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TEN THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND TO BE RECLAIMED

Huge Irrigation District On Succor Creek Has Been Started

IN ARTESIAN WATER BELT

Land Lies Under The 2600 Foot Level. Produce Varied Crops

The preliminary steps to irrigating about 10,000 acres of land on both sides of Succor Creek in Oregon and Idaho have been taken.

The water rights have been filed on and committees have been appointed to do the preliminary work. In a few weeks the Succor Creek Irrigation District will be formed and the land will be colonized with bona fide settlers. It is the intention to have the water ready to be turned on the land January 1, 1916.

This tract of land is one of the choicest in Malheur county. It lies between Succor Creek and Snake River and in the belt of artesian water. Wm. Graff, on Succor Creek, has two artesian wells in operation and an outfit is at this time drilling another well on J. S. Wheeler's homestead. Ed Walker has made arrangements to have three 6-inch wells driven.

The land in this tract is bench land, excepting a narrow strip along the river. It is all free from alkali and lays adjacent to the potash beds recently discovered on Succor Creek.

It lies under the 2,600 foot level and will produce all the crops to which Malheur county is adapted. Mr. Graff has about two thousand acres of alfalfa and last summer raised about ten acres of corn. He is also growing almond and English walnut trees and for several years has been harvesting black walnuts.

The land on Succor Creek that is under irrigation now from private ditches will come under the new project. The dam will be built about two and one-half miles above Graff's place. By government measurements the water that flows annually down Succor Creek amounts to about forty thousand acre feet and this will insure plenty of water to irrigate all the lands in the district.

This will mean a great deal to Malheur county and is a proposition that everyone should boost. The land joins the Nyssa-Homedale railroad and all traffic will come over this road.

A meeting will be held in Nyssa next Wednesday, January 20, to perfect the organization.

FOUR DOZEN EGGS PER DAY IS LOCAL RECORD

Dunham Brothers Living A Mile South of Town Find Chicken Business Is A Profitable One, Especially During Cold Months.

The cackling of geese saved Rome in the olden times and the cackling of hens in the chicken lot this kind of weather is cheering music. But that kind of music is reeled off every day at the home of the Dunham Bros., southwest of town about one and a half miles.

The two brothers G. W. and D. C. Dunham, bought ten acres of land from John Diess last fall and have gone into the poultry business exclusively. They have at present a flock of one hundred and twenty pullets and about a dozen roosters and are getting right around four dozen eggs per day. These pullets are March and April pullets and of course are not all laying yet. The chickens are full blooded White Leghorns excepting seven or eight which are being kept for eating purposes, being of a larger breed. But next year the intention is to raise White Leghorns exclusively.

The Messrs. Dunham have planned their buildings and have built most of

NEXT YEARS' ENTERTAINMENT IS SECURED

Six of the Star Numbers of Redpath Lyceum Bureau Have Been Secured For Ontario.

W. Lowe of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau was in town, last Friday, and closed a contract with a citizen committee for a lyceum course for next year. The course this year is a splendid one but that scheduled for next year is better than any that has ever been offered in this state.

The following numbers will be presented to Ontario: "The Cavaliers," Panama Quartet and Entertainers, "John B. Ratto and the Maurer Sisters Orchestra."

"The Cavaliers" is a company of seven artists and has its own special scenery. This number is the best that the Lyceum Bureau puts out and Ontario is very fortunate in being given the opportunity to see it present The "Panama Quartet and Entertainers."

John B. Ratto, who gives character delineation, needs no introduction to Ontario as he appeared here in 1912. Everyone who was present will remember his make-ups before the audience and his humorous and serious readings.

The Maurer Sisters Orchestra is a company of musical artists every one of which have graduated with honors from well known conservatories of music.

H. L. Anderson received notice Tuesday morning of the death of his brother, W. L. Anderson, at Boise, Idaho. He was 54 years of age and had been ill only about five days. He entered the hospital Monday morning at 11 o'clock to receive treatment for pneumonia and died Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock.

He leaves a father, W. P. Anderson, of Boise, and three brothers, Scott Anderson, of Boise; C. H. Anderson of Los Angeles, Calif., and H. L. Anderson, of this place.

One of the incubators has a capacity

BOYER BROS. SHIP ANOTHER CAR OF APPLES

Shipment Will go to Texas - Cold Weather Makes Fruit Shipment Dangerous.

Boyer Bros., loaded another car of apples Monday for shipment to Texas. Shipping apples this time of year is very precarious undertaking on account of the cold. In this instance the floor and walls of the car were covered with building paper and then the paper was continued over the top of the apples, so that they were completely enveloped by it. Also the car doors were covered with paper and every precaution against freezing was taken.

The apple market is clearing up considerably and the prices will undoubtedly get better in the near future.

The Fourth Annual Library Ball will be given in the form of a Colonial Ball on Washington's birthday at the Wilson Hall.

WAR ON ALL DOGS MADE BY AUTHORITIES

Mad Dog Scares In Ontario Causes City Officials To Take Precautionary Steps To Save Residents From Danger.

Wednesday was the reckoning day for three dogs, supposedly mad. Guy Fisher shot C. C. Defrees' dog in the morning after it had shown some strange symptoms and began to snap at things. Dr. Moore examined the dog and said that it undoubtedly had rabies. R. A. Beagle killed a dog on his place Wednesday morning which he thought was mad. On examination the tongue was found to be swollen.

Mr. McKay, out northwest of town, killed a dog that had been running amuck all morning in the town, biting dogs and chickens in the vicinity of the City Hall and the Moore Hotel. Several persons tried to kill it, but it left before a gun was secured. It traveled

BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS IN PAYETTE

Strange Floor and New Surroundings Handicaps Local Girls Team.

The high school girl's basketball team played the Payette team last Friday on the Payette floor. The first half of the game was very close and ended with the score 8 to 5 in favor of Payette. The cramped floor space and the difference in the baskets more than accounted for their difference of score.

In the second half the Payette girls played with increased vigor and succeeded in raising their side of the score to 25 while the Ontario girls raised their to 10.

After the girls game the Payette and Boise Y. M. C. A. teams played a fast and close game with the victory going to Payette 23 to 21. The Ontario people were well treated and considered themselves lucky in seeing two good games for the price of one.

BANKS REPORT BEST YEAR IN HISTORY

The Outlook for the Present Year Is Exceptionally Bright—Good Dividends Declared.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Ontario was held in the Banking room on Tuesday afternoon, January 12, 1915. The following stockholders were present: T. Turnbull, A. L. Cokrum, C. E. Kenyon, J. D. Billingsley, H. B. Cokrum and L. B. Cokrum. All of the above named stockholders were elected directors of the bank for the year 1915. The directors made a thorough examination of the affairs of the

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of two hundred eggs and will be set next week, while the other has a capacity of six hundred eggs. It will not be set before March. The brothers will raise about fifteen hundred chicks the coming season and will keep one thousand pullets for laying purposes. The success of this enterprise will be watched closely by the people of this community as it is being attempted on a larger scale than ordinary. If successful there will be many persons on small tracts that will take up this business.

SUNDAY MORNING FIRE RAGES IN HILL'S PHARMACY

Fire Department Succeeds in Extinguishing Fire Caused by Gasoline Explosion.

Hill's Pharmacy was the scene of a fire Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. While Estie Morton was heating cream on a gasoline stove preparatory to making ice cream, the stove exploded and set fire to the store. The alarm was given and the fire was extinguished with little difficulty.

The fire department is to be congratulated on the manner in which they did their work. Most of the fire was extinguished by fire extinguishers and only when the fire caught on the ceiling was the water turned on. In this much damage was avoided.

Over six hundred dollars worth of property was totally destroyed while the damage through soiling by water and smoke was about one hundred and fifty dollars making in all about seven hundred and fifty dollars damage, of which was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dearmond of Vale were Ontario visitors Friday. Mrs. Dearmond going on to Portland for a month's visit at that place.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT LEASES THE LOCAL FAIR GROUNDS

ANOTHER PROOF THAT ANIMALS HAVE RABIES

Dr. A. G. Moore Recieves Reply From State Health Office. Coyote Was in Town.

The following letter was received by Dr. Moore from Calvis S. White, state health officer, and the report concerning the brain of the coyote killed on A. E. Brown's place, Jan. 3. The brain was secured and packed and shipped by Dr. Moore. This report proves conclusively that mad coyotes are in the immediate vicinity of Ontario since this one passed through the edge of town. To meet this menace orders have been given to the local officers to kill all unmuzzled dogs.

Portland, Jan. 6. 1915.
Dr. A. G. Moore,
Ontario, Oregon.

Dear Doctor:

The examination of the brain of the coyote sent by you to this laboratory, showed the presence of Negri bodies, proving unquestionably that the animal was mad. I want to sincerely commend you on the splendid condition in which you had prepared this brain, enabling us to make examination of it here. Nearly all that we receive from any distance, arrive here in such an advanced state of putrefaction that any examination is impossible.

Dr. Saurman, our Bacteriologist, is now in Burns, endeavoring to do some work there and will probably come through Ontario on his way back. I will have him hunt you up.

Yours very truly,
STATE HEALTH OFFICER.

Mrs. E. A. Fraser entertained the Carnation Club Friday, Miss Vind Smith receiving high honors. The same evening Mrs. Fraser had five tables of Five Hundred. Mrs. E. M. Greig, Mrs. A. L. Cokrum, J. D. Billingsley and W. W. Wood received prizes.

DELEGATES BACK FROM IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Many Resolutions Are Adopted, And Many Recommendations For Needed Laws And Appropriations Made To Legislature.

Most of the Malheur county delegates to the State Irrigation Congress in Portland last week have returned home. Some have gone, however, to Salem to be present at the inauguration of Governor Withycombe, and the opening of the state legislature. The meetings of the Irrigation Congress were all harmonious, and many resolutions and recommendations were passed which will tend to forward reclamation work in the state.

Brief outline of the resolutions adopted, follow:

Legislation is urged to levy one-half mill tax on all property in the state for irrigation development.

Constitutional amendments giving state authority to issue bond for irrigation development is recommended.

Legislature asked to memorialize Congress, urging law permitting all natural federal resources within the state to be used for sole purpose of raising funds to co-operate on dollar-for-dollar basis with the state in de-

All Horses From Interior Points Brought Here For Inspection

ONTARIO MAIN SHIPPING POINT

About 1000 Head Of Horses Will Be On Hand All The Time

The French government has leased the fair grounds until May 1, and are shipping horses from the interior to be collected here and then shipped to France. This will be their headquarters all summer and horses will be inspected and bought here and those that are bought at other places will eventually be collected here.

At present the inspectors are at Bend, having arrived today from Burns. Previous to inspection at Burns, they were at John Day. The horses that were bought at John Day are on their way to Baker. There they will be fed until the hay contracted at that place is all used up. Then the horses will be brought to Ontario for shipment.

The horses that were bought at Burns were taken to Juntura and are loading there now for Ontario.

After their work at Bend is completed the inspectors will continue on around to Pringleville taking in all the interior points. On January 26, they will arrive at Ontario and make this their headquarters throughout all the year.

This is the biggest opportunity for horsemen that this county has ever had. The best prices will be paid since the horses will be sold direct to the inspectors, who represent the French government. In this way no middleman will gather the profits.

There will be all the way from 600 to 1,000 horses at the fair grounds all the time which means that all the surplus hay in this vicinity will be required. Already C. C. Carter and Walter Glenn have a contract to supply the French officials with a large tonnage.

As soon as the officials arrive in Ontario, they will advertise for horses to be brought in and will purchase them for cavalry and artillery service. Already several bands of horses have arrived in anticipation of inspection.

The fair grounds is an ideal place for this work on account of the amount of enclosed space and facilities for sheds, feeding and watering. Also Ontario, being the ideal collecting point of all the surrounding country, will draw the horses from both Oregon and Idaho.

veloping these resources. Federal Government urged to give Oregon its just share of reclamation fund.

Federal Government urged to guarantee bonds of accredited irrigation districts.

Policy of National Secretary of Agriculture enabling counties to collect money from Federal Government with natural resources as security in-dorsed.

Federal reclamation service asked to give state free use of its maps, data, water measurements and other statistical information.

Legislative Assembly of 1915 advised to use Tumalo funds "for such purposes and under such conditions as may seem proper."

Legislature also asked to extend payment periods for Tumalo settlers. Recommendations of Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department, for uniform irrigation laws in various

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