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A Parent-Teacher association was organized last week at Arts with nearly 100 members.

The Women's club of Parma has given the Parma public library furniture which amounted to \$200.

Summer irrigation districts are enjoying at least double crop and crop prosperity that it has ever known before it is claimed.

It has been learned that the total receipts of the recent state fair were \$67,887.75 as compared with \$22,120.00, taken in last year.

Ernest Erickson, a woodman, was killed by a falling log near Wallace. The accident happened at the junction of Cedar Creek with the North Fork.

An inter-denominational convention of Sunday school workers of the upper Snake River valley will convene in Idaho Falls for a one-day session October 21.

A campaign to raise \$25,000 in southern Idaho to finance the construction of the proposed Helmsley Army reserve home in Boise, has been launched.

Two small boys, about 12 years old, have confessed to robbery of a store in Blackfoot. They took \$100 in cash and \$115 worth of merchandise and guns.

The American Legion is bringing a 10-day course to Jerome this winter and early spring, consisting of six numbers of varied entertainment and instruction.

Barley averaged 28 bushels per acre on 308,000 acres in Idaho this year, totaling a 4,394,000 bushel crop. Last year the average yield per acre was only 25 bushels.

One hundred and fifty Klansmen and ladies were present when Herbert Van Den, Jr., district governor of Salt Lake, presented the international charter to the Pomona club.

Standard time is legal time in the state of Idaho, according to an opinion handed down by Dean Dinscott, assistant attorney general, in response to an inquiry from Twin Falls.

Idaho's apple crop improved somewhat from last month. The total crop is estimated at 2,211,000 bushels. Last year's crop was 4,300,000 bushels. Quality and color generally excellent.

A meeting of the district convention of the Royal Neighbors was held at Blackfoot last week. Sixty delegates were in attendance, representing Porterville, Idaho Falls, Shoshone, Arco, Menan and Roberts.

J. L. Green was seriously injured when he was struck by a bull at his farm near Eagle. The bull, which belonged to a neighbor, was in Mr. Green's pasture when he went to drive in his cows, and attacked him.

The oats crop of Idaho totals 1,300,000 bushels. It was harvested from 200,000 acres with an average yield of 65 bushels per acre. Last year's crop totaled 770,000 bushels, the average yield per acre being 35 bushels.

A committee has been appointed to make tests in different parts of the city of Eggleston to find out the exact level of the ground water. After this is done a plan for drainage will be worked out, according to the city council.

Four men were seriously injured in an auto accident near Paul. The men were driving south from Paul at a high rate of speed, when they discovered a stray horse in the road. In trying to avoid hitting the horse they missed the bridge across the drain ditch.

Three lucky hunters from Twin Falls the other day shot a deer from their automobile in a road near the Leon Creek mine, and shortly afterward got two more on a sidewalk just above Yankee Fork, says a Mailer correspondent.

A federal engineer is reported of having surveyed the bank surveys and estimates on the Trail creek road. It is proposed to change the route of the highway on the Wood river side in order to eliminate the heavy grade in several places.

Sales of Lewiston orchards tracts totaling one hundred fifty thousand dollars were made last week. More than 40 per cent of the tracts, placed on the market by bond holders of the former Lewiston Orchards company, passed into the hands of individual owners.

Governor Davis has assured the people of the Big Lost river project that the state of Idaho, through the department of reclamation, will begin a survey of the proposed plan to divert part of the waters of the upper Salmon river for irrigation purposes in central Idaho.

The State bank at Plummer was robbed of \$3000 in currency and two women were locked in the vault. They are Miss Myrtle Wina, acting as cashier, and Miss Eva Usura, a depositor. They were the only occupants of the bank. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

Idaho has just finished harvesting a 15,450,000 bushel crop of spring wheat, the largest the ever produced. Combined with the 5,900,000 bushels winter wheat crop, Idaho's total wheat production for 1920 is placed at 21,350,000 bushels, as compared with 18,700,000 bushels last year.

"Upper Country day" of the Weiser round-up was attended by more than 8000 people, according to reports of officials.

The first annual gathering of the Idaho War Mothers' association met in Idaho Falls on October 2 and 3.

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This measure is known as the Port of Portland Dock Commission Consolidation Bill and is to be voted on at the general election in November. While all the people of the state are required to vote on this bill, only the Port of Portland, which is within the County of Multnomah, will be taxed and bonded under the provisions of the measure.

If the State of Oregon is ever to secure a great-ocean port, provisions must be made to maintain at least a 30 foot channel at low water, in the Willamette and Columbia rivers from Portland to the Pacific ocean. When this is done and adequate port facilities are provided in the harbor at Portland, the farmers, stock raisers and lumbermen in the interior sections of the state will be able to reach the outside markets of the world with their products at a lower freight rate and a consequent greater profit to themselves.

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