

'TEN PER CENT DAY' IN ONTARIO SATURDAY

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O. W. MAY EXTEND ITS LINE TO HARRIMAN

Present Indications Point to Early Continuation of New Road

MOST WILL BE NORMAL

Length of Proposed Extension is 37 Miles--Surveyors at Work

Indications that the O. W. R. & N. Co. will continue into Harney valley during the coming summer, are gained from the fact that a surveying crew is now working west of Riverside, and information received locally is to the effect that, unless some unforeseen obstacle arises, the company will extend the line at least as far as Harriman, within the next few months.

That the O. W. R. & N. will continue the line into Harney Valley this summer seems to be an assured fact. Surveying parties are now in the field making cross-section work along the line of survey headquarters being at the Duncan McRae ranch above Riverside.

The yards at Riverside are being set up to accommodate the shipments of grading machinery that is now on the road in, and within a very few weeks the contractors will be on the ground and dirt will be moving.

Assistant Engineer Young has just returned from a ten days trip to Portland, and will be up from Vale the first part of the week, from which time he is now directing the work of setting the necessary equipment installed.

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO GIVE SOCIAL

The Epworth League of the First Methodist church will give a box social Thursday at 8 p. m. and everyone over 100 years of age is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Wilbur Carter formerly of this place but now of Crystal, Idaho, was recently here visiting friends and made known his intentions of coming back to locate.

Dr. Prinzing Returns

Dr. J. Prinzing left here for Portland last Thursday and returned Tuesday. While in Portland he had the pleasure of seeing George Smith, Preston Smith, Ham Brown and Charley Haines take the shrine degree in the Masonic order.

COUNCIL AND CLUB ARE WORKING FOR BETTER ROADS

The regular meeting of the Council was held last Monday evening with all members present except Mr. Frye. The resignation of H. L. Noe was accepted and D. H. Kerfoot was appointed to take his place.

Several applications for liquor licenses in class B. were made and licenses were granted to Whitworth, Sanderson, Nicely, John Webb and Price. John Webb recently bought out H. M. Moss.

The Good Roads Committee from the Commercial club were present and Dr. Whitney discussed the condition of the roads adjacent to Ontario. The question was referred to the street committee.

MISS ANNA FAULKNER DIES IN ONTARIO

Anna Marie Faulkner was born in Huntington, Oregon, January 18th, 1882. Died at Ontario, Ore., Feb. 25th, 1915. She was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Falkner. Miss Anna had become a patient sufferer from heart trouble nearly all her life and the loss of one of the family is keenly felt but softened in the knowledge that her suffering is past. She is at rest.

SETTLERS ARRIVING IN ONTARIO

We never fail to hear about hard times and too often we do not hear about the good signs. Ontario has had two carloads of settlers arrive this week. One from the east and one from the west. They will be arriving from the north and south very soon. Pass the news along. Talk more of the good signs and forget your troubles.

About March first Mr. George Coons and family will move to Emmett instead of to the Prestell place as they had expected. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rich will move from the McComsey place to the Maxfield place as soon as vacated by the Coons family and Mr. Albert Worth and family who now live in the H. B. Kinnison home will move to the McComsey place.

Excavation work was started Monday, March the first, on Dr. Weese's new residence in Villa Park. The home will be a six room bungalow thoroughly modern in every respect and will be a nice addition to the attractive residence district on the hill. Raver and Miller are the contractors.

TELEPHONE CASE MAY COME UP HERE SATURDAY

Complaint Has Been Filed With Railroad Commission and Hearing Has Been Asked For.

A hearing on the telephone rate case, before the Railroad Commission of the State of Oregon, is expected in Ontario Saturday of this week, although it is possible the hearing will not come off that soon. A petition or complaint was filed yesterday with the commission. In the petition the names of Jacob Prinzing, H. C. Boyer and G. L. King appear as complainants, against the Malheur Home Telephone Company, a corporation, defendant.

The petition was given to the telephone company Tuesday night, and was forwarded to Boise. R. W. Gardner, local manager, stated that the petition would have to be taken up with their attorneys in Denver, and it was not probable that this could be done in time to have the hearing Saturday.

In the petition filed, the contract or conveyance between the Ontario Independent Telephone Company and the Malheur Home Telephone Company is set out, in which it is alleged the value of the telephone plant at the time of the sale was in excess of \$30,000, but the plant was sold to the present company at a price of \$15,000, the remainder of the price being the consideration of free tolls perpetually with Nyssa and Fruitland.

It is alleged the contract is broken by the proposal of the present company to charge for these tolls, and also for the company to raise the rental price of rural telephones. Part of section 5 of the complaint reads as follows:

"All in violation of said contract and in violation of Sections 41, 25, 29 and 77 of Chapter 279 of the General Laws of Oregon for 1911, and threatens to and will, unless restrained by an order of this commission, put these charges into effect; that such raise in such rates is unreasonable and in violation of such contract and is in excess of such rates in force January 1, 1911, and in excess of such rates and the rates in force at the time said plant was taken over by the said Malheur Home Telephone Company from said Ontario Independent Telephone Company, and that no notice to these complainants or anyone else has been given of such change or any hearing had before this Commission thereon, and that no rates whatsoever provided for or required in Section 26 of Chapter 279 of the Laws of Oregon for 1911 have been filed with the said Commission showing any interstate rates between Fruitland and Ontario."

Mr. Prinzing was in Portland the first of the week, and called the matter to the attention of the Railroad Commission, at which time it was thought the hearing could be arranged for Saturday. The law firm of Brooks & Swagler are representing the complainants, who are the committee appointed by the Commercial Club to take the matter up.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilton, who have been visiting in Emmett, returned to Ontario Monday. C. M. Wilton, a brother of Mrs. Hill, started with his family for his home in Nebraska Tuesday.

SEVEN THOUSAND HEAD OF SHEEP HAVE BEEN SOLD

Price Newman of Shoshone Idaho Makes Purchase in Ontario and Vale This Week.

Seven thousand head of sheep have been sold in Ontario and Vale this week, the deal being one of the largest of this nature that has been made locally for some time. The price paid is said to be approximately \$4.50 a head, aggregating \$31,500.00. Five thousand head were purchased from Rufina Arrian, and two thousand head were purchased from Will Butler of Ontario.

Price Newman of Shoshone, Idaho, is the purchaser. The entire lot were loaded yesterday and shipped, partly from Vale and Ontario.

N. C. MARIS MAKES ADDRESS TO PUPILS

Last Friday afternoon the pupils of the high school and also the 8th grade and a few visitors listened to a talk given by Mr. N. C. Maris, Field Sec. for Industrial Work, upon the organization of industrial clubs in schools. Clubs are formed for each of the different industries, such as corn, tomatoes and chicken growing, gardening, fruit growing, canning and sewing. There will probably be several clubs formed in the Ontario High School.

After Mr. Maris' speech the Literary Club held a meeting and the following program was rendered:

- Song High School Debate, "Resolved that the Federal Government should own and operate all interstate railroad lines." Affirmative— Robert Bender Steve Cox Reading Dorothy Jaquish Duet Nettie Peterson and Ruth Lackey High School Paper.. Amelia Plughoff Critic's report..... Miss Clark

The debate was decided in favor of the negative. There was a meeting of the Teachers' Parents' Association scheduled for the same afternoon and many of the parents arrived in time to enjoy the literary program also.

The basket ball season is over for the girls as well as the boys. The girls played their last game Friday night with Payette and were defeated by a score of 15 to 10.

Ira Williams, who has been ill with the measles, returned to school Monday morning.

Irene Worth has been absent from school this week. She is confined with an attack of measles.

Mabel DeFoe is quite sick. She has been absent nearly two weeks.

The students evidently do not see enough of their high school during the day so have begun having their class parties and other social affairs under its protecting roof. There will be a junior party at the High School some evening this week. The Mask and Dagger Society will hold a meeting here Wednesday evening.

The O. H. S. boys are delighted over the fact that drill began again Tuesday.

BIG RUSH OF SETTLERS EXPECTED THIS SEASON

Board Elects Teachers

At a meeting of the School Board Wednesday evening all the teachers were retained for another year, with the exception of Miss Gray, the Domestic Science teacher, and Miss Oston, a grade teacher, who have accepted positions elsewhere.

GREGG GETS WORD HIS APPOINTMENT HAS GONE IN

That "Jake" Gregg will be the next postmaster in Ontario, was the news received here Tuesday. A telegram from Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain to J. R. Blackaby of the Ontario National Bank, bears the following information:

"Gregg's nomination as postmaster received by senate late last night." The message is under date of March 2. As the senate is scheduled to adjourn today, there is every probability that the appointment has been confirmed, and Mr. Gregg will take up his duties as postmaster as soon as his commission arrives, probably in about three weeks.

The term of office of A. L. Sproul, the present postmaster, expired February 18th.

ONTARIO BAND IS DESERVING OF PRAISE

Ontario has a band this year that it should be proud of. Dr. D. B. Colcord is the director. Last October Dr. Colcord organized this band whose members are made up of eighteen boys. They are practicing diligently and promise some good open air concerts during the summer months.

JUNTURA MAN IS ARRESTED HERE

Fred Greene of Juntura was arrested on a charge of threatening to commit a felony. He waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the grand jury under five hundred dollar bonds. Greene had threatened to burn buildings and lay belongings in some party at Juntura. His preliminary hearing was held in the justice court before G. L. Niles.

The track training season has opened, and under the guidance of Mr. Williams the boys hope to win great fame this year. But the problem now confronting the High School is how to provide funds for the support and transportation of our heroes. At the student body meeting Tuesday morning many things were suggested, among the suggestions were, a H. S. play, dinner, and fair, or carnival. After a good deal of debate the carnival was decided upon. We realize that school carnivals of the past have been severely criticised—at least the last two—but this carnival is going to be different. We hope to make it a success, both from a financial standpoint and in the enjoyment the people of Ontario will derive from it.

More Queries Than Ever Before are Received by Real Estate Offices

ADVERTISING BRINGS RESULTS

Opportunities Offered Here are of Very Best and are Attractive

That Malheur and Harney counties will see a great influx of settlers during the coming season, is the prediction of local men who are in touch with the situation. The Commercial Club and real estate offices of the city have received hundreds of queries, and never before in the history of the county, have so many inquiries been received, as have come in this spring.

Predictions of a land office business in the colonization line, are made by the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. Their head office in St. Paul has forwarded the information that many more queries than ever before, have been received, and the company is getting ready for a big rush.

The office in Ontario has also received more letters asking for information, than ever in the past. Letters come from all over the country, and show that people everywhere know of the wonderful opportunities in Malheur and Harney counties.

A reason for so many queries being received this year is explained by the large amount of advertising that has been given this country in the past. Thousands of dollars have been invested in advertising Malheur and Harney counties, and this advertising is now beginning to produce the desired results. The San Francisco fair is probably helping to stimulate interest in the west, but it is said that a very low per cent of the people who intend going to the fair, are now making inquiries into Malheur and Harney counties.

There is every indication at this time, that the coming summer will see a great influx of settlers and home builders. This locality will be especially favored, for opportunities offered here are better than in most any other section of the west.

EVERYTHING READY ST. PATRICK'S BALL

The arrangements now nearing completion for the Fourth Annual Ball to be held at Wilson Hall, March the seventeenth. This ball is given by the Ontario Woman's Club, the personnel of which is as follows: Mesdames L. Adam, F. B. Ball, W. H. Brooke, T. W. Claggett, H. W. Clement, H. B. Cockrum, E. B. Conklin, C. C. Dodge, S. D. Dorman, H. O. Drane, C. E. Emerson, E. A. Fraser, A. J. Glover, E. M. Greig, J. R. Gregg, W. F. Homan, D. H. Kerfoot, J. A. Lackey, M. E. Newton, G. A. Pogue, Jacob Stroup, D. M. Taggart, E. C. Van Petten, W. M. Walker, H. H. Whitney, W. W. Wood, Ray Wilson, W. C. Whitworth, E. G. Bailey. All the members of the school faculty are honorary members of the club.