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RESUME THRU SERVICE AFTER LONG BLOCKADE

PASSENGERS FOR ONTARIO ON BOARD TRAINS STALLED IN WYOMING FROM FRIDAY UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING.

MAKE SPORT OF PREDICAMENT

Blizzard Drives Snows into Cuts Which Rotaries Could not Handle—Opened Once and Closed Again.

For the second time in nearly a week Ontario this morning received a consignment of eastern mail. Since last Thursday night only one other mail train reached the city, that came thru Tuesday night when the blockade in Wyoming was temporarily broken Sunday night only to take a fresh hold Monday.

A long deep cut 20 miles west of Laramie, Wyoming, was the scene of the blockade which tied up the Union Pacific service from the East and baffled the officials for days. The blizzard which filled this cut with snow also contributed to the troubles of the railroad men and worries of the passengers in the 14 train stalls stalled near the cut.

Among the Ontario passengers on the belated trains were C. W. Mallett, who was returning from the East where he has been during the past two months in the interests of the Warm Springs Irrigation district, and Rev. Herbert Livingston, who was en route to Ontario from Omaha, Nebraska, to occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church. Speaking of the experience of being snow-bound, Rev. Livingston said:

"We left Omaha Thursday morning reaching Laramie at 2 p. m., Friday. There the first delay was recorded for it was 6 o'clock before the train tried to go thru. The effort was wasted for an hour afterward our train joined 13 others in or near the cut. Effort after effort to put snow plows thru failed. Two plows were broken and the combined efforts of eight engines could not drive them thru the mass of snow in the cut. A new plow was finally secured Sunday afternoon and an hour after it arrived the track was cleared.

"The only inconvenience the passengers contended with was lack of heat and a reduced supply of water. The engines could not heat the trains. Additional water could not be secured so everyone had to make the best of conditions.

Make Fun of Predicament.

"There was almost no complaint among the passengers at the delay and everyone, apparently, was determined to get as much enjoyment out of the situation as possible. Two meals each day were served the passengers and between these all manner of attempts at amusement were indulged in."

EVERHART DRUG STORE PURCHASED BY LEUHS

Business Change Made During Past Week Is Surprise—New Owner Has Many Years Experience.

O. G. Leuhs, who for the past eight years has been employed as pharmacist in various Ontario drug stores, and for more than a year has been employed at the Everhart Drug company, purchased that institution this week. The formal transfer of ownership took place Wednesday afternoon.

The sale of the store and business by F. E. Everhart, who has been one of Ontario's progressive business men for the past six years, came as a distinct surprise to his associates about the city. In discussing the matter, Mr. Everhart declared that, as yet, he had no definite plans for the future, other than that he expected to remain in Ontario for some time at least.

The new owner, Mr. Leuhs is a druggist and pharmacist of long experience. He was registered in Illinois in 1893 and for nearly 15 years ran a store of his own in Iowa. Later

ADVERTISES CHICKENS—GETS MORE ORDERS THAN CAN FILL

"Discontinue that Ad of mine which says I'll have day-old chicks for sale. As the result of the ad I am getting more orders than I can fill." That was the message which A. B. Cain telephoned the Argus yesterday, after four pages of the paper, on one of which the ad appears was printed. "We sold a lot of the specials we advertised last week," was the statement made by Ray Wilson of Wilson Bros. on Monday. These are but a few of the testimonials concerning the pulling power of Argus Ads. Try the Argus. It reaches the Buying and Selling public.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT IS MARKED SUCCESS

In Short Time Musical Talent of School Develops Two Capable Organizations Which Will be Made Permanent.

The Ontario High School students introduced two musical organizations to the city at the Dreamland Theatre last Thursday evening. The debut of the Boys' and the Girls' glee clubs was a complete success and the manner in which they presented the varied program reflected credit, not only upon themselves but the school as well. The program was given under the direction of Miss Mayme Bengé of the faculty who has had charge of the musical work in the schools this year.

Beside the excellent work of the clubs, the quartets, sextets and choruses the individual soloist won distinct honors and demonstrated that there is a wealth of musical ability in Ontario and especially in the High Schools. Miss Ethel Heslop added to her admirers with her solo, while Alfred Holland seconded her efforts with a cornet solo. The Misses Edith Raver and Stella Millikin gave variety to the program with readings and a violin duet by Miss Bengé and Mr. Holland was among appreciated numbers.

Financially the concert was also a success and resulted in a comfortable addition to the funds of the student body. The members of the organizations are:

Boys' Glee Club: Joy Husted, Lynn Buckner, Claude Christensen, Alfred Holland, Dwight Cox, Arthur Cochrum, Thel Lampkin, Paul McCulloch, Bernard Rader, Arthur Moore, Irving Harris, Henry Cassidy, Theron Northrop, Glen Brown, Ed. Fraser.

Girls' Glee Club: Ethel Heslop, Dorothy Jaquish, Viola Husted, Virginia Reynolds, Gladys Emison, Mary Messee, Bessie Morton, Lucile Biggs, Opal Farley, Helen Caldwell, Erma Von Readen, Ruth Griffin, Ruth Lackey, Myrhl Bingham, Jesse Jenne, May Belle Caldwell.

Chorus: Ethel Heslop, Viola Husted, Virginia Reynolds, Gladys Emison, Irma Von Readen, Opal Farley, Ruth Lackey, Jesse Jenne, Myrhl Bingham, Joy Husted, Lynn Buckner, Claude Christensen, Alfred Holland, Thel Lampkin, Henry Cassidy, Theron Northrop, Glen Brown, Paul McCulloch, Dwight Cox.

NEW BARBER SHOP IS ADDITION TO WILSON ROW

Christensen Bros. moved their barber shop this week to the recently renovated row of buildings belonging to Dave Wilson. Prior to entering the new building they installed a handsome electric barber pole and had the interior decorated and equipped with the latest devices for a tonsorial parlor. Among other features they have increased the bath facilities by installing three tubs and will add a shower bath to this equipment later.

MANY GO TO WEISER TO

The special train from Ontario to Weiser last Monday night carried from the city 131 passengers who went to see the production of the Birth of a Nation. This is the second theatre special in the past few weeks and on each occasion Ontario sent forth a large delegation.

FRAUDULENT ENTRIES NOT FEEN IN HARNEY

REGISTER OF LAND OFFICE AT BURNS SAYS NINETY PER CENT OF ENTRIES ARE MADE BY SETTLERS

RUMORS OF FRAUD HEARD HERE

No Definite Statements are Made however, and Local Men Speculate as to Source of Charges Reported from Washington, D. C.

"I know personally ninety per cent of all the men who have made entries for section homesteads under the new grazing land law," said Sam Mothershead, register of the United States Land office at Burns, while in Ontario Monday on his way home from Portland, "and I am sure that, so far as the district covered by our office is concerned there is no evidence of attempts to corner the range by the large stock men.

"So far as the business of our office is concerned I believe the records will show that most of the land being filed upon by settlers who already have small homesteads. And since I know nearly all of them personally I am sure that there is no attempt being made to grab the land of that section."

Prior to the announcement by Secretary Franklin K. Lane that charges were being filed in his office there were a few rumors on the streets of Ontario purporting to deal with just such attempts as the secretary described. However none of the rumors were definite and little attention was paid to them by stockmen.

Local cattle and sheepmen believe there is little foundation for charges of attempts to grab the land and declare that such a condition could not long endure when sheep and cattle prices go back to normal levels. They claim that sheepmen, at least, can not afford to fence sufficient range to run large bodies of sheep at normal prices and therefore scout the idea that the sheepmen are concerned in the attempts to corral all the public domain.

ONTARIO'S INVASION IS MET WITH DEFEAT

Local High School Teams Find Caldwell and Meridian High School Aggregations Big and Fast

Ontario High School basketball teams invaded Caldwell last Friday night where both the boys' and the girls' teams were met by a stubborn resistance on the part of the home guards. The girls' team fared better than the boys' and lost by a comparatively narrow score while the Caldwell boys almost smothered the O. H. S. five.

While the girls returned home on Saturday the boys traveled to Meridian for a game with the high school team of that city. This was closely contested and Ontario held a comfortable lead until the last few minutes of play when fouls made possible a victory for the home team.

The next game in Ontario will be played Friday evening of next week.

M. W. A. MEMBERS HAVE OPEN INSTALLATION HERE

The Ontario Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America had open installation and supper Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall to which their families were invited.

The following officers were installed: Venerable Consul—J. T. McNulty. Worthy Advisor—S. G. Bull. Escort—Pearl Crane. Clerk—C. E. Secoy. Banker—Vest. Bland. Watchman—V. W. Gramse. Sentry—A. A. Ingie. Manager—L. P. Crane. Rev. Baker acted as installing officer and P. B. Winagar as installing

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HOMEMAKERS OF EAST SAVING WAR PROFITS

WHILE FLOATING POPULATION IS LIVING UP TO ENHANCED INCOMES THIRTYY FOLKS "SALTING THEIRS DOWN."

C. W. MALLET TELS OF TRIP

Government Officials See Need for Further Extension of Reclamation Work—Additional Funds May be Secured.

That, while the great mass of floating labor is spending all of its greatly increased wages as the result of war conditions, the thrifty homemakers of the East are "salting their money down," is the observation of C. W. Mallett who returned Wednesday morning from a two months stay in the east, where with Col. C. E. S. Wood he went in the interest of the Warm Springs Irrigation district.

"From my observation while in Washington, D. C.," said Mr. Mallett, "I gather that the officials of the reclamation service are extremely favorable toward an extension of the government's efforts to reclaim arid lands. This is evidenced by the efforts which are being made to pass a measure to provide other funds than those now available for this purpose. I also believe that the Oregon delegation in Congress stands well in the estimation of its associates.

"Until I have been home longer and have secured information desired, and have the opportunity to correlate all the facts necessary for an adequate statement, I will not discuss the results of the trip, so far as the purpose for which it was made. For the benefit of the people who must pay the bill I will at a later date have a complete statement to make.

"The most astonishing thing noted in the East these days is the prosperity of the people. Everyone is at work for higher wages than ever before. Agricultural products never were so high, either on the farm or in the restaurants.

"The floating population is living right up to its increased earnings, but the solid homemakers are salting their money away for the day when war profits will cease. Few people discuss war questions. They seem to avoid entering into a conversation on the subject, unless they know to whom they are talking. I believe that a majority however would support the President in his effort to get peace, even 'without victory.'

"Just as an example of the prosperity in one line I might cite the condition in Maine where I visited for a short time at my old home. There within a distance of a day's auto drive are paper mills with a capacity of 750 tons of paper per day. They are all working full time, paying \$16 per cord for pulp wood and can not get enough men to cut the necessary material. They can not fill the demand for paper.

"The trip East was made in comfort and as fast as schedule time would permit. There was not a hitch anywhere and we landed in Washington right on time. Coming back, after leaving Harrisburg, Pa., I did not travel on a single train that reached an important terminal on time. Instead of making the trip in 4 days I was on the train 10 days, besides the voluntary stops made in Michigan and Denver. Ontario, too, is not the only place where there has been coal famines. All over the East there has been a coal shortage and in many places it amounted to a famine.

NEW LAW FIRM TAKES NEW QUARTERS IN WILSON BUILDING

The law firm of Swagler and Campbell, of which the junior member is Paul Campbell who was formerly with the Eastern Oregon Land company has rented the corner offices on the second floor of the Wilson building. Their new quarters are being renovated for occupancy in near future.

Mr. Campbell who this week made his entry into the list of practicing attorneys was admitted to the bar in 1913 following his graduation from the law school of the University of Oregon and in the meantime has added years of business experience to his legal education, as well as a host of friends in this section of the state.

LITTLE ADVERTISMENTS, YET BRING PROSPECTIVE SETTLERS

W. H. Doolittle who has returned to the real estate business in Ontario after a few months sojourn at Vale as County Clerk, instituted an advertising campaign a few weeks ago. He placed a few line reader ads in farm publications and country papers in Middle Western states telling of the opportunities for homesteaders in this section. The results have been instantaneous. Beside replies from all over the been the arrival of prospective homeseekers here. Three of these arrived Monday from Blamark, North Dakota, Alfred and John Erickson and John Peterson. After enjoying, what to them, was spring-like weather they set out immediately to look over a number of homesteads and farms for sale.

MALHEUR LAKE WATER MAY IRRIGATE LANDS

Crane American Sees in Visit of Engineers Possibilities that Modern Methods may Reclaim Great Section.

What may be the inauguration of an irrigation system to spread water on lands adjacent to Malheur lake and in this vicinity has been launched within the past week. That it is possible that a huge pumping plant will be installed on the shore of Lake Malheur is given credence by the fact that engineers are now at work locating a suitable site for that project, says the Crane American.

Last Sunday John E. Johnson, a well known engineer of Vale, in company with a crew of surveyors, motored out of Crane bound for some point along the north shore of Malheur lake, ostensibly to make a secret survey of a site for a pumping plant.

During September of last year, Engineer Johnson visited this locality when he made the statement that he was interested in an electric power project on the Malheur river and proposed to furnish power to this section of the country. He was accompanied by J. P. Congdon, formerly a consulting engineer of the Oregon Short Line. The statement at that time was significant that electric power was to be used in some pumping plant project, which is now materializing on the shores of Lake Malheur, which body of water lies five miles southwest of Crane.

Although the public is in the dark as to the financial backing of the new project it was learned that a large pumping plant is to be installed that will take sufficient water from Lake Malheur to irrigate 85 sections, or 54,400 acres of land, located between Lawen and Crane, and east and south of the lake.

It is the purpose of the company to issue a water right lease for 50 years, payment to be made at the rate of \$200 per acre, with six per cent interest. No charge is stated will be made for the first three years of service.

HURLEY RESOLUTION ASKS GOVERNMENT AID

Legislature Will Request Government to Build Owyhee Project—Cities' Previous Neglect of State.

Senator Julien A. Hurley of this district has introduced Senate Joint Memorial No. 14 for the consideration of the legislature. The memorial after reciting the previous neglect of the state of Oregon in the distribution of reclamation funds asks Congress to vote money for the building of the Owyhee project.

Senator Hurley's resolution directs that it be sent the Oregon delegation in Congress, President Wilson and Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane.

PLENTY OF COAL IN ONTARIO THIS WEEK

SUNSHINE AND COAL ARRIVE AT SAME TIME—COLD SPELL DEPARTS FOR FEW DAYS BUT MAKES MILD COME-BACK.

SNOW FOR SLEIGHING GONE

While Weather Seemed Spring-like the Real Season Delays Arrival—East Gets Taste of Old Time Blizzard.

With the advent of the spell of warm sunshine there arrived in Ontario last Friday seven carloads of coal thus simultaneously the cold spell and the coal famine vanished. At the same time exit was made of the feeling, "any kind of coal will do," and Mr. Ontario coal buyer began getting particular. A load of slack that would have been received with joy the week previous was scorned and a general return to old ideas was manifested.

The spring-like weather, however remained only long enough to clear the streets of snow and remove sleighs as a means of transportation. On Saturday some of the streets were transformed into lakes and active attention to the surface drains was required to avert the flooding of cellars in the Lackey building on Oregon and Nevada.

Just when many began to accept the notion that winter had passed the weather man turned the switch Monday night and Tuesday many citizens resumed their overcoats and were thankful that the coal famine was over.

Water Mains Still Frozen.

In the lower part of the city the ground is still frozen to sufficient depth to make useless the water mains along Nebraska avenue from Virtue street west. To relieve this situation the electric pipe thawing apparatus of the Idaho Power company has been called for, but as yet it has failed to arrive in Ontario, being busy in Payette with similar troubles.

GREAT CROWD PRESENT AT MONTHLY AUCTION

All Previous Records for Variety of Offerings; Number of Buyers; Volume of Sales; and Crowd Present Are Broken.

Last Saturday Ontario was the Mecca for hundreds of ranchers from all the surrounding territory who had stock or goods to sell. It was also the center of a great buying public. This was evidenced by the size of the crowd which attended the monthly sale held by the Ontario Auction company. All the previous records of sales since the movement was started last fall were broken.

To begin the day lunch was served by the Commercial club and it required several dozen buses and dozens of loaves of bread and great quantities of coffee to meet the requirements of those gathered for the sale.

Not in a long time has there been so many people on the streets of Ontario as gathered Saturday. The result was reflected in the business of many retail institutions, as well as in the volume of transactions at the auction. Managers Carter & Clement were highly gratified at the success of the sale and declare with many of those present that the succeeding sales will be even larger.

ONTARIO'S ORIGINAL MOVIE MAN VISITS CITY

L. Pefferlee of Baker who is with the Quaker company which will be in Ontario next week and has been doing the advance work for the company here this week is Ontario's original moving picture man. Mr. Pefferlee established the post office news stand and while here opened the first movie show under the name of the Electric Maze, he sold his interests here eight years ago and since that time has made his home in Baker where he has managed the Baker theatre.