

Camas Prairie Chronicle.

VOLUME 25. NUMBER 18.

COTTONWOOD, IDAHO, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1917.

\$1.50 A YEAR.

EXCUSE STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

State Officials and Board of Education Plan to Mobilize Older Students for Farm Work This Spring and Fall.

Twenty-five thousand school children able to do their bit toward intensified crop production will be mobilized in the various schools of the state immediately and during next fall. When called by those in need of assistance, the students will be excused from school and credited with school work as long as they are needed on the farm or in the field. They are to be known under the general classification of "school volunteers" in connection with the "Idaho Increased Production Service" organization.

Governor Alexander, Dr. Sisson, commissioner of education, Miss Ethel E. Redfield, state superintendent of public instruction, O. D. Center, head of the University of Idaho extension department, and Harvey Allred, state director of farm markets, reached an agreement to mobilize the school children in their respective schools instead of attempting to close the schools earlier than usual. The advantage of mobilizing them, instead of closing the schools, is that the children will be available and assembled when needed, whereas, if the schools were closed they would be scattered.

Forms, enlistment cards and instructions will be issued to all schools and county and city superintendents and principals will act as local recruiting officers. Boys and girls old enough will be enlisted and whenever a call comes for work they will be assigned to it. Many of them will work on the farms of their parents but in other instances they will work on other farms. It is hoped by this method to eliminate slackers among boys and girls.

"This will have an immense educational value for the children," said Commissioner Sisson, speaking of the plan. "It will have a far-reaching effect on the schools and education. I look upon the plan as one of the utmost importance. Many boys who have had nothing harder to do than to put on a clean pair of cuffs will find out what work is. It will result in the children assuming responsibility which in itself is an excellent thing."

Cottonwood people are destined to see something particularly good tomorrow evening at the Orpheum. Besides the regular program of motion pictures, some 200 stereopticon views will be shown. These views are the property of Rev. Grant and include scenes taken in Canada, Ireland, England, Africa and India. Rev. Grant will lecture while the pictures are being shown and the program promises to be both highly entertaining and instructive. The motion pictures will be shown first so as to enable as many as possible from the places of business to attend the lecture and see the pictures from foreign lands, which will be particularly interesting at this time. The price of admission will be 25 and 15 cents. Better come and bring your friends.

Jim Triplett and Arthur Williams left last Friday for Montana points to look over that country with a possible view to locating there later.

W. G. Peacock, the Ferdinand auto man, was in town Wednesday and drove home with a new Dodge car secured from the Cottonwood Hardware company.

Steers Average \$115

T. O. Crozier, farmer of the Garden gulch section, yesterday delivered to W. H. Bristol 32 steers that averaged 1,100 pounds each and brought \$115.50 at 10½ cents per pound. The steers are high grade Shorthorns and were raised by W. H. Mitchell at Waha. They were purchased by Mr. Crozier about 60 days ago and were finished on corn and ensilage at the Crozier ranch.

This is one of the finest lots of steers marketed in the Lewiston country this season and will be placed on the Lewiston retail market by Mr. Bristol through his retail stores.

Mr. Crozier is now finishing a carload of hogs at the Garden gulch ranch that will be delivered at Culesac on Tuesday for shipment to Frye & Co. at Seattle. These hogs have been marketed at \$15.25 per hundred.

The last of the 200-acre corn crop grown by Mr. Crozier will be used in finishing the hogs to be marketed Tuesday. The average yield of corn was better than 40 bushels to the acre and the returns secured through feeding to cattle and hogs have been better than \$1 per bushel. This means that Mr. Crozier has secured above \$40 per acre for his summer fallow crop last year.—Tribune.

Grave Creek Road Disappears

Steve Farthing was up Monday from his home in Rocky canyon and informed us that the road down Grave creek has vanished completely from the ken of mortal man and left no trace of its present whereabouts. Furthermore, in leaving it took along all hopes of future rebuilding and left the creek channel fully four feet deeper than before and the bottom of the canyon so torn up that to build a road there again would be an utter impossibility. Fortunately the high water in Rocky canyon went out several days before the Grave creek freshet occurred or the damage to homes in the lower canyon would have been material. At present there is no possible way of getting out of the canyon with a team and rig and a new road will probably have to be built down from some point on the east slope of Moughmer point.

Frank Vansise Called

Frank Vansise, one of the pioneer citizens of central Idaho and a member of the "brave seventeen" who fought their way through a band of 145 Indians near this place during the war of 1877, passed quietly away at his home in Grangeville Sunday afternoon at the age of 69 years. He had not been complaining of feeling ill and his death came as a sudden shock to the community. The deceased came to the prairie in 1871 and has lived here continuously since that time. He took a prominent part in the Indian war of 1877 and while riding with Captain Randall and force to the relief of citizens of Cottonwood their company of seventeen men were attacked in force by the Indians on the prairie just east of town and Captain Randall and two men were killed. Vansise had his horse shot from under him and was rescued by Henry Johnson, the two men riding the latter's horse into town. This fight was one of the outstanding incidents of the war and has been written up in every history of western affairs since that time.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Odd Fellow lodge, of which the deceased was a member, and a large number of friends attended the last rites.

The Kid Enlists

The Kid has gone to the Colors
And we don't know what to say;
The kid we have loved and cuddled
Stepped out for the Flag today.
We thought him a child, a baby
With never a care at all,
But his country called him man-size
And the Kid has heard the call.

He paused to watch the recruiting,
Where fired by the fife and drum,
He bowed his head to Old Glory
And thought that it whispered:
"Come!"

The Kid not being a slacker,
Stood forth with patriot joy
To add his name to the roster
And God, we're proud of the boy!

The Kid has gone to the Colors
It seems but a little while
Since he drilled a school boy army
In a truly martial style.
But now he's a man, a soldier,
And we lend him listening ear,
For his heart is a heart all loyal,
Unscourged by the curse of fear.

His dad, when he told him, shuddered,
His mother—God bless her!—cried;
Yet, blest with a mother nature,
She wept with a mother pride.
But he whose old shoulders straightened

—Was Granddad—for memory ran
To years when he, too, a youngster,
Was changed by the Flag to a man!
—W. M. Herschell in Indianapolis News.

Utilities Commission Here

Senator A. L. Freehafer, Hon. John W. Graham and Hon. Nick Ney, members of the state utilities commission, arrived in the city Monday evening and held an informal inquiry with a number of citizens and the president and manager of the Grangeville Electric Light & Power company regarding a complaint filed with the commission last winter regarding the light and power service here during the months of December and January. The meeting was held in the village council room and after a number of citizens had given testimony regarding the light and power conditions here during the winter months, and which has been a regular winter occurrence ever since the company extended its service to this place, Messrs. Enloe and Simpson, of the company, were called on and explained the difficulties their company has been laboring under and assured the commission that they now have plans well under way for installing a large dam across the Carwater at the power plant during the coming summer and believe this will solve their future winter difficulties, besides providing power development sufficient to take care of new business in this territory for many years to come.

The commission requested the power company to report progress on this contemplated improvement each month until the work is completed, which will be not later than January 1, 1918, and after a few expressions of a better mutual understanding the meeting adjourned.

The members of the commission left Wednesday morning by way of Nezperce for Orofino and thence to the northern part of the state.

The weather report for the month of April, as recorded at the Monastery west of town, is as follows: Maximum temperature, 51 degrees on the 20th; minimum, 21 degrees on the first; total precipitation, 3.60 inches; total snowfall, 17.4 inches. It was unusually cold throughout the month.

Cold Storage Plant Completed

The new cold storage plant recently installed at the local creamery was given a thorough trying out Tuesday, prior to being accepted, and was found to be up to requirements in every respect and is now in complete operation. The building for the cold storage plant was erected by the creamery company and the machinery was installed by the Armstrong Machinery Co. of Spokane, which firm supplies by far the larger number of cold storage plants in the northwest.

The new plant has an egg storage room with a capacity of 600 cases, a butter room capable of holding 40,000 pounds of butter, an ice cream room of 250 gallons capacity, an ice room and a butter and cream room. The egg room will be held at a temperature of 30 degrees, the butter room at 15 degrees and the ice cream room at zero, while the butter and cream room will be kept at about 35 degrees. In addition to the cold storage facilities the plant can also turn out a ton of absolutely pure ice every twenty-four hours and can keep twenty tons of ice constantly on hand for sale and for use at the creamery and in shipping butter and ice cream.

Preparations are now being made to candle and store eggs and it is the intention to purchase and store the larger part of the eggs produced on the two prairies if possible. The creamery is also now Pasteurizing all of its butter, thereby insuring a much finer quality, and on Wednesday shipped 700 pounds of the new product to the Spokane market where it commands a fancy price.

With the cold storage plant in operation and a greater interest being manifested in the dairy industry the creamery promises to continue doing a fine business and will be able within a couple of years to clear itself of indebtedness and be in shape to pay a handsome return annually to its patrons and stockholders.

Mrs. Bryan and children left last week for points in Oregon.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

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

Dairymen at Spokane are now charging eleven cents a quart for milk.

A Japanese cook at Ilo returned last week from his native land and brought along a dainty Jap wife with him.

The big sawmill of the Grant Lumber company near Harrison was destroyed by fire late last week at a loss of \$60,000.

Senator Borah has announced his intention of retiring from public life in 1919 after his present term in the U. S. senate expires.

Hamlet H. Choat, who was shot last week by H. E. McClung near Viola as the result of a quarrel over a line fence, died later from his wound and McClung will now face a charge of murder.

The state highway through the Lapwai valley is now being located and will closely follow the railroad right of way from Culesac to Spalding and the new road will be graded up as high as the railroad grade.

High water in Lapwai creek did considerable damage to other property than the railroad last week and near Sweetwater washed out one man's garden of two acres, stripping the soil from the rocks as clean as a swept floor.

Drs. Carrows, Alley, Johnson and Braddock last week purchased the old Methodist church property in Lewiston and will fit it up for their work. A full set of offices suitable for their work will be arranged and the building when completed will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Plans of Portland men to place a fleet of power boats on the Columbia and Snake rivers have been submitted to the Lewiston commercial club by Wallace R. Struble, formerly of that place. It is believed the steamers will develop a large freight and passenger business after getting in operation.

All grain records for the central Idaho country were smashed last Friday at Lewiston when W. E. Chapman sold 26,500 bushels of wheat of various kinds to the M. H. Houser company of Portland at a price of \$2.51 a bushel for the entire lot, receiving for the same a check of \$66,515. Mr. Chapman still retains about 10,000 bushels for seed and other purposes.

C. W. Green, an independent grain buyer in the Lewiston country, topped the market again Monday when he paid \$2.54 a bushel for 18,000 bushels of choice forty-fold milling wheat in the warehouse at Palouse City. Mr. Green topped the market the first time several months ago when he paid \$2 a bushel for a lot of grain at Lewiston, later selling this grain for \$2.32 and clearing around \$9,000 on the deal.

Mrs. William Brown, a resident of the Webb section, died at the hospital in Lewiston late last week from injuries received in a runaway accident at their farm. Mrs. Brown was holding the team at the barn while her husband was unloading feed and one of the horses slipped its bridle. When the team was started it ran away and in trying to jump from the rig Mrs. Brown fell

with the back of her head against a rock and suffered a fracture of the skull. She was brought to the hospital that night but died a few hours later.

Freng Receives Life Sentence

Jewell Freng, the young man who shot and killed Lester Gifford in a drug store at Lewiston last December, was tried at that place last week and on Tuesday afternoon, after considering the evidence for scarcely more than an hour, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation of imprisonment for life. Freng is not yet eighteen years of age and mental irresponsibility was strongly contended in his defense. He had been working for Gifford in harvest and was injured while thus employed and was in the hospital for several weeks. Later he accosted Gifford in the street in Lewiston and asked him to settle for his injury and doctor bill. Drawing a revolver he forced Gifford into a drug store and made him write a check. While thus engaged an officer appeared on the scene and Freng at once commenced shooting, killing Gifford and narrowly missing the druggist. Later a sister of Freng died in Spokane from nervous break down due to the shooting and another sister is now seriously ill. The prosecution claimed Freng was in full possession of his mental faculties and had apparently planned the shooting in advance. Dr. Givens, of the Orofino asylum, offered expert testimony to the effect that Freng was not insane.

Ben Nacke had the misfortune Wednesday evening while working at the Cottonwood flour mill to get caught beneath a truck load of flour that overturned and suffered the fracture of the small bone in one leg just above the ankle. Dr. Orr was called and reduced the fracture and the patient will be out and around again in due course of time.

The E. J. Terhaar home in this city was made enthusiastically happy Wednesday when a bouncing baby boy came there to make his permanent home. In time past four little girls had claimed a residence with Mr. and Mrs. Terhaar and they had almost come to the conclusion that the boys were passing their home up, but Wednesday's visitor proved the contrary and all is perfect happiness around that domicile.

The sale yesterday at the Huff farm east of town drew a fairly large crowd but property did not bring very fancy prices and the sale only totaled about \$1600. Mrs. Huff intends leaving soon for Brady, Mont., near where she recently purchased 480 acres of unimproved land for \$22.50 an acre. She intends improving the land and planting it as rapidly as it can be brought under cultivation and hopes to see the land double in value within a few years. Martin Huff will also move his harness store to that state and will locate in some town near his mother's farm.

Frank Forsmann recently purchased a Moline farm tractor from the Farmers Union Warehouse company and will use it in operating his farm south of town. Manager Downer also reports the sale of twenty gang plows so far this season.

J. V. Baker and Son shipped a car of potatoes last week to Springfield, Ill., and a car this week to Walla Walla. This firm will ship the Maris potato crop, consisting of two car loads, to Walla Walla next week. The latter shipment has been purchased for seed purposes and brought an extra fancy price.