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COUNCIL ORGANIZES FOR COMING YEAR

P. J. GALLAGHER NAMED CITY ATTORNEY—CITY RECORDER TO CONFINE ACTIVITIES TO CITY BUSINESS

1917 BUDGET IS CONFIRMED

Idaho Power Company Asks Time Extension for Installation of New Incandescent Lighting System Until April 1.

Ontario's newly elected councilmen took office at the regular meeting Monday evening. All of the appointive city officials were renamed save Attorney J. W. McCullough who did not seek the office of City Attorney. In his place Attorney P. J. Gallagher was named. A rise in salary was given City Recorder C. M. Stearns and in the future he will devote his entire time to the work of his office.

The following committees were named by Mayor W. F. Homan: Finance, A. L. Cockrum, chairman with entire council as members of the committee; street committee, L. O. McCoy, chairman, C. R. Emlison and A. L. Cockrum; park and cemetery, Ray Wilson, chairman, C. R. Emlison and Ward Canfield; water and lights, Ward Canfield, chairman, W. W. Letson and L. O. McCoy; health, W. W. Letson, chairman, Ray Wilson and Ward Canfield.

The council confirmed its determination to abandon the string lights, December 31, and these no longer will illuminate Oregon street. The light committee reported that the Power company desired an extension of time in which to install the new system and this was granted. April 1 was the date set for the inauguration of the new service.

The council confirmed the budget for next year as previously published at \$17,370.

TELEPHONE COMPANY CHANGES MANAGERS

R. W. Gardner is Succeeded by J. M. Lewis of Caldwell, Mr. Gardner Goes to Salt Lake City.

Effective this week was a change in the management of the Malheur Home Telephone company. R. W. Gardner who for the past four years has been in charge of the local company has been promoted in the service of the Mountain States Telephone company and leaves next week for Salt Lake City.

Succeeding Mr. Gardner is J. M. Lewis who for several years has been in charge of the Caldwell district for the Mountain States company. Mr. Lewis will arrive in Ontario Friday and as soon as he becomes acquainted with local conditions, will take charge of the business.

Mr. Lewis is a telephone man of long experience and while in Caldwell has been prominent in local civic affairs. For several years he was president of the Caldwell commercial club and a leader in public work in that city.

Mr. Gardner, the retiring manager will leave many friends in Ontario for while he has been in charge of the local district the business and service have been greatly extended and improved. While regretting to leave Ontario Mr. Gardner is going "back home" and that element in the change is of course agreeable. Mr. Gardner expects to leave next week for Salt Lake where he will join his family. Mrs. Gardner having been called there by the death of her mother two weeks ago.

H. B. Cockrum left Wednesday night for the Dalles and from there will go to Bend for a brief business trip.

THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE CHICKEN SHOWN HERE

ROOSTERS IN GOOD VOICE PROCLAIM THEIR PRESENCE—BOISE, PAYETTE AND FRUITLAND, REPRESENTED

ONE WILD TURKEY IS SHOWN

Imbler, and Juntura Distant Oregon Points To Send Exhibits—More Than 200 Birds in all Are Listed—Form Association Tonight

In clarion tones which leave no room for doubt concerning the source of the noise supply, 75 roosters are mingling their calls at the Ontario Poultry show in the Moore block this week. After their manner some hundred hens are adding to the poultry symphony, while solo numbers are offered by quacks of geese, ducks, and the gobblers of turkeys.

The show did not open Thursday owing to delays but judging starts Friday morning. Judge G. G. Wherry, of Payette who rated the last show is again in charge and will pass on the 207 specimens listed Thursday.

The exhibits were not formally opened Thursday there were many visitors at the show and more are expected today. This evening at the Commercial club rooms a meeting will be held for the purpose of forming a permanent poultry association.

On Saturday to close the show there will be an auction of all the chickens offered for sale.

A visit to the show is necessary to get an idea of the class of birds shown for there are many very fine

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CHINOOK LIKE WINDS BREAK COLD SPELL

Heaviest Snow Fall of Season Makes Sleighbing Good While Warmer Weather Reduces Need for Fuel

The Snake river valley is enjoying the best sleighing of the year. Early in the week Chinook like winds chased away the zero weather that prevailed last week and gave slight relief to the fast diminishing coal piles.

Accompanying the warmer weather came a heavy fall of snow so that by Wednesday there was some eight inches of the beautiful covering the landscape. The snow was hailed with delight by the ranchers who see in it substantial aid for good crops next summer.

The city residents also saw immediate pleasure and cutters and sleighs were very much in evidence. The women of the public school faculty had a sleigh planned for this evening with no male escorts and other parties will be held during the week.

WIFE OF RANCHER PASSES AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS

After an illness of several years Mrs. B. K. Newman, who lived just west of the city died last Friday leaving her husband and four small children. The funeral took place Saturday from the Baptist church, Rev. D. E. Baker officiating.

Mrs. Newman came with her husband and children to Ontario three years ago from Aberdeen, Washington, in hope that the climate here would prove of benefit. Last spring their youngest child was born and since then she has been very ill. A trip to Portland was taken for treatment which proved unavailing and she returned to Ontario this fall.

Mrs. Newman was born at Candler, North Carolina, 28 years ago and was married to Mr. Newman in 1905, shortly afterwards they came west. Besides her husband and children she leaves her father, two brothers and three sisters to mourn her death.

SETTLERS PROVE WORTH OF DEAD OX FLAT FOR DRY FARMING.

One Rancher Declares that Dead Ox Flat Land Is "As Good As Anybody's Country," and Points to Record of Ranchers During Past Season.

There has always been a question in the minds of some of the residents of this section concerning the ability of the big region to the north and northwest of Ontario, known as the Dead Ox Flat region, to raise good crops under the dry-farming method. Because some ranchers have not achieved the results anticipated this scepticism continued for many years, but during the past season men have gone onto the land who have demonstrated what can be done, and their success should dispell all doubts. Here is what some have done:

"Good As Anybody's Country"

"I went onto my place last spring," said J. M. Webb who lives in what is called Jacobsen's Gulch, when he was in town last Saturday, "and cleared what land I could and raised sorghum. I know from the yield of sorghum I raised last year that a man can raise all the feed he wants on that land if he just goes in for sorghum."

"I know, too, that it will raise wheat; it is a good wheat country under dry farming methods if the man who handles the land knows how to dry-farm. Yes sir, the Dead Ox Flat is as good as anybody's country and the ranchers up there now are proving it."

The following is what two other Dead Ox ranchers did last season:

Robert Rainey raised barley that went 50 pounds to the bushel and 42 bushels to the acre, securing 1665 bushels from 16 acres.

Perry Hayden planted rye and wheat, on the former he harvested 24 bushels per acre and his wheat yielded 18 bushels per acre.

What these men can do on Dead Ox Flat other ranchers can accomplish by using proper dry farming methods.

Next week The Argus will tell what a sheep man accomplished by feeding a flock here this fall.

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE CHARGE AT VALE

There was a general change in the complexion of court house at Vale this week. The old officers bid good bye to the scenes of their activities during the past two years and turned over the affairs of the county to the successful candidates at the November election.

Practically the entire force in the court house is now democratic, in the political sense at least. County Judge George McKnight, with his associates J. F. Weaver and M. R. Kelley, and County Treasurer C. C. Mueller, are the sole representatives of the G. O. P.

The dean of the Democratic county officials is Ben Brown, Sheriff, who was re-elected. County Superintendent Fay Clark is second in point of service. The new officials are R. W. Swagler, county attorney, who by association with his predecessor, W. H. Brooke, became familiar with the duties of the office.

The office of the County Clerk too, is in the hands of one familiar with the work of the office, for Arthur M. Moody was for years deputy clerk under John Huston. Mr. Moody took charge of the office last week having worked during December as deputy following the resignation of John Wheeler.

The only novice in the game of county office holding is Morgan Carlisle who succeeds L. E. Hill. Mr. Carlisle has been at Vale for some time getting familiar with his duties as has Murray Morlan who has been named as deputy assessor.

WARM SPRINGS BONDS MAY BE SOLD FRIDAY

The meeting of the board of directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation district will be held tomorrow to receive proposals for the \$750,000 bond issue from which the reservoir and distributing system is to be built. Several firms will have representatives present to make offers for the bonds and it is believed that one of these will be accepted.

FROZEN PIPE GIVES SCHOOL VACATION

Wednesday morning when the boys and girls of the High School and Grammar school went to classes they were greeted with the joyful news, to them, that owing to the freezing of a heating pipe at the heating plant there would be no heat for the buildings. Consequently without heat there could be no school and they could go home.

The pupils bore up under the sad intelligence and went their several ways hoping that it would take a week to thaw out the pipe. Much to their regret, however, the plumbers completed their work before noon and the classes resumed their work after lunch time.

JACK LYNCH PERISHES FROM EXPOSURE IN SNOW

Blaine Mays, a homesteader living near Jacobsen's Gulch discovered the body of Jack Lynch an old homesteader of that region, frozen to death in Moore's Hollow, Wednesday. Mays was on his way to H. J. Benson's ranch when he found a hat in the road and this led him to the discovery of the body.

Lynch had been in Ontario last Friday returning from Boise and started to walk to his homestead, not being of robust health he could not make the trip and died alone on the road. His only known relative is a sister living in Chicago. Coroner Payne had the body brought to Ontario and prepared for interment.

COAL SITUATION IS STILL UNSATISFACTORY

THOUSANDS OF TONS STANDING ON CARS BETWEEN SALT LAKE CITY AND HELPER UTAH FOR WEEKS.

ENGINE SCARCITY CAUSE DELAY

Ontario Dealers Received Three Cars Loads this Week Relieving Situation Here—No Coal at New Plymouth in Three Weeks.

With 2,127 cars loaded with 85,080 tons of coal standing on the Denver & Rio Grande sidetracks between Salt Lake City and Helper, Utah, the coal famine in Utah, Idaho and Eastern Oregon continues to be serious. These cars, many of them, according to the reports of the Utah investigators received by local coal men, have been loaded for several weeks but have not been moved. The real reason for the serious situation is apparently a lack of motive power on the D. & R. G.

The situation so far as coal coming from Wyoming mines is somewhat similar to there has been a slight improvement in the movement of coal from that section.

Locally the famine is not quite as acute as it was last week. Three cars of coal were received this week by Ontario dealers inside of 12 hours after the cars were spotted at the bins they were unloaded and the precious black diamonds were hoarded by fortunate customers.

Bad as has been the situation in Ontario the city has been vastly more fortunate than its neighbors. New

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CALDWELL FIRM WILL CONTINUE SALES DAY

Miller & Dickens and Charles Carter Take over Traders' Day From Bert Wheelon—Plan Enlargement of Scope.

Miller & Dickens of Caldwell and Carter & Glenn of Ontario will continue the Traders' Day sales which was started here in September by Bert Wheelon who left last week for Burns to take over the Harney County Tribune.

Messrs. Miller & Dickens are the best known auctioneers in this section of the country. Thru their efforts the Caldwell sales have become the biggest thing of the kind in the west. Their presence in Ontario should assure the local sales of greater success. The work done so far has been largely of a pioneer nature and the coming months should demonstrate what can be done with a Traders' day here, when the ranchers begin to stock up for spring work.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL

Christmas day, 1916, was the happiest ever had, thanks to the generosity of former patients and kind friends who sent back the little socks, crammed full. The Sisters received enough to buy each patient an individual present.

The Christmas tree, which stood in the corridor of the first floor was artistically decorated by the Sisters and nurses and the many Christmas presents which hung from it made it a picture of luxury. For Christmas day the rules of dietetics were forgotten and the bed patients were pleasantly surprised when the nurses brought the usual Christmas turkey dinner with appropriate trimmings.

Patients During December. The following were admitted to the hospital for treatment during the month of December: E. L. Goodyear, Ben Crummett, Jr., C. F. McClain, and Everett Colley, Ontario; Mrs. John Vanderpool and Mrs. A. E.

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ENTIRE COUNTY GIVES APPROVAL TO SCHEDULE

CHANGE IN TRAINS WHICH PERMITS DAILY SERVICE TO CRANE AND TO HOMEDALE IS BENEFIT

IMPROVEMENT FOR RANGHERS

Stock Can Now be Loaded every Day With Certainty that Connections can be Made with Main Line Trains.

With the institution of the new train service on the Homedale branch and the Oregon Eastern last week comes expressions of approval from all over the county. It is the unanimous opinion of all the communities served that the new service is a vast improvement over the old schedule.

The following is a few of the comments from the various papers in the county which shows just how the people feel about the new service:

The new train schedule which went into effect on Monday is a success from the Juntura standpoint no matter what it might be from Vale's. One can leave Drewsey at a reasonable hour in the morning and make the train comfortably, or return from Ontario and the outside in time to reach Drewsey at a reasonable hour in the afternoon.—Juntura Times.

It is reported that considerable opposition has developed to the new train schedule over the Homedale branch and a strong effort is being made to have it repealed. A daily train service over this line is a great convenience to the people of this section and will greatly stimulate the farming industry contiguous to it. Farmers can load their stock and get it out on the main line in time to catch the stock express to Portland from Huntington. The new service also makes it practicable to go out on the Homedale branch after the arrival of the Ponies and return in time to catch the fast train east. Nysa people and those along the line should make a vigorous and united effort to keep the new schedule in operation.—Gate City Journal.

A. B. CAIN HAS HENS WITH GREAT RECORDS

Ontario Rancher with Pedigreed Birds of High Degree Demonstrates what these Aristocrats can do.

That it pays to cultivate the ownership of hens of high degree has been demonstrated by A. B. Cain whose ranch house is just west of Ontario on the Boulevard. Mr. Cain is one of the exhibitors at the Poultry show and is making preparations to increase his flocks. He recently purchased a big incubator and a brooding stove so that he will be one of the biggest poultry raisers in this section before long.

This is the record of a flock of chickens he secured from the famous Tanager ranch of Kent, Washington. There were 62 single comb White Leghorns hatched the latter part of March 1916 and began laying September 27, 1916. These laid 20 dozen eggs during October, when eggs sold at 50 cents per dozen; 39 dozen during November when the price was the same and 53 dozen during December when eggs were down to 40 cents making the total earnings for the three laying months \$50.70. Mr. Cain kept track of the cost of feeding during the three laying months and found the following results: wheat \$3.09, corn \$2.70; dry mash \$1.50 and shell grit etc., 30 cents per month making the total cost per month \$7.50 or \$22.50 for the three months.

The exodus of students who came to Ontario for the holiday season began last week when the University of Washington students, Miss Neva Billingsley and Farmer Trish left for Seattle.