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BOISE MAN SAYS GOOD TIMES ARE ON THE WAY

N. H. Eschmann Of Interstate Land & Loan Company Closes Deal

OPTIMISTIC OVER OUTLOOK

Says Ontario Is Hustling, Bustling Town And Should Get Ready

"WAKE UP!!! You've been asleep n asleep
If you never noticed that times are
getting better? Time also d N. H.
Eschmann, secretary of the Interstate
Land and Loan Company of Boise,
takes one in Ontario Tuesday completing
the of the large real estate deals that
has brought some money. Mr.
Eschmann was very enthusiastic over
the return of prosperity, and in part,
said:

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SINGLE-TREE FACTORY OPENED IN ONTARIO

D. M. Taggart Of Ontario Hardware Patents New Appliance

D. M. Taggart, the hardware merchant, has invented a single tree that has about ten times the strength of the ordinary single tree, and also has the further recommendation of equalizing the pull on the tugs.

Mr. Taggart has applied for a patent, and has received orders for a large number as soon as they can be manufactured.

Orders have been received from every town on the main line between Weiser and Boise, from several towns on the P. & I. N. and from various places in the interior.

Mr. Taggart is making arrangements to have all single trees manufactured locally, and states that the first output will be on the market in February.

After this year a plant may be installed to manufacture them on a larger basis with specially constructed machinery.

The single tree can be seen at any time at the Ontario Hardware. It looks like the ordinary single tree except that a one-half inch steel rod extends from one end to the other, engaging the center clip. There is a loop in the center of the rod to which the load is attached. The single tree has the appearance of a pair of stretchers for a lead team. It is absolutely unbreakable and will never wear out, until the wood decays, which is practically a life time. It can be manufactured just as cheap as the ordinary single tree and will sell at the same price. Ontario may well be proud of the success of Mr. Taggart's invention.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS IN SESSION TODAY

Strong Delegations From Malheur And Crook Counties

(Special to the Argus)

Portland, Jan. 7th,—Irrigation Congress met this morning with heavy attendance from both Crook county and Malheur county. Crook county delegation here with brass band. Indications point to a lively battle between representatives of the Government Reclamation Service, and the Crook county delegation, in that tne Government officials want vindication from charges of extravagance by their methods.

J. Duncan and T. M. Lowe of Owyhee, Seymour Ross, Nyssa, C. M. Crandall of Vale, G. L. King and C. T. Prall, Ontario, left last night for the Irrigation Congress being held in Portland this week.

be paralyzed to even think of our prosperity, and will remark 'If we had only known it.' Where is our faith? The faith of our fathers—they accomplished great things in spite of greater difficulties than have confronted us.

"Did you notice what Wm. G. McAdoo the secretary of the U. S. Treasury had to say in San Francisco today? 'I'd like to get a batallion of you western men and use it as a flying squadron, and turn you loose on the pessimists for about a week to teach them the lesson of your courage and good cheer. That is what you are going to do to the nation by your exposition.' He predicts early prosperity for the nation. Ontario has plenty of that western spirit—it simply wants to be given free rein. Start something. DO IT NOW."

MAD COYOTE IS KILLED INSIDE CITY LIMITS

Early Sunday Morning Visitor Is Not Welcome. Soon Dispached After Short Chase

About nine o'clock Sunday morning O. G. Leuhrs while doing his chores, noticed the coyote about 150 yards from him. It did not act like an ordinary coyote as it was not at all cautious. Concluding that it was a mad coyote, Mr. Leuhrs went in the house to get his gun, but when he came out the coyote was going down the road in front of Tom Arnold's place. Mr. Leuhrs then called up the people along the road. Win Seaweard shot at it with a revolver which did not seem to frighten it and it kept on up the road, meandering aimlessly from side to side. About 10 o'clock it turned up at the back door of Mr. Mathew's house on Elzie Brown's place. Mr. Mathews first noticed it about ten feet from the door and went and got his gun. The coyote started off and the dog threatened it and it stopped about thirty yards from the house where Mr. Mathews killed it.

Its actions and conduct correspond exactly to that of mad coyotes, but to be sure Dr. Moore went out and secured the brain and sent it to the state chemist.

A mad coyote was killed Sunday morning on A. E. Brown's place, one mile southwest of town, by Mr. Mathews. Dr. Moore, veterinarian, sent the brain to the state chemist Monday for examination for rabies.

THIRTEEN TRUE BILLS REPORT GRAND JURY

One Not True Bill Was Returned. Busy Session Is Ended

The Grand Jury returned thirteen true bills anb one not true bill in their report to the court rendered yesterday afternoon.

The following were indicted: Mary Doe, Florence O'Connor, Charles and Earl Nutt, Myrtle Smith, Eva Johnson, Frank Lucy, Walter Meldrum, William McKenzie, W. F. Granholm, and C. H. Spiner.

W. G. McCoy who was accused of assault with a deadly weapon was discharged.

NEW CITY COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

The new City Council held its first meeting Tuesday night at the City Hall, and outlined their work for the year 1915. The only change in the council is that H. L. Peterson takes the place of A. Zimmerman. The committees remain the same as before excepting that Peterson occupies the place of Zimmerman.

H. H. Williams was appointed fire chief in place of H. C. Farmer and no one was appointed as street commissioner. Otherwise the city officials remain the same as heretofore.

H. H. Woodman, a prominent business man of St. Louis, and recently interested in the lumber business in the Ozark mountain region of southeastern Missouri, is in Ontario this week with a view to locating here in the investment business. Mr. Woodman is looking for a community which offers good school and social conditions advantageous to the raising of his family and is well pleased with Ontario.

ONTARIO JUST COMPLETS MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR

Much Money is Handled During the Past Year. Financial Condition is Good.

That the financial condition of the city of Ontario is in first class condition, and that the affairs of the city for the past year have been conducted along modern business lines, was brought out in the report of the City Recorder Monday night at the last regular meeting of the 1914 city council. The year has been a particularly active one for the entire city administration, and the receipts and disbursements of the City Recorder's office have reached higher figures than in previous years.

The total receipts of the office, coming from all sources, were $64,698.89. The total expenditures, according to the report, were $56,053.68. This report, however, does not take into consideration the balances at the end of 1913, nor does it include most of the expenses of the city for December, 1914, but, while the figures may be technically correct as to the exact balance in the treasury, they do indicate that the city is upon an excellent financial basis.

Included in the total receipts are the following: General fund receipts, $8,224.32; fines, $449.50; miscellaneous licenses, $1,023.75; and liquor licenses, $8,000.00. In the expenditures are included the cost of maintaining the different departments of the city, among which are: Clerk's office, $1,226.20; Treasurer's office, $156.25; Attorney's office, $300.00; Police department, $2,457.13; Fire department, $441.55; and Health department, $97.10.

The bonded indebtedness of the city, including the fair and hospital bonds, is $75,000.00. The total assessed valuation of the city for the coming year is estimated at $950,000.00, which is about $150,000.00 less than a year ago, notwithstanding that considerable new territory has been taken into the city. The reason for this, it is said, is because the assessed valuation of the city has always heretofore been too high, and this year an assessmeht on a fairer basis has been secured.

MEETING OF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION CALLED

The Cemetery Association of Ontario will hold its annual meeting Monday, January 11th, in the City Hall. At this meeting some action will be taken towards turning over to the City Council the management of the cemetery.

There are some phases of the work that the City Council can handle more expeditiously and for that reason the change intended is desirable.

The Ladies of the Cemetery Association have made splendid progress in the management of the cemetery and are entitled to great credit in this work.

MONEY RAISED FOR PACIFIC COLLEGE

Newberg.—In a fine rally that began in the afternoon and was renewed in the evening, the friends of Pacific College on Thursday completed their campaign for the $100,000 endowment, and the gifts keep coming in. The total is now over $115,000, and the campaign for funds will be pushed still further, as a still larger sum is greatly needed.

PENDER HAS RELATIVE LIVING IN ONTARIO

MODERN WELDING PLANT INSTALLED

Ontario Auto Company Puts In Valuable Addition To Machine Shop

The Ontario Auto Co. has added a welding plant to their already splendid equipment, and are ready to weld anything from a sewing needle to an I-beam.

It is very uncommon that a welding plant is established in a city of this size and the closest ones to Ontario are at Boise and Baker.

This welder is called an oxyacetylene welder, using the two above-named gases to provide the heat of fusion. This heat is enormous and enables the shop to make a weld of cast iron, steel, aluminum or brass of any size or shape. It will be of the utmost importance to the people of this community who have any breakage in machinery. No matter how small, how large or how complicated the broken parts are, this welder can fix it, and where heretofore new parts had to be secured and waited for, now all can be repaired in Ontario. The machine was built by the Ontario Auto Co., and so has the distinction of being a local product. Not only that but the oxygen is extracted from manganese dioxide at the shop, and the fluxes are bought at stores in Ontario. In this way they are secured at lower prices and enables the shop to do its work cheaper and just as good as if it imported the oxygen at high prices and bought high priced fluxes from companies who deal in that line of goods.

The Ontario Auto Company is to be congratulated on its equipment. It can do all kinds of shop work and carries a complete line of automobile goods.

NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL IS OPENED

Holy Rosary Hospital Opens Valuable Addition To Institution

Last Monday evening steps were taken to organize a nurses training school at the Holy Rosary Hospital. Mother Catherine, the Mother Superior, for the past six months has been visiting hospitals in Portland, Spokane and California, for the purpose of getting the latest ideas and to thoroughly inform herself in this line of work.

The result is that she, with the cooperation of the visiting physicians, have decided to establish the training school.

At the meeting Monday evening all the visiting physicians were requested to be peresent and the following were on hand: Drs. Whitney, Pogue, Prinzing, and Weese of Ontario; Dr. Avery of Payette; Dr. Drysdale of New Plymouth, and Dr. Wright of Fruitland.

At this meeting temporary officers were elected and a committee was appointed to draft a course of study. The meeting adjourned until such a time as the committee will be ready to report.

The course of study will consist of lectures, laboratory work and practical training, at the bedside and in the operating room. The classes will be conducted by the above named physicians and Sister Barber, who has had an extensive experience as nurse.

Mrs. L. P. Marden Is Sister Of Mrs. Pender. Believe Him Innocent

SIERCKS MAKES CONFESSION

Mrs. Marden Says Pender Was Always A Good Husband And Citizen

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Marden, the latter a sister of Mrs. Pender, whose husband is at present serving a life sentence in the Oregon penitentiary for the murder of Mrs. Wehrman, expressed their positive belief in the innocence of Pender and the assurance that it would be proved that circumstantial evidence and mob spirit caused his conviction.

Mr. and Mrs. Marden are employed at the Carter House and are a pleasant young couple.

In an interview granted to the Argus reporter Mrs. Marden said: "We don't know much about the case only what we have seen in the newspapers and from letters I have received from my sister, Mrs. Pender, but we know Mr. Pender is innocent for he is not the kind of a man that would do a deed like that. He has always been a kind husband and we have never heard of any misunderstanding between him and my sister. We don't see how any jury could convict a man on the evidence in the case without they were prejudiced."

Mr. and Mrs. Marden commented freely on the case and in an unprejudiced manner expressed their confidence in Pender's innocence. They explained how Mr. Pender, being employed in the city, was practically a stranger to his neighbors and so had no friends among them, although among his fellow-workmen he was well liked, as evidenced by their activities in trying to prove him innocent. His fellow-workmen with the railway company maintained his innocence and aided all they could in the attempt to establish it. Pender also, they stated, had served in the Spanish war and although he had not done anything extraordinary, his officers and fellow-soldiers said that he was always ready to perform his duties in a fearless manner. The Spanish war veterans investigated the case and declared their belief in his innocence. In fact as Mr. and Mrs. Marden expressed it, any one who knew Mr. Pender personally could never believe him capable of committing such an awful crime.

John G. H. Siercks, an inmate of the insane asylum, has made a full confession of the murder and it is thought that Pender will be freed. Attempts to shake Siercks' testimony are futile and the details of it correspond exectly to the facts in the case. When asked what was their opinion on his confession, Mr. and Mrs. Marden expressed their opinion that no sane man would have done the deed and that Siercks was angry at Pender because Pender had threatened to have Siercks' father arrested for shooting his dog. So from this they say that Siercks' confession must certainly be true and that he had tried to fasten the crime on Pender.

Much comment has been made in the press recently concerning the new phase of the case and the facts are being fully probed. Gov. West says that Pender is entitled to his freedom if the confession is bona fide.

Mrs. Sara Cain of this place was the winner of the first grand prize given by the Evening Capital News. The prize was a Maxwell Automobile.