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THE WOOL GROWERS

Of Malheur and Harney Hold Their Third Annual Convention.

The third annual session of the Malheur and Harney county Wool Growers Association met in Ontario Wednesday with a good attendance, but hardly what was expected as the snow and unsettled weather kept many at home looking after their flocks.

The meeting was called to order by District Attorney McCulloch. Mayor Pogue was introduced and gave the address of welcome to Ontario.

The meeting was then turned over to President McKnight, of the Wool Growers' Association who addressed the meeting.

The morning session was taken up with the reading of minutes of previous meetings and appointment of committees.

In the afternoon the election of officers resulted as follows: President, George McKnight; Vice President, Jeff Billingsley; Secretary-treasurer, E. L. Clark; advisory board, M. B. Gwinn, Geo. McKnight, Jeff Billingsley, Tom Turnbull and Frank Palmer. Executive committee: John Wood, J. H. Seaward, Swinegar, Chas. Anderson.

Dan P. Smythe, state secretary, was present and assisted in the work, giving an interesting talk on the condition of the business throughout the state.

Talks were made on many subjects allied to the sheep industry and much valuable information brought out.

The contagious diseases, lip, leg and scab, was taken up by Sam Ballantyne, state secretary of Idaho, and general discussion followed.

Scott Anderson, of Boise, director of the co-operative wool

and storage warehouse at Chicago, spoke of the great success of the warehouse for the past season. A dividend of 59 per cent has been declared for the first season. The price of the remaining stock has been advanced 50 per cent.

Freight rates were discussed and the committee reported that the matter of adjustment of rates was still before the inter-state commerce commission. The state committee has secured a uniform live stock shipping contract on all railroads in the West.

Howard K. O'Brien, chief of the grazing department for Oregon and Washington, and his deputy, Mr. McKenzie, were present and talked on improved methods of fencing and reseeded ranges as carried on by the government.

Cy. Bingham, acting supervisor of the Malheur national forest reserve, met the users and advisory board and adjusted all the past differences.

Dr. Lytle, state sheep inspector, made an address on poisonous plants and remedies.

Elmer A. Clark, of Caldwell, addressed convention upon relation of banks to the sheep industry.

A petition was circulated asking the County Court to appoint Dr. Silverwood as county sheep inspector. The association guarantees a salary of \$600.

The wool men were banqueted at the Carter house Wednesday evening.

A male quartette and Joe Plaisted, the singing wool buyer, furnished the music.

Wool Totals.

The National Association of Wool Manufacturers in its estimate places the number of sheep fit for shearing in the United States at 42,283,205, an increase of 1,981,657 over the preceding year. The wool season of 1909 witnessed a full recovery in prices and volume of business from the financial panic of 1907-8.

The total wool production of the United States this year is estimated at 328,110,749 pounds, an increase of 6,683,137 pounds over last year. The total value of the wool clip of 1909, as estimated on the price in Boston is \$88,826,746, as compared with \$61,707,516 for 1908. Total imports of foreign wool for 1909 were 266,409,304 pounds, as compared with 123,980,524 pounds for the year preceding.

The estimated production of the world in 1895 was 2,692,986,773 pounds. The production of the world this year, according to the latest official estimate, is 2,604,136,564 pounds, an increase in 14 years of only 111,149,773 pounds. The wool product is not keeping pace with the wool using population, for the per capita product in 1895 was 4.88 pounds, while now it is 4.27 pounds.

The Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon hardware men held their annual meeting at Boise on Saturday last. D. M. Taggart and E. A. Fraser attended from Ontario.

Bad Explosion

Of Giant Powder at Jordan Valley—Was Thawing It.

Louis Aldecoa, aged 50 years, had a marvelous escape from death while working on a ditch about 25 miles from Jordan Valley on Tuesday. He was engaged in blasting and had placed some giant powder where it would thaw. He returned and as he reached for it the powder exploded.

His right arm was torn off and his right eye so badly injured that he will never be able to see with it. A bone from the right arm penetrated the flesh of the left arm, which is regarded as extraordinary by the physician.

The Stock Business

John Robertson returned Tuesday last from Omaha where he took a trainload of cattle. He stated that the price received was satisfactory and better than he could have obtained in the western markets. Another feature that appealed to him was the promptness with which settlement was made, no waiting. He left Saturday for the Burns country.

When you tear the wrappers off your papers at the post office, don't litter the street with them.

THE ONTARIO STOCK SHOW

The Ontario Live Stock and Poultry show was an unqualified success in every particular. The extent and quality of the exhibit was a great surprise to all present, not one having any idea that the surrounding territory had such a large number of fine animals.

There were about 160 horses entered and many of these are royally bred, all of good quality and superior to what is ordinarily found at County Fairs in Iowa and Nebraska. One horse in the parade scores 93 points, which is exceptionally high.

A. E. Gipson, of Caldwell, publisher of the Gem Rural, expressed his admiration for the classy stuff exhibited. "None better anywhere," was the way he put it.

Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, at Union, stated that the competition was very close and all the animals graded high. Very much surprised at quality and numbers.

D. G. Ruby, one of the well known importers of fine horses, has attended many of the county fairs in Iowa and Illinois, and stated that the exhibit was certainly classy. Mr. Ruby has been importing horses over 20 years, but has determined to raise horses here, considering the climate and grasses here superior to those of the eastern states and from what he has seen knows he can produce better animals here than are raised in Iowa and Illinois. The prices of work stock is getting higher every year and has reached a point where the buyer can hardly afford to handle it.

Mr. Hamilton, who has the Suffolk horses at the Stewart stables, was much surprised at the horses shown. He exhibited his horses in the parade, but not for premiums, as he considered the fair for local owners only.

T. J. Tolly, of Cove, was surprised that such excellent animals received so little care.

The problem of taking care of the large crowd of visitors and seeing that they had a good dinner was quite a large one, but the committee made fortunate selections and over 600 were made happy. Rev. Young had the supervision and was ably assisted by Mesdames, Kenyon, Prinzing, Frazer, Dodge, Clement, Long, Trow, Ball, Stewart, and Billingsley. The lunch was served in the old Ontario hotel.

In most countries when a parade of the school children is made they go on foot, but this being typically a horse country the school boys and girls were out on horse back and made a very imposing spectacle.

The parade of live stock will long be remembered as the best ever seen.

G. G. Sutherland had charge of the stock exhibits and kindly furnished the Argus with much information. He was the right man for the position.

D. G. Ruby exhibited four stallions and one mare. The mare scores 93 points and took first prize at the Iowa State Fair. She is a Percheron-Norman and is in foal to Aiken, a full blood Percheron. Aiken took first prize, 4 year old, weighs 1950 pounds, steel gray, short, heavy draft horse. Forest Fay took first sweep stakes, 2 year old, weighs 1850. Judge Curtis, of Iowa, gave this horse first at the Audobon County Fair, in Iowa. Royal dam, 2 year old colt took first.

J. N. McPherson, of Payette,

took first prize on Clyde Stallion which weighed 1780. He is large and of exceptionally fine action. He also showed a span of standard bred driving horses 4 and 5 years old and exceptionally well broke.

Austin McWilliams, of Payette, took first on a driving team and second on a single driver. Mrs. McWilliams handled the reins. Master McWilliams exhibited a handsome Shetland pony.

Geo. Aulspaugh, of Payette, took second on a driving team and first on a single driver.

C. F. Draper, of Payette, showed two fine yearling colts.

D. E. of Payette, showed a 17 months old Belgian mare weighing 1150, and also a sucking colt, both of which took firsts.

J. W. Boor, of the Bench, took second on grade Percheron-Stallion and also showed a span of mule colts, yearling and Jack.

F. D. Thacker, of Payette, showed a good Percheron-Norman stallion.

Jack Trail, of Payette, showed a Jack and mules, getting first on the Jack and second on the mules.

C. E. Dibble, of Payette, showed an exceptionally fine yearling mare in the road class.

H. J. Courtner showed a fine 4 year old Hambletonian driver.

H. Gregory showed a high grade Percheron-Norman stallion, weighing 1900 and taking first prize.

G. D. Eggleston showed a black Percheron-Norman, 4 years old and weighing 1750 and a span of 3 year old draft mares, taking second prize.

A. A. McConnell showed a bay Belgian stallion and a span of full blood Belgian mares, getting first, and first and second on team and also on draft team.

Payette Suffolk Punch horse company took second on stallion.

J. H. Seaward got second on grade percheron stallion.

Blair May took first on grade Belgian stallion.

J. H. Seaward first on percheron grade stallion.

R. Braden, first on shire grade stallion.

W. F. Doane first on percheron colt.

The driving and thoroughbred classes will get attention in next issue.

In the next issue of the Argus will appear more comments on the exhibits. Time will not permit covering such an excellent exhibit in one issue.

Dairy Cattle.
E. B. Conklin showed aged bull and cow in the Jerseys.

H. J. Cortner showed in beef cattle aged bull, aged cow and young bull.

— Johnson showed some high class Holstein cows.

Sheep.
The Butterfield Live Stock Company showed 20 sheep of five different varieties, which have been exhibited at Seattle, Portland and Boise, taking all prizes. They go to Salt Lake and Denver for here.

The two Lincolns are 22 months old and the wool measures 22 inches, weight 300 each. The Hampshires, those with the flat backs and fine wool, received much attention, one of which weighed 350 pounds. These are as fine as ever exhibited in this country.

The Butterfield Company are large importers of high grade sheep, getting 500 from England and 900 from Canada this year.

They maintain large bands of thoroughbreds, carrying five distinct breeds.

Hogs.
George Wright showed five duroc Jersey Gilts. These are of the Prouter Vance and Ohio Chief strains. These are equal to the best.

John Royleston had some fine polands.

The Chicken Show.
The chicken show was well patronized and the collection showed many high scoring birds. Prof. J. J. Beaty was in charge.

G. G. Wherry, of Payette, who acted as judge, had four pens of prize winning hamburgs on exhibition.

G. A. Pogue showed a pair of pheasants.

The games exhibited by D. H. Kerfoot were exceptional, he had pens of Cornish Indian, Red Pyles, Black Sumairs, White Indian, Black Warriors, Grish Champions, war horses, Brown Reds, all of good strains.

O. F. Meece, of Payette, had a pen of Langshans.

Wm. Plughoff had his pen of partridge cochins, that took all prizes at Boise.

E. E. Parsons, of Payette, had a fine exhibit of Red Island Reds.

E. W. Parks got all the ribbons on his houdans.

There was one pen of white brahmas exhibited.

There was a good display of Wyandottes, in the Partridge class J. D. Baker, of Payette, and Will Johnson got the prizes.

In the whites, C. Atherton and J. C. Baker took the prizes.

In the Golden Gees, Alspack of Payette had the best.

In the silver laced all the prizes went to A. T. Bishop of the Bench.

In Plymouth Rocks C. E. Dibble of Payette had several excellent birds on display.

C. W. Thebant, of Vale had several rocks on exhibition.

Harry Louis got first on a trio of white rocks.

In white leghorns Walter Glenn got a first on cock, first and second on hen, Alex Phillips second on cock and Frank Allen first and second on pullet.

In brown leghorns Will Johnson got first on hen and Joe Sloan of New Plymouth also exhibited.

J. V. Dibble had a coop of cochin bantams and Louis Bailey of Seabrights.

M. Townsend exhibited a wild goose.

Turkeys.
M. Townsend of Ontario took first prize on a one year old male and first and second on a hen, Harry Louis of the Bench took first on a cockerel and first on a pullet, and C. W. Thebant of Vale took first and second on an adult male, one weighing 48 pounds.

Ducks.
Harry Louis of the Bench took the Indian Runner prizes and J. N. McPherson and Frank Weaver exhibited White Pekins.

Guineas.
Henry Blanstrom took the premiums.

Pigeons.
Henry Blanstrom exhibited a pen of miscellaneous breeding.

Dogs.
E. Bainbridge of Ontario exhibited a Scotch Collie, C. E. Boyer of Ontario, a shepherd, C. E. Dibble of Payette, a Scotch Collie, and H. J. Cortner of Payette, a Scotch Collie.

The visitors from Idaho returned to their homes more than pleased with the entertainment provided.

HISTORY OF THE BRIDGE

The Best Highway Crossing Snake River—Lasting Monument.

The Ontario bridge across the Snake river will stand for years as a monument to the enterprise of the business men of Ontario. From the inception of the idea that a bridge was a necessity to the completion thereof required two years of hard labor, most of which fell to the lot of the commissioners.

The first move was to get the co-operation of the state and this was effected through Representative Brooke, who introduced and succeeded in getting passed a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the purpose.

Attorney McMahan, of Salem, got out an injunction against the payment of the fund, but he was a little slow, the money having been turned over before the papers were filed.

Then a large delegation went to Vale and explained the situation to the court, after making a thorough investigation of the matter the court appropriated \$10,000.

Ontario's city council was also pledged for an appropriation of \$10,000.

A commission, consisting of E. A. Frazier, J. A. Lackey and Cliff Boyer, was appointed by the county court and city council to take active charge of the construction.

When the commission advertised for bids they received responses from 34 firms, accompanied by plans and specifications.

These plans and specifications were thoroughly examined and

the one submitted by the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company selected. This provided for three steel spans of 150 feet each, which was later modified to four steel spans and a wooden approach on the Oregon side.

The total length of the bridge is 905 feet, the steel spans rest upon solid concrete piers, and the construction is of the cantilever style. Carrying capacity 50,000 pounds.

The bridge has been inspected and passed on by the most competent bridge authorities in the west and they all pronounce it the best highway bridge crossing Snake river.

The approach on the Idaho side was cut through a 65-foot hill, and a good grade, about 5 per cent, made.

A splendid road has been built from the bridge to town, on an even grade, with ditches on either side, which will insure a road free from mud and water in the summer. The roadway will be graveled in the early spring and will then be the best in the county.

The Payette valley, in Idaho, is brought three miles nearer a business and shipping point by the building of the bridge.

This valley is a garden spot, thickly populated and covered with orchards and small fruit farms.

The entire county and state are to be congratulated upon the completion of the bridge.

M. E. Dedication

On Sunday Next—Rev. Homan Will Be Present.

The improvements at the M. E. church are completed and the following exercises will be held on Sunday next:

10 a. m. Love Feast, led by Rev. J. D. Gillilan.

11 a. m. opening hymn, From all that Dwell Below the Skies. Apostles Creed.

Prayer.
Hymn, Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.

First Scripture Reading.
Hymn, Nearer My God to Thee.

Second Scripture Reading.
Rev. J. D. Gillilan.

Duet.
Prayer, Dr. Homan.

Hymn, Rock of Ages.
Dedication Sermon by Rev. Fletcher Homan, D. D.

Dedication.
Benediction.
In the evening there will be a song service.

Bank Statement.

A compilation of the statements recently issued by the various banks of the state show individual deposits of \$90,948,749, an increase of \$16,103,510 over similar statement one year ago.

The loans and discounts show an increase of \$10,935,687 over year before, having reached \$62,427,946.

Use Wilson & Duffy's Rational Cold Cure.

Fruitland.

C. W. Young returned from Portland on Friday of last week where he went with a carload of hogs. Mr. Young reports good prices.

The Royal Highlanders held their annual election of officers on Thursday evening of last week and the following officers were elected: Illustrious Protector, E. A. Stegner; Chief Councillor, Ralph Boiley; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Smith; Worthy Evangelist, Mrs. E. A. Stegner; Sentry Mrs. Wm. McConnell.

The election of road commissioners held at Pleasant View Tuesday resulted in the election of S. R. Froyer for district no. 1, C. E. Stewart for district no. 2, and Allen Stegall for district No. 3.

Mrs. Mary E. Hill has moved into her new home recently erected in Fruitland.

Mrs. Mary Burnett and Nancy Wilson made a business trip to Ontario Tuesday.

The brick men are again in our berg working on the new bank building. The work will be pushed until completed.

The bazar conducted by the Ladies Aid was a decided success.

New Plymouth.

A Farmers' Institute will be held at New Plymouth, Monday January 3. There will be two sessions, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.