

## BALLOON ASCENSION EVERY DAY AT FAIR

SOUND AMUSEMENT COMPANY REPLACES BERNHARDI ORGANIZATION WHICH JUMPED IT'S CONTRACT.

## WAR GARDENS MAY COMPETE

Chance Offered for Prizes in Vegetable Department—Sheep Exhibit Will be Much Larger than that of Last Year.

Every day of the Malheur county fair, September 12 to 21, there will be a balloon ascension from in front of the grandstand, beside the other acts which it is planned will be shown.

The balloon act was assured by reason of the fact the fair board contracted with the Sound Amusement company for its carnival acts for the fair week, following the jumping of their contract by the Bernhardt company which was originally booked for the fair.

The Sound Amusement company has been thru this section before, and his character of its shows are known to the directors to be entertaining and highly attractive. Since their last visit here they have added a number of new "fronts" and increased the list of attractions. Its jumping horse "Carry us All" and the animal circus are features that are always popular with the crowd.

While the fair has no special department for the exhibit of the war gardeners they will have plenty of incentive to enter the wonderful products they have raised in the general vegetable department where they may show the regular farmers what they can do.

There will be more sheep at the fair this year than ever before. It is understood that a number of sheepmen especially breeders with bucks for sale will be here with exhibits. Since the number of sheep in the county at this time is greater than ever before and the interest in the bettering of the flocks is also greater it is anticipated that the sheep department will be one of the first to fill its display room.

## COL. WILLIAM HANLEY OF BURNS HERE MONDAY

Col. William Hanley of Burns was in Ontario Monday enroute for Portland and stopped to visit with B. B. Wood between trains.

"The people don't seem to realize how serious is the food situation," observed Mr. Hanley while discussing general conditions. "Things look bad, not only in Europe, but here we have to feed the world, and have only a short crop with which to do it."

"The present shortage is appalling when one thinks of the vast lands that might have fed millions, had there been water for it this year. And there could have been water for this section had the men who should have been interested worked in unison."

"The people of this section, and that means all Malheur and Harney should unite in formulating plans to present the needs of the valleys to congress. It will be just as easy to do something worth while as to ask for a trifle."

## WEISER VISITED BY DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Fire early Tuesday morning caused loss of approximately \$75,000 at Weiser when the Gen State Lumber company yard, the Weiser Ice & Cold Storage Plant and the sheds of the Lyon Coal company were burned. Eight cars of coal and a car of Ford cars were also burned.

Early reports credited the fire to incendiaries, but the authorities do not credit that theory. So far as known there are no active I. W. W. in the Washington County metropolis.

Mrs. C. R. Peterson returned home Saturday from the Circle Bar ranch.

## Stockmen are Facing Serious Feed Shortage

Where to get feed for their stock is the problem worrying stockmen in this section. Never has there been so many cattle in this section and never has the forage been so scarce in the opinion expressed by Col William Hanley of Burns, R. H. Dearmond, A. McWilliams and other cattle men who were in Ontario this week.

The range is so dry now that the cattle are actually losing weight now, in some places. These men express the opinion that it will take half the hay grown to fatten the stock, to say nothing of feeding thru the winter. It is the shortage of feed which has sent the cattle market off, while fat stock are commanding a big price. The condition here is not exceptional, but prevails in all of the Western states.

It is evident that the development of irrigated farm lands to supply alfalfa has not kept pace with the increase in stock in this section and immediate action on a large comprehensive scale must be taken for the safe guarding of the livestock industry.

## FATHER, MOTHER AND CHILDREN ARE KILLED

Five Members of Frank Hahn's Family of Council Victim of Terrible Accident—Were Relatives of Ed Fifer.

Frank Hahn of Council, a wealthy Idaho cattleman, his wife two sons and a daughter were killed Monday morning at Wood's Spur crossing two miles above Payette when the South bound Pony hit the car in which they were riding.

One daughter Alice is still living but the terribly injured by the awful accident. Mrs. Hahn, is a sister of Ed Fifer of this city and members of the family are well known in this section. Mr. Hahn having long been prominent in Washington county Idaho.

While no one can be certain as to the exact cause of the accident it is believed by many that the engine of their car "died" as the car reached the crossing. When the train stopped it was found that one of the sons had been killed outright, the others died shortly afterward on the baggage car or in Payette where they were taken.

## HAYING PUTS NO STOP ON GRANGE RED CROSS

In spite of extra work at home women on Boulevard turn out regularly for War relief work.

The presence of many hay hands on practically every ranch on the Boulevard puts no damper on the efforts of the Grange women to continue their Red Cross work. In one afternoon at the Grange hall the women made 50 dozen gauze poultices a record that the Ontario women have seldom surpassed.

After viewing the work of the women from the ranches, who have so much extra work at home at this time one of the leaders observed, "It is always those who have the most to do at home, who can accomplish most outside."

There is still plenty of material in the Red Cross rooms to keep a large force of women busy every day, and while the number has been gratifying during the past week it is hoped that more women will find a spare afternoon during the week to hurry the work along. It may not be long before some of Ontario's boys will be writing home from foreign fields and the local Red Cross workers want to have their supplies ahead of the boys.

Mass Meeting Saturday. All the women of the Red Cross, and others too, if they will come, are urged to be at the Red Cross room Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock for a mass meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the work program, and if possible, to devise means of increasing its efficiency.

## MYSTERIES OF HIGH FINANCE REVEALED

CREDITORS FOR THE VALE-OREGON IRRIGATION COMPANY SET-UP CLAIMS REMARKABLE PROCEDURE.

## STOCK IS NEARLY ALL WATER

Even When Bonds are going at fifty cents on the Dollar Bundles of Stock were added by Promoter D. M. Brogan.

Not a whit behind the most fanciful of George Randolph Chester's stories of the financial exploits of Mr. J. Rufus Wallingford and Blackie Daw, was the story told at the meeting of the creditors of the Vale-Oregon Irrigation company at Vale last Friday before Lee B. Cokrum, referee in bankruptcy.

The astonishing statement were introduced to show that while this irrigation project had an physical evidence of its existence a dam and canals, the total cost of which were estimated at \$300,000, there was filed a list debts to the amount of \$553,153.56 as financial evidence of its existence. And this may not be all for many more are suing for \$50,000 for construction work and that figures was not included in the schedule.

The Vale-Oregon company was promoted by D. M. Brogan who disposed of most of the bonds and gave the stocks to Philadelphia. He secured most of his cash by the old method of financing according to the statement filed. This was simply to sell the bonds at nearly half their face value and throw in an additional bonus of stocks.

Here are a few examples of the amounts of bonds and stocks delivered comparatively small amounts of money? Martin Lane of Philadelphia holds \$100,000 worth of bonds, which he paid only \$50,000. He took no stock. J. W. Janey also of Philadelphia received \$80,000 in stocks and \$80,000 in bonds for a cash consideration of but \$31,000. C. W. Nichols received \$74,500 in bonds and \$12,500 in stocks for \$27,000 while M. A. Hand received \$170,000 in bonds and \$68,500 in stocks for \$72,000. In all there was \$420,000 worth of bonds disposed at a way below par and with most of which was given, stocks bonuses. The total amount of stocks issued had a face schedule filed from which all of the above figures were taken.

According to the creditors represented at the Vale meeting the only assets of the bankrupt is the uncompleted project and the unpaid for balance of the stock issued.

At the meeting several claims for which no service could possibly have been rendered were thrown out and Harry S. Sackett, of Vale was elected trustee on behalf of the creditors. No plan for the refinancing of the project was revealed at the meeting, nor is it known whether or not the Philadelphia financiers will proceed to protect their interests.

## TEACHER'S INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD HERE

County Superintendent Miss Faye Clark Selects Ontario and Names September 12 to 14 as Date of the Meeting.

The annual Malheur County Teachers' Institute will be held in Ontario September 12, 13 and 14 according to advices received this week from Miss Faye Clark, County Superintendent of schools.

Miss Clark advises that the program will be one of help and inspiration to the county pedagogs of whom she says, there will be at least 110 or 115 in Ontario for the session. The program has not been completed but it is her intention to secure the strongest representatives of the state schools to address the gatherings.

Dr. and Mrs. Prinsing spent Wednesday at Cascade, Idaho.

## CANFELD'S ACTIONS KILLS RESOLUTION

MAYOR INTRODUCES MEASURE TO RE-ITERATE DETERMINATION TO ENFORCE SEWER CONNECTIONS.

## NEW SIDEWALKS ARE ORDERED

Failure of Resolution, However, will not Delay Enforcement—Three of Four Members Present Vote in Affirmative.

To give the property owners who have ignored the city ordinance requiring sewer reconnections one last chance to comply gracefully, Mayor W. F. Homan introduced a resolution at the city council directing that due publicity and notice be given such citizens and the health officer and health committee then proceed to take the necessary steps to force compliance with the law.

There were only four members of the council present, the number required to pass such a resolution. Three of these four, Councilmen A. L. Cokrum, Ray Wilson and W. L. Turner voted in favor of the resolution. Councilman Ward Canfield declined to vote by so doing killed the resolution.

Before the vote was taken, however, Councilman Cokrum wanted an expression from Mayor Homan and the other members concerning what action would be given. He recited the fact that the council had on several previous occasions passed resolutions, and had strengthened the city ordinance so that it could enforce it, but that not a thing had been done. "We talk about it, but don't do anything" was the summary of his remarks.

There was a general debate as to the method of procedure until it was finally agreed that the health officer, and the marshal investigate conditions and report to the health committee and together they proceed to secure the enforcement.

It was then that the vote was taken and Mr. Canfield refused to vote. Mayor Homan and City Attorney P. J. Gallagher directed attention to the fact that the resolution was not really necessary but was merely a further notice that the ordinance which covers the case would be enforced.

Epidemic Injure City. Mayor Homan called attention of the council to the fact that there are now cases of typhoid in the city and that the constant repetition of epidemics such as struck Ontario last fall are bound to hurt the city and keep people from coming here. Councilman Wilson interposed to say

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## COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE IS URGED

State Organization Asks County Judge George McKnight to form Organization for Malheur County.

Bruce Dennis, executive secretary of the state Council of Defense has sent out a call for the organization of a county body in Malheur county. The call was sent to County Judge George McKnight, and the newspapers.

In his letter to the Judge, Mr. Dennis forebly calls attention to the situation in which the nation finds itself in the following statement:

"With Russia breaking down in the great world war the United States takes over an added load and from now on the business of every man, woman and child in nation is the business of assisting to win the war."

"There is so much to be done that it behooves everyone to work and work fast. Nothing can be accomplished unless we have an organization reaching into every county of the state."

As yet the Argus has not been advised whether or not Judge McKnight has called for a meeting to organize the Malheur Council.

## McPherson Brothers Purchase Big Island

When McPherson Bros. completed negotiations for the purchase of Conover Island in the Snake river, two miles south east of Ontario on Tuesday, they made the biggest ranch deal recorded for some time in this section. Immediate possession and the year's crops were included in the purchase price which was given as \$35,000.

In the island there is about 277 acres of seeded land and the accretions thereto, which makes the total acreage in the neighborhood of 500. The farm is improved and there is a barley crop of about 100 acres, beside the hay land. Immediately upon getting possession the new owners completed a deal for the sale of the hay and pasturage at a figure which in itself is a handsome return on the investment.

## DEATH CLAIMS MOTHER OF A LARGE FAMILY

Mrs. O. G. Leuchs Dies at Local Hospital After Short Illness—Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon From Residence.

After a brief illness, so brief in fact that few of her many friends knew of it, Mrs. O. G. Leuchs, died last Saturday at the Holy Rosary hospital. As the message of her death passed round the city it occasioned a profound sense of sorrow and kindly sympathy for the bereaved husband and family.

The funeral services took place from the family residence on the northwest edge of the city Sunday afternoon and were attended by many sorrowing friends. Rev. Earl Hanks of the Methodist church of which she had long been a member conducted the services.

Beside her husband, Mrs. Leuchs leaves a family of six children, the youngest less than a year old to miss her loving ministrations.

Ross Wilson Leuchs was born July 25, 1873 in Michigan and when a girl of 12 moved with relatives to Aurilla, Iowa where on June 30, 1897 she married Otto G. Leuchs. With her husband and family she came to Ontario in 1909 and had lived here ever since.

## MONDAY DAY NAMED FOR EXAMINATIONS

The hour named is 8 a. m. Sheriff Informs the Argus that Men arriving on morning train Will in Time.

Starting at 8 a. m. next Monday morning the Malheur County Examination board will begin its examination of the men eligible for service in the new national army provided for by the selective service law. The county is called upon to furnish 59 men in the first draft.

Cards were out on Tuesday of this week for the 118 men who are called for examination next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The first 40 on the list will appear Monday, the second 40 on Tuesday and the last 38 on Wednesday.

Since it would require many of the Ontario boys either to hire an automobile to make the trip to Vale early in the morning to reach the examiners before 8 a. m. or to go to Vale on the previous day at a great inconvenience and expense, the Argus asked Sheriff Brown yesterday whether or not if they went to Vale on the morning train they would be on time. To this question Sheriff Brown gave an affirmative answer and authorized the announcement that those who were notified to appear at 8 a. m. may appear immediately after the arrival of the morning train at Vale.

If the necessary 59 can not be furnished from the first 118 a similar number will be drawn for examination on the week following.

Pete Duford drove to Boise Wednesday on business.

## NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ARRIVES

H. R. DOUGLASS AND FAMILY ARRIVE FROM PERRY, MISSOURI—RECENTLY RECEIVED M. A. DEGREE.

## SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 10

Equipment for New Course in Manual Training Ordered and Rooms Prepared for New Course to be Offered.

H. R. Douglass who was elected superintendent of Ontario's public schools last spring, accompanied by Mrs. Douglass and their son arrived last Friday morning from Columbia, Missouri. After a conference with the members of the school board, Supt. Douglass immediately took charge of the work necessary that the school be ready for the opening on September 10.

Among the first things done was that of ordering equipment for the manual training department, the new course to be added this year to the high schools of the state. Bids were called for and offerings made by Ontario Hardware Co. and McNulty & Co. the bids of the former being the lowest, its proposal was accepted. The goods were ordered by wire and will be here for the opening of the schools.

On Tuesday of this week the board met to select the room to be used for the new department and determined on the large concrete lined room in the southeast corner of the building which will be made ready by the time the benches and equipment reach here.

Superintendent Douglass comes to Ontario after having made a record for successful work in Perry Missouri and prior to that in Wyoming. For the past few years he has taken summer courses in School Administration in the University of Missouri and this summer completed the work for his Master's degree. Until they can secure a residence Mr. and Mrs. Douglass have taken the Lamplin residence, which they will occupy soon.

## DEMAND FOR U. S. ARMY REVIVES HORSE MARKET

After a dull summer the market for horses has shown signs of life during the past week. Several shipments have been made from this section by A. McWilliams for the Caldwell Horse & Mule company. All of the animals shipped are for Uncle Sam's new army that is going to bat with the Fritzes next spring.

The principal demand for riders and for "gunners," as the big animals that haul the siege guns are called. The animals must be geldings, five to eight years old, if riders weight from 950 to 1050 and if "gunners" anywhere up to 1600. The government has stopped the shipment of mares under eight years old to France and the call for French and English horses has dropped off so that the entry of Uncle Sam into the market has been welcomed by the horse raisers and buyers of this section.

## TELEPHONE OFFICIALS INSPECT LOCAL LINES

Murray MacNeal, chief engineer of the Mountain States Telephone company of Denver; W. W. Peters, chief engineer of the Western Division, with headquarters at Salt Lake; and C. A. Snyder, district plant chief, headquarters at Boise, were in Ontario Monday and Tuesday of this week inspecting the local properties.

As the result of their inspection the work planned for the improvement of the local long distance lines radiating from Ontario will proceed at the earliest possible moment. Among the other work planned is that of a new line to Nyssa, and for thoroly repairing lines within the city.

A. O. Faulkner left Saturday for Burns.