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## Local News.

A man without a little sand in his craw would fail to get fat in Paradise.

If a town will stand by its paper, the paper will be a credit to the town. Oftentimes it is, anyhow.

Hogs, cattle, sheep, horses. Near Ontario is where they flourish and make rich their owners.

Rader Bros. & Lampkin have a new ad. in this issue that will interest everybody who wears clothes.

Mrs. S. P. Newman and children arrived from Shoshone yesterday on a visit to relatives and friends.

Tom Turnbull was in the city during the week. He has shaved the lilacs from his face and looks quite different.

Louis Bartoni, the Westfall shoe man, is a business visitor to the city. He is hobnobbing with Donald Macdonald.

The Associated Press sent out the amazing news this week that Mrs. Taft was an expert tea maker. Truly wonderful!

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

D. B. Purcell and C. H. Brown left for Portland on Monday to attend the grand ledge F. & A. M., being delegates from Acacia Lodge, No. 118, of this city.

Johnny Reed went to Salt Lake the first of the week on a business trip. There is no truth in the report that he had a tip on a bang-tail race at the Mormon town.

Attorney A. N. Soliss was in Baker City on Tuesday on legal business. We note that he registered at the Geiser Grand, and at meal time was furnished with a finger bowl.

W. C. Calder, who is well known in Ontario, was married last week at San Francisco to Mrs. Alice Mason, widow of the late A. B. Mason, ex mayor of Portland.

Whit Brandon, who is now with Eckhardt's Heals, is making good in Boise. The Boise papers say he is the goods in any part he portrays and is a favorite with the theater-goers.

B. J. Brown and wife are in the city from Crane Creek, Harney county. Ben surely looks like a rancher these days, and has lost his bass-drum front following the plow.

Harry B. Grauel has the finest stock of jewelry carried in Ontario. When you want a watch that will run, buy it from Harry as a guarantee goes with every time-piece. When your watch need repairing, take it to Mr. Grauel, as he is an expert in that line. Call on him before you purchase your jewelry elsewhere.

Ontario people should not knock other towns, nor feel aggrieved at their springing up anywhere nearby. It is inevitable that in a closely settled and irrigated country towns are going to be started. The thing for Ontario people to do is to make Ontario the center of the wheel, and not allow it, by reason of short-sightedness on the part of its property owners, to be on the rim.

## Local News.

Read the Long Clothing adv. in this issue.

Wilson-Duffy Drug Co. All kinds of drugs.

Those ice cream cones at "Corty's" are dandies.

H. W. Clement, the real estate man, was in Vale on Wednesday on land matters.

Attorney W. H. Brooke is home from Caldwell, where he attended district court.

Mrs. E. M. Grieg departed for her old home in Iowa last Saturday to spend the summer.

W. H. Isaac, everybody knows Billy, was up from Caldwell on Wednesday renewing acquaintances.

Mrs. F. W. Allen and baby are home from a two-week's visit to Boise, and Councilman Frank is all smiles.

For sale for cash, or trade for new hay, one mowing machine and rake; good as new. V. B. Staples, Ontario, Oregon.

D. I. Tuttle, assistant general freight agent of the O. S. L., was in the city during the week on business connected with the company.

Payette is going to celebrate the glorious Fourth in grand style and invites Ontario to drop over the Snake and participate in the festivities.

Harry Farmer is now a rancher, or thinks he is. He is developing his desert claim on the Owyhee, having discarded the razor for a grubbing hoe.

Mrs. J. R. Blackaby last Sunday received a commission from the Alaska-Yukon exposition appointing her hostess at the Oregon building, on Oregon day, July 9.

Mrs. Robt. Odell and children left Sunday for Portland to visit relatives and friends. Sheriff Bob followed on Monday, being called to the metropolis as a witness before the United States court.

A. Venator, the prominent Harney county stockman, is registered at the Carter House. 'Phene's left shoulder is out of commission. Cause, a fuzz-tail got obstreperous, fell and rolled on him.

Chas. Thebaud of near Vale, the well known breeder of thoroughbred stock, left for Hot Lake on Tuesday. Charley has been suffering from an acute attack of rheumatism for some time past.

Rev. W. S. Young has accepted the pastorate of the Congregational church of this city. The gentleman is a graduate of the Oregon University of the class of 1898, and comes to us highly recommended.

Postmaster Sproul and family have moved to the Charley Adams residence, next door to Bob Odell's. Mr. Moore of Medford, who recently purchased the Sproul property on Main will soon arrive with his family to reside in Ontario.

Sid Knight, the well known stockman of Sheaville, was in the city Tuesday. Sid is a democrat, and a good one, too, but no republican president ever removed him as postmaster, a position which he has held at the above place for many years.

Judge C. H. Brown arrived home from an extended visit to Pennsylvania last Saturday, accompanied by his brother, H. K. Brown of Nebraska. The judge says H. K. is all right with one exception—he is a democrat, but says he can't blame him for he lives so close to Billy Bryan.

## Bright Future Prospects.

### Ontario Steadily Forging to the Front Year After Year.

No town along the line of the O. S. L. has brighter future prospects than the city of Ontario.

Located as it is in the very heart of one of the choicest agricultural districts of the west, which is being rapidly developed and brought into cultivation by means of irrigation; the feeding and shipping point of thousands of head of livestock annually, and fast becoming recognized as a natural distributing and supply point for a rich interior section of country, Ontario is steadily and permanently forging to the front and assuming metropolitan airs.

Real estate transactions in both city and farm properties is quite active and many improvements are being made in the town. Many new residences and business buildings are contemplated and at the present writing several are under course of construction.

Investments in Ontario realty is sure to bring good returns, and through the steady and permanent advance in values will pile up the golden dollars while you sleep.

Ontario merchants are doing a thriving business and everybody generally in this section is prosperous, as is the case in all irrigated sections, where the farmer does not have to depend upon rain for moisture, and knows to a certainty and full knowledge that when he seeds his ground he will harvest a crop, and can almost estimate beforehand to the bushel or ton what the crop will yield per acre.

Under the present irrigation system at Ontario there is about 15,000 acres of land under cultivation, which annually produces from 7 to 10 tons of choice alfalfa hay to the acre in three cuttings. Wheat, oats, barley, rye,

etc., fruits and berries of all kinds and varieties have a prolific growth and yield immense crops under irrigation, and in this rich made soil almost anything you put in the ground with the application of water and the plentiful bright sunshine of this section will grow and ripen to perfection, almost beyond belief.

Other irrigation projects are being inaugurated in the vicinity of Ontario, have already been financed, and within the next year or two will furnish water and bring into cultivation thousands of acres more of choice sage brush land which, when reclaimed will produce and blossom as the rose, and which will all be tributary to Ontario, and annually pour into the channels of trade of this city an enormous wealth in products and golden dollars.

The home of the busy bee and the land of alfalfa and honey; the land of choice fruits and berries; the land of luscious watermelons, cantaloupes and musk melons, fit to tickle the palate of a king with their delicious flavor; the land of beautiful flowers and gardens; the land of sunshine, health, happiness and contentment. Truly Ontario is the mecca for the homeseeker and the home-builder from the overcrowded districts of the east. Here he will find plenty of pure fresh air, a balmy atmosphere, and a climate that for health and loveliness cannot be surpassed anywhere and seldom equaled. Excellent school facilities; good business opportunities; in fact all the conditions are to be found in this prolific section that bring about the adequate and highly profitable remuneration of labor, happiness, contentment, and of life, worth the living.

## Mr. Newell's Report.

The amount of money paid into the reclamation fund from 1901 to 1908 was \$53,923,000. Of this there was expended, up to March 31, 1909, \$43,709,522, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$8,313,478. This is not taking into account the money which accumulated during the year 1908 to 1909, which would amount to something like \$7,500,000 if the year averaged as much as did the seven years, 1901 to 1908. Besides this there is \$1,143,209 in the fund which has been repaid from irrigation projects already built. Figure it out for yourself: \$8,313,478, plus \$7,500,000, plus \$1,143,309. The reclamation fund is accumulating continually, as all the money accruing from the sale of public lands goes to this fund.

Amount on hand by the reclamation fund March 31, 1909, \$16,956,418.

\$24,000.

The ranch of the late J. G. Gray's consisting of 480 acres, situated on Lower Willow Creek was sold last week for \$24,000 by Dr. O. M. Dodson, administrator of the estate. The purchaser was J. A. Hoskins, one of the contractors of the Northwest railroad.

## Hanley Trial.

In commenting on the result of the Hanley trial the Oregonian says, editorially:

It is proper to explain that the verdict of "guilty" against Hanley involves no question of real moral guilt. The indictment did not claim that Mr. Hanley ever had anything to do with the construction of the fences in question. But the law permits a man to be tried if the fence is maintained on his property, whether originally constructed by him or not, and all that this verdict declares is that a fence was in actual existence on property of which Mr. Hanley is manager. Upon the charge that he had ever obstructed entrance upon the government land, or had in any way prevented access to it, he was found not guilty. Mr. Hanley's life record is opposed to the fencing of government land. He stated under oath at the trial that he had never fenced a foot of government land in his life.

## A-Y-P Exposition Rates

via Oregon Short Line Railroad. \$25.25 from Ontario to Seattle and return. On sale daily, commencing June 1st. Ask agents for further particulars.

## Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1909, at the city council chambers, in the City of Ontario, Malheur county, state of Oregon, a special election will be held for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said City of Ontario, Oregon, the question of the issuance and sale of Municipal Coupon Bonds of the said City of Ontario, Oregon, in denominations of Five Hundred Dollars each, payable in Twenty (20) years from date of issuance, redeemable at the pleasure of the said City of Ontario, Oregon, at any time after the expiration of Ten (10) years from the date of issuance, bearing interest at not to exceed Five (5) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually and shall not be sold for less than par value, nor otherwise than for cash, said bonds not to exceed \$22,000.00; said bonds to be issued and sold to constitute a fund to be expended for the following purposes, to-wit: To the extent of \$8000.00 for the purpose of taking up the outstanding warrants of the City of Ontario, Oregon; to the extent of \$4000.00 to provide revenue until taxpaying time in 1910; and to the extent of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a bridge across Snake River near the City of Ontario, Oregon, which election will be held at 9 o'clock in the morning, and will continue until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Dated at Ontario, Oregon, this 9th day of June, 1909.

H. W. CLEMENT,  
City Recorder of the City of Ontario, Oregon.

## GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger will soon be here and decide in favor of the Malheur government irrigation project, as that is what the people want—government irrigation of our fertile lands. The government always lives up to its promises. Uncle Sam told us what to do, we done it, that is, secured the necessary 90 per cent of land-owners, and the government will keep its pledge.

## Baseball.

The ball game last Sunday between the Ontario and Roswell nines resulted in a victory for Ontario by a score of 14 to 7. The redeeming feature of the game were the slide for life by Manager Sharp of the Ontario bunch when Jones, the third baseman, collided with the doctor in an attempt to capture a foul, the batting of Arthur Moody and the costly errors of the visitor's catcher. Nevertheless, it was a good game, replete with brilliant plays, no wrangling, and the Roswell boys are gentlemen and Ontario fans will turn out for a second game between the nines.

## Ontario Postoffice.

July 1, 1909, the first day of the fiscal year, the salary of Postmaster Sproul will be increased \$200 per year, from \$1500 to \$1700. This will be in accord with the fixing of salaries of postmasters according to the receipts of the office. Ontario's postal receipts for the year ending March 31, 1909, were \$5926.74. Money order receipts, \$42,400. That is going some.

## Conant-New

Eugene T. Conant and Miss Marie New were united in marriage the first of the week. The bride and groom are highly respected young people, and we all wish them bon voyage, much happiness and prosperity over the matrimonial sea of life, and the Argus will add that Gene was indeed fortunate when Cupid chose Marie for his wife.

## Instantly Killed by Electricity

### Awful Death of a Highly Respected Young Man.

Hickman Staples lost his life in a tragic manner Wednesday morning at the sub-station of the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co.

He was engaged in painting the interior of the building and was at work under a switch-board, about three feet from the floor, and must have been kneeling at the time, and when he arose the left side of his head came in contact with a live wire and he received 2300 volts, killing him instantly. His head was frightfully burned.

Hick Staples was aged 28 years and resided in Ontario for the past 11 years. If there ever was a good soul, Hick Staples was one. He radiated sunshine with his perpetual smile and always looked on the bright side of life. But he is gone, and every heart in Ontario is touched with sadness at his untimely end.

He leaves a wife and baby, father, mother, three sisters and four brothers and warm friends innumerable to mourn his demise. His mother is visiting in Henderson, Ky.

To the stricken relatives the deepest sympathy is extended by all in this vicinity in their terrible bereavement.

The funeral took place from the family residence at 2 p. m. yesterday, Rev. Myers officiating, and was largely attended, attesting the high esteem in which Hick was held in Ontario.

## Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner Payne summoned the following jury to inquire into the cause of death of Hickman Staples:

J. D. Billingsley, C. W. Platt, H. C. Whitworth, A. B. Cox, E. M. Grieg, C. R. Em' son.

After hearing the evidence a verdict was rendered that the deceased came to his death by coming in contact with live wires at the Ontario sub-station of the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co.

## Benefit to the Band.

It will be of interest to the people of Ontario that a most entertaining program is being arranged for the benefit of the Ontario Band. The play is in rehearsal now, directed by Ethel Tucker (Mrs. Brandon.) This entertainment will be Mrs. Brandon's farewell performance in Ontario. We all know how much we are indebted to the band and what inspiration and help the band has given every project of civic significance. So let us show that Ontario can be loyal to her own by giving the Ontario Encore Band a standing-room only house.

## To Assist Here.

G. Stubblefield has been sent to Ontario by Mr. Whistler to assist Mr. Paul with the engineering work with the Malheur project. He was associated with Mr. Whistler on the project four years ago, and spent two years in carrying on the surveys and making estimates. In compiling data and estimates before Secretary Ballinger's arrival, Mr. Paul considers Mr. Stubblefield's service a very great help as he is familiar with the entire project and a well known irrigation expert.

## Electric Maze.

The Electric Maze has installed an electric fan which keeps the building cool, much to the delight of the many patrons. The pictures every night are first class and Messrs. Brown and Williams are pleasing the people nightly.

## The Quality

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Latest Sheet Music.

Our Pianos are unsurpassed in tone and finish. Step in and try them.

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To be sold at auction at Burley, Idaho, on June 15th. Reduced rates will be made via the Oregon Short Line railroad, and tickets on sale from Idaho and Oregon points June 13th, 14th and 15th. From Utah and other points June 12th, 13th and 14th. Ask agents for rates, or write W. T. Jack, Burley, Idaho, for further particulars.