

ONTARIO SCHEDULED TO BE ON HIGHWAY

\$233,000.00 OF STATE MONEY IS AWAITING OREGON COUNTIES FOR ROADS.

The proposed state highway, leaving the Columbia river in Morrow county and traversing in a southeasterly direction throughout Grant and Malheur counties, is slowly but surely taking form, and that Ontario will be one of the principal points along its line is a foregone conclusion.

The road through Grant and Malheur counties will be unparalleled for scenic beauty, and will be a cut-off for tourists and all traffic from the Lower Columbia sections and Portland.

Recently the Grant county Stock-growers' Association met and endorsed the plan and the first question that presented itself was one of procedure. A representative of the commission will be sent to Grant county to look over the proposed route for a trans-state road.

E. F. Cantline, chief deputy state engineer in referring to the statute under which authority the state highway commission is acting, says:

"You will note that it is the province of the State Highway Engineer to render such assistance and advice as the county courts of the respective counties may call upon him for, this including not only bridges but matters pertaining to highways, their location, types of construction, most practical and feasible, etc.

The funds at the disposal of the State Highway Commission are the proceeds of a quarter mill tax authorized by the last legislature, which in 1915 gave us a fund of approximately \$237,000; in 1916 due to the lower valuation, it will give us a fund of approximately \$233,000.

Thus far, the prevailing rule in the disposition of these funds is to expend same first in counties that help themselves; second at points where for special reasons the counties are unable to do very much for themselves, but needs of the general public due to volume of traffic, etc., require an expenditure. For example: Clatsop county, which has bonded itself for approximately \$400,000 has received state aid to the extent of \$100,000; Columbia county has received assistance to the extent of \$40,000; Hood River county has received assistance to the extent of \$50,000, both counties having bonded themselves, the first to the extent of \$400,000, the second to the extent of \$75,000. Jackson county which has bonded itself, has received assistance of the Siskiyou mountains to the extent of \$40,000 the past year. Wasco and Hood River counties have received an appropriation for 1916 contingent upon Wasco county bonding to the extent of \$45,000. Counties do not necessarily have to bond themselves to be considered for assistance. They may assist themselves by other methods.

It is the desire of the commission and the attitude of its engineering department to be of material assistance to every county where their service can produce results. I have been unable, during the short time I have held the position of Highway Engineer, to visit the eastern counties not only as the counties deserve assistance and recognition but as it is a personal desire and pleasure to become acquainted with the local situation and to adopt your suggestion and wait until such time as we can traverse your section in an automobile."

NEW COUNCIL

The old city council met Monday evening and closed up its business affairs for the year 1915. The newly elected councilmen and mayor will hold their first regular session tonight, preparatory to completing a permanent organization. The following city officers elects will compose the new organization: Mayor, W. F. Homan, cashier of Ontario National bank; councilmen, J. J. Spencer (re-elected), L. O. McCoy, Geo. McClain, A. L. Cockrum; hold-over members E. A. Fraser, H. Peterson. C. M. Sterns is the new city recorder, taking the place of H. B. Grauel, who has been city recorder for the past six years.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The sermon theme for Sunday morning, Jan. 9, will be "A Square Deal," or "A Message to the Citizens of Ontario." This sermon is prepared for office holders and electors. The regular evening worship as usual. Philip Koenig, pastor.

THE ASCENDENCY

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS OF REPUBLICAN PARTY.

With the rejuvenation of the Republican party, which now is unmistakably under way, and with the adoption of principles acceptable to various conflicting interests and especially to the Progressives, there can be no question that the Republicans will be returned to power at the next Presidential election.

Such is the message brought back to Oregon by Ralph E. Williams, National committeeman from Oregon, who attended the recent meeting of the National Republican committee in Washington, D. C.

That the reconciliation will be brought about at the Republican National convention, to be held in Chicago June 7, through the adoption of a strong platform for preparedness and a tariff programme, and the nomination of a candidate of progressive tendencies, is the firm conviction of Mr. Williams. He says the Democrats are slipping and they know it and that the Republicans are in the ascendancy, and they know it, too.

"There is no doubt that the Republicans are gaining in strength all over the country," says Mr. Williams. "Reports from all sections were most reassuring in nature. The next Congress will be in the hands of the Republicans and there is every indication that the next President will be a Republican.

"It is a certainty that the forthcoming convention will adopt a platform that will be acceptable to all elements of the party as well as to the Progressives. Perhaps the chief plank will be the preparedness and the tariff. The business interests throughout the country want a change of administration. They feel that there is going to be one, too. The operation of Democratic principles, especially free trade, is a failure, and business men feel that the protective tariff is the only solution.

"It cannot be denied that Roosevelt is still a strong political figure. Because of the progressive principles which he represents he will be considered at all times. It is common talk that he will not be Presidential candidate, but that he does want a man nominated on a progressive platform. If the Republicans nominate a man progressive in his views, it is strongly believed that Roosevelt will throw his entire support in the Republican party.

"There have been numerous names mentioned but no sentiment is being shown for any particular man. And among prominent Republicans spoken of as Presidential possibilities are Justice Hughes, ex-Senator Burton, of Ohio; ex-Vice-President Fairbanks, of Indiana; Senator Cummins, of Iowa; Governor McCall, of Massachusetts; ex-Senator Root, of New York, and Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts. These men, for the most part, are being boosted by the followers of their own districts. There is considerable Hughes talk in various quarters.

"The meeting of the National committee was one of the most enthusiastic and harmonious held in many years. All the committeemen, except one, were in attendance. The programme was conducted without a hitch. Reports received from all the states were exceedingly hopeful. The result of the meeting is that there is a strong movement under way throughout the country for the Republican party. It is almost a certainty that a strong man, acceptable to all elements as well as to the Progressives, will be nominated at Chicago. That means that our next President will be a Republican."—Oregonian.

CLOSING OF SALOONS.

No noted degree of excitement marked the closing of the saloons in Ontario Friday night. There was a good-natured rivalry among a few who endeavored to drink everything in sight before the midnight hour, but the city presented no more confusion than is characteristic at any New Year's Eve celebration.

The cold gray dawn of Saturday ushered in a new year for all who hereafter will drink only those drinks that do not cheer.

MARRIED AT PARSONAGE.

Major H. Salt and Mary Gordon of Parma, Idaho were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage Friday evening at 5 o'clock. Rev. D. E. Baker officiated.

AND RUMBLING

EDITOR GROW OF THE JUNTURA TIMES DEALS OUT A FEW BOQUETS.

The Editor spent Christmas day with friends in Ontario, partaking of a royal specimen of the National bird, and incidentally attending to a few business matters.

We had our ears to the ground in search of political rumors, but there wasn't a great deal of vibration felt except that caused by the announcement of H. M. Duncan of Vale, for District Attorney. The only opponent we heard mentioned was our former mayor and fellow townsman P. J. Gallagher. We found from a short survey of the situation that the Ontario people were united in support of his candidacy, should he announce himself.

"Mr. Gallagher has a host of friends in the west side of the county many of whom have urged him to make this race. Mr. Gallagher has an enviable reputation as an attorney both as a trial lawyer and for fairness and integrity. We believe he would fill the position with credit to himself and his party, and we say, frankly, that we would take great pleasure in announcing his candidacy. Although financially interested in this paper, he has nothing whatever to do with the management or editorial policy of the same, and this article is in no way inspired by our business relations with the gentleman.

"It is said that Mr. Brooke, the present incumbent, will not be a candidate for re-nomination and Mr. Gallagher will likely be the only candidate for the office from Ontario.

"We understand that attorney J.

BUNCH OF ATTORNEYS GO TO VALE

MANY ONTARIO LAWYERS ARE TRANSACTING LEGAL BUSINESS THERE.

An advance guard of local attorneys left here yesterday morning for Vale where the regular session of the circuit court convenes next week. The grand jury will be in session at Vale this week.

Among the attorneys who departed for the county seat yesterday were: Dist. Atty. W. H. Brooke, J. W. McCulloch, R. W. Swagler, P. J. Gallagher, L. J. Aker, Wm. Walker court reporter, and R. J. Coulter, attorney from Weiser.

W. McCulloch aspires to be a candidate for nomination on the Public Utility Commission. Mr. McCulloch is an eastern Oregon man and has her interests at heart. The gentleman is eminently qualified to fill the position and should be entitled to the undivided support of Malheur county.

"This week the Times received a communication from Jas. M. Kyle of Stanfield, Ore., containing his announcement as a candidate on the Republican ticket for nomination as a member of the Public Utility Commission, and about half column of matter explaining his stand on public affairs. Mr. Kyle may be eminently qualified to fill the position and we have nothing to say against his candidacy but when it comes to asking the local press to publish the views of every candidate in the field and nothing offered in the way of consideration think it is going pretty strong, for if we did this for all candidates it would fill the columns of every paper in the country with a (Continued on page 2.)

POPULAR YOUNG ATTORNEY WEDS AT BOISE

L. J. AKER RETURNS FROM IDAHO WITH NEW YEAR'S BRIDE.

At Boise last Thursday evening the marriage of Miss Dora Young to Leslie J. Aker of this city, was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Harry Tolleth, sister of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard G. Williams in the presence of a circle of immediate relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Aker remained in Boise last Friday and New Year's day, returning to this city to establish their home Saturday evening. The bride made a large circle of friends through her connection with the Tolleth store in Boise.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

In spite of the predictions of some of the would-be humorists that the students of the O. H. S. who are living out of town, went home for their vacations, would not return after the town went dry, all have evidently come back and by their looks neither the dryness of the town or the dampness of the streets seems to cause much worry among them. In fact several new students have started, and everybody is buckling down to work for the first semester of 1916.

This is the beginning of the end for the seniors and it is expected that their final semester will be one of hard but willing work and that they will strive to make a mark for themselves upon the pages of the high school history.

J. W. Prater and C. L. Williams spent their vacation in Salt Lake. They returned Sunday evening and report a good time, but a weary trip going and coming.

Marie Huff and Ada Lee of Caldwell were visitors at the Ontario high school Monday afternoon. The young ladies are members of the Caldwell high school and were very favorably impressed with the local school.

Miss Nettie Peterson returned to school Monday morning. She has just undergone an operation for appendicitis and her recovery has been unusually rapid.

The sophomores of the high school were to have played the Fruitland sophomores Monday evening, but the game was called off because the Fruitland boys were unable to get over, on account of the bad roads.

The debating club has started work on the final debating question and it is expected that they will make a showing for themselves in the final campaign.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Roy Smith was hostess to the Needlecraft Club on Thursday of last week. Guessing games were the chief amusement after the sewing was laid aside, in which Mrs. John Brosnan was the lucky one. Dainty refreshments were served.

Thursday, December 23, the Needlecraft Club assembled at the home of Mrs. Joseph Staple. The rooms were beautifully decorated with the Christmas colors, red and green. In one corner of the dining room was a small Christmas tree on which were hung tiny stockings of many colors, each holding souvenirs for the guests. A game called "Santa Clause's Sisters" was participated in, in which Mrs. H. L. Holcomb won. A delicious luncheon was served at five o'clock. There were fifteen guests present.

WEISER WELL REPRESENTED

About forty live-wire citizens came over from Weiser last Friday and enjoyed the hospitality of our city for a few hours. The magnet that evidently drew the crowd prevailed only when a sister state goes dry for an indefinite period. The crowd from Weiser, however, came over to help celebrate the passing of 1915.

Miss Grayce Sage and Miss Bertha Kincaid have returned to Eugene where they are attending the State University.

HELP FOR IRRIGATORS IN OREGON

SEVENTEEN WESTERN STATES TO LOBBY FOR PASSAGE OF JONES BILL.

BIG MEN SUPPORTING PROJECT

A STATE COMMERCIAL CLUB IS TO BE ORGANIZED IN NEAR FUTURE.

A. W. Trow has returned from the Oregon Irrigation Congress, and is very much pleased with the results of the meeting. He says that more constructive work was accomplished than at all other previous meetings. He reports that all the large interests of Portland, political as well as commercial, seem to be bent in bringing about the development of the undeveloped resources of our state.

Mr. Trow was one of the executive committee of the Irrigation Congress of 1914, and was appointed to serve in the same capacity in 1915. He is also on the committee with Senator Day, Mr. Mills, C. C. Chapman and Joe Hinkle, to organize the Oregon Commercial Club.

Mr. Trow's talk to a representative of the Argus brought out the following interesting facts:

Help For the Irrigators.

A committee of five was appointed to go to Washington to lobby for the Jones bill. This bill was introduced by Senator Jones of the State of Washington. The object of the bill is for the Federal Government to guarantee the interest on irrigation bonds during the first five years.

The general plan is to give some government supervision to the building of irrigation works. That none but practical projects be undertaken and that their construction be durable.

One very important feature recommended by the Congress, was that the settlers on new irrigation projects be relieved of making payments on their water rights at least for the first three years.

Seventeen western states have organized to lobby for the Jones bill. All of them will have representatives at Washington during the session of Congress. As the Jones bill is a Republican measure considerable opposition is expected to its passage in its present form, but it is hoped that the substance of the measure will be put through, even though it comes under the name of a Democratic measure.

All the western states want a some feasible plan for financing irrigation projects.

Big Men Supporting.

Senator Day of Multnomah county who was the leader in the last state senate, and Mr. Mills, President of the First National Bank of Portland, both made very strong speeches at the Irrigation Congress, advocating that the state of Oregon place its credit back of irrigation and drainage bonds and farm credits. Banker Mills, who is the president of the largest bank in Oregon, declared that the state of Oregon should use its credit to the amount of at least \$15,000,000 for this purpose. He says that it is absolutely impossible to develop our resources without the help of outside capital.

Both Senator Day and Mr. Mills placed great emphasis on the necessity of having the building of these projects under reliable supervision.

All the large interests of Portland seemed to be back of this plan of financing the development of our land, as well as providing cheap money for the farmers. A constitutional convention will be called in the near future to draw up an amendment of the state constitution to permit the state to lend its credit, and all the large interests and prominent organizations of the state will be invited to send delegates. The grange, the lumber interests, the state press association, the daily papers of Portland, railroads, the bankers association, and many other interests and men of prominence and influence, will be invited to attend this convention, the main purpose of which will be to draw this amendment of (Continued on page 2.)

AL JENNINGS PICTURES LIKED BY ONE AND ALL



A great deal of interest is being taken in Al Jennings in "Beating Back" coming to the Dreamland Theatre Sunday night, January 9th.

The story is the life of this famous prisoner who a few months ago ran for governor in his own state, with his prison career known to all. The Dreamland patrons will like the story—the film part is good and the tale intensely instructive and uplifting.

Many people believing Mr. Jennings to be a big man are greatly surprised to hear that the man who stirred up so much commotion in Indian Territory in the early days is only five feet tall, weighs one hundred and twenty pounds, wears a number four shoe, and has a voice like velvet.

The clear cut countenance with the massive jaw mark him as a man of strong character and will.

Court room quarrel was the starting of this young man's downward plunge. How he pre-empted on society and eluded the sheriffs for a time—are shown upon the screen, also his struggle to beat back to a respectable place in society. He shows us that a hasty temper is a dangerous asset. That self study and self training should be taught early in life. That crime is always punished, that a clean life is its own reward. There are many tense moments in this six reel version of Al Jennings life story, and the moral is for old as well as young. "Beating Back" will be appreciated by everyone.



Scene from Gaby Deslys in "Her Triumph" which will be shown in moving pictures at the Dreamland Theatre tomorrow night.