

ONTARIO BOYS GO TO PAYETTE FIRE

Monday Night Fire Threatens to Destroy Main Business Block

Payette had a serious fire late Sunday evening, and for a time one of the main business blocks was in danger of destruction.

The danger was so great that an emergency call was sent to the Ontario department, and six or eight of the boys responded at about 1 A. M.

A curious incident of the fire was that a hot water tank exploded and shot half way through a brick wall.

A Quiet Wedding.

Last Sunday a quiet and most beautiful wedding took place at the home of J. A. Williams, in the west part of the city, when Miss Louise Williams and William E. Brown were united in holy matrimony.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

F. C. HOWE, On the Advantages of Free Ports.



Mr. F. C. Howe, Federal Commissioner of Immigration, who is one of the best American authorities on marine commerce, in discussing the relation of free ports to the development of sea trade said in part: "Ships will go hundreds of miles out of their way to avoid ports surrounded by a tariff wall."

"The free port would offer great opportunity for financial operations, now made possible by the recent currency act. It would stimulate international banking, and would tend to shift the financial centers of the world to this country."

"Finally, America is the natural country to be the counter of the world. Its seacoast faces every other continent; it is the greatest of all reservoirs of raw materials and foodstuffs."

PRESERVING EGGS.

The water glass eggs have a sort of varnished appearance or a gloss to them, and when the eggs are broken the shell crumbles. It doesn't make a clean cut like a fresh, unpreserved egg.

POTATOES FOR PLANTING.

Peeling the Seed Does Not Increase the Resultant Crop. During my boyhood days my father introduced a number of new varieties of potatoes into the section of country in which we lived, writes a Pennsylvania farmer in the Rural New Yorker.

Grafting Nut Trees.

One of the most successful methods devised for grafting nut trees is the "bark graft" method, says the National Stockman.

Silage in Summer.

The dairyman who still has silage on hand for use during the summer should consider himself fortunate. There may be many of our readers who are having their first experience in feeding silage.

COLONEL HOUSE



Colonel E. M. House, intimate friend of President Wilson.

DR. DRAKE HEARD AT UNION SERVICE

Noted Speaker Urges Parents and Teachers to Co-operate in Education

Dr. Emma F. Drake a lecturer for the World's Purity Federation, and a speaker with a national reputation, spoke on "The Home, The School and the Church" at the union meeting at the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

In her address she advocated a general educational campaign to reach parents and children regarding matters of sex hygiene. She also charged that the morals in public schools throughout the country were in many instances very low, and urged upon her hearers the necessity for careful observation on the part of the teachers and parents.

Dr. Drake also spoke in the morning at the Methodist church, and in the afternoon to a meeting of women and girls. She is spending her summer vacation at New Plymouth with her son-in-law, Dr. Drysdale.

COMMANDER PIERCE



Sir R. H. Pierce, commander of the British fleet of warships which attacked the Turkish port of Smyrna.

ALFALFA AS HOG FOOD.

Comparative Returns When Sold as Hay and When Grazed by Hogs.

The Arizona experiment station figures the comparative return when alfalfa is sold as hay and when grazed by hogs. These figures represent local prices in Arizona.

The net annual returns per acre of alfalfa, yielding six tons, when sold as hay were not over \$10. The net returns for a similar acre of alfalfa when grazed off by twelve hogs were \$47.23.

The fertilizing ingredients in a ton of barnyard manure are worth \$2.50, calculated according to price of commercial fertilizers. On this basis the value of the hog manure as dropped over the field must be at least \$3 per ton.

In this case the net price for alfalfa hay was only \$8 per ton, and of course, the hogs paid more than that for it. There might easily be another situation where the reverse of this would be true.

'SALAMBO' COMING TO DREAMLAND SAT.

Salambo, daughter of Amilcar, ruler of Carthage, and Priestess of Tanit, is the keeper of the Sacred Veil, "on which human eyes must not gaze." She falls in love with Matho, a slave, who becomes the leader of a band of mercenaries, fighting for Carthage, against Rome.

WALLOWA LAKE POPULAR RESORT

Many Ontarians Enjoying Cool Nights and Mountain Water

That Wallowa Lake is proving very popular with people from this section of the state this year, and that when more widely known, will be a close rival of Payette Lakes, is stated by R. W. Swagier who, with Mrs. Swagier, returned last week from a two weeks vacation at the popular resort.

It is an ideal camping spot, the nights are very cool and the drinking water is brought from mountain springs and is ice cold. Comfortable furnished tents and a restaurant is furnished for those who do not care to take camping facilities with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Swagier joined a camping party from La Grande. Tom Jones and family from Vale are spending their vacation there and Mrs. V. B. Staples of Vale has just returned from an outing there.

Mr. Taggart went up from here about ten days ago to join Mrs. Taggart and little son, who have been there for a month. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Ashford and E. I. Brogan of Vale, and Miss Betsy Taylor from here motored over in Mr. Brogan's car and will spend a few weeks boating and fishing.

THOMAS A. EDISON



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CLUBROOT IN CABBAGES.

When cabbages, cauliflower, turnips or similar crops are grown repeatedly or in succession on the same piece of ground the roots of these vegetables are likely to become attacked by what is known as clubroot. In our older gardens we do not seem to have very much trouble from that source.

The Apple Tree Borer.

Among the pests with which the orchard planter has to contend perhaps the flat headed apple tree borer is the worst, says the Farm and Fireside. The female deposits the eggs at the beginning of hot weather on the bark of young fruit trees near the ground.

Most of the damage is done during the summer months. The later broods remain in the trees all winter and emerge the following spring. The borer completes its life round in one year. The eggs are about as large as the head of a pin and are covered by a hard shell.

A good method is to mix the paris green with ten to twenty parts of clean flour, sifted land plaster or air slaked lime before applying. It is always advisable to add lime (air slaked) to neutralize the soluble acid contained in paris green, and if this is done no injury will result.

Lead arsenate is replacing paris green in spraying potatoes, as in all other spraying with arsenicals. The paste lead arsenate should be used at the rate of three pounds in fifty gallons of water or the dry lead arsenate at the rate of one and one-half pounds in fifty gallons of water.

Often only an occasional plant will be infested at first, and with a small amount of poison in a compressed air knapsack sprayer one can treat these in a short time. Frequently this will reduce the numbers so that no further treatment will be necessary.

Homan Family Back From Outing.

W. F. Homan and family have returned from a ten days outing at Payette Lakes. Mr. Homan states that comfortably furnished tents can be rented and that they are well equipped with all the necessities for housekeeping.

CAPT. W. H. G. BULLARD



Capt. W. H. G. Bullard, U. S. Navy officer, placed in charge of the German wireless station at Sayville, L. I.

RELIC OWNED BY ONTARIO MAN

Old Map Leaves Out Pacific Coast and Shows Texas as Independent State.

E. G. Bailey, superintendent of the Ontario schools, has a map of the United States made by Phelps & Ensign in New York city in 1841. Mr. Bailey inherited the old map from his father, Gideon Bailey, who in turn inherited it from his father, William H. Bailey.

The map was substantially built being made of heavy paper and pasted on cloth. It is a map of the roads, steamboat routes and canals of the U. S. It has a number of curious features. The most westerly states shown are Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana and Texas is shown as an independent state.

The map is elaborately adorned with pictures showing famous scenes from American history, including the battles of Bunker Hill and Lexington, the signing of the Declaration of Independence and Washington's farewell to his army.

It has also the pictures of the presidents of the U. S. up to that time. It is especially interesting to note the picture of Washington. It shows the face of a strong man and bears but little resemblance to the rosy cheeked reproductions, with the lines smoothed out, which are ordinarily seen in school texts today.

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PETER RADFORD, On Church and State.



The recent action of one of the leading churches of this nation, in annual convention, demanding that the laymen vote only for candidates for office whose views coincide with those of the clergy on one of the leading political issues is a direct and indirect effort of other church organizations to interfere with the freedom of the ballot.

Sucking babies may well squirm in their cradles when ministers in convention assemble release the hearts of men and grab them by the throat, for Christianity has broken down, religion has become a farce and the pulpit a failure.

It is as objectionable for a convention of manufacturers to issue orders for their employees to vote for a certain candidate. Such conduct is offensive to decency, business morals and a crime against society.

Any convention, whether composed of saints or sinners, rich or poor, white or black, that seeks to prostitute power and coerce conscience ought to be broken up by the police and its leaders arrested for treason. A crime by any other name is a crime just the same. An ecclesiastical robe cannot sanctify treason, authority to preach does not carry with it license to become a political ringster.

Laws should be passed prohibiting any preacher, or combination of preachers, from delivering or attempting to deliver their membership or congregation to any candidate for office and suitable legislation should be passed preserving the sanctity of the pulpit from political vandalism. It is as much a menace to church and state for a politician to occupy the pulpit as for a minister to preach a political sermon.