

ONTARIO ARGUS

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The Banker's Meeting.

Ontario will be hostess, on Saturday of this week, to the bankers of Eastern Oregon. The regular semi-annual meeting of Group Six bankers, comprising all of Eastern Oregon, has been called for Ontario, and this city takes pleasure in welcoming and entertaining the men who handle the finances of the vast territory comprising Group Six.

In addition to transacting the private business of the association, the meeting affords the bankers an opportunity to become acquainted with one another in a social way, and informal discussions and "shop talk" make the occasion both pleasant and beneficial.

The bankers, in choosing their meeting place, have so far exhibited a very keen discrimination in picking out pleasant places. The meeting last summer, held during the extremely hot weather was staged at the beautiful Wallowa Lake summer resort. This tiful Wallowa Lake resort. This meeting, coming at a time of extremely cold weather, has been very appropriately called at Ontario. For during the winter months, this section of Malheur county, boasts the mildest climate of any section in Eastern Oregon.

Let us endeavor to make this meeting one to be long remembered by the visiting financiers, and may they all return to their homes with a warm spot in their hearts for Ontario.

The Poor Farm.

The proposed establishment of a county poor farm and experiment station at Nyssa is now before the County Court, and is the subject of much comment throughout the county. A petition has been circulated by Nyssa people asking the county to purchase forty acres of land for this purpose, the land to be selected in the Nyssa section, and to establish the necessary buildings and improvements.

There is little question that Nyssa is entitled to the experiment station and poor farm, and Ontario people have liberally signed the petition and are in favor of it. As Ontario is not indebted in any manner to Nyssa, and has nothing to gain directly by the establishment of the institution there, it naturally follows that the local favorable sentiment comes purely from a sense of justice, and not from any selfish motive. Ontario would receive benefit only in the same manner that any other section of the county, not adjacent to Nyssa, would be benefited.

As a matter of fact, Ontario displays a very generous attitude toward Nyssa, when a much different attitude could be taken were local people so disposed. On two recent occasions Nyssa has handed Ontario rather decisive slaps. The first was on the vote of the location of the county fair grounds when Nyssa precinct gave Ontario only 8 votes out of 150. The other occasion was in the county seat election when Nyssa supported Vale two to one.

There appears to be a general demand for a county experiment station and poor farm. The new institution, however, should be started on a small scale and gradually improved and developed, so as to insure a minimum cost at the outset and an easy burden on the tax payers as the institution grows.

To The Argus Readers:-

Owing to ill health we have been compelled to give up the newspaper work and have disposed of the Argus to W. C. Marsh, an experienced newspaper man who will give you a better paper than you have been receiving and will always keep the Argus in the lead as a clean, reliable newspaper.

To the thousands of readers who have been with us for years we wish to extend our thanks for a generous patronage.

Very truly,
M. E. BAIN.

Announcement.

This week's edition of the Argus comes to you from the hands of a new editor. A deal was closed Monday whereby the undersigned becomes the new publisher. Entering the Ontario field, it is the object of the editor to publish as modern a weekly paper as is possible, and we shall endeavor to give our readers a paper carrying all the local news, together with an exploitation of the vast resources of Ontario and Malheur county. Being new in the community, it follows that we have no prejudices, and it is the intention, and we shall earnestly endeavor, to avoid any in the future.

In politics the Argus shall remain

Republican. Politics, however, shall be of secondary consideration, as the chief aim shall be to handle all the local news, all the time, and politics, other than that of news value, will not be largely emphasized.

Special features, of interest to Ontario, and the county at large, shall be added as fast as possible, and due announcement of them will be made as they appear.

The new editor respectfully solicits your patronage and your friendship, and will endeavor to merit both.

W. C. MARSH.

FRUITLAND NEWS BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

Mr. H. R. Flack has purchased from Mr. C. H. Sargent his quarter interest in the Oregon eighty acre ranch on Ontario-Nyssa boulevard four and one-fourth miles southeast of Ontario. It is well improved. It is all in orchard and alfalfa, from which was harvested this year more than three hundred tons of hay and a good crop of apples. There is a railroad loading station on the corner of the place.

Ina Carter died Friday, December 11, at the home of Mr. Williams east of town. She has been an invalid since eight months of age when she fell and hurt her spine, so that she has never been able to walk. She died at the age of 27. She leaves a father and mother, four brothers and two sisters, and many friends who will miss her greatly. Mr. Shamberger preached the funeral sermon at the house at 10:30 Sunday morning, after which she was taken to the Ontario cemetery for burial.

The teachers' and trustees' meeting held in Payette Saturday was well attended and a very good attendance from here. All the teachers except Miss Kesler and all the trustees but Mr. Felthouse were present. An interesting meeting is reported.

Quite a number of the Christian Endeavor members enjoyed a skating party Monday evening on the Payette river.

Mrs. Bernard Young arrived Saturday from Baker City to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. D. Pardum. She will stay until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldron left Friday for their home in Midvale accompanied by Mrs. Waldron's sister, May Myer of Weiser.

The friends of Mrs. Markinson gave her a delightful birthday surprise Friday.

Mrs. J. H. Hostetter and Miss Maggie Beakley left Monday evening for Markleysburg, Pa., where they were called on account of the serious illness of their mother who is past 80 years old.

Miss Iva Cockron and Eugene McCoy were married last Friday, December 11, at Baker City. They are formerly of this place and their friends here wish for them a happy married life. They will make their home in Ontario where Mr. McCoy is in the grocery business.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, from north of Payette, were guests at the E. E. Hunter home Sunday. Mr. Hunter is getting some better, but slowly.

The girls of the Queen Esther Circle got \$20 proceeds from their bazaar held Friday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Carrier came Friday for a visit with his old friend, Mr. E. E. Hunter, returning Tuesday to his home in Salem, Oregon.

Mrs. Will Birdsall spent Friday and Saturday in Vale, returning Saturday.

The Grover Bros., shipped two car loads of hogs from Nyssa and one from New Plymouth the first of the month and one from Payette the fourth to Seattle. Mr. Crighton Symes one car load the second, and Messrs. Whealdon and Makinson one the third to Portland. All bringing good prices.

Mr. E. B. Nichols, lawyer and lecturer of Boise, will give an address in the Methodist church Sunday evening. Mr. Nichols has made a special study of the liquor business and its relation to society and is able to speak on the subject. He takes the position that the liquor traffic is and always has been a violation of the constitution of the U. S. Everybody invited.

The Moore Hotel barber shop has changed hands recently, C. A. Smith having purchased the fixtures from W. U. Sanderson of the Moore Hotel. The shop is one of the best in Eastern Oregon and is giving excellent service. The change in interest, it is said, occurred several weeks ago.

A Belle of Early Days in Silver City.

DeLamar Nuggett. The Nuggett office was presented this week, by Wes Grover, with a well preserved leaf from a day book, which had been the property of a Silver City merchant, and is dated January 24th, 1866. It is interesting because the items charged show the price then prevailing, and several of the persons, running accounts at the store are well remembered, and some of them still residing in this county.

Here are some of the items charged:

N. Y. & O. G. S. & M. Co. Dr.	To 2 Brooms	5.00
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J. V. Barkley, Dr.	To 1 Box Soap	16.00
J. K. Eastman, Dr.	To 3lbs Nails	1.50
Wasson & Co. Dr.	To 105 lbs Sugar	52.50
Reynolds Creek Road Co. J. Jordan.	To 3 lbs Sugar	1.80
To 10 lbs Sugar	To 1 lb Tea	1.00
To 1 lb Tea	To 1 Sack Salt, 5 lbs	1.00
To 1 lb Pepper	To 1 lb Pepper	.75
Moore & Fogus, Cr.	By 8 Oz Dust	102.00
Fred Brunzell, Dr.	To 1 Sack Flour	10.00
E. Vallet, Dr.	To 1 Can Lard	7.50
To 3 lbs Cheese	To 3 lbs Cheese	1.50
To 1/4 Doz Glasses Jellies	To 1/4 Doz Glasses Jellies	9.00

Thus we can see where the miners in 1866 indulged in such luxuries as soap and sugar they had to pay well for them. The Mr. Moore mentioned is now a Boise Banker; Fred Brunzell is still known here and is prosperous; Robert Wicks is a hardware merchant in Portland, Wasson & Son established the Avalanche, third paper published in this, then territory. Nearly all the other names are still well remembered here.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The Ontario high school now has the largest enrollment of its history, the total being 132 of which 70 are girls and the remaining 62 are boys. In addition to having its largest registration, it is now offering a greater variety of subjects than formerly, complete courses being offered in both Domestic Science and Commerce in addition to the regular course of the standard high school.

The second six weeks exam was held last week and report cards will be in the hands of the students for their parents' signature the early part of next week. Parents are urged to study the cards and note the progress of their children and the number of times they have been absent and tardy. The cold weather has a tendency to increase the number of tardinesses and the teachers would like to have the cooperation of both students and parents in overcoming this evil.

Attention has now turned from football to basketball and the opera house is the scene of class rivalry each evening. The plan is to have the class games all played and the class championship settled before the regular season with outside high schools opens. A pre-season game has been arranged for both boys and girls teams, with the Nyssa teams, for tomorrow evening.

The Dramatic Club has chosen a play and has begun regular practice under the supervision of Supt. Bailey. The play selected is a modern popular play with plenty of life and interest. It will be produced the early part of next semester.

A debate on the protective tariff question has been arranged to be participated in by members of the U. S. history class and will be given in the assembly room tomorrow afternoon. The statement of the question is, "Resolved, That the U. S. Should Abolish its Protective Tariff Policy." The affirmative side of the debate will be upheld by Ephraim Herriot and Robert Bender, while the negative side will be argued by Jean Conklin and Arthur Holland.

The Freshman class team played the Fruitland high school team last Monday evening and succeeded in holding the Idaho boys to a 36-22 score without previous practice. The following Freshmen played: Arthur Cockrum and Howard Holden, forwards; Arthur Moore and Glen Brown, centers; Ray Berwin, Harry Brown and Dave Kershner alternated as guards.

B. Reynolds, who was working on the rail road bridge, received a fractured arm Wednesday evening, when some of the scaffolding fell, striking him on the arm.

Assistant Engineer Young and his entire office and field force have completed their labors on the road between this place and Riverton and have moved. The greater part of the force has gone to Portland. Mr. Young will remain in Vale for a short time attending to matters around the material yards after which time he will go to Portland for the winter.

Mr. Young stated that he expected to be back in the early spring to complete the line into Harney valley.

—Juntura Times.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Gidman I. Dingman, deceased, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur. Any and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them, duly verified as by law required, to the said administratrix at her home near Onatio, Oregon, or to her attorneys, McCulloch & Wood, in said city, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Done and dated and first published this 17 day of December, 1914.

HAZEL LAVERN DINGMAN, Administratrix.

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