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COUNCIL AGREES TO NEW LIGHT CONTRACT

NEW HIGH INCANDESCENT LIGHTS TO REPLACE OLD ONE-STRING LIGHTS TO BE DISCONTINUED

EFFICIENCY HIGHLY INCREASED

Outlying Districts to Have Lights Far Superior to Those Now in Use—Contract For Ten Year Period

Negotiations have been completed for the new lighting contract for Ontario. The contract was prepared and signed by the city officials and Manager J. P. Orr for the Idaho Light & Power Company and it will be presented to the City Council for its approval at the special meeting to be held December 27. The new instrument is to cover a period of ten years from March 1, 1917.

While the contract does not become effective until next spring the new lighting system will be in operation, perhaps, before that. The new equipment has been ordered and Manager Orr, while in the city Wednesday said that the crews would be assembled within two weeks and work started. All of the men employed and material used, will be from Ontario, if it is possible for the company to secure them here.

In a general way the new lighting system will be four times as efficient as that now in use, said Mr. Orr. The lights on Oregon street to replace the present arcs and string lights will be 600 candle power nitrogen mazdas, those on the streets near Oregon street will be 400 candle power, while on the outlying streets they will be 100 candle power. In view of the fact that the lights in the residence district now in use are but 32 candle power, the difference is at once apparent.

Not only will the lights be of a greater radiance, but there will be more of them. Where the city now has only 69 lights under the new contract, there will be installed immediately 101 lights.

STATE ORGANIZER OF P. E. O. VISITS CITY

Official of Largest Exclusively Women's Order Plans Formation of Chapter in Ontario.

Mrs. Seymore, the state organizer of the P. E. O. sisterhood spent Saturday in Ontario making plans for the future organization of a chapter here. She was accompanied by Mrs. John Rigby of Vale.

Mrs. Seymore met a number of the ladies at the home of Mrs. E. A. Fraser where plans were discussed to form a chapter in the spring. The P. E. O. is the largest secret society for women only in the world. It was organized at Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Miss Lavine Smith is the only member of the society in Ontario.

SCHOOL CHILDREN GIVE PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT

Children from three of the grades of the Grammar school presented a pleasing entertainment at the Dreamland theatre last Friday evening which was attended by a large crowd of the parents and friends of those who took part. The manner in which the little folks sang and carried the dialogues was a compliment to the training they had received from the teachers as well as a reflection of the ability of the little performers.

A second entertainment had been planned for this week but owing to the failure of new stage settings to arrive it has been postponed to a later date.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS TO HOLD SESSION SOON

The Oregon Irrigation congress of which A. W. Trow of this city is one of the directors, will hold its annual convention in Portland early in January. The congress will take up a number of very important matters affecting Eastern Oregon and hopes to have the irrigation laws changed.

HERBERT ASQUITH



Photo by American Press Association

Herbert Asquith who resigned after one of the stormiest careers ever experienced by a British prime minister.

CAR TURNS TURTLE AUTOISTS INJURED

MR. AND MRS. S. ALBERSON BOUND FROM HARNEY COUNTY TO ONTARIO ESCAPE.

BOTH PINNED UNDER CAR

Had There Been Water in Ditch They Could Not Have Escaped Drowning—Victim Lifts Car—Wife Goes For Aid.

What would, no doubt, have been a fatal auto accident occurred near the Ernest Adam place on the Vale road last Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. S. Albersson of southern Harney county were pinned under their car in the ditch. Had there been water in the ditch both would have been drowned. As it was they escaped with only slight injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Albersson were en route to Ontario to visit with their old time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hill. When they reached the Adam place the car skidded in the snow and overturned into the ditch. They were pinned beneath the car, but thanks to Mr. Albersson's strength he was able to raise the car off his wife and she hastened for aid. Help arrived in time to lift the car from Mr. Albersson and they proceeded to Ontario where the doctors found that the only injury was a black eye and a skinned face for Mr. Albersson.

GOOD FELLOWS FIND FAMILIES TO CHEER

Oregon Clubs Committee Will Call on Generous Public to Assist in Making Christmas Real.

A number, fortunately a comparatively small number of families have been found whose Christmas will lack yuletide joy unless the "Goodfellows" or other generous citizens provide the means.

A committee from the club will start soon securing contributions with which to procure baskets into which will be placed substantial Christmas dinners, along with the good things to eat will also go a few toys for the little tots. Kind-hearted Mr. and Mrs. or Miss Ontario your own Christmas will be happier if, from your abundance you help make these fellow citizen happy and comfortable on Christmas Day. Any member of the Oregon club will direct you to the committee men who will see that good use is made of your gift.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Allen Biggs left last Thursday for their home in Burns after spending a few days with relatives here on their return from Missouri.

What is Ontario's Greatest Need In Your Opinion?

Farmers' Market Is One Man's Opinion

What Ontario needs, and needs badly, is an open wholesale and retail market, and it won't be happy till it gets it.

Now exactly what I mean by wholesale market held, say twice, weekly, is a place where the farmer can dispose of poultry, butter, eggs, small stock, etc., at the prevailing market prices, and in accordance with the various qualities, a place where he can depend, with certainty, of marketing his goods, not having to hunt up possible buyers, or waiting until someone blows round to buy. The difficulty of marketing things at the time when they are of marketable value is known too well to the average farmer in the vicinity. Now anyone will agree the farmer and his products should have every consideration, and facility for doing business in this district, which will enable him to do it right on the spot, here in Ontario, why? Well, ask yourself. Therefore I consider that the farmer should have a permanent, recognized place, where he can sell, a market; he should not be compelled to waste his time looking for a possible buyer, who is anywhere but just where one expects to find him. Then again, the farmer should receive cash, spelled with a capital C. Remember he has invested money and labor in all his products, before they were born, or grew, and is entitled to a sure rate and cash, not tin money and trade checks, which is an obsolete method of transacting business, practiced in the dark ages by a benighted community.

If such a condition, or place, does not exist, where the farmer can do business, can you blame him for shipping his products away? Well, if you do, it's all the same, as he is compelled to do it under the circumstances. And therefore can his right be questioned as to where he shall spend the money derived from these outside resources, which is not in Ontario, or in a hundred miles of it. So without further patter, or padding I repeat and feel that many will agree, an open market, prompt cash (don't forget the capital C) and a proper market for outlet of productions of the man who grows things, raises things and feeds the world—the Farmer.

HARRY JONES

ENGINEERS WORKING ON BURNS RAILROAD

REPRESENTATIVES OF BOISE CAPITALIST RUNNING SURVEYS AND GETTING DATA

H. C. Levens, county judge of Harney county, and mayor of the thriving city of Burns was in Ontario Monday enroute for Portland. He will attend the meeting of the county judges of the state in session there this week. With him was W. A. Robbins, who is one of the Harney county commissioners.

While in Ontario Judge Levens took little time to discuss matters of the county court. What he did talk about, however, was that which is on the minds of every citizen of Burns and the interior country—the railroad from Crane to Burns which James E. Weston proposes to build.

At the present time, according to Judge Levens the feature of the proposed road is the fact that the Boise capitalist whom Mr. Weston succeeded in interesting have gone to the expense of sending a crew of engineers to the field to make a survey and determine every factor connected with the enterprise. Not only are they surveying a route, but they are also making inquiries to determine what traffic can be secured for the road. On this point largely depends their furtherance of the proposition. If they can determine whether or not the road can develop sufficient traffic to pay dividends soon after it is built, they will furnish the necessary capital.

The making of these investigations is in the hands of Engineer Franklin of Boise who came out on Monday also, but he did not discuss what his work so far had revealed. Mr. Franklin proceeded to Boise while the other Burns men went on to Portland.

ONTARIO BOYS WIN AT BAKER MEETING

Local Delegate to Boys' Conference Enjoy Good Time and Hear Inspiring Talks.

Ontario was the only city of the 31 represented at the Boys' Conference held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Baker, which had a complete basket ball team. As the result the Ontarians had an easy time winning several basket ball games and enjoying some real sport Saturday. D. A. Hiles of the High school faculty accompanied the boys and Arthur Moore was one of the speakers.

The big address of the conference was delivered Saturday evening by Rev. C. L. Clark, of La Grande on the subject "Big Game." "Big Game" he said, was the big thing of this life. He divided men into two classes, the "mountain top men" and the "foothill men;" the former, he said, form but a small percentage of mankind. To be one of these declared that a boy must have four qualities of will power, will to climb, will to climb right, will to climb further, and lastly, a will to continue climbing. These various abilities he aptly illustrated and made a profound impression on his audience.

Saturday morning the Bible study was conducted by Rev. Clark. He took the theme, "Loyalty to the honor their father and mother and to be the boys that their mothers thought they were."

Among the other events of the program were addresses by the following men on various phases of "Loyalty" Miss Lefa Mustard of Westfall arrived in Ontario Wednesday for a few days of Christmas shopping.

DAVID F. HOUSTON



The secretary of agriculture who has received an extended vacation from his college presidency to remain in President Wilson's cabinet.

HARDSURFACE TO BE PUT ON BRIDGE ROAD

COUNTY ENGINEER AND CREW FINISH PLANS FOR RESURFACING OF HIGHWAY.

STORM AND FROST DELAY WORK

After Scarfing and Rounding Dirt Gravel Will Be Placed on Road for Width of Twenty-five Feet.

County Engineer B. F. Farmer and his crew last Saturday completed the levels and surveys for the resurfacing of the road from the city limits to the Snake river bridge. Had it not been for the hard frost and the storm of the week end the work would have proceeded this week. However, as soon as the ground thaws steps will be taken to rush the work to completion.

According to the plans prepared by Mr. Farmer under the direction of Frank Rader and D. M. Taggart, the committee placed in charge of the work by the business men who donated to the fund from which the expense of the work will be met, the road will be hard surfaced with gravel for a width of 25 feet from shoulder to shoulder.

Before this can be done it will be necessary to tear up the present surface and round up the road. A crew of men worked last week clearing the side ditches and doing all the work that weather conditions would permit so that when the surface thaws sufficiently the remainder of the job can be finished in a hurry.

The county commissioners have ordered Mr. Farmer to proceed with the work in conjunction with the business men's committee and the county crews and machinery will do the work. When completed, says Mr. Farmer, the road from the city limits to the bridge will be one of the best pieces of highway in the county for after the gravel is put on it will be rolled and packed. To do this rolling the county has ordered a big roller which will be attached to the steam tractor which the county now owns and this will furnish the weight needed for packing the gravel.

CHURCH MEMBERS GIVE FAREWELL RECEPTION

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Pratt of the Methodist church who left last Thursday for their new home at Cove, Oregon, were the guests of honor at a farewell reception at the church last Wednesday evening. Beside a musical program and a number of informal talks, a delightful social time was spent before Godspeed was bidden the guests of honor.

Beside the members of the church present there were many representatives of the other denominations and talks were made by Rev. W. M. Brown of the Presbyterian church and Rev. D. E. Baker of the Baptist. Attorney C. McGonagill presided during the evening.

STORES PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

YULETIDE SPIRIT EVIDENCED IN DECORATIONS WHICH ARE LARGER THAN USUAL.

NO LACK OF GIFT MATERIAL

Stores Will Be Open Evenings Next Week to Care for Those Who Did Not Shop Early—Read the Ads. in This Issue.

Ontario merchants have their Christmas decorations completed. All of the business emporiums of the city are garbed in yuletide colorings in myriad of designs and lighting effects. As the result there has been manifested a heightening of the Christmas fever.

As the result of the generous display of Christmas goods so attractively displayed in all the stores it is hard to resist the temptation to buy. The merchants with their displays indicate that they have considered well the Christmas needs of the community. There are gifts innumerable to be found in the several stores and fastidious indeed will be the shopper who cannot get what he or she wants after a trip along Oregon street.

Space prohibits giving in detail the striking features of the various display windows. Just take a trip along the street and enjoy what the merchants have prepared and you'll be convinced that Ontario was selected as Santa Claus' headquarters for Eastern Oregon and the Fruitland bench. To get an idea of what the merchants have to offer and to prepare your shopping list read the advertisements in this week's Argus and you'll save time and money by buying in Ontario.

TWIN FALLS MEN COME TO INSPECT PROJECTS

Conferences Held at Moore Hotel But Nothing Is Given Out—Oil Men Also in City.

Ivan Oakes, manager of the Willow Creek Irrigation district plotted two Twin Falls men, Messrs. Sheppard and Knapp from Ontario to Willow creek and return Monday. With them, too, were several Union men. Prior to starting from Ontario, and after their return here the men were in conference at the Moore Hotel, but no intimation was left with local interests as to what the trip signified.

Equally mysterious was the trip of some representative of outside capital, to the old fields of Vale. This man hired a car at a local garage, drove to Vale and returned to Ontario Monday. Neither Vale interests or anyone in Ontario could be found who knew what his trip meant. However after his departure it was rumored that a deal was on for property in the Vale region.

M. E. MEWTON OPENS NEW STORE AT WEISER

Success Achieved Here in Ontario Leads Prominent Merchant to Branch Out.

M. E. Newton, who demonstrated the possibilities of an exclusive shoe store in a city the size of Ontario has extended his buying business by opening a branch store at Weiser. The stock for this shop were ordered several months ago and the fixtures have been in place for some time. Some of the goods have been received but the store will not be opened until next week on the arrival of other consignments.

The Weiser store will be handled by a manager of long experience for Mr. Newton and his family will remain in Ontario where his prominence in business and fraternal circles has made him many friends.