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METHODISTS WOULD RE-ENTER CHURCHES

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

PLAN FOR UNITING LOCAL CHURCHES INTO ONE ORGANIZATION.

(Contributed.)

A meeting Sunday morning service the local Methodist church official action to unite with the larger and better organized a religious and social organization was invited to take a part in the meeting and help out in the resolutions. Discussions were confined to the membership of the church but all were invited to take part. The outline as presented at this meeting and approved by the Methodist church is as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved by the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of Nyssa, Oregon, at Nyssa, Oregon, January 21, 1923, that the people of Nyssa and the surrounding territory are interested in a community and social program, in the cooperation of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and other Protestant churches for the business interests represented by the commercial club, and in the advisability of eliminating these churches in the entering of another denomination, which represents time has neither proper interest or organization.

IT IS RESOLVED, That we, the quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of Nyssa, express the following terms what seems to be the wisest, and best line of action, in the interest of the community as a whole.

It would be unwise to destroy present religious organizations and attempt to merge them into another which has neither leadership or responsibility on the field to take over our judgment instead of assisting in community cooperation it would increase the difficulties involved. These difficulties lie in the inherent rights of the individual remain in the church of his idea, and also in the perplexing situation of dealing with titles to property, involving the equities of missionary societies hold in churches involved.

According to the present status relation exists which in effect is a tract with Rev. J. J. Fleming to serve as community pastor, entered by representatives of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches on the field, and the Commercial Club which cannot be common understanding and because of justice to a cannot be terminated until next member when the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convenes.

8. In our judgment the following in cooperation will serve the community interests to the best advantage of all concerned.

(A) Let the present arrangement between the churches and citizens continue until September 1, which terminates the conference year of the Methodist Episcopal church.

(B) At which time the committee representing the churches and Commercial Club, representing and expressing the wishes of these churches, shall determine the policy of the ensuing year of the community program.

(C) If in the judgment of this special committee it seems wise to discontinue the present arrangement, preferably from a Presbyterian or Methodist denomination, or from other sources if the right man cannot be found in these churches, the superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church at the Idaho conference such appointment from year to year.

(D) During the present year and such a period as we are able to cooperate and recommend action, it is wise that the following relationship of church activities be maintained:

(1) Preach once a week in each church building and separate Sunday school.

MAY PUT IN SPUR.

A number of prominent residents of the Oregon Trail district were in Nyssa Wednesday to meet General Freight Agent Larkin of the O. S. L., who came to investigate the desirability of putting in a spur from the Homedale branch, which runs through the district, with a view to afford farmers of the vicinity better shipping facilities. The proposed spur would serve 3000 acres of the finest land in Malheur county. Among those who met Mr. Larkin were J. A. Koopman, Wm. Beam and J. B. Smith.

WATER CONTEST SET

MATTERS INCIDENT TO OWYHEE ADJUDICATION TO BE THRESHED OUT.

Hearings of the contests to claim water rights incident to the adjudication of the Owyhee river water will be held before State Engineer Percy Cupper during the latter part of February and the first of March. The hearing will begin on February 23 at Jordan Valley, where all contests of that end of the river will be heard. The lower river contests will be heard in Ontario, beginning March 6.

There are about 30 contestants to the claims filed by the Owyhee Ditch company and a large number of other scattered contestants.

ELLIS CHILD DIES.

(Malheur Enterprise.) Little Ronald Ellis, seven year old child of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ellis, died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellis, at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. Ronald had been suffering from throat trouble for a number of days before Dr. Steelhammer was called, who pronounced the case one of diphtheria. As improvement was being made, the child's mother was not called until Monday. Monday afternoon Ronald was feeling better but at 5 o'clock his heart became very weak and soon stopped entirely. His mother, who has been working in Portland did not arrive until the little fellow was dead.

OREGON TRAIL NEWS.

The dance given by the P. T. A. in the basement of the school house was a success in every way. Splendid music was furnished by Mr. Crooker, violinist, and Mrs. Stubbs at the piano. Supper was served by the ladies of the Circle. There was a good crowd, good eats, splendid order and a neat sum of \$50 taken in, which goes as payment on the piano, for which the dance was given.

The farmers of the Oregon Trail community are figuring on a side track near the old school building. Joe Stam and Mr. Kingman of the Kingman Colony are getting ready to start a drain on their farms as soon as their carload of lumber arrives.

G. R. L. Smit is moving from our district to make their home on the Frank Leuck place. We are sorry to lose them from our community but wish them good luck in their new home.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Keck has been seriously ill, but under the efficient care of Dr. Sarazin is rapidly recovering.

LAW FIRM IS DISSOLVED

BRUCE R. KESTER HAS FORMED NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH ATTORNEY GALLAGHER.

Beginning the first of February changes will be made in two law firms of Malheur county. Bruce R. Kester will withdraw from the partnership with George E. Davis, the firm of Davis & Kester of this city, and enter into a new partnership with P. J. Gallagher at Ontario. Judge George E. Davis will continue his law practice in Vale.

Local News of Interest Briefly Told

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING.

The next regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held on Tuesday evening, February 6. The program promises to be an unusually interesting one, as the committee in charge is planning to secure a group of lantern slides and will furnish some excellent musical numbers. It is hoped that a large number of parents will attend this coming meeting.

Mrs. Quick of Portland arrived Monday to fill the vacancy in the high school faculty caused by the resignation of Miss McShure. Mrs. Quick will teach history and mathematics.

Mrs. C. L. McCoy arrived from Pendleton the first of the week to join her husband. They are occupying the Frank Leuck residence on North Third street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, a fine baby daughter, Tuesday, January 23. She has been named Ethel Marie. Weight 7½ pounds.

E. M. Blodgett and son Lawrence and Bert Davis motored over to Vale last Friday evening, the boys returning to the dance at Cairo afterward, while Mr. Blodgett remained to look after business at the county seat.

Allen Green is recovering from a broken rib, which he received in a friendly scuffle with Frank Stubbs last Wednesday night after lodge meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall.

George Green has returned from Wilder, where he was employed on a contract of truck hauling for the past week.

Mrs. Henry Fields and daughter, Myrtle, were Boise visitors the past week, returning home Saturday. Myrtle has been taking treatment for her eyes for some time now. The trouble is pronounced by the attending physician as rheumatism of the eye. She recently underwent an operation at the St. Alphonsus hospital for the removal of tonsils and adenoids, and has recovered sufficiently to resume her school studies, which it was at first thought she would not be able to do this year.

OWYHEE

The new house on the William McGinnis ranch is nearing completion. It is equipped with electric lights and is strictly modern.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fenn spent the week end in Nyssa. Mrs. Fenn has been quite ill but is a little better.

Jack Glascock went to Ontario Friday, returning Monday.

L. C. DeBord purchased 15 turkey hens from Frank Doyle of Big Bend last week.

Fred Klingback made a flying trip to Emmett and return Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Glascock and family visited Sunday at the McEwan home.

Mr. Mills, a civil engineer, who has been a guest at the DeWitt home over the week end, made a business trip to Vale Monday. T. M. Lowe and L. R. DeWitt accompanied him.

County School Superintendent E. M. Crail was a guest to dinner at the Bigelow home Friday. Mrs. Crail visited the school and expressed herself as well pleased with the progress. She also met with the school board while here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dunning of Parma were guests at the Lowe home Sunday.

Elroy Huffman took his son Charlie, who is suffering from diabetes, to Caldwell Monday for medical attention. O. A. Browning took them over.

County Club Agent and Mrs. W. D. Kinard visited the school Friday.

Grandma Wallace has not been well for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott were business visitors in the Gate City Saturday.

Mrs. D. P. Pullen and little daughter, Wilma and Viola, were guests to dinner in the Claude Willson home in Nyssa Friday.

John Bigelow moved out from Nyssa last week and will make his home with his son S. D. Bigelow and family.

Robert Wallace returned home from Long Valley, where he has been working, Sunday.

John Gordon of Vale visited his sheep camp on the McConnell ranch Monday.

Fred Snively was a Vale visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schweizer and baby moved onto the Gus Schweizer ranch last week.

Lynn Kygar moved onto the Andy Hansen ranch this week preparatory to beginning spring work. Mr. and Mrs. Lu de Goode will live with him until they find a satisfactory location for themselves.

BIG BEND

Bill Conley spent the week end in Ontario.

Earl Johnston and family were visiting in Ontario Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Welsh motored to Caldwell the first of the week on business.

Mrs. Nellie T. Jacobs spent the week end in Vale visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Jacobs returned to the Bend Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinder, county club agents, were visiting the school Friday.

Mrs. T. D. Scott and little niece Edna Endicott, were shopping in Parma Saturday.

John White and son, Loren, and Orval Faubion were among the Parma visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson were in the city of Adrian Monday.

Thomas Welsh visited the school Friday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Floetwood on Monday January 15, a baby girl. They named the little miss Mildred Evelyn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ferrell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Godwin.

The last report of Mr. Andrews, he is improving slowly. He was moved to Parma last week.

Adrian was well represented at the literary Friday evening.

Mrs. Lou Boswell is quite ill. She has gone to Ontario for treatment.

Mrs. Clive Williams and little son Donald are reported on the sick list.

Quite a number of young people from Nampa were over and conducted meetings Saturday evening and Sunday and Sunday night at the school house. Among the numbers was a quartette which was enjoyed by all present. Rev. Borley preached a very interesting sermon Saturday and Sunday night.

Weekly prayer meeting at the school house Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 10:30, and preaching in the evening at 7 o'clock.

Often males segregate certain females, leaving others unmated which this method overcomes, and you will find you get better fertility. One male for every thirty females with Leghorns and one male for every twenty females with the American breeds are sufficient, but be sure to get the best that is possible.

Do you have cream, eggs, poultry or ranch butter to sell? Ship the Commercial Creamery, LaGrande, Oregon. Write us if you want our quotations regularly.—J12-2t

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL.

The local I. O. O. F. lodge installed officers on Tuesday, January 16, as follows:
Noble grand, Sidney Burbridge.
Vice grand, J. R. Hunter.
Secretary, A. V. Cook.
Financial Secretary, J. H. Forbes.
Treasurer, Eddie Powell.
A. V. Cook, as district deputy, was installing officer.

BOY SCOUTS ON HIKE.

The Nyssa Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Scout Master E. M. Achilles, enjoyed a hike and weenie roast last Wednesday on the Idaho side. There were 25 in the party.

ESCAPE CAR ACCIDENT

L. P. LUMPEE AND THOMAS MELROY ESCAPE SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON HILL ROAD.

L. P. Lumpee and Thomas Melroy had what might have been a very serious accident while coming from fixing the power line near Nyssa Wednesday evening. On the hill road about nine miles from Nyssa is a very steep and narrow grade and due to the disagreeable weather and slick road the car which Mr. Lumpee was driving left the road and started off over the grade. When Mr. Lumpee saw that it was useless to attempt keeping the car in the road he immediately turned the wheels down the hill, which kept the car from turning over.

If the car had not stopped when it did it would have turned over three or four times before reaching the bottom of the grade and would have seriously injured the occupants. Fortunately nothing was hurt except Thomas' face, which (according to Mr. Lumpee) was used to 'plop up the ground' when Thomas jumped from the car.

Considerable work was needed to get the car out of the position it was in and could not be attempted by Mr. Lumpee and Thomas alone, they therefore returned to Nyssa and engaged a livery man to bring them to Vale. Thursday morning L. K. Bullock and Thomas took the necessary equipment and went back after the car.

HAGGING HABITS.

This story is told of a fight which broke out upon one Sunday morning by his wife to go to church. No one was very busy reading the program of the service when the collection basket was passed, but when the minister announced that the collection would all go in singing stanzas of Old Hundred the man arose from his seat and from force of habit asked the minister if he wouldn't save the Ninety and Nine. His wife urged him to go to church with her since.—Columbus Dispatch.

Cuckoo Lays Eggs of Any Size.

For ingenious villains, the cuckoo holds the prize among birds. It lays eggs in the nests of other birds, then, as soon as the young cuckoos hatch, it lifts the other nestlings on its back and throws them from the nest or robs them of the food brought back by their parents. The cuckoo seems to have the ability to lay eggs of the same size as those already in the nest, whether they are large or small.

HELP ON TAX RETURNS

DEPUTY COLLECTOR TO BE IN MALHEUR COUNTY FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY.

For the purpose of assisting taxpayers of Malheur county in making income tax returns for 1922, Deputy Collector Shafer of the internal revenue office will be at the following named places on the dates given below:
Vale, United States land office, February 5 to 7, inclusive.
Ontario, City hall, February 8 to 10, inclusive.

ADRIAN

Frank Van Petten of Ontario drove a new Ford truck for the Adrian lumber yard out here Saturday. Mr. Enos and family motored to Ontario with him Sunday going on to Payette to visit relatives.

J. D. Gardner who has been on the sick list for the past week is reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Dollie McCreary was at Vale on business this week.

Holly Bros. have finished painting their ice house.

Mr. Bailey was in town on business one day this week.

Mrs. Geo. Cooley was visiting relatives in Adrian before going to Portland where they have decided to live.

RULES ARE OUT FOR DECLAMATORY WORK

STUDENTS OF GRAMMER GRADES MAY ENTER CONTEST IN ONTARIO

LAST SATURDAY IN MARCH IS DATE OF FINAL IN COUNTY.

Rules governing the Malheur county declamatory contests in public schools have been formulated this week by County Superintendent Crail and sent to the teachers of every school in the county. Word has already reached the county seat from some schools that preliminary try-outs are being held and possible contestants drilled in declamatory work.

The final contest this year will be held in Ontario, as it is customary to rotate between the three largest cities in the county.

Last year Norman Owings, a seventh-grade student, of Jordan Valley, won the county championship. It was the first year he had ever entered the contest.

The rules follow:
1. All contests shall be held under the auspices and direction of an executive committee, consisting of the county school superintendent, the city superintendents of the three largest schools of the county and one teacher appointed annually by the county superintendent.

2. The county superintendent shall be ex-officio chairman of the committee and shall preside at the contests.

3. One contest shall be held annually on the last Saturday of March, in rotation, in Vale, Nyssa and Ontario.

4. Contestants must be sixth, seventh or eighth grade pupils, and any school district in Malheur county, having pupils eligible under these rules, may enter one contestant.

5. Each school shall pay the expenses of its representative. For the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of contests, and to arouse an interest in declamatory work, it is recommended that try-out contests be held to select a contestant and an alternate.

6. The time for delivery of a declamation shall not exceed eleven minutes.

7. The audience shall not applaud or manifest its approval of any speaker.

8. Any school wishing to enter a candidate shall report to the county school superintendent not less than one week prior to the contests, the number of the district, the name and grade of the pupil, and the title of the selection to be spoken.

9. Contestants shall appear on the program by number, and the order of speaking shall be determined by lot. Precaution must be taken to keep the identity of the speaker from the judges.

10. The judges shall be selected as follows: The superintendent of the school where the contest is to be held, shall select three persons from the list of names selected by the remaining members of the executive committee, each of whom shall not be residents of Malheur county.

11. The following scale shall be used in marking:
Interpretation 40
Naturalness 30
Elocution 15
Memory 15

12. An agreement of two of the judges shall be sufficient to render a decision. In case two of them cannot agree, the decision shall be rendered in favor of the one having the highest total of the three judges.

13. The school entertaining the contest shall arrange the program, providing such members as will give variety to the entertainment. The price of admission shall not exceed 25 cents.

14. The trophy, a silver cup, shall remain in the custody of the winning school until the next contest.

15. Districts having a four year high school may be represented only once by any one pupil. In all other districts contestants may enter again provided they are eligible under these rules and did not win the cup in former contests.

AUCTION SALE.

Attention of our readers is called to the advertisement on page 2 of the Frank Leuck auction sale of livestock and farm implements. Anyone looking for bargains in either of those lines would do well to keep the date, Saturday, February 3, in mind and be on hand. There is a big list to choose from.

FOR SALE—Six good Holstein dairy cows, fresh and to freshen soon.—P. van Twisk, ½ mile south Idanha orchard.—Adv. J5-4f