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Patronize Your Home Merchants. Ontario Goods for Ontario and the People of Malheur County.

Local News.

Be honest with all your fellow-men.

Wills-Duffy Co. for all kinds of drugs.

Tuesday was the longest day of the year.

Born—In Hailey, Ida., to the wife of Wm. Newman, a daughter.

Baseball next Sunday. Ontario vs. Weiser. Game called at 3:30.

For Sale—5-horse power gasoline engine; \$200. Inquire at Argus office.

Attorney C. McGonagill was at Payette last Monday on legal business.

W. A. Tureman was in the city Tuesday. Billy delivered his cattle at Huntington this season.

Rev. G. W. Morrison will preach at the Boulevard school house next Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock.

All Rebekahs are kindly requested to be present at the regular meeting night, July 7. By order of Noble Grand. Myrtle Greer, secretary.

The Argus received 39 new subscribers the last 10 days. That is going some, and shows conclusively that a fearless, newsy paper is always in demand.

Miss Eva Vanderhoof is home from Boise, where she attended St. Teresa's Academy for the past nine months. All George has to do these hot days is to give Eva a good time.

Strayed or Stolen—Buckskin horse, 12 years old, had on leather halter with about 20 feet of rope, branded N G on left stifle. Reward of \$10 if returned to D. B. Tuttle, Ontario, Ore.

There will be preaching service at the United Presbyterian hall on Saturday at 3 o'clock. At the service on Sabbath morning the topic will be "Broken for You." In the evening at 8:30, "Hast Thou Not Known?"

Preaching services at the Congregational church next Sunday at 11:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. A business meeting of all interested in the church will be held at the church at 8:30 Monday evening, June 28. Rev. W. S. Young, M. A., pastor.

To the Editor—Please say to the good people of Ontario that words fail to express our deep gratitude for their kindness in our late sad bereavement. Also to Ontario papers for their kind words of our unfortunate boy, J. G. Staples and family.

Attorney McGonagill was at Mosquito on Saturday to attend the meeting of the land owners on the flat and assisted in preaching the funeral services of the High Line Ditch. He says it is government irrigation to a man on Dead Ox Flat.

James Paul, the jolly sheepman of Smith, Harney county, is in the city. Jim came to Ontario for medical treatment, and tells us that his hearing has been impaired for some time past, and says when one can't hear his wife order the wood brought into the kitchen, it was time to see Dr. Prinzing. But Jim has only been married a few months, and a year from now it will be to him with the wood.

Cattle Shipments.

The spring cattle shipment from Ontario is not yet completed and promises to exceed any spring cattle shipment ever before made from the greatest stock shipping point in Oregon, by over 100 cars. Nearly 600 cars have already been shipped and it is estimated that the total shipment will reach 800 cars, as compared with 685 cars in 1906, 560 in 1907, and 600 in 1908, the previous banner shipping years. The previous spring shipments have averaged about 20,000 head. Train loads are being shipped both east and west daily. Parsons & Hanley are the principal shippers from this point, shipping to the eastern market and Montana.

Frye-Fiser.

Married—In Vale, Thursday, June 17, 1909, L. B. Frye to Miss Emma Fiser, both of Ontario.

The groom is the popular telegraph operator at the Short Line depot, and is highly respected in the community.

The bride is an accomplished young lady and the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Fiser.

The many friends of the happy couple extend best wishes and a happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Frye have left for the East to spend their honeymoon.

Landed Two Winners.

The Argus received a letter from W. G. Jenkins, last week, from Victoria, B. C., who is on the circuit with his race horses. "Jenk" made his first winning on June 14, and was paid in Dominion greenbacks, and it took two gunny sacks to carry the elegant stuff home. Roalta, one of Mr. Jenkins' promising colts, broke the world's record for a half mile at Victoria on June 16. He tells us to send the Argus to him and wishes to be remembered to all inquiring friends.

Keep Boosting.

Whether you talk with your neighbor or stranger at home or abroad, riding or walking, always have a good word for your town. Speak of the beautiful homes, the nice streets, the excellency of the surrounding country and intelligence and enterprise of your neighbors. Stand by your town through thick and thin as you would stand by your best friend in times of distress and you will find it prosperous and thriving as never before.

Bring Fancy Prices.

John F. Weaver this week purchased the J. S. Jones ranch, just west of Ontario, consisting of 140 acres. The price paid was \$21,000.

Tom Seaward of Ontario this week closed the deal whereby he became the owner of the Reece ranch, near Nyssa, 160 acres. Consideration \$25,000. The farm is considered to be one of the best in Malheur county.

Good Roads.

The prosperity of our country depends so largely on the prosperity of our farmers, that everything possible should be done to render life in the rural districts agreeable as well as profitable, and nothing could conduce more to the comfort and happiness of our people than the improvement of our roads.

Cheap Slam to Ontario.

Bell Telephone Co. Disrupts Their Service in This City by Consolidating Three Exchanges.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co. has placed the Ontario, Payette and Nyssa exchanges under one management, with headquarters at Payette. Hereafter all Ontario toll calls will be given to the Payette office. No "trouble man" will be stationed here, and when the wires are disabled, a man will come over from Payette to repair the same. The collections will be made by the Payette manager, and take it all in all, is a cheap slam to Ontario. C. J. Sinsel, general manager of the Independent Telephone Co., was in Ontario last Saturday, and the Argus is informed will ask the city council for a franchise to establish a service here. All in Ontario should assist him in every way possible.

Ontario is now paying \$3.50 per month for business phones and \$1.50 for residence, and the rate is much cheaper in Payette.

Let the Ontario Commercial Club call a meeting to discuss this unfavorable action toward Ontario, and then all stand shoulder to shoulder and remove every Bell telephone from the business houses and residences.

Oil Land Withdrawn.

Secretary Ballinger has consented again to withdraw the oil lands in Malheur county, Or., which, having been withdrawn by Roosevelt, were restored to entry a week ago by Ballinger. They will be held pending legislation to authorize their withdrawal in all such cases.

Senator Bourne procured this action and also introduced a bill pursuant to this plan. He will later offer amendments to provide a two per cent tax on the output of oil lands and to prevent anyone operating such lands, from selling to a trust or co-operating with one.

The lands are north of Ontario and Vale, being all vacant lands in three townships of 64,000 acres.

Ballinger's action was induced by telegrams Bourne had from F. Basche of Baker City and M. F. Davis of Union, which alleged the lands were producing oil already.

Sell-Floto Circus.

Sells-Floto Circus will be at Payette, Tuesday, June 29. Every department has been enlarged. Five hundred arctic performers, over a hundred cages contain the Million Dollar Zoo and the show is completely filled with new and absolutely different novelties. The Sells-Floto Shows consolidated is truly a mammoth institution. When one has seen it from end to end, outside and inside, and has formed an inventory of what he has seen and learned for a very nominal fee, how much real pleasure and benefit it has been. He can easily understand why a big three-ring circus, of the high standard of the Sells-Floto Shows, occupies the enviable position in the amusement of the world. Payette, Tuesday, June 29.

It will be government irrigation.

New Way to Advertise

Tired with its experiments with booklets and folders, the La Grande Commercial Club has agreed to invest a certain sum for extra copies of home newspapers, and hereafter the homeseeker who writes that organization for literature will be furnished a three-months subscription to one of the local papers.

Here is a step in the right direction. While specially prepared booklets, circulars and other commonly used means of advertising a community are good, there is always the danger of giving the recipient of such matter the feeling that our drawbacks, if any, are glossed over, and our advantages exaggerated. Every day happenings, and facts of our crops, civic life, improvements, etc., are told in every issue of the local papers, and readers will feel that they are getting the truth plain and unvarnished. Then, if they decide to come to this section, they will do so with the intention of remaining.

Pleaded Guilty.

John Gilcrest, superintendent of the Pacific Live Stock company, pleaded guilty to one of four indictments charging him with illegal fencing of public lands, in the federal court at Portland. The indictment relates to the enclosure of some 10,000 acres of public domain which has been used continually by private individuals for grazing purposes during the past quarter of a century.

Sentence was reserved at the instance of United States District Attorney John McCourt until September. In the meantime conference will be held between the prosecution and defense to decide whether the government will be willing to dismiss the remaining three indictments in view of the above pleading.

Speer People Not In It

The Speer people, who are trying to force their services upon the farmers under the Malheur project are apparently also reaching out for the recently organized Gem district, which, under the capable management of C. S. Faurot, is doing very nicely, thank you, without any desire to have the Speer corporation mix in. The Nyssa corporation has sent contracts to many of the homesteaders under the Gem district, in the effort to get the contracts signed up. There is not any intention on the part of the district to treat with this corporation, the Nyssa Sun notwithstanding.—Caldwell News.

Snake River Bridge.

The Minnesota Steel Co. is placing material on the ground for the construction of the bridge over Snake river to the Idaho bench. Work on the structure will proceed rapidly as soon as Snake river recedes, and will be completed in 1909. It will be 891 feet long, and of much convenience to both Oregon and Idaho.

Did You Sign? Nixie

A. W. Bond, ex-preacher, editor, now in the employ of the Speer people, was "talking" high line in Ontario during the week. We did not hear of any one signing contracts for high-line, high priced water.

Any physician that knows the Wilson-Duffy Drug Co., will not hesitate to trust his patient's medicine to us for preparation.

Local News.

It is surely government irrigation.

Manager Ed Fraser was a business visitor to Boise during the week.

Speak well of your public-spirited men, and also be one of them yourself.

Take your watch repairing to Harry B. Grauel. He will fix your timepiece right.

Ernest Staples continues to improve, and his many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Let your object be the welfare, growth and promotion of your town and its people.

Don't forget the benefit to be tendered the Ontario Encore Band. Date to be announced later.

The Ontario National Bank has received a huge burglar-alarm safe, weight over 5000 pounds, one of the best made. It is a dandy.

The Ontario Encore Band has been engaged for July 3 at Brogan. That new community is going to celebrate the Glorious Fourth in grand style.

The Ontario baseball nine will play the Parma aggregation this evening at 6:30. This is what Manager Sharp calls a twilight game. He is getting fancy.

D. B. Purcell and wife, Mrs. L. Adam and C. H. Brown, have arrived home from the grand lodge session of Masons and Eastern Star, held at Portland.

G. W. Thomas and C. R. Emison are back from Ironsde, where they purchased 400 head of beef cattle. The animals were delivered to Ontario the first of the week.

Finley McKenzie was a business visitor to Ontario from Rockville on Tuesday and registered at the Carter House. He says his numerous bands of sheep are doing fine.

Mr. Blayney, father of Ike Blayney, and who was well known in Ontario, died at Vale Wednesday and was buried beside his wife in the Ontario cemetery yesterday.

J. F. Mahan, the Harney county stockman, is back from Portland. Jim was a witness before the federal court and made a 2 to 1 shot of the trip by visiting the Seattle fair.

The Ontario baseball nine defeated the Roswell nine at the latter town last Sunday, by a score of 4 to 1. Pitcher Draper only allowed the Roswell boys one scratch hit during the game.

Street Commissioner Andy Lackey is on the sick list and Henry Allison is the man with the hoe these days, and is having quite a time serving everybody with water at the same time.

There is nothing more amusing, when things are going right, than to listen to the howl of the clammy spillers, and there is nothing more aggravating to any sane man who has faith in the future than to listen to the crescendo of howls when things are going a little crosswise. Whatever comes, sit close, things are going to be better some day.

Croy & DeBas of the Pastime billiard and pool rooms, one of the finest in the northwest, invites your patronage. The firm also carries cigars, tobacco, fine confectionery, etc. The fruit and confectionery store is separate from the billiard room, and the ladies of Ontario are especially invited to make their purchases at the Pastime, just south of Boyer Bros. & Co.

BIG REDUCTION

Baseball Goods.

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SATURDAY, June 19
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and 5, limited to July 6. See
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City, Chicago, St. Louis and
other points, June 4, 5, 11, 12,
16 and 20th. See agents for
later dates, rates and further
particulars.