

Ontario is in the
Centre of the Great
Snake River Valley
Corn Belt.

The Ontario Argus.

The Produce from
15,000,000 acres is
marketed from On-
tario each year

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IRRIGATION APPROPRIATION ABOUT TO BE ASSIGNED

Specific Project is Named
the Appropriation Com-
mittee Will Act.

ALL BE IN EASTERN OREGON

Arm Springs Project Most
Feasible in Oregon It
Is Claimed.

That some Eastern Oregon Irrigation
project will soon be chosen by the gov-
ernment and designated as a place to
and \$450,000 of good government mon-
ies is the text of a news dispatch from
Washington under date of February 23.
The dispatch follows:

"Representative Sinnott, who has
been conferring with Secretary Lane
several days with reference to se-
curing an appropriation for irrigation
in Eastern Oregon, today received a
letter from the Secretary saying he
asked Director Davis, of the Re-
clamation Service, to determine
whether it is possible at this time to
select some prospective project in
Eastern Oregon for which an appropria-
tion of \$450,000 can be made profitably.
Chairman Fitzgerald, of the appropria-
tion committee, has declared he will
favor any appropriation couched in
general terms and unless the Secretary
the interior designates a specific
project, the much discussed appropria-
tion of \$450,000 will be cut out of the
and Oregon will receive appropria-
tions only for the Umatilla and Klamath
projects.
"If the Secretary will designate a
specific project, it is believed Mr.
Fitzgerald will approve Secretary
Lane's recommendations and include
an appropriation in the sundry civil
bill."

Residents of Ontario feel that the
arm springs project will be the one
picked out. It is said this is the most de-
serving and most feasible project in
the state, and can be completed for less
money than any other, considering the
number of acres of land that will be re-
served. It is very probable that the
project will be chosen by the govern-
ment in the near future.

AG CONFERENCE TO BE AT O. A. C.

The Big Week of Farmers'
Short Course Will Be
from Feb. 1st to 7th.

W. R. Shinn, the county agricultural
agent, will leave Saturday for Corvallis,
to attend the Farmers' and Home
Makers' Week and Conference Ses-
sions at the Oregon Agricultural Col-
lege. This is the big week of the farm-
ers' short course and every line of
work will be represented.
The following conference sessions
will take place there next week, Feb-
ruary 1st, to February 7th:
Meeting of State Dairy Association.
Meeting of Oregon Jersey Cattle
club.
Meeting of Holstein Breeders' Asso-
ciation.
Meeting of Willamette Valley Edi-
torial Association.
Conference of Fruit Inspectors.
Conference of School Superintendents
and Supervisors.
Conference of County and School Fair
Officials.
Conference of County Judges and
Road Supervisors.
Conference of Rural Ministers and
Religious Workers.
Home-Makers' Conference.
Potato Growers' Conference.
Conference of County Agriculturists.
Conference of Farmers' Organiza-
tions.
Drainage Conference.
Conference of Commercial Club Sec-
retaries.
Seed Growers' Conference.
City Markets' Conference.
Conference of Brick and Tile Manu-
facturers.

SPORTSMEN PETITION STATE CONGRESSMEN

The meeting of the sportsmen of this
vicinity was held in the City Hall Thurs-
day night. President Doolittle called
the meeting to order and the object of
the meeting was explained. Secretary
Boyer was instructed by the club to
telegraph Representative Davey and
Senator Stewart that the local club was
in favor of the present mode of hand-
ling the fish and game interests of the
state and urge their support against
any change.

DEPARTING GOVERNOR PAROLES PRISONERS

Three Malheur County
Criminals Given Liberty
by West.

Just before going out of office Gov.
Oswald West paroled several score of
prisoners who were serving various
sentences in the state prison at Salem.
Among them were three who had been
sent from Malheur county. They were:
F. Ferguson, who was serving a sen-
tence of from three to fifteen years for
assault and robbery; Luther Pruitt, sen-
tenced from one to ten years for larceny;
and Alsa Carey, who was serving a
life term for murder in the second de-
gree.

PAYETTE Y TEAM BEATS OREGON CLUB

The Oregon Club team went down to
defeat last Friday night by a score of
30 to 11, at the hands of the fast team
representing the Y. M. C. A. from
Payette.

The visitors had the game in hand
from the start, by playing fast and
shooting baskets with deadly accuracy.
Shake and Ensign starred for Payette,
while all the team played consistently.
The Oregon Club lacked team work.

The lineup follows: Payette Y. M.
C. A., Ensign, Forward; Boyer, For-
ward; Shake, Center; Moll, Guard;
Blank, Guard.

Oregon Club: C. Lackey, Forward;
Wm. Strane, Forward; Alex. McPherson,
Center; F. J. Clemon, Guard; Kop-
al, Guard; Trow, Guard.

NEW CITY MARSHAL NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF

Lee Noe Will be Deputy
Sheriff and Dan Kerfoot
City Marshal

Lee Noe, the present marshal of On-
tario, has been appointed deputy sher-
iff by Ben Brown.

Dan Kerfoot, ex-sheriff, has been se-
cured by the city council to take the
place of Mr. Noe as city marshal. Mr.
Noe has been a faithful officer in On-
tario for several years and has been
city marshal since the resignation of
Robert Odell last Summer. His con-
scientious performance of his duty has
won him many supporters who wish
him success in his new field.

Dan Kerfoot, the new city marshal,
has had a very wide experience in this
line of work and the city council is to
be congratulated on their choice. Dan
will be right at home here, and his suc-
cess is obvious.

The new officials will assume their
duties on or before March 1st.

Mrs. W. H. Homan left for Eaton
this morning for a short visit with her
mother.

FEW VACANT HOUSES FOR RENT HERE

Real Estate Firms Say They
Cannot Supply The De-
mand For Homes

A canvass of real estate firms of On-
tario, by an Argus reporter, brings
forth the information that there are
few empty houses in the city. Six
weeks or two months ago there were a
number of houses listed for rent, but
for the past week there has been few
vacant houses listed.

One real estate firm announces that
they have been compelled to turn away
many applicants asking for homes to
rent. Their listings have been exhaust-
ed. Another firm reports two or three
houses listed and still unrented, but
they state applications from renters are
far in excess of the supply.

"CONDENSED MILK" SOCIAL ANNOUNCED

Event For Relief of Belg-
ians Will be Held at
Cairo Grange Hall

Here is a chance to help the starv-
ing Belgians: At the Cairo Grange
Hall, Monday, February 1st, there will
be given a social for the benefit of the
Belgian Relief Fund. Everyone com-
ing is asked to bring a can of con-
densed milk, which will be shipped to
the sufferers. If you don't bring a
can with you there will be a chance to
buy it at the hall, so forgetting it
won't help you.

Cake and sandwiches will be on sale
but you can get coffee free and hot,
right off the heater. There will also
be a candy booth and you can indulge
your appetites in one of the luxuries
that Uncle Sam don't tax. Everybody
come and enjoy yourselves.

BULLY CREEK DAM NEARLY COMPLETED

E. I. Brogan of Vale, was in Onta-
rio Tuesday. Mr. Brogan states that
the Bully Creek Irrigation Project is
nearing completion. The dam at the
reservoir site will be completed in about
three weeks, and the water will be tur-
ned in. He states that about twenty
thousand acres of land will come under
the project.

GETS \$83.00 WORTH OF PRODUCE FROM EACH ACRE

W. T. Connant of Nyssa Tells How He Rais-
ed Prize Corn On His Ranch.

W. T. Connant of Nyssa, although
busy with work, very kindly consented
to sparing the time to give an account
of his success with corn this last sea-
son. Mr. Connant is very enthusiastic
over the possibilities of Malheur county
here, as the land is worth three
and four hundred dollars an acre. He
states that he is taking from his land
\$83.00 worth of produce per acre. The
following article deals with his meth-
ods in raising corn:

"The land on which this acre of corn
was raised has been in cultivation
about twelve years. Last year corn
was raised on the ground, so this was
the second year since alfalfa had been
raised on it."

"The land was plowed about the first
of April and as fast as it was plowed
it was harrowed with a smoothing har-
row. As soon as it was possible to
get on the ground it was disced thor-
oughly until a dust mulch was formed.

IRRIGATION PROJECT MEETS WITH FAVOR

All Parties Interested in
Succor Creek District
Support Project.

The surveyors for the Succor Creek
Irrigation District started in the first
of the week to run the ditch line. The
boundaries of the new district will be
determined as soon as this work is com-
pleted.

Nyssa, Oregon, Jan. 20, 1915.—The
persons interested in the new irriga-
tion district on Succor Creek met here
this afternoon and took the prelimi-
nary steps for organization of the On-
tario side of the project. J. W. Graff
was elected president and J. J. Beatty,
secretary, of the new district. The
Idaho residents who are under the
project have already organized their
district with W. D. Martin, president,
and J. Schilling, secretary.

The law required that a district be
formed in each state but both districts
will act in conjunction.

J. W. Graff, J. S. Wheeler and J. J.
Beatty were appointed as a commit-
tee to secure an outline of the district
so that those who are now in the
Owyhee Irrigation district, that will
be in the new district may withdraw
from the old district. As soon as the
committee is ready to report another
meeting will be called at Nyssa to
complete the work.

This project will water ten thousand
acres of land on both sides of Succor
Creek. About three-fifths of this
acreage lies in Oregon. All of the pro-
posed district lies in an artesian water
region and several wells are now in
operation. This district is one of the
best and cheapest watered districts in
the county.

The dam will be constructed on Suc-
cor creek about 1 1/2 miles above J. W.
Graff's place and the cost will be ap-
proximately \$15.00 per acre and the
water will be ready for the land Jan.
1, 1916. The water will be reservoired
and as the water that flows down Suc-
cor Creek every year is over 40,000
acre feet it will be more than suffi-
cient for the district.

PENNSYLVANIA MAN FIRST IMMIGRANT

Mr. R. E. Dillon of Philadelphia pur-
chased a 20 acre tract of the Oregon &
Western Colonization Company Monday
at \$200.00 per acre. This tract is about
8 miles up the Malheur valley and Mr.
Dillon is much interested in this coun-
try. He will return next year bringing
with him other settlers.

WHO HAS FARM LAND FOR RENT?

State Immigration Commis-
sion Has Many Inquiries
From Renters

Is there any farm land in Malheur co-
unty for rent? The Argus is in receipt
of a communication from the Oregon
State Immigration Commissioner ask-
ing that their bureau be put into com-
munication with anyone who wants to
rent land. The communication follows:

Portland, Oregon,
January 26, 1915.

THE ARGUS,
ONTARIO, OREGON.

Dear Sirs:—The farm and land bureau
of the Oregon State Immigration Com-
mission is receiving a good many in-
quiries in regard to the possibility of
renting good farm land, and nearly all
these inquiries come from practical, ex-
perienced farmers who are not at this
time financially able to purchase land.
The Bureau is now planning to add this
rental feature to its other work and
would like as soon as possible, to make
up a generous list of such offerings.
No fees or commissions of any kind will
be charged, and in all cases the reliabil-
ity and fitness of the applicant will be
carefully investigated.

Farmers and land owners throughout
the state who have land for which they
have no present use, and who would
like to derive an income for such acre-
age, are invited to write to J. W. Brew-
er, manager of the farm land bureau,
at Portland, for blanks on which to list
such holdings.

CAPITOL AT SALEM SAVED FROM BLAZE

Explosion of Oil in Central
Heating Plant is Cause
of Fire.

(Special to The Argus.)

Salem, Or.—Oregon's historic state-
house was endangered for a time Sun-
day by a fire which started shortly
before 5 o'clock P. M., following an
explosion of oil in the central heat-
ing plant, just outside the basement of
the capitol. Quick work by state of-
ficials, state employees and the Salem
fire department soon had the blaze
under control.

HILL'S PHARMACY MOVES NEXT DOOR

Farley Building Being Al-
tered and Furnished for
Attractive Pharmacy.

Hill's Pharmacy will be located in
the Farley building, next door to the
present location, after January 30th.
Carpenters are busily engaged in alter-
ing the front, putting in a new en-
trance and in building modern, up to
date shelving. The new location is
steam heated and is one hundred and
twenty feet long, affording more room
than the present place.

With the extra room and furnishings,
Mr. Hill is planning to make some very
attractive improvements. One of these
improvements will be a music, refresh-
ment and rest room, combined. This
room will be attractively furnished
with appropriate hangings, paintings,
also victrolas and a piano.

It will be an ideal place for club and
party refreshments, where a limited
number may be entertained for the eve-
ning or afternoon, as the case may be.
Also, it will be a fine place for rest and
entertainment to the tired traveler in
the hot summer. All in all, it is just
such a place that Ontario has needed
for a long time.

Mr. Farley is putting in linoleum and
new fixtures for the pharmacy, which
will move in by Saturday.

RABIES SPREADING THROUGH COUNTRY

Dog Catcher Busy Catching
And Shooting Dogs.
Cattle Going Mad

R. A. Beagle, the official dog catcher,
has killed fifty eight dogs in the last
month. The people of the town have
done their part splendidly and no un-
pleasant experiences have resulted.
Mr. Beagle is working on the job right
along and is watching out for all un-
muzzled dogs.

A dog was killed Monday by Homer
Utley and Ralph Dunbar, on the Dun-
bar place, after it had been trying to
bite some stock through a woven wire
fence.

A good many reports of stock going
mad are coming in. Some of Bill
Jones' cattle, which are feeding at Lem
Walker's place, have gone mad and
had to be killed. Dr. A. G. Moore, the
veterinarian, sent the brain of one of
the animals to the state chemist, who
reported that it had rabies.

A fine mare died at the Winters-Trou-
sdale ranch the first of the week, which
showed all the symptoms of rabies. Dr.
Moore also sent its brain to the state
chemist for examination.

On Succor creek mad coyotes and
dogs are common and a lot of stock are
being lost. From all parts of south
eastern Oregon and across in Idaho re-
ports of rabies are prevalent.

The number of cases reported are as-
suming alarming proportions.

W. R. SHINN GIVES EASTERN METHODS

Silos in Great Favor on
Dairy and Stock Farms
in Corn Country.

W. R. Shinn, who was called to the
death bed of his grandfather, at Mat-
toon, Illinois returned last week. Mr.
Shinn spent several weeks in Illinois and
made some observations of practical
methods of farming. He gives the re-
sult of his observations as follows:

"During my recent trip to the Middle
West I was impressed by the number
of silos which have been constructed in
the past few years. In many sections
which produced only grain for market
a few years ago the farmers are today
feeding most of their crops to livestock
utilizing a large portion of the corn
crop in the form of silage. All of the
farmers who were interviewed expressed
themselves as well pleased with the
results which they had obtained from
feeding silage. Not one of them had
ever experienced any bad effects from
the use of silage. I made special in-
quiry on this point as some farmers
have stated that stock are injured by
eating silage. Whenever injurious ef-
fects have followed the use of silage it
can generally be attributed to a poor
quality of silage resulting from using
corn which was not at the proper stage
of maturity or from a silo which was
too large in diameter so that the silage
was not fed rapidly enough to prevent
fermentation.

The silo has come to stay on the
farms devoted to dairying or beef pro-
duction in the sections of this country
where corn is grown successfully. Corn
is well adapted to a large portion of
this bounty as was shown in the Pomo-
na Grange Corn Contest last year.
Why not plan to build that silo this
year and secure the profits from the
best possible use of the corn crop? The
County Agriculturist of this county will
be glad to give you any assistance with-
in his power regarding the planning of
a silo or the selection of the best and
most economical type of silo for your
needs. Call on him for information
about silos or on any other agricultural
subject in which you may be interest-
ed. His office is to serve the needs of
the people of the county and the only
way that he can render you assistance
is through you giving him a knowledge
of your needs.

W. T. Lampkin visited Payette this
morning.