

# Payette and Ontario Have Buried the Ax and Join Hands in Co-operative Move for Upbuilding of the Great Lower Snake River Valley---Payette Boosters Visited The Ontario Commercial Club Tuesday

## Mammoth Crop Of Alfalfa Nearly Ready For The First Cutting

Reports from fruit growers in this section point to a bumper yield this year, and it is predicted that it will reach the 75 per cent mark, with good prices. Our rich farming section has won an enviable reputation as a producer of agricultural wealth, and the prospective settler is becoming interested.

# The Ontario Argus.

The productivity of the soil in the Ontario section is attracting the attention of home-seekers all over the country. Our trans-continental railroad offers rapid transportation of produce to the large outside markets, and the agriculturalists of this Garden of Eden wear a smile of prosperity.

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# Come And Help Us Celebrate The Glorious Fourth Bumper Fruit Crops at Record Prices Insures Prosperity of Country Memorial Day Services Monday in Honor of Departed Civil War Heroes

## ALL READY FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Fitting Observance of Decoration Day Has Been Arranged

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE  
Appropriate Program Has Been Planned. Parade To The Cemetery

Memorial Day will be observed in Ontario this year on Monday, May 31st. Plans have been in progress for several weeks by the different organizations of the city and will soon be perfected for making this program one of the most fitting ever held here. The procession will start from the City Hall promptly at 10 a. m. Conveyances will be furnished for the soldiers and for the children who will take part in the services at the Cemetery. After the decoration of the graves the soldiers will hold their customary services. At 12 the W. C. T. U. will serve dinner to the old soldiers, wives and widows of soldiers at the Methodist Hall. Many will partake of picnic lunches in the park. The following program will be carried out in the park in the afternoon:

- 1:30—Band Concert.
- 2:00—Recessional, Mrs. A. G. Moore Chorus, Guarding Angel, Ladies Voices.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Hugh Biggs.

Roll Call of Soldiers giving Regiment and Company.

Quartet, Beneath the Flag, Congressional Quartet.

Address, W. W. Wood.

America.

The following committees have been appointed: From Ladies Auxiliary of the Commercial Club: Mrs. Whitney, conveyances; Mrs. Connor, Marshal; Mrs. Morton, to confer with lodges; Mrs. Staples, Cadets and Bands.

J. R. Lusk HERE  
J. R. Lusk Salt Lake manager of the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, was in Ontario Monday on business. Mr. Lusk arrived in the city Sunday evening. He brought with him two prospective settlers who were taken into Harney county by local agents of the company. Mr. Lusk returned to Salt Lake on the Monday noon train.

## WORK IS STARTED ON BIG BEND BRIDGE

Contractors Are on Ground With Force of Men for Construction

Construction work on the big bridge across the Snake River at Big Bend is being going on for about a week and quite a showing has been made already. The material for the bridge was unloaded at Adrian on the Homedale ranch. Adrian is about three-fourths of a mile from the bridge site and a derrick had to be erected to unload the heavy steel from the cars and load it on the trucks preparatory to hauling it to the river. A good deal of the material has already been hauled.

At the bridge site the living and working quarters have been erected and the engine and derrick have been mounted on trucks ready for work. The construction gang consists of eight or ten men most of whom are experienced in bridge work. The foreman stated that the work of construction would occupy about three months as that was the time required on the Nyssa bridge. Figuring on that basis the bridge will be ready for traffic by the first of September.

## PAYETTE BOOSTERS PAY FRIENDLY VISIT

The ax has been buried! Ontario and Payette have finally agreed to a program of peace and co-operation, and the official burial of the weapon of warfare occurred Tuesday p. m. when it was placed deeply beneath the sod after appropriate exercises in the Ontario city park.

Nearly a hundred members of the Payette Commercial club, and boosters of the sister city, were in Ontario Tuesday. They changed cars here in the morning on their way to Vale, and returned to Ontario in the afternoon. An informal meeting with the Ontario Commercial club immediately followed their arrival here, at which addresses were made by both Payette and Ontario speakers, showing a willingness of both cities to co-operate for the best interests of the entire valley. Many expressions of friendship were made, and the burial of the hatchet came by mutual agreement. The Payette delegation were also boosting and advertising their Fourth of July celebration on July 3rd and their chautauqua which will be held during the week of June 18 to 24.

## HAY CROP SOON READY TO CUT

Big Hay Harvest Will be in Full Swing as Soon as Weather Clears

RAINS HAVE DONE NO DAMAGE  
Many Fields are Just Breaking Into Blossom. Yield Will be Extra Heavy

One of the finest first crops of alfalfa ever cut in the Lower Snake and Payette river valleys is now ready for harvest, and cutting will commence in about a week, providing rain does not interfere. Field after field is just now starting to bloom and the harvest of the first crop of 1915 will soon be in full swing. Had it not been for the past three weeks of rain, hay harvest would probably have been on now as hot weather would have matured the crop sooner. However, the wet, cold spell has done no harm and has just simply delayed the harvest.

It is claimed, however, that the crop will not be injured should rain hold off the harvest for another two weeks. There are reports of one or two instances where cutting has already commenced, but in the present weather, this is dangerous, as the hay down in the field is easily spoiled by a little rain. Farmers generally, are holding off until the rains are over, preferring to let the ground dry out a little before cutting. To shock hay on wet ground is said to be as damaging as if it had been rained on.

In view of the fact the crop is not being damaged by allowing it to stand, for a while, every one is delaying their cutting. And when the harvest does start, it will be general throughout this whole district.

## SWAGLER HOME ROBBED

A pair of trousers, in which was about eleven dollars in money and a bunch of keys, was the haul of a robber from the home of R. W. Swagler Monday night. The robber did not enter the house, but removed a screen from the bedroom window and pulled the trousers out. The only clew left by the robber were several foot prints in the yard. Several suspects have been arrested, but could not be held.

## W. E. McCONNELL HERE

W. E. McConnell, a prominent attorney of Burns, was in Ontario Monday on business. Mr. McConnell is interested in the suit of the state against the Pacific Livestock Company in which an attempt is being made to invalidate the title to about 30,000 acres of land held by the livestock company in Harney county.

## FOUR TEACHERS LEAVE

The Misses Wilmoth Curry, Gray, Austin and Maloney left Friday on the evening train. Miss Austin went to her home in Elgin, Oregon, Miss Gray returned to her home in Eugene, and later expects to spend a part of her vacation on the Sound. Miss Maloney and Miss Curry will go direct to Seattle expecting to spend the latter part of their vacation at the Fair.

## ALUMNI BANQUET HELD AT MOORE

Sixty Graduates of Ontario High School Welcome Class of 1915

The Annual Alumni banquet for the High School graduates was held Saturday evening at ten o'clock at the Moore Hotel. A very nice supper was served, covers being laid for sixty. The tables were prettily decorated with pink carnations and ferns the color scheme of green and white being carried out in the place cards and the ices and candy.

William Fiser acted as toastmaster, speeches being made by E. B. Conklin, who organized the Alumni association, all the present High School faculty, and the members who had been presidents of the respective classes since 1910, all being present except Miss Leona Rader. Sprague Adam spoke for that class. A part of the evening was taken up with the election of officers for the ensuing year. Wilmer Boyer was elected president and Pauline Billingsley secretary and treasurer.

Those who have served as presidents of their class were: Ernestine Billingsley 1910, Chester Lackey 1906, Pauline Billingsley 1911, Leona Rader 1913, Guy Stingle 1912, William Strane 1914, Crystal West 1915.

The following members of the Alumni association were present at the banquet:

- Wm. Fiser, toastmaster; E. B. Conklin, E. G. Bailey, Mrs. E. G. Bailey, D. A. Hiles, J. Will Prater, C. N. Williams, F. J. Clemo, H. H. Williams, Don Platt, Howard Mallett, Earl Griffin, Harold Mallett, Mr. Holcomb, Murray Morton, Wm. Pinney, Chester Lackey, Thomas Hardman, Ray Boyer, Wilmer Boyer, Guy Stingle, Bill Strane, Ralph Dunbar, Ernest Gramse, Crull Orcutt, Sprague Adam, Wm. Fitzgerald, Palmer Trow, Ernestine Billingsley, Crystal West, Vera Neeb, Goldie McGee, Mrs. Holcomb, Clara Morton, Mrs. Wm. Fiser, Jean Conklin, Mrs. H. H. Williams, Mell Carter, Muriel Millikin, Margaret Dunbar, Sheila Lackey, Grace Sage, Hazel Lackey, Amy Odell, Maude Poole, Rachel Chapman, Alva Arnold, Ruth Test, Clarice Canfield, P. Billingsley, Eva Vanderhoof, Emma McGivern, Lucile Worth, Louise Griffin, Mr. Earl Thompson, Mrs. Earl Thompson, Maude Kidd, Ruth Purcell, Earl Weaver, Nellie Pool.

## BIG LEAGUE BALL SEEN HERE

Ontario Wins Hotly Contested Game in Last Half of Ninth

ONLY ONE SCORE IS MADE  
Alshire Loses Three Base Hit by Unpopular Decision of Umpire

Big league baseball, with the game belonging to either club till the last half of the ninth inning, was the history of the ball game Sunday between Nampa and Ontario, on the home grounds. It was the best game ever played in Ontario, according to the fans, and there were plenty of thrills and breath-catching moments for the seven hundred spectators who witnessed the exhibition.

Two questionable decisions by umpire Kelleher looked bad for Ontario. Alshire was robbed of a three-base hit, when the umpire claimed he failed to touch second base. Alshire claims he touched the bag, but admits that he didn't stop to rest, and evidently the umpire couldn't see quickly enough. The other decision was when Darnell was called out at first. Darnell touched the bag, but it was not fastened down, and it slipped away from him. Either decision left grounds for a contested game, but happily this was not necessary. It necessitated Ontario winning the game twice, however, for Alshire would have scored had he been left on third.

The feature of the game came in the last half of the ninth inning, when Chapman was sent in as a pinch hitter with the bases full. He drove out a nice single bringing in Alshire for the deciding score.

The game was not a pitchers' battle as the score might indicate. Both pitchers were found many times by the batters, but hits were not plentiful. Morris, pitching for Ontario, allowed only three hits, Schimpf, Elwell and Arnspeiger each securing one. Ontario secured nine hits from Schimpf, Alshire and Darnell securing two hits each, and Smith, Druhot, Nadeau, Morris and Chapman each securing one hit. Nampa is credited with two errors and Ontario one.

The game was clean throughout and both clubs proved themselves to be true sports. Nampa took her defeat in the best of spirit, realizing that their loss of such a game was nothing to be ashamed of. The teams are wonderfully matched and records of both this game and the one played in Nampa a week before, show both clubs playing major league ball. Next Sunday and Monday the Ontario

## NEW HOMES COMPLETED

Dr. and Mrs. Weese are moving into their new bungalow in Villa Park this week. Only a few finishings remain to be done and one of the prettiest homes in the city will be completed. This will be a great addition to the already attractive residence district on the hill. The new McNulty home is nearing completion and the family expect to be able to move in shortly after the first of June.

## DAMAGE SUIT FILED AGAINST COUNTY

R. M. Small Asks for Damages as Result of Big Bend Bond Sale

Suit was filed in the circuit court last Saturday by R. M. Small as plaintiff against Malheur county, Geo. McKnight as county judge, and M. D. Kelly and J. F. Weaver as county commissioners, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover \$1821.37 damages.

The suit is the outcome of the sale of the Big Bend bridge bonds held early in the spring when the county court sold the bonds to a bond company of Portland represented by Mr. Small. After the sale was made, it was found that a Denver bonding firm, supposed to be acting as advisors of the county, had already sold the bonds to third parties, and the county could not get possession of them to turn over to Mr. Small.

J. R. Blackaby on Vacation.  
J. R. Blackaby left for Portland Thursday evening. After spending a few days there on business Mr. Blackaby will go back to visit in his old home in Iowa, returning by way of California. He expects to be absent from the city about five weeks.

## VALUABLE CHICKENS KILLED BY THIEVES

Blooded game chickens, valued by their owner at several hundred dollars, were the victims of a raid on the hen house of City Marshal Kerfoot last Friday night. Marshal Kerfoot captured one of the thieves, Jas. Alfred, and fired shots at another, but only the one man was captured. At the trial held Monday afternoon Chas. Barton was implicated, and both Barton and Alfred were found guilty by Justice King of larceny of poultry. Alfred was fined \$50.00 and being unable to pay the fine, was sent to jail for thirty days. Barton was fined \$70.00 which he paid. Marshal Kerfoot feels keenly the loss of his chickens, which were killed before the marshal could interfere. The birds were blooded stock, their pedigrees going back to some of the most famous fighters of the entire south. One rooster was an especial favorite and is said to have been a very valuable bird.

## COMMITTEES AT WORK FOR FOURTH

Fourth of July in Ontario Will be Best Celebration Ever Held

RAILROADS OFFER LOW RATES  
Biggest Display of Fireworks Ever Shown Here Has Been Bought

That Ontario visitors on the Fourth of July will receive a hearty welcome and be entertained in a royal manner is assured by the residents here and the members of the different committees, who have been diligently working for the past two weeks. A real celebration such as was never staged here nor in this vicinity will be carried out.

Although not many definite plans have been made, M. E. Newton, chairman of the fireworks committee states that \$150 worth of fireworks has been purchased and a better display will be given than ever attempted before. H. O. Drane of the Transportation committee reported that reduced rates on the railroads from all outside points will be made.

H. C. Farmer, chairman of the Sports Committee, and his assistants have not perfected any plans but state that any number of amusements will be planned. A ball game and water fight by two factions of the Volunteer Fire department will be given. The entertainment committee with F. S. Bajley as chairman has made provisions for two rest rooms to be established for the ladies. One in the Wilson building and one in the City Hall. Mrs. Wm. Lees and Mrs. Morton will have charge of these. A eugenic baby contest will be held, and three prizes awarded for the best babies. One of the features of the day will be the baby carriage parade and three prizes will also be awarded for these to the best looking baby and best decorated carriage. The number of floats that will be in the parade has not been determined by Chairman Petersons, but 50 autoists having announced their intention to take part. The following will be the order of the parade: Marshal of Day and Mayor, Payette Band, Old Soldiers, Boy Cadets, Baseball Boys, Decorated Autos, Lodges, Bicycle boys and girls, Weiser Band, Ontario Past, Present and Future, Tennis boys and girls, Grange floats, Farmers' floats, Sunday School floats, Merchants Floats, Ontario Band, Driving Horses, Riding Horses and Stallions.

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