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## BRINGS \$1,000 PER ACRE

### W. U. Sanderson Sells Prune Orchard

#### Former Van Gilse Orchard Is Bought by Miles Cannon Who Pays \$50,000 For Remaining 50 Acres.

One of the largest and most important deals ever transacted in this section was closed here Tuesday by Miles Cannon taking over the 50-acre prune orchard of W. U. Sanderson at the price of \$1,000 an acre, including this year's crop. This orchard was planted by Robert Van Gilse several years ago, when he was an agent for some Hollanders.

Business conditions flattened out some and they insisted on the sale of the place, J. J. Jenkins being the fortunate purchaser. Jenkins did not know anything about prunes, got no profit from the trees and was ready to pull them up and go to raising alfalfa. Mrs. Jenkins succeeded in unloading the orchard on a Boise man in a trade for Boise property, valuing the orchard at \$48,000, after having tried to sell it at a much lower figure. The new owner soon turned it over to Sanderson, who was the first man to realize its value and know how to get the profits out of it.

The orchard was thoroughly pruned, placed in first class shape and the first crop showed an astonishing increase in grade and quantity of fruit, netting the new owner a handsome profit.

About three months ago Miles Cannon purchased 70 acres of the orchard, paying \$45,000 for it, this week he purchased the balance, paying \$1,000 an acre. The main difference in price being due to the advanced stage of the crop and the market for the fruit.

Mr. Cannon has sold the run of the orchard for 70 cents a box which means about \$650 a car and he estimates the crop around 80 cars.

We understand that Mr. Cannon will build him a home in Ontario and move his family here this fall.

There has been a trend back to the lowly prune for the past few years and sales like the above will place them in the lead among the fruits.

## MEDFORD DISPOSES OF PEAR CROP AT EXCELLENT PRICE

The entire pear crop of the Medford section has been sold f. o. b. at prices ranging from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per box. Not a single grower shipped on consignment. It is encouraging to find one part of the state has at last discovered the only reliable way to sell fruit.

## RECALL COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Judge and Commissioner Replaced by New Men.

Oregon City, Or.—Clackamas county voted to recall the old county court and seat a new judge and commissioner.

Returns show that H. S. Anderson defeated R. B. Beattie, incumbent, for county judge by 331 votes, and J. W. Smith beat N. Blair, incumbent, by 464 votes for county commissioner.

The recall was the result of dissatisfaction over the way in which the county court let contracts. It was charged in the petitions that Judge Beattie and Commissioner Blair did not advertise for bids on county work and that their procedure under the old system was a waste of the taxpayers' money.

Only about 5000 votes out of a total registration of 15,000 were cast.

Showers Relieve Kansas. Kansas City.—Heavy showers over most of the eastern half of Kansas added to the relief that came with the rains of Sunday and it is believed the drought is now effectually broken.

## MACHINERY EXHIBIT FOR MALHEUR CO. FAIR

### Effort to Have Extensive Showing of Machinery And Inventions

The fair management is making great efforts to secure an elaborate exhibit of machinery at the coming fair. They are offering special inducements to those who have machinery to exhibit. New inventions are receiving special attention. Some of the machinery will be shown in operation. They are planning to get enough to cover five acres.

Among the exhibits promised are gasoline engines of several different makes, road machinery of all kinds, a full line of John Deere farm machinery, Studebaker and Oliver implements and some practical labor saving tools such as hay loaders rakes etc.

The automobile and motor cycle people are making arrangements to exhibit as well as some of the wagon and buggy concerns.

The directors want every farmer, or, in fact anyone who has a labor saving device or farm implement of their own invention to bring it to the fair and put it on exhibition. They want to make this exhibit of especial interest to the farmer and helpful to all who attend the fair.

## WILLIAM SULZER



Photo by American Press Association.

William Sulzer, governor of New York, against whom impeachment proceedings have been instituted.

## WOULD HAVE GOVERNMENT BUILD ALASKA ROADS

Seattle, Wash.—In his address at the commercial club here Secretary Lane declared it was one of the first duties of the government to develop Alaska.

"If the government were justified in spending \$400,000,000 to join the Atlantic and Pacific coasts with a canal, why was it not as much obligated to link to itself with an outlying portion of the United States by an expenditure of \$40,000,000? The United States built a dirt road across Pennsylvania a century ago, and dug a canal from Lake Erie to the Hudson river."

The secretary declared himself not only in favor of government construction of an Alaskan railroad system, but its operation, so that products might be transported at reasonable cost. He wished to see the coal lands developed so that they would benefit all the people and not fall into the hands of a monopoly.

Editor Kills Former California Official Quincy, Cal.—As the result of a feud growing out of the rival claims of the towns of Quincy and Greenville for a \$40,000 high school now under construction, J. A. Boyle, the former city attorney, was shot and killed by F. G. Hall, veteran editor of the Plumas National Bulletin, of Quincy.

## WORK BEGINS ON LIBRARY BUILDING FIRST OF WEEK

### N. P. Minster Secures Contract On The Second Low Bid.

The library board has finally got all the red tape unwound and the new building will be commenced the first of the week on the lots near the Presbyterian church.

N. P. Minster has the contract. Mr. McGee asking to be released and the board considered the delay entitled him to some consideration.

The lines for the foundation have been placed and the digging of the basement will be done by George Routh, who will start soon as he can get teams.

The building will be finished this fall and ready for occupancy, marking another step forward in the permanent improvements of the year.

With a creamery, an ice and cold storage plant, new city hall, new sewer and drainage system and a new library building, all done this year, Ontario has set a pace equaled by few cities of her size.

## JANITOR AT SCHOOL BREAKS ARM IN FALL FROM LADDER

Mr. Moore, the janitor at the school, fell from a step ladder Monday morning and broke his left arm at the wrist. He was up on the ladder cleaning windows, when the ladder spread out throwing him to the floor with great force, striking on the hand, which was bent back and the cords all torn loose.

Floyd Christianson, the 11-year old son of S. Christianson, the barber, fell from a slide he was playing on Tuesday and broke his arm at the elbow.

## MAY TAKE OVER IDAHO NORTHERN

It is Rumored That Oregon Short Line Is to Take Over the Above Named Road in Near Future.

Many rumors have been current this week to the effect that the Oregon Short Line is preparing to take over the Idaho Northern railroad.

D. W. Landis, representative of the Simmons Hardware company, who is also vice president and one of the principal stockholders of the Ontario Hardware company, was up the Pin road last week and heard these rumors, but could not confirm them.

Mr. Landis, who has been in the hardware business for twenty years, has recently moved his family and headquarters to Ontario from Boise in order to be in closer touch with his business here and give it more of his time. He is very much of a booster for this place and the people here and says he finds the outsiders, generally speaking, have always got a good word to say for Ontario and it is resulting in many men making investments here.

## MRS. J. F. BENNETT DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART FAILURE

Mrs. J. F. Bennett died at her home on the Boulevard Wednesday morning and will be buried from the Methodist church here Friday at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Bennett was ill about 15 minutes, being stricken with heart failure.

She was born in Amelia, Ohio, in January 1857 and moved to the west about 25 years ago, coming to Ontario from Cambridge Idaho, last year.

She is survived by her husband and one son, J. A. Bennett, residing here, one son in Baker City and a daughter at Lowden, Wash.

## LIST OF TEACHERS IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS FOR COMING TERM

The Ontario schools will open Monday, September 1 and Principal Bailey looks for the largest enrollment they have ever had here. Many new books have been ordered by the legislature, which requires a change every six years, believing that better success will be gained in this way.

Following is the list of teachers selected for the term:

E. G. Bailey, Principal; Ray L. Smith, assistant principal, pedagogy; David C. Petrie, science; Alice Stoddard, mathematics; Ida Martinson, commercial and German; Mabel Gray, domestic science and Latin; Anna Stoetzel and Ketta Payne, first primary; Betsy Taylor, and Lauree Bailey second primary; Ruth Purcell, third grade; Wilmoth Curry, fourth grade; Nona Austin and Susie Stoetzel 5th grade; Mae Platt and Mae Sutton, sixth grade; Evelyn Peck, seventh grade; Edna Griffin and Nellie Platt, eighth grade.

## VALE BOY IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED AT HARPER RANCH

Lloyd Simpson, son of L. A. Simpson, foreman of Harper's ranch, met a horrible death Saturday evening. He was standing near a mowing machine which knocked him down cutting the top of his skull off. He lived about four hours after the accident. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Vale.

## HARRY THAW MAKES DASH FOR LIBERTY

Powerful Autos Aid Escape of Stanford White's Slayer From Matteawan.

Matteawan, N. Y.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, escaped from the hospital for the criminal insane at 7:45 Sunday morning. A dart for liberty through an open gate, a dash into the open door of a powerful automobile that stood quivering outside, and a flight like a rocket for the Connecticut state line, 30 miles away, accomplished his escape, and the hospital authorities are certain he is outside the state. Once beyond its boundaries, Thaw is free. Only long, perhaps years, of litigation can bring him back, and then only in one event—that he be adjudged insane in the state to which he has fled.

Five confederates manned the car in which Thaw escaped and a big black limousine which trailed it past the asylum gate.

The shades were drawn in the dormitories and the inmates were getting their second sleep when Thaw left his room. The milkman's cart was rumbling on the road outside as he walked through the storeroom and into the outer court or yard of the asylum grounds. A six-cylinder touring car, black, and 60-horsepower, followed by a limousine, also black, loomed lazily along the road as the milkman drew near the gate. Thaw, standing a few feet away, apparently unconcerned, waited until Barnum, attendant at the gate, unlocked the gate and swung it wide to let the milkman enter. As Barnum stepped aside for the milkman to drive inside Thaw flashed past him straight for one of the waiting cars. With a shout, Barnum started in pursuit, but a flying leap landed Thaw safely within the car. The wheels were slowly turning before the keeper had fairly reached the roadway. They were throwing up a cloud of dust before he had gone 20 feet.

## ONTARIO IS TO HAVE A FINE POLO FARM

### W. U. Sanderson and H. A. Chapman to Raise And Train Thoroughbreds

Malheur county is to have an up-to-date polo farm in the near future where polo horses will be bred and trained for the market.

W. U. Sanderson and H. A. Chapman are the promoters and are going to make such a place of the Van Gilse ranch, located seven miles south of Ontario.

Both of these men are well qualified to successfully carry out this undertaking. Mr. Sanderson is from South Africa and has a wide acquaintance in England and the United States among the sporting fraternity. He is a royal entertainer and has the financial ability to carry out his project.

Mr. Chapman has an extensive acquaintance among polo players, having made a very creditable showing in several of the noted tournaments that have taken place in this country.

He also, like Mr. Sanderson, has a wide acquaintance, being well known in England and Australia, where there is a good demand for high class polo horses.

Work has already been started toward improving the farm and Mr. Chapman will leave in a few days for Wyoming to where he will purchase a carload of thoroughbreds which they will put in training.

## HARRY THAW



Harry K. Thaw, who escaped from the hospital for criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y.

## GLYNN REFUSES TO DEAL WITH SULZER

Albany, N. Y.—Martin H. Glynn checkmated a movement of William Sulzer to invoke the arbitration of the courts on the question which of the two is the lawful present chief executive of the state of New York.

Replying to a formal proposal by the impeached executive to submit the issue to adjudication on an agreed statement of facts Mr. Glynn declared it was beyond his power to "barter away any of the functions attaching to the office in which I am placed by your impeachment."

"Any attempt on my part to do so," he said, "or to stipulate a method by which it might be done, would properly place me in the position you now occupy—that of being impeached for malfeasance in office."

Mr. Glynn declared further that he proposed to perform every function of the office of governor, "except insofar as I am restrained by your illegal action or by physical force."

Dakota Farmers Harvest at Night. Grand Forks, N. D.—By transferring the headlights from their automobiles to their binders, farmers of the Red River valley are conducting harvesting operations through the night and lying idle during the day.

This is owing to intense heat, more than 100 horses having died from prostration during the past week, according to reports that have reached here.

## JUNTURA GOING AHEAD FAST

### Interior Town Goes On the Map.

#### Now Has a Newspaper—Railroad Delivering The Freight Within Six Miles of Station.

The promoters of the new town of Juntura determined to get themselves before the public and have induced some young men to start a paper there. The first issue arrived a few days ago and is full of news regarding that section.

The railroad is now delivering freight at a point six miles from Juntura and has three bridges to build before reaching the town, which ordinarily takes two weeks each. This will bring the railroad to the town about the first of October, but much freight is being unloaded at the end of the track for the Harney valley section.

The new buildings are mostly of stone, fine quarries being found nearby. There is a brick yard ready with some 50,000 brick. The lumber used was mostly hauled about sixty miles.

The first bank of Juntura will have a new building completed in a few days, with David Graham in charge.

The Townsite company has graded and leveled the streets and furnished water for all the lots. They have also set aside a block for a park and public play ground.

They are working for the construction of new roads to Drewsey, cutting off the climb over the hill and another to Creston to tap the Barren valley section. They have a good road to Beulah at present.

## WILL EXHIBIT HAY RAKE AND LOADER AT THE FAIR

Harrison Seaward has come to the conclusion that man's strength is too costly for handling alfalfa hay and has purchased a side delivering rake and hay loader, which gives good satisfaction as with these tools he can put his hay in the stack for about one half the cost of the old way and he says that with this equipment he can cure his hay and get it into the stack with less waste than by the old arm strong method of doing the work with a hand fork.

Mr. Seaward has promised to place his hay loader and delivering rake on exhibition at the fair.

## SELLS ENTIRE PRUNE CROP FOR SEASON AT GOOD FIGURE

Miles Cannon, was in the city Monday looking after some business matters in connection with his prune crop. He has some seventy acres of prunes to harvest and will have in the neighborhood of fifty car loads. He has sold the entire crop through the association for seventy cents a box, which is considered a very good price for the run of the orchard. He also reports an offer of \$2.25 a box for his Winter Banana apples.

## FRUITLAND ORCHARD MAN A VISITOR IN ONTARIO

C. H. Sargent passed through town Monday from his Fruitland apple farm enroute to Boise. He stated that his crop this year will not run as heavy on his forty acre tract as last year, but the indications are that the prices will be better. He sold his first and second grades last year for \$1.10 f. o. b. Fruitland, which was about the best any of them did. He has not received any offers so far, but the tone of the inquiries indicate that the crop is not nearly as heavy as last year.