

HUB STORE IS COMING TO ONTARIO

A new store is to be opened in Ontario shortly after the first of May, according to an announcement by O. R. Stageberg, who is now in Ontario making the preliminary arrangements. The name of the new store will be "The Hub" and will carry a complete line of men's furnishings and a complete line of shoes for men, women and children.

Mr. Stageberg is an experienced manager for The Hub line of stores, and is well pleased with the prospects for such a line in Ontario. The store will be located in the Moore building on the east side of Main street, three doors north of the Carter Hotel.

Idanha Orchard Company to Build Evaporator.

The Idanha Orchard company whose 120-acre prune orchard lies about three miles northwest from Nyssa, is to have a new large evaporator this season.

This orchard contains 16,000 trees, 7000 of which are matured and producing. The other 9000 trees are younger, but soon coming into bearing.

Provided the present crop is not injured before May 10 the work for building the evaporator will begin.

"It will have a capacity of 45 tons per day," says Miles Cannon, the superintendent, "and we can sell all the evaporated prunes we can produce with less trouble and better profit than we can get from the green prunes."

Mr. Cannon moved from Weiser this spring to take charge of the company's property.

From present indications the crop for this orchard this year will be immense.

Commercial Club Meets.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ontario Commercial club occurred on Monday night in the club rooms. The meeting was well attended, but few matters of importance came before the body.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF SPOTTED FEVER

L. G. Vreeland, aged 58 years, died about midnight last Friday night of spotted fever and kidney trouble. Mr. Vreeland was the father of Mrs. Charles Prahl of this city and came here last December from Sioux Falls, S. D., for his health.

The deceased is survived by his wife, one sister and a son and three daughters. The son, Harry Vreeland, lives at Pinehurst, Wash., and the daughters are Mrs. Nealy Bettzig of Snohomish, Wash., Mrs. Will Osterhout of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Prahl of Ontario. The sister is Mrs. I. D. Bloomfield of Snohomish, Wash.

The body was taken back to Sioux Falls for interment and the funeral was also held there. The body left here Saturday evening.

Representative Selected.

Mary Brosman, a young lady who was born and raised at the mouth of the Malheur river, was selected by the Ontario Commercial club Monday evening to represent this locality at the celebration of the opening of the Celilo canal, the celebration to be held at Astoria May 5. Miss Brosman is delegates to take a bottleful of Malheur river water to the celebration to aid in the christening of the new project.

To Play Here Sunday.

Next Sunday the fast aggregation of ball players from Caldwell will be seen in action on the local diamond.

Nampa played a return game at Caldwell last Sunday and again Caldwell was defeated by the score of 3 to 2. Whyman pitching for Caldwell and was wild at times, letting Nampa walk in two of the three runs.

Nampa and Caldwell have got exceptionally good teams, and high class ball will be expected from the league this season.

TELEPHONE CO. IS INVOICING

E. T. Busselle, engineer in the Department of Public Utilities of the Oregon Railroad Commission, was in Ontario Thursday taking an inventory of all the properties of the Malheur Telephone company. The trouble arises from the telephone company wanting to charge toll to Fruitland and Nyssa. When the telephone company changed hands from the Independent to the Malheur company, an article read where the Malheur Telephone company would not charge toll at any time during their existence, but now they want to break that by-law, so it was brought up before the Commercial club and they put it in the hands of the Public Utilities department.

Mr. Busselle is making a thorough examination of the affair, but no definite decision has been made. Mr. Busselle is well known in this vicinity. He was with the telephone company at Ontario for a number of years. Mr. Busselle was assisted in his work by F. Wolf, telephone engineer from Denver, and Messrs. A. S. Peters, L. N. Hess, telephone engineers from Salt Lake, Utah. The same work is being carried on throughout the northwest, and something definite will be heard in a short time.

Canadian Land Owners Pay Heavy War Tax.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hayden, who recently came here from Spokane, and bought land out near Malheur Butte on the bottom lands owned by the Eastern Oregon Colonization company, recently showed to an Argus representative a letter from a daughter who resides in northwest Canada, in which she assures her parents that there has been a war tax levied upon Canadian lands amounting to \$500 per each half section.

This seems pretty high—\$1000 per section—but the writer does not state how the tax is to be collected or whether paid in long, easy terms or soon.

As Mr. Hayden owns considerable land in Calgary he was quite annoyed at the information.

ONTARIO TEAM MEETS DEFEAT AT PAYETTE

Ontario league team played a return game at Payette last Sunday and met defeat in a 15-inning game by the score of 5 to 4.

The game was one of the best seen on that field in years. The fielding was ragged on both sides at times, but being the second game of the season and the boys having but little training, the game was exceptionally well played. Ontario has been unable to secure a pitcher up to the present time, although the management has several in view for the team.

Ailshire, Ontario's third baseman, had to pitch Sunday, and his work was done exceptionally well. Ten hits were secured off him, but were well scattered, netting five runs, three of which were not earned runs.

The outfield at Payette was in bad condition and some of the balls that were hit in the outer garden made bad bounces, netting three runs, where if the field had been in good shape the innings would have been a white wash. A large crowd attended the game. A large bunch went over from this city. The Payette band was out and furnished the crowd with a musical treat throughout the game. Ontario expects to have a pitcher, and two outfielders by next Sunday, then the boys will be ready to battle with the best of them.

Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

Large profits from the production of vegetables, as compared with grain crops, have attracted the attention of studious farmers.

It is a striking fact that beans, potatoes, onions, peas, cabbage, tomatoes, celery, lettuce, etc., pay \$200 to \$400 an acre as against \$25 to \$50 an acre which is cleared on the most successful of grain crops. The demand for the common, easily grown vegetables is constant, and there is no doubt but that prices are to remain on a profitable basis.

All farmers cannot turn their places into truck gardens, but in the movement toward mixed agriculture every land owner who has reasonably good market facilities should plan for a few acres of vegetables. This will call for extra help, but the profits will be sufficient to justify the change in program. It is necessary to start right and push the whole project in a businesslike way. A little study will show which are the money making crops and how marketing can be done to advantage. Private customers should be supplied where it is practicable to do so. Ever and always keep in mind the money value of any crop that time and labor are bestowed on. See that it is salable and then get the cash out of it.

A great difficulty with most farm gardens is that the various crops are placed in small beds, making it absolutely necessary to do all the work with a hoe. Farm boys and girls object to this, and the older people are not anxious about it. The fact is, most farm gardens are neglected. In the first place, the farmer figures that it doesn't pay to give time to a small proposition of this kind. The women find the work too heavy unless there are plenty of them. Consequently a restricted area is devoted to garden crops, and the farm table much of the



EVERYTHING PLANTED IN ROWS, time lacks crisp, toothsome vegetables which ought to be easily produced. Market possibilities are wholly neglected in many cases.

Now, if in selecting a garden plot an elongated area is chosen and everything planted in rows much of the heavy work is unnecessary. The plot can be plowed nine or ten inches deep to begin with, thus doing away with the back breaking work made necessary in spading the garden. Then the harrow can be used to do the work of pulverizing and smoothing. By planting the various crops in rows a horse cultivator further lightens the labor. Of course the hand hoe has to be used occasionally, and some of the weeds

OREGON PIONEER DIES IN ONTARIO

David C. Fisher, father of Guy Fisher of Ontario, died at the home of the latter last Saturday shortly before noon. The deceased was one of the early pioneers of Oregon, having been a resident of Union county since he crossed the plains in the early sixties. He has been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fisher for the past three months, having come here on a visit.

Mr. Fisher was born in Keokuk, Iowa, nearly 76 years ago, and received his education there. He crossed the plains in the early sixties and settled near Union in Union county, which has since been his home. He is survived by his wife and six children, who have all visited him in Ontario since his illness. The children are: Charles Fisher of Union, Mrs. L. Couch of Wallowa, Otis Fisher of Portland, Mrs. Henley of Portland, Harvey Fisher of Wallowa and Guy Fisher of Ontario.

The body was taken to Union early Sunday morning, and the funeral was held there Monday afternoon.

may have to be removed by hand, but the proposition is not a formidable one. Do not forget that it is practically impossible to get the soil too rich for the ordinary garden crop. Well rotted stable manure is always available on every farm. Put on a large amount of this during the fall or very early in the spring. Fall plowing is best. Cover the manure deeply.

In early spring, just as soon as the ground can be worked, early vegetables, like onions, radishes, lettuce and peas, can be planted. Put in a liberal quantity. Sow lettuce and radishes in succession. Do not stop short of three or four plantings. Allow about ten days or two weeks to intervene between each planting. The same method can be employed with peas. Beets do not need to be treated in this way. Then when all danger of frost is past sow the tender roots, such as beans, cucumbers, and a little later do not fall to set in a lot of lettuce plants. Select at least two or three dozen of a very early variety. Then a few weeks later plant some of the larger sorts, which will bear profusely right up to frost. Tomatoes are exceedingly healthful, are easily grown and give more return for the time and effort expended than many other garden crops. Ordinarily it is best to stake the tomato vines and keep them off the ground. Then cucumbers should not be neglected under any circumstances. Plant as many hills as you think will be needed. As soon as the cucumber plants appear above ground, scatter wood ashes on them in the early morning when the dew is on. This will prevent damage from the little beetles that are so destructive to the leaves. You will have to watch your cucumber vines for cutworms.

USE YOUR "WHITE COAL." Down in the hollow back of your barn there may be thousands of tons of "white coal" if you are keen enough to see it. And that "coal" may be worth a good deal more than a dollar a ton if you are clever enough to convert it into manifold utilities. It is the cleanest and most dependable "coal" in the world. For ages poets have raved about it, calling it "purling brook" or "rippling stream" or "sweetly murmuring rivulet." Practical men have done a bit more than rave about these lovely water-courses. They have harnessed the ripples and gentle murmurs and have brought them as light and power to the barns and machinery sheds to the farm wife's kitchen, giving comforts and advantages undreamed of a generation ago.

If you have any water power on your farm put it to work. Though it be a trifling little brook capable of developing only one horsepower, put it to work. If you do not you are neglecting thousands of tons of "white coal" that the restless, overthawing waters have been trying to tell us of for centuries. You can do this at a negligible expense. For the cost of one fairly good farm horse you can command the power of two horses on your farm day and night—two hydro-electric horses that eat not, neither do they sleep, nor grow lame, nor develop ills that require the costly services of a veterinarian.—Country Gentleman.

LESSON IN FOOD SUPPLY.

When Farm Yields Family's Needs the Chances Favor the Farmer. The south is not the only section of the country where concentration upon a single cash crop has tended to make farming more of a gamble than a sound business. A case has recently been reported to specialists in the United States department of agriculture of a North Dakota wheat farmer who having run badly in debt applied for a loan of \$1,000. He had nothing

TRACK TEAM MEETS DEFEAT AT BOISE

The Ontario H. S. track team went to Boise last Saturday, but had a little hard luck, taking only 33 points out of a possible 134.

The Ontario high was outclassed throughout the event, taking first place in the broad jump. Husted jumped through the air for eighteen feet and two inches, while Mink and Shook took first place in the quarter and half. The Boise boys were exceptionally strong in each event, and it took a very good man to defeat the Boise representatives. The Ontario boys were fighting all the time, but Boise had too many delegates to pick from. As the Ontario high school only has about 200 to pick from while Boise has about 1500 in roll, so you can see what the local boys had to go up against. The feature of the whole event was that of Duffy, a Boise boy, who vaulted the bar at 11 feet, and only missed 11 feet 6 inches a trifle. He looks like the best boy in the northwest for that event.

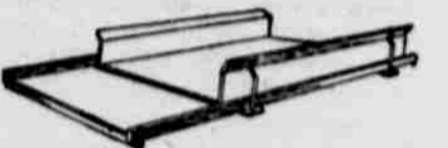
But let's don't see the Ontario boys give up, as training and practice makes the best and Ontario has got some good boys, and will make a mark for themselves and the school if they will only keep working.

whatsoever on his place except the horses required in the wheatfield. There was not a cow, a pig or even a chicken, no vegetable garden—nothing whatsoever with which to support the family.

Before he could get his \$1,000 he was compelled by the banker to whom he applied to agree to use a portion of the loan to purchase two cows, a half dozen pigs and a small flock of poultry, besides undertaking to maintain a fair sized vegetable garden. The banker had figured that with this equipment the farmer could get along even in poor grain seasons without running further into debt and that in good years the profits from his grain would be sufficient gradually to repay the loan.

This reasoning proved correct, for in five years the money had been paid back. The farmer has learned his lesson, and his farm continues to supply his family with food as well as with cash.

Wagon Bed Extension. An invention which will prove of interest to every farmer is one which provides the ordinary medium weight and length wagon with an extension bed. The object is to provide means whereby articles too long for the ordinary light wagon can be conveniently carried. It also affords opportunity



to carry far more than under ordinary circumstances. The device is illustrated in the accompanying cut. It is made of a frame of three pieces of 2 by 4 inch material, which could be pulled out of the rear end of the bed and extend the support for the load by several feet. When the extension is not in use it is pushed up against the end of the wagon bottom, as it is made on the sliding principle.—Farming Business.

NEEDS OF SOME CROPS.

Beans and peas, being legumes, do not require very heavy applications of nitrogen. About 500 pounds an acre of a 2-8-10 mixture are usually sufficient.

Tomatoes, eggplants and peppers must not be supplied with an overabundance of free nitrogen for the same reason. Potash should be high.

With the cucurbits also an excess of nitrogen is to be avoided. The mineral elements are most important. Manures applied in the hills well in advance of planting are of decided value.

Asparagus and rhubarb spend the latter part of the summer in gathering material for the next season's crop. Manure is usually applied in the fall and commercial fertilizers after the close of the cutting season.

Sweet corn does nowhere so well as on sod ground. Applications of commercial fertilizer need not exceed 500 to 1,000 pounds.

Onions respond readily to heavy applications of complete fertilizers.

Root crops are nowhere grown to better advantage than on heavily manured market garden soils.

To Grow Head Lettuce.

A successful grower says a liberal quantity of sand in the garden helps greatly with head lettuce. If the soil is clay or silt it is entirely practicable to board in an area of a few square yards and then haul a load of sand to mix with the soil in this plot. The same ground may be used year after year for head lettuce. Decayed manure should also be used with freedom on this ground.

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