

## MAY PAGEANT IS GORGEOUS SPECTACLE

### QUEEN AROULINE IS CROWNED WITH FITTING CEREMONIES

The Varied Program Rendered Was Well Received and Brought Credit on Those Who Participated

As if to make amends for the chilliness of the wind, Old Sol, after flirting all the morning with fast moving clouds, condescended to appear just in time for the festivities of the May Day Pageant given under the auspices of the Women's Community Club of Hermiston Tuesday afternoon. Approximately 900 spectators from the community and neighboring towns helped to make this gala day one of the most important events in the history of the project. Improvised benches were provided for them, surrounding the greenward of the school house yard on two sides and facing the platform provided for the queen and her retinue, in a veritable fairy bower of flowers, making the scene a riot of color. Graceful, rope-laden baskets hung from trees, ropes of wistaria swung from bough to bough, stately hollyhocks stood sentinel, peach blossoms and poppies added beauty to the scene, while a canopy of roses, ferns and sprays overhung the queen's bower, and in the background stood a row of human sunflowers—boys about six years of age in dark suits with necklaces of sunflower petals, their bright faces making the centers.

One of the features which added greatly to the success of the afternoon was the band which was organized a few months ago for the occasion. It is composed of local men and boys under the leadership of C. P. Adams and it is to be hoped that the organization thus started may be a permanent one. They played "New Orleans Quick Step" as the opening number of the program and were followed by a chorus of high school students who sang Verdi's "Oh Hail Ye Ye Free" very creditably, their fresh young voices awakening joyful echoes on the afternoon air. They were directed by Rev. W. W. Davis, pastor of the Baptist church. Six young girls in pale green costumes gave a flower dance and at the conclusion Queen Arouline I (Miss Robinson, who was chosen May Queen by popular vote) entered, dressed in a royal robe of blue velvet with Gordon Blessing and Forest Evans as train bearers. Her attendants, Misses Eleanor Briggs, Leta Thomas, Gertrude Belsae, Melba Callahan, Nahey McNaught and Margaret Neary preceded her dressed in yellow, pale green and pink organdie gowns with hats to match and carrying crooks to harmonize with their costumes. Little Mildred Phelps followed bearing the crown and scepter on a cushion and with the queen came J. F. McNaught, impersonating the Archbishop of Canterbury. The remainder of her suite included Messrs. Irwin Shotwell, Frank Swazy, Donald Shotwell, Embry Warriner, Dan Winesett and Marshall Newport, of Portland, a former student of this school. With appropriate remarks impressing upon her the importance of her station the Archbishop of Canterbury crowned Miss Arouline queen and received her vows to faithfully discharge her duties. All flowerland seemed then to unfold. Spring, impersonated by Miss Mabel Brown in a costume of green, sang of the joyousness of her coming. Eight boys and girls in white, with garlands of roses, danced around the Maypole. Little Louise Root, sweet as a sunbeam itself, dressed in yellow and pale blue with a golden wand and twinkling golden slippers, represented the Sunshine Fairy, danced forth to give obsequiousness to the queen and back to receive the flowers, as they blossomed—little girl daisies in white and yellow flower dresses, poppies in red buttercups in yellow, violets in purple, tulips in red and some in yellow and wild roses in rose, each group in turn singing the song of their flower.

Even the brownies appeared, danced with tinkling bells and were off as quickly as they came. Tiny girls under school age, in their crisp little frocks, and wheeling gorgeously decorated baby cabs, were all unconscious of the sensation they created in their difficulty in piloting their beloved dollies safely through the uneven grass in the girls' vehicle parade. Ruth Dodd, dressed in blue and wheeling her baby in a cab, completely covered with pink, blue and lavender morning glories, was awarded the prize which was a silver spoon.

A rope drill given by a number of seventh grade girls, was lovely. The girls were dressed in the rainbow shades and carried ropes to match, which they used in their drill.

Another number which was much enjoyed was the unveiling of the cherry tree in which six little girls in white danced around a veiled object which when uncovered proved to be a miniature Jap. cherry tree in full bloom. From it two little fairy spirits, Kathryn Hayden and Ernestine Sullivan, came flitting in fluffy pink frocks.

After a baritone solo by C. P. Adams the band struck up for another parade; this time it was the small boys and their vehicles, each as cleverly decorated as could be imagined. The prize (a pearl handled knife) was awarded to Robert and Eugene Roberts, who traveled in the same vehicle made up to represent daffodils.

A second Maypole dance by eight girls from the eighth grade, dressed in pink and blue dresses, preceded a third parade of the larger boys on bicycles. They also showed ingenuity in decoration and Loren Wann was prize winner on his bicycle decorated with red white and blue with an eagle attached to the handle bars.

Jane Warner, Dorothy Straw and Margaret Waterman in yellow, pink and blue costumes, gave a beautiful interpretation of Valse Gracieuse, after which the audience rose and sang The Star Spangled Banner and Queen Arouline and her retinue departed through an aisle formed of the little flower children, who bowed the knee to Her Majesty as she passed out.

## CITY MEAT MARKET ROBBED FRIDAY NIGHT

ENTRANCE GAINED THROUGH BACK DOOR

Prowler Gets \$15.00 From Register and \$90.00 From Safe

Some time Friday night while the inhabitants of Hermiston were peacefully sleeping, a prowler entered the City Meat Market by forcing the back door, robbing the cash register and safe of \$105.00.

A key had been used to open the safe and after emptying it of the money it contained, the safe was again re-locked.

Sheriff Zoeth Houser arrived on the scene Saturday morning to obtain, if possible, a clue that might lead to the apprehension of the thief. Some finger prints left by the culprit was obtained by the sheriff.

The City Market has recently been sold to Mr. John Ellis, of Annacortes, Washington.

### Lack of Casing Delays Oil Drilling Temporarily

Oil drilling operations of the Northeastern Oregon Oil Exploration Company, who are sinking a well in the vicinity of Hermiston, has been temporarily delayed.

Owing to the shale condition of the walls, the well caved in and twice the drilling tools were caught at the bottom. Fishing equipment was secured and both times they were brought out successfully, but the conditions grew worse with continued drilling and it was decided to put in casing. An order was sent to Portland for the desired casing but the sort that the company was able to procure in that city was unsatisfactory. Smaller sizes were procurable but the kind necessary for the local well had to be ordered from San Francisco. According to the officials of the company this shipment should arrive about May 5th.

O. C. Young, secretary of the company stated that a few days ago an experienced oil driller, who owns several rigs in the Northwest, predicted that they would strike gas at least within 200 feet more, or in less than a total depth of 500 feet.

"After drilling through 80 feet of very hard basalt," continued Mr. Young, "we struck what corresponds to 'Colorado sands' in Montana and Wyoming, and we had this shale in varying degrees for 60 feet when we entered a porous basalt. This condition is exactly like that found in the Rattlesnake gas fields in Benton county, Washington, 35 miles north of us, where gas has been found in eight wells at a depth of 750 feet, or on a structural base about 200 feet in the porous basalt we are now in."

### Hermiston High to Play Echo High Friday

The local high school nine will try to outwit the Echo high base ball aggregation in diamond lore in a game that is scheduled for Friday, May 4, on the local diamond.

Echo has a team that has made a creditable showing and a hard fought and interesting game is anticipated when the two-teams meet. The game will be called at 3 p. m. Admission will be 25 and 10.

## HERMISTON POULTRY RANKS HIGH IN STATE

### EXPERT OFFERS ADVICE TO THE POULTRY RAISERS

The Worst Enemy to a Flock of Promising Young Pullets Is Very Frequently the Owner.

Lula M. Rhodes, Poultry Farm Demonstrator, again placed among the 20 highest flock records for Oregon during March with 372 white leghorn chickens, 7335 eggs that were produced, or an average of approximately 20 eggs per bird.

Mr. Crosby who recently spent two days in the county with the poultry producers makes the following suggestions regarding the management at this time:

The foundation for the fall and early winter egg business lies with the young pullets now being brooded. Too many poultry men rest on their oars when chicks are two or three weeks old and the following remark is frequently heard, "My chickens are out of danger." There is no time in the life of a pullet when it is out of danger. The pullet pays a good return or the good management given it, otherwise we pay for our negligence in not giving it the quality of feed and care it must have. What the pullets are next fall depends largely upon what they are caused to be by the care given them by the owner. The poultry business is a business that requires intelligent judgment and supervision each one of the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year.

The worst enemy to a flock of promising pullets is very frequently the owner of the flock. There is an ocean of miscellaneous advice going the rounds in poultry circles today, much of which is erroneous and is founded neither upon good judgment or experimental evidence. If the owner does not base his methods upon some authoritative advice he may drown the profits from the promising flock of pullets in this ocean of miscellaneous advice.

The poultry industry has had a very rapid development. Its development has been more rapid the country over, than the findings of the experimental stations of the several states. New problems of breeding, feeding, soil contamination, diseases, marketing, etc., have been created a few years. For many of these problems definite data is not available as yet. This condition provides the opportunity for the fakir, the egotist and the savior to spread out any investigation by the poultryman who is in trouble as a result of his failure to follow a path previously proven. Failures and troubles result, not so much from lack of available information, as from the poultrymen going off on a tangent and utterly disregarding proven laws and reliable methods. There is not now, nor ever will be, a drug of such miraculous nature that it will suddenly remedy the ills of prolonged mismanagement.

Lack of summer green feed for growing pullets creates a risk which no poultryman can afford to take. An abundance of succulent green feed, aside from its recognized values, has the power to offset and partially atone for many of the miserable starvation methods of raising

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pullets, which too many practice. In this section of the state green feed is possible every month of the year and the poultryman having the ability to plan ahead is the one who now has or soon will have his summer green feed well under way.

The laying hens will hold their production through the summer and fall much better when given plenty of green feed. The laying hens should not be handicapped in their late season production because their product is needed to help pay the feed bills of the new flock of pullets. With a little culling and proper feeding the laying hens may be kept on the job until the early hatched pullets start to bring in an income this fall.

The pullets should be fed in such a way that they will maintain an even and steady growth. It is one mistake to feed them on a forced growth ration and have the whole flock laying between four and five months. It is another mistake to hatch them early and feed them nothing in order to prevent a fall or winter molt. The fall molt is frequently a result of mismanagement, some place. A pullet needs certain foods to properly develop her muscular and bony structure. The feeding problem with yarded chickens demands a wider variety of feeds than pullets on unlimited free range. Holding back or retarding the development of pullets to prevent a molt frequently acts as a boomerang. The lighter breeds should be brought in to flock production by or shortly after the pullets are six months old. This requires only good conservative judgment on the part of the owner. A flock production at six months or after must mean that a few precocious pullets are going to lay much before the six months period. Feed and manage the flock and do not side track the whole system for the individual. Study out carefully the feeding system before falling heir to the other fellow's system. Your conditions may be entirely different from his.

If the chicks are forced to live on ground where pullets have been raised many times before, trouble may result. Perhaps they will get by just another year and perhaps they won't. Next year's business is at stake and the chance should not be taken. Idle-brooder houses, deserted poultry plants and high death rate in some flocks stand out as mute evidences of the fellow who decided to chase it another year. Soil contamination for growing stock means defeat sooner or later.

The expense and labor of raising pullets up to a fair size is too great to take chances on their piling up in the corners and smothering. Temporary roosts should be placed in the brooder houses and the heat in the brooder should not be cut off until the pullets have been taught to roost.

There is a lot of pure, fresh air "outside" of many brooder houses in Oregon today. Many culs are produced for want of fresh air. Fresh air is an enemy of disease. Feeding is important but its success depends upon a good supply of fresh air. Fresh air isn't put up in tablet form to dissolve in the chicks drinking water, yet fresh air will prevent more trouble than all the medicated tablets will cure.

It is advantageous to give growing chicks as well as adult fowls Epsom salts at stated intervals. Most poultrymen should have a supply of Epsom salts on hand.

## C. H. CRANDALL DIES THURSDAY

### ILLNESS CONFINED HIM TO HIS HOME PAST FEW WEEKS

Was Serving Hermiston as City Marshal at the Time of His Death

A few hours before going to press Thursday afternoon the news announcing the death of C. H. Crandall was received.

Mr. Crandall has been confined to his home for the past few weeks on account of sickness. Last Tuesday morning his condition grew worse and a telegram was sent to his son apprising him of his father's illness.

Mr. Crandall was serving Hermiston as city marshal at the time of his death.

## MAYOR SAYS TRAFFIC LAWS MUST BE OBSERVED

Offenders Who Persist in Breaking Them Will Be Prosecuted.

In conversation with the mayor last Tuesday morning he emphatically declared that speeding on Main street must be stopped.

"There is another traffic law that motorists are inclined to break," continued the mayor. "They will turn around in the middle of the block. I have watched this personally and have seen collisions avoided only by a hair's breadth. The motorists who insist in breaking the city's traffic laws will find themselves in trouble, for we intend to enforce them."

The mayor has the right idea and should be commended for the stand he has taken.

It is necessary in all towns and cities to lay down rules and regulations to govern traffic in order to avoid accidents. There are some who seem to think they can break these rules and get away with it. They have a lesson to learn and the quicker the fact is made known to them that they also must observe the traffic rules, the better it will be for all concerned.

If the motorist who disregards the traffic laws was jeopardizing his own life alone it would not be necessary to enforce these rules, but there are other people whose life is endangered by their reckless driving.

You are on the right track, mayor, and we believe that you have the support of the town in enforcing the city traffic ordinances.

## Government Tries to Adjust Land Values With Dam Site Owners

Harry L. Holgate, district counsel for the reclamation service and assistant Tyre, of Portland, were in Pendleton Friday conferring with representative business men of that city in an endeavor to determine the land values of the district.

The information gathered will be used in the purchase of the site for the McKay Creek dam.

The eight land owners who are involved in the 1500 acre deal contented that the valuation set by the board of appraisers is too low, and have retained Pendleton attorneys to represent them should the case come into court. The government in order to avoid delay are trying to eliminate court action. It is stated that condemnation suits may be necessary.

## BOARDMAN ODD FELLOWS ORGANIZE LODGE

Saturday Afternoon and Evening of April 28

This new lodge will be known as Boardman lodge No. 248, I. O. O. F. C. G. Blayden, P. G., is the first Noble Grand and J. H. Gorham, secretary.

The new lodge opened its career with a list of twenty enthusiastic members. Regular meetings will be held on Wednesday nights of each week in the hall above the postoffice in Boardman. The organization was instituted by S. F. Bowman, Grand Master and W. T. Reeves, Grand Chaplain, both of the jurisdiction of Oregon. Election and installation of officers and other matters were attended to during the afternoon session. The evening meeting was devoted entirely to the conferring of the four degrees upon a class of eleven candidates.

The work was in charge of degree teams from Pendleton, Stanfield and Hermiston, all of which made a commendable showing. More than 125 members were present. Pendleton was represented by 30 members who brought a complete outfit of regalia and an orchestra of three pieces which added much to the interest in the work. The Stanfield team scored a home run in their interpretation of the second degree. The initiatory degree was conferred by Hermiston brothers who take an especial interest in the new lodge. There never has been a more interesting meeting of the great order held in eastern Oregon. Not a dull moment during the two sessions, which closed at 4 a. m. Sunday.

Grand Master Bowman did much to make the affair a success. The entire membership take pride in supporting him on such occasions.

The meetings were held in the assembly room of the school building. A good lunch was served at midnight in the school cafeteria. A brother from California, two from Spokane and two from Lexington were in attendance in addition to the lodges mentioned.

All present like the Boardman way and hope this will prove a banner Boost for Boardman.

Written by One of Them.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell and two children are guests at the home of Mrs. Franz. Mrs. Blackwell is a daughter of Mrs. Franz.

Leonard Rogers, formerly of Hermiston, was visiting friends in Columbia Sunday. He has been residing in La Grande.

Miss Alice Locke returned Tuesday to Walla Walla to finish her sen. for year in the high school, which was interrupted by the illness of her father here.

Mrs. Downing left for Pilot Rock Tuesday where she has taken a position for the summer.

A group of young folks gathered at the R. E. Addleman home Sunday and enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Columbia school dismissed Tuesday afternoon on account of the May Pageant.

Charles Spencer and family moved into the Knappton house this week.

The Neighborhood Club will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. A. Paulson.

Rev. Davis spoke to us last Sunday and it was a most gracious time for those who were present. Old men and women's eyes filled with tears as they listened to the wonderful story of the love of God. He will speak to us again in two weeks, or May the 13th.—C. E. Spencer.

## Card of Thanks

In behalf of the members of the Woman's Community Club I wish to thank all those whose interest and help contributed so largely to the success of the May Pageant. We appreciate especially the work of those women who, regardless of club membership, have given such unstinted measure of time and effort. We are grateful for the loyal support of the teachers and the quick response from the school children. We offer sincere thanks to those who sacrificed personal gain and comfort to supply our program with music and the wonderful cooperation of the business men of Hermiston in furnishing supplies and in the final work of organizing and conducting, command our warmest praise and gratitude.

Mrs. Geo. H. Root, President of Woman's Community Club.

Art Adamson, of Enterprise, was in town Saturday.

## RECLAMATION MEN HERE SATURDAY

### COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL TENDER LUNCHEON IN HONOR

Will Inspect Sites for Umatilla Rapids Project and the McKay Creek Dam

D. W. Davis, former governor of Idaho, and at present acting in the capacity of special secretary of the interior, accompanied by A. P. Davis, director of the reclamation service, will visit Hermiston next Saturday, May 5. The distinguished guests will arrive on the early morning train from Portland. At noon the local commercial club have planned a luncheon in honor of the two men, after which they will be taken on a trip to view the site of the Umatilla Rapids project.

They will leave Hermiston some time in the afternoon for Pendleton and from that city a tour of inspection will be made of the McKay creek dam.

The men are making this trip to the northwest for the purpose of visiting the different reclamation projects.

From Pendleton they will go to Spokane where three days will be spent inspecting the Columbia Basin irrigation project.

## State Sunday School Institute

The State Sunday School Institute recently held at the Methodist church was a big success. We were fortunate in securing such able leaders as the Rev. F. M. Jasper, of Portland, and Dr. Vanice, of the State Presbyterian Board, who were full of helpful suggestions, along all Sunday school lines. They not only stressed the spiritual side of life but also the recreational as well. We hope these men may return again. Representatives from nearby towns as well as Hermiston enjoyed the lectures.

Next Saturday evening at 7:30 at the M. E. church will take place the quarterly meeting presided over by the District Superintendent Dr. D. H. Leech, of Portland, who will also deliver the sermon on Sunday morning. Mr. Ewan Martin will sing a solo. Usual services in the evening.

## Eastern Star Entertain

One of the important social events of last week was the card party given by the local order of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening at the Masonic hall. The guests were the Masons of this community and their wives. About seventy were present. Fourteen tables were in play, both bridge and 500 being used. The high and consolation prizes in bridge were awarded to F. B. Swazy and Mrs. Ed. Jackson respectively, while in 500 they fell to Mrs. A. Agnew and August Belsae.

Delicious refreshments and a social hour closed a most enjoyable evening.

## Umatilla Masons Will Give Dance in Hermiston

Tuscan Masonic Lodge No. 236, of Umatilla, will give a dance in the Hermiston auditorium Wednesday, May 16.

The Echo orchestra will play for the dance. A lunch will be served. The public is cordially invited to participate in the dance.

## Umatilla County Pioneer Passes

Mrs. Jessie Faling, who was over ninety years old, died in Pendleton last Tuesday. Mrs. Faling was one of the pioneers of Umatilla county, having lived in Umatilla when that town was the principal hamlet of this region.

## Old Newport Home Sold

The old Newport home in this city has been sold to G. W. Bailey, of Pendleton.

Mr. Bailey expects to move his family from Pendleton to Hermiston some time in the near future where they will reside in the house that he has purchased.

## Sue On Note

The First National Bank of this city has brought suit in the circuit court against Lewellyn Brownell to collect \$225 which they claim is due on a note. Raley, Raley & Steiwer and W. J. Warner represent the bank.

## Hermiston Women Have Narrow Escape in Auto Accident

Mrs. F. Callahan and Mrs. Babbett narrowly escaped serious injury last Friday when the car of Tom Marshall of Portland, in which they were riding, was smashed into by W. Wallace, of St. Helens. The accident happened on the old Oregon trail east of The Dalles.

