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A FAIR ASSURED.

There were not a great many persons present at the meeting held in Odd Fellows hall Saturday afternoon to take up, discuss and reach some concrete plan for holding a district fair in Oroville next fall, but every individual present was in serious earnest, they represented neighboring precincts, or organized bodies, and by their marked interest in the proceedings gave evidence that they were in hearty accord with the proposition. It is safe to say that out of that meeting has started a movement that will not only lead up to a cracking good fair next fall, but it was the initiative step toward a permanent organization to stand behind a repetition of the fair from year to year.

Thos. O'Neill was selected as the chairman of the meeting, and J. A. Blackler, secretary. Mr. O'Neill, who has a marvelous faculty for awakening co-operative spirit among farmers and townsmen, succinctly and forcefully explained the purpose of the meeting, and dwelt upon the great benefits to the county, outside as well as within the town limits, that would flow out of a district fair. He called for expressions of opinion from those present. A number responded, and every response was a strong endorsement of the proposition as presented by the chairman.

In order to reach definite action, and expedite organization, C. W. Smith presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

Resolved, that the chairman appoint an executive committee representing the various departments of the fair. This committee to determine the method of organization, draw up a constitution and by-laws, prepare a program for the fair, suggest permanent officers and have the power to call a meeting at which the permanent organization shall be effected. The committee to have the power to increase membership and call in advisors. In compliance with this resolution, the chairman appointed the following gentlemen as heads of the several departments:

W. Smith, general supervisor.
C. Fisher, mining.
A. McGinty and George Whistler, horticulture.
McCammon, floriculture.
S. Rice, poultry.
E. I. Cole, cattle.
John Woodard, horses.
J. Wickersham, racing.
John Peterson, seed.
Geo. W. London, M. K. Bowen, Geo. Hurley and Wm. Cornedy, agriculture.
N. O'Neill, machinery.
Mrs. A. E. McMahan, Mrs. Amelia Rutz, Mrs. C. C. Hedger and Mrs. W. Bond, domestic science.
V. Leonard Davis, sports and athletics.
H. Felmeijer and F. B. Nance, school children.
Chas. S. Lewis, swine.
Dr. Conkle, sheep.
The meeting adjourned subject to a call from the committee.

MASQUERADE BALL.

It may have been simply an oversight on the part of the band boys last week, but this office was not put along with the fact that the band was to give a mask ball on the evening of Patrick's day, Friday, March 17, and not being a mind reader the committee failed to secure mention in last week's issue. This is a pretty good hour to give the masquerade publicity through the columns of the press and the announcement may reach some who are not aware of the big bunch of a store for the public this evening. The mask ball will take place at the Orpheum, and as social affairs of this character are always an attraction to the active participants and the passive lookers-on a very large crowd is to be expected. As the dance is given for the benefit of the band every citizen of the town should contribute his share toward the good cause.

The county has secured the services of a competent horticultural inspector in the person of Stanley J. Nagley, whose headquarters are at Okanogan, and whose duty it will be to keep an eye on the orchards of that part of the county north of the county seat and report to all calls for his services. Mr. Nagley was in Oroville Tuesday in the line of his duty and while here inspected a number of fruit trees in the vicinity. Taking into consideration the steadily increasing importance of the orchard industry of this county, an inspector becomes absolutely necessary to guard against the various pests that the orchardist has to contend against. Mr. Nagley goes on the job highly recommended and through his vigilance, with the cooperation of orchardists, the county should be well protected against the villainous insects that make trouble for fruit growers.

TO OKANOGAN COUNTY STOCKMEN

Every man in Okanogan county who breeds and sells cattle or horses, regardless of how small the number, is cordially invited to meet in Okanogan, Thursday, April 6, for the purpose of organizing a County Live Stock Association.

This meeting was originally scheduled for January 14, but owing to the severe weather conditions was postponed until such time as the roads became passable.

There are nine cattle and horse associations in Okanogan county, comprising of men who use the Okanogan and Colville national forest ranges. In addition to these there are scores of men who use other ranges who have to be present at this great gathering and assist in launching the largest county stock organization ever known in the Pacific Northwest.

Some of the most practical and best posted men on breeding, handling, buying, selling, diseases and treatment of livestock in Oregon and Washington are expected to be present and address the assemblage.

You should arrange to come on the 5th (Good Roads Day) as the meeting will begin early on the morning of the 6th and last all day.

Bring your wife. If you haven't a wife, bring your friend's wife sister. You'll be sorry if you don't as on the night of the 5th there is going to be the biggest and best dance ever pulled off in Okanogan.

The Civic League of Okanogan is also preparing to handsomely entertain all visiting ladies.

On the evening of the 6th a combined good roads, stockmen and irrigation smoker begins at 7:30 prompt. This entertainment will be featured by gridiron stunts, special music, etc. After the smoker the Commercial club of Okanogan will tender the visitors a lunch (a la cafeteria) consisting of waffles, sandwiches, pickles, cheese, coffee, Okanogan apples, cider, etc., etc.

Every stockman in the county should be present at this meeting, as it will be the greatest day in the live stock history of the county.

L. E. McDANIELS,
J. A. HUGHES.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Minutes of the meeting of the town council of Oroville, Wash. March 13, 1916.

Present, Mayor Samson, Councilmen Beale, Smith and Bartell.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as read.

Mr. Hamisch appeared before the council asking permission to construct an approach to his warehouse across the sidewalk in front of his place on Lot No. 6, Block No. 55, on his motion the permission was granted.

W. J. Hoskyn then asked permission to cut out a piece of the curb at the rear door of his garage on Lot No. 5, Block No. 30, for the purpose of making an approach across the sidewalk. After some discussion motion was made and carried that permission be granted to build an approach over the curb and none of the curb be cut out on account of drainage.

Frank Bartell then asked that the water main be extended to his property on Lot No. 7, Block No. 55, agreeing to pay water rent in advance to the amount of the cost of such extension. On motion the request was granted and the main ordered laid.

A petition of E. N. Grubb asking for permission to lay a sewer pipe along certain streets and alleys from his hotel to the river was read and after some changes, motion was made by Councilman Beale, seconded by Councilman Bartell that the permission be granted. Motion carried.

Dr. House asked that another street light be placed on Fourth street, between Sutton and Radbourn streets. On motion this matter was referred to the light committee.

At the request of the mayor the council was asked to meet Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of looking over the streets in view of repairing places that need it.

The clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Devon that the drinking fountain would be turned on soon and for him to take the necessary steps to prevent the overflow from same from running on his property as it did last year, resulting in the shutting off of the water.

A price of ten dollars was placed on the sale of the old fire bell at the request of the school board who wish to purchase one of them.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid: W. Allen, labor on water works, \$26.27; F. J. Ryan, removing dead horse, 2.00; John Payne, blacksmithing, 2.25. On motion council adjourned.

E. R. HOOSE, Clerk.

The Civic League will serve supper in the library building for the masquerade dance that takes place this evening.

A SCHOOL TO BE PROUD OF.

One of the most useful and beneficial features of the high school curriculum is to be found in the domestic science room. The Oroville high school is very completely equipped in this department, as the trustees recognized its great importance and spared no expense in fitting up and furnishing a large, well-lighted and conveniently located room in the building for this special purpose. The board was also fortunate in securing the present presiding genius of this branch of instruction in the person of the teacher, Miss Pauline Davis, who is eminently fitted by training to impart that useful knowledge that enters into and is a part of the economy of every household presided over by fair woman. In the very nature of such a department provision can be made for only a limited number of pupils, and to the credit of the young womanhood of the high school it can be said that the class has always been filled to its capacity. Moreover, those who have taken instructions under Miss Davis have profited thereby, and bid fair to become famous artists in preparing those eatables that enter into family consumption. Aside from the drudgery of the kitchen these students are taught, and are apt scholars in the gracious art of entertaining. And we know whereof we speak.

Recently luncheons prepared by the domestic science class have been served to invited guests, two of the young lady members of the class acting as hostesses on each occasion. This is practical instruction in preparing, serving and entertaining, which rounds out the household duties that some day will develop upon these young ladies. On the occasion when we had the pleasure of partaking of the viands prepared by this class in cookery the table was laid in the gymnasium, and was very tastefully decorated and arranged. A dozen guests sat down to the meal. Miss Dora Cole and Miss Elizabeth Murray were the hostesses, and they performed their part with ease, grace and dignity. Miss Loraine Bartell and Miss Pauline Bair served the guests, and the most perfectly drilled maids could have done no better. The luncheon was simply delicious and the service and quality could not have been improved upon. As an insight to the capability of the young cooks and entertainers, and the efficiency of the institution in instructing beyond book knowledge, the experience was a pleasant revelation, and strengthened, if that were possible, our pride and interest in the Oroville public school.

T. B. Homes, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, spent several days in Oroville during the past week, and as a result of his visit 160 acres under the new ditch will be broken out and put into alfalfa, and that will help some toward placing erstwhile barren valley lands in a state of productiveness. Mr. Holmes is interested with others in what is known as the Birkholtz tracts, embracing some 400 acres, located a few miles south of Oroville, all under the irrigation system and as choice land as any in the valley. It is the purpose to put alternate 40 acre tracts in alfalfa at this time, and eventually cultivate the entire tract. J. A. Blackler will have the agency for this large acreage.

Mrs. Helen Dunlap, wife of Thomas Dunlap, one of the early settlers of the Chesaw neighborhood, died at St. Joseph's hospital last Wednesday night. Mrs. Dunlap was afflicted with dropsy, and was brought to Oroville Tuesday evening of last week. She stood the trip well, and Wednesday seemed better than she had been for some weeks. Wednesday evening as the nurse was with her and had responded to some request made by the patient, the sick woman turned upon her side and suddenly passed away. The remains were taken in charge by Undertaken Barnes, prepared for burial and shipped to Chesaw, where the funeral took place Saturday. The deceased was aged 61 years, 11 months and 6 days. A husband and five children are left to mourn her loss.

Joe Hunter, that old time Civil war veteran who has been spending the winter at Nighthawk, had his hand almost pumped off by his old friends around town Thursday. Joe is a great joshier. He recently received a handsome badge from Washington, an insignia of membership in the National Defense league. In the days that tried men's souls Mr. Hunter was a member of the celebrated New York fire zooms, and was with that organization at the battle of Bull Run, when the northern boys took the wrong end of the decision. Joe says that the badge was presented to him for the speed he displayed putting distance behind him seeking peace and comfort as far away from the Bull Run battlefield as it was possible for him to get in the limited time he had to use his legs.

AN ACTUALITY.

The installation of an irrigation system in the northern part of the Okanogan valley is no longer a promise, it is a reality. The ditches and flumes are so near completion at this writing that water can and will be turned on in ample time to supply the necessary moisture for this year's crop. The realization of this great undertaking, after years of heart breaking delays, is a matter of congratulation. The turning on of water will mark the dawn of a new era for northern Okanogan county. All that is hoped for from this great expenditure of time, energy and money may not be attained as it were in the twinkling of an eye, but the happy transformation will come as surely as the evolution of time. Already the attention of many desirous of securing homes under favorable conditions has been attracted to this locality, and knowledge of opportunities here presented will gradually be extended until all who can be accommodated will find their way to this district. The process of filling up and improving the vacant lands under the ditch may be slow at first, as was natural to be expected, but that process will continue without halt or intermission until the valley is thickly settled with a prosperous and contented population, and intensive cultivation force the land to the highest state of productiveness. This has come about in other irrigation districts far less favorably located, far less fertile than the one covering the choicest portions of the Okanogan valley.

This may be looked upon as an optimistic view of the situation, yet when the settlement and development of other irrigation districts are taken into consideration this prediction is based upon logical deductions. Rarely has irrigation been introduced in a country holding out greater inducements to the homeseeker than right here in the Okanogan valley, where the combination of cheap land, responsive soil, climate, accessibility, transportation, religious and educational facilities and delightful topographical surroundings cannot be surpassed.

During the late rigorous winter the cold was less severe and the snowfall far lighter within the territory embraced in the West Okanogan Valley Irrigation district than any other part of the northwest, or the entire country for that matter. As to climatic advantages this test answers all arguments. The fertility of the soil, stimulated by water, has been demonstrated beyond all possibility of a doubt. Under irrigation there is not a more productive land under the sun. Transportation is provided by railroads east, west and south, and the presence of the railroads answers the question of accessibility. At Tonasket, at the south end of the district, and at Oroville, in the very midst of this wondrous land of plenty, will be found the features pertaining to religious, educational and social advantages. As to attractiveness of topographical surroundings, with its lake, and rivers, and mountains, and lovely stretch of valley there is nothing on the map of Washington that can excel this particular spot.

These are the attractions held out to the man who seeks a home in this comparatively new country, a country that presents promise of betterment for every man willing to put his shoulder to the wheel and take from nature that reward that comes to honest and intelligent effort. Under an azure sky, in a climate where the heat of summer is tempered by nights of rejuvenating coolness; where the frosts of winter are no more severe than to stimulate the blood; where you scratch the earth with a plow and the soil responds with a wealth of fruitage; where the combination of sunshine and water insures a never failing crop; where you can worship along the religious lines your conscience dictates; where your children can have the advantages of excellent educational facilities; where railroad systems place you in touch with the markets of the country; where you can come in contact and associate with order and peace loving many men and women; where the chances of success in every avenue of life are manifold, dependent alone on your own energy and initiative, the West Okanogan Valley Irrigation district holds out attractions that should appeal to the worthy home seeker and which cannot be surpassed anywhere in this broad land.

TURN OUT, FARMERS!

C. W. Heideman, seed specialist and inspector, will lecture in Oroville, at Odd Fellows hall on Saturday, March 18th at 2 p. m. All land owners should be interested in what he has to say on seed production and its returns. Everybody invited.

North Okanogan Seed Growers Assn. The basket ball team gave a reception at the school house Wednesday evening to Prof. Leonard Davis who has acted as coach and manager of the team during the season.

WILL DO EXTENSIVE WORK.

Walter Bush, Baron Herr Bresch and his son Phil DeBresch, of St. Louis, arrived in Oroville Thursday last, and Saturday continued on to the Golden Zone mine, a property in which they are heavily interested and where they will spend the summer. Pushing and energetic gentlemen are they, and their presence here is for the purpose of finally demonstrating the true value of the Golden Zone. It is their intention to let a contract for 900 feet of tunnel work, and that extent of development should thoroughly open up the property. The Golden Zone is one of the old time holdings on the north slope of Mount Chopaka, and much exploration work has been carried on in past years. The property is equipped with modern machinery and a treatment plant. Some excellent ore has been encountered in the underground prospecting so far carried on, and it is the firm opinion of disinterested mining men who have seen the claims, that the Zone is one of the best prospective mines in the upper country. The property is situated very conveniently for transportation, being only a short distance from the railroad. Before the close of 1916 the Zone should be a steady producer, and should that fortunate end be reached it would give mining a great impetus in this upper country.

RURAL ROUTE NO. 2.

H. H. Granger and E. Truax, who are very much interested in the establishment of rural free delivery route No. 2, which extends from Oroville to Ellisforde, the mail carrier going down the river on the west side, crossing at the Ellisforde orchards, and returning to Oroville on the east side of the river have been exerting themselves this week to secure the required number of patrons, which is fixed by the department at 75, and one of the means taken to reach those interested, or who should be interested, is the mailing of postal cards to all those living in touch with the proposed route. It is necessary that those desirous of taking advantage of this convenience, act promptly. Boxes should be secured and put in place as near the first of April as possible, as the postmaster is required to report to the department by the 22nd of April that all requirements have been complied with. People living within a mile and a half of the route are eligible to receive mail by that service. Every resident of the valley and foothills within reach of this service should be sufficiently interested to act promptly, and by promptness make the establishment of the route possible.

PIANO RECITAL.

Mrs. C. C. Hedge's musical class will give a piano recital in the library building next Thursday evening, March 23. There will be no charge for admittance and everybody is invited to attend. The following is the program:

- (Part One)
- Scarf Dance.....Chaminade
 - Hazel Mallory
 - On, On Away.....Oliver Leliberre
 - Carrie Smith and Ruth McCammon
 - Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground.....Henry Weber
 - Charles Peterson
 - (1)-Pedal Study.....Pearls
 - (2)-Turkish March.....E. L. Morey
 - Slyll McCammon
 - (1)-Les Sylphes.....G. Bachmann
 - (2)-Narcissus.....Elliott Nevinn
 - Corinne Smith and Pauline Schlassberger
 - Intermission
 - (Part Two)
 - (1)-Matushka (Polish Dance).....Elliott
 - (2)-Humoresque.....Anton Dvorak
 - Corinne Smith
 - Frolle in the Woods.....Raoul Gabriel
 - Maybelle Johnston
 - Success Mazurka.....Bachmann
 - Ruth McCammon
 - (1)-Menuet.....J. Paderewski
 - (2)-Glistering Pearls.....H. Englemann
 - Pauline Schlassberger
 - 10-Away to the Woods.....E. L. Morey
 - Corinne Smith, Hazel Mallory and Pauline Schlassberger

A BRACE OF ACCIDENTS.

Sunday afternoon as Miss Margaret Clark, teacher of the Chopaka school, was exploring one of the lesser canyons on the north slope of Mount Chopaka with a lady companion, she was caught in a snow and rock slide, sustaining severe injuries. Dr. Lewis was called and on examination found that the young lady's right arm was broken in two places, near the elbow and at the wrist. The fractures were reduced and the sufferer made as comfortable as possible. Tuesday Miss Clark came to Oroville to remain for a few days under treatment.

Sunday afternoon while scouring the hills a short distance southwest of Oroville, in company with several companions Elliott, the sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hancock, fell off a cliff a distance of some 25 feet, sustaining a fracture of the skull. He was treated at his home by Dr. Eifer, until Wednesday afternoon, when the lad was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where he could receive careful nursing and attention. He has never regained consciousness up to the time of writing, and is in a very serious condition, although his physician is hopeful of an ultimate recovery. It is not known exactly how the accident occurred, as none of his companions saw young Hancock fall, but it is supposed that he stepped too near the edge of the cliff and the soft ground giving way he was precipitated upon the rocks below.

In conformity with other banks in the state the local bank is discounting Canadian money 1 per cent. To those of us having no money this will cut no ice, to the blessed, it may make quite a difference.

GOOD ROADS MEETING.

The East and West Okanogan Valley Good Roads' association will hold a public meeting in the library building next Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, when the problem of an equitable distribution of road monies for this immediate part of the county will be taken up, considered and solved, so far as practicable. This good roads movement is something that everybody is, or should be, interested in, whether a resident of the town or country, and all who can possibly spare the time should be present at the meeting. The county commissioners are willing that the residents of the various districts have a voice in the distribution and application of road money raised in that particular district, and those localities that are passive or indifferent, will find themselves left out in the cold. It hardly seems necessary to urge people to take an interest in a movement of such great importance. The mere announcement of the time and place of a meeting for such a purpose as considering good roads should be sufficient to insure the presence of a large crowd.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

A call has been issued for a general public meeting of all those who are interested in irrigation to be held at Okanogan on April 7th.

The subject of irrigation is of vital interest to Okanogan county, and to every man living within or having interests in the county.

Today Okanogan county is more talked of than any other single section of the state. In its present condition it is often referred to as the "brightest spot" in the state, and its future prospects are most promising.

Of all the resources of Okanogan county none possess greater possibilities than those of irrigation. The reclamation of the arid lands of the state and county present the best and surest means for an increase of population and wealth. The splendid development in the Methow country and under the government project on the lower Okanogan are but illustrations of what will take place in other sections of the county when the arid lands are put under irrigation. If the people of Okanogan county become aroused and fully understand what a complete development of the irrigation resources of the county will mean in the way of increased population and the consequent increase in wealth the first step toward development will have been taken. The last few years has taught us much in the way of a safe and sane development of irrigation projects. The continued welfare of the actual user of the land must be the prime object of all development work. Okanogan county is now carrying a heavy debt. A speedy and complete use of all lands possible to irrigate will be a sure means of so increasing the wealth of the county that a clear ledger and a low tax rate will be one of the many benefits to be received. It is hoped that every county official will take an interest in this meeting and study the suggestions offered, and analyze the plans outlined.

INDICATED.

Some time ago the Gazette contained an item that did an injustice to a worthy and unoffending gentleman, based on misrepresentations reaching this office. The incident was the visit of Deputy Game Warden Blorton, of British Columbia, who was here, as he alleged, to arrest H. Murk, a former resident of Pentton, on a charge of violating the British game laws. It has just developed that this was a trumped up charge, made to annoy and humiliate the victim, Mr. Murk. He had the case before Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney general of the province of British Columbia, and recently received the following letter from that official:

Victoria, B. C. 24th of February, 1916.
Mr. H. Murk, Oroville, Washington.
Dear Sir: I have received your communication of the 12th of January in connection with Deputy Game Warden Blorton.

This man's actions have been so unsatisfactory of late that we have decided to discontinue his services at the end of March.

Yours truly,
W. J. BOWSER,
Attorney General.

Mr. Murk went to Canada when a child and lived there for 35 years. He has much property in the province, and was highly respected and esteemed by his neighbors and fellow townsmen. At the breaking out of the war he was subject to some annoyance from irresponsible persons on account of his nativity, and came across the line where he could live in peace. He has been urged time and again by some of the best citizens of his home town to return. Since coming to Oroville he has lived a quiet, retired life, and has made such a favorable impression upon our people that those who know him trust that he may decide to make Oroville his permanent home.

BENEFIT BAZAAR.

Plans are on foot for holding a bazaar in the Orpheum on Monday and Tuesday after Easter for the benefit of St. Joseph's hospital. All denominations and the citizens generally will unite to make the bazaar a universal expression of the good will of the community. The hospital is a very important institution for the town, owing to doing so much charity work the institution has not been profitable, and any aid that can be extended by the public will be of great assistance to the worthy managers. The bazaar should be a big one, and the people of the town and surrounding country should patronize it liberally.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO ENTERTAIN.

The entertainment committee of the Commercial Club is arranging a public entertainment that is to be given at the Orpheum theater Friday evening, March 24. The program will be made up of vocal and instrumental music, and various stunts interesting and entertaining. Everybody stands invited and all who can do so should be present. More particulars will be given in the next issue.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Preaching morning and evening. Morning services at 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "Preparedness." Evening service at 7:30, subject of sermon, "Shall We Know Each other in Heaven?" Sunday school at 9 o'clock. We are not too young or not too old to belong to our Sunday school. The adult bible class with Mr. Judson Murray as teacher will more than interest you. It will positively help you. Why not attend our school and learn from the Book of Books? The choir practice will be held in the church at 8 o'clock on Friday evening. We give you a warm friendly invitation to come and enjoy all our services.
A. W. BOND, Pastor.