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The Largest Crops Ever Known In This Section Will Be Harvested This Year

Heavy Rains of the Past Two Weeks Insure Bumper Yields on Both Dry and Irrigated Lands

REGULAR MEET COMMERCIAL CLUB

Two New Members Are Added to The Merchants Committee

BAD ROADS WILL BE WORKED

Complaints From Nyssa and Dead Ox Flat Stir Club

A small but very enthusiastic number of the members of the Ontario Commercial club attended the meeting of that organization, at the club room, Monday evening.

Representative H. L. Peterson of the merchants' committee complained that on account of his committee having only five members, he found it a difficult task to secure a sufficient number to form a quorum, and as the merchants' committee has a large amount of hard work to perform, requested that the number be increased to seven members.

The good roads committee was instructed to confer with the road supervisors in the matter of improving the Dead Ox Flat and Nyssa roads. A number of complaints about the condition of these roads have recently been received, and it is claimed by those who have had occasion to pass over these highways that they are at present almost impassable.

The secretary read a communication from the Idaho Automobile association, in which that organization expressed their wish that the Commercial club become members of the association by paying a fee of \$4, which money would be used in a movement to reduce the cost of gasoline and improving the roads in a certain section of Idaho.

A report of the finance committee was read. The secretary presented accounts from the different parties to whom the club is indebted, and the bills were ordered paid.

A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Brosman, who represented Malheur county at the celebration of the opening of the Celilo canal, and presented a bottle of Malheur river water. Miss Brosman related the many pleasant incidents in connection with her trip, and at the conclusion of her remarks was loudly applauded.

There being no further business on hand the meeting adjourned.

Files Action For Divorce.

Vale, May 19—(Special)—Emma Farrier filed a complaint against Francis M. Farrier on May 18 in an action for divorce. Plaintiff asks for the custody of the three minor children, Charlie, Anna and Dee Farrier, and the sum of \$25 alimony per month.

A complaint has been filed in the circuit court by Frank E. Knox vs. Joseph W. Gregg et al in an action for foreclosure to recover the sum of \$898.

L. Belle Lees commenced action against Emery Cole et ux to recover \$3055.90 by filing a complaint on May 11.

H. M. Merck, a prominent ranchman of the Harriman section, who is visiting in Ontario, expects to leave for his home tomorrow.

VISITORS TO BE MADE WELCOME

Reduced Rates on All Roads to Ontario—Three Bands Coming

Visitors to Ontario's big Fourth of July celebration will be offered reduced railroad rates as follows: One and one-third fare from all points on the main line, and one-third fare from points on branch lines. Tickets to Ontario will be honored July 3, 4 and 5, inclusive. Returning to destinations on the main line tickets will be good until July 6, and until the 7th on branch lines. Extra cars will be provided to accommodate the large crowds.

The services of three excellent bands have been engaged to furnish music during the celebration and musical organizations from Weiser, Payette and Ontario will render patriotic selections throughout the day, which will add much to the enjoyment of the festival.

A sufficient number of seats will be provided for the crowd, and refreshment stands will be erected in different sections of the business portion of the city, in order that the visitors may enjoy a rest during the heat of the day.

One of the most stupendous parades ever witnessed in Ontario will start at 10 a. m., and this will be followed by exercises in the park. One of Oregon's most brilliant speakers will be orator of the day, and will address the people at the park.

In the afternoon what promises to be an exciting and closely contested game of baseball will take place at the fair grounds. A small admission fee will be charged, and those who are in a position to know, say the game will be well worth witnessing.

There will be sports of every description on the streets. No entrance fee will be charged the contestants, and the winners will receive a cash prize immediately after each event.

The city will be appropriately decorated for the occasion, and every one will enter into the spirit of the day and enjoy themselves to their heart's content.

The entertainment committee has under consideration a proposition of holding a baby show. At present no action has been taken in the matter.

WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

Program on More Elaborate Scale Than Ever Planned Here Before

BIG PARADE TO BE A FEATURE

Committees Have Been Appointed to Take Charge of Events

The plans for the observance of Memorial Day in Ontario this year on a larger scale than ever before are being perfected and all the committees are spending a great deal of time on the preparations.

The general committee, consisting of Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. Hager and Mrs. W. N. Brown, carried out the preliminary work. The ladies' auxiliary of the Commercial club has appointed Mrs. Van Petten, Mrs. Clement and Mrs. E. M. Greig to select eighteen little girls who will ride in the parade and take part in decorating the old soldiers' graves. These ladies will also supervise the making of wreaths for decorations. Mrs. H. H. Whitney will have charge of providing conveyances for the children and the old soldiers. The lodges have also been invited to take part in the parade, but no definite arrangements have been made.

At noon the W. C. T. U. ladies will serve a dinner to the old soldiers and wives and the widows of old soldiers in the park near the depot. In the afternoon a musical program will be given by some of the members of the Ontario Music club, assisted by the band. A number of school children will also give some drills in the park.

1915 Graduation Class of The Ontario High School



Top row, left to right: William Fitzgerald, Alva Arnold, Crull Orcutt, Lucile Worth, Palmer Trow. Middle row, left to right: Grayce Sage Crystal West, Muriel Millikin. Bottom row, left to right: Ernest Gramse, Nellie Poole, Earl Griffin, Vera Neeb, Earl Weaver.

Placer Claims Are Filed

Vale, May 19—(Special)—One hundred and sixty-six notices of placer locations were filed with the county recorder on May 18. These claims are in the vicinity of Succor creek, where a great number of claims have already been taken up. They are chiefly valuable for potassium and potash.

Tuesday morning an enthusiastic party of prospectors returned to Vale from a week's trip to Succor creek, where they had been locating potash claims. They took up four sections. They found the country extremely rough, and the roads very difficult of travel, but they bring back glowing reports of the richness of the land.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK FOR ONTARIO HIGH

Festivities of Graduation Class Being Held This Week

This is commencement week for the Ontario high school. Sunday evening the baccalaureate service by Rev. W. N. Brown was held in the auditorium. The evening services in the other churches were given up and a large number attended this union service. Tuesday evening the class play, "Mr. Bob," was given at the Dreamland theatre and great credit is due the class for the way this was presented. Tonight (Thursday) the commencement exercises will be held in the high school auditorium. Friday evening the Junior class will give the customary reception and farewell party to the graduates at the L. Adam home. Elaborate preparations are being made for this event. The following is the program for the commencement exercises:

- Overture ..... Orchestra
Invocation ..... Rev. Brown
Solo ..... Rena Adam
Salutatorian ..... Alva Arnold
Oration ..... Crull Orcutt
Selection ..... Orchestra
Valedictorian ..... Lucile Worth
Solo ..... Ethel Heslop
Address ..... Hon. Walter Pierce
Solo ..... Earl Griffin
Presentation of diplomas. Mr. Rader
President of Board of Education.

CONVICT TRIES TO ESCAPE IN BOAT

Penitentiary Escape Takes Kingman's Boat and Comes Down River

LOCATED BY MARSHAL KERFOOT

Search Started by Local Official—Man Caught Near Payette

Through the quick action of Marshal Kerfoot the capture of a desperate criminal was effected at Payette during the fore part of the week. Monday a convict, whose name is unknown, and who had been working on the Idaho prison farm in the Homevale section, where the labor is performed by convicts, escaped and made his way along the bank of the river to a place in the immediate vicinity of Kingman colony. Shortly after his arrival there he espied a steel boat, belonging to A. G. Kingman.

After due deliberation the convict determined that he would find it very difficult to make a successful getaway overland, while the river craft would afford him rapid transportation from the scene of hard labor and unpleasant incidents, and bidding visionary guards a last farewell, embarked for a country where he thought his transgressions were unknown, and where he could breathe the air of freedom once again. But his hard-earned liberty was short lived.

A short time after the convict's departure Warden Snook of the Idaho penitentiary, who had been notified of the escape, tracked him to the colony, and accompanied by Mr. Kingman, visited the river, and instantly discovered the disappearance of the boat. Mr. Kingman telephoned Marshal Kerfoot, who, in turn, communicated with the marshal at Payette, and a search for the thief was immediately instituted.

After leaving the colony the convict sailed to Payette, where he disembarked and stealthily approached a farm house and asked for food. A short time afterwards he was apprehended and was later returned to the Idaho prison at Boise.

The Story of Julius Caesar.

Before reaching his twentieth birthday, Caesar meets and falls madly in love with pretty Cornelia, daughter of Lucius Cinna. They are soon married despite the advice of their friends, who well know the bitter animosity existing between Sulla, dictator of Rome, and Lucius Cinna. The immediate result of this hasty marriage is an annulment and the banishment from Rome of Caesar. He leaves, vowing that the eternal city shall again hear of him.

This does not occur until twenty years later when he returns at news of Sulla's death and plunges briskly into the campaign for the consulship. In this he is aided by Calpurnia, daughter of the wealthy Piso. Caesar and Calpurnia are married and Caesar is elected to the consulship in the face of strong opposition by Cato, the younger, who fears the growing popularity of the still youthful statesman. To further fortify himself against the attacks of Cato, Caesar forms a political alliance with Pompey which later grows into the first triumvirate, consisting of Caesar,

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Move to Portland

Mrs. Lou Morgan left Saturday evening for Portland to join Mr. Morgan, who accepted a position there several weeks ago. The Morgans are well known here, Mrs. Morgan being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Farley. A number of delightful parties have been given in honor of Mrs. Morgan the past few weeks.

Hearing Postponed.

The hearing of the public utility commission on the telephone situation which was to have been held May 17, has been postponed.

Dr. Weese reports the serious illness of little Jimmy, the small son of W. H. Brooks.

ONTARIO AND NAMPA GO 13 INNINGS 1 TO 1

Fast Exhibition of National Game Put up at Nampa Last Sunday

What is claimed by fans to be the best exhibition of baseball witnessed in this section of the country, was played Sunday in Nampa between the Nampa and Ontario teams of the Idaho-Oregon league. A tie score of 1 to 1 after thirteen innings, is the way the score book read. Another inning, however, would have made a different story, for the Nampa team was weakening perceptibly and could not have held out much longer.

Bert Fitchner, in the box for Ontario, did some excellent work. While there was one or two times when he got a little wild, yet his splendid work at other times more than made up for it. The Nampa score was not earned, and was only secured on account of hard luck of the Ontario team. So far as can be learned here, the score book shows Ontario played an errorless game. Members of the team, however, think Chapman made an error at second. Of this there is some doubt, but granting Ontario one error, it shows that the local team is very strong, and is one of the fastest aggregations that ever played ball in this section of the country.

The game Sunday was not a pitchers' battle, for both pitchers were batted frequently and the field was given plenty of work. But the Ontario team seemed to play in hard luck throughout the game, and time after time it seemed they would score, but failed. A two-base hit by Higgins brought Ailshire home for Ontario's only run. Ontario is given ten hits, Ailshire making four of these. Nampa secured seven hits.

Over one hundred fans from Ontario went to Nampa to see the game, a special rate having been secured. Next Sunday Nampa will play in Ontario, and the game here is expected to be a battle royal. Nampa is hard at work this week strengthening their team, and the Ontario team is keeping in practice and in readiness for what is expected to be the hardest game of the season.

B. F. McElroy of Cambridge left Tuesday for his home in Idaho.

ONTARIO GOING SOME THE 4TH

Executive Committee Says Business Men Are Enthusiastic

SURROUNDING TOWNS INVITED

Date Changed to Monday so as Not to Conflict With Payette

There is only one way to satisfy that seemingly inborn desire of every human soul, both young and old—the hope and plan to enjoy their vacation during the Fourth of July. Usually we cannot name the day when the desire originated—we have heard of and taken part in Fourth of July celebrations ever since we can remember. It is a day that is different from all others—when the festivities of the occasion banish dull care and bring forgetfulness of the business worries or the stern realities of the battle of life.

This year Ontario will hold a celebration that will eclipse all previous efforts in the line of amusement, and will be entered upon the pages of care-dissipating events as the greatest affair of its kind ever held in the county. At the meeting of the Ontario Commercial club last Monday evening, L. Adam, a member of the special executive committee on the Fourth of July celebration, reported that the different committees were meeting with remarkable success in promoting the big festival. Every one with whom he has talked were heartily in favor of holding a celebration, and have expressed their determination to make it the biggest and most enjoyable public entertainment the people of this county have ever witnessed.

Each and every representative of the different committees, which comprise the executive and finance, music, entertainment, transportation, sports, speakers, advertising, fire works, decoration and parade and program are working laboriously and harmoniously during every hour of the day, and that their efforts will receive the well merited reward of the stamp of approval from the many thousands who are expected to enter the city's domain upon the great natal day is a foregone conclusion.

On account of Payette having determined to celebrate Friday and Saturday, July 2 and 3, Ontario entered into a reciprocal agreement with her sister town and has elected to celebrate on Monday, July 5, this being the day designated by the special executive committee as the day upon which fun and frolic will reign supreme in our picturesque city. The date was postponed as an act of friendliness to our neighboring town. This will offer the people of Ontario and the surrounding country an opportunity to participate in the event at Payette, and will also extend the opportunity to Payette and nearby sections to return the compliment by visiting Ontario and taking part in our glorious entertainment.

Invitations have been extended to every one in Malheur and Canyon counties to join us in our Fourth of July function. On that day the keys to the city will be thrown away, and all will enjoy the hospitality of the Ontarians, whose hand is ever ready to clasp in warm friendship those of the stranger within her gates and bid them welcome.