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#### BUILDING A CITY.

Ontario is engaged in the business of building a city. Behind this community is a great country. From that region every week there goes thousands of dollars worth of business that should come to Ontario. That thousands of dollars worth of business does come to this community from the interior does not belie the fact that there are other thousands that should come here but do not. The testimony of local business men is the basis for this statement.

What is Ontario going to do about it? Is there no means of getting into closer business relations with the interior? Is there no way of making the people of the interior feel that this is their natural trading point? We believe there is and that it has been started. It is the Monthly Traders' Day.

The faith that the Argus has in the efficacy of the Traders' Day to make this city the trade center of this region is based on the experience of Caldwell. According to those who are in a position to know the Traders' Day, or Sales Day as it is styled there, draws more people to Caldwell than any other institution. In fact it was said here last Saturday that there were more people in Caldwell at the last sales day than there were there during the Gen State Fair. The people literally go to Caldwell by the hundred to attend the sale and it is held, not once each month but twice each month.

With all that number of people attending the fair it is certainly true that they make many purchases while in the city, and if they live at a great distance and want something needed quickly it also follows that they send to Caldwell where they have become acquainted with the business men.

Ontario has behind it a territory greater than that of Caldwell's. It has not only the interior of Malheur county but the bench of Idaho to draw upon. This was demonstrated forcibly at the first sale.

If the local business men would make the most of their opportunity they will co-operate to make the Traders' Day a success. They will mingle with the men who come to buy at the sale and those who come to sell. They will give the visitors a real welcome to the city, get acquainted with their wants and let them know how they can be served in Ontario. By a little systematic effort no end of benefit could thus be secured for the business interests of Ontario. Could this not be tried?

#### THE BOOSTER EXCURSION

Ontario has never been offered a better opportunity to acquaint itself with the great region about it, than that furnished in the booster excursion to Juntura, Riverside, Crane and Burns, November 5.

Many of Ontario's business institutions have built up a business with the people of the great Harney valley

and interior of Malheur county but there is no doubt possibilities of extending that business. By getting out and getting acquainted with the people of that region this can better be done than in any other manner.

Then there is the possibility of being of service to the people of that region. There are hundreds of people who pass thru Ontario every year who are seeking information concerning the interior. If Ontario business men have first hand knowledge of that region they can be of assistance to those who seek this information, as well as to the people of the interior by spreading abroad the real facts of the possibilities of that country.

And that is not all. There will be an opportunity for a real big time both going and coming. It will furnish Ontario folks an opportunity to get together with their fellow citizens and those of Vale in a mutual gathering for their mutual benefit. Such an opportunity to combine business and pleasure with a fine low railroad rate is rarely offered to Ontario and it should, and will, no doubt be made the most of by the business men and citizens generally.

#### THE TYPHOID SITUATION.

After a strenuous week on the part of the health authorities in which the co-operation of the other physicians of the city played a prominent part it is believed that the high mark of the typhoid epidemic has been reached.

This result, which it is hoped time will confirm, was hastened by the precautions taken by individual citizens for their own protection. However the situation has not yet reached a point where the bars can be let down. Good health and sanitary conditions must be paid for by eternal vigilance. By no other means can a city protect itself from incursions of disease. However the end to be gained is worth the price and it is encouraging to witness to the fact that Ontario citizens are willing to meet the conditions.

In passing it should be noted that the city administration, the health and police department took a comprehensive view of the work in hand and used every effort to check the disease and better conditions about the city. These men, with all the members of the medical fraternity and the citizens who furthered their efforts deserve the commendation of the citizenship for their efforts.

#### EXTENDING THE CITY'S BUSINESS.

No step ever taken by the Commercial club for the advancement of the city's business interest has greater possibilities than that outlined at the meeting Monday night for closer communication with Jordan Valley.

The statements made by Messrs. Blackaby, Bain and Kahout concerning the volume of business transacted by the people of that region, naturally tributary to Ontario, proved astonishing to many of the members and gives rise to wonderment on the fact that the effort to get into touch with that region was not started long ago.

One illuminating fact brought forth was that in parcel post mail alone from one to two tons goes into Jordan Valley every day. That a large portion of that business would come to Ontario with the completion of an adequate highway connecting with an adequate train service to Homsdale is beyond question. Not only for the benefit to be derived to Ontario, but for the convenience of the people of Jordan Valley.

Ontario citizens should continue to exercise every health precaution to assist in stopping the typhoid epidemic. While conditions are improving a little added vigilance will do no harm and will help.

Next to the present democratic administration there is nothing so changeable as the weather and time tables.

# ONTARIO'S SECOND Monthly Traders' Day

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 At the Moore Barn, Ontario, Oregon

Beginning at 1 p. m.

For this sale there has already been listed a large number of Horses, Milk Cows, Hogs, Farm Machinery and Household Goods.

## Livestock of All Kinds

Under this head there are horses of every description. Among those already listed are:

- 2 work horses, weight 1400 and 1500.
- 1 mare, 7 years old, wight 1100
- 1 roan mare, weight 1200.
- 1 bay mare, weight 1200.
- 1 brown mare, weight 1050.
- 1 sorrel mare, weight 1100.
- 1 brown filly, broke, 4 years old, good driver.
- 2 colts, 2 years old.
- 1 pony, 3 years old.
- 3 yearling colts.

In addition to those already listed local horse-men and farmers have agreed to bring in from 40 to 50 head of mares from 3 to 7 years old, ranging in weight from 1000 to 1400 pounds.

2 fresh cows, five years old, with calves three weeks old by side.

1 cow, 4 years old, fresh in six weeks, giving 6 gallons of milk now.

Some more of H. H. Tummy's thoroughbred O. I. C. hogs will be sold at this sale.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Wagons, buggies, harness and farm machinery of every description.

A large bunch of fancy work will also be offered to the public. This fancy work is a remarkable lot and not only the men but the women should be present for this sale. This will be sold on the street in front of the Moore stable.

## The Seller Gets the Cash and the Buyer Gets Time

TERMS: All sums under \$20.00 cash. All sums over \$20 six months time on approved notes.

## MILLER & DICKENS, Auctioneers

These are the auctioneers who have made Caldwell famous. Bring in what you have and let them sell it for you.

**BERT WHEELON, Manager**

## Band Concert and Big Dance in the Evening

No higher tribute could be paid to any man than that accorded Tom W. Halliday by his neighbors who described him as: "an excellent citizen, an obliging and good neighbor who always devoted his energies to improving the condition of the community." In the passing of such a man the entire community suffers a loss.

#### BENCH RANCHERS START ACTION FOR DRAINAGE

That the ranchers over on the Idaho bench above New Plymouth realize the need for drainage and are not to permit their land to deteriorate before taking action is indicated by the following account from the New Plymouth Sentinel which tells of the calls for bids for the work. The Sentinel says:

The commissioners of Drainage District No. 1, are asking for bids for the construction of the drainage canals and the furnishing of material to be used for the drainage system. Bids will be opened November 2 at 10 a. m. in the Emmett Commercial club rooms.

This drainage district lies between Bramwell and New Plymouth and ap-

proximately 10,000 acres of land will be drained.

The work will consist of the construction of about 14 miles of open canal, the excavation being estimated at 544,000 cubic yards and approximately two miles of tile drains ranging from three to 18 inches in diameter, and furnishing cement, lumber, gravel, sand, bolts and spikes for building bridges, crossings, culverts, waste water inlets, etc., furnishing concrete for the building outlet, bridge abutments and all necessary collateral work.

The submitting of these proposals for bids is preliminary to the issuing of bonds of the district to pay for the work. It is expected that all court matters will be disposed of at this time of the Canyon county district court.

#### VALE HOTEL MAN IS VICTIM OF HEART FAILURE

V. S. Curtis, former proprietor of the Drexel Hotel, and who has been a prominent rancher and stockman in Malheur county for a number of years, was found dead in a closet which adjoined a developing room above the Vale Drug Store, at 7:30 Tuesday evening. Death had evidently been the result of heart fail-

ure, as he had been ailing from that trouble for some time.

Van S. Curtis was born in Delhi, Iowa, on March 28, 1858. He lived in Iowa until he was 18 years old, when he came West to Alta City, Utah, where he engaged in the mining business until 1881, when he moved to Pendleton, Oregon, and later to Grande Ronde, where he went into business for himself.

Mr. Curtis went to Harney City in 1884, where he established the first blacksmith shop in that city and later he established a shop at Silver City which he operated for a number of years. In 1901 he came to Malheur county, where he became permanently interested in stockraising and farming, near Vale, until last February, when he purchased the Drexel Hotel, which he owned until a short time ago. At the time of his death he was the owner of the Village Blacksmith Mines of Silver City, Idaho.

In the year of 1886 he married Miss Jennie Wyatt of Harney city, who departed this life in 1904, leaving three children, Allen, a son, now 18, Alice, a daughter, 25, in Los Angeles, and a married daughter, Mrs. J. S. Thomson, of Eatonville, Wash.

Mr. Curtis is survived by, besides his children, three brothers, Lorenzo Curtis, of Hillsboro, Ore., Geo. Curtis, of Ontario and J. R. Curtis of South Dakota, and two sisters, Mrs. Oakley Bishop, of Waldo, Ore., and Mrs. Belle Morse, of Rockville, Iowa. The services were held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Odd Fellows hall, under the auspices of the A. F. and A. M., of which Mr. Curtis had been a member for a number of years.—Vale Enterprise.

Six good sewing machines that have had very little use at Ontario Furniture Co. adv

LOST—A Colt's automatic revolver .38 calibre. Liberal reward will be paid for return to Argus Office. 52

Cooked food sale for the benefit of the fountain fund at McNulty Hardware store Saturday, Oct. 28. adv 51-52

Bissells Carpet Sweepers \$1.00 and \$1.50 each. Ontario Furniture Co. adv.

School books are sold strictly cash only. adv