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ONTARIO BUSINESS MEN TO GREET FRIENDS IN HARNEY

POSTER TRADE EXCURSION FROM ONTARIO TO VISIT INTERIOR COUNTRY.

TO MAKE TRIP NOV. 5

Best Rates Offered in Years For Trade Tourist—Round Trip Will Cost But \$2.00—Big Crowd Is Expected.

To celebrate the opening of the line into Crane and the interior, the bonds of friendship existing between this city and its neighbors to the westward the Ontario Commercial club is to hold a big excursion to Juntura, Riverside, Crane and Burns on Sunday, November 5.

Round Trip for \$2.00. The trip will be the biggest taken by a delegation of Ontarians is assured from the fact that in recent years at least, a railroad rate been made so attractive. It will cost but \$2.00 for round trip from Ontario to Crane and return. As P. J. Gallagher put the meeting of the Commercial Monday evening. "That is cheap as stealing it."

Gallagher's sentiment found unanimous approval with all the business present and arrangements being made to care for fully 200 tourists to leave Ontario on the booster special.

Will Take the Band. On the day, and to assist in the entertainment of the people in various towns, as well as the excursionists themselves, the Ontario band will be one of the features. Stops will be made at Juntura, Riverside and Crane where concerts will be held and the boosters will extend the good wishes of Ontario to the people.

Women Urged to Make Trip. The excursion is not to be a joy ride for the men of Ontario, only, but women are invited, especially those of the excursionists. The boosters who entertain, "hope" that they will be permitted to bring the physical of those hopes along and that good time will be the order of the day.

Rhodes, traveling passenger of the Oregon Short Line will be in charge of the excursion and the committee which has the arrangements in charge includes, P. J. Gallagher, chairman, W. F. Homan, J. R. Blackaby, E. G. Bailey and G. K. Peterson.

THE PATIENTS AT THE HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL during the first week of October were the following: L. E. Olson, Drewsey, and Mrs. M. Church of Weiser, operated for appendicitis. Francisca Hoffman of Payette, Idaho, is suffering from malaria.

Ross of Portland and John Boring, Oregon, O. W. R. N. West, Harper, Oregon, operated upon for gall-stones. Zgah, is suffering from malaria.

Rhodes Hoffman of Ontario is suffering from malaria. Kroesein of Ontario, suffering from typhoid fever, also Miss Eva Slatery returned to the hospital for the winter.

Verna Hopkins has returned to the hospital. P. H. Johnson, Ontario was operated upon for appendicitis. Coelia Ruppert from Burns and Eva Stirling have both returned from serious attacks of typhoid fever and have left the hospital.

Swagler returned to his home in the first of the week. Harris has returned to the hospital after a long illness of three months.

Trow went to Vale on business today.

CAR AND MOTORCYCLE COLLIDE IN TWILIGHT

FRANK TAYLOR OF FRUITLAND LINGERING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH AS RESULT.

VICTIMS SKULL FRACTURED

Frank Weaver's Car Is Smashed but Occupants Escaped Serious Injuries Headlights All Out.

Lingering between life and death unconscious from a fractured skull lies Frank Taylor at the home of L. H. Rich on Pennsylvania avenue a mile south of Fruitland. The young man is the only seriously injured victim of a head-on collision which occurred in the dark in front of the Rich home about eight o'clock Sunday evening between the motorcycle he was riding and the automobile driven by Frank Weaver of the Boulevard.

According to the version of the accident given by Mr. Weaver he was running slowly toward Fruitland to secure a new headlight, his having gone out, but the oil head lights were burning, when suddenly his car was hit by the motor cycle and Taylor hurled over the car. There were no lights at all on the motor cycle which also was running on the left hand side of the road.

So violent was the impact with which the cars came together that the motorcycle was demolished and the radiator, one mud guard and the windshield of the auto were crumpled or smashed entirely.

In the car with Mr. Weaver was his wife and two children, Jack Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. B. Reynolds and daughter, Carol. Reynolds was the only occupant of the car injured, she being slightly cut by flying glass from the wind shield.

As soon as the car stopped Messrs. Weaver and Reynolds carried Taylor to the Rich home, in front of which the accident occurred. Doctors Frizing of this city and Dr. Drysdale of New Plymouth were summoned to care for the injured man. They found him suffering from a fractured skull, cuts about the head and it is believed from internal injuries. While he had not regained consciousness on Wednesday he appeared to be gaining strength and they entertain hopes for his recovery.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO STUDY BRYCE'S SOUTH AMERICA

The Ontario Woman's club has begun what promises to be a very profitable and interesting year, their course of study being based upon Bryce's "South America." They meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at the public library where most excellent material relative to their work is available not only from the home library but also from the state library. Mr. Dorman, too, is making arrangements for special South American reels to be produced weekly at Dreamland, adding much to the pleasure and interest of the club.

Convention Delegates Return. Mrs. W. W. Letson and Mrs. M. E. Newton returned the end of the week from Seaside where they went as delegates from the Ontario Woman's club to the State Federation of Women's clubs in session there. They report a very enjoyable time.

EASTERN STARS VISIT WITH PAYETTE CHAPTER

As guests of honor at the session of Payette chapter Order of the Eastern Star, a large delegation of members from Ontario's chapter attended the session at Payette Tuesday evening. Following the ex-emplication of the work of initiation which was efficiently performed by the Idaho lodge women a banquet was served and informal addresses were made by numbers of the visitors. Among those who went from Ontario were:

Messrs. and Mesdames: W. F. Homan, E. G. Bailey, Dave Dunbar, J. W. McCulloch, W. W. Letson, Emory Hill, Jas. Lackey, C. R. Seguin, E. W. Van Petten, Dan Purcell, Mrs. Retta Payne, Mrs. J. H. Farley, Mrs. Ed. Test and Miss Margaret Dunbar.

BETTER CONNECTION TO SOUTH END URGED

COMMERCIAL CLUB ENDORSES ACTION TAKEN BY J. R. BLACKABY.

IMPROVED RAIL SERVICE SOUGHT

Committees Named to Urge Building of Road Up Succor Creek and for Better Train Service to Homedale.

Emphasizing the fact that Ontario is handicapped by its present connections, both railroad and by wagon road, to Jordan Valley and all that region in the south end of the county the Commercial club at its meeting Monday evening took steps to bring about a change.

Two distinct, tho vitally connected, steps were declared necessary to change the present means of getting to and from Jordan Valley to Ontario and Vale. These were first brought to the attention of the club by A. E. Fraser of the club's railroad committee when he suggested that the club take up the matter of getting better and more regular service from Ontario to Homedale.

"At the present time," said Mr. Fraser, "the train for Homedale runs three times per week any old time of day. Some times it leaves shortly after noon and sometimes it leaves after dark. As the result of the uncertainty of arrival and departure no one uses the train who can avoid doing so, and of course it does not pay the company for keeping it running."

"The railroad committee has been working on a plan which it would propose to the railroad company. It would have the Brogan train leave Brogan in the morning and run thru to Homedale and back to Brogan each day. By that arrangement one crew could do the work. By a different arrangement of the schedules of the Juntura train, also, better service could be given on the main line." Messrs. A. E. Fraser, H. C. Boyer and J. R. Blackaby were appointed to take this matter up with the railroad company.

J. R. Blackaby further supplemented Mr. Fraser's remarks by urging that while urging the improved train services Ontario could make that improvement real by assisting in bringing about better connections by road between Jordan Valley and Homedale, and on down into Ontario and Vale.

"If the county court will view favorably the proposed road up Succor creek," said Mr. Blackaby, "it will provide a means whereby the people of the interior, around Jordan Valley will be able to get to the county seat and to Ontario without leaving the county. This they can not do now, but are compelled to go thru Idaho to Caldwell and thence to Ontario and to Vale."

"The proposed road will not be hard to build and will serve many people. The entire cost, according to the estimates furnished by engineers will be \$2,000 and the grade will be greatly reduced. Instead of climbing a 1800 foot mountain the road will rise but 600 feet in three miles. It will be practically a water grade road."

"By building this road and by furnishing regular train service to Homedale the entire lower end of the valley will be materially benefited. That section of the county is one of the richest areas in the county. It pays a great deal in taxes and is entitled to consideration and I believe that the Commercial club of Ontario do itself no better service than to endorse that road project and send a committee to the county court to urge its early completion."

H. C. Boyer, M. E. Bain and Thos. Kohout, the latter of Jordan Valley, gave in detail their views of just what the building of such a road and the securing of a suitable train service would mean not only to Ontario and Vale but to Jordan Valley and the interior as well.

In order that the matter be presented to the county court by all the communities interested a committee consisting of J. R. Blackaby, H. C. Boyer and M. E. Bain was appointed and Secretary C. M. Stearns was instructed to communicate with the

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REPORT SETS FORTH MANY INJUSTICES IN VALUATIONS

CONGRESSMAN N. J. SINNOT TO ADDRESS ONTARIANS

Chairman E. G. Bailey of the republican speakers committee received word yesterday that Congressman N. J. Sinnott would be in Ontario for an address on Saturday, November 4. Arrangements are being perfected to run special trains to the city for the rally which will be the biggest held in the county during the campaign.

TAXPAYERS COMMITTEE ENUMERATING DIFFERENCES IN VALUATION IN COUNTY

CAN MAKE NO CHANGES NOW

Different Valuation Has Been Made for Each District—Tract Sold for \$100,000 Assessed For But \$11,600.

The report of the committee appointed at the meeting of the taxpayers held at Vale two weeks ago to examine the tax rolls and report any cases of rank injustice is self explanatory.

To the Taxpayers of Malheur County

Your committee appointed at the meeting of the Malheur county taxpayers at the meeting of the Malheur county taxpayers to report on the inequalities of the assessment roll and classification of land throughout the county, beg leave to state as follows:

The limited time given us for examination of the roll and impossibility of doing anything to relieve the situation, believed to exist, on account of closing up the affairs of the Equalization Board at an early date, prevent our report from being as full as it should be in order to do justice to every one concerned.

There certainly exists a very large number of inequitable assessments, a few of which, illustrative of the general condition, we will make note herein.

Laying the foundation for a brief resume of the roll, we wish to first call your attention to the varied classification of land within the county: Owyhee lands are classified at \$40.00 per acre making the supposed value on a forty per cent valuation, \$160. Shoestring ditch lands are classified at \$15 per acre, making a cash valuation of \$37.50 per acre. Dead Ox lands, under the Payette-Oregon slope system, are classified at \$15 per acre, making a cash valuation of \$37.50 per acre. Lower Malheur lands under the Nevada ditch, are classified at \$30 per acre, making a cash valuation of \$75 per acre. Lands under the Mill ditch and on the Upper Malheur, between Vale and the canyon are classified at \$20, making a cash valuation of \$50 per acre. Lands on Willow river, in and around Brogan and Jamieson, are classified at \$20 per acre, making a cash valuation of \$50.

Cultivated and uncultivated lands are supposed to be assessed at the same rate, similarly situated. Dry farming lands generally are supposed to be assessed at \$3.00. Non-tillable land in all localities at a \$1.25 per acre. While your committee cannot concur in a classification which makes lands that will readily change hands for \$100 per acre and upward pay taxes on a valuation of \$15 per acre or about 16 per cent of the acknowledged cash value, the inequality thereby established would not be so glaringly apparent should all land similarly situated be assessed exactly as classified.

Again, real estate in towns and cities, as against a sixteen per cent valuation elsewhere would not be so glaringly unequal, were property similarly situated under similar classification being equally assessed, which is not the case as may be seen by some few comparisons herein.

Also personal property, stocks of goods, etc., assessed at 25 per cent of their supposed value, as against a sixteen per cent valuation of lands, seem to be over valued, but if Owyhee lands are taken as a basis, are fairly valued.

The question of mortgage taxation, arising before your meeting; the committee investigated the matter, and have concluded that as long as other western states fail to assess mortgages the result in Oregon would be certain to drive capital elsewhere and compel borrowers to pay double taxes. Of the Board of Equalization two members object to mortgage tax-

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FULTON ARRANGES THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY

In Able Address Ex-Senator Cites Broken Pledges and Wabbling Practices of Regime.

Before a big crowd in the Rex theatre at Vale Wednesday night ex-Senator Charles W. Fulton riddled the present administration in Washington, D. C. Nearly 100 Ontarians were numbered in the crowd which applauded the telling thrusts of the speaker.

The only regret the Ontario delegation had was that it could not remain to hear the end of the address. Warning whistles forced the crowd to leave to catch the train home.

Tho he talked for more than an hour Senator Fulton used every minute dissecting the record of broken promises on the part of the democratic administration. Among the things which the administration has done he said was to increase the cost of government \$150,000,000 per year. It has increased the number of federal officials by 44,000, it has failed to reduce the high cost of living, but during the 10 months of the democratic tariff, before the war the balance of trade in our favor was wiped away, business was at a standstill and 345,000 freight cars stood idle in June 1914, before the war started. In 1914 there were 18,400 firms that went into bankruptcy and 60 per cent of the railroads of America were in the hands of receivers.

The only thing that prevented a more horrible panic was the war. During these ten months the bank clearings dropped twenty billions of dollars and 3,000,000 men were out of work. In those ten months the importation of woolen goods from England alone increased from 1,900,000 yards to 8,400,000 yards, thus taking from the wool grower, the woolen mill worker of America his market and giving it to English wool growers and English mill workers.

The present prosperity, declared the speaker comes to America frightened with the blood of millions, the anguish and tears of helpless widows and orphans of Europe and not by reason of the present Underwood tariff.

DANGER OF INCREASE OF TYPHOID CASES PASSING

Total Cases Number 35—Proprietor Held Blameless for Condition of His Well Water.

While the total number of typhoid cases increased during the past week City Health Officer Dr. H. H. Whitney believes that the danger of further spread of the disease is over. He qualifies this statement, however, with the advice that every citizen use all means possible to maintain sanitary conditions and "kill all flies for these are carriers of the typhoid germ."

Dairyman Held Blameless. From the samples of water sent to the state bacteriologist one definite report has been received, namely that declaring the water from the Griffin dairy bad. Prior to the receipt of this report, however, Mr. Griffin had discontinued distributing milk, volun-

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