

## FROM ONTARIO TO GROVE CITY, PENN.

(By Rev. W. F. Cochran)

Dear Editor Argus: Thinking you might find room for some copy from yours truly I herewith point my pen back toward the setting sun having journeyed over 23000 miles eastward. I was thirteen days on the way having stopped in Iowa, Illinois and New Castle, Pa. to visit friends.

The one word that stands out most prominently spelling my observations is prosperity. The harvest fields all the way were yielding up their golden sheaves. Beautiful fruitage was much the evidence between Ontario and Nampa and for some miles beyond.

The vast, level, unwatered plain stretching more than half way across southern Idaho encircled by mountains visible all the time is a little empire. It would seem that the mountains should somehow supplement the plain with adequate water for irrigation.

The problem was partially solved when I reached American Falls and saw the harnessing of the water of the Snake River by the dam over hanging the falls. It meant to me the building of other dams affording hydro-electric power to be used in elevating water to the thirsty acreage. It is said a man cannot lift himself by pulling on his boot tugs but the miracle of water is that it will lift itself almost to its own level after having dropped thousands of feet from mountain tops to valleys. My seatmate on the train as I approached the falls was the wife of the commercial secretary of the city. She called my attention to the big lettering on the bill board which spelled the slogan of the town, "A Good Town by a Dam Site". Her husband had taken the prize for this motto but she did not quite approve. This is one of the dynamic center of the Idaho Power Co. well known in Ontario. From this point for a distance of six hundred miles clear beyond the Rockies to the head waters of the Payette river there is very little land fit for tillage with available water. Cattle and sheep herds have been sovereigns of the realm for years. Last winter seven shepherds were known to have perished in the storms. Much to my surprise there is no timber in evidence on the Rocky mountain heights along the Union Pacific line.

The little town of Rawlins, Wyoming is the outlet for an oil production forty-five miles to the north of 1000 bbls per day which is piped by gravity to the railroad. Sixty miles beyond is Rock River, Wyo., where a new oil field was found less than two years ago. The output at present is 7000 bbls. daily from fourteen flowing wells. Thirty-one new wells are drilling using 1500 bbls. of the present production for fuel. The oil is found at a depth of 3200 feet, each well costing an average of \$50,000. Each new well pays for itself in fifty days flow. The field is three quarters of a mile wide by five miles long extending northward toward the Casper oil field over one hundred miles to the north. The output is being pumped to Laramie a distance of 59 miles and is raised 241 feet. About 275 men are employed.

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Our journey during the late afternoon hurried us on through continuous semi-arid pasture lands in Wyoming and Colorado, also western Nebraska where inadequate rainfall is supplemented by irrigation from the head water streams of the eastern slopes. Better wheat than was ever known before in the high arid regions of Nebraska is being harvested. A drop in elevation during the afternoon and night of more than a mile in going a distance of 500 miles brought us near Omaha. Day dawn for three hours before entering the mid-west metropolis revealed evidence of abundant rain, broad acres of wheat in the sheaf, ripening, oats and corn beginning to tassle. Since my last visit to this city in 1898 when the big fair was held it has more than doubled in size. It has everything metropolitan. The rampus raised by the rioters last winter and the firing of the Court House is costing a million dollars for repair. While in the Y. M. C. A. building I met a baptist evangelist personally acquainted with Messrs Harding and Cox. He had conducted meetings in the former church and observed him in meeting occasionally. The latter he campaigned against for local option in Ohio. Mr. Cox claimed that ministers ought to confine themselves to the pulpit and the preaching of the gospel. The governor had unfortunately just overlooked that part of the Bible recorded by the prophet of political righteousness, Isaiah. He will have some reckoning with the Clergy before next November. Another businessman expressed much anxiety to know more about Oregon and her undeveloped resources having investment in view. I was trimmed for him with latest data from the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce received in a letter just before leaving home. A similar experience with a new Castle, Pa., coal dealer who has six sons lifting their eyes to a wider horizon.

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## Society

Duncan-Bervin

Cards were received this week announcing the marriage of Miss Hazel Bervin, daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. H. Bervin of this city to James H. Wallace Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Duncan, of Seattle, Washington.

The wedding occurred at Everett, Washington, Tuesday, August 3. The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for Vancouver B. C. for a short honeymoon trip, after which they will be at home at 5218 Fifth Ave. N. E., Seattle, Washington.

Mr and Mrs. Duncan are well known in this community, both having graduated from the Ontario High School, Mrs. Duncan with the class '18 and Mr. Duncan with the class '17. Mrs. Duncan left here to take a position with the Gray's Harbor Ship Yard offices and for the past year has been employed as assistant in the Aberdeen Public Library. Mr. Duncan has a good position as Sales Manager of the Bemis Bag Company at Seattle, Washington.

In the last two years one farm in every five has changed hands in Iowa and the same is probably true in the neighbor state to the east. The lowest figure I could learn of was \$145 per acre on first deal. The same sold shortly afterward for \$225. The highest priced exchange was at \$400 per acre. The average increase in value is 50 per cent. The per capita wealth is \$10,000.

In Illinois every crop looks as if it was one hundred percent good. Oats light in Ia.

An hour in Chicago was just long enough to buy a ticket farther east, and a daily paper and feel the pulse of industry sending finished products of manufacture through the arteries of trade to the ends of the earth. The ten thousand factory chimneys venting smoke enough to becloud the entire city are indicative of billions of investment and a trade almost incalculable in production. The daily paper revealed the high and higher cost of commodities, the rising tide in the price of stocks and the demand of labor for a higher wage. I could not determine what factor in our country could stabilize conditions—whether it was executive authority at the White House, or the officers of the Federal Reserve Bank or the common people with their ballots next November.

The days journey from Chicago eastward was a gradual recession from broad acreage to what looks like garden patch fields in Penn. The mid-night hour landed me under the belching smoke of a Carnegie Steel Mill in which my brother-in-law is employed. The mill employs 2000 men and consumes annually, 1,024,000 tons of ore, 575,000 tons of coke, 300,000 tons of lime stone, and 190,000 ft coal. This tonnage would call for the use of a train 615 miles long. The annual pay roll is \$4,100,000.

OLIVE THOMAS, WIFE OF JACK PICKFORD, STAR IN "THE SPITE BRIDE"

"The Spite Bride" a Selznick Picture starring Olive Thomas, comes to the Majestic Theatre, 2 days commencing Thursday, August 19. It's simply a knockout—the best thing that the screen has seen in many moons. It has snap, dash and zest; a human picture of human people presented in a human way. And Olive Thomas was never better in her life. She is the essence of youth—youth at its finest—with its simplicity, grace, charm and wistfulness.

"The Spite Bride" is a drama of youthful impulse with just enough thrills to make you a little bit creepy—not enough to make your spine run cold—with enough suspense to keep you interested from start to finish—with enough laughs to give that nice warm feeling inside and a few tears which give you a pleasant, happy feeling afterward.

When Milliecent Lee threw over Billy Swayne for another man, Bill thought the world had come to an end. He did not know what to do so he married Tessie Davis, a beautiful, sweet, little dancing girl, out of spite. He didn't love her—he hardly knew her. After a few weeks when he had reaped his satisfaction by making the world think that he had filled Milliecent for Tessie, he had the marriage annulled and proceeded to forget all about the little girl who had been his wife for a few short weeks. But he hadn't reckoned with the hand of fate.

EUGENE O'BRIEN IN NEW DRAMATIC ROLE

Eugene O'Brien's second starring appearance in Selznick Pictures will be in "Seated Beside Me" the dramatic theatre scene for a two days run. The picture is one of the most original dramatic treatments of the personal triangle ever produced, and the story gives Eugene O'Brien a role full of opportunities.

In the picture is presented the unusual situation of a father—a youth—who adopted a son—being in love with the same woman—the other man being the husband of the woman, who is young and beautiful. On the screen is mirrored in compelling fashion the subtle clash between youth and age, and the final victory of the law of Nature over the law of Man.

The picture was made under the direction of Ralph Ince and the cast includes such notables as Robert Edeson and Lucile Lee Stewart, who will be remembered for her important part in "The Perfect Lover," Eugene O'Brien's recent success.

Read The Ontario Argus for the news.

## BONITA CLUB GIRLS HAVE PRIZE EXHIBIT

One of the features of the big meeting at the Phelan Ranch near Bonita Wednesday was the exhibit of sewing and cooking, work of the Club girls. This club, led by Mrs. George Lees, is composed of five girls, Violet Lees, Doris Lees, Anna Jordan, Matilda Lewellen, and Cora Lewellen.

The girls exhibited Division I in sewing, and displayed bread, sponge cake and plain butter cake as representative of the work they had done in cooking.

Violet Lees won first premium on the complete exhibit in sewing, prize a dozen \$20 photos to be made in the Seligman Studio at Ontario; the \$4 offered by the local Farm Bureau as second premium was won by Anna Jordan. Special premiums were \$2 won by Matilda Lewellen on the nightgown and \$1 won by Doris Lees on the sewing bag.

Matilda Lewellen won \$5 given by the First National Bank of Vale as a premium on the butter cake, Violet Lees won the \$2 premium Farm Bureau premium on bread, and Doris Lees won the second premium of \$1 on bread.

Other ribbons presented were Doris Lees cake; Violet Lees and Doris Lees sponge cake; Doris Lees, Matilda Lewellen tea towel; Doris Lees, Cora Lewellen cap; Doris Lees, Cora Lewellen bag; Matilda Lewellen, Cora Lewellen nightgown.

These girls are the first club members in the county to complete all requirements. The girls with the exception of Doris Lees who is ill, have completed Division I in sewing, making the articles and garments, and reporting on the cost and value of the work done. The club has also completed the ten lessons in Cookery, and have each served a meal, planned and prepared by herself.

The Bonita Club, finishing with a 100% record, sets a splendid standard for the other clubs of Malheur County.

Mrs. J. D. Billingsley returned the first of the week from a visit with her daughter at Oregon City.

## MALHEUR COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

(Recorder, July 31st to Aug. 7th)  
U. S. A. to Prince D. Athearn, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Lot 1, Sec. 30; and Lot 4 of Sect. 19-28-46, Dec. 12, 1891.

L. Edna King et vir to Frank Craig, Lot 15, Bk. 76, Ontario, Jun. 14, 1920, \$100.00  
Chas. Chick et ux to Chas. G. Pinney et al, Lots 1 and 2, Bk. 21, Ontario, Feb. 20, 1920, \$2,250.00, \$2.50 IRS.

J. E. Montgomery et ux to J. A. Gallher, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 1-31-41, June 9, 1920, \$2,000.00, \$2.00 IRS.  
Maud Houston to Ellen Dyer, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 36-15-46, April 12, 1918, \$1.00.

A. I. Bennett et ux to F. I. Moxley, E 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 29-15-47, June 21, 1920, \$1.00, \$1.50 IRS.  
Charles McKinnis et ux to Robert N. Bell, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 27-20-46, June 9, 1920, \$1,600.00, \$2.00 IRS.

N. O. White et ux to Jesse Bain, Blocks 29 & 30, Annex, May 1, 1920, \$1.00, \$2.50 IRS.  
Elmer G. Moudy et ux to R. H. Lockett, W 1/4, Sec. 25-15-40, June 15, 1920, \$10.00, \$3.00 IRS.

Robert H. Lockett et ux to U. S. Nat. Bank, Vale W 1/4, Sec. 25-15-40, July 21, 1920, \$1.00, \$1.50 IRS.  
Wm. E. Lees et ux to M. M. Davis-Brown Island, Sec. 3-18-47, Feb. 23, 1920, \$1.00.

Jos. E. Campbell et ux to Chas. W. Townley, N 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 4-16-47, Mar. 17, 1920, \$1.00 14.00 IRS.  
U. S. A. to Chesley W. Lanman, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 34-14-40, July 12, 1920, \$1.00.

U. S. A. to Oma R. Meadows, Lot 3, Sec. 30-21-47, July 12, 1918.  
Oliver W. Porter et ux to Frank T. Presley, Lots 2 and 3, Sec. 19-15-46, July 25, 1919, \$10.00, \$1.00 IRS.

Sylvester H. Fredricks to Wm. H. Quinn, Und. 1/4 int. in NE 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 25-29-46; Lot 4 Sec. 19; and Lots 1 and 2 Sec. 20-29-47; SW 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 25-29-46, July 27, 1920, \$1,000.00 \$1.00 IRS.

U. S. A. to Geo. A. Morris, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 19; N 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 29, N 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 30-15-45, June 7, 1920.  
Dell Cemetery Assn. to Mrs. Mary Logan, Lot 7, Bk. 1, Dell Cemetery, June 5, 1920, \$10.00.  
Wm. A. Dunnuck to Ruby E. Brel-

shaupt, Lots 26 & 27, Bk. 9, Riv. Add. to Ontario, August 6, 1920, \$2,000.00 \$2.00 IRS.

## FARM WOMEN WANT TO MOVE TO TOWN

10% have fireless cookers; 4% have wheel trays; 56% have kerosene stoves. "Nor was the work of these 100 women confined to the house; 56% care for garden; 81% care for poultry; 25% help with livestock; 24% help in fields.

The report on the woman's income was an interesting part of the survey. Thirty percent keep household accounts, and 32% help keep farm accounts. Sixteen percent have egg money for their personal use; 22% have money from sale of poultry; 33% sell butter but only 11% have money from sales for their own use.

The community life of the homes surveyed furnish some interesting statistics: 72% have telephones, 62% have automobiles with average distance to market 4.82 miles, hospital 13.87 miles, high school 5.91 miles, district school 1.51 miles, church 3.96 miles.

One surprise was the small number of children in farm homes; 7467 reports show an average of but 1.18 under 10 years of age and but 0.98 between 10 and 16 years of age.

The data here assembled helps to explain the fact the young women are leaving rural communities in larger numbers than young men. Home demonstration agents are co-introducing labor saving devices and rearranging the home to lighten labor. Devices that shorten the time the woman spends on her sewing and cleaning, the introduction of power into the house to lighten labor, and the knowledge that helps the woman to reduce expenditures in this era of inflated prices, meets a real need.

Mrs. Dorothy Hull leaves this evening for Seattle, Wash. where she has accepted a position as a commercial teacher.

The Argus want ads will sell your farm produce or your second hand machinery.

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