer might think. For several years George Strohm has brought home the bacon from the Pacific International Livestock show in the form of several hundred dollars in prize money for first or champion carload of fat hogs. A. D. Crosland owned the grand champion Duroc boar shown at the state fair this year.

The bulk of awards in the Duroc division at the state fair the past two years has been given to Mason and Adams, two Hermiston breeders. These men have all been among the chief supporters of the local show. There are young herds of dairy and beef cattle here that will in a few years be second to none in the state.

Mention of all of them would take up more space than was intended for this article.

**New Directors Named**  
With the addition of thousands of acres more irrigation in the county in a few years, the outlook for the Dairy and Hog show is, indeed, bright. At the annual meeting of the stockholders held on November 10 the following board of directors was elected for next year: C. M. Jackson, Thomas Fraser, Geo. Strohm, J. W. Campbell, A. W. Agnew.

EXPERIMENT WORK OUTLINED  
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acre. The hay yields secured from the different soil types varied from practically 2 tons per acre for the season to almost 8 tons.

**Fertilizers Are Studied**  
The soils fertility work conducted on the station includes tests of commercial fertilizers, manure and crop rotations. Commercial fertilizers which contain nitrogen have been found to increase the yields slightly but not sufficiently to make them profitable for general field crops. While sulphur has been found profitable on the finer soils of the project it has not increased the yield of alfalfa on the station. Barnyard manure has always given heavier yields than any commercial fertilizer.

The average of seven years results has shown that a ton of manure increases the yield of alfalfa 345 pounds when the manure was applied at the rate of 8 tons per acre while when applied at the rate of 32 tons the returns was only at the rate of 180 pounds of hay per ton of manure. On rather coarse soil the yield of corn was 1.4 tons of fodder per acre when grown without fertilizer while an application of 8 tons of manure per acre gave a yield of 6.5 tons of fodder and an application of 32 tons 9.9 tons per acre.

**New Crop Tried Out**  
Among the new crops tried this year were a member of the mint family from Mexico and castor oil beans. The season proved too short for the mint plant but a good percentage of maturity was secured from the castor oil beans. The oil bean grew as well on the coarser soil of the station as on the finer and will be tried again with the view of possible developing the castor lubricating oil industry.

The pig feeder results gave rather wide differences in the cost of production, the most economical feed producing gains for \$5.29 per 100 pounds of pork and the most expensive for \$7.77. These experiments will be continued with the view of developing a feeder industry, turning the pigs to the wheat farmers for finishing when they weigh about 100 pounds.

Methodist Church Notes

Sunday school 10 a. m., morning worship 11, Epworth league 6:30 p. m.

Last Sunday was a day of good things from the opening of the Sunday school at 10 to the close of the Sacred concert in the evening.

We are meeting up stairs now which add greatly to the interest of the services.

**My Creed**  
I believe in a Church which serves community.

I believe in a Church which enjoys not just endures religion.  
I believe in a Church with a job for every member and every member on the job.

I believe in a Church which carefully ministers to the spiritual welfare of its boys and girls.

I believe in a Church with a big Sunday school with every member of the church in the Sunday school and every member of the Sunday school in the church.

I believe in a Church with an adequate social and recreational program.

I believe in a Church which does its business in a way to command itself to the business sense of the community.

I believe in a Church which is not a hospital for the care of dyspeptic and invalid Christians but a well organized force to take the community for Christ.

I believe in a Church which is so busy in the great work of the Kingdom, cheering the faint and saving the fallen, that it has no time for gossip, backbiting and neighborhood quarreling and jealousy.

I believe in a Church which reaches every department of life and meets every need of body, mind and spirit.

Come and join with me and help put our Church over on these lines. There is a place for you and you are the only one who can fill that place.  
Harry A. Wann, pastor.

**Modern Deluge.**  
The biggest yearly rainfall is in Assam. In 1961 the world's record was broken there by a fall of 805 inches, or more than 67 feet of rain.

Read the Wand Ads.

B. K. SPRAGUE, FOR 12 YEARS  
HERMISTON RESIDENT DIES  
Deceased is Survived by Wife and Five Children; Came Here From Michigan in 1910

B. K. Sprague, for the past 12 years a resident of this vicinity, died at his home two miles west of town December 13.

He was born at Williamston, New York on October 15, 1845 and was 76 years of age at his death. At the age of three years he moved with his parents to Hudson, Mich. where he remained until March, 1910 when he came to Oregon and settled here.

He was married in 1886 to Miss Elizabeth J. Warner who survives him. To them were born five children, Lulu May, Lynn Dale of Tanqua, Penn., Ray W. of Cellilo, Oregon, Kathryn W. of Humbolt, Kansas, and Ruth B. of Colfax, Wash. The three living in the north west were here for the funeral which was held last Thursday, December 15.

Services were at the house, Rev. R. V. Ashmun officiating. Burial was at the Hermiston cemetery. Mr. Sprague is also survived by a brother and sister who live in Oklahoma.

**European Paper Money.**  
In every European country the war produced a flood of paper money. With the exception of Great Britain, great issues were made everywhere of notes of very low value. The more desperate the situation, the more the recourse to the printing press. In Germany, especially, cities and small towns, business firms and prisoners' camps issued emergency money, mostly in the form of paper notes (Scheine). Many of these notes have high artistic value, due partly to the artists and partly to the desire to make the notes serve a propaganda purpose, and to be attractive generally, as well as incapable of fraudulent imitation. The interest and beauty of these notes are so well recognized that a literature on the subject has grown up, collectors and dealers have appeared, and a society and an exhibition have already drawn attention to the subject.—International Studio.

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The average Afghan has no particular fondness for wine or spirits.

Tobacco raised in the land is of inferior quality; the better sorts are imported from Persia, Russia, India and Egypt. Amir Habbibullah Khan always had a good private stock of Havana cigars. Both young and old people take snuff.

Tea, sweetened and unsweetened, is the favorite drink and is consumed in prodigious quantities. When you go to see an Afghan, you can hardly escape before swallowing four or five cups of tea; it is, therefore, no trifling gastronomic feat to pay several visits in one afternoon, the more so if he polite host (with a view of honoring the European guests) has the tea served in big Russian glasses.

The right hand is always used in eating and drinking, the left hand being considered unclean.

Dogs, though numerous and useful, are looked upon as unclean, and pious people never touch them.

Animals that go badly lame on the march or camels that get snowbound in the mountain passes are abandoned to their fate. Afghans never kill such animals, as we might do, to put them out of their misery. They believe that the lives of all living things are in the hands of Allah, and that man sins if he presumes to interfere with the Supreme Will. Afghans will not even kill fleas or other vermin; they merely pick them off and throw them away!—Frederick Simplich and "Haji Mirza Husein" in the National Geographic Magazine.

Want Ads Bring Results

Shock Frequently Goes Good. Keep fear out of your system, but don't be troubled at a little fright. Anything in the nature of a shock or a jolt is helpful if it doesn't come too late. It is the only way that three-quarters of the inhabitants of this earth can ever be made to realize the necessity of doing what is in them to do.—John Blake in Chicago Daily News.

MICKIE SAYS:

BY GOLLY, TH' OLE SHEET LOOKS PRETTY GOOD, DON'T SHE? YA SURE GOTTA HAND IT TO THE BOSS FER GIVING THIS TOWN A GOOD PAPER FER HE'S SURE DOING HIS DARDEST! WE ALL ARE FER THAT MATTER, FER WE LIKE OUR WORK 'N WE THINK THEY AINT NOTHING TOO GOOD FER TH' 'DOWN AN' TH' BUNCH OF GOOD FELLERS WHO LIVE IN IT!



CHARLES SUTHERLAND

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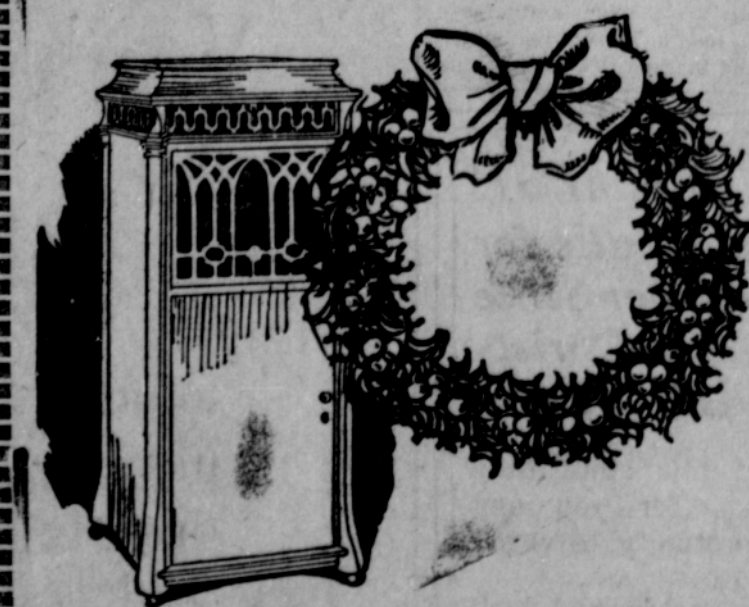
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