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Ontario Girl Weds.

On Wednesday, July 22, at high noon at the home of the bride's parents... The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brown...

WIRELESS MUSIC 200 MILES.

Strains From a Gramophone Picked Up by a Ship at Sea. London.—Strains from a gramophone playing "The Merry Widow Waltz" and "God Save the King" were heard lately by wireless in the Nelson line steamship Highland Scot...

WOMAN CANS GARDEN TRUCK.

She Makes a Good Profit and the Results Are Sure. Dodge City, Kan.—Two thousand quarts of beets and 600 quarts of piccalilli have been sold by Mrs. Will Robins to the Dodge City Wholesale Grocery company...

WHALERS MAKE RICH HAUL.

Off Coast of Lower California Get Fifteen Thousand Barrels of Oil. San Diego, Cal.—The whaling fleet, comprising the tender Capella I. and whalers Juarez, Morelos and Hidalgo, has arrived here from Magdalena bay after an eight months' successful season...

NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

Decision Makes Ten Counties Wet. Boise.—By a decision of the Idaho supreme court ten Idaho counties which are now without saloons are made wet territory. The court holds that all counties created since the county local option law was passed in 1909 are under the license system...

VICTORIANO HUERTA



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CHECKS ARE SIGNED WITH A MACHINE

Clerks In Pension Office Sign 820,000 Papers Each Year.

Washington.—J. S. Jones and William Adreon each year sign in the neighborhood of 820,000 checks, of an aggregate face value of \$180,000,000. Jones and Adreon are clerks in the pension office, and the checks are drawn to the order of pensioners. Technically this money is disbursed over the signature of Guy O. Taylor, the disbursing clerk of the bureau. In fact, however, it goes out over the signature of J. S. Jones and William Adreon. A series of machines designed especially for it fills out the blank checks with the name of the pensioner, the amount due him or her and the name of Guy O. Taylor, printed. But the checks cannot be cashed until they are countersigned with an actual signature in ink. This is where Jones and Adreon come in. But even two men could not do this, and so machines are again utilized—signographs, as they are called. Each man goes through the motion of signing his name, using a wooden pen-like arrangement on which there is really no point and no ink. This, however, causes to move ten real fountain pens, which actually inscribe the name on ten checks placed beneath. At each machine an assistant feeds in the blocks of checks, ten to a block. Instead of actually signing 820,000 separate checks the two men together make only 82,020 signatures—41,010 each. Deputy Sheriff Ben Brown came down from Vale Wednesday evening.

MORRISON-LEWIS-STAVER WHOLESALE COMPANY

May Locate in Ontario. Recently Burned Out in Boise

COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS IMPORTANT MEETING

The meeting of the Ontario Commercial club was called to order Monday evening by President J. A. Lackey. The first matter discussed was the condition of the Vale road west of the city. After some discussion this was turned over to the good roads committee, who will take the matter up with the county road superintendent. W. H. Doolittle gave a very favorable report that would likely be the results of a personal visit of a delegation from the club with Mr. Morrison, a member of Morrison-Lewis-Staver Wholesale Co., who were recently burned out in Boise. Mr. Morrison assured the delegates that Ontario would be thoroughly looked over before the company decided upon a location. A transportation committee was appointed by the president which consists of H. C. Boyer, H. O. Drane, W. H. Doolittle, E. A. Fraser and D. M. Taggart. The meeting was adjourned after a very profitable evening.

EASTERN OREGON AT SUMMER NORMAL

Instead of the usual societies which give the entertainments during the regular session, the summer normal was divided into eleven county groups. The Eastern Oregon group consisted of forty-five students from Umatilla, Union, Baker, Harney and Malheur counties. Miss Florence Moffett and Miss Irene DeArmond, both of Vale, were elected chairman and secretary. The two big days of the season were July Fourth and "Stunt" day. On July Fourth the celebration was under the direction of the normal. In the parade Eastern Oregon typified her locality by appearing on horseback in cowboy costume, and forming the most spectacular and unusual feature. On "stunt" day, July 18th, the students of this division again typified their locality by representing the different products. Even the jack rabbits and coyotes were not left out. Even though many of these students came from the farthest corner of the state, they feel repaid because of the great inspirations and benefits they have received from the efficient and enthusiastic faculty of the Oregon state normal school.

ALBERT TOZIER WRITES ABOUT ONTARIO

Editor Statesman: The citizen of the Willamette valley who rejoices in what nature has done for that section and imagines that it is the most beautiful spot on earth should take time to visit this locality and see how water has transformed the desert into a thing of beauty that in the summer time eclipses the Willamette valley. While in here booting for the Oregon state fair it was my privilege to be taken in an auto through the irrigation district, and here found thousands of acres of corn, alfalfa and fruit trees. Was over one ranch today that has 17,000 fruit trees, the oldest trees being twelve years. Dairy herds and fat hogs are seen on every hand. Hogs are fattened on alfalfa and corn, a combination that the grower and buyer like. To Harry B. Grauel, secretary of the Malheur county fair association, and James A. Lackey, fruit inspector of Malheur county, my thanks are due for each of their time to motor me about 100 miles. Prof. E. G. Bailey, of the public schools, accompanied me. Within a radius of thirty miles of Ontario there are 500,000 acres of land under irrigation or under projects to water it. Twenty acres will keep 20 cows the year round. Ontario is on the Snake river, the dividing line here between Oregon and Idaho. Five rivers enter the Snake river within fifteen miles of Ontario. These rivers are the Malheur, Owyhee, Payette, Weiser and Boise. Each has a separate valley containing thousands of acres of land under irrigation, with Ontario a city of 2500, in the center of the six. Railroads run into each valley and the distance from Portland to Ontario is 444 miles. Some of the farmers are cutting their second crop of alfalfa hay this year. From five to eight tons to the acre a year is an average. Within a radius of twenty miles of Ontario 165,000 tons annually of this hay is harvested. While alfalfa hay averages \$5 a ton when sold as hay, dairy farmers claim that it brings them \$29 a ton when fed to milk cows. There is green alfalfa pasture from March to November. For dairying purposes the alfalfa is cut four times a year. Andrew M. Lackey grew 336 tons on thirty-six acres. While A. E. Brown grew an average of 8 1/2 tons to the acre for four years. Malheur county will send a fine county exhibit to the state fair. Albert Tozier.

HE DIED IN PRISON, WITH PARDON ON WAY

Kansas City, Mo.—David Truax, eighty-two years old, a life term in the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing, died while a pardon was on the way to him. Truax served in the Ninety-first New York in the civil war. Having grabbed a competency from a little farm in Meade county, he left his family for a few months and went to the Kansas Old Soldiers' home at Dodge City. On his return from a visit to town one day Truax brought with him a pint of whisky. He put the bottle in his coat pocket, hung the coat in a tree and went into the barracks. While he was gone two of his cronies drank all the whisky and replaced the empty bottle. When he discovered the empty bottle he became mad with rage. He got an old army pistol and killed one and wounded the other. One of the men was killed instantly and the other crippled for life. Truax was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced to the Kansas penitentiary for a life term. When Major W. L. Brown was appointed to the board of control he took a special interest in the convicts who have been soldiers and came to know Truax intimately. Through his intercession a pardon was granted. The papers were mailed to the governor, and Truax was taken from the cellroom and given the freedom of the office. He had been making big plans for his trip home. Out of his pension he had saved \$150 to assure burial outside the prison cemetery and sent the rest to his family. Major Brown called in the warden's office to see Truax and found him sitting in an easy chair, apparently dozing. He was dead. In his lap was a book, "Homeward Bound."

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PLAN GAMBLING AT PANAMA.

Earl of Shrewsbury Proposes Second Monte Carlo at Canal. London.—The Casino Nacional de Panama company, limited, with the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot as chairman, which proposes to start a second Monte Carlo at Panama, gives an alluring description of the wonderful gambling and amusement resort it intends to launch. The company is to acquire 250 acres of land and to operate under a charter "insuring absolute freedom from all interference for a period of twenty-five years," according to the promises of its prospectus, but no statement is made of what authority is to give the charter and to insure the freedom from interference. The casino is to include most of the attractions of Monte Carlo—a big hotel, an orchid garden, which will be one of the wonders of the world; a bathing pavilion, pigeon shooting, tennis grounds, golf courses and, principally, the gambling hall. Panama is advertised as a splendid winter resort, while passengers will have twenty-four hours to spend on land while the steamers traverse the canal, thus insuring a constant patronage. Profits to the stockholders must be large, because the roulette tables will be run on a system giving the bank a much larger percentage of profits than the Monte Carlo company gets from the play there. Forty per cent dividends on the 24 shares are predicted by the prospectus.

MODEL CHILD LABOR LAW.

Industrial Board Would Put Little Workers Under State Bureau. Philadelphia.—The members of the United States commission on industrial relations are discussing a plan for state bureaus to look after the welfare of working children of school age. The commission intends to present it at all the hearings it holds throughout the country with a view of recommending a model law for the states. The proposed bureau would maintain a school census and enforce regularity of attendance, issue licenses to minors engaged in street trades, issue employment certificates and look after the child during the first two years in industry, establish vocational guidance work to fit industrial conditions of a community, help the child to get placed in its chosen industry, look after the delinquent, defective and dependent and take charge of the medical inspection service of the schools.

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Veteran Was Reading "Homeward Bound" When End Came.

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Grange Discusses Taxation.

Taxation was again the principal subject of discussion at the meeting of the Malheur County Pomona grange held Friday at Nyssa, when it was decided to appoint a committee to keep in touch with the expenditures of the taxpayers' money. Such a large measure of success has resulted from the work of the committee that was appointed to secure an equalization of the taxes in this county and it was hoped the same committee would take up the work, but the members of the old committee pleaded that it would be impossible for them to assume further duties, although pleased with the appreciation shown by the grangers for the work already accomplished. The establishing of a county farm also came up again for discussion and a committee appointed to take such measures as should stem necessary to make a county farm a reality in the near future. Compulsory extermination of gophers was also brought up and the grange went on record as desiring to do what it could to secure the passage of a law to require every farmer to exterminate the gophers on his place. Mrs. Robbins of the extension department of the agricultural college of the state, was the principal speaker during the lecturer's hour, taking for her subject "Domestic Science," a topic much appreciated by the large audience. This with the fine literary and musical program provided, made one of the best lecturer's hours that has ever been held at the Pomona, and Mrs. E. S. Dean, who had charge, received many congratulations on the success of her efforts. About twenty-five friends gathered at the home of Judge and Mrs. G. L. King Tuesday to assure the bride of a hearty welcome to the city. Mr. King and bride arrived Tuesday morning from Kansas City, and will make their home at the King residence in the northern part of the city. The Argus joins in wishing them a happy journey through life.

TREES CAUSE FRATRICIDE.

Forty Year Quarrel of Brothers Ends Fatally. North Reading, Mass.—A forty year quarrel over timberland came to a climax here when Charles Samuel Harris, a farmer, was shot and instantly killed by his brother, James, who gave himself up to the police. He said his brother had attacked him with an ax during an argument about cutting the timber on their land and that he shot in self defense. According to the statement of James Harris to the police, the brothers, though they had lived together forty years, always had been at odds over the disposition of the timber. Charles went to the lot and felled several small trees. When he returned to the house James met him in the kitchen, and the ancient quarrel was renewed.

MME. CAILLAUX

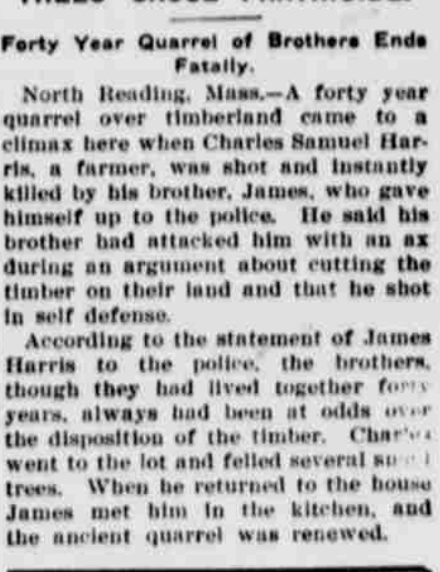


Photo by American Press Association. Mme. Caillaux, wife of a former French minister of finance, placed on trial Monday for killing a noted Paris editor.