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## FIREBUGS SECOND TRIAL DESTROYS LIVERY BARN

FORTUNATELY THERE WAS NO BREEZE OR ENTIRE BUSINESS DISTRICT MIGHT HAVE BURNED

## WATER PRESSURE WEAK

First Fire Discovered in Time and Building Watched During Night—Need for More Water Emphasized—No Insurance Carried.

What is believed to have been a fire started by an I. W. W. or some intending to reach the Boise-Payette lumber yard, destroyed the Ontario Livery barn on Oregon street and Colorado avenue early last Saturday morning.

Nothing in the building was saved. The loss suffered is divided between Trent Johnson, owner of the building, the Studebaker Corporation of Utah, which had a mountain hack and several tons of hay in the building, and James H. Farley, the undertaker, whose valuable hearse was kept there.

That the building was set on fire in the general belief which is supported by a number of facts. In the first place it was on fire twice. The first fire was discovered about 2 a. m. by J. H. Denison, who was acting night marshal for James Conway. Mr. Denison notified fire chief H. C. Farmer and together they put out the first blaze and remained in the building for some time. Mr. Denison also went thru the building three times afterward, the last time just after No. 18 arrived, about 4 o'clock. There was no sign of fire then. But at 4:20 a. m. it was a mass of flames and the city was awakened by the shrieks of the whistle of the locomotive which stands on the siding near by.

When the volunteer fire fighters arrived the building was passed saving, and the coal and the hay stored

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## AUTHORITIES PUZZLE OVER FALLING FRUIT

Prune Trees Start Shedding Their Crop and Experts Differ as to Cause—Oregon Orchards Were Not Hit.

While prune ranchers on the Idaho bench are almost panic stricken over the falling of their crops, those on the Oregon side between Nyssa and Ontario are not worried in the least.

On this side of the river the growers report that the fruit is falling to no greater degree than in past years. They assert that it will be two weeks before they are certain that the crop will be absolutely safe, but declare that a big percentage which has fallen already is due to the effort of the trees to develop larger fruit.

In speaking of the prune situation Fred Mahan, of the Burrows-Ordway ranch, said "I do not believe the curculio, which the Idaho expert declare to be the cause, is now affecting the Oregon orchards. Mr. Mahan has found that the codling moth, which usually attacks apples in working on the prunes, and might have had something to do with falling fruit.

Mr. Concelmo of the Idaho-Ha orchards near Nyssa declares that they will ship 100 car loads this year, and that their loss in falling fruit is no greater than to be expected. If all of the fruit remained on the trees, in the quantity which first developed, he said, the prunes would have been no larger than marbles and therefore in dropping part of their load the trees are "pruning" themselves. It will be September 1, however, before Mr. Concelmo can be certain that the crop will be normal, for he attributes part of the falling fruit to the effect of the wind storms.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson accompanied Joe Wilson to Boise Thursday. Joe went to see the circus.

## TWO DELIVERIES EACH DAY FOR ONTARIANS

Local Business Men Contemplate Following National Council of Defense Plan for Conserving Energy.

Following the request of the National Council of Defense for the conservation of the man power of the nation, and to reduce the gasoline waste, Ontario firms are planning to reduce the number of deliveries of groceries and other commodities.

That the waste here is excessive is indicated by the record kept by one firm during July. In the 26 business days of that month that firm delivered \$2,400 worth of goods in 1398 orders, on 258 trips for a cost of \$94 which does not include depreciation on the auto used. In other words it cost that firm 4 per cent of the cost of the goods delivered to carry them to the homes.

By reducing the deliveries to twice daily this item can be cut materially the labor of one man saved. If all the stores follow suit, as it is anticipated they will, a material saving will be accomplished.

This movement is being taken up all over the nation. In Portland, starting Monday there will be only one delivery each day, and that is the plan worked out for all the large cities.

The Ontario merchants will arrange their schedules so that all orders received in the morning prior to a given hour will go out on the morning delivery, all after that up to a given hour will be delivered in the afternoon.

The women of Ontario after they get used to filling their orders under the new schedule will not be inconvenienced and by so doing will be doing a distinct bit of patriotic service. Definite announcement of the new system will be made by the Ontario merchants next week.

## CITIZENS CALLED TO FORM DEFENSE LEAGUE

Vale to be Scene of Gathering—State Organization Urges Action—Judge McKnight Issues Call

For the purpose of forming a County Patriotic Service League a meeting will be held next Monday at Vale. The call for the gathering was sent out this week by County Judge George McKnight in the following language:

You are hereby called to meet at the Court House at Vale on Monday, the 20th day of August at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a County Patriotic Service League, subordinate to the State Council of Defense.

Our government is now involved in a world war where it is either win or lose, then it is the duty of every loyal man, woman and child to assist in winning this war. To home patriotic service, there must be no exemptions.

The resources of the County must be promoted and the products while the armies are fighting the battles abroad.

The critical time demands that every city and community throughout the county respond to this call and send representatives. Leave your names and addresses. Leave your names and addresses. Leave your names and addresses.

GEO. W. MCKNIGHT  
County Judge

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Taggart and son Max left last Saturday for Hot Lake Oregon, where Mrs. Taggart is taking treatments for a severe attack of rheumatism from which she suffered last week.

T. W. Brown of Idaho Falls was in Ontario this week looking after local interests. Mr. Brown is still a heavy property owner in this city where he lived for a number of years before returning to his old home.

## ENGINEERS START GAS EXPLORATION

BOISE CAPITALISTS SEND CRUISE HERE TO INVESTIGATE THE LOCAL FIELD—WILL USE OLD OIL CO. RIG.

## OLD WELL SCENE OF ACTION

Company has six Months to Conduct Investigation and to Secure Commercial Well Under Options for Holdings.

Work has at last begun by the engineers of the Consolidated Oil & Gas company to determine whether or not there is gas in commercial quantities anywhere within 12 miles of Ontario.

J. A. Gavin of Peolo, Kansas an experienced engineer who has worked for years in the Kansas and Oklahoma fields is in charge of the investigations and Herman E. Eichmann, of Boise, secretary of the company is in charge of the business department.

The first work will be done at the old oil derrick south of the city, or rather at the south edge of the city, where while drilling for oil a few years ago gas was found in large quantities. If the company is not successful at that point it has six months in which to use the property of the Ontario Oil company, in an effort to locate gas anywhere within 12 miles of Ontario.

Under the terms of the contract with the stockholders of the Ontario Oil company and Boyer Bros., owners of the rig, the old stockholders are to receive \$70,000 worth of par value stocks in the Consolidated Oil & Gas company for their interests here. The Consolidated also has an option on the purchase of all these on which the old company had options years ago.

The Consolidated Oil & Gas company is headed by D. Miller of Boise who recently purchased the Boise Traction company, the Natatorium park and a banking institution in the Idaho capital. The company also has a number of properties in Kansas and Oklahoma. The Boise capitalists were interested in the local field by H. L. Poorman one of the original oil doers of Ontario. Mr. Poorman is among those who have profound faith in the ultimate discovery of gas in commercial quantities near Ontario.

## BOISE-PAYETTE GIVES FIREMEN BIG DINNER

Work at Fire Last Saturday Morning Where Property was Saved is Appreciated by Lumber Company.

Manager Geo. McClain of the Boise-Payette Lumber company was the host to a happy group of men Tuesday evening. The guests were the members of the fire department who by their work on the livery barn fire last Saturday morning saved the lumber yard of the company.

The dinner was not a formal one and the fourteen men present devoted the time to disposing of a good dinner and telling yarns, such as usually accompanies the gathering of a bunch of men.

## WHERE ARE THE BOYS OF THE NEW BRIGADE?

Rumors of all sorts flit over the city these days concerning the whereabouts of the boys from Ontario who have for some time been at Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Texas. Every day there are reports of them being sent first to one place then to another. Some the boys, among them: William Blackaby are enroute to Toronto, Canada, where they are said to be stationed during the war as a permanent base squadron. Lee Maddux, Bob Madden, Glenn Brown and Art Moore are still at San Antonio as is Henry Cassidy who has been in the hospital for the past month. Where the others are the Argus does not know.

George Maddux, another of Ontario contribution to Uncle Sam's army has been ill with the measles at Mare Island for the past month.

## DELAY OPENING OF SCHOOL TWO WEEKS

ON ACCOUNT OF TEACHER'S INSTITUTION AND THE FAIR THE FIRST MONTH WOULD HAVE BEEN RUINED.

## TERM STARTS SEPTEMBER 24

Board Also Takes into Consideration Fact that Many of the Boys are Needed on Farms for Harvest and Fruit Picking.

This will be joyful news to the boys who drift through the river bank for a swim, likewise it will be good news for some of the ranchers whose crops are being cared for by young men of Ontario, students in Ontario's public schools.

The cause of their joy is this: School does not open until September 24. This was the decision reached by the school board at a meeting held last Saturday, following the announcement in the Argus last week that the teacher's institute would be held here on September 12 to 14.

The combination of the teacher's institute, on the second week of school, which all of the teachers must attend, and the fair on the third week, which of course the kids "would die rather than miss," confirmed the board in the determination to postpone the opening day until all of the side attractions were disposed of so the teaching force, as well as the boys and girls, can start work without distraction.

The delay also, the board felt to be of assistance to many ranchers who have boys working for them, who might otherwise leave during that busy season to begin school. In other cases it is known that many of the boys would not come in from the interior until late so that the delay will prove beneficial all round.

The board has contracted for all save one of the teaching force. The one vacancy was caused by the resignation of Miss Edith Bailey, who intends to attend one of the California normal schools this fall. No election has been held to fill the vacancy owing to the absence of members of the board.

## BEE MEN HAPPY OVER WORK OF THEIR HIVES

Thousands of Dollars Coming to Apiarist This Year—Prices Highest Ever Known—Crops are the Largest.

Given the happy combinations of the biggest crop ever known and the highest prices ever paid for them, is the cause of the joy now entertained by the bee keepers of the Snake river valley. Right now strained honey is selling at a shilling per pound. Fancy comb brings \$3.25 per case while No. 1 sells at \$2.75 and No. 2 at \$2.50, or thereabout.

Just to show what the "busy little bee" is doing for its owner, W. H. Pennington who has nearly 1000 colonies of the fliers received \$3,750 for one car load he recently shipped and with the further harvest from 16 different plants he has will ship five or six more cars.

So busy have been the bees, for example that single colonies owned by Mr. Pennington have filed 7 and 8 supers. A bee plant now with its towering spires gives the impression of a miniature sky-line of a city of skyscrapers.

P. S. Farrell, secretary of Idaho-Oregon Bee-Keepers Association who was in Ontario Wednesday declares that he will be able to sell all the honey produced in this section at prices which will surpass anything known. In spite of the fact that thru the loss of fifty per cent of the colonies the bee men faced a bad season as conditions have shaped themselves they will have the best year in their history.

Rev. Herbert Livingston and Irvin Troxel left this week for a tramping and camping trip in the mountains near Payette Lakes.

## FAIR VISITORS WILL SEE SPEEDY AUTOMOBILE RACES

## CALL 150 MORE MEN FOR EXAMINATIONS

Exemption Board Wants Nos. 119 to 268 Inclusive—Certify 28 Names—Three Fail to Show up—51 Claim Exemptions.

Late this afternoon Sheriff Ben J. Brown informed the Argus that the exemption board will tomorrow mail notices directing 150 more men to appear for examination. The numbers called are 119 to 268 inclusive. Of these 119 to 168 will appear Wednesday August 22; 169 to 218 on Thursday August 23 and 219 to 268 on August 24.

Of the first 118 called 103 were examined during the past week. Six of the missing 15 were examined elsewhere, three had already enlisted and three failed to appear. The three who failed to appear are Eusebio Andusia of Riverside; John B. Smit of Nyssa and Clayton M. Stough of Westfall.

In all 79 men were passed as being physically fit while 24 did not reach the requirements. Of the 79 able bodied men 28 filed no claims for exemption and discharged leaving 51 to make such claims. Of the 51 there were 13 claims on the ground of being resident aliens, one enemy alien, a German, and one man in the employment of the federal government, he is Carl Connett, postmaster at Cato.

Sheriff Brown said that the board will pass on the exemption claims as soon as the affidavits of claimants are received. A list will be made on those cases for which the affidavits are already filed on Saturday. The claimants have ten days following the application for exemption in which to file their proofs.

## CONSTANT DEMAND FOR MORE BANDAGES

Red Cross Women Have Made Hundreds of Dozens but Ontario's Box Will Last Only Half Day.

Ontario Red Cross women have made hundreds of dozens of various bandages, compresses and sponges and all that will be needed in the big box they hope to forward soon. But even tho it appears that in the weeks of work the women have done wonders, and they have done remarkably well, yet all they have made will only last one half day in a base hospital over in the war zone. That is how great is the demand for surgical dressings.

If the women of Ontario who have not previously taken part in the work would only go to the Red Cross room, view the work already accomplished, and then stop to consider that it will last only a few hours after a battle, they will realize that their help is urgently needed.

At the mass meeting of women held last Saturday afternoon it was decided to continue to work on surgical dressings for that is the most needed work. And in this work the Ontario women have become quite expert so that the output grows greater every day, in proportion to the number present. It now requires the work of a number of women every morning to cut the gauze to be finished up in the afternoon.

Last Monday there were 25 women at work in the rooms, and each day this week has seen a great deal of work done, and the number of workers is growing. Still there is need and room for more workers. Every worker will be welcomed. The record made by those who have worked right along is most commendable and the Red Cross officials are proud of the work done, but feel that somehow many who might help, as yet, seem not to realize how much there is to be done.

ENTREES ALREADY BEING RECEIVED FOR SPACE FOR BIG SHOW, AND PLACES IN RACES EACH DAY.

## STOCK CAR TO FEATURE

With the Usual Harness and Pony Races, the Mechanical Speedsters Will Give Program Variety Which Will be Interesting.

An automobile show and an automobile race program are the latest added attractions to be listed by the board of directors of the Malheur county fair for their annual exhibition to be staged here September 18 to 21.

On the application of a number of auto firms for space where in to display their products the board took the matter up by a special session last Saturday evening and had arranged for the show. Already there have been applications for a number of reservations.

It was then determined to add at least one auto race to every afternoon's program, as the closing number. The complete program has not been furnished by the board, as yet, but will be announced later. The program will not take the form of a contest for makers of machines but for owners. Any one who entertains the notion that his gas-chalet will out ramble any other benzine buggy in the country is welcome to put his favorite to the test.

The one point concerning the character of the races the directors determined, was that they would be long enough so that the crowd will have an opportunity to see them going for some time. None of the races will be held for less than 10 miles and from that to 25 miles, perhaps.

## MARVELOUS MOVIE COMING AUGUST 22

D. W. GRIFFITH'S latest great spectacle, "INTOLERANCE", one of the current season's biggest hits in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Los Angeles, is booked to appear at the Grandland Theater Wednesday August 22.

In this said to be the most magnificent production of all times, Mr. Griffith gives visual presentation of four different decades—mighty Babylon in the days of Belshazzar, Judah at the time of the Nazarine, Medieval France when Catherine de Medici dictated to her son Charles IX, and the present!—and throughout them all he sustains most interestingly the motive of the play—love's struggle throughout the ages.

Possibly the most stupendously magnificent scenes are those which, representing Belshazzar's feast, disclose a panoramic view of over a mile of ancient world splendors and architectural wonders against which diaphanously attired women and picturequely clad men stand out in stereoscopic relief.

Such battles scenes as those revealing the clash of Belshazzar's forces and the burden of Cyrus, the Persian, on and about the mighty walls of Babylon are breath-taking. You see catapults and battering rams, cross bows, and flaming engines in action. You see huge moving siege towers with their complement of gladiators in hand to hand conflict—ancient warfare thrilling, inspiring, so real that you cannot believe it mimic.

There are three live acts in "INTOLERANCE," each with its own set of characters. The principal players of the largest cast ever assembled for any stage production numbers among other screen celebrities Mae Marsh, Lillian Gish, Miriam Cooper, Constance Talmadge, Beulah Love, Seena Owen, Margey Wilson, Robert Herron, Alfred Paget, Elmer Clifton, Tully Marshall and Walter Long. A symphony orchestra of thirty will interpret the score.