

THE ONTARIO SEMI-WEEKLY ARGUS

W. McCULLOCH HAS ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY

LOCAL ATTORNEY SEEKS REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES COM.

Announcement has been made this week by J. W. McCulloch, prominent attorney of Ontario, of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Public Utilities Commissioner from the Eastern Oregon district. Mr. McCulloch is the ninth candidate for his nomination, eight others having already announced themselves. His coming out with so many already in the field, has been done only after a careful canvass of the field, and with uttering encouragement from his many friends throughout Eastern Oregon.

Mr. McCulloch was District Attorney for the district comprising Malheur, Harney and Grant counties from 1904 until 1912, and has a large number of friends and supporters in the three counties. With so many other candidates in the field, all of whom come from Baker, La Grande and Pendleton, thus splitting the vote in the larger cities of the district, the nomination is sure to come from the smaller populated counties of the district.

Other candidates who have already entered the race are Henry McKinney and H. H. Corey of Baker, Ed Wright, Bob Service and J. P. Rusk of La Grande, Roy Ritter and T. J. Mahoney of Pendleton and J. M. Kyle of Stanfield.

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES.

A plan for giving public recognition to those teachers of the state who have proved themselves to be progressive as well as successful in their work, has been announced by Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill. To all teachers who meet the five requirements adopted by the State Superintendent there will be given Professional Teacher's Certificates which will certify that the holders have not only taught successfully during the preceding year, but that they are progressive and have shown a proper professional spirit toward their work.

The certificate will be issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction upon the statement of the county superintendent that all of the requirements have been met and that the teacher deserves especial recognition of his attainments. While the certificate will in itself not entitle the holder to teach, it will be of great assistance to school boards in helping them select thoroughly progressive and up-to-date teachers, who have been especially successful in their work.

The requirements which must be met for the Professional Teacher's Certificate are as follows:

1. Having taught successfully for at least eight months during the year 1915-1916.
2. Having met all of the requirements for a teacher in a standard school and having complied strictly with the laws relating to fire dangers and fire drills.
3. Having sent promptly to the county superintendent all reports required by him or required by law.
4. Having attended the annual teachers' institute or teachers' training school, and at least one local institute.
5. Having read during the year, under the supervision of the University of Oregon or the Oregon Agricultural College, at least two books on the teachers' reading circle list.

Miss Lucy Thompson reports that \$1.05 is in the school treasury in District No. 45 as the result of a basket social held in the school house the evening before Thanksgiving. The splendid work of Andy Pederson, the auctioneer was appreciated by the school.

A new Smith heating plant has been installed in the Riverside school. This adds very materially to the comfort of teachers and pupils, making an even heat and well ventilated rooms possible.

Mrs. Seitz, the teacher in the Riverside district, deserves much credit for her interest in her pupils. At the present time she is meeting with the girls of the school once a week.

EASTERN STAR ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Election of officers was held by the Eastern Star last evening. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Worthy Matron, Mrs. J. W. McCulloch; Worthy Patron, E. S. Bailey; Associate Matron, Mrs. W. W. Letson; Conductor, Mrs. E. G. Bailey; Associate Conductress, Margaret Dunbar; Treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Newton; Secretary, Pauline Billingsley.

Installation of officers will be held at the next regular meeting and special entertainment is planned.

when she gives them instruction in sewing. They are making Xmas gifts now, but will no doubt take up regular work in sewing later. These people are also working on a Xmas program which will be given just before the holidays.

A new book case has been added to the equipment in District No. 38, also window boards have been placed in the windows making it possible to ventilate the room well at all times.

Mr. C. D. Rush who supervised the school work at Jordan Valley for four years has returned to take up his old duties there.

The attendance record throughout the county for the past month is not at all good. Most of the teachers give epidemics of la grippe and had colds as the reason.

The pupils and teachers in the White Settlement school are working on a Christmas program to be given the Thursday before Christmas.

Miss Jean Conklin, the teacher in the Alfalfa Heights district, reports six pupils in attendance and all doing good work. They are arranging a Christmas program for the pleasure of the parents and friends in the neighborhood.

The library books for most of the schools of the county have been shipped to the clerks. In three or four cases mistakes were made by those shipping the books to the county office and these will be corrected before the books can be delivered.

SECOND MEETING OF IDAHO-OREGON HONEY PRODUCERS ASSN.

The two days session of the Second Annual Convention of the Idaho-Oregon Honey Producers Association, held at the city hall, closed Wednesday evening. This organization was formed last year and is an outgrowth of the similar organization called the Bee Keepers Assn. A wonderful increase in the number of farmers going in for the production of honey, and in the membership of this organization has been made this past year. Eighty-four members are listed, fifty being present here. The territory embraced by this organization extends from Boise to Weiser and from New Plymouth to Brogan. Ontario is the logical place for the convention to meet, being located centrally.

In addition to the election of officers many important matters were discussed. New rules and standards were adopted, marketing of honey and handling of bees taken up. The problem of standards proved a difficult one and opinion was more divided on this subject than others. Finally the Colorado 1915 grading rules were adopted. A single tier, glass front shipping case was agreed upon as the standard for all members.

Many advantages come from a membership in the organization, for instance, the placing of an order during the meeting for 92,000 pounds of supplies on a co-operative basis. Two cars will be required to ship these supplies from the east and Ontario and Caldwell will be the distributing points.

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AUCTION SALE TOMORROW

Many different pieces of city property will be sold by Marshall Kerfoot tomorrow at auction, the property being sold to pay for improvement liens against the property.

An injunction restraining the sale of one piece of property was obtained by Attorney C. McGonagill, who is contesting the right of the city to sell the property under the lien.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carpenter of this city celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home Saturday, a family dinner being the chief feature of the celebration. About 60 descendants of this couple were present, thirteen being their own children, including two sets of twins. A family picture was taken in the afternoon. Mrs. Carpenter is 85 years of age and Mr. Carpenter 69. Both are enjoying good health.

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ONTARIO CITY WATER REPORTED TO BE VERY GOOD

DR. PRINZING RECEIVES REPORT ON WATER SENT TO BE TESTED

Word received today by Dr. Prinzling from the State Health Department shows that the water sent from Ontario to be tested for typhoid and other germs, is very good and contains few germs of any kind, and not any dangerous ones. Dr. Prinzling recently made a trip to Riverside and the camps along the right-of-way and gathered specimens of water from here to be tested. The railroad well water at Riverside was reported good. The river water in that vicinity was contaminated, but not bad. The water in the protected springs in that section was reported pure.

MEDICAL MEET POSTPONED

The meeting of the Idaho-Oregon District Medical Association which was scheduled to be held in the city hall Tuesday evening was postponed until next Tuesday. A number of the physicians were in Caldwell this week attending the Woodward-Barton trial.

KNAPP IS TRUSTEE

A meeting was held at Vale Monday in the McBratney bankrupt case, before Julian Hurley, referee in bankruptcy. B. K. Knapp, president of the Portland Association of Credit Men, was elected trustee of the estate. Several local attorneys were in attendance at the meeting.

MR. WRIGHT RETURNS

Mr. Wright, father of A. A. Wright of this city has just returned from a visit with relatives at Wenatchee, Wash. Mr. Wright reports 9 feet of snow in the Cascade mountains. On his trip home he was delayed several hours by slides of snow and mud.

Guide Post to Success In the Apple Industry

(Continued from last issue)

Possible Market Fields.
In the United States there are eleven cities of 500,000 population or more; 55 cities of 100,000 population or more; 110 cities of 50,000 population or more; 1,300 cities of 5,000 population or more.

A study of conditions in the country shows certain actions in which apples are not grown in commercial quantities, and other sections where the production is far short of the consumption. In great industrial centers, where market should be found for large quantities of apples the Oregon box apple has not been marketed, largely on account of the high prices demanded. In the wealthier sections Oregon apples find market, but the expense of handling is great, and when the year's business is wound up the profits to the grower are normal.

Eliminating the industrial centers and the wealthier sections from the field for Oregon apples, there appears the great central and southern sections of the country, where the production of the apples is less than the demand or where other fruits are specialized in. In this field—from the Dakotas to Texas—the Oregon apple, in the days to come, when production must be near the maximum, should find rich territory. A survey of the apple production and prospective production of the United States should be made by Oregon growers, that reliable information might be gathered and compiled for use.

Local Markets Neglected.

While visiting scores of towns in Oregon I was struck by the absence of apples on the markets and by the miserable packs and displays where apples were offered for sale. The neglect of local markets seems to be complete, outside of Portland, where a few stores maintain admirable displays of fresh fruits and exercise salesmanship in their disposal. In many towns only inferior fruit was on sale and frequently it was "shop-worn" and even disgusting. Oregon, as a field for the sale of Oregon apples, is being neglected, while re-

turns from eastern markets are discouraging if not disastrous in many cases.

Apples Are Not Popular Food.

In Oregon, outside of Portland, there are approximately 1700 hotels and restaurants, where meals are served the public. In Portland there are approximately 700 hotels, grills, restaurants and dining rooms. I have visited more than 100 eating places in Oregon recently, and only in a few was I able to get service of apples or other Oregon fruit from the ordinary menu card. On the bills of grills and restaurants oranges and bananas and tinned pineapples are featured, and during season the Oregon strawberry, but there is no effort to encourage the consumption of the Oregon apple. Even at Hood River and at Medford the restaurant and grill service does not include apples, except, perhaps, occasionally as baked and frequently as pie in competition with a dozen other standard varieties of pie.

I doubt, seriously, if Oregon orchards now produce more fruit than could be consumed within the state, with due consideration for the health of the people and the loyal patronage of Oregon industries.

Exploitation Always Bad.

It is agreed, generally, I think, that exploitation of land values in Oregon has worked great hardship on the legitimate producer as well as on the individual victim of the scheme. Exploitation is always bad; for the methods used damn those who take even as they crush those who lose.

Oregon growers cannot afford to exploit buyer or consumer, even if ample opportunity were offered. What is needed is steady markets, year after year at fair prices, prices at which consumers can afford to buy and merchants can afford to handle the Oregon product in open competition with the product of any other section of the country, if need be. On this basis a permanent and profitable industry can be developed.

Oregon has not begun to produce apples and pears. It may be expedient to consider only the bearing orchards in planning for markets, but the wise and farsighted man would

certainly plan for markets five and ten years hence, when the production of the state should be quadrupled and the profits of the grower greatly multiplied.

Oregon should be a great permanent field for apple buyers, with the same men buying and selling, year after year. In this way confidence would be established and widely varying market conditions would disappear.

Customers Must Be Protected.

The average fruit grower does not fully realize that when he becomes a salesman he must protect his customers in their several fields and make good on supply and quality of goods needed by each customer. The shipper who does spasmodic business, whether in wheat or whetstones, must fall in the face of modern competition.

Men who are supplying large quantities of fruit for consumption should be able to get supplies from the same concern, under the same rules and regulations, season after season. And as much of the success in business depends on personality and acquaintance, change in management should not be frequent. In Oregon selling agencies have trained too many men. Efficient enterprises are seldom new enterprises; efficient men those who have had adequate training and a little experience.

Buyer Is Court of Last Resort.

As a salesman of his own goods, the grower of apples must consider the whims and fancies of the retail buyer, for the consumer is the court of last resort. The buyer may know less about the production of apples than she knows about the Angel Gabriel, but she knows something of food values and a lot about the value of the dollar. She knows a great deal about raisins, oranges, bananas and pineapples, because they represent the aristocracy in fruit distribution, but she knows little about the plebian apple because it always came from the family tree and represented no real money value.

Storage Facilities Needed.

Fruit growers in Oregon must remain at the mercy of speculators and cold storage concerns until adequate storage facilities shall be provided at points of production. Except at Hood River and Medford dry storage facilities are lacking and cold storage has not been provided. So long as the grower must force his fruit on the market as soon as he has it packed, he must sell at his own disadvantage. Speculators who supply storage will take the profit from the service and more with it. If growers supply the storage facilities they will be enabled to hold their crops for improved market conditions and better prices.

The proper handling of the fruit at the point of production is as much a matter of good salesmanship as the actual selling at the point of consumption certainly produce congested markets and low prices.

Orcharding Rich Man's Game.

Every indication, as I see it, tends to confirm my opinion, that orcharding in Oregon must become the rich man's game. As in every other line of activity, opportunity for the man of small means is limited, and his expense of operation must be out of proportion to the expense of handling the large tract. One community packing and hauling can postpone the day when small tracts—5 and 10 acres—must be merged into the large orchard, and the small owner must become the worker in the orchard of the corporation or the well-to-do citizen.

Orchards and Clubs.

An element which appears clearly in the game of apple growing and selling in Oregon, is the club, the gathering place for men who operate land and propose to sell apples on a large scale. At Hood River and Medford large clubs are controlled by men who are—or think they are—in the apple game. Much of the work of cultivation, care and marketing has been done by proxy and over the telephone. These men should be of great value in the development of the fruit industry, and as soon as their financial resources are exhausted and they get down to practical work they will be rightly classed among Oregon's most successful citizens and most enterprising producers and skillful salesmen.

Small Canneries Not Successful.

The day of the small cannery, whether co-operatively or privately owned, has gone by. The successful cannery of the future must have a wide field, good transportation facilities and large output. Quality and quantity must go together in the product of canneries in Oregon if the growers of fruit used are to be fairly compensated for their products.

Much of the canned goods sold at

MRS. J. C. FLEMING DIES WHILE COMING TO TOWN

DEATH OVERTAKES LADY WHILE DRIVING TO TOWN—ONE OF HER DAUGHTERS WAS IN BUGGY WITH HER

Coming as a great shock to her many friends, was the death of Mrs. J. C. Fleming this afternoon. Mrs. Fleming and her daughter were driving to town from their home on the Boulevard to attend the funeral of Wm. Arnett. About 1:30, while near the H. P. Houseman farm, Mrs. Fleming laid her head on her daughter's shoulder and breathed her last.

She was taken to the Houseman home and Dr. Prinzling summoned, but death had come suddenly. Heart trouble is attributed to be the cause. Mrs. Fleming has not been in bad health, but has often mentioned that she felt a premonition that death would come to her in this way. The deceased is survived by her husband and four children. The family has resided on the Boulevard for a number of years.

BOYS GATHER FOR FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Fifth Annual Older Boys' Conference for Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho, opens tonight at the Baptist church. Mayor A. W. Trow is an address of welcome will open the city to this gathering of older boys who come from as far west as La Grande, Oregon, and east to Twin Falls and Pocatello. With apparently almost every available home open to entertain the boys and their leaders there is still a doubt as to whether all may be cared for.

Rev. Willis Martin of the First Methodist church of Boise is to deliver the opening address of the conference. Rev. Martin is well known in this section of the country and that the Baptist church will be well filled, there is little doubt. One hundred and fifty seats will be reserved for the delegates, many of whom are not due to arrive until 6:30 this evening.

Saturday will be filled largely by addresses and discussions from the boys, followed by a recreational period in charge of George H. Marshall, the popular physical director of the Boise Y. M. C. A. The day will close with the big social affair of the conference, the father and son banquet at the high school at six o'clock. Two hundred or more are expected to enjoy this big banquet of which the fathers of Ontario will be an important part. Father and son will be seated together. Prof. E. G. Bailey as toast master will call for toasts from both men and boys. Prof. T. R. Nelson of Payette has consented to take part on the banquet program. Judge Biggs represents Ontario with a toast, "The Kind of a Boy I Like."

Of all days, Sunday will be the busiest. A quiet hour with the boys at nine o'clock in the conference church will be followed by Sunday school in all the churches. At 10 o'clock the conference leaders, assisted by the boys are to have charge of services in the city churches. The assignments will be announced Saturday. At 3:30 P. M. two big mass meetings are to be held, one for men and one for boys. The men's meeting (Continued on last page.)

WM. ARNETT IS LAID TO REST TODAY

Funeral services for William B. Arnett who died at the Holy Rosary hospital Wednesday afternoon, were held this afternoon at 2 P. M. from the Methodist church. Rev. Graham of the Methodist church of Nyssa assisted by Rev. Pratt of Ontario, conducted the services. Interment was in the Ontario cemetery.

Wm. Arnett, 79 years of age, has made his home for several years at the K. S. & D. ranch. A short time ago he took pneumonia and was removed to the hospital. His only relative in the west is Mrs. Ella Sullivan who resides on Dead Ox Flat.

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