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Disposed of the Argus.

With this issue of the Argus we sever our connection with the paper, having sold the plant to Mr. M. E. Bain, an experienced newspaperman, who has great faith in the future of this prosperous community, and having the ability to issue a paper that all Malheur county people will be pleased to read.

With thanks for past patronage and courtesy and an earnest wish for the success of the Argus, I step down and out, giving way to my able successor.

All outstanding accounts due the Argus up to Nov. 1, 1909, with the exception of the subscription list, are payable to the undersigned, who will pay all claims against the Argus up to Nov. 1, 1909. Very respectfully, Wm. Platonoff.

Our Initial Bow.

In order that the Argus patrons may know what to expect from the new management we will state that the Argus will continue to advocate the principles of the Republican party, and use every effort to keep the paper well in the lead as the best newspaper in the county. We want to publish all the news of the county and hope for the hearty co-operation of our readers in the effort. The present news features will be continued and some others added soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

The coming year will mean much for Ontario. With the completion of the new bridge across Snake river a large volume of business will be opened to our merchants, and the improvements under way on this side of the river will more than double the population of the territory tributary to Ontario, this will also develop our city and make room for other lines of trade.

The Argus will always be found in the lead boosting for Ontario and Malheur county, pointing out advisable improvements and co-operating with the citizens in making this the best town in Eastern Oregon.

M. E. BAIN.

New Law Firm.

Mr. V. W. Tomlinson, of Baker City, Oregon, has moved to Ontario and formed a law partnership with Hon. W. H. Brooke. The business of the new firm will be conducted under the name of Brooke & Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson has been associated in the practice of the law with Hon. John L. Rand, of Baker City, for the past four years, and has won for himself the enviable reputation of being one of the ablest of the younger attorneys in Eastern Oregon. Through his associations with Mr. Rand he has taken an active part in most of the important litigation, particularly in mining, irrigation and corporation, cases in Baker county during the past four years. Mr. Tomlinson will make a valuable addition to our local bar and we welcome him to our midst.

CALIFORNIA EXCURSIONS via Oregon Short Line. Daily for tickets one way via Portland. Frequent dates for other routes. See Oregon Short Line agents for further details.

The right-of-way near the O. S. L. depot is to be parked. Such is the current rumor, work to be started about the first of December.

To Trade—80 acre reinquishment, two miles from Payette, on county road, for a good, large span of horses, broke or unbroken. Inquire at this office.

Local News.

The M. M. Co. shipped 160,000 pounds of wheat Tuesday to Caldwell.

The officials of the railroad were over the line this week making a general inspection.

Hallow'en was observed by the young people on Saturday evening in the usual manner.

John D. Robertson delivered 500 cattle here this week for Parson & Hanley, for shipment.

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.

Charley Peterson, the Harney county stockman, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left for home yesterday after an enjoyable visit with Ontario friends.

There are several more lots of cattle to be shipped this season and up to date about 800 car loads have gone out. The total shipment last year was around 700 car loads.

Williams & Boyer, proprietors of the Electric Maze, desire to inform the public that in the future a change of program might be given at their popular little theatre.

Blue Prints of any Township in the Burns Land District, showing names of entrymen, kinds of entry, dates, etc., and topography. Price \$1.00. J. C. Turney, Burns, Oregon.

Several car loads of cattle were shipped to Portland the latter part of the week and arrived at a time when the market was demoralized from over-supply. It is thought that the market will recover soon as the excess stock is worked off.

Clothes cleaned and pressed on short notice, satisfaction guaranteed. We know how it is done. A man for a man's work. Let the women rest. Bring your work to Gene Conant, in Fiser Building, 4 doors north of Carter House.

If the people of the snow covered, blizzard swept east could be made to realize the ideal climate of the Snake river valley it would be as great an incentive for them to move here as the large incomes derived from our matchless farms.

The Ontario High School boys are scheduled to play football at Boise on Saturday. If the local boys are in condition it will be a walk-away as the Boise team is neither fast nor heavy and unless materially improved since their game with Payette are not formidable in any particular.

Seven hundred and fifty sheep, valued at \$5 each, were killed the other day at Ironside mountain, 85 miles west of here. They belonged to the Malheur Live Stock company, composed of Anderson Bros., and Monte B. Gwinn, of Boise. Three bands of sheep got mixed and piled up in a creek-bed.

A. F. Tonningson returned from Lake county yesterday, where he has been looking after his sheep interests since last June. He delivered 2500 head of sheep at Vale on Thursday and told us he had the time of his life trailing the fleecy animals over the hills. He is here for the winter and will assist Hank Whitworth in conducting the Carter House.

For Sale—8-room house, 5 rooms finished; 5 lots; desirable part of the city; cheap. Inquire C. E. Kenyon, or Argus office.

Read the Argus.

MORE RIGHT OF WAY SECURED

Land Controls the Pass on the South Fork of the Malheur.

A company headed by Colonel C. E. S. Wood, of Portland, and William Hanley, of Burns, has bought of Frank H. Showway, a stockman, 640 acres at \$20 per acre, located at Riverside, Malheur county, on the south fork of the Malheur river. This land runs in a strip two miles long and controls the pass on the south fork of the Malheur river.

The land was bought and paid for outright. This company already has twenty odd deeds for right-of-way on record in Malheur county in addition to having bought numerous other tracts for right of way in Harney county. This is a part of the Boise-Coos Bay railroad system as developed by the Oregon-Idaho Development congress.

TO BE COMPLETED NOV. 20

The new bridge is rapidly nearing completion. Three of the steel spans are in place and work on the fourth is being rushed with a large force. After the bridge proper is completed the approaches will be filled and put in shape.

The bridge commissioners now place the date of completion about the 20th of this month.

Bids have been received by the bridge commissioners for grading and graveling the road from the corporation line to the bridge and work will be started at once.

It is the intention of the committee having the road matter in charge to make a road of good grade and permanent character, a policy that should meet with the hearty approval of the taxpayers.

In line of preparation to accommodate the large number of people who will do their trading in Ontario when the bridge and approaches are completed the business men of Ontario are arranging for extra hitching racks throughout the city and our Idaho neighbors will be made to feel at home in every way possible.

J. A. Madden.

J. A. Madden died at the home of his son Charles on Monday aged 72 years, from injuries received by falling from a stairway in Boise while visiting the Intermountain fair.

"Uncle Joe," as he was familiarly called, was a pioneer of Malheur county, and had many warm friends, and a tinge of sadness spread over our community when the word was passed that he had journeyed to the Great Beyond.

He leaves two children, Mrs. James Stingle and Chas. Madden, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended in their bereavement.

The funeral took place from the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended, the remains being tenderly consigned to their last resting place beside those of his wife, who passed away about a year ago.

Advertisements

Following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed for in the Ontario office for the week ending October 31:

Biggerstaff, Mrs. M. C.; Johnson, Mrs. J. H.; McKee, Mrs. S. A.; Morse, Mrs. Josie P.; Newman, Mr. and Mrs.; White, Miss Lola; Walton, Mrs. Frank; Chester, G. Y.; Brade, Frank; Buckmaster, Roscoe; Biandt, G. J.; Doherty, John; Forbes, Frank; Hart, M. N.; Keller, H.; Kemp, Ralph; Leary, F. O.; Lucken, J. A.; Queinberry, I. B.; O'Rourke, Rev. P. J.; Simmons, Geo.; Shaffer, Frank; Stearnland, A. J.; Tatum, Fred; Wade, Joe; Vanderpool, John.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office November 13, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "Advertised," giving date of list.

A. L. Sproul, P. M.

Alfalfa Seed.

The price of alfalfa seed is on the upgrade and the demand seems to be in excess of the supply. The market opened at 12 cents and has advanced to 15 cents for good seed.

This section will ship about fifteen cars for the season.

The growing of alfalfa seed is getting to be one of the leading industries of this section and the past season was favorable for the development of a prime quality of seed. If the growers would get together and compare notes on how they get the best results it would be of advantage to all.

Martin Hanson, who has a 160 acre farm near Vale, raised two crops of hay and threshed 300 bushels of alfalfa seed. This will give him a return for the season of \$6,000, at an expense of \$700.

J. T. Hatfield threshed 25,000 pounds of seed from 35 acres.

Some of the lower lands, usually referred to as alkali and of little value, produced excellent seed crops. This is worthy of more than a passing notice, and a thorough investigation of all conditions may demonstrate that there are many tracts lying practically idle that should be yielding good crops of seed.

Y. M. C. A. Meetings.

The different churches united in holding services last Sunday in an effort to familiarize the people of Ontario with the workings of the Y. M. C. A.

In the morning State Secretary Smith, of Portland, occupied the Methodist pulpit, and addressed the general audiences in the afternoon and evening. Other outside speakers presided at the different churches in the morning and assisted at the general meetings.

Local News.

A little boosting won't hurt. Mrs. F. B. Ball is visiting friends in Baker City.

Geo. W. Long paid Boise a business visit on Wednesday.

Mrs. Crocker Johnson is home from an extended visit to West-fall.

Attorney Soliss was in Boise during the week on legal business.

Mrs. J. D. Billingsley entertained the Carnation club Tuesday evening.

Tom Seaward, who is ill at the home of his parents on the East Side, is convalescing.

Paul Tremblay, a pioneer of Malheur county, died at his home on the Owyhee, last week.

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

For Sale—15 tons of hay and 15 tons of straw and pasture of 100 acres; will lease pasture up to March 1; dwelling to live in for rent; four miles west of Ontario. Address Felix Barkley, Ontario, Or.

Attorney Soliss, and wife, arrived home from Chicago last week, where Mr. Soliss attended to legal matters for one of his clients. He says Chicago skyscrapers looked good to him, but oh, you beautiful Ontario.

An attendant from Salem arrived Sunday to convey Mrs. John Bivins, who is suffering from a slight attack of insanity, to the asylum. The many friends of the estimable lady hope she will soon be able to return home.

The city election will be held the first Monday in December, a mayor and four councilmen to be elected. The following election officers have been appointed: Judges, J. T. Clement, G. L. King, J. M. Brown; clerks, J. R. Gregg, A. E. Fox.

Fred Brinson was thrown from a horse on Virtue street Saturday afternoon, receiving injuries about the head causing him to be unconscious for four days. Reports from his bedside this morning are to the effect that he is rational at times, but is still in a comatose condition. It is feared he has concussion of the brain. Fred is a jolly good fellow and his many friends hope he will soon recover from his injuries.

Church Services

Revival meetings will begin at the Methodist church November 29, 1909. Rev. S. L. Powell, of Caldwell, will be with us for the first week and Rev. E. B. Pyke, of Albion, Idaho, will come to us December 6th, making in all three weeks meetings. These meetings will follow the dedication of the church which will take place Sunday, November 28th. Dr. Fletcher Homan, of Willamette University will be with us on this occasion.

Topic for morning service at United Presbyterian hall next Sabbath, "Compensation, or The Gain of Loss."

Weather permitting Rev. G. W. Morrison will preach at White settlement school house next Sabbath evening at 7:30.

Let the Men Do the Work. Go to Gene Conant for clothes cleaning. Expert pressing and repairing. The French dry and magnesium methods of cleaning—also scouring. All work guaranteed. Three doors north of Carter House barber shop.

Local News.

Wilson-Duffy Drug Co. All kinds of drugs.

There is an opening in Ontario for a steam laundry.

There are no vacant houses or storerooms in Ontario.

Work has been resumed on the blocks going up around town, a shipment of cement having arrived.

For Sale—6-room house, one block from postoffice; very cheap and title guaranteed. Inquire J. T. Clement, Ontario, Ore.

W. S. Harer, division engineer of the O. S. L., was in the city Tuesday calling on business acquaintances and friends.

There have been erected in Vale during the past summer fifteen dwelling houses and one brick store, indicating a good healthy growth.

Croy & DeBás 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.

Some Oil Gossip.

A. W. Anthony, who has some oil lands in this district, has ordered two rigs, to be used in doing assessment work. They will be good for about 2,000 feet.

The government has withdrawn all vacant oil lands in California from entry. It is understood that pending changes in the law governing the location and development of oil lands is the cause.

The oil exported from California for the eight months ending with August amounted to 939,716,660 gallons, valued at \$65,488,512. The exports for the year will amount to about one hundred million dollars.

Utah is developing a new oil field about 125 miles from Salt Lake, with a natural grade for a pipe line from the fields to the Saintry city. Up to date they have driven sixteen wells and not got a dry hole. They have all been shallow wells.

W. M. Duham, of Coalinga, Calif., has been looking over the Malheur oil fields and left for Portland and other coast points on Thursday. Mr. Duham has spent a lifetime in the oil industry and is considered one of the best informed men in the business.

The production of oil in California for the present year will be about 55,000,000 barrels, a gain of 4,000,000 barrels over 1908. Estimates of the total demand for the coming year indicate that the production will have to be increased at least ten million barrels to take care of the market.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the year 1909 of the Snake River Irrigation District, Malheur County, Oregon, is now due and payable, and will become delinquent at 6 o'clock p. m. on the 31st day of December, 1909. Five per cent penalty will be added on all taxes of said district remaining unpaid at said date of delinquency. Payment of said taxes may be made at the office of the sheriff of Malheur county, at Vale, Oregon.

ROBT. O'BEN, Collector. Snake River Irrigation District.

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Be ready for the cool, fall nights with a hot water bottle to put at your feet. The comfort one will impart is worth many times what you'll have to pay for it.

Our full stock is just in. It comes directly from the factory and every bottle is fresh and sure to wear long and give perfect satisfaction. We have several grades, some in all sizes, from the little face bags to the three quart size. All guaranteed. Prices are low, as buying direct from maker gives us all the discounts.

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The course of studies embraces the eighth grades of common studies; based on the state course of studies, the A. S. M. course of four years and the Commercial course.

The music and painting departments offer splendid advantages.

Studies will be resumed Sept. 7, 1909. For further particulars call at the Academy or address the SISTER SUPERIOR.