

SUMMARY OF 1912 HAPPENINGS

Many Events of Importance Chronicled For the Year.

The first week in January the post office was made a branch of the government postal savings bank.

Jan. 4. Mr. Chapman returns from the Land Show, bringing the cup awarded to Ontario Commercial club for best exhibit.

The Gem Irrigation District signs bonds for the commencement of their irrigation project.

The Black Canyon district voted to bond the district for the amount to finance their proposition.

Jan. 7. Men's Religion and Forward Movement hold their first meeting in the M. E. church.

Jan. 6 and 7. The worst snow storm in many years.

Jan. 10. Demonstration at oil well. Gas flames 77 feet high.

Jan. 16. First meeting of Snake River Poultry Association.

Jan. 17. Marriage of Ollie Adam and Floyd Hagar.

Jan. 18. Prize cup won by Commercial club for best alfalfa exhibit arrives.

Jan. 27. Ontario Advancement places 1000 acres of land adjoining Ontario on the market with backing of Commercial club.

Feb. 17. The Work and Win Club reports purchase of a site for the new library on corner of King street and Washington Avenue.

Feb. 20. Work and Win club give first annual ball for benefit of library.

Polo team organized.

Feb. 25. Wm. Jennings Bryan visits Ontario.

Mar. 2. Disastrous fire in Long's clothing store.

Mar. 20. E. A. Brown's house burned down.

Apr. 5. Commercial club votes to incorporate.

Apr. 6. Rose planting day. About 600 bushes planted.

Apr. 7. Water furnished Dead Ox flat for first time and running in ditches on three levels.

Apr. 15. Water running in irrigating ditches on Advancement company's tract.

Apr. 18. Railroad reports reduction in wool shipping rate from \$2.13 to \$1.75 per hundred.

Apr. 18. Ex-Congressman Cole, of Ohio, gave address at opera house.

Apr. 21. This week men representing over \$100,000,000 visit Ontario.

Apr. 28. Ulysses S. James, of Newark, N. J., a prominent inventor visits Ontario.

Apr. 28. The Ontario polo team wins game from Boise.

May 1. Ontario-Nyssa irrigation ditch completed.

May 4. The hardware men of Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho hold quarterly session in Ontario.

May 4. Automobile accident in which Frank Eastman of Boise was killed and three others injured.

May 5. L. R. Alderman, state superintendent of schools visits Ontario this week.

May 9. Work begun on Wilson building.

May 9. Gun Club holds tournament.

May 12. Ontario has its first polo tournament.

May 21. President Farrell, of the O. W. R. & N., visits Ontario.

May 23. Episcopal Guild organizes.

May 31 and June 1. "Queen Esther" presented by pupils of the schools.

June 10. Wool sale. Clips being two cents a pound more than in neighboring towns and prices much hotter than last year. 455,000 pounds sold. Over a million and a half pounds of wool have been handled here this year and 2000 sacks yet to be delivered.

June 11. Frank Weaver shot through the side.

June 11. Railroad hauls in 18 cars of horses and grading machinery for work in Malheur canyons.

June 13. Railroad officials pay annual visit to Ontario.

June 13. W. F. Homan returns from Washington having succeeded in obtaining concessions for power plant to irrigate Dead Ox flat.

June 17. Annual school meeting.

June 20. Eastern Oregon Medical Association hold convention in Ontario. Dr. Pogue elected president.

June 22. 2600 sheep shipped east by Ed. Baker.

June 23. 2000 sheep shipped east by Baker Ball.

June 23. 4000 black face lambs shipped by Anderson & Gwinn.

June 25. Second wool sale of season, nearly one half million pounds sold, making nearly 3,000,000 pounds this year.

June 26. Car load of laborers and seven cars of material taken to construction work on Oregon Eastern-

gon and Southern Idaho hold meeting and picnic at C. E. Dibble's home.

Aug. 1. A. L. and H. B. Cockrum, of Gutherie, Oklahoma, purchase controlling interest in First National Bank.

Aug. 5. New shoe store opens.

Aug. 10. Boundaries of Dead Ox flat Irrigation District approved.

Aug. 13. Large party of prominent railroad officials visit Ontario.

Sept. 1. Knights of Columbus institute lodge.

Sept. 2. New millinery store opens.

Sept. 3. City schools open with largest attendance ever known on opening day.

Sept. 9. Automobile struck by train and Mrs. Boswell and Mrs. Hornley seriously injured.

Sept. 10. 100 Salt Lake boosters invade Ontario.

Sept. 11. New clothing store opens.

Sept. 12. Roosevelt speaks in Ontario.

Sept. 13. Odd Fellows celebrate 25th anniversary.

Sept. 13. Death of A. A. Brown.

Sept. 21. Tag day for benefit of library.

Sept. 24. Dreamland theatre opens.

Sept. 24. Malheur County Fair opens with fine display of exhibits in all departments from all sections of county.

Sept. 26. Attendance at fair grounds larger by several hundred than

Thirteen Thousand Boxes from Eight Acres.

M. Tussing is perhaps the most intensive apple grower in this section; while his acreage is not large, he gets an enormous yield of extraordinary quality. Last year he gathered thirteen thousand boxes from eight acres, and delivered them on board the cars at a price of from one dollar ten to one dollar and fifty cents a box. Mr. Tussing is a believer in very thorough thinning of the apples in order to get the larger size and superior quality. He is also extremely careful in packing, making sure that each classification of apples is up to grade.

Barley on New Land.

B. F. Taylor, the life insurance man, cleared and leveled his ten acre tract last spring. This ten acres is just west of the city limits, even though he was several weeks late in getting his barley sowed he obtained a yield of sixty-six bushels to the acre. Mr. Taylor feels that he has been quite successful considering the fact that this was his first effort at irrigation farming.

Mrs. Ellen Welch, formerly proprietor of the New Ideal Millinery Shop, has gone to Baker City, where she expects to make her home in the future.



RESIDENCE OF L. ADAM.

June 27. Larger switch board and other new equipment being installed at telephone office.

July 1. Post office raised to 2d class.

July 1. Mrs. Whitcomb returns from Hot Lake much improved after her long illness.

July 5. Death of Ernest Staples.

July 5. Fifty-nine carloads of supplies and large crew of bridge carpenters taken out for work on the Oregon Eastern railroad.

July 8. Fifteen cars of sheep shipped east.

July 10. 27 cars of sheep shipped east.

July 11. 27 cars of sheep shipped east.

July 16. Beekeepers of Eastern Ore-

gon ever before. Spectacular airship flights every day.

Oct. 3. L. J. Chapman secretary, of Commercial club appointed by Gov. West as commissioner to St. Paul Land Show.

Oct. 10. Enormous apple crop in this section now being packed.

Oct. 16. Col. C. E. S. Wood gave an interesting address on Woodrow Wilson.

Oct. 17. Grand Matron of Eastern Star visits local lodge and banquet is given in her honor.

Oct. 20. Successful rabbit drive on Dead Ox flat.

Oct. 21. New quarters of Commercial club open with fine exhibit of fruits, vegetables and grains.

Oct. 23. Marriage of Miss Laughlin and Mr. Glover.

Oct. 29. Prof. Thos. Shaw, authority on dry land farming, visits Ontario and expresses confident opinion that this section is adapted to that purpose.

Nov. 2. V. V. Hickox received check for \$964.00 in payment for 630 boxes of apples, which was half the marketable apples on 135 trees.

Nov. 1. Large orchard being planted this month.

Nov. 11. Ontario exhibit at St. Paul Land Show given great praise in eastern papers.

Nov. 15. Social center hall of the school at Washoe dedicated, the first fruit of the work of the Idaho Country Life Commission.

Nov. 18. Annual convention of Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon beekeepers held in Ontario.

Dec. 1. Wilson building completed, the most substantially built and modern business block in city.

Dec. 2. City elections held, Mrs. A. W. Trow, first women to cast her vote in Ontario.

Dec. 14. The stockholders of the Malheur County Fair association held annual meeting and A. W. Trow and J. D. Billingsley were elected to fill vacancies.

Dec. 14. Bill Hanley comes to town.



HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL BUILDING.

The Holy Rosary Hospital was organized May 1st, 1912, by the Dominican sisters, refugees from Portugal. The Ontario Commercial club subscribed \$10,000 and the Good Sisters raised the balance about \$40,000. The sisters now own 5 acres of fine land in a high piece of ground overlooking the city of Ontario and also another 5 acres a little west of that, where they

will, in the near future, build a Catholic school. We now have a good hospital of 25 beds and room for ten more. There are sixteen sisters under the efficient management of Mother Catherine Roth and Miss Pearl Bennett, chief nurse. The hospital is being well patronized by the neighboring physicians and certainly is a great blessing in this community.

Holy Rosary Hospital

St. Catherines School

For Boarding and Day Pupils. Conducted by Dominican Sisters.

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Work at the Oil Well.

Work still progresses at the oil well, notwithstanding accidents and all kinds of discouragements the work goes on. The evidences of oil are better than ever before, and the gas pressure is increasing. Robert White, of Caldwell, who is a geologist of considerable reputation is taking a great deal of interest in the well. Mr. White has done considerable work in geological investigations in this section of the country, and he feels certain that there is an immense quantity of oil in this vicinity. He is sincere in his statements as he is backing them with his money. He is furnishing sufficient money to pay the head driller, taking all of it in stock in the Ontario well. Money is being raised from other sources to pay the coal bills and the helper. Mr. Shriver, the head driller, who has been working on oil wells for the past fourteen years says that he never saw a better prospect than the Ontario well.

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A Happy New Year

1912 is crossing the line.

A Grand Old Year!

Thank you all for the help you gave in making it a bigger and better year than last. It was a year that brought forebodings, uncertainties and struggles. It was a year full of fight. It was a year full of victory. New courage, new understanding, new records of sales, a wider horizon, a better stock, a closer friendship with you all--these are our heritage from the old year.

A new visitor is at our door! WELCOME! And on our way. For 1913 must go farther, faster and higher with us all than the good old year that carries our good - buy.

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