

Editorial Section of The Ontario Argus

THE COUNTY FAIR

The success of the Malheur County Fair, which opened today with exhibits that were of better quality and of greater number, and with the attendance far above the usual opening day crowds, shows that the popularity of the annual event has not diminished. It shows that the people as a whole want the county fair and are willing to work for it.

The people, especially those in the country, realize that the county fair is the one big event that brings together the citizens of the country and of the city for the mutual purpose of honoring the efforts of the people outside the small limits of the city. They realize that the viewing of these exhibits advertises their community and makes apparent to every citizen of the county the importance of the agricultural industries here. They also know that it puts before the homeseeker the exact products of each neighborhood and shows that the people of that community have accomplished in the past year.

The fair also furnishes amusement and the opportunity for friends to meet. It helps to lighten the burden of life for the while, as well as to start movements for the future of the county as a whole, or for parts of it.

The county fair is an institution for the people. This year shows what is wanted, and it proves that it should never be abandoned.

The efforts of the Malheur County Fair Association are worthy of high praise because of their success in overcoming obstacles and making the best fair ever held in Malheur county.

YOUR WINTER READING

Every fall, with the lure of the evening fire and coldness whipping our ambitions, we plan to make our winter profitable by a certain amount of reading that we may be better students and better citizens.

In planning such a program one must consider the newspaper of his vicinity. One should become educated in the doings of the immediate community, for it is a history of the city and country about him, and the happenings of one's community are often much more important in the shaping of one's life and opportunities than what happens in Europe, even in war times.

The best newspaper, however, for such readers is one that gives the home news, the world news, pertinent comment on such home and world happenings, interesting features such as opinions of experts, reviews of historical events as compared with the news of today, thoughts for betterment of the family and the home, advice to direct the young and sketches to make life a trifle lighter, in fact a newspaper for all members of the family.

It is along these lines that the Ontario Argus is built and in practically every one of its features it has the exclusive right of publication. If you do not read the Argus you miss many of these things.

SLANG IS RESPECTABLE

One of the most notable things about the use of the English language in respectable circles—and by respectable, or at least semi-respectable editors—is the tolerance of slang nowadays as compared with what was considered proper a few years ago. If some of the literary men who used choice English fifty years ago could come back to earth and read some of the breezy things that are written now—for example the crisp editorials in the Saturday Evening Post which usually contain a big enough sprinkling of slang to keep from spoiling—they would be shocked.

Even professors are coming to tolerate slang. They used to be "dead set" against it, and looked with horror upon the man who was slovenly in this respect in his oral speech, and were more disgusted that any person who claimed the right to associate with civilized beings should write stuff for the people in Bowery style. Today this is changed. The strongest defense of slang comes from the professors. They have discovered the very simple truth that a sprinkling of slang in a language is evidence that it is alive. When a language ceases to change and

grow it is dead. Dead languages are all right in their place, but are not fit for live people. We have great respect for Greek and Latin but we should prefer to use the slangiest of the slang if it were necessary to make a choice.

Slang of today in a few years may become perfectly "good English." Not every slang word or phrase lives. But mixture leavens our language and that which survives can well be called good or useful for the very reason that it does survive. Going through the mill of usage by millions of people is just as apt to purify as is the process of passing the critical censorship of some seely professor of the older school.

AMERICAN CHRISTMAS GOODS

One of the results of the war has been transferring the headquarters of Toyland from Germany to America. A forerunner of this wave was the sending last year of the "Christmas ship" laden with toys for the children of the soldiers who were fighting the battles of their country. The practical result has been the great increased production of all kinds of toys in this country. Last year dealers in America had a big share of their Christmas toys already on this side of the Atlantic when the war began, but this year the supply that will come from Germany will be very limited. There are hundreds of millions of dollars worth of goods tied up at Rotterdam waiting shipment to this country, a large proportion of which is likely Christmas goods. But there is small chance of this being delivered, despite the efforts of the state department to help out the Americans who have purchased the goods.

Not only will the American manufacturer this year supply most of the toys for American boys and girls, but inquiries and orders are now coming in from England, and France and Italy for American made goods for the Christmas trade, and it looks like an exceedingly busy season, both for the factories already working and the new ones that will be installed as a result of this big revival in business. Uncle Sam's children need not worry about their toys. Santa Claus and his agents are busy everywhere with feverish haste and there will be an ample supply for every good youngster, even if the Christmas department has to sit up nights to fill the demand.

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TWENTY-SIX HEAD OF STOCK BURNED AT ALVORD RANCH

Fire Destroys Barn, Mules, Hay, Implements and All Harness.

Fire which resulted in the loss of twenty head of fine mules and six head of horses, destroyed a barn, the property of Frank Clorf on his Alvord ranch near Steen's mountain, last Thursday.

The fire is claimed to have been of incendiary origin and the owner was unable to save anything from the stable. Besides the heavy loss of stock, Mr. Clorf lost a number of tons of hay and all his implements and harness which were stored in an adjoining building.

A Basko sheep header who was suspected of the crime has been arrested and is confined in jail in Burns.

MAN FORMERLY OF NEW PLYMOUTH LOSES HIS ARM

New Plymouth.—News has been received in this city by Mrs. J. W. Spitzbarth of an accident that befell Clifford Glaze, a former resident of this place, in which he lost an arm. Mr. Glaze has been employed in the harvest fields in Washington, and was working on a machine threshing grain on a sidehill, when he slipped and his arm caught in some cogs. The main artery was severed, necessitating his arm being removed a few inches below the elbow. Mr. Glaze has many friends in this section who will regret to hear the sad news.

SHIPPING HORSES FROM THE INTERIOR

Twelve cars of horses passed through here Sunday for eastern markets, eleven coming from Juntura and one from Harper.

Eight cars which had been bought by Smith Crane for war horses were billed for Grand Island, Nebraska. Three cars were bought by Mr. Thomas formerly of Ontario, and were going to Denver. C. W. Blankenship loaded one car at Harper for the Fergus' Horse Market at Loveland, Colo.

RILEY HORN ENTERS CHAMPION STEER

Riley Horn's big steer that he has been feeding in Vale for several weeks preparatory to sending him to the San Francisco exposition arrived here yesterday for the fair. So far as known the animal has no peer in the state, but is just a common range steer. He is a plain product of the bunch grass of Eastern Oregon. He was weighed here yesterday and tipped the scales at 3,305. Harry Blackwell also brought down a steer for the fair. The animal weighs 2085 pounds.

YOUNG PEOPLE WED

The marriage of Miss Jessie Rice Ash, of Cord, Oregon, and Lowell P. Stubblefield, of Newport, was solemnized yesterday afternoon at the home of Rev. C. C. Babcock of the Pentecostal Nazarene church. The bride is one of the most attractively known young ladies in Malheur county, and the groom is a young business man of Newport. The young couple left immediately for Newport where they expect to make their home.

Suits, Coats, Dresses, and Millinery at Boyer's are DIFFERENT BECAUSE THEY ARE SO MUCH BETTER THAN OTHERS



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Clothes in the common sense class for price and at the same time have all the class and beauty to be found in any suit at any price.

THIS WEEK—We are outfitting many boys with our excellent boy's suits priced \$3.50 to \$6.50 with full lined knickers, some with two pair pants.

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Suits of the Better Class.

They're Strictly all wool in plain and fancy mixtures with the best grades of lining possible at the prices.

Suits with snugly fitting collars, bone buttons, with good hair-cloth and canvas inside, foundations built like a man's good suit throughout.

They will please you in every way.

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We specialize this season on Coats at \$7.50 to \$22.50.

The full sweep effects so much required by Dame Fashion's dictators this season, are exemplified in these swagger coats.

All trimmings harmonize with the materials—there's a symphony, almost, in mixtures in plaids, blocks and stripes. Velours, Broadcloth, Velvet, Tweed.

Qualities are best at the prices you'll pay us this fall.



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