

## ONTARIO ARGUS

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### Must Be Vindicated.

During the recent skirmish for the location of the county seat at the centre of the business, agricultural and population centre of the county many charges were made against the people of Ontario that were absolutely without any foundation in fact. During the campaign it did not matter what kind of showing was made the people apparently wanted to believe that Ontario was composed of a band of grafters and bloodsuckers and were bent on wrecking the county.

There should not have been any question raised about the validity of the bonds voted and sold by the city to furnish money with which to build a court house, because it was and is possible for anyone to investigate and find out that the money is on deposit in the bank. That the banks have been inspected and the United States inspectors passed on the bonds as security. This should satisfy anyone.

But the Ontario people were not satisfied with that, because the question was raised that the amount of money was not enough to pay the cost of a building suited for the purpose, they made an additional bond, signed by the business men of the city, guaranteeing that no matter what the cost, the people of Ontario would pay it and the county would not be to a dollars expense. There is no question about the validity of that bond as it represented an aggregate of over a million dollars in security. In this the county was doubly secured against any possible cost of tax from removal.

The Ontario speakers tried in every way to get the Vale speakers to meet them in joint debate, but could not do so, even went to their meetings when they had refused to make any dates and again made a proposition for debate, but the Vale speakers always declined. In the face of this their speaker at Brogan made the statement that Ontario had refused to meet them in joint debate.

Their charge of fraud in connection with the bridge at this place was entirely fraudulent and made simply to mislead the people. The records show that the Ontario people agreed to keep the wood structure of the bridge in repair and had no reference to decking of the steel structure, simply the wood structure, the span on this side of the river.

The road taxes collected on Ontario property amounts to about nine thousand dollars a year and half of this goes into the general road and bridge fund, so that the county got their ten thousand dollars back in a little over two years time, quite different from the other districts of the county where bridges have been constructed. Another feature that the people of the county seem to overlook is that the other half of the road money collected from Ontario is expended on county roads outside of the city, which is different from any other road district in the county.

The county fair was another matter that was grossly misrepresented. There is no direct benefit to the people of Ontario from the holding of the fair here, it being a big expense to our people in the way of time and money. The benefit is to the farmers and through them to the whole county and in that way is worth hundreds of dollars for every dollar that it costs.

The corn show held here this week is another illustration of what Ontario is doing and has done to stimulate the agricultural production throughout the county. The prizes offered by the Ontario Commercial Club are larger than those at the inter-state show at Walla Walla and other big corn shows, but the results show that the money is well spent and will result in thousands of acres being planted here another year and the herds of hogs and cows increased to take care of it.

Ontario is determined to be vindicated on these charges and will keep at it until the result is accomplished. She values the good opinion of the citizens of the county and knows that she is entitled to it from her past action and will continue to deserve it by her actions in the future.

### The Pomona Corn Show.

The few hundred dollars given by Ontario to the winners of the best acres of corn is certainly money well spent. It is known that several hundred acres were planted that would not have been

planted but for the desire to get one of the prizes, and it is also well known that the yields would not have been so large if the contestants had not studied their acres and found out how best to treat them. The county fair has been worth thousands of dollars to the people of Malheur county and some day they will appreciate that it costs Ontario several thousand dollars each year to make it a success and give them the benefit of the experience gained by the neighbors. It is hard to change the plans and ideas of most of the older generation and the hope of the country is in getting the school boys and girls interested in improved methods of farming and stock raising so they will be able to make a success when they get old enough to start out for themselves. While the Snake River valley produced several thousand acres of corn this year, it is capable of producing many thousands more. While the valley has been shipping several hundred cars of hogs during the year, there is no excuse for not raising thousands, so that a large packing plant can be established at some central point and the bacon, hams and lard used in this section be produced at home and the freight out and back saved to the people. There are a few dairies and cheese factories in the valley, but there is room for double the number and they could be making money for the men who are willing to patronize them.

When the people of this valley combine fruit with cows, hogs, alfalfa and corn they will have a rival to the garden of the Nile.

### Will They Believe Him?

John Rigby, the Enterprise editor, was in Ontario Saturday trying to find out what the people of Ontario were going to do about the removal of the county seat. When told that he had convicted Ontario of not being honest with the voters in her promise of a new court house free and that she would now go ahead and vindicate her honor, said, By G - , if you do I will make something else stick against you.

We do not believe that Rigby or any other of the Vale ring will be able to invent lies about Ontario and make them stick again. It is true they were eminently successful during the late skirmish, but we believe the people will not be fooled again by the same ring with the same tactics. It is also true that every member of the ring is a politician and makes his living off the tax payers and has been doing it for many years, and that he is working at the game 24 hours every day, but when their methods are fully aired for the benefit of the taxpayers of the county it will hardly be possible for them to invent lies and make them stick with the honest people. Of course this would not prevent them from buying votes, but the curs who sell their votes are numerically small.

### Democrats Losing Out.

The election returns show that while the democrats still retain control of Congress by a small margin that in 27 districts they elected men with a minority vote, the progressives splitting the republican vote, showing that the majority of the people are opposed to the free trade policy of the democratic administration.

There is one democrat in the Oregon legislature, a woman from Jackson county and one in the state senate. A republican legislature with a republican governor will give the people relief.

The amendments providing for full citizenship and prohibition were the only ones that passed.

The rabbit bounty passed in Harney county.

Speaking of an important job, ask the next man you meet, sudden like, "Who is the vice-president of the United States?" and watch him gasp for air while trying to look as tho he knows the answer.

Speaking of rules that work both ways, while candidates fool some people, some people fool candidates, if the results of the election are any criterion.

A merry heart goes many a mile and it is my honest belief that honest fun is the fungicide that kills the germs of grief.

Only 27 per cent of the tillable land of the United States is actually under cultivation, according to estimates of the department of agriculture.

The worst thing that can happen to a young man is to have a mother and a sister who hate to see him work.

Poor ventilation means mouldy corn.

You are not responsible for the disposition you were born with, but you are responsible for the disposition you die with.

Things would now be much worse if Europe had not taken the precaution to discover America.

## THE CORN CARNIVAL

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adjoining Ontario, people would not believe it. That was only two years ago. It is certainly making rapid strides in this valley.

Corn fairs were also held at Peyette, Parma and Meridian, showing that the entire Snake river basin is interested in the growing of more and better corn.

The following is a list of the exhibitors from the Big Bend district and the number of bushels of shelled corn to the measured acre:

Ernest Tate, 121.68, Grand Sweepstakes, \$100 in gold; Bert Robertson, 112.30, First District prize, \$50 in gold; Geo. W. Swigert, 108.70 Second District prize, \$25 in gold; H. C. Hatch, 102.13, Third District prize, \$15 in gold; Alex Wade, 98.97; A. Bradney, 92.52; Dale Robertson, 89.63; Dan Holley, 84.20; Arthur Holley, 80.17; C. R. Purdy 62.96.

Exhibitors from the Nyssa District: A. M. Johnson, 112.95, First District prize; F. C. Fry, 102.28, Second District prize; B. C. Van Dyke, 98.75, Third District prize; E. B. Butler, 107.18; Wm. Pentz, 107.11; W. Connant, 102.14; Chas. Bradley, 92.11; W. H. Pennington, 75.37; Wallace, 67.33.

Exhibitors from the Cairo District: Henry Johnson, 94.14, First District prize; Fred Bender, 71.14, Second District prize; T. D. Gordon, 77.49 Third District prize; D. B. Ramey, 78.34; Jenkins, 75.5; T. J. Johnson, 73.23; Steve Cox, 65.71; Chas. Gramse, 63.65; V. V. Hickox, 57.6; J. A. Walters, 47.88.

The Judges made the awards on the following basis: 40 for quantity, 40 for quality and 20 for written record.

The average cost of growing a bushel of corn was 12 cents.

### Exercises by Schools.

One of the strong features of the corn carnival and one that will long be remembered was the school parade and program on Oregon street 700 school children were in line, 550 from the Ontario schools and 150 from four country schools. The Ontario school management was very much pleased to have the country children in line, it means a closer union, as it is not long until these children are the men and women who will work out the community problems.

It is impossible to mention all the different programs, for each room gave one and every teacher should be commended. The marching, the songs, the drills, everything in connection with the program bespoke care on the part of the instructors. The people showed their appreciation by almost continual hand clapping. These drills mean much in the general education of the child, as the discipline created is often best and is lasting.

Crull Orcutt proved himself to be a master hand in the directing of the High School Cadet Corps, and the boys certainly followed his directions in a most creditable manner.

After the exercises by the schools a marriage ceremony was performed and Queen Alfalfa was wedded to King Corn, Prof. Conklin officiating.

## NATIONAL CORN CROP MOST VALUABLE EVER RAISED

Washington, Nov. 9.—This year's corn crop is perhaps the most valuable ever grown, owing to its increased price on account of the European war. The Department of Agriculture announced today, in its preliminary estimate, that the crop would amount to 2,750,692,000 bushels, and that on November 1 farmers were being paid 69.7 cents a bushel. The value of the crop therefore, based on November 1 figures, is \$1,885,867,324.

## Real Estate Bulletin

505—For exchange 160 acres of wheat land 10 miles east of Cambridge, Idaho, all tillable. 110 acres broke out. 20 acres in alfalfa. Good soil. No Rock. Rather steep. Price \$4000.00. Mortgage \$1600.00 want small place in exchange.

506—For sale two good residence lots price for the pair \$125.00

## Ontario Real Estate Co.



You are interested in table linen for Thanksgiving, and we are showing a beautiful line from 50c to \$2.00 the yard with and without napkins to match. Specials in napkins 50c to \$4.00 the set.

### This Week Special Showing

Pendleton, Oregon City, and Provo woolen blankets priced \$4.25 to \$12.50 the pair, cotton blankets priced 50c to \$2.50 the pair, comforts priced \$1.00 to \$3.50 each.

### We Supply the Whole Family

You will be pleased to see our stock of Sweaters for all the family, Underwear for all the family, and Mackinaws for all the family.

### Rare Bargains in Boys Suits

Do not overlook the best Boys' Suits in the city for the money, priced \$3.50 to \$7.50.

### Groceries Showing -- Fresh Stocks

New Raisins, New Currants, New Mince Meat, New Citron, New Figs, New Orange and Lemon Peel.

## SMALL FIRE AND LITTLE LOSS FROM GASOLINE BLAZE

Tuesday morning a tube connecting the gasoline tank in Dr. Brett's office with the soldering machine broke and an explosion followed, setting fire to everything in sight. The doctor and his wife got very busy and soon had it under control with only a slight loss. The fire boys responded to the alarm but were not needed.

### Quarantined.

Oregon is now quarantined from livestock from all of the thirteen states where they have the foot and mouth disease. This will not affect shipments to Portland.

### Oregon Short Line Time Table

Ontario, Oregon, November 8th 1914  
TIME TABLE NO. 76  
WESTWARD

Train No.	Leave
17	Oregon Wash. Limited 4:22 a m

75	Huntington Passenger	9:35 a m
19	Oregon Wash. Express	6:57 p m
5	Fast Mail	6:15 p m

EASTWARD

18	Oregon Wash. Limited	2:51 a m
76	Boise Passenger	8:50 a m
4	Eastern Express	12:12 p m
6	Oregon Wash. Express	6:33 p m

### OREGON EASTERN BRANCH

WESTWARD

Train No.	Leave
139	Mixed, leaves Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a m

EASTWARD

140	Mixed, arrives Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1:30 p m
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### VALE & BROGAN BRANCH WESTWARD

Train No.	Leave
140	Mixed Vale and Brogan Daily except Sunday 10:00 a m
97	Passenger, Vale daily 7:00 p m

### EAST BOUND

98	Passenger, from Vale daily 8:40 a m
142	Mixed from Brogan and Vale Daily except Sunday 3:30 p m

The Homedale train leaves Nyssa at 2:45 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, returning, arrive at Ontario at 6 p. m.

## Home Visitors'

## Excursions

EAST

Via

## Union Pacific System

Very low round trip fares from Oregon Short Line points to Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Chicago, St. Paul and many other points.

### Tickets on Sale:

October 24, Nov. 21, 23, December 19 and 22.

Limit three months from date of sale

See any Oregon Short Line agent for rates and further particulars.