

# ONTARIO ARGUS

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## MALHEUR COUNTY FAIR

The books of the secretary of the County Fair show there was practically double the number of entries at the fair this year over that of one year ago.

When the fair was started it was a rare thing to see a field of corn, now most of the farmers are raising it and they are learning the varieties that do best in this section, so that an average of eighty bushels to the acre is harvested.

Practically all the beans used in this territory were shipped in a few years ago, while this year the production is nearly sufficient to meet the local demand, because the farmers have found they can raise beans here to good advantage.

In the matter of cows and hogs it is the same story, their number has increased many fold and the grade has improved. Cheese and butter factories have been established and it should not be long before the hog industry will reach such proportions that a packing house will be a necessity and all the hog products used in this section will be produced here.

This record of betterment in farm production could be carried still farther.

There is only one object in holding a county fair and that is to benefit the producers of the country and show them what can be produced to the best advantage. The directors of the fair believe that it is possible to enlarge the scope of the fair and make every section of the county realize that the fair is conducted for its benefit, by turning the fair grounds over to the county and to accomplish this petitions are being circulated asking the County Court to call a special election and make a levy of one mill on the dollar to take over the grounds and improvements for the balance owing on them,

giving the county the benefit of the thousands of dollars expended in fitting up the grounds.

We believe the directors are right in assuming that more interest will be shown if the grounds belong to the county and that all sections will then take advantage of the opportunities to learn all that is possible concerning the crops and conditions best suited for their production.

It is stated by officials of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange that over-anxiety on the part of growers to dispose of their fruit is costing them many thousands of dollars, as many of them have sold their apples at prices 25 to 50 cents below the actual market value of the fruit. They state this is one year when the grower can practically name his own price for the better grades of apples and that a little care and patience in marketing will result in handsome additions to the bank account.

According to the reports that are being published the Port of Portland will soon have a thirty foot channel to the sea. This will be sufficient to permit the largest ships to visit Portland and will permit the Portland people to turn their attention to developing the interior waterways, the most important being the Columbia and Snake rivers. There are no serious obstructions in the Columbia or Snake up to Lewiston and a small appropriation from the national government and the states of Washington and Oregon will have the waters navigable to Lewiston. Now that Portland has a deep channel to the ocean we believe her people will work for the opening of the upper Columbia and Snake rivers. With the immense power to be developed on the Columbia at Celilo there is an incentive, as that power is needed for factories. Above Lewiston there are places where locks are needed and they will develop power that can be distributed throughout the inland empire and provide a good revenue to cover interest on any bond issue that might be necessary.

Now that the road is about completed to Juntura there should be a move started to run a train from Ontario to that point so that the business men of the two places can get better acquainted with each other and the conditions. There is a big trade from that section coming to Ontario and the merchants should be fully informed how to handle it to the best possible advantage.

Burroughs, of the Caldwell News, is telling this one on himself: "It is said of an editor that he visited the insane asylum at Blackfoot, recently, and was mistaken by a lunatic for a fellow sufferer just arrived. Being confidential, the inmate asked the editor what made him go crazy, and to humor him the editor replied, 'trying to make money out of the newspaper business.'" "Rats!" said the lunatic, "you're not crazy, you're just a d---n fool."

### Brief News of the Week

Wilson men were victorious in the recent elections at New Jersey.

The Spanish government decided finally to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

Forty-two policemen and strike rioters were sent to the hospital as a result of serious fights in Dublin.

At a secret conference of 500 anti-home rulers at Belfast, with Lord Londonderry presiding, it was agreed to form a provisional constitutional government to rule Ulster if home rule passes.

State Controller Schmeer of New York received a check for \$2,500,000 in payment of the inheritance tax on a part of the estate of the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

A report has been read at the fifth session of the Pacific Logging congress at Spokane, recommending that loggers of the Pacific northwest raise a fund of \$500,000 for the endowment of chairs of logging engineering in the universities of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

Officials from the principal cities and towns of the Pacific northwest attended the annual convention of the League of Northwest Municipalities, held in the council chamber at the city hall in Portland, Wednesday and Thursday.

### People in the News

The value of the estate of the late Mayor Gaynor of New York is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Senator La Follette denies the rumor emanating from Portland that he intends joining the republican party.

Suit for \$1,000,000 for alienation of her husband's affections has been begun by Mrs. Catherine Ketcham Blake against Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay.

Ambassador Wilson does not intend to return to Mexico before his term expires, October 14. His recent visit to Washington was taken for private business reasons, he declares.

It is rumored that James Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States, shortly will become lord lieutenant of Ireland.

Fifty-six days of fasting to cure a mental disorder has been resorted to by Mrs. D. H. Foss, wife of a wealthy Palo Alto (Cal.) contractor.

By a plurality of 563, Mrs. N. E. Davidson, superintendent of schools of Kings county, Cal., is victorious in the recall election. The election was the first of the kind held in the state against a woman official.

John Purroy Mitchell, fusion candidate for mayor, has accepted the independence league endorsement, after selecting Robert Adamson, secretary to the late Mayor Gaynor, as his campaign manager.

Counsel for Harry K. Thaw received formal assurances from Governor Feltner of New Hampshire that the governor would grant the request for an extension to October 6 of the time for filing briefs in the extradition proceedings.

### Falls Under Moving Care.

St. Maries.—Morris Tobin, a cableman, working for the Milwaukee railroad, slipped and had his right leg cut off at the hip.

### McIntosh Given Term in Prison.

Coeur d'Alene.—In the district court J. D. McIntosh was sentenced by Judge John M. Flynn to serve the indeterminate term of from one to four years in the penitentiary at Boise. McIntosh entered a plea of guilty a few days ago to the charge of assault with intent to murder Alice Johnson of Spokane, whom he followed from that city to Plummer, on the Coeur d'Alene reservation.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

### Organize Protective Association.

Eugene.—The Lane county farmers took the first steps for mutual protection from the ravages of the hunters during the approaching hunting season, when the Farmers Protective association of Lane county was organized here, scores of representative farmers, with Prof. John Bovard and Prof. C. F. Hodge of the university assisting, met and adopted a constitution. The purposes of the organization as outlined is to enforce and improve bird and game laws of the state and protect the farmers against trespassers.

### Ashland Work is to Start.

Ashland.—Material has arrived here for the preliminary work on the Foot-hills Irrigation company's project, and in a few days operations are planned to begin on the first unit of the Hyatt Prairie dam, northeast of Ashland. The breast of the dam will be nearly 50 feet high. It will be over 900 feet wide and will flood approximately 1000 acres to an average depth of 20 feet. The backwater created by this dam will reach nearly two miles.

### WARNINGS ARE UNHEEDED

Thousands Lose in Locating on Oregon Lands.

Roseburg.—That thousands of persons throughout the United States have parted with various sums of cash through fraudulent locations on lands of the Oregon & California railway, was the statement made by Register Jones of the Roseburg United States land office.

"Hundreds of persons write to this office asking for information regarding these lands," said Mr. Jones, "many of them after they have parted with their money. We have always sent out a circular letter to people making inquiries about lands in this district, giving the amount of vacant land by counties, the character of the land, a general description of the country, and last but not least, the climatic conditions that prevail.

"A number of persons who were victimized by these locators have filed regular homestead applications in this office, all of which we rejected. Some of them appealed from our decision to the general land office, claiming that they would win the land in the end."

### Free Wool Causes Sales.

La Grande.—On account of the changing of the tariff on wool many sheep are being marketed from this section, as the sheep men fear the animals will not pay to keep for wool. In the last week two train loads of sheep have been shipped out of Union and Wallowa counties, the first train load from Joseph, in Wallowa county, and one from Elgin, in Union county.

### Hansel is Guilty.

Astoria.—Guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict rendered by a jury in the circuit court in the case of Oswald C. Hansel for the murder of Judge Taylor on Sunday morning, September 14.

### Man Shot for Wildcat.

Roseburg.—Mistaken for a wildcat, Preston Wilson of Winstons was shot through the left leg Saturday by B. B. Pindell, while hunting in the mountains 30 miles from Camas valley.

### State to Trade Books.

Salem, Or.—The state printing board has entered into a contract with the Bancroft-Whitney company, of San Francisco, to publish the supreme court reports for five years, it being the belief of the board that at least \$25,000 will be saved annually. J. C. Moreland, clerk of the supreme court, says there is about \$40,000 of "dead stock," consisting of old reports, in possession of the state which it cannot dispose of. These will be traded to the company for new books.

### Canal May Make Beef Cheaper.

Washington.—A message of hope for a reduction of the price of beef to less than one-half of what it is today has been brought to the American people by Augusto B. Leguia, former president of Peru, now in this city. He made the declaration that with the opening of the Panama canal and a reduction of 4000 miles in distance between the United States and Peru, beef could be delivered in New York for 10 cents a pound from his country.

### Pope in Ill Health Again.

Rome.—The condition of Pope Pius is giving rise to some anxiety. Although not suffering from any specific malady the state of his health is unsatisfactory. It is believed, however, the rest here will restore him.

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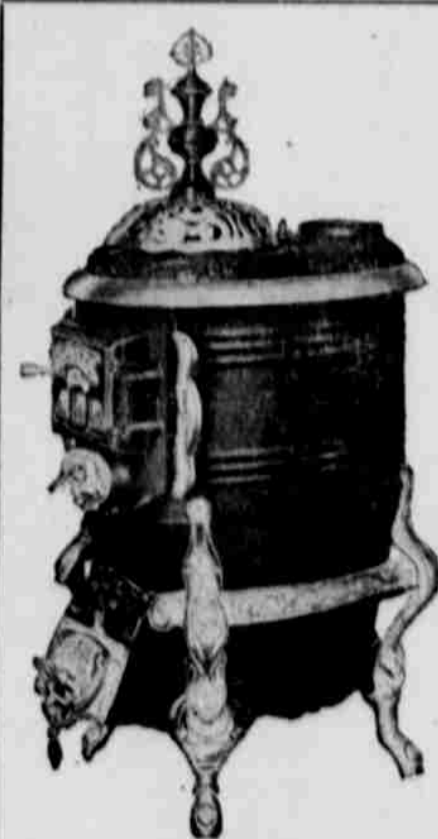
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