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RECORD COLD WEATHER HERE

Coldest Weather in Thirty Years is Experienced in Many Parts of Inland Empire During Past Week.

Practically the entire Northwest has been suffering for the past week from extreme cold weather. Just where the cold snap came from is left for the weather sharks to figure out, but it got here and proved to have been the coldest recorded in many sections for almost thirty years. The thermometer commenced dropping late last week and on Saturday night reached its lowest level, although the moderation for the next several nights was slight. In fact while Saturday night was the coldest experienced in this section the cold was more intense on Sunday and Monday nights at lower altitudes and at Lewiston and Juliaetta a record of 13 degrees below zero was recorded on Monday night, the lowest temperature recorded there since 1887.

On Saturday night, the mercury dropped to 18 degrees below zero at this place, while at Greencreek 29 below was registered and at the John Arnzen farm on Stock creek, northeast of town, 30 below was the record. At points on the mountain the cold was less intense. On Sunday night 20 below was recorded at the Jack Pennecard place just west of town and similar records were made at several places out on the prairie.

At points on both prairies and at Winchester and Reubens the cold was fully as intense as recorded here, while at points along the Clearwater the mercury dropped lower than it has for years. Fortunately a good blanket of snow covers the prairie country to a depth of from twelve to eighteen inches and fully protects the crops of fall sown grain and the orchards from all damage from the cold. While cellars and water systems are suffering somewhat from the continued cold the damage in this respect has been slight and will occasion but slight regrets.

The cold weather has continued this week and the mercury has fallen below zero every night, which is very unusual in this section. However, the cold wave has been general over the larger part of the United States and we have no complaint to register.

Play Be Given Here

The Keuterville school play, "a Dutch Cock tail," will be given here in the K. C. hall next Tuesday evening. When given at Keuterville recently the play drew a full house and highly pleased all present. Since a decision was reached to present the play in Cottonwood the various characters have been studying their parts almost constantly and the play should be well presented. From all reports it is a very comical production and will no doubt be greeted with a full house.

A progressive 500 card party was given Wednesday evening at the Wm. Ruhoff home in this city in celebration of the seventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ruhoff and the second anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Ruhoff. Guests sufficient to fill five tables were present and the evening was very pleasantly spent at cards, after which delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. John Engel and M. Duolos

were winners of the first prizes. At a late hour those present departed for their homes after wishing the Messrs. and Mesdames Ruhoff many happy returns of the day.

Slaughtering Coyotes

There appears to be a determined campaign for the extinction of that sneaking pest, the coyote, enemy of stockmen, and of recent parties have claimed bounties on 81 of the varmints. Last Friday official defooter Jim Graves shipped the evidences required for bounty of 54 coyotes, 5 bears, 5 lynx and 3 cats. Saturday he received three additional bear and 7 coyotes and the first of the week he received 17 coyote pelts in one bunch from Jack Rooke, 2 from Elk City and 1 from Orogrande. The coyote seems to be the easiest game for the trapper at this season of the year.—Free Press.

In a Prohibition Town

The train stopped in a prohibition town. A man thrust his head out of a window and excitedly called out: "A woman has fainted in here! Has anyone any whiskey?" A man in the crowd reluctantly put his hand to his hip pocket and drew forth a bottle about half full, and handed it up to the man at the open window. To the astonishment of all, the man put the bottle to his lips and drained the contents. Then, as the train pulled out, he called back to the bewildered on-lookers:

"It always did make me nervous to see a woman faint!"

William Coram Passed Away

William Coram, one of Idaho county's oldest pioneers, died at the Imperial hotel in Grangeville Saturday evening from heart failure, aged about 72 years. The deceased had just eaten supper and was walking about the hotel lobby when he complained of feeling ill and walked into the writing room off the lobby and expired before medical assistance could be summoned. The deceased had been a resident of this county for the past thirty years, most of which time he had been engaged in farming. He was a brother of John Coram and was well known and esteemed throughout the central Idaho country. The funeral was held in Grangeville Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. lodge and was quite largely attended.

Man Lost Near Ferdinand

Deputy Sheriff Eller was in town yesterday and went on up to Westlake to look into the reported loss of W. J. McClary. From reports it seems that McClary, who had been cutting wood on the Goodall ranch west of Ferdinand, left his cabin on January 12th with the intention of walking to Ferdinand to get his horses. The man never reached Ferdinand and repeated attempts to locate him have proven unavailing. It was a bitter cold day when he started for town and it is thought he may have become ill and sat down and froze to death. Later snows would have covered the body and the mystery may not be solved until spring. There is no known reason for McClary leaving the country suddenly. The missing man was about 40 years of age and left a quantity of clothing and personal effects at his cabin when he started to Ferdinand.

Atty. W. N. Scales and Joe P. Coyne are in town today from Grangeville.

The Man by the Side of the Road

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self-content;
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran.
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan;
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away in the night;
But still I rejoice when the tearless rejoice
And weep with the strangers that moan;
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by.
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong;
Wise, foolish, but so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend of man.

—Sam Walter Foss.

Buhl Cow Testing Association

The rapid progress of the dairy industry in the Twin Falls country is manifested by the organization of the Buhl Pioneer Cow Testing Association. This association has 26 members with a total of 570 cows enrolled. Of these, there are 47 registered Holsteins, 25 registered Jerseys and the remainder grade Holsteins, Jerseys, Guerneys, Ayrshires and Shorthorns.

In this organization, a trained tester is employed who spends a day every month with each of the herds in the association. He weighs and samples the milk from each cow at milking time and figures the amount of roughage and concentrates given each cow. From this day's record, he computes the milk and fat production and cost of feed for each cow for the current month.

In Denmark where this work originated, the improvement of dairy cattle is very marked due to these associations, the average annual yield of butter per cow having increased from 12 lbs. in 1884, to 224 lbs. in 1908.

There are approximately 200 such associations in the United States and they are gaining rapidly in popularity. Many dairymen who would not go to the trouble of testing their herds themselves, are glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of using the association.

The first month's report of the Buhl Cow Testing Association shows that 45 cows produced 40 lbs. or more of butter fat and the average cost of producing this fat was 14½ cents per pound.

E. V. ELLINGTON,
Professor of Dairying.

W. G. Eubanks, of Winchester, was in the city Tuesday.

E. D. Priest was in town the first of the week from Pullman.

F. M. Bieker, the Ferdinand banker, was a visitor in the city Wednesday evening.

The K. of C. Home Association has decided to continue the dances at their hall until the beginning of Lent and will give public dances on the following dates: Jan. 28th, Feb. 24th and March 3rd.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Re- hashed from Exchanges.

An assignment of the plant of the Lewiston Journal was made this week to John E. Nickerson who will hold the property in trust for the creditors.

Amos Taylor, a well known farmer of the Sweetwater section, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of stealing several head of hogs from T. Wallace, a neighbor.

Turner Bros., of Nezperce, sold 11,000 bushels of wheat Tuesday for an average price of 91 cents a bushel. The lot included bluestem, fortyfold and other varieties.

State Treasurer Eagleson Saturday paid out \$26,000 semi-annual interest on the state's bonded indebtedness, the money being part of the general interest and capitol building sinking funds.

A man at Lewiston giving his name as Lewis Dorsey was committed to the Orofino asylum late last week. He had been in the hospital for several days and had lost his memory almost completely.

Philip Hun, a resident of the Tekean section, was arrested at Kendrick Monday and returned to Lewiston to face a charge of issuing worthless checks. Hun is said to have passed a number of checks of small amount among the Lewiston merchants.

C. W. Felt, the Nezperce merchant who recently closed out the stock of the Felt Merc. Co. at that place, has incorporated a new company with a capital stock of \$40,000 and is laying in a large new stock of goods. The new company is owned by Mr. Felt.

There is said to be more snow in the mountains of the state this winter than for the past number of years and the heavy fall insures abundant water next year for irrigation purposes in the southern part of the state and ample rainfall throughout all parts of the northwest.

The enrollment at the University of Idaho immediately after the Christmas holidays was 799. Last year the enrollment was 658. From the ten northern counties the enrollment is 446 students, while south Idaho furnishes 226. Latah county has 155 students, while 96 come from Nez Perce county.

The Washington State College team at Pullman, with 999 hits out of a possible 1,000, lead in the first of a series of 12 rifle matches just begun by 39 college and university teams throughout the country under the auspices of the National Rifle Association of America. The Michigan aggies came second with 998 and Cornell third with 993.

There were 7699 automobiles licensed in the state last year as compared to 3742 in 1914, showing a marked increase. In 1914 the licenses were paid into the secretary of state. Last year under the changed law they were paid to the counties, the assessors in each county seeing that each machine was licensed. This raised \$121,587, of which the state received one-fourth. In 1914 the state received \$58,579.75. These facts are shown by the records of the state. Corporation taxes paid into that official in 1915 amounted to \$63,196.93, while in 1914 they amounted to \$60,318.11.

A protest signed by 284 farmers and taxpayers of Lewis county resulted in the dismissal of A. E. Wade, who had been employed as county agriculturalist of that county for the past several months. The members of the county board agreed to head a popular subscription list to retain Mr. Wade for the present year but nothing definite has resulted from this movement as yet.

F. C. Holbrook and Al Langdon, of Juliaetta, are sponsors for a new hybrid wheat, which they have named "Holbrook's Hybrid." The propagation of the new hybrid has been in progress for about six years. During the past season the wheat produced 35 bushels an acre, the wheat weighing 64 pounds to the measured bushel. They expect to raise 100 acres of the wheat this year.

School Notes

The Freshmen take their final exams in rhetoric and the Juniors and Seniors in economics next week.

The basket ball teams, both girls and boys, are going to Grangeville Friday for games with our neighbors. They hope to bring back the big end of the score.

The Juniors and Seniors intend taking their play "Mr. Bob" to Ferdinand Jan. 28th. They trust J. B. McDonald will not be arrested for wearing a straw hat when there is four feet of snow on the ground. They have bribed the chief of police to look the other way.

The literary society gave an excellent program last week. Miss Sloneker's reading was exceptionally good. The following officers were elected for the remainder of the term: Barney Seubert, president; George Rice, vice president; Lillie McLoughlin, secretary; Paul Ternaar, sergeant-at-arms. Program committee—Marie Libbey and May Manning. Pianist—Edna McDonald.

Trains Stuck in the Snow

The heavy wind of yesterday filled the railroad cuts between this place and Grangeville with drifted snow and it was impossible for the train to get through to its destination and it laid over here for the night. The freight train, with the snow plow in front, went out onto the prairie last evening but did not get far before becoming wedged in a drift and word was sent back for all of the extra men and shovels in town to come and dig them out. Later the passenger engine went to the relief of the freight but also got stalled down near Fenn. Two engines and a work crew came up this morning from Lewiston and will try to open the line across the prairie today.

Our Roll of Honor

Those who have contributed to the Chronicle campaign fund during the past week, by handing in cash on subscription, are: Joseph Schmidt, Greencreek; J. H. Bieker, Ferdinand; W. W. Brown, Grangeville; H. Uhling, Keuterville; Henry Bosse, J. B. Goeckner, George Downer, W. M. Schiller, Henry Dust, Wm. Carnes, J. L. Eckert (2), D. A. McKinley, Louis Unrecht, Cottonwood.

Frank Rice was in the city Wednesday from Pollock.

T. O. Green, field representative of the Lewiston Tribune, spent several days in our city this week.



The above scene is from "PRINCESS ROMANOFF," the great Fox Feature Film to be shown at the Orpheum on Sunday, January 30th. Matinee and Evening.