

# ONTARIO ARGUS

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## Ontario Invites Factories.

The question as to whether Ontario shall lend her credit to encourage and promote industries was carried by a very substantial vote on Monday and the City Council at once got busy and appointed committees to go to work on the proposition.

Ontario is centrally located and is the natural location for the manufacturing industry of the Snake River Valley. There is no sense in the people of this section sending away their hogs and buying back their bacon, hams and lard. There is no sense in the people of Oregon shipping her wool east and sending east for their clothing, giving the railroads two profits on everything worn here. The same line of argument will hold good in many other things. There is a demand for cheese and butter and we have the best grass and grain country in the world, still we buy most of our cheese and all our condensed milk from the outside.

The Snake Valley produces corn better than any other section of the west, still all the canned corn used here is shipped in from the east, there was over \$400 in freight on a car load received here a short time ago. Broom corn also does well here and sorghum cane, still our brooms and syrups are shipped in.

The committee in charge of this matter are all live members and they will keep busy until we have something going on here to employ the people and give a market for the stuff that the orchards, garden and farms can produce.

It is a question of whether the farmer with his valuable land wants to place it in the \$100 an acre class and raise hay at \$5 a ton, or place it in the better grade and raise stuff that will pay him interest on several times a hundred dollars. It is up to the people of Ontario to provide a market for what the land will produce.

When the president announced in his message to congress that he would not introduce any more measures to retard trade it was a pleasant greeting to the business world and did more to help the return of business than any other message he could have made them, at the same time it was an acknowledgement of his having held up business during the past two years. It remains to be seen just how much confidence the public will place in the assurance.

## Buy A Red Cross Seal



Let Other Folks Do All the "Knocking;" You Help Us Boom Our Home Town.

PERHAPS you have never heard of Daedalus. Maybe the name of Talos is just as strange to you.

Well, it doesn't make any difference.

The point is that one of these two ancient gentlemen INVENTED the SAW. Pliny says Daedalus did. Apollodoros gives the credit to Talos.

It happened this way: Talos (or Daedalus, if you prefer Pliny) found the jawbone of a snake and employed it to cut through a piece of wood. Then he formed an instrument of iron like it and thus gave the world the first saw.

And the good old universe has been sawing wood ever since.

WE ARE SAWING WOOD RIGHT HERE IN TOWN NOW FOR ALL WE ARE WORTH. WE ARE TRYING TO ATTRACT NEW INDUSTRIES AND NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISES HERE.

You are interested in this movement, and so is this newspaper. This paper has been in the front in every effort to attract new blood. We have GOOD STORES and BUSINESS CONCERNS here NOW, but we are GROWING, and we welcome NEW ENTERPRISES that BRING MONEY to town and MAKE MONEY here.

You can help along in this boosting crusade by keeping closely in touch with this paper. Read it yourself. Send it to your relatives or friends. We think we deserve your support because we are helping through publicity to build up the town.

THIS TOWN NEEDS THE HELP OF THIS LIVE WIRE PAPER. WHAT WOULD THE TOWN BE WITHOUT IT? WHAT WOULD ANY COMMUNITY BE WITHOUT THE AID OF THE PRESS TO HELP SAW WOOD FOR ITS CITIZENS?

WE ARE SAWING WOOD. YOU SHOULD HELP US.

## ELDRIDGE-SHREVES

Henry Eldredge was married at the Washington hotel in Weiser last week, by Judge Ayers to Mrs. Alice Shreves, of Kuna, Idaho. Mr. Eldredge has been a resident of this city for many years, having been in business here and at Vale and now has a fine ranch near Vale, and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he has turned over a new leaf and forsaken the bachelors. Mrs. Eldredge is a most estimable lady with a host of friends at Kuna.

## HAYDEN-MATHEWS

Perry Hayden of the lower Dead Ox section, was married at Weiser last week to Mrs. Mary E. Mathews, of Mann creek, by Judge Ayers, at the Washington hotel. Some of each of the contracting parties acted as witnesses.

## AN EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

This is a new commission that the highbrows and professional agitators are preparing the public mind for in Oregon.

It is in existence in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois, and has become productive of fat offices and elaborate reports.

The commission is to investigate and supervise state, city and county governing bodies, and tell them how to do their work.

A county court advisor is included for each county who is to give professional and technical advice to the county officials.

In Wisconsin this has become one of the most expensive commissions in the state, next to the railroad commission.

All incentive for the citizen to interest himself in the problems of government when the shoe pinches is to cease.

## Take the Reform School out of Politics

The State Reform School with only 88 boys in custody on Nov. 1st., has cost \$23.28 per month per boy the past year. The appropriations for the past two years were \$73,450, or \$835 per capita for the biennial period.

The buildings are large enough for five times as many inmates and the farm is one of the largest owned by the state. The cost of administration and management has been \$8.55 per boy per month, about double that of other institutions.

A few of the older boys are criminals and might be kept at the penitentiary, and Governor West says the rest of the boys might better be off home. From its origin this institution has been made the foothold of politics.

During the past few years a reform management has tried to make improvements but has not been very successful. Supt. Hale was a Y. M. C. A. worker and a young man of the best intentions but not a professional reform school manager.

There is a growing feeling that this institution should be abolished unless it can be placed in the hands of a trained expert reformatory manager who can develop the boys industrially.

## FRUITLAND NEWS BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

Mr. B. Whealdon went to Portland last Tuesday to take a car of hogs belonging to Whealdon and Makison, P. K. Hanson, Geo. Childs and J. M. Davis. They were good stuff and will undoubtedly bring the best prices.

Robt. Bailey who has been helping Ira Dalzell with his large crop of potatoes left Tuesday for his home at Wilson, Idaho.

Petitions are now being circulated for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the people regarding the matter whether we shall have a Chautauqua at Payette next summer. The terms of contract easily complied with. The requirements on our part is to furnish the grounds, lumber for seats which will not be cut or nailed and to guarantee the sale of 600 tickets for the season at \$2.50 each. The Chautauqua to continue at least six days. After the 600 season tickets will be for sale.

The Payette Valley Pomona Grange meets this Tuesday at Naw Plymouth several from here will attend. A good meeting is anticipated.

The Sargent and Burnette evaporator is turning out \$100 worth of dried apples daily.

Guy Graham shipped a car of apples to Missouri last week at very satisfactory prices.

Z. Fay Fowler, County School Superintendent invites the teachers and trustees and friends of the school to attend a meeting to be held in Papette Saturday, December 12. Miss Shepard State Superintendent will be present to explain the school legislation. At 10:30 Mr. Brosnan of Boise, will give a lecture on Reading ideals. At 1:00 o'clock will begin the presentation and discussion of the proposed changes. The meeting will be very interesting to all who are interested in school work.

Miss Moyer will leave this week for Portland.

Mr. Wm. Melcher had a fire Tuesday night of last week which destroyed his engine house and gasoline engine he had for running his feed grinder. The feed grinder was also burned and about a car of barley which he had recently bought was damaged.

The Queen Esther Circle will hold a bazaar at Epworth hall Friday afternoon and evening of this week. Fancy and useful articles suitable for nice Christmas presents will be for sale. Every body invited.

It is reported that the trains on Payette valley railroad will change time. They will come down from Emmett in the morning and return in the afternoon and stay in Emmett each night. This change will be a convenience to the people here.

C. E. Cox, Colporter for the Baptist denomination is spending some time in this vicinity in the interest of his work, he has some fine books for sale which are good Christmas presents.

Mr. John Bowers is building a house on his property east of drug store, he will finish the first floor for his offices and the upstairs or living rooms. His son Milton and wife will occupy them this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee who will soon move to the Payette Orchard track where Mr. Lee will be manager the ensuing year, where Sunday guests at the H. E. Robinson home.

Mr. Bollingers' Commodious house is nearly completed.

Mrs. Joy Henderson arrived last Thursday from Nebraska, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tussing and other relatives and friends.

## UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT BY THE MISSES BILLINGSLEY

The Misses Billingsley entertained about sixty of their friends on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Monday evening the older ones were there and played 500, the prizes going to Miss Ethel McNulty and Homer Rambo. On Tuesday evening there was a vaudeville entertainment by all the guests putting on a stunt, this was followed by cards. The home was tastefully decorated with flowers and smilax. The refreshments were much enjoyed.

## MAD COYOTES MORE NUMEROUS AND DEADLY

Four cases of rabies among coyotes have been reported on the Owyhee. Tony Branco shot one last week as the creature fought his dogs. Mr. Rust shot one, also a dog and a calf bitten by the coyote, and a trapper caught two near the William Glenn homestead.—Nyssa Journal.

There has been considerable excitement at Watson about the numerous coyotes afflicted with rabies, coming in to that settlement and attacking everything they run against. One came in to the yard at the residence of Mr. Walters, and came upon the porch after Mrs. Walters who escaped into the house. It then bit the dog and snowed unmistakable signs of being mad, Mrs. Walters shooting at it several times but failed to hit it. The same or another mad coyote returned the next day and Mr. Walters being at home killed it. It is reported that Mr. Gordan of near Skull Springs has lost several of his sheep dogs, 3 or 4 park mules and considerable sheep, from mad coyote, and that two of his herders were bitten. It is time the County Court was taking some radical steps in having all the coyotes in the county killed.—Express.

The flour mill project is now assured as enough stock has been subscribed to guarantee success. The plan for the project is such that the farmers need have no fear of not having a market for all the wheat they can raise.—Jordan Valley Express.

Buffalo Bill Leads Red Cross Seal Sale "Buffalo Bill" and the business men of Cody, Wyoming, where he lives, have agreed this year, as they did last, that every piece of mail which goes out of the town during the month of December should bear a Red Cross Christmas Seal.

Last year, led by Buffalo Bill, they purchased 22,500 seals—a record which will probably go unbeaten in this country for the greatest use of seals per capita. Cody has a population of about 1,200, and the seals purchased mean that they used nearly twenty per capita.

Is our city going to sell five or ten for each inhabitant. If not, why not?

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THE MASONIC BODIES WILL HOLD ANNUAL ELECTIONS  
FAIR ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING THE 19TH

The Masons will be busy for a few days, with their annual elections. The Eastern Stars will hold their election this evening, on Friday evening the Royal Arch Chapter will hold their election and on Thursday evening of next week the Blue Lodge Masons will hold their annual election.

The annual meeting of the Malheur County Fair Association will be held in the rooms of the Commercial Club on Saturday, December 19th. The principal business to come up will be the election of three directors and the hearing of the annual report.

China at 50 Per Cent Discount.

Desiring to close out our entire stock of hand painted china. We have placed on sale at 50 per-cent discount, all of Stouffer's and Buchanan's hand painted china, also a large assortment of Bavarian china.

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