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## LARGE TRACT OF LAND IS THROWN OPEN THIS WEEK

Land Withdrawn From Entry Last Fall. Many Good Homesteads

## LAND OFFICE EXPECTS RUSH

Opening to be April 26th, Entries to be Made Just One Month Later

A tract of land comprising nearly one hundred thousand acres, lying west of Nyssa, has been thrown open this week by the government to homestead. This land was withdrawn from entry last fall in connection with the Warm Springs Irrigation project, and has been held until now, when it was discovered that the cost of irrigating the land from the Warm Springs reservoir would be so high as to be almost prohibitory. However, there is a vast amount of good homestead land in the tract, and the local land office at Vale is preparing for a rush. The date of opening is April 26th, 1915, and the time for making entries is set for May 6th, just a month later. The following notice has been sent out by the land office:

Notice is hereby given that all of the lands hereinafter described, as have not been formerly restored and are not otherwise withdrawn, reserved or appropriated, or covered by existing entry, will be subject to settlement under the public land laws of the United States on and after April 26, 1915, at 9 a. m. and will be subject to entry, filing or selection May 26, 1915, at 9 a. m., at the U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon.

Warning is hereby expressly given that all persons who go upon any of the lands to be restored hereunder and perform any act of settlement thereon prior to 9 o'clock a. m., standard time, April 26, 1915, or who are on or are occupying any part of said lands at such hour, except those having valid subsisting settlement right initiated prior to withdrawal from settlement and since maintained, will be considered and dealt with as trespassers and will gain no rights whatever under such unlawful settlement or occupancy; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent persons from going upon and over the lands to examine them with a view to thereafter going upon and making settlement thereon when the land shall become subject thereto, in accordance with this notice. Persons having prior settlement rights, as above defined, will be allowed to make entry in conformity with existing law and regulations. Intending settlers are also warned to ascertain the status of the

## STREETS CROWDED ON "TEN PER CENT DAY"

Thousands of Dollars Changed Hands Saturday. Largest Crowd Since Fair Time. Stores are Crowded All Day Long

Approximately fifteen thousand dollars of merchandise changed hands in Ontario last Saturday when hundreds of people gathered here to do their trading and shopping, the occasion being "Ten Per Cent Day." The crowd here Saturday was the largest seen since the county fair last fall, and practically every store was crowded all day. Many establishments had arranged for extra clerks, which greatly aided in taking care of the large business.

A reduction of ten per cent was granted on practically every article sold in the city that day which amounted to a saving to the customers of approximately \$2500.00.

**Barber Shop Sold.**  
The Moore Hotel barber shop was sold this week, Frank Page of Baker county being the new owner. He took possession Monday morning. C. A. Smith, the former owner left yesterday for Caldwell where he will remain for a few days before going east. He expects to locate some place in the middle west.

surveyed land and get all information available as to the unsurveyed lands by inquiry at the local land office before making settlement thereon. These lands contain no power possibilities.

THOS. JONES,  
Register.

## CIRCUIT COURT HELD HERE LAST MONDAY

Circuit Court was held at the city hall, March 8, with Judge Dalton Biggs presiding. In the forenoon the case of De Armond vs. Martin was decided in favor of the defendant. Wood and McCulloch were attorneys for the plaintiff, while Brooke and Lees were the attorneys for the defendant. In the afternoon the case of the Weiser Land Company vs. Josephine and John Bohrer was tried. Wood, McCulloch and Coulter were the attorneys for the plaintiff and Galloway and Aker were the attorneys for the defense. A verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

## SUIT STARTED TO TEST HEARD LAW

A friendly suit was filed in Justice King's court yesterday afternoon to test the legality of the herd law now in force in the Snake river precinct. At the election last fall this precinct voted to prohibit the running of stock at large within its confines. The precinct is a large one, and takes in a large amount of grazing land. If the law is valid, grazing on this land will have to cease. Frank Welch is named as defendant in the suit, and the complaining witness is T. J. Broonan. Brooks & Swagler appear for the state, and W. E. Lees is the attorney for the defendant.

## YOUNG MAN DIES AT VALLEY VIEW

Will Le Roy, age twenty-five, died Tuesday morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Rich, in the Valley View neighborhood. Mr. Le Roy has been sick for several years with tuberculosis. The funeral services will be held Thursday. Rev. C. C. Pratt of the Methodist church will preach the funeral sermon.

## BRIDGE BONDS SOLD TO PORTLAND FIRM BUT NOT DELIVERED

Denver Bonding House Has Possession and Refuses to Give Them Up

## JUDGE DAVIS GOES TO DENVER

County May Have a Law Suit Before Tangle is Straightened Out

With the Big Bend bridge bonds sold to a Portland company, but delivered and in the hands of a Denver company who refuse to give them up, has resulted in an unique mix-up in the sale of the bonds, and promises to entail a lively law suit before the trouble is adjusted. A Denver bonding company of the firm name of Keeler Bros. have the bonds, or did have them the last known by local officials, and now refuse to turn them over to the county, although the county has sold the bonds to Hall & Lewis of Portland, another bonding company. The Denver company claims it has already sold the bonds and that they are in the hands of a third company.

There is quite a history attached to the sale of the bonds. On November 5th of last year the county court entered into a contract with Keeler Brothers of Denver for that company to do the legal work and printing of the bonds at a price of \$750.00, the Denver company agreeing to bid par value, plus \$750.00 for the bonds when the sale should be made. The Denver company complied with its contract, and the work was all satisfactory. About the first of February the bonds were completed and ready to sign, and a representative of the Denver company appeared before the county court, asked that the bonds be signed and executed and then sent to Denver for their attorneys to make final inspection and pass same. This was

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## HEARING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY

The Railroad Commission of Oregon has set Saturday, March 9th, as the day to thresh out in Ontario the question of telephone tolls between Ontario and Nyssa and Ontario and Fruitland. The commission would have held the hearing in Ontario last Saturday, but attorneys for the Malheur Home Telephone company asked for a postponement of a week, so that they could prepare their side of the case. Attorneys from Denver will represent the telephone company. Brooks & Swagler will represent the city.

The trouble was brought about when the Malheur Home Telephone Co., announced that it would charge a toll rate of fifteen cents between Ontario and Nyssa and Fruitland. Heretofore patrons of the telephone system have enjoyed a free toll between these places. It is claimed the telephone company agreed, at the time they purchased the line, to maintain free toll between the three cities, and their action in charging a toll has brought forth much protest.

Unusual interest is centered in the case. The telephone company claims it is willing to maintain the free toll providing the State Commission will allow it. It is the general opinion locally, however, that the commission will sanction the free toll.

By mutual consent, the charge of fifteen cents was suspended until the hearing could be arranged for, and at present patrons of the telephone between Ontario and Nyssa and Fruitland are enjoying their usual free conversation.

## PLEASING ADDRESS IS GIVEN BY MARIS IN GRANGE HALL

Educator Completes a Two Weeks Tour of Malheur County

## "BACK TO THE FARM" PLEA

Scheme Devised to Stimulate Interest in Farm Work

Declaring boys and girls the greatest crop raised in Malheur county, and making a strong plea to parents for cooperation in bringing them up along practical lines, M. C. Maris, field worker of the State Board of Education, delivered a pleasing and instructive address before the members of the Boulevard Grange at their grange hall at Cario last Saturday night. The address, in a manner, summed up the two week's work which Mr. Maris has just completed in Malheur county, and it was the last address made in the county, as Mr. Maris left on the train Sunday evening for La Grande, and is spending this week in Union county in similar work.

Mr. Maris, together with Miss Fay Clark, county school superintendent, and J. E. Shinn, county agriculturist, visited nearly every school district in Malheur county, during the two weeks work, and made preliminary plans for the organization of industrial clubs as each meeting. The industrial club scheme was originated to start a "back to the farm" movement, and this work is to interest boys and girls in agricultural and farm life to such an extent that they will take up a farmers life through preference, instead of crowding to the apparent gay life of the cities and become non-producers.

At the State Fair at Salem, held each fall, arrangements have been

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## EDGAR M. DRAPER HIGHLY HONORED

Edgar M. Draper, a local boy, has received the highest possible honor that can be conferred on a student by election into the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa society at the University of Washington where he is attending school. Edgar was the first of six to be chosen out of six hundred students of the junior class.

The Phi Beta Kappa, which is a national honorary, literary, fraternity was established in 1776 and among the original members were such men as Cabel, Clements, Hardy, Fitzhugh, Mason, Madison, Lee and John Marshall. Today the ablest men in America, such as President Wilson and Roosevelt are among its members.

Only one sixteenth of the eligible juniors can be elected so that being chosen this year makes the honor more pronounced. The basis of selection is on scholarship, moral character and the certainty of making good in after life. It is also limited to those students of whose work at least one-third shall have been devoted to the study of the languages, philosophy, history, political and social science, and pure mathematics.

Edgar Draper graduated from the Ontario high school in 1912 and was one of the foremost students in the local school. He always had ambitions for a higher education and made preparations early for a course in college. His success at the university of Washington is a source of great pleasure to his friends and school mates.

## Notice of Good-Road Day.

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday the 30th day of March, 1915, is designated as good roads day throughout the County of Malheur.

It is desired that every resident of the county will give this day in work on the roads in their immediate vicinity.

GEO. W. McKNIGHT,  
County Judge.

## Regular Club Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ontario Commercial Club will be held Monday night, March 15th, at the club rooms. The regular business will be transacted.

## SOME DELAY IN SELLING BONDS

There has been some delay in selling the bonds for Agricultural Fair Grounds and City Hospital and several people have been inquiring about them. In disposing of bonds a good deal of time must be taken to allow the bond houses to determine the legality of the bonds. To do this their attorneys must have a full history of the bonds. In this case the transcript had to go back as far as 1911 in order to show that certain members of the council were bona fide officers. Also the attorneys had to pass on the procedure taken in voting the bonds. Altogether the history of the case occupied several hundred typewritten pages which required considerable time and patience to secure. But now, since everything is in the hands of the bonding company, the report of the sale should reach here within a week or ten days.

## CEMETERY ASS'N HOLDS MEETING

An adjourned meeting of the Cemetery Association was held Tuesday, March 9th, in the city hall. A good deal of progress was made tending toward the final transfer of the property to the city. Arrangements were made to secure a plot of all the property, to move certain burials and monuments, and to collect some outstanding indebtedness. Also a committee was authorized to endeavor to secure a quit claim deed to some of the property, the title to which is somewhat obscure. The meeting was adjourned to April 6th, when it is hoped that the matter will be finally adjusted.

## KNIGHTS WILL GO TO WEISER MARCH 17

On Wednesday night, March 17, the Knights of Pythias at Weiser will present a lecture, illustrated by

## CREAMERY MAN HERE LOOKING OVER FIELD

Said to be Good Field Here and Great Inducement is Offered to Man With Some Capital to Invest  
H. B. Darling in the city

H. B. Darling, an experienced creamery man of Portland, is in Ontario this week, looking over the field with a view to establishing a creamery here. There has been a call made for a creamery in Ontario, as that is the one industry which is missing here at the present time. The opening here is claimed to be a good one, and the proposition offered to a creamery man is attractive.

There is already considerable dairying in this locality, and the nature of the country is such that before a great while, this will be one of the greatest dairying sections in the west. At the present time, however, there is enough dairying to support a creamery. Mr.

## MOORE HOTEL CHANGES HANDS; SANDERSON'S FARM ALSO SOLD

I. A. Yerex of Portland is New Owner of Famous Hostelry

## E. H. TEST IS NEW MANAGER

Deal One of Largest Made in Eastern Oregon for Many Months

Probably the largest real estate deal that has transpired in eastern Oregon for many months past, occurred in Ontario this week when the Moore Hotel changed hands. The deal includes the ranch of W. U. Sanderson near Weiser, as well as the hotel property.

I. A. Yerex of Portland, becomes the new owner of the hotel and the Sanderson ranch near Weiser. The Weiser ranch includes 520 acres and is all improved. The assets and liabilities of the Moore Hotel are assumed.

The Moore Hotel is the largest and finest in eastern Oregon. It was built in 1912 and was opened in September of that year. T. H. Moore of Ontario built the hotel and continued in the management for about a year, when he sold to W. U. Sanderson. Mr. Sanderson has since been in active control of the institution. The same efficient staff will be retained, and until Mr. Yerex can arrange other business interests in Portland prior to his removal to Ontario, Mr. Test will have full charge.

The hotel is a five story structure, and is modern in every detail. There is a private bath connected with each room, and the furnishings are the very best. The institution has always been under excellent management.

Mr. Sanderson will go to the coast for a rest, but will return to Eastern Oregon to engage in the land business, making Ontario his headquarters. Southeastern Oregon and Southern Idaho will be included in his field of operations.

moving pictures, entitled "Damon and Pythias." The entertainment is free and will last several hours. The Myrtle lodge of Weiser extends invitations to all the Knight of Pythias and their friends. A large delegation from Ontario will be present. J. M. Connor has charge of the arrangements and requests that everyone who contemplates taking advantage of this opportunity of seeing and hearing the drama, will send him their name so that accommodations may be provided.

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Darling seems well pleased with the outlook. He is carefully looking over the situation, however, and Sunday went to Weiser, while Monday he was in New Plymouth.

Erastus Adams, aged twenty-eight, died at his home west of town Saturday, March 6, of tuberculosis. He has lived here about six months. He leaves a wife and three children, and a father and mother. The funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the home, Rev. C. C. Pratt preaching the sermon.

Postmaster Burs Buryd of Juntura, was an Ontario visitor last week.