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GOOD PROGRESS

MADE ON BRIDGE

Work Under New Foremanship Being Pushed to the Full Capacity of Large Force of Bridge Builders

Work on the steel railroad bridge east of Nyssa is progressing as rapidly as a full force of men can handle it, under the able and intelligent direction of the new foreman, Fred Schick, who is now in charge. Mr. Schick is from Davenport, Iowa, and comes to his new responsibilities with a record for achievement in bridge construction that extends for many years on many of the leading roads of the Middle West, and the energetic and systematic manner in which he is discharging his duties in his new position augurs well for the completion of the big undertaking on schedule time. At present there are employed on the job ninety men and much work, which relates to the timber part, etc., and which will be used in the second, or western bridge, is being done at the present time. An additional crew arrived here last Saturday night and active operations will be begun on the last named structure within a week or ten days. On account of the rapid current of the Snake and its great depth in the west channel, a system of piling will be built a little distance above where the cofferdam is to be sunk, thus neutralizing the swift current and great volume of water above and enabling the work to progress without hindrance from this source.

WHITLEY BOTTOM

Mr. Gene Hammock called on Mr. Chas. White last Sunday. Messrs. Ben and Robert Harris are sporting a brand new buggy. Mr. J. Gates and Clayton Stedman were in the Bottom Sunday, Nov. 9.

Master Earl Boor is able to be up from his recent attack of pneumonia and will soon attend school again.

Mrs. Jack Meeker is visiting in Boise while she is still unable to take up her home duties after her recent operation.

Mr. Henry Jones was in Payette last Saturday for a load of posts. He is fencing the Wood & Spaulding eighty.

Henry Brown was in Ontario trading horses last Sunday. We are glad to note that he didn't have to walk home.

Mr. Cohns little boy, who has been suffering with tuberculosis of the bones for several months, is able to walk again.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiena of Ashlock Hollow attended Sunday school in Whitley Bottom Nov. 9, after which they called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boor.

Mrs. Thomas Harris, Mr. H. J. Sharp, Mr. J. H. Boor and Mr. Holm attended the Whitley Bottom lateral annual ditch meeting, which was held in Payette last Saturday.

Literary opened last Friday night with a fair sized crowd and much interest was shown. The question for debate next Friday evening is, "Resolved. That the United States should annex Mexico."

Women's Fleece Vests, worth 35c, 50c and 60c, at 25c—Caldwell's.

Hickman Lockett, well known in Huntington, convicted at the September term of the Baker county court for cattle stealing, and who was sentenced to from one to five years in the penitentiary, has been released on bonds, pending a motion for a new trial.

Boys' Heavy Fleece 2-piece Underwear, worth \$1.00; suit for 35c—Caldwell.

Owyhee New Letter

Harvey Otis made a trip to Parma Friday.

Jack Glasscock is building a large concrete cellar.

Harry Pratt has finished drilling Tom Lowe's well.

The roads in this section are good only when it rains.

George Tombs has accepted a position with E. F. Pratt for the winter.

H. Walters shipped a carload of sheep to Portland this week.

M. T. McGinnis arrived Tuesday to make his residence on his homestead.

Sam Watson has two fat venison hanging up in a convenient place on his ranch. They were captured in the wilds of the upper Owyhee.

The K. K. I. Co. is building a cofferdam in the Owyhee preparatory to the construction of an intake to keep trash from obstructing the pumps. Harvey Otis has charge of the work.

Miss Corrinne Maxwell entertained her neighbors at her home one day this week. Miss Maxwell is a talented musician and her rendition of choice music is a treat for those who have had the opportunity of hearing her.

Professor Luper, who arrived recently with his bride from Oklahoma, has assumed charge of the school here. He comes to Oregon highly recommended as a man thoroughly qualified for the post. Mrs. Luper will, no doubt, be favorably impressed with the people and country and it is hoped that her stay in this section will be pleasant one.

A number of farmers and others were much disappointed in not being able to hear Prof. Holden deliver his lecture on "Corn" at this place. His inability to fill this engagement was due to the breaking of some part of his automobile on the trip out. His place, however, was filled by Prof. Wagner, who gave a highly entertaining and instructive talk on "Alfalfa."

SCHOOL NOTES

The second program of the Literary Society was given last Friday afternoon before the student and a large crowd of visitors. The afternoon programs furnish the parents of the district an opportunity of watching the progress of their children along the lines which tend to fit the boys and girls for citizenship, and for that reason the faculty members of the school are anxious that the parents and friends of the district attend these programs wherever possible. In this way the parents and teachers understand what the aims and ideals of the school are. Our desire is that the parents and the school be brought together for the mutual benefit of both.

Examinations for the second month's work will be held on Friday.

The Basket Ball team will play the second team Friday afternoon, allowing the second team to use the faculty members. The lineup of the two teams is not known as yet.

To some extent the car shortage in the Snake river valley is being relieved by the diversion of refrigerator cars intended for California points. These cars are the property of the Pacific Fruit Express, and General Manager Bancroft, of the Oregon Short Line, has issued orders that such cars, or as many as are necessary to relieve the pressing demand, be switched off at Ogden and sent to Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

Rev. J. J. Tickner, of Fruitland, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Farmer, Friday.

PROFESSOR HOLDEN THE CORN EXPERT

Delivers an Interesting and Instructive Lecture on the Latest Approved Methods in Corn Cultivation

The lecture at the school house at 1 o'clock and an hour later, Monday evening, at the opera house, by Prof. Perry G. Holden, the alfalfa and corn expert of the Middle Western states, under the auspices of the Malheur County Grange, was attended by an unusually large number of progressive citizens and farmers of this vicinity. He was introduced by Mr. A. G. Kingman, of the Kingman Colony, who was formerly associated with the professor in educational work in the states of Illinois, Michigan and Iowa. After having become thoroughly warmed up to his theme, he demonstrated the fact that he was a master of the subject of scientific farming and the ability to make two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before. His evident intention, and in this he succeeded most admirably, was to impress upon parents and others having the guardianship of children, that in no other branch of investigation and study could the child be more profitably employed than in the science of husbandry. Of horticulture and kindred subjects.

His allusion to the admitted fact that parents, as a rule, will give weekly attention to a pen of promising swine, or often as the occasion required, while in the matter of the training of the child's mind and the practical, scientific side of farm life, the child was left too often to his own resources, to mold itself along lines that freak or fancy might dictate. In many of the schools of the land, the professor observed, he had noted an utter absence of specimens of alfalfa, of corn and other products of the farm that should, in his opinion, find a prominent place in the curriculum of the schools of those localities where agriculture was the leading industry. As education was, primarily, to fit boys and girls to grasp the practical problems of life, and to master them in detail, he considered it a waste of energy, of money and of valuable time to learn to parse "amabam, abas, amabat," and not be able to distinguish the difference between a sound ear of corn and a last summer's bird's nest.

On the subject of corn, and corn improvement Prof. Holden has evidently given much study, and his observations in the selection of seed, preparation of the soil and thorough cultivation, was an illuminating exposition of practical views obtained after long years of painstaking work and intelligent study. The audience followed the professor in his illustrations on canvas, in the construction of underground silos, at one-tenth the cost of the tank variety, in selecting and preserving seed corn, and in deep, thorough soil culture demonstrated in the case of a cube of sugar, upon which was piled in a cone as much of the same kind of sugar as the cube would hold and then placed in shallow water colored with ink. The colored water is seen to rise and thoroughly saturate the lump, while the pulverized apex refused to be effected by absorption of the discolored water. The idea being that deep, thorough pulverization of the soil had the property of conserving all the moisture in the

ground and preventing evaporation or loss.

Prof. Holden's remarks concerning the successful cultivation of alfalfa, a subject in which a large portion of his hearers were interested, was a feature of his lecture. Enjoining upon his hearers the goal to be derived from a vigorous application of a spring tooth harrow, and the absence of danger because of its use, he punctuated his edifying remarks on this important subject by reiterating the words "cultivate, cultivate, cultivate."

In speaking of sweet clover, Prof. Holden emphasized the fact that, while he differed with some authorities as to its value as a feed product for cattle, he nevertheless advocated its adoption and cultivation in this locality. The fact that sweet clover would thrive where alfalfa would not grow was a strong argument in its favor. Another fact that commended this plant was that it would do well on an alkali soil, or a soil too wet for corn, on soil too dry or too poor for alfalfa. The plant should be kept down and not be permitted to grow to full size, thereby adding to the fibrous structure without apparent benefit to the whole plant.

Feterita, the new drought-resistant grain sorghum, was also referred to as being a month earlier than Kafir corn. 15 days earlier than Milo maize, and the professor urged its adoption here, as he considered it a grain and forage crop the equal of maize and a close second to Kafir, which it surpasses in its ability to thrive under any and all circumstances. This plant was introduced a few years ago in the Southwest from the Soudan, from the region of Khartoum in Egypt, by the federal government. The kernel is softer than the Kafir kernel, but larger, the head being smaller and somewhat shorter. The fodder is sweet like sorghum and stock are fond of it. The plant will do well with less moisture than any other and is a valuable forage for all kinds of stock. The seed may now be secured from Southwestern seedsmen during the coming winter and spring.

Lack of time prevented Professor Holden from entering into a more detailed explanation of many things about which his audience would have been glad to hear him. The gratification of this desire was voiced in the following resolutions, which were presented by Mayor van Gilsie, and were unanimously approved by a rising vote:

"Be it resolved, that the people of Nyssa, Oregon, and vicinity, do hereby express their grateful feeling for the visit of the party headed by Prof. P. G. Holden and their appreciation of the instructions given; and,

"Be it further resolved, that we do hereby extend an invitation for another visit to our community."

The professor is an insistent advocate of a short course on "Agriculture" in the school during the winter months, including exhibits of the various products of the Valley, the selection and preservation of seed, construction of silos, preparation of soil and retention of moisture, and other features calculated to claim the inter-

est of the child and to arouse in him a keener desire to know more of a subject that concerns the future prosperity and happiness of the country.

It was the universal wish that Professor Holden could see his way clear to return to Nyssa at some future day in which he could complete and round out his lecture and to more thoroughly amplify many subjects and to treat at length others that the want of time precluded him from discussing. Such information as he is most eminently qualified to give would prove of great and lasting good to the farming community of this section.

Professor Holden and his assistants have been actively engaged for the last sixty days in a campaign throughout Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon, and his itinerary was completed at this point.

ELECTION IN BLACK CANYON DISTRICT

A meeting will be held by the voters of the Black Canyon Irrigation District No. 3, Idaho, at the Parish House in Nyssa, at 2 p. m., Saturday, November 22, for the purpose of discussing conditions that prevail in the district, and, also, to listen to an address by Rev. W. S. Hawkes, present director of Precinct No. 1, and a candidate to succeed himself for another term in that position at the election to be held December 9th. The services in the past rendered by Mr. Hawkes in this position have proven highly satisfactory to the people of the district, and from all sources of information at our command we firmly believe that his eminent qualifications, his zeal in the work and his sincerity of purpose, should be recognized by a continuance in the position he now holds. Mr. Jas. B. Newport, director for District No. 2, will also be present. Mr. Newport manifests a deep interest in all matters concerning the district, and his observations will, doubtless, prove of great benefit to the homesteaders in the district.

At the above meeting a large attendance is earnestly desired, as it will afford an interchange of ideas relating to the needs of the district and for a discussion in detail of the many vital questions that pertain to the best interests of the homesteaders as a whole. This meeting will also be of additional importance, in that the officers of the district will come in closer touch with the people and the time will be one in which the observations, experiences and knowledge of conditions that obtain in the irrigation district will be learned at first hand.

Open Grange Meeting

An open meeting of the Grange will be held at Kingman Colony school house Saturday evening, November 15. An interesting discussion of the agricultural subjects touched on by Prof. Holden in his recent lecture is promised and an interesting program will be presented. The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in this meeting.

A. A. Crisell, a Portland dealer in dairy and creamery supplies, was in Nyssa a few hours today on his way home from the National Dairy Show at Chicago. He says the show was the best one ever held. He became enthusiastic over the opportunities for dairying in the Nyssa section and said his visit here was a revelation to him as he had previously had no idea that such a rich and fertile country existed in Eastern Oregon. He promised to do some substantial boosting for Nyssa among his friends at the metropolis and said that he would return with a view to making investments.

You will find your Fall Suit or Overcoat at L. Spier's better in quality and better in price than any other town around here.

PEANUTS DO WELL ON DRY LAND

John Evans Harvests Crop on East Side—Also Raises Fine Popcorn.

John Evans, who is making a success of dry land farming on the East Side, was in town Saturday and reported that he had just started to dig his crop of peanuts. They were planted as an experiment, but Mr. Evans said the result exceeded his most sanguine expectations. The nuts are fully developed and are of excellent flavor. Although they received no artificial irrigation, the yield was sufficiently large to make the crop profitable. Mr. Evans also says that he never saw better popcorn anywhere than he raised on his dry land this year. Besides, he raised potatoes, onions, lettuce and early garden truck in abundance. His experience leads him to believe that irrigation is not absolutely essential to successful farming operations in the Black Canyon project.

Mr. Evans killed ten coyotes this fall and says there are plenty left. He intends to go after them in earnest as soon as he gets his fall work out of the way.

Card of Thanks

The undersigned committee for Malheur Co. Grange, through your valuable paper, wish to express their thanks for the generous manner in which the business men of Nyssa aided us in caring for the Holden party while among us. And this committee hopes the farmers will receive the suggestions made by the Holden party in the same spirit they were made to them.

C. V. HICKOCK,
EARL DEAN,
A. G. KINGMAN.

M. E. Church Notes.

Sunday, November 16.
10:30 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:30 a. m.—Morning worship; Subject—"The Farm and its Chief Product." Text, Matt. 13:3.
7:15—Epworth League; W. W. Foster, leader.
8:00 p. m.—Evening service; Subject, "Corn and Religion." Text, Matt. 12:1.
Thursday at 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting.
You are invited to attend these services.
Strangers welcome.

James W. Jones Here

Jas. W. Jones, of the exposition commission, was a member of the alfalfa-corn party, which arrived in Nyssa last Tuesday. Mr. Jones has been actively engaged for several weeks in visiting the various towns of this section and in working up enthusiasm along the lines of work in which the Holden people have been engaged for several months in the Northwest.



At Opera House November 20th under auspices of Lyceum Course.