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## Local News.

Wilson-Duffy Drug Co. All kinds of drugs.

Attorney A. N. Soliss was in Boise on legal business Thursday.

J. E. Lawrence, the Vale merchant, was in Ontario on business Friday.

Mrs. Reta Payne arrived home Tuesday from her visit to Portland, Seattle and the coast.

Our August reduction sale is now going on in good shape. M. M. Co.

Albert Belisle is attending the land drawing at Couer D'Alene and Spokane.

County Clerk B. W. Mulkey was in Ontario and Weiser the first of the week.

A. E. Brown and family spent Thursday and Friday in Ontario enroute to Seattle to see the big show.

Mrs. J. J. Burbridge took her departure Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends near Salt Lake.

Attorney G. W. Hayes, of Vale, returned Sunday from Portland where he had been on legal business.

W. G. Beagle is home from Lower Willow creek where he has been engaged for some time renovating the Gray residence.

Chas. Madden and family, Frank C. Solders and family and R. A. Stewart and wife took their departure yesterday morning for an outing in Long Valley.

Grant Thompson and family of Harney Valley will be in Ontario Friday on their way to Seattle. Mr. Thompson reports conditions flourishing in his country.

A. H. McGregor and T. D. Barton of A. P. Hovey Post, of this city, took their departure Saturday for Salt Lake City to attend the annual reunion of the G and Army of the Republic.

T. F. Moore, who recently purchased the Sproul property on North Oregon street, has moved his family from Medford, Ore., to this city and they are now located in their new home.

Mrs. H. C. Whitworth left Saturday for Spokane where she will visit relatives and attend the national irrigation congress as one of Ontario's delegates. From there she will go to Seattle and attend the fair.

D. G. Sutherland who came here recently from Iowa is back from Seattle and will take up his permanent residence in this city. His family will arrive from Seattle, where they are at present, in about 30 days.

Mrs. Frank Davis took her departure Friday of last week for Seattle. She will join her husband at Portland, where he has been receiving medical treatment at a hospital for sometime, and together they will attend the fair.

County Commissioner W. J. Scott returned Monday from a visit to his son in British Columbia and a trip through Central Washington stopping off at Spokane. He was greatly impressed with the Palouse country and says the wheat crop there will be great this year.

County Treasurer T. W. Halliday took his departure Saturday for Spokane, where he goes as delegate to the National Irrigation Congress. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Mrs. Halliday and Miss Pearl will attend the fair at Seattle while Mr. Halliday will visit with his brother at Spokane.

J. M. Butler and wife are visiting in Boise.

Try a gallon of pure honey vinegar; 35 cents. M. M. Co.

L. M. Seaward made a trip to his Boise valley ranch this week.

Born—In this city, Sunday, Aug. 8, to the wife of E. B. Sanford, a daughter.

E. A. Fraser, wife and son Eddie took their departure Sunday for Seattle to take in the exposition.

Miss Eva Vanderhoof and Miss Clarice Canfield are on a visit to the Vanderhoof ranch above Vale.

Clint Trow, Lee and Will Fiser left Tuesday for a two weeks outing in the mountains near Ironside.

Will Morrison and Eddie Draper left this morning for Cove, Ore. on a fishing and hunting expedition.

John Glass, of Vale, was in Ontario Saturday en route to Spokane to attend the national irrigation congress.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Owyhee Ditch company will be held in this city Tuesday, Sept. 7th.

G. W. Thomas and wife and Miss Ruby Landingham arrived home Tuesday from their Alaska trip and visit to the Seattle fair.

S. N. Emison and wife of Nyssa, arrived home Wednesday from a trip to the Seattle fair and a visit to relatives in Portland.

The Cozy Theatre is open every night. Don't fail to hear Cory's latest attraction, the whistler and illustrated song singer.

Miss Edith Husted returned Sunday from a two weeks visit with her aunts, Mrs. S. H. Ross and Mrs. A. Belisle at Nyssa and Arcadia.

W. T. Lampkin returned Sunday from Portland. He reports that Mrs. Lampkin is comfortably located and already improving in health.

J. D. Billingsly and family, Robert Odell and family and Dave Magill and family are home from their outing trip to Blue Mountain Springs.

Miss Hattie Glenn took her departure Sunday for Seattle. She was met at Union by her cousin Miss Wade and the two ladies will visit the fair together.

Miss Bessie Lockett returned last week from California and went to Vale Wednesday to attend the teachers' examination. She will teach at Juntura again this fall.

Postmaster A. L. Sproul, one of the delegates to the national irrigation congress, left Saturday for Spokane. He will visit various points in British Columbia before returning home.

Misses Nellie Platt and Margaret McGivern of this city and Miss Claudia Williams, of Jordan Valley, three popular Malheur county teachers, went to Vale Wednesday to attend the teachers' examination.

J. H. Morrison, of Pawnee City, Nebraska, stopped off last Saturday morning and spent two or three days with his cousin, Rev. G. W. Morrison. He was highly pleased with what he saw of our country and hopes to return and locate.

W. J. Mink has the contract for the erection of the one story brick structure being erected by J. R. Blackaby just west of the Baptist church. The walls are now up 12 feet and the work is progressing nicely. This building will be occupied as an auto garage.

## Telephone Company Elects Officers.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Independent Telephone company held in the Commercial Club room Friday evening the by-laws of the company were adopted and the following seven directors elected for one year: E. A. Fraser, C. J. Sinsel, C. E. Kenyon, Dr. J. Prinzing, A. L. Sproul, H. B. Grauel and H. C. Boyer. All the directors reside in Ontario except C. J. Sinsel of Boise.

At the conclusion of the stockholders meeting the directors present subscribed to the oath of office which was administered by Justice G. L. King and entered upon their duties by electing the following officers for the year: Harry B. Grauel president, J. Prinzing secretary and C. E. Kenyon treasurer. J. W. Thompson, who for the past three years has been manager of the Bell Telephone company here until he resigned recently, was chosen manager of the new company.

Work will commence at once to install the new system here and it is the intention to have it completed and in operation within the next three months. A new telephone company is also being incorporated at Vale. These two lines will connect with all independent telephone companies in Idaho and Oregon and free exchange service will be given all patrons between Ontario, Payette, Fruitland, New Plymouth, Nyssa, Owyhee and possibly Vale.

## "The Captain and the Lady."

"The Captain and the Lady" will be the play of the engagement of one night of the Eckhardt Company ably supporting Miss Deffy in this city Sunday Night, Aug. 22nd for a stay of one night only. "The Captain and the Lady" abounds in bright and brilliant lines and is highly entertaining. It is beautifully mounted and rich in costumes and crowned with incidents and climaxes in a handsomely artistic setting and every set glitters with brightness. The piece will be beautifully mounted in the correct and painstaking way which marks all the plays produced under the management of Mr. Oliver J. Eckhardt. Mr. Whit Brandon will be a member of the company and plays one of the leading roles.—Prices 25 cents for children 50 cts. for adults. Seats now on sale at Post Office News Stand.

Ira H. Rogers special agent of the Bankers Reserve Life Insurance Co. of Omaha, Neb., is in the city in the interests of his company. Mr. Rogers may locate here as he is favorably impressed with Ontario and surrounding country.

Topics for United Presbyterian services next Sabbath will be as follows: morning, "Some Dangers from Uncontrolled Powers;" evening, "Made White." A cordial invitation is extended to all. Fans free.

F. M. Vines and wife, of Grove, arrived home this morning from a visit to relatives in Davenport, Wash. They also attended the Seattle fair and the national irrigation congress at Spokane.

Mrs. DeHaven, of Dead Ox Flat, was shopping in Ontario Tuesday.

C. O. Thomas, the Vale real estate man, was in Ontario Sunday.

## Porters Block Harriman.

Uncle Sam has taken a hand in the Deschutes railway fight. A restraining order has been issued by Federal District Judge Wolverton, forbidding the Harriman interests from entering upon the southern 60 miles of the Oregon Truck right of way between Madras and the mouth of White Creek. This injunction will be in force until August 13, at which date the Deschutes Railway Company is ordered to appear in court and show cause why it should not be permanently restrained from entering upon this right of way claimed by the Porter interests.

Every day witnesses important developments in the Deschutes controversy. Every Oregonian following the work is asking who is back of the Porters and what is their ultimate destination. They say they will build into Central Oregon, but leave the terminus unnamed. Madras is mentioned as the temporary destination but any road building there must go on, especially if in competition with such a line as Harriman is clearly intending to build.

It is conceded now that the Porters have ample backing, mean business and will build a railway. That Harriman must build a line if Porters do, is also conceded. Central Oregon now seems assured of two strong lines leading into it from the north, one from Natron, possibly one from Nevada, and probably one from Ontario. If so, there will be one of the most brilliant spurts witnessed in the Northwest for the next five or ten years in which all of the state will share heavily.

Popular judgement still clings to the idea that Hill is back of the Porters. However this may be, and it is strenuously denied by every one identified in the Porter work, the result promises much for Oregon, and will also prove profitable for the enterprising builders who get into the Central Oregon empire first.

The inference is that no time is to be lost to complete this work so that Harriman will be in a position to extend his invasion of Central Oregon in an easterly direction from some point on the new Southern Pacific main line to connections with the Oregon Short Line at Ontario.—Evening Telegram.

## Fowler Elected Preident

The national irrigation congress in session at Spokane elected B. A. Fowler, of Phoenix, Ariz., president and Arthur Hooker of Spokane, secretary. The new president, Mr. Fowler, is well known here having been chosen as the first director of the Water Users' association when the Malheur irrigation project was first taken up five years ago.

## Sheep Herders Wanted.

A. E. Brown of Lawen, Harney county, informs us that sheep herders can find ready employment in his locality at \$45 a month. Mr. Brown wants two or three good men.

D. B. Tuttle has opened a second-hand store, two doors north of the Argus office and will buy and sell all kinds of your patronage and guarantees his patrons a square deal.

Health is too precious to be tampered with by incompetent vendors of drugs. Try the Wilson Duffy Drug Co., for clean drugs, and expert service.

Rev. G. W. Morrison will preach at Cairo school house at 4:30 Sabbath afternoon. Sabbath School at 3 o'clock.

## Cool Wood On Van Gilse's Letter.

Colonel C. E. S. Wood makes the following comment on Robert van Gilse's letter which occupied two and a half columns in the Nyssa Sun:

It seems to me Mr. van Gilse presents his view of the case in a very temperate and courteous way. I agree with him that land grants have all been grafts and that it would be a good thing to compel in some way the man who will not use land to give way to those who will. I know of only two such legal chieftains. 1 The Single Tax or Henry George Doctrine. 2 Title to land by occupation and user. It should not be allowed to gain ground that I am or anyone is opposed to Private Irrigation Companies. Given substantial men a fair business like contract and I certainly will favor any Company who will bring water to arid lands. I am committed to Government Irrigation and I prefer it to this particular Private Enterprise. It has not seemed to me business like. It has seemed to me as if it, with no settled and disclosed plans, had prematurely rushed into a field and made a factional fight against government or any other occupation of that field though the government was first on record. I gave only one or two criticisms of the contract. It seems to me it is open to many—possibly I am mistaken. I have no doubt Mr. van Gilse believes in it. Honestly and naturally he will feel very strongly toward the men whom he thinks are trying to kill a worthy enterprise and keep water from the land. From what is known of it however the Boise Enterprise is the one which first began to try and throttle the government's efforts to give water to the people. I think every effort should be made to stop this bitter factional fight and try to understand each other.

C. E. S. Wood.

## Good Rod to the Bench.

The Bridge Commissioners spent Saturday on the Payette Bench making arrangements to start the grade of the bridge on the Idaho side. They report that the best road in Eastern Oregon will be put in between town and the Idaho Bench one that will be a model country road.

Another carload of material for the bridge arrived Wednesday. The large steel piers are now being put in place and the work is progressing nicely.

## Committed Suicide.

L. C. Shilling, a brother of W. N. Shilling, committed suicide last week by drowning himself in a well at his home near Rupert, Idaho. He first attempted self destruction by slashing his throat with a knife. Deceased was a veteran of the civil war, had been a resident of Idaho for 40 years and was unmarried. He was well to do and no cause is assigned for the rash act.

## Croy & DeBas of the Pastime

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 in the billiard room, and the dies of Ontario are especially invited to make their purchases at the Pastime, just south of Boyer Bros. & Co.

Mrs. A. Zimmerman visited relatives at Payette Monday.

## Local News.

Wilson-Duffy Co. for all kinds of drugs.

Saratoga chips, 15 cents package. M. M. Co.

Lloyd Burbridge went to Boise Wednesday.

Mrs. H. A. Duffy is visiting her parents in Boise.

A. A. Brown made a trip to the Deer Flat section last week.

J. M. Duncan and John Ward were in from Nyssa Saturday.

White River flour is the best on the market; try a sack. M. M. Co.

John Ray and family were in from their home near Arcadia Saturday.

B. F. Naylor returned Wednesday from a business trip to Weiser.

Mrs. C. R. Emison, Miss Lavine Smith and Miss Edna Williams visited Payette Friday.

Change of program three times a week at the Electric Maze, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Mrs. Frances Russell of Caldwell and Mrs. Jessie Byram of Payette visited relatives in Ontario Friday.

A. F. Boyer and wife and H. C. Boyer and wife took their departure Saturday for a two weeks visit at the Seattle fair.

B. Stevens, who has been visiting with his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Lyells and family, returned last week from a trip to Seattle and the fair. He left Saturday for his home in Iowa and will stop off at Salt Lake to attend the grand army reunion and mingle again with his old comrades. Mrs. Lyells accompanied him as far as Boise and will visit her daughter Mrs. E. A. Reagar.

A. W. Trow was in Weiser on business the first of the week. Mr. Trow was one of the delegates recently sent by the citizens of this section to confer with Secretary Ballinger and the reclamation officials in Portland in regard to taking up the Malheur project. Mr. Trow says that the Clinton-Hurt telegrams from Portland published in the Boise Statesman were pure fabrications and sent out for effect and that prospects look brighter than ever for the Malheur project.

A. N. Soliss arrived home Sunday from Seattle and Portland. In company with his wife and son he took in the fair. Mr. Soliss says the Oregon exhibits are fine and the only frost is the exhibit at the Idaho building, the display there not being credible to what the state can produce in mineral, agricultural and horticulture and the criticism of the Idaho Commission by the Boise papers is justifiable. Outside of this the fair is all that could be expected. Mrs. Soliss and son will remain in Portland until the weather is cooler.

The report that there were over 40 cases of typhoid fever at Vale seems greatly exaggerated, as the Vale papers claim there are only eight cases and one death from the epidemic. The Vale city council has authorized the city health officer, Dr. S. D. Taylor, to use every means to stamp out the disease. The city of Vale will install a new sewerage and water system to improve the sanitary condition. Mayor Mulkey was in Ontario and Weiser this week securing information along the lines helpful in instituting such improvements.

## BIG REDUCTION

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## Baseball Goods.

	Former Price.	Now.
Gloves.....	\$1.25	75
Gloves.....	1.00	60
Gloves.....	1.50	90
Gloves.....	75	40
Balls.....	1.25	75
Balls.....	1.00	60
Balls.....	35	20
Balls.....	25	15
Masks.....	1.25	1.00
Masks.....	50	30
Caps.....	25	15
Belts.....	50	30
Belts.....	25	15
Bats.....	1.50	1.00
Bats.....	1.00	60
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