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## PUBLIC SCHOOL PAGEANT WAS SEEN BY GREAT CROWD OF PEOPLE

D. A. R. UNVEILS BEAUTIFUL MARKER ON OLD OREGON TRAIL—HON. O. M. VAN DUYN DELIVERS ADDRESS.

Pageant Passes Off Without Accident to Mar Day—Bad Storm Interferes With Ceremonies at Court House—Local Teachers of Public Schools are Entitled to Credit for Spectacular Production—Greatest Event in History of Schools.

Nearly one thousand children danced and drilled in fantastic colorful costumes for the largest crowd that ever gathered to witness a school event in Caldwell last Friday afternoon. The program was unmarred by delay or accident, and every event passed off with a snap and precision which marked the carefully laid plans of the teachers and those who had supervision of the performance.

**Parade Delights Through.**  
The afternoon festivities were commenced by the largest parade of its sort that Caldwell has yet enjoyed. Daintily decorated cars carried the performers, who were costumed in robes of many tints and styles. Indian warriors of the olden times were again seen riding through this territory, and they were followed by ranks of Dutchmen, Chinamen, Russians, Japanese and numerous other nationalities.

**Prizes Awarded for Decorated Autos.**  
The first prize awarded for the best decorated automobile went to Miss Wilma Sower, whose car was trimmed in pale green and studded with poppies. Miss Bicknell's pupils who were clad in charming little red costumes representing poppies rode with Miss Sower.

Mrs. Edna Boone won the second prize. Her car was known as the rose car and elicited a great deal of admiration as it passed the throngs of spectators.

**Pageant Opens Program.**  
The program was opened by the pageant which was written by Miss Anne Burns, of the High School English department, in honor of the dedication of the American Revolution were to unveil. The performance was a delight to all who were able to see it. Miss Marguerite Scott presided, as Columbia, over the States. Then there were maidens who did unique and graceful dances, which brought forth exclamations from the spectators. The Beauty Dance, which was adapted and designed by Miss Huff, the High School gymnasium teacher, brought forth much favorable comment. The Dance of the Hours prepared by Miss Scott was another that attracted much attention.

At the sound of "Taps" sung by Mr. Arthur Binford, the state militia appeared on the scene. They were to represent "the end of conquest," and the coming of peace and after a shrill, snappy drill they turned with the entire company of performers to honor the flag which slowly rose above them all during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

**Revelation to Spectators.**  
Upon a signal, which was understood by hundreds of little folks in columns, the courthous green was transformed into a rollicking seething mass of children dancing and drilling, all in different groups, representing the industries of Idaho. The "Cow Punchers" delighted the audience in this drill. Another signal sounded and at once the lawn was cleared, and another group in the miscellaneous drills took their places with a decision that showed a thorough understanding of the matter and after a shrill, snappy drill set were the "Poppies" which delighted all who were able to see them. Upon request they repeated their drill in the next set. The Boy Scouts brought forth considerable favorable comment. The Nationalities followed at once and this set was the event of the afternoon. The little Highlanders in their Highland Fling pleased everybody.

**Storm Cuts Mav Pole Dance Short.**  
The May Pole dance was cut short by the storm which broke at 3:25 and the thousands of spectators were sent scurrying for shelter, before the program was completed.

**Teachers Deserve All the Credit.**  
The grade teachers alone designed and planned their own drills. They worked hard and secured the results that pleased everybody in the community. They followed the plans that were given them so carefully that the drills, which were never rehearsed in a mass, were put on all at one time as if it had been done many times in practice.

**Unveiling Program Marred.**  
The Daughters of the American Revolution had made extensive plans for accommodating a large crowd at their unveiling exercises at the cemetery, but the breaking of a severe wind storm prevented all but a small gathering from attending this part of the afternoon program.

**Exercises Very Impressive.**  
The little group that braved the storm gathered at the shelter house where the exercises were held. Mr. E. H. Plowhead was master of ceremonies and after the invocation by

Rev. W. S. Hawkes, State Chaplain of Sons of American Revolution, Miss Lue Adams, Regent of local chapter D. A. R., presented the granite marker to the city of Caldwell in a speech which was very fitting to the occasion. Mayor Fred Boyes in a short address accepted the marker for the city. The address of the afternoon was delivered by Mr. O. M. Van Duyn, who depicted in choice words the life of those who traversed the Old Oregon Trail. He detailed the history of the Trail and paid glowing tribute to the pioneers who have ever since imbued the northwest with a spirit of undying perseverance. This part of the program was closed with the benediction by Rev. Ewing.

**Marker Unveiled by Children.**  
The marker was unveiled by the children of the members of the local chapter D. A. R. While a squad of Boy Scouts stood at attention the flag slowly slipped from the granite seat and revealed the marker which will speak to future generations of our reverence for the pioneer.

A bevy of little children silently passed before the seat, each leaving a small spray of apple blossoms as a silent tribute to those who had passed beyond the horizon where the old trail was lost to view.

**Movies Of All Exercises.**  
A moving picture man was present at all of the exercises of the day. The pictures which he secured will be shown in Caldwell at an early date.

**STATE LAND BRINGS TOP PRICE AT SALE SATURDAY**  
Approximately 4200 Acres of Land Sold at Good Prices.

The sale of state land in Caldwell Saturday was a great success. The bidding was lively. Good prices were obtained. In only one or two instances were tracts sold for as little as the appraised value.

Approximately 4200 acres of land were sold at auction. Prices of \$80,000 and \$83,000 per acre were realized for two tracts. Commissioner George A. Day, who conducted the sale, was greatly pleased with the results obtained. The record at the February sale was \$85.00 per acre.

Only slightly more than half of the lands listed this time were disposed of at this sale. The average price approximately \$25 to \$27. Unlike the other sale there was a conspicuous absence of values in the \$40, \$50 and \$60 classes.

**Held at City Hall.**  
As the courtroom at the county building was in use, permission was secured to hold the sale in the auditorium of the city hall. This change caused a slight delay in starting the sale, the bidding beginning about 10:45. It was after 12:30 before the last tract on the list had been offered.

Attendance at the sale was large, but the crowd dwindled to about 50 spectators and bidders near the close. Bidding was spirited at times and at other times lagged perceptibly.

The tracts which brought the fancy prices are located about three and four miles south of Parma and southwest of Notus.

**STANFIELD PAYS LARGE FORTUNE FOR SHEEP**  
Eastern Oregon Financier Took Over Extensive Holdings of McLeod & Hodgson.

It became known here Saturday that one of the largest realty deals ever pulled off in this section of the state is now being consummated. Robert N. Stanfield, the eastern Oregon sheep king, is taking over the entire holdings of McLeod & Hodgson in Owyhee county. These include 1,260 acres of land, 15,000 head of ewes, 11,000 head of lambs and a leasehold of approximately 1200 acres of land.

Colin McLeod, one of the partners who are making the sale, admitted Saturday afternoon that the contract for this big deal had been signed and that counting of the sheep had just been accomplished. He also stated that Mr. Stanfield was expected to arrive Saturday evening or Monday to consummate the transaction.

**Fortune Involved.**  
Rumor fixed the value of the property which is changing hands at \$185,000. When this was called to Mr. McLeod's attention, he modestly stated that the figure is too large, but declined to give the correct consideration. That it approximates \$150,000 is generally figured out.

**Owyhee Holdings Only.**  
Mr. McLeod corroborated the fact that only the Owyhee holdings of his firm are involved in the transfer.

McLeod and Hodgson retain their ranch lands in Boise county and their 4800 sheep which are grazing thereon. They also own large numbers of cattle and horses in both counties, which are not included.

Harvey G. Morgan died at Boise Tuesday, aged 69 years. Mr. Morgan underwent an operation for gallstones some time ago and never fully recovered. Mr. Morgan was born in New York. He came to Caldwell some years ago and has been engaged in the furniture, furniture repair, and second-hand business. He leaves no relatives in this section. There is thought to be a brother living in the East. The funeral was held from the Jones Undertaking parlors Tuesday. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. G. Cowden.

Katherine Parris has filed suit for divorce against Constantine Parris. The papers were immediately withdrawn. The plaintiff resides at Boise but was represented by Messrs. Jackson & Walters of this city.

J. G. Miller has been appointed road overseer of road district No. 57. Fred Rogers has been appointed overseer in his district. H. B. Pence has resigned as overseer of district No. 4.

## VAN DEUSEN REPORT IS WHITE ELEPHANT FOR COUNTY OFFICERS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASS RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON RESULT OF AUDIT.

Already Investigation Shows that Expert Made Many Serious Mistakes—County Board Does Not Care of Shoulder Responsibility and Passes it Up—Hearing Set for June 5 when Everybody Will have Chance to Express Thoughts on Audit.

The Van Deusen report seems to be a white elephant on the hands of the county commissioners. After months of patient waiting they finally got the report. Now they do not know what to do with it.

Wednesday the board of county commissioners met for the purpose of passing on the report. They decided by resolution not to accept the report at the present time but fixed June 5th as the date when a public hearing will be held. All former county officials will be given an opportunity to express their opinion on the report of the Van Deusen audit.

**Date of Hearing Fixed.**  
In order to pass up the responsibility of accepting the report the board of county commissioners passed the following resolution Wednesday:

"In the matter of the report of Clarence Van Deusen, special auditor of the books and accounts of Canyon county for the years 1907-1914, inclusive, it is ordered that on the 5th day of June, 1916, 10 a. m., at the commissioners' office in Caldwell, be the time and place for consideration of said report, and that the county clerk cause notice to be served, either personally or by registered letter, upon each person, firm or corporation shown by said report as owing money to Canyon county, to appear on or before said date and file objections in writing (if any they have) why said report should not be accepted, or if said report be accepted as correct, to pay to the county treasurer the sum shown by said report to be due and owing to Canyon county."

**Errors in Report.**  
There are a number of grave errors in the report. Former officials who are accused of having failed to account for all money received have been checking up the report since its publication. These officials have found numerous errors. These errors have been pointed out. In fact the errors are so numerous that the board of commissioners do not care to accept the report at the present time.

Objections to the report will be filed by former county officials. These officials will probably present their objections at the public hearings to be held June 5th.

**OVER-IRRIGATION IS MENACE TO IDAHO**  
Adapted from Poster by the Utah Agricultural College.

Over-irrigation is a menace to Idaho because:

1. Smaller crop yields are obtained for each unit of water used.
2. More plant food is taken up by the plant for each pound of crop.
3. The quality of the crops is greatly reduced.
4. Straw is produced at the expense of grain.
5. Plant food is washed out of the soil.
6. Lower-lying lands become water-logged.
7. Other dry lands are cheated of irrigation water.
8. The extension of the irrigated acre is hindered.
9. A wholesome community spirit is lowered wherever water is wastefully used.

Idaho's future depends on the economical use of irrigation water. Idaho's irrigated area can be doubled by the more economical use of the water now taken out by our canals and reservoirs.

**Farmers! Take heed!**  
The Tribune is indebted to Judge J. M. Thompson for the above—it is worthy of being heralded wide and far, being true wherever water is used for irrigation.

Wednesday afternoon occurred the first of a series of parties by Mesdames J. M. Greenfield and W. S. Church. Auction bridge occupied the attention of the guests. Ed Petrey carrying first prize and Mrs. A. I. Myers carrying off the consolation. The invited guests were Mesdames Devers, Andrews, Roddy, Will Church, Blondell, Steinbrooke, Wvckoff, Dorman, Vinning, Botkin, Banks, Roberts, Vanhyning, Ross, Myers, Ruby, Thos. Farrer, Rockwell, Petrey, Bryan, W. A. Stone, Witherspoon, Chas. Baker, Flynn, Zeh, Dyer, Ernest Boone, Shelby and Wilson of Chicago. The decorations were carnations and fleur de lis. The party occurred at the beautiful bungalow of Mrs. J. M. Greenfield on Kimball. A Kensington on May 12 is the next of the series.

Better hurry if you expect to get any of those fine dried peaches that we are selling at 5c per lb.—Flynn's Grocery.

## INTERIOR DEP'T RULES ON NON-RESIDENT WATER RIGHTS

MUST BE RESIDENT WHEN APPLICATION FOR WATER IS MADE AND MUST SHOW CULTIVATION TO GET WATER

A. A. Jones, First Assistant Secretary of Interior, Has Hearing and Hands Down Important Decision—Settlement of Vexed Problem is of Greatest Importance to Local Land Owners under Boise Reclamation Project Common Sense Prevails in Decision.

The following letter from the First Assistant Secretary of the Interior dealing with residence upon lands under government reclamation projects is of local interest. This is the decision of the Department upon the question involved.

The letter from First Assistant Secretary Jones to the Reclamation Commission, dated April 19, holds that private landowners who have filed applications for water rights for lands within a government reclamation project are entitled to water right certificates "upon proof of the cultivation and reclamation of the land to which the certificate applies."

**The Letter in Full.**  
Mr. Jones' letter to the Reclamation Service setting forth the conclusion of the Department is as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter of Dec. 30, 1915, concerning the issuance of a final certificate for water right to Mr. Andrew Carrick, of Portland, Oregon, for 20 acres of land in private ownership in the Tieton unit of the Yakima Reclamation project, Washington.

"The question involved is whether at date of submission of proof as a basis of issuance of final certificate Mr. Carrick must furnish evidence that he is a resident upon the tract of land involved or within the neighborhood thereof. The reclamation act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 388), provided that: "No right to the use of water for land in private ownership shall be sold for a tract exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to any one landowner, and no such sale shall be made to any landowner unless he be an actual bona fide resident on such land, or occupant thereof, and no such right shall permanently attach until all payments therefor are made."

The act further provided that the payment of construction charges in connection with such lands might be made in ten annual instalments. Construing the above-quoted provision of law, the Department held that residence must be maintained upon the land or in the neighborhood, the latter being arbitrarily fixed at 50 miles, until he had completed the payment of construction charges. August 9, 1912 (37 Stat., 265), Congress amended the said reclamation act so as to provide among other things, for the issuance of patents and water-right certificates upon the submission of certain proofs as to residence, reclamation, and cultivation, and of payments of all moneys then due, each patent and water-right certificate so issued to reserve to the United States a prior lien on the land patented or for which a water right is certified. In other words, Congress provided that a homestead entryman, or a private landowner within a reclamation project need not await the completion of payment of all construction charges before securing a patent or a final water-right certificate, but might obtain same at any time after submitting the proof hereinafter indicated, the balance due being secured by a lien in favor of the United States.

Private landowners who have filed applications for water rights for their lands within such a project, and whose applications have been received and filed, are described in the act of August 9, 1912, as 'purchasers of water-right certificates' and the said act entitles them to a final water-right certificate 'upon proof of the cultivation and reclamation of the land to which the certificate applies.'

"Section 1 of the act of August 9, 1912, is as follows: "That any homestead entryman under the Act of June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, known as the reclamation Act, including entrymen on ceded Indian lands, may, at any time after having complied with the provisions of law applicable to such lands as to residence, reclamation, and cultivation, submit proof of such residence, reclamation and cultivation, which proof, if found regular and satisfactory, shall entitle the entryman to a patent, and all purchasers of water-right certificates on reclamation projects shall be entitled to a final water-right certificate upon proof of the cultivation and reclamation of the land to which the certificate applies, to the extent required by the reclamation Act for homestead entrymen: Provided, That no such patent or certificate shall issue until all sums due the United States on account of such land or water right at the time of issuance of patent or certificate have been paid."

"It is therefore evident from a consideration of the two acts cited that the owner of private land within a reclamation project who desires to obtain a water right under the project must be a resident upon the land or in the neighborhood at the time he presents his application for a water right and until said application is entertained and approved by the United States; but that upon such approval and acceptance a sale of a water right to him has been consummated, and that thereafter he occupies the status of one who has completed the purchase of a water right and who is entitled to a final water-right certificate upon the proof specified in the act of August 9, 1912, without being required to show that he is then a resident upon the land or that he lives in the neighborhood.

"The papers pertaining to the application of Mr. Carrick and other papers transmitted therewith are herewith returned, and you will in the future administration of the reclamation laws be governed by the holding herein made.

"Very truly yours,  
"ANDRIEUS A. JONES,  
"First Assistant Secretary."

**NAB ASSISTANT POSTMASTER AT PAYETTE POSTOFFICE**  
Wm. N. Carstens Arrested, Charged With Taking Check from Mail.

William N. Carstens, assistant postmaster at Payette for the last 12 years was arrested Saturday afternoon by postoffice inspectors and charged with taking checks from the mails.

Carstens is alleged to have made a confession of guilt to the authorities. He waived preliminary hearing and gave bond of \$1000 to appear before the federal court at the September term.

The arrest of Carstens came as a shock to Payette people. The young man, who is 28 years of age, was raised in that city and has a wife and one small child there. The bond was signed by his father and father-in-law.

## RURAL HOME SURVEY WILL BE MADE BY UNIVERSITY

CANYON IS FIRST COUNTY IN IDAHO AND THIRD IN UNITED STATES TO BE SURVEYED IN THIS MANNER.

Department of Agriculture and University of Idaho Co-operate—Miss Gertrude McCheyne and Miss Hooper Will Have Charge of Survey of Homes—First Public Meeting will be at Sunny Slope Tuesday May 9th, Afternoon and Evening.

The Agricultural Extension Department of the University of Idaho and the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, have selected Canyon county in which to make a rural home survey. The reasons for the choice are that Canyon county has a well-organized agricultural system, and a county agriculturalist. The community centers are as thoroughly organized as any in the state and therefore this county is chosen as a suitable and representative county in which to carry out the same plan of procedure as was represented in Utah last year by Miss Gertrude McCheyne. Miss McCheyne held Community meetings and also gave home demonstrations for the purpose of securing the adoption of more efficient methods in home management and to gain knowledge by observation of methods already in use.

Miss McCheyne's work established beyond a doubt that in Utah at least there is a big field for helpful, co-operative demonstration work among farm women and because of the remarkably good results obtained, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has decided to give the work a further trial.

The work here is co-operatively under the supervision of the Agricultural Extension Department of the University of Idaho and the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, and Miss Jessie M. Hoover, professor of home economics, U. of I., has been chosen to present these demonstrations and is already in the county perfecting plans for a two months' campaign. The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has realized that the greatest success on the farm can only be attained by having the farm home as convenient and attractive as the town home. The principal objects of the work are, first, to find out if women are contented with present farm conditions, second, to assemble suggestions from the experience of Canyon county women and others that will be helpful to the various communities and individuals; third, to suggest and demonstrate ways and means of lightening household labor in order to give more time for rest and improvement.

Among the plans for procedure Miss Hoover proposes to present such things as are suited to the individual communities as for example, the home-made fireless cooker, and its use; inexpensive labor saving devices; practical methods of preserving vegetables and meats; accurate methods for making jelly; the daily schedule of work; keeping business records for the home; laundry and cleaning suggestions; evening entertainment in the home. She is extremely anxious to have the housewives present their problems in order that all may profit by a mutual exchange of ideas.

County Agent, McCall, of the Agricultural Extension Department of the University of Idaho, is rendering assistance in every way possible. Miss Hoover will be accompanied by Miss Z. Fay Fowler, county superintendent, whenever time and opportunity permits.

The first meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 9th, at Sunny Slope. This is in response to the invitation and interest of the Sunny Slope community. The afternoon meeting will begin at 2:30 and close at 4:30. The evening meeting will be held at eight o'clock and it is hoped that all the families of the community will attend. Both of these meetings will be held at the school house. At the evening meeting County Superintendent Fowler, Miss Hoover, and County Agent, McCall, will speak.

Following the community meeting Miss Hoover and Miss Hoover will visit such homes as are open for demonstrations.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Bible school 10:30 a. m. Morning worship 11:30 a. m. Subject, "Is it Right to Shear Sheep?"  
B. Y. P. U. 7 o'clock, Florence Greer, Pres.  
Evening worship 8 o'clock. Subject "The After-regrets of a Bad Bargain."  
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

F. E. DARK, Minister.  
Miss Wanda Huntzberry entertained the Westminster Guild Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable even spent.  
Miss Goldie Pegram and J. W. Dunning, both of Homedale, were married in this city Wednesday.  
A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Charles F. Casey of Jordan Valley, Ore., and Perthenia Hinkle of Salem, Indiana.  
Mrs. William Lively and daughter, Maud, were in the city from Middleton Wednesday.

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Mrs. G. W. Beam left Tuesday evening for Independence, Kansas. Mrs. Beam has made her home in Caldwell during the past three years.  
Attorney John C. Rice was a business visitor at Boise Tuesday.  
E. Smallwood of Nampa was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

Hon. J. M. Thompson, attorney for the Black Canyon Irrigation district, together with the Board of Directors of the same organization, were in conference with the Reclamation officials in Boise Wednesday. The outlook for the district is very bright just now and it is confidently expected that matters of considerable importance will occur in the near future.

H. E. Wallace left Tuesday evening for Harney, Neb., where he was called by the serious sickness of his mother. Judge Wallace expects to be away a couple of weeks or more or until his mother recovers.

The Parent-Teachers' Circle of the Washington school will meet at the school house, Thursday, May 11, at 3:45 p. m. This is the last meeting of the year. A good attendance is desired.

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