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ROSS TELLS RANCHERS OF FARM BUREAU WORK

DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OUTLINED—DECLARES FARMERS HAVE MORE PROGRESS THIS YEAR THAN IN FIFTY PRECEDING.

URGES MORE COWS AND HENS

Declares Ranchers Must Turn Out Finished Product and Market It Co-Operatively—Opposed Co-Operative Stores—Keep County Agent his Advice

Through the operations of the agricultural block with its extension of the War Finance corporation, the amendments to the Federal Farm Loan act, and protection to American agriculture, through the emergency tariff, the American farmer has had more real legislation enacted for its benefit in the past year than in the fifty years preceding it, was the declaration of C. Ben Ross, secretary of the Idaho Federation of Farm Bureaus, in the principal address delivered to the annual meeting of the Malheur County Farm Bureau at Vale last Saturday afternoon.

Among other telling statements with which Mr. Ross kept his audience spell bound through an hour and a half of as rapid fire talking as one could wish to hear was: "You had better close your sheriff's office than do away with the office of the county agent. And: "I can make any good 40 acre irrigated farm in Malheur county pay by stocking it with chickens, dairy cows and hogs and by diversified farming, and you can too. And: "The farmers of this section must get away from raising just raw material that is bulky and can not be shipped economically. They must produce a finished product that will go on the market and can stand the shipping costs.

"The old hen is a manufacturing plant, and an efficient one if properly selected and properly fed. There is no reason for any man or woman keeping a hen that will not lay 200 eggs per year, yet the average egg production per hen in the United States is only 70 eggs per year."

These are but a few of the statements which Mr. Ross drove home to his hearers and what was more he took time to tell them how to do what he was advising, and since he has himself, as many of his hearers knew, been a farmer, and a successful one near Caldwell for many years, he roused the meeting as such gatherings are seldom aroused. He urged cooperative marketing but opposed cooperative stores.

His speech which occupied a large portion of the afternoon was but one of the features of the interesting session which was attended by some 70 farmers from every branch of farm bureau in the county with the exception of Malheur.

Upon call to order by V. V. Hickox, Lloyd Riches of the Vale Ad Club, welcomed the gathering on behalf of the city of Vale. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, which was followed by a paper from President Hickox on the work accomplished during the past two years and recommendations for the future. Some splendid sections were rendered by the Vale High School Orchestra.

The recommendations of the committee on budget and dues were amended on the floor and it was voted to make the dues for 1922 seven dollars and fifty cents per member. The report of the nominations committee composed of the chairman, P. M. Boals of Dead Ox Flat, T. W. Claggett of Ontario, V. T. Herrett of Vale, A. A. Reed of Brogan and V. V. Hickox of Big Bend on the executive committee for 1922.

The most pleasing incident of the meeting was the big feed at the Drexel Hotel "set up" by the Vale Ad Club. It was both a feast and a banquet, earning the latter distinction from the number and quality of toasts which were given at the finish.

R. N. A. ENTERTAINS GIRLS CLUB

The Ontario Girls' Club was entertained Tuesday evening by the Royal Neighbors in the Masonic Hall. The neighbors staged several novelties for the girls amusement among them being a taffy pull which caused much merriment. The girls all agreed that the ladies were indeed royal entertainers as well as royal neighbors. It was decided that a Christmas tree and the trimmings would be the feature of the next party. Every girl is asked to buy a Christmas present, maximum price to be 25 cents, wrap it nicely and leave it at Turner's Music Store before next Tuesday evening December 20th. No names are attached to the presents. The party will be held at the home of Miss Mae Platt Tuesday evening December 20th.

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ONTARIO TO HOLD POULTRY SHOW TO BOOST BUSINESS

To aid in boosting the poultry business in and about Ontario, the Commercial club directors at the regular luncheon meeting yesterday noon determined upon holding a chicken show and financing it from the general funds of the club. The directors will request the co-operation of the Farm Bureau in putting on the show.

President Van Petten announced his standing committee for the year and, the club decided to send P. J. Gallagher, J. A. Lackness and Geo. K. Aiken to the meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Congress at Pendleton this week.

OREGON CLUB INDUCTS MANY GREEN MEMBERS

High Links Furnished in Initiatory Ceremonials—Membership of Club is Now Over 50—Limit Raised—Features Scheduled.

Eleven unsuspecting individuals were forced to traverse a rough road in their journey to the shrine of Oregon at the Oregon Club last Tuesday night. The eleven were the innocent new members whose presence served to amuse the old timers and furnish the fun for a hilarious session. Old timers declare that the initiation was the most successful the club ever held, and the new members, when through, are only anxious for the next class to come on.

President Carl Field, assisted by Chief Hoo Hoo Clarence Crouter, and Bumbin R. W. Swagler, were the leaders of the degree teams in which Messrs. Boucher and Lathrop played prominent roles and lord high executioners. Following the initiation, smokes, coffee and doughnuts were served, and a number of the young women friends of club members surprised them with an additional feed.

The newly initiated members were: Ivan E. Oakes, P. J. Gallagher, David W. Powers, Fred Grams, Fred Test, Jack Taylor, J. A. Turnbull, C. R. Augustus, Arthur Cookrum, Sydney Nelson and Geo. K. Aiken.

JANITOR FORGETS TO TURN OFF DRAIN TAP

Boiler at Public School Heating Plant Injured Monday Morning and School Kids Have Day's Vacation—Repaired Now

The boys and girls of the High school and of the department and grammar school on the west side had a vacation Monday because Geo. Howe, the engineer on the heating plant, forgot to turn off the drain cock on the boiler and superheated that piece of equipment.

When Mr. Howe went to the plant early Monday morning he found the boiler filled with water. He knew it would take too long to get up steam with a full boiler so decided to drain off a portion of the contents. He turned the drain cock and then forgot to turn it back and went home to breakfast.

When he returned the hot fire had built working under an empty boiler. As a result, it was in such condition that water could not be turned into it. All the force of Udick's plumbing shop was put to work when the boiler cooled, and by working late into the night was able to cork up the boiler and get school going again on Tuesday.

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MOONSHINE IS START OF SHOOTING AFFRAY

Robert H. Leroy Crazed With Boze Made Boze Assaults his Wife Then Shoots Jason Hallock When he Attempts Woman's Rescue

Crazed with boze of his own making, Robert H. Leroy, a rancher from the Malheur river bottom north west of the city, landed in the city jail Monday afternoon following a vertiable carnival of crime, as the finale of which he shot Jason Hallock, leader of the Adventist church here.

The shooting of Hallock, which took place at the Leroy home in the northwest section of the city, was the culmination of the orgy which Leroy started at his ranch and came about in a struggle over the gun which Leroy was endeavoring to intimidate W. J. Hopper and Mr. Hallock who left the Adventist prayer meeting at the church next to the Leroy home, in answer to the frantic appeals of Dorothy Dean, who was staying at Leroy's. The young woman was a witness of the brutal assaults upon Mrs. Leroy, and fearing for her life she ran to the church for aid.

When Messrs. Hopper and Leroy reached the house, Leroy was choking his wife and beating her unmercifully. Hopper grabbed him and Leroy pressed the muzzle of the gun to Hopper's stomach. Grasping the gun, Hopper exclaimed: "You would not shoot anyone," and pushed the gun away from his body. With that Leroy pulled the trigger and the bullet struck Hallock on the foot passing through the instep.

In the meantime Marshal H. C. Farmer had been notified and hurried to the scene, where he found not only a disrupted prayer meeting but a frantic neighborhood, for Leroy was in the house with several of his children and still in possession of the gun. While Leroy made no attack on the officer he refused to give up the gun which he carried up his sleeve, and it was only after a struggle that he was disarmed.

In his efforts to locate the cause of the trouble the Marshal learned of moonshine at the house, and learned that this was brought from the Leroy ranch on the river bottom. With Night Marshal Gordon and City Water Superintendent V. W. Chambers, he went to the ranch and there found a crude still and another gallon of boze in a dugout in the bank of a draw. There also was found J. S. Daley who was charged with possession and fined \$100 Tuesday by Judge Stearns.

Leroy was arraigned before Judge Stearns and waived a hearing. He was held to the grand jury and bond placed at the sum \$2500, which he could not furnish. Daley paid his fine.

ONTARIANS TO CELEBRATE WITH HOME GROWN FLOWERS

California Poinsettias, Cyclamens and Beautiful Floral Offerings of Great Variety Product of Local Greenhouses

B. and B. Florists is the style name under which the local firm which will supply many Ontario homes with their Christmas greens and potted plants, is known. From the handsome greenhouses which this firm has erected this summer on the Boyer homestead at the south end of Richardson street will come a variety of flowers which are seldom seen in northern units.

A display of the offerings of the local florist was put on display in the Boyer grocery department this week, and served to attract no end of attention. It was the most pretentious display of its kind we have ever seen in a town of Ontario's dimensions and is indeed a credit to the florists who have sought to establish here a new institution.

To describe the varieties and tell of their excellence would make a severe strain on the present supply of adjectives, but it is sufficient to say that they are indeed beautiful specimens of many species of flowering and foliage plants.

Beside producing decorative flowers, Messrs. Boyer and Brookover are supplying Ontario tables, and those of many of the neighboring towns, with fresh lettuce and other greens, and by next year, with the additions they are planning, will be able to more than double their supply.

Just to gain a personal conception of the magnitude of their greenhouses and the excellence of the appointments they should be visited. To every lover of flowers this is a treat, and the owners are glad to be hosts for the occasion.

Capt. R. M. Duncan was here from Burns the first of the week consulting with his partner, J. W. McCulloch.

Judge Will R. King returned last Tuesday from Burns, where he had been on legal business. He went to Vale Wednesday.

J. R. Blackaby and L. Adam were Boise visitors Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alva Springer of Crans, visited in Ontario last Thursday.

LOCAL WOOL GROWERS TO JOIN ASSOCIATION

Representatives of Pacific Wool Growers Association Address Meeting Here—Progress Made in Marketing Small Clips

Roy Ward, manager of the Pacific Wool Growers association, addressed a meeting at the City Hall Monday afternoon, which was attended by a number of local wool growers, who following the meeting, decided to unite with that body for the marketing of their wool for the next four years.

Mr. Ward, in a comprehensive address, outlined the growth and development of the association which was primarily established to market the farm-crop wools, but which during the past year has also undertaken the marketing of range crops as well. He set forth in graphic charts the comparison of prices received by wool growers through consignments and commission houses and that received by members of the association, wherein the association man averaged higher throughout the year.

The association is now under contract to supply yarn mills in the east with their entire demands, and is also selling heavily to western mills.

C. E. Peckham of the Boise Valley wool growers, was at the meeting also.

CHET MARTIN OF LA GRANDE VISITS FAMILIAR SCENES

Old timers in Ontario are enjoying this week a visit from Chester Martin, for many years a hardware merchant of this city, who left in 1913 for Wallowa, and since last fall a resident of La Grande. Mr. Martin and H. C. Boyer, E. A. Fraser and others of pioneer days have spent no little time reminiscing. Mr. Martin declares that Ontario has made many improvements since he left, and he finds it difficult to recognize many familiar landmarks, indeed most of these have vanished since he was here last.

AMERICAN LEGION POST ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Commander, W. F. Escue; Vice-Commander, Dwight Pierce; Adjutant, R. J. Millikin; Finance Officer, Ernest Grams; Chaplain, Fred Test; Sergeant at arms, Fred Grams; Historian, Earl Bull; Service officer, Earl Blackaby; Athletic officer, S. M. Boscher; Publicity officer, W. G. Pinney; Employment officer, Irving Harris; Americanism officer, C. F. Trow; Executive Committee; W. F. Escue, S. J. Millikin, A. R. Roberts, Geo. Gilham and Wilmer Boyer.

"GET ACQUAINTED MEETING" HELD BY BOULEVARD GRANGE

Deputy State Master W. R. Geckeler Addresses Meeting—Installation of Officers Held and Grange Feed Concludes Session

A special "get acquainted meeting" of the Boulevard Grange was held at the Grange hall last Friday evening. It was but one of a series of such meetings which the Grange plans on holding during the winter months, and to which all of the folks in the neighborhood have been invited to attend.

Beside an interesting program, details of which are given below, there was a public installation of newly elected officers and a short business session was held. Mrs. J. P. Weaver was elected head of the home economics committee. It was also determined to hold the next meeting on Friday, December 23, at which time an appropriate Christmas program will be given, the committee which has charge of arranging the program for this meeting being: Mrs. L. R. Brethaupt, chairman; Mrs. Noah, Miss Anderson, Frank Weaver and E. B. Conkly.

The program for last Friday meeting included: Address of Welcome by P. E. Countryman, Master; Drill by School children arranged by Mrs. Noah, teacher; Stunt Speech, Deputy State Master Geckeler; Music, Miss Downey and A. H. McGregg; Selections from Riley, E. B. Conkly; Address, "Thirty Years of Grange Work," Mr. Geckeler.

Miss Vio a Husted visited in Boise Wednesday.

Rev. Henry Young the Grand Chaplain I. O. O. F. of Oregon accompanied by the Ontario Lodge visited the Payette chapter Wednesday evening, and plan on visiting the Vale Lodge on Friday eve.

C. C. Russell and wife were in Boise the first of the week.

C. D. Davis left Monday for Spokane where he will receive treatment for cancer.

F. W. Powell spent Sunday in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mogan of Portland, came to Ontario this week to attend the funeral of Chas. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pinney have returned to their home here after living in Fruitland for the past summer.

RED CROSS THRIFT SHOP WILL RECEIVE DONATIONS

There are those in Ontario who need clothing and can afford to pay for good renovated second hand ones. To supply their needs the Red Cross Chapters opened a Thrift Shop and urges those who have garments of any kind to bring them in. The shop is located next to Seligman's Studio and Mrs. O. U. Franklin is in charge. If you cannot bring in your bundle, phone Mrs. A. S. Brown of Mrs. Henry Griffin and they will care for it.

At the meeting of the Red Cross, directors, Dr. W. J. Weese was re-elected chairman and Mrs. Henry Griffin was elected Secretary. Judge Test was made a member of the board and the American Legion and auxiliaries of the chapter were asked to name members.

ROBBERS MAKE HAUL IN JAMIESON ROBBERY

Three Masked Men Believe Store Till and Postoffice Money Drawer Combined of \$295—Sheriff Notified But No Clues Found

Disguised by the use of plain domino masks, three men held up and robbed the postoffice and the J. L. Pope store at Jamieson last Friday evening just as the clerk, Mr. England was closing for the day. They secured \$100 in cash from the store and \$185 from the postoffice cash drawer as well as a bundle of cancelled money orders.

They also took a new auto inner tube, some gloves and other small articles, but apparently were in a hurry for they overlooked the till containing the funds of the postoffice money order department.

Sheriff Lee Noe was notified a few minutes after the crime, and though he had lookouts at Brogan and other nearby points, no trace of the men was found. When they left Jamieson they were headed toward Brogan. It is not believed that the job was done by professional yeggs for they would not work so small a station, in the opinion of the authorities.

MALHEUR'S POULTRYMEN TO MEET WITH SPECIALIST

Farm Bureau Arranges Demonstration of Mixing Winter Feeds and Lecture on Feeding for Egg Production by H. E. Cosby

Poultrymen who wish to make a success of their business would do well to mark their calendars for Wednesday, December 21, and plan on taking a few hours off to "get wise" on some points about feeding hens in a way to get eggs. On that day, the farm bureau will stage a poultrymen's meeting at the A. B. Cain farm two miles west of Ontario at which H. E. Cosby, extension specialist in poultry husbandry from the Oregon Agricultural College will be present to assist in a demonstration of mixing feeds and to lecture on feeds and feeding for winter egg production.

The feed mixing demonstration will be given at 11 a. m. After the demonstration of feed mixing, the buildings and equipment being used on the new demonstration farm will be inspected. Those who live too far away to go home for lunch may bring lunch with them. After lunch at 1:30 p. m. the lecture on feeding will take place.

CHARLES ADAMS KILLED IN PECULIAR AUTO ACCIDENT

Dog Attempting to Climb in Car Causes Driver to Run Machine Over Bank—Funeral Held Here—Odd Fellows Have Charge

Charles Adams, formerly a rancher near Ontario, was killed in a peculiar auto accident which occurred last Friday two miles from Payette, when the car in which he was riding with a friend, went over the bank.

According to the driver of the car, who escaped unhurt the accident was caused by his losing control of the car when he sought to prevent a dog, which was riding on the running board, from climbing into the seat.

Mr. Adams was a pioneer of this section, and is survived by his wife. He was a member of Ontario Lodge No. 99 I. O. O. F., which had charge of the funeral services held here Monday afternoon. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery beside his brother who died here a few weeks ago.

Postmaster M. Addington of Brogan, was in Ontario Monday.

DEEP LAID PLAN TO CLEAR MURDER FAILS

ASSOCIATES OF ARCH NICHOLS WHO SHOT BILL HICKS AT JORDAN VALLEY FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO CLEAR COMPANION WHEN HE CONFESSES

OFFICIALS UNRAVEL MYSTERY

Victim Before Dying Declared He Did Not Know Who Shot Him—Only Knew He Did Not Have Gun in His Hand—Accessory Arrested Also

Arch Nichols, 31, a buckaroo, of Jordan Valley, is in jail at Vale charged with the murder of Bill Hicks, proprietor of a Jordan Valley pool hall. With him is George Hayes, an old timer of Jordan Valley, charged with being an accessory after the fact.

The shooting of Hicks was the climax of an all day boozing and poker party in a stone house behind the pool hall operated by Hicks and his partner Brooks, in Jordan Valley, Tuesday, December 6, in which the principals were: Bill Hicks the murdered man; Nichols his self confessed slayer, Hayes who concocted the story that Hicks shot himself, Guy Shea, who left just before the shooting, and Jim Mills, the man whose quarrel with Hicks culminated in the crime.

Hicks did not die until Friday, and was able to give the officials very little information in his ante mortem, save this, that he had no gun in his hand when he went down in the fight with Mills.

When District Attorney Robt. D. Lytle, Deputy Sheriff Charles Glenn, and Coroner R. O. Payne reached Jordan Valley they were faced with a real mystery problem, for the eye witnesses had agreed to a story they were to tell, and they did tell that story. So determined were they, that at the coroner's jury which Mr. Payne summoned, they made the story stick and the jury found Hicks came to his death from a gun shot wound at the hands of someone unknown to them.

But the officers did not stop with the jury finding. For this was based on the unanimous testimony of Hayes, Nichols and Mills that Hicks shot himself in the struggle he had with Mills as the result of their quarrel. The men alleged that Hicks had a gun in his hand and that as he wrestled with Mills, with the latter fiercely endeavoring to turn the weapon away from himself, it discharged and thus Hicks shot himself.

The officers however discovered that there were no smoke stains on Hicks coat, such as would have been the case had the weapon been fired at close range, and further that the angle which the bullet took in Hicks body was not what it would have been if fired as the men testified. Further, they noted that Hicks' gun had blood on the barrel, which could not have been placed there before the last shot was fired, for it showed no sign of smoke stain. Thus armed with suspicion that someone was lying, the officers started a grilling for Hayes, Mills and Nichols. They gave them a modified third degree and as the result Nichols finally broke down and confessed.

He made a clean breast of the shooting and declared that he shot to save Mills from being injured by Hicks. After telling his part in the story Nichols told how Hayes had sent for him after the shooting and outlined the story they would unite in telling. For this Hayes was held as an accessory. Nichols signed the confession he gave the officers.

The men on the coroner's jury were: A. L. Cookrum, Rex Marquis, J. A. Robertson of Ontario; W. H. Gaham, Tom Skinner and Harry Looney of Jordan Valley.

After the shooting District Attorney Lytle had the City Council of Jordan Valley assemble and there he told them that Malheur county expected them to enforce the prohibition law, and put an end to the open violations which take place there. He also asked them to compel all pool halls and other places of congregation to be kept so open that the public could see what was going on therein. The Council agreed to do as the district attorney directed.

Hicks who was murdered is well known in the county. He once lived here in Ontario with his father and he is a brother of Mrs. E. A. Van Steklyn of Weiser, Idaho.

Mrs. D. D. Joslyn and Mrs. Geo. Parks of Jordan Valley, Nichols who did the shooting is a single man. His mother lives in Jordan Valley, and he has a number of relatives in New Port, Oregon.

SCHOOL BOY DIES

Leslie Miller, nine year old son of the late Henry Miller died at his home here, Friday December 9th. Funeral services were held from the M. E. Church Sunday p. m., Rev. Miller officiating.

Mrs. Fred Brinnon visited with relatives at Weiser this week. The remains of Mrs. Salina Hartle who died at Vale passed thru Ontario Monday, to Drane, Ore. for enternment.

Howard Mallett was in Boise on business the first of the week.

Mrs. C. H. Peterson was visiting in Boise this week.