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## OUR THANKS

The Argus wishes to extend thanks to the people of Ontario and vicinity for the very liberal patronage extended during the past three months and we hope to deserve a continuance.

To the 217 new subscribers we hope you will notify us if your papers do not come right. Remember that all the names are new to us and errors are liable to occur.

The Argus enjoys the largest circulation of any paper in Malheur county, but we believe there are about two hundred families not reading the Argus that should be subscribers and we hope to enroll them within the next few months.

Remember that it is the aim of the Argus to print all the news of general interest and we will appreciate any assistance extended.

Mr. Daveron, our solicitor, made a trip over the Bench country last week and the good people over there gave him a royal welcome. The people were unstinted in their praise of the manner they were entertained at the recent fair and assured him they would always be found ready to assist when Ontario held a fair.

The Rural Spirit, of Portland, got out a most excellent Christmas issue, properly illustrated. Most of the stockmen of the state are represented in the advertising columns and it demonstrates that Oregon is getting into the running with good stock. The people are realizing that it costs no more to raise a good animal than a poor one, the profit is more and the pleasure greater.

The rise and fall of the cook in the kitchen is of far more importance to the American public than the rise and fall of Cook, the explorer. Nevertheless Cook, the explorer, has contributed largely to the entertainment of the people of the world. Whether he reached the North Pole is of no consequence. He has been set upon by most every one who ever heard about the North Pole and until he pulls something out of his sleeve or his coat pocket, he will be unable to further interest a curious world. No matter what the facts are about the discovery, it must be admitted that Cook knows how to deal with an intelligent world. He showed it how to climb Mt. McKinley without breaking his back or tearing his breeches; of course some said "he didn't", but they never went to pick up his little tube. He said he found the North pole. That may be true; he left a brass tube on the spot to prove it. And in his comings and goings it is stated he is \$150,000 ahead. Cook is alright; it will be many a day before he will have an imitator. Cook remembered what Barnum said, and went him one better.

**Melodrama to Suit the Locality.**  
In New York.—Marry me and give me those papers and you will receive \$500,000 in cash. Refuse and I'll toss you from the Brooklyn bridge!  
In Wilkesbarre, Pa.—And you will receive seventy acres of richest anthracite coal. Refuse and you go into a coal breaker! Choose!  
In Denver.—And you will receive 5,000 shares of Umpate gold mining stock, worth unpeaked dollars a share. Refuse and you will be crushed in a stamp mill to p-o-o-oder! Choose!  
In Memphis, Tenn.—And you will receive 10,000 bales of finest cotton. Refuse and you go into the cotton gin! Choose!  
In North Carolina.—And you will receive 18,000 barrels of turpentine. Refuse and you shall be boiled in resin! Choose!—Puck.

# The Irrigators Making Headway.

The water committee is working hard on the water users, getting them lined up so all the lands can be watered under one system and one district. Most of the people holding water rights under present ditches realize that all the lands of this section will be enhanced in value by the bringing in of the High Line and also that their lands will be benefited by the drainage system.

The propositions being offered are very liberal and such as will bring them all in soon.

There has been considerable discussion lately respecting the relative rights of stockholders in the irrigating ditches here using water and those not using it, and for the information of our readers we quote from the decision of the Supreme court of Colorado in the case of Combs vs. Agricultural Ditch Co. as follows:

"A priority to the use of water for irrigation is a property right and may be sold and transferred separately from the land in connection with which the right ripened. But it must not be inferred from this language that such priority may be secured by the mere acquisition of stock in an irrigating company without applying the water to a beneficial use. An owner of irrigation stock cannot thus carry prior rights to the use of water in his pocket for an indefinite or unreasonable time and thereby prevent others from acquiring a boni fide priority by actual use."

# Arranging for Annual Fair

The success of the recent fair was so marked and beyond the expectations of the most sanguine that it has been decided to hold an annual stock show and poultry exhibition at Ontario.

A suitable site will be purchased and the institution made a permanent one.

At the recent fair many farmers in this county failed to bring in their good animals and chickens, not realizing they had prize winners, but it will be different another year.

The fair demonstrated we have the quality that brings success, but there is still much scrub stuff raised.

A few exhibits and liberal education along the proper lines will assist materially in bettering the grade of animals raised.

## Too Courteous.

A little girl of about seven entered the store the other day to procure some cloth to make her dolly a dress. When handed the package she asked the cost. "Just one kiss," Charles Myers replied. "All right," was her reply. "Grandma said she would pay you when she came in to-morrow."

## Du Diable

"Please, your Satanic Majesty," begged a lost soul who was fishing from the banks of a boiling lake, "can't I try my luck somewhere else? I've been fishing from this blamed place for the last hundred years and haven't had a bite yet." "That's the hell of it," explained his Satanic Majesty.

## The Wife Also.

As the ARGUS man was passing down Main street on Saturday he overheard the following conversation.

"How yer cattle, Jim?"  
"First rate."  
"Pigs doing well?"  
"Fine."  
"That sick colt came along all right?"  
"He sure did."  
"Glad to hear they are so likely. How's your wife?"

# HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST CONDENSED FOR READERS

Admiral George Dewey celebrated his seventy-second birthday Sunday. Never before in the history of railroads has there been such heavy Christmas travel.

A 92-pound mince pie, a creation of the Newark, N. J. Pie Bakers' Association, was presented to President Taft for Christmas.

The scarcity of elephants in Cuba has caused a Cuban planter to refuse to accept a shipment of machinery delivered to his order by a New York manufacturer.

Railways in Western Canada have made joint arrangements for a gift of \$2,000,000 for a world's fair in Winnipeg, provided it is postponed until 1914.

Owing to the coal mining strike in Australia in which 13,000 miners are engaged, 14,000 more men have been thrown out of employment and 64 steamers are tied up there.

The board of governors of the Explorers' Club voted that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on its members and on the public.

Joseph E. Austin, of the United States steamship South Dakota, was dismissed from the naval service because he married in violation of an order issued during the Roosevelt administration.

Edward Payson Weston, the aged pedestrian, is planning to walk from Los Angeles to New York, starting January 29. He hopes to establish a new record for the trip.

Declared to have no equal as a first-class fighting machine, the battleship Utah, the greatest warship ever built in the United States, has been launched at Philadelphia.

Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily pass the test to be given applicants for census enumerators on Saturday, February 5.

After 29 years' separation, in which time both married and were left alone by death, E. R. Pufford, a Sacramento, Cal., merchant, will soon rewed his former wife and begin life anew.

The entire west and northwest from Winnipeg to the lower tier of Illinois counties, along the Ohio river, are hard and fast in the grip of the storm king.

According to the present official program the Duke of Connaught, brother of King Edward, will succeed Earl Grey as governor of Canada in 1910.

Judge R. S. Lovett, successor of E. H. Harriman as head of the great Harriman system of railways, has already taken steps to meet the effort of the Seattle Commercial Club to develop the Chinese trade to that port.

George Preston Sheldon, former president of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company, and accused of defalcations from the company of more than \$1,000,000, died in Greenwick, Conn., Christmas morning.

President Taft, according to public men who have talked with him on the subject, is inclined to await the decision of the United States supreme court in the Standard Oil cases before pressing other prosecutions under the Sherman anti-trust law.

About \$100,000,000 is to be spent by the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiary companies in improvements to the steel-making territory from South Chicago to Gary, Ind.

Alaskans who are spending the holidays in Seattle are urging the candidacy of J. C. McBride, of Juneau, for delegate in congress from the northern district. Mr. McBride was chairman of the Alaska commission to the A.-Y.-P. Exposition.

Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Jean, met death tragically when at the bath in Redding, Conn. Miss Clemens died not directly from drowning, but more through strangulation due to an attack of epilepsy.

## THE MARKETS

**Portland.**  
Wheat—New crop, track prices club, \$1.08; bluestem, \$1.18; red Russian, \$1.05.  
Barley—Feed and brewing, \$30.  
Oats—\$33 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$18.20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18.21; alfalfa, \$16; clover, \$16.  
Butter—Extra, 39c; fancy, 33c-35c.  
Eggs—Ranch, candled, 43c.  
Hops—1909 crop, 18c-22c; 1903 crop, 15c-18c; 1907 crop, 12c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c-25c per pound.  
Mohair—24c.

**Seattle.**  
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.21; club \$1.11.  
Oats—\$32-33 per ton.  
Barley—New, \$28 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$20-24 per ton; alfalfa, \$16 per ton.  
Butter—Washington creamery 39c; ranch, 26c.  
Eggs—S. red, local, 46c-48c.  
Potatoes—White River, \$16-18 per ton.

**Needed Repairs.**  
"Does your typewriter need repairs?" asked the mousing tinkler as he entered the office.  
"It would seem so," replied the employer. "She has just gone across the street to consult a dentist."

**More Modern.**  
"Tommy, you have written this sentence. 'The pen is mightier as the sword,' and it is incorrect. How should it be changed?"  
"Pen ought to be changed to typewriter, ma'am."—Chicago Tribune.

# Local News.

The Modern Woodmen will have a public installation on January 3rd.

C. C. Payne does watch repairing that is satisfactory. See him when your watch goes wrong.

The I. O. O. F. had a banquet Wednesday evening after conferring degrees on three candidates.

When you get ready to buy that new watch go to C. C. Payne. He can save you money.

New and second hand goods bought and sold. We can save you money. Second door north of Argus office.

The Carnation Club was entertained at the Carter House on Tuesday evening by Mesdames Tonningen and Whitworth.

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

Miss Livzje Carmen who broke her ankle on the skating rink at Vale returned to her home at Midvale Wednesday.

Twenty-five shares of Owyhee Ditch stock for sale. Inquire Burbridge & Doolittle.

A. A. Wright who recently purchased the Ross Clement place is preparing to engage in the nursery business. Mr. Wright is from the Wenatchee Valley and appreciates our climate.

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A story is related of a mother who took in her arms a little puppy and then asked her three-year-old daughter what she thought of her new baby. "Well," she said, "it looks just like its mudder."

The Crescent barber shop and bath rooms, conducted by F. W. Mogan should have your patronage. Give him a call.

Charles L. King, of Barren Valley, was in with his big freight team this week and took a load of stuff from the M. M. Co.

The pool and billiard tables at the Pastime are always in good condition. We carry a line of first class candies, imported and domestic cigars and tobaccos. Come in and see us.

**NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS CONVENTION.**  
Ogden, Utah, January 6, 7, 8, 1910. Reduced rates via Oregon-Short Line. Tickets on sale from Utah stations, January 5, 6, 7 and 8. From all other points, January 4, 5, and 6, 1910. Ask agents for rates and other particulars.

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