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## FIRE ALARM SYSTEM NEEDED SAYS FARMER

CITY MARSHAL DIRECTS ATTENTION OF COUNCIL TO PRESENT INADEQUATE SERVICE—TO INVESTIGATE COST.

## SUPPORT FOR BAND CONTINUED

Property Owners to Receive Another Warning on Requirement for Sewer Connections before Diplomatic Relations are Severed.

Whether it is wise to spend all of the fire department supply funds for hose that is needed or to divert a portion of the amount for the installation of a fire alarm system, that was the question placed before the council meeting Monday evening by City Marshal Harry Farmer.

Mr. Farmer, in answer to questions by Mayor W. F. Homan and members of the council, declared that while the department was badly in need of additional hose the city needed the alarm system which could be given from the office of the telephone company. Such system, he said, were in use at Meridian, Weiser, Nampa and other cities and is very effective. According to his views the city could divert a portion of the money originally intended for the purchase of hose and thus both objects could be served.

In connection with the fire committee Mr. Farmer was instructed to investigate the matter to determine the cost of installing such a system.

During the discussion of the matter Councilman Ward Canfield asked whether or not the franchise of the telephone company did not require the installation of such service. He said that as he remembered that measure when passed several years ago such a provision was made, though he was not certain. That phase of the matter will be investigated.

## Look After Side Walks.

City Attorney P. J. Gallagher brought up the matter of defective sidewalks and advised that the city council as a matter of precaution, to avoid possibility of litigation, see that all side walks be kept in condition, especially that those be repaired to which attention had been called. He cited a suit pending against the City of Vale and all of the councilmen there and urged the necessity of avoiding a similar experience for Ontario.

Councilman W. W. Letson added to sidewalk discussion the suggestion that an ordinance be passed requiring the cleaning of sidewalks within a specified time after snow storms. This appealed to the funny bones of the councilmen, for Councilman Ray Wilson declared he would have to move out of town if such a measure passed for he had 225 feet of 20 foot walks to combat. Mr. Letson declared that he was the only councilman who ever cleaned a walk anyway and he wanted some of the others to try a hand at it. After a lot of jollifying about the matter the question was referred to the city attorney to determine whether or not an ordinance defining a given district in the city requiring such treatment would be legal.

The question of hitching racks received some attention but no action was taken the question being referred to the street committee.

H. O. Drane manager of the Ontario Band addressed the council and requested a continuance of the appropriation during the current year. This was granted by a unanimous vote.

## Sewer Turns Up Again.

The lateral sewer petitioned for last fall by A. Jacquish which was refused by one vote in the council was again petitioned for and a date set for a hearing on the petition. This led to a discussion of the question of health regulation and Mayor Homan called to the attention of the sewer committee the ordinance requiring connections to the sewers when within a reasonable distance from the trunks or laterals.

## GOES EAST ON BUYING TRIP AND TO SEE LATEST STYLES

Mrs. H. C. Boyer left this week for Chicago, New York and other eastern centers to purchase goods and see the advance styles for the benefit of the many patrons of Boyer Bros.

## Woman's Club Members Would Volunteer Service

One of the questions to be discussed at the meeting of the Woman's club at the library this afternoon will be, "What can the club do in case the United States goes to war with Germany?"

In getting down to cold facts the women of Ontario are thus getting a flying start on the men. The women believe that like their English, German, French and Belgian sisters they can serve the nation in many ways and are ready to do what they can.

## RADER BROS. CO. HAS GREAT YEAR'S TRADE

Annual Meeting of Stockholders Held Last Saturday—All Old Officers Are Re-elected. Biggest Year in Business.

The stockholders of Rader Bros. company held their annual meeting last Saturday to receive the reports of the officers on the business of the past year. The only out-of-town stockholder, John Rader of Boise who is president of the corporation was present.

The visiting president was perhaps the most surprised member in attendance for with the failure of the fruit crop on the bench he was anticipating a decreased showing in volume of business over previous years. In speaking of the surprise his brother received, Frank Rader, secretary and general manager of the firm said:

"When he found that the business surpassed any previous year he could hardly believe it. We could offer no specific reason for the increase but believe that generally it may be taken as an indication of the prosperity of the community, especially those whose crops consisted of hay or sheep and cattle. It certainly is gratifying to note the increase in business and my brother was certainly surprised, but the increase is just another annual event in the eleven years we have been here, and we note an increase since the consolidation which brought the grocery department with the McCoy brothers into the firm."

Aside from the declaration of annual dividends the principal business was the re-election of the following officers: John Rader, president; Frank Rader, secretary and general manager; D. C. Rader, treasurer.

## GIBSON AND SON HAVE A GREAT DAIRY HERD

One Cow Makes 92.4 Pounds Fat for January; Another 84.0 Pounds.

Can one make money milking cows? Did you say no? Well then it is because you have not the kind of cows found in the grade Holstein herds about Nyssa. The herd of Gibson & Son is an example of these herds. During January one of this herd made 92.4 pounds of fat and another cow made 84.0 pounds of fat. These are wonderful results, but can be attained by any one who is willing to follow intelligent methods in breeding and herd management. Five cows in this herd made 62.3 pounds of fat or better during this same month.

Cows monthly average 49.8 pounds during nine months. This herd has now been tested for nine months and the high monthly average of butter fat per cow is 49.8 pounds. The daily average has been 1.36 pounds of fat and 37.3 pounds of milk. This is remarkable when we consider that the average cow in the U. S. makes but about 169 pounds of fat per year.

There is no better country in the world to dairy than Malheur County. The dream of the eastern dairyman is realized here. Corn silage and the best of alfalfa hay. The Mississippi Valley farmers have always lamented the fact that we had the hay and that they had the corn. We have brought them together here in Malheur County, and so have the greatest of dairy countries.

W. W. HOWARD, County Agricultural Agent.

## UNITED STATES ON VERGE OF WAR TO COMBAT PRUSSIANISM

FOLLOWING PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS TO SENATE LAST WEEK GERMANY SHOWS NO DESIRE TO RELAX ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO SINK ALL SHIPS IN PROSCRIBED ZONE WITHOUT WARNING.

## SINKING OF CALIFORNIA MAY BE OVERT ACT

War and Rumors of War All Important Subject of Consideration in Ontario—Loyalty Manifested—Former German Sympathizers United in Their Determination to be Americans First.

War with Germany was the one thing uppermost in the minds of Ontarians during the past week. With every other section of the United States the citizens followed the latest press dispatches with interest. Not that Ontarians want war with Germany or any other power, but because of the possibilities indicated by the cloud of last week, was this the thing which focused their attention this week.

German Sympathizers All Loyal. While regretting that there is a possibility of war with Germany all of the Ontarians who have hitherto, and do still uphold the Prussian cause against the entente allies, were united in their declaration that as between the United States and Germany they were Americans, first, last and all the time.

Waiting Overt Act. The tension between the United States and Germany has been tense during the past week actual hostilities have not begun. Telephone messages to Boise late this (Thursday) afternoon indicate that no new developments have taken place. At the present time President Wilson is waiting complete reports from American representatives in England concerning the sinking of the British liner, California, on which were several American citizens.

Congress is rushing thru bills making vast appropriations for war supplies, bills defining espionage and other measures needed in the crisis. The most important step taken by Congress was the endorsement of President Wilson's action in breaking relations with Germany. Only five Senators, three republicans and two democrats voted against the Senate resolution.

## SOLDIER OF FORTUNE—FIGHTER UNDER MANY FLAGS VISITS ONTARIO THIS WEEK

Dr. Tillson L. Harrison, Former U. S. Private—Soldier in Belgium—Member of Foreign Legion in France—Lt. Colonel with Carranza—Surgeon with Villa and Lastly Surgeon with Yuan Shai Kai in China Spends Week in Ontario.

With trunks filled with curious and the Canadian contingent until the second battalion was wiped out. He then went to England to join the Red Cross but after delays in getting assignment came back to the states and practiced in Idaho for a few months before the war fever again sent him to Mexico, and it was there that his most exciting experiences were had. First, for three months, he was with Villa's army as surgeon, but having witnessed the execution of several of his medical orderlies at sunrise, and not feeling that it was a haven of security he left the service and just a few weeks later joined the Carranzistas under General Calles, with whom he was for 15 months.

Following the defeat of Calles at the battle of Agua Prieta, which annihilated Calles army for the time being and sent many of his forces to the American border, he went to China where he remained until the

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## Local Surgeon Is Ready To Go In Case of War

Indicating the steps which have been taken during the past few months to mobilize the forces needed in case of war Dr. J. Prinsing of Ontario is among the number of surgeons who have volunteered for service if needed.

"Several months ago I received blanks from Washington asking whether or not I would join the forces if war were declared," said Dr. Prinsing, on Tuesday. "I answered the various questions asked in the blank and volunteered my services. I am ready to go any time they call me."

This is the attitude of Ontarians generally even those who like Dr. Prinsing have sympathized with Germany in her war against the allies.

## PLAN BETTERMENTS ON SHOE STRING SYSTEM

Stockholders of Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Company Elect Directors and They Plan Increasing Efficiency.

At the city hall Monday afternoon the stockholders of the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation company held their annual meeting which was postponed from last month. The directors elected include S. D. Dorman, A. W. Trow, E. M. Greig, C. A. Marshall, Thomas W. Claggett, Pieter Tenson and H. H. Mitchell.

Following the adjournment of the stockholders meeting the newly elected board met and organized by the election of A. W. Trow, president; E. M. Greig, secretary-treasurer.

The board also considered, but took no definite action upon, a number of proposed improvements for the coming irrigation season. The directors, to avoid a repetition of the costly breakdown due to the burning of a motor, had on having a man at the pumping plant all the time. To do this it will be necessary to build a small bungalow for the housing of such an employe. A new pump will also be installed.

When these improvements are made the directors feel that they will have an irrigation system second to none in the northwest. Without these improvements Engineer Franklin of Boise who recently inspected the plant declared it equal to any pumping system between Brown's Flat and Huntington.

## ARGUMENTS WILL FLY AT NYSSA TOMORROW

High School Debaters of Ontario and Nyssa Will Determine Rights to Proceed in Contest.

At Nyssa tomorrow night Miss Dorothy Cleveland and John Moore, representing the Ontario High School will exchange arguments on the question of Compulsory State Insurance, with the representatives of Nyssa. The winner of the debate will have the honor of meeting the winner of the Pendleton-Grande debate for the privilege of representing Eastern Oregon in the final contest for the championship of the state high school debating league.

Since Nyssa has defeated Vale in the first contest in this section arguing on the negative, and Ontario had the choice of sides the local team will uphold the negative while Nyssa will argue the affirmative contention. A number of the high school students and members of the faculty intend to accompany the debaters to Nyssa tomorrow evening.

## TONNIGSON-RAMBO WEDDING.

A wedding which united two of Ontario's well known young people took place Tuesday. At that time the words were said which made Miss Anna Tonnigson the wife of Ray Rambo of this city. Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known to Ontarians. They will make their home in this city.

Mrs. Chas. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Duford returned from Portland Monday.

## MINSTREL SHOW MAKES ABUNDANCE OF MIRTH

BLACK-FACED COMEDIANS GIVE DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT—SPECIALTIES ARE CLEVER.

## NEAT SUM RAISED FOR BAND

Crowded House Grooms Entertainers—Many Turned Away and Second Performance is Being Considered—Date Set Later.

Ontario, at least 400 citizens, literally held its sides to avoid serious results from the gales of laughter produced by the Oregon Club, Ontario band minstrels given at Dreamland last Thursday evening.

The house was crowded. More than 400 people were present to enjoy the evening's fun, and nearly 200 were turned away. To let these enjoy the sport a second performance is being considered and may be announced later.

The performance opened with a chorus number by the circle in which Attorney W. W. Wood presented the one fair countenance. Numerous specialties including songs by James G. Smith, who made a hit with "Mother Macree," while H. M. Browne committed contortions with "Another Rag," and set the house roaring. H. VonRaden, Byron Turner and Chet Lackey also perpetrated mirth producers to the joy of the audience.

Between acts Mayor W. F. Homan made a brief talk urging the united support of the band as a deserving public institution. The second part was devoted to the introduction of specialties and proved an adequate means of displaying the versatility of the performers. Chet Lackey's Harry Lauder specialty was a scream in two dialects and a Scottish brogue, while J. D. Conway and A. F. Riddle were a laugh producing pair in their skit. Turner and Dunning burlesqued Weber and Fields were a real echo of the famous comedians. W. G. Beaumgard's clarinet solo was another of the pleasing features.

To declare that as an amateur production the evening's entertainment was far above the ordinary is a mild statement of the facts and judging by the uproarious laughter which greeted various numbers it was a patent fact that the crowd got its money's worth and then some. One of the features which contributed to the success of the evening was the excellent work of the orchestra.

The performance was managed by the following: Byron Turner, director; J. G. Smith, manager; C. F. Trow, assistant manager. The cast included: W. W. Wood, interloper; End men, H. M. Browne, C. T. Lackey, Art Dunning, Byron Turner; circle, Stephen Cox, H. VonRaden, A. F. Riddle, L. B. Cockrum, J. G. Smith, Sidney Robinson, Alf. Holland, P. W. Campbell, J. D. Conway. The orchestra included: W. C. Beaumgard, director; Luella B. Callin, piano; George Hardman, cornet; W. M. Walker, flute; J. W. Bruning, clarinet, and Lynn Buckner, bass.

## LOCAL MEMBERS OF IDAHO GUARD EXPECTING CALL

Wilmer Boyer and Everett Staples who were recently mustered out of service with the Second Idaho are reading the papers closely these days for they are expecting to be called to the colors at any time. The provision of their enlistment provides that they may be called upon at any time during the next two years.

Fremont J. Petty of Weiser, and of the Machine Gun Company of Idaho National guard is spending a few days in the city with his sister, Mrs. F. L. Sheets. Mr. Petty is looking fine and says he enjoyed himself on the trip to the hordes and says a trip like that is worth the time of any young man. And also that he is in his uniform and ready to go when the word is received for any U. S. duty.