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ONTARIO TO HAVE MONTHLY SALE DAY

MERCHANTS GIVE ASSURANCES OF CO-OPERATION FOR BIG MOVEMENT.

FIRST SALE SET FOR SEPT. 23

Stockmen Listing Horses and Cattle If Exhibitors Desire Fair Exhibits Will Be Offered for Sale This Time.

Crystallizing the sentiment of business men for the inauguration of a feature attraction each month for Ontario the Ontario Monthly Traders' Day was launched last week by Bert Wheelon.

As the first step for the launching of an effort to place Ontario to the front of the live cities of this section Mr. Wheelon presented the proposition to the directors of the Commercial club and after a thoro discussion of the proposition they gave it their endorsement.

Following this a canvass of the business men of the city resulted in the unanimous approval of the plan. Many of the business men did more than approve, they offered their co-operation and suggested means of making the institution permanent by adding attractions which will be of benefit to the ranchers about Ontario.

The third step toward the formation of the movement was the listing of stock to be sold. In only a few hours after the plan was first proposed hundreds of dollars worth of stock was listed for the sale and each day has seen additions thereto until several thousand dollars worth of stock is assured for the first sale.

Goods of All Kinds

Not only horses and cattle, pigs and sheep have been listed but other produce and material will be placed on the block.

Arrangements have also been made for the listing of any exhibit that exhibitors at the county fair desire to sell. Since there are always many articles at the fair which the owners want to dispose of the class of stock for the first sale is bound to be greatly varied and of excellent character.

Many Farmers Listing Stock.

During a short trip on the Fruitland bench last Sunday several head of fine Jersey cattle, a number of horses, a registered pig, as well as other goods were listed by ranchers of that section. Those who had nothing to list all declared that they would come to Ontario to see what they could buy.

With the combined co-operation of the business men and ranchers the management of the Traders' Day feels that the effort will be an unqualified success. This is particularly the case since the services of Col. George W. Waters, the well known auctioneer of Weiser has been secured to conduct the sale.

GRAND JURY RETURNS ONE OPEN INDICTMENT

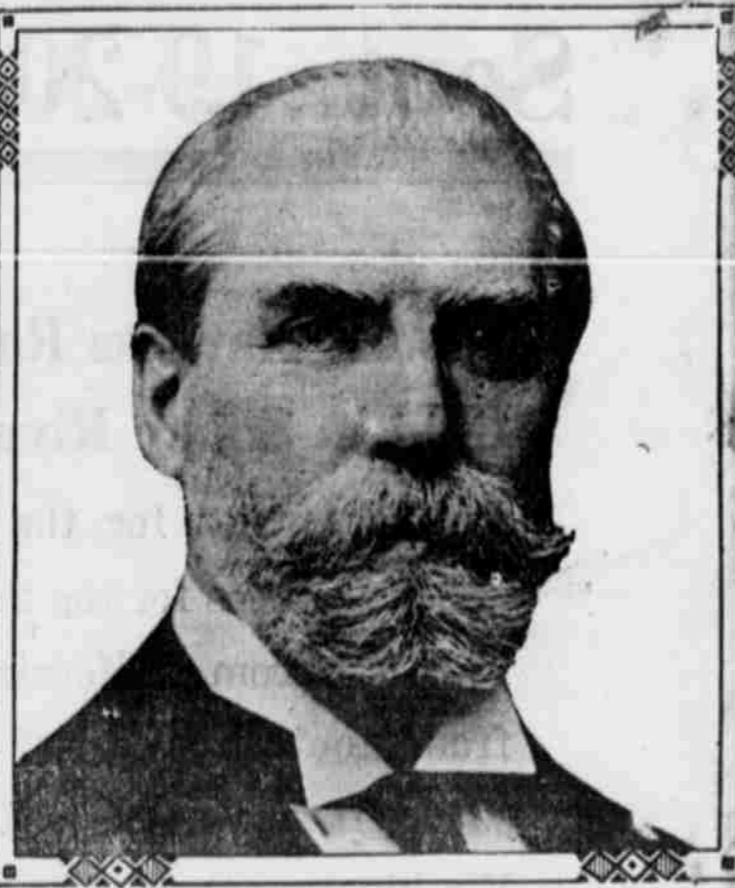
Only one open indictment had been reported by the grand jury in session at Vale up to Wednesday. This charged Messrs. Hoyt and Smith of Ontario with procuring liquor from an O. S. L. freight car in Ontario.

Other indictments, it is reported were made but have not been made public.

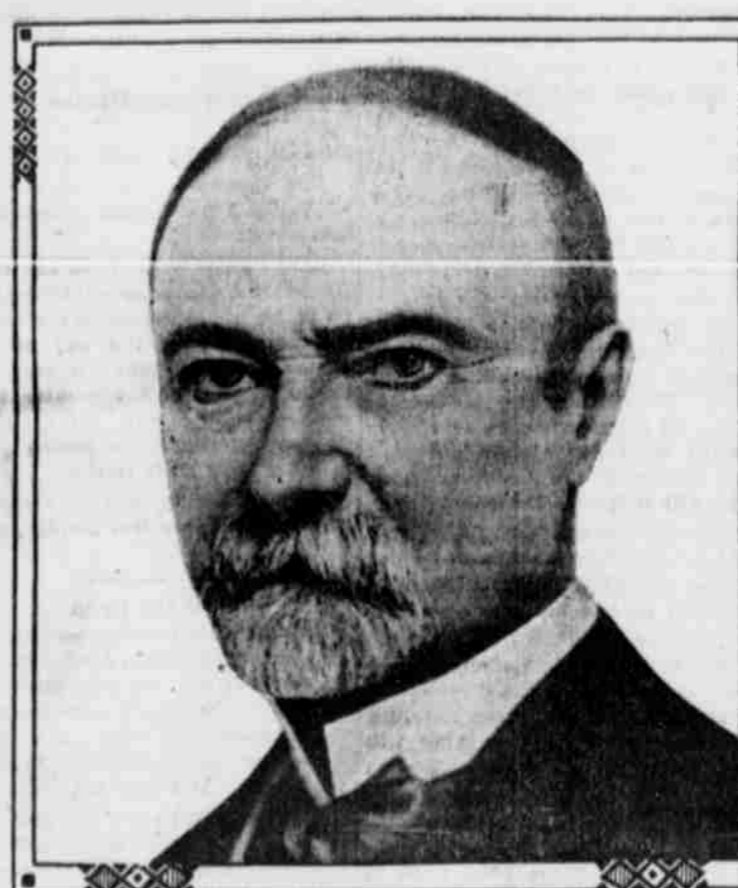
Among the Ontario attorneys who attended the sessions at the county seat this week were: J. W. McCulloch, District Attorney W. H. Brooke, P. J. Gallagher, W. G. Swagler, W. C. Lees and W. A. Stone of Caldwell who drove up on Monday with Mr. McCulloch and the other attorneys.

Chief of Police Harry C. Farmer also attended the sessions and chaperoned a large consignment of booze which was used in evidence before the inquisitorial body.

Miss Jennie Bull of Boise was operated on for appendicitis last Friday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Bull of Ontario.



CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.



CHARLES WARREN FAIRBANKS.

THIRTY CARS OF CATTLE DO NOT GO TO MARKET

Preparation were made to ship thirty cars of stock from Brogan on Wednesday. The cattle were driven almost to the loading station from the range and the stock cars were on the track with an engine ready to haul them out.

According to report of the road officials the cattle did not show up in time to be loaded so the cars were pulled out.

Another report was circulated that the embargo on cattle shipments went into effect about the time the cattle would have reached the loading station and that this caused the withdrawal of the cars. Whatever the real facts were the cattle were not shipped.

VALE PREPARES FOR PIONEERS' REUNION

September 8 Is Date Set for Gathering of Old Timers at County Seat—Baby Show Also.

All Vale is uniting in preparation for the Pioneer Reunion which is to take place Friday, September 8. A number of active committees, such as always feature a Vale celebration have the matter in hand and the occasion is to be a merry one.

According to the advice sent out by Robert M. Duncan, acting secretary of the organization, the picnic dinner will be the central feature of the day. Around it the program will be built. Hot coffee, cream, sugar and other essentials to complete the basket lunches brought by the picnickers will be furnished.

A short program of speeches and old time reminiscences will follow the dinner. Of course there will be music all day, furnished by Vale's famous band, and in the evening there will be a dance for the Pioneers, to which everyone is invited. Then too there will be the "Baby Parade" and the announcement of the winner of the Better Babies contest.

O. & F. CO. MAKES MANY CHANGES WITHIN STORE

During the past week the interior of the O. & F. Co. store has been under-going a series of changes. With the rearrangement of the stock, and the establishment of a ladies fitting parlor in the rear of the store there has been made possible additional room for display cases in the front.

An entirely new system of displaying the shoes and other merchandise has been inaugurated, other improvements made so that the interior of the store presents a highly improved appearance.

HORSES FOR FAIR SHOW THEIR CLASS

FILLIES COMING TO ONTARIO MEET BREAKING RECORDS IN EARLY ENGAGEMENTS

FASTEST BUNCH ASSEMBLED

Local Fair Officials Elated Over Class of Attractions to Be Shown. Tents Needed to Care for Big String.

That the race horses to perform for the benefit of Malheur county citizens during fair week are the classiest ever seen in these precincts was amply indicated this week by the reports from the Montpelier and Rexburg meetings.

Not only is the field to be fast, but it is the largest string of time reducers that ever assembled for the intermountain circuit. So large is it that Secretary C. M. Stearns has been called upon to provide tents to house those that cannot be accommodated in the big barns. There will be at least 100 horses from the outside at the fair.

The following letter received this week by Mr. Stearns is self explanatory.

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LOOKS LIKE HUGHES WERE ELECTION NOW

PRESENT CONDITION OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN EAST SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

H. C. BOYER TELLS OF TRIP

Result of Strike Negotiations May Have Vital Effect on Political Campaign He Believes—West Has Nothing on East.

"If the presidential election were to be held today I believe Hughes would be elected," said H. C. Boyer, on Wednesday. Mr. Boyer returned Monday morning from an extensive trip which took him all over the middle west, the Atlantic seaboard and the southwest.

"There are many things which may effect the situation and change the results, however," continued Mr. Boyer. "One of these is the outcome of the negotiations looking toward a solution of the railroad strike. If the president averts the strike, since he has concentrated negotiations about himself, the effect on many voters can be seen. If, however, he fails in this, judging by comments on the sit-

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CITY FORTIFIED FOR FOOD FOR PRESENT

BUSINESS MEN NOT WORRIED OVER IMPENDING STRIKE STOCKS ABOVE NORMAL.

GAS SUPPLY ONLY SHORTAGE

Automobile Owners First to Start Storage Movement—Capacity of Standard Oil Co. Tanks Sold—Only Weeks Supply of Gas on hand.

Except for a shortage of the supply of gasoline Ontario citizens have nothing over which to worry thru the effects of the impending railroad strike. Thanks for this condition may be given the foresight of the merchants and the gifts of a Providence that set Ontario down in a fertile Snake river valley where the diversity of products permits the growth of the necessities of life.

Of course were the strike to last for many months there would be some of the luxuries that would be missing. Some lines of merchandise which are manufactured in the east might run low, but so far as the actual necessities are concerned the city can withstand an indefinite siege.

Gasoline Supply Low.

The first and the only supply to run low is that of gasoline. The stock of the Standard Oil company has already been exhausted. Auto owners took precautions Tuesday and Wednesday and bought up the entire supply. Had there been more barrels in town the supply would have gone sooner. A few citizens went so far as to purchase supplies up to 100 gallons. Single barrel orders were common.

Another carload of gasoline is expected here on Friday or Saturday and this will add another week's normal supply for this territory. However there is plenty of distillate on hand and many cars can run on that if need be, so that joy riding may not be entirely discontinued.

Flour Near at Hand.

Thanks to the fact that the Snake river valley produces wheat, and the further fact that there are mills near at hand there is no danger of a flour shortage. Even without this source of supply there is sufficient flour on hand for a month or more.

Plenty of Coal.

The coal merchants of the city, too, are prepared with sufficient coal to supply the city for some time, a month or more, and this with the supplies in the bins of citizens insures plenty of heat.

A canvass of the merchants revealed that all of them are well supplied with stocks sufficient to feed the city, so that there is no need of anyone becoming alarmed.

Plenty of Meat.

The one generous supply which can constantly be replenished is meat. Ontario will have no trouble in getting all the meat it wants. In fact there is more than enough, for there are thousands of cattle that would have been shipped out during the next month that will remain on the range and can be driven to the cities, besides the supply that is right at hand on the nearby ranches.

TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ELIMINATE COLLECTIONS

Beginning with September 1 the Malheur Telephone company is to inaugurate a new system in handling the collection of its accounts in Ontario. No longer will a company representative call to receive the change. The customers will appear at the company office to make their payments.

This change in policy is made at the same time H. F. Kline, who has been wire chief for the company for years leaves to accept a higher position with the Mountain States company at Boise.

H. H. Wagner who has been the company's collector succeeds Mr. Kline and the position of collector is abolished. Under the new management all bills will be payable by the tenth of each month and accounts not paid during the month will cause a discontinuance of the service, according to Manager R. W. Gardner's announcement which is given elsewhere.

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—Carter in New York Sun.

"Great Scott, Woodrow! I've Been Up in the Air Almost Four Years!"