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## ONTARIO HAS COSTLY FIRE

### Presbyterian Church Property and Farley's Warehouse Destroyed.

Ontario had a six-thousand dollar fire on Wednesday about 9 p. m. The buildings owned by the United Presbyterian church and occupied as a warehouse by J. H. Farley and the meeting room of the church were completely destroyed.

It is seldom that Ontario has a fire and when one does occur it strikes terror to all, the one on Wednesday evening was no exception.

The firemen lost little time in laying a line of hose and getting a stream of water started, but the fire had gained such headway that all efforts were directed to keep it from spreading and in this they were successful.

When the equipment of the department is considered the men certainly did good work. It was painfully apparent that the department has been neglected. No lights are provided at the hose house and time was lost in getting the cart out.

The chemical engine's out of commission, no suitable place having been provided where it would be free from frost. If the chemical had been in working order the buildings could have been saved with slight loss, as the fire was discovered before much headway had been made.

If the department had been provided with a hose wagon two lines of hose could have been

laid. About half of the hose was in use.

A little time spent on the alarm bell would make it much more effective.

If a special insurance man should visit Ontario and discover the condition of the department there would be a general cancelling of policies, because the rates are based on an efficient fire fighting equipment.

Ontario has a good crowd of fire fighters and they should receive more encouragement for their efforts. A small amount of money judiciously expended would make the department much more effective.

Nearly all the fixtures in the church room were removed. In the warehouse most of the goods stored on the lower floor were removed, but nothing was saved from the upper floor.

Rev. Morrison stated that the buildings were worth about one thousand dollars and the church carried \$400 insurance on it.

Mr. Farley estimates his loss between four and five thousand dollars, with one thousand in insurance.

Rev. Morrison could not state what the church would do about rebuilding at once, the plan were to erect a church building in the spring and it is barely possible that arrangements will be made to have work started on it at once.

### City Election

The city election is scheduled for Monday, December 6. A meeting will be held in the Opera House Monday evening to nominate candidates.

The coming year will be the most important in Ontario's history and she will need the best possible business administration to guide her.

### University Bulletin.

The University of Oregon is sending out the October number of the University Bulletin on the Oregon High School Debating League.

The bulletin is one of the best the University has issued and is sent free on request.

### Ontario High D feat

The Ontario high school football team made a pilgrimage to Caldwell last week and met the College team there. The score indicated that the Caldwell team had all the best of it when it came to weight and the slushy condition of the field made weight count for more than speed.

While the boys feel their defeat keenly they should remember that they were wholly going outside of their class in tackling a college eleven. The team has been successful when pitted against high school boys, only letting one team get a tie with them.

On Thanksgiving day there will be a game here with the Boise team and as that eleven has been showing much improvement a good snappy

### Local News.

The Idaho State Poultry Association has decided to hold their annual show the first week in February.

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

The thermometer dropped to 19 degrees above zero one morning this week, which is unusually cold for November.

A Nyssa girl has been engaged even times since June 1st which goes to show that the sage brush has as many opportunities as the seashore.

The Sons of the American Revolution have issued their announcement of prizes for essays upon revolutionary topics to be competed for by the pupils of the public schools of the state.

Good things to eat for Thanksgiving dinner at Rader Bros. & Lampkins. Tokay grapes, muscat grapes, bananas, oranges, dates plain and stuffed, figs, fancy Smyrna, lettuce, cauliflower, celery. All kinds of new nuts, etc. Telephone 55 black.

The disagreeable weather of the past week interfered somewhat with the new buildings going up around town. The new home for Rev. Young is about completed and the alterations at the Methodist church are nearing completion. This will give the church a much larger auditorium. The brick buildings are going up rapidly brick work on the second story of the Lackey building being about completed and the walls of the Boyer building are nearing completion.

### The Stock Business

John Robertson, who looks after the driving and shipping of the Hanley cattle, is in the city, having brought in about 1200 cattle, mostly from the old French-Glenn ranches. Mr. Robertson stated this would be the last drive for the season, and that it would run the total for the season up to 16,000 head. The price for the season drive has averaged about \$25 a head. They are feeding 400 steers at the Hanley ranch, that are an especially fine lot, these will be ready for market early in the spring.

Baker Ball purchased 900 of the Hanley cattle and after feeding a short time will ship to Seattle. The balance of the Hanley cattle will be shipped to Omaha soon as cars can be obtained.

Baker Ball shipped fifteen carloads of cattle to Seattle this week.

The Chicago and Portland markets are showing a little more strength, but the supply of prime stuff seems to be short.

Dick DeArmond was a business visitor to our city from Malheur county during this week.—Times-Herald, Burns.

William Hanley returned to his Harney valley ranches on Monday in his big Pierce-Arrow car. Billy says his cowboy driver is alright, but needs martingales part of the time.

### Hog Raising Profitable

Have you raised enough hogs to make your meat for 1910?

Has it occurred to you that meat during 1909 has brought the highest prices for many years?

The retail price in Ontario at the present time is: Ham 20c, bacon 22c, side meat 20c per pound.

Hogs have brought \$ 3.10 per pound, on foot, in Chicago.

Have you ever figured how the eastern farmer is getting rich raising hogs? When you buy the eastern cured meat you pay the expense and a profit to the farmer, the hog buyer, the railroad to the market, the packing house, the railroad to Ontario, the middleman, and the merchant with whom you deal. Can any country stand this drain? Can any people prosper and pay so high for their meat? One acre of your land will produce many times more meat than that of the eastern farm.

The high market value of hogs is cutting down the supply while the demand is ever on the increase.

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Whitworth & Tonnison, of the Carter House have prepared to serve a very elaborate Thanksgiving dinner, and you are cordially invited to come with your family and enjoy the good things provided. The regular price of 50 cents a plate will be charged. Dinner from 6 to 8 p. m.

#### MENU.

- Fresh Oysters
- Green Sea Turtle Consomme
- Crisp Celery Dill Pickles
- Queen Olives
- Stuffed Royal Chinook Salmon
- Young Turkey Oyster Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Spring Chicken, Cream Gravy
- Prime Ribs of Beef au jus
- Sweet Bread Sauce, Mushrooms
- Banana Fritters, Vanilla Sauce
- Shrimp Salad
- Mashed Potato Steamed Potato
- Cauliflower in Cream
- Brown Sweet Potatoes
- Hot Mince, Orange Cream Pie
- Cream Cheese
- English Plum Pudding
- Hard and Brandy Sauce
- Vanilla Ice Cream Cake
- Cafe Noir Tea Milk

### Some Oil Gossip.

J. B. Bowden and G. D. Smith of this city are back from the Malheur oil fields, where they spent the last month looking after assessment work on the holdings of the Baker-Malheur Oil company. They gave a very flattering report of oil properties.—Democrat, Baker City.

Alonzo Fisher, in charge of the Ontario well, met with a very painful accident on Friday last. His assistant struck him on the right hand with a sledge hammer, splitting the small finger, and lacerating the third, but fortunately no bones were broken. He is carrying his hand in a sling but keeps the work at the well going ahead.

G. W. Baird, W. A. Maxwell, Frank Burnside and John Conlan, of Union, interested in the Malheur oil fields were looking over the district this week and expressed themselves as well pleased with the showings at the various wells.

The work at the Ontario well is progressing, and Mr. Fisher expects to have casing in to the bottom of the old hole in a few days. The log of the well indicates that the formation from the 3010 foot point is solid and no further cave is expected.

### Church Services

#### M. E. CHURCH.

On Thanksgiving day a union service of all the churches of the city will be held in the M. E. church. Rev. Young will be in the pulpit.

Owing to the delay in receiving the chairs, the dedication of the M. E. Church has been postponed and will take place on December 12th or 19th.

The revival meetings at the Methodist church will begin November 28th.

Rev. Jacob Mussell, of Home-dale, Idaho, filled the pulpit at the M. E. Church on Sunday evening.

Sunday services — Sabbath school 10:30 a. m.

Preaching—11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League—6:45 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

Business meeting, first Monday evening of each month.

J. W. Miller, pastor.

W. H. Allison, superintendent Sunday school.

M. W. Warring, president Epworth League.

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Preaching — 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Christian Endeavor—7 p. m.

Sunday School—10:30 a. m.

Junior Endeavor—3 p. m.

The recital by Miss Caddon, assisted by Mr. Hilt, was a fine success.

There will be a social at the church Thanksgiving evening.

Revival meetings will be held beginning with the new year.

#### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.

Until further notice the services will be held in the Methodist church.

Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m., preaching at 3:30 p. m.

Rev. Bruce J. Giffen, formerly of Nampa, has taken charge of the Nyssa Presbyterian church.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

The revival services being conducted by Rev. J. J. Tickner will be continued over Sunday.

The latest in bags, combs, collar pins and neck wear received this week by Rader Brothers & Lampkin.

The Argus gives the news. You can't deny that statement.

## MANY ACRES SIGNED UP

### Kingman Colony All In Line And Others Coming Right Along.

The different committees having in charge the Boise-Owyhee irrigation proposition have been meeting with great success during the past week.

The Gem district, in Idaho, has perfected organization and will hold a meeting on December 14, 1909, to elect officers for the ensuing year. Meetings recently held by them showed a uniform sentiment favorable to the Trowbridge-Niver proposition and they will soon be in shape to issue bonds.

A meeting of land owners in the Kingman colony section was held on Saturday and after thoroughly discussing the district organization, feature and the new contracts to facilitate matters, signed up over 10,000 acres, all the land represented at the meeting, and committees were appointed to reach all the landholders in the district. After a thorough canvass among the dry land owners practically everything in the district has been signed up.

A committee was appointed to go to Vale on December 6th to look after the formation of the district, when the matter comes up before the county court.

In Ontario the committee has been untiring in their efforts to reach all interested persons and they have been very successful in getting signatures to the contracts.

They have had a circular and contracts printed and where the owners are non-residents, these

have been mailed to them, where personal interviews were possible they were had and the results show that a large part of the land has been signed up.

There are some 70,000 acres altogether in the two districts under the ditch. Of this over 10,000 acres are already covered by water rights, the road companies own 15,000 acres and of the balance nearly 30,000 acres have been signed up, leaving 15,000 acres to be secured in order that work be started at once.

Nothing has been heard from Col. Wood and Mr. McKinzie relative to the road lands, but it is generally believed that they will sign up in a few days.

It is imperative that all lands should be signed up at once. It depends entirely upon the signing of these contracts whether water will be had for the season of 1911 or one year later. When the land owners consider what the year's delay means to them in dollars and cents, they will have no hesitancy in furthering their interests as well as that of every other person in the entire district.

Mr. Trowbridge has been looking over the district this week and expressed himself as well pleased with the progress, but urged that all the land be signed at once so that the work can be started.

The engineers have about completed the work of surveying Dead Ox Flat.

### Local News.

Wilson-Duffy Co. for all kinds of drugs.

A. Tonnison, of the Carter House, has returned from his summer vacation.

Captain Tobin and Dr. Weeks, representing the U. S. A., are in the city receiving horses for the cavalry.

Cleaning, pressing and repairing done by Gene Conant, three doors north of Carter House barber shop.

The Snake river bridge will be open for traffic in about ten days. The date of the formal opening has not been decided upon.

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

Mr. L. N. Cook, of Marion, Indiana, is in the city. Mr. Cook is in the mining and real estate business and may open a branch office here.

It takes elbow grease to press a suit of clothes properly. I use a 20 pound iron. Give me a call, three doors north of Carter House barber shop. Gene Conant.

Malheur and Harney County Wool Growers Association will meet in Ontario on December 15, for the election of officers and other business of interest and benefit to wool growers.

Good things to eat for Thanksgiving dinner at Rader Bros. & Lampkins. Tokay Grapes, Muscat Grapes, Bananas, Oranges,

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### HARRY B. GRAUEL

The Jewelry and Musical House of Ontario, Oregon.

### It Pays To Advertise.

An old duck was complaining to a rooster that she did not get proper recognition. She said, "I have been laying eggs here on this ranch all season and I lay just as many eggs as the old hen does, that sister of yours that every body writes about and she gets a great deal more credit and I don't get anything." "Well," the old rooster replied "You don't understand this business. When you lay an egg, you just waddle off through the alfalfa and say nothing, but when my sister does anything, she advertises it. You need a press agent."

Pillow tops, cords and embroidery silks at Rader Bros. & Lampkin.