

WILL COMBINE TWO ONTARIO STORES

Rader Brothers and McCoy Brothers have concluded that they can serve the public better by combining their stocks, rearranging their stores and have all the groceries in one room and all of the large room for the dry goods and shoe department.

Workmen are now busy cutting a large arch to connect the two sales rooms and in a few days all the groceries will be in the room now occupied by the McCoy brothers and the other room will be re-arranged and improved.

By the cutting down of expenses the public can be better served and by the combining of the stocks a larger and better selection can be carried.

The new arrangement will enable Mr. Rader to devote his entire time to the dry goods and shoe departments and relieve him of the work involved in looking after the groceries. This means an even better service than he has been giving you in the past, because he will have the time to look after the business and keep all ends up.

Mr. Lee McCoy will have charge of the groceries and by buying for the trade formerly divided between the two stores will be able to buy to better advantage and turn the goods more frequently, keeping the stock fresher and better. The larger trade will also enable them to handle lines that it was not possible to touch with the divided business.

An arch is being cut to connect the two salesrooms and an up to date office and cash carrier system will be installed, together with a number of other ideas that will please the trade.

Additional lines will be added to the dry goods department as occasion demands. This will give Ontario one of the best lighted and arranged stores in Eastern Oregon and much better than usually found in cities the size of Ontario.

WITH MALHEUR SHEEP GROWERS

J. McAndrew and J. D. Billingsley went to Juntura Wednesday to look after some sheep.

John Johnson, the wool buyer, was around this week looking after wool contracts. The growers are sure of getting good prices this year and will hesitate about making contracts at low prices. Sales have been made at Pendleton and other points this week and the price was around thirty cents, which indicates some high prices are going to prevail.

From the John Day country they are reporting a larger percentage of losses among the sheep than usual.

In this section the sheep men report a good big lamb crop and there is very little loss up to date, but the sheep are not on the range yet.

The weather is backward and it will be several weeks yet before grass will be good as it was too dry last fall for it to start before the cold weather set in.

ACTIVITY PREVAILS AT BIG BEND

V. V. Hiekox came down from the Big Bend last week. He says plowing is the order of the day in his section. The orchards are being trimmed up and the land plowed for more big corn yields this year. The Big Bend people are proud of their section carrying away so many good prizes for their corn and alfalfa. With dairy cows and hogs and alfalfa and corn, they have a combination that is making them good money.

SOME SNOW LEFT IN THE MOUNTAINS

Cornucopia, Feb. 25.—The snow is melting fast at this camp. There is only about nine feet left. The people are now able to look out of some of their windows.

BRISK MOVE IN REAL ESTATE

Real Estate is beginning to move some and with a little effort there could be many sales made as there are all kinds of buyers looking around, but few tracts are being advertised at present.

Everett Wisdom has traded a residence in town for ten acres of the McWright place adjoining town.

John Dunphy has bought five acres adjoining his home place.

S. B. Bull has purchased another five acres adjoining his home place.

Skuyler Bull has bought a small tract near town.

The Cash Grain Company, George B. Kellogg and E. W. Howland, has purchased the SE corner of blk. 3, with warehouse No. one on it. This firm has been using this warehouse for some time and bought it from the M. M. Co.

E. M. Roe has rented his ten acre tract opposite L. Seaward's place to Mr. Buckner.

There is quite a little inquiry for country and town property but there is very little of this being offered.

GETTING READY FOR STRAHORN

Bend, Ore., Feb. 29.—By an overwhelming majority amendments to the city charter carried, which will permit the city to bond itself for \$30,000, with which to purchase terminal grounds, later to be used for the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad proposed by Robert E. Strahorn to be built from Bend into the southern counties of Central Oregon.



Gen. Hugh L. Scott, army chief of staff, who is acting secretary of war since Secretary Garrison resigned.

STIRRING DRAMAS AT DREAMLAND

Saturday evening, March 4, Lois Meredith will star in the national success, "Help Wanted." Gertie Meyers as a stenographer enters the firm of Scott and Son. Though incompetent to handle her work, Scott, Sr., is captivated by her good looks and pays more money than she requests. Jack Scott falls in love with the pretty stenographer, and has a stormy time with his step-father before he finally wins out in love's dream.

On Monday evening, March 6, "Children of the Ghetto" will be produced at the Dreamland. In this wonderful production, Wilton Lackaye is cast in the principal part, that of "Reb Shemuel" a character that will live as long as literature or the drama exist. Mr. Lackaye brings to the role preeminent ability, a reputation as the greatest character actor on the stage, and a depth of emotional appeal and human understanding, that will warm the coldest heart. The story is woven about the life of Rabbi Samuel Jacobs, a sternly religious old patriarch who insists that the customs of his forefathers be observed by his grown up son and daughter.

TESTING THE COWS ONLY WAY TO KNOW THE VALUE

Local Organization Being Perfected in this Valley.

Farming is a great game. Conditions change rapidly and the farmer who cannot change his ways to meet them must fall out of the game. A very few years back the price of butter fat went soaring, and any one who could milk any kind of a cow could make money in the dairy business with any kind of feeding. It made little difference whether the cow made one pound of butter fat or two, she paid just the same. Things have changed now and the farmers who want to stay in the dairy business during the time of low prices, must figure close, that is, know what each cow in his herd is doing.

Many dairymen have already begun figuring close. They have gone into Cow Testing Associations so as to weed out the poor producers. No man can tell which are his best cows without testing with the scales and the Babcock test. There are some farmers who say they can tell without testing, but it has been proven idle talk so often that it need not be discussed.

The rule "Know the game you play

and play the game you know," is as true of the dairy business as any other, and so do not quit now when the prices are a little low to go into some other business that you know nothing about. Stop your leaks by going into the testing association as the leading dairymen in the county are doing. We have secured enough cows now to practically assure the success of the association. It is not an experiment, for we find these associations in the districts where we find the better class of cows, and most experienced dairymen.

The following are the men who have signed up and are ready to start testing their cows. They include the leading dairymen on this side of the Snake river.

W. G. Gibson, Pete Tensen, C. W. DeBoer, C. C. Hunt, O. Blokker, A. McDonald, H. R. Sherwood, E. M. Dean, S. R. Ross, John A. Forbes, Fred Koopman, Dr. J. J. Sarasin, C. E. Amidon.

W. W. HOWARD, County Agriculturist for Malheur County.

GOOD MONEY IN RAISING HOGS

John Dumphy, southwest of Ontario, demonstrates that there is money in feeding hogs even though the price of corn is high. He has kept an accurate account of everything fed. After charging himself \$1.10 per hundred, the prevailing price at the time he was feeding, and after estimating a good round price for his pasture he has \$3 per head left for his time in caring for them. This was not so bad considering the fact that he sold while the hog market was at the bottom, getting only \$5.05 per hundred. We hope to have an itemized account of his operations to publish at an early date.

HORSEMEN ARE WONDERING WHAT?

A. J. Miller, the auctioneer was here Tuesday attending a sale, where he secured good prices for everything offered. Mr. Miller does the selling for the Caldwell Stock yards and we were anxious to find out what the prospects are for the horse business this season but Mr. Miller was as much in the dark as anyone. He stated that the big eastern buyers are all in the air and do not know what to count on. There was a rumor of an order for 700 truck horses for Chicago but this could not be confirmed. While the war lasts there will be a demand, but after that is what is worrying the dealers.

THE DEMOCRATS TO HAVE LOVE FEAST

The arrangements for the Democratic love feast on the evening of the Fourth at the Moore hotel are about complete and they have a feast prepared that will bring joy to the democratic hearts.

Hon. Dalton Biggs will speak on "Our President," P. Monroe Smock, "The Star Spangled Banner." Mayor Roman will act as toastmaster and others to address the meeting are S. F. Taylor, president of the club, B. C. Richardson, T. P. Graham, L. J. Aker and J. R. Blackaby.

Good music has been provided and the menu is replete with more than enough to satisfy the inner man.

These get together meetings are good for all, spreading the seeds of good fellowship and getting the people acquainted.

A large attendance is anticipated.

SOME SIGNS OF AN EARLY SPRING HERE

Malheur, Feb. 25.—What is regarded by Malheur people as a sure sign that winter has gone for good, was observed here a few days ago, when a herd of deer, 15 in number, passed by the Anderson place, headed for the mountains.

The animals had evidently wintered around Cow Valley butte, a point offering protection from the rigors of winter, and realizing by instinct that no further danger awaited them, were returning to summer quarters, farther from civilization.

ANOTHER STEP IN IRRIGATION PROJECT

Another step has been taken in the organization of the Warm Springs Irrigation district by the filing of the papers with the County Court setting out the proposed boundaries and asking the court to call an election to give the interested property owners an opportunity to express their wishes.

The organization and completion of this project will mean much for this section of Oregon and especially those with lands that can be irrigated, because the lands are valueless without water and among the best in the west when irrigated.

BULLY CREEK DAM DANGEROUS

Salem, Ore., Feb. 29.—Assistant State Engineer Cupper said today that the dam of the Vale-Oregon Irrigation company on Bully creek in Eastern Oregon, was in a dangerous condition, and that unless it could be made safe by flood time, the engineer's office would warn the settlers to leave the valley below the dam. An attaché from the engineer's office recently examined the dam and the company has put a crew of 13 men to work repairing it along lines advised by the engineer's office.



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A GLIMPSE AT ONE OF OUR STORES

Take a look through Lampkins Store. The beautiful display of spring goods makes one long for the good old summer time. The first table shows beautiful silk crepe, tub silk and crepe deshine waists. The next pretty dainty white voiles and tissue waists at \$1.00 to \$2.00. The next, a complete display of muslin underwear of every kind of muslin undergarment. Then the embroidery table containing the plain little scallop edge to the wide and most beautiful flouncing.

The children's muslin underwear table is interesting, as all kinds of muslins are shown in the different sizes. The little bloomers at 15c to Princess slips, skirts and gowns at \$1.50.

Laces, lace cloths, flouncing and allovers are shown in profusion. Many import patterns are seen. Middies and middy suits for ladies and children seem to be much in vogue, and a great variety of patterns and styles are shown. The middy dresses run in size from 8 years to 20 years at \$1.75 to \$2.75.

Now we come to the suit and coat department and my, such an array of beautiful suits, coats, skirts and silk petticoats. It seems the suits were never so pretty before, and the coats never so nifty and cheap.

Certainly it is a real pleasure to visit Lampkins. You can most always get what you want there and the clerks are always pleasant and courteous which makes one feel welcome, whether they buy or not. Adv.

BOYS CAN ENTER NAVAL ACADEMY

In order to give every boy in his district an even chance to enter Annapolis Naval Academy if he can "Make good" Congressman Nick Sinnott will designate candidates for the vacancy just created by the new naval bill by means of a competitive examination. The examination will be held by the U. S. Civil Service Commission for Congressman Sinnott on March 22. In order that any boy may take the examination without much expense for travel it will be given in the following seven cities on the same day, March 22, The Dalles, Bend, Klamath Falls, Pendleton, Baker, LaGrande and Ontario. The examinations will be conducted by the Secretary of the Civil Service Board at the postoffice in each of these cities, beginning at 9 A. M., March 22.

The candidate who passes this examination with the highest grade will be appointed as principal by the eastern Oregon congressman, and those standing second and third, will be first alternate and second alternate respectively. The official examination for admission to the Academy takes place on April 18. Any young man may enter this competitive examination who is now and was February 1, 1916, an actual resident of the Second Oregon Congressional District, provided he is over sixteen years of age and will not be twenty years of age by or before April 18, 1916.

The examination will be in written form, and will embrace the following subjects: English Grammar, Geography, U. S. History, Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry. Spelling and Punctuation will be graded from the other manuscripts. Those thinking of taking the examination can get sample questions and full information about the Naval Academy by writing Congressman Sinnott, Room 494 House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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ARTESIAN WELL AT JORDAN VALLEY

Jordan Valley—Feb. 28—It is reported that Mr. Chas. Merrill, living near Jordan Valley, has struck an artesian well on his place recently and the people here are highly elated over the proposition which, of course, means a great thing for this country. He has already started on the second well and if he strikes it, there is no doubt but what several of the other residents around here will try the same thing.

Born to the wife of Geo. S. Parks on Feb. 24th, a bouncing baby boy. Mother and child are getting along nicely and Mr. Parks is the happiest man in Jordan Valley over the event.

There is a movement on to have a road built from Caldwell, through Jordan Valley to Winnemucca, Nev. This will do for a starter, until such time as we can have a railroad. A road through this section would be well patronized.

A meeting of the Ontario Water Users Association has been called for April 5th at 8 P. M. at the city hall. By order of the board. It

TO ENCOURAGE OUR LOCAL BAND

The merchants committee, an auxiliary of the Commercial Club, held a meeting Monday evening and discussed the band situation. They adopted resolutions favoring the paying of \$25 a month by the Commercial Club and city council for the maintenance of a band and the employment of a leader. The band to give concerts in the park on Sunday evenings.

THOROUGHBREDS PAY

W. F. Howard of Roswell, sold four registered brood sows for \$23 a head. He purchased a 4½ months old boar that weighed 150 pounds from an eastern breeder. Mr. Howard knows that it pays to raise thoroughbred stock.

PORTLAND PICKING UP

In Portland last month over \$400,000 in building permits were issued indicating some revival of the building boom.