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MOVE LIGHT POLES TO SPARE SHADE TREES

COUNCIL ACTS ON PETITION CIRCULATED BY JAMES LACKEY AND OTHERS AT SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY NIGHT.

LASHING OF TREES RESENTED

Street Committee is Instructed to Co-operate with County and Commercial Club on Road Improvement.

The Idaho Power company will be asked by the City Council to explain the lopping off of branches from shade trees by the crew that has been erecting the pole lines for the new lighting system. The city council, at a special meeting held Monday evening determined on this action.

The meeting was called for the purpose of acting upon a petition circulated by James Lackey and others, asking that the light poles in that section of the city South of Wyoming avenue and West of Richardson street be placed 15 feet from the curb. Two objects are sought to be secured by this procedure, first the parkway outside the sidewalks will not be cut up, and, it will not be necessary to mutilate the branches of shade trees. The petition was granted and the necessary change in location of the poles will be ordered.

To Improve Bridge Road. The council also ordered the street committee to co-operate with the County commissioners and the special committee of the Commercial club in their effort to improve the highway to the Snake river bridge. The county court is ready to let the contract for its share of the work and the council determined that it would be advantageous to the city to make arrangements with the contractor to surface the road within the city limits at the same time. The council would like to have the work done at the earliest possible moment.

PLEASING SERVICE MARKS INSTALLATION

Religion is Changing Declares Speaker—Rev. Mason of Mountain Says Pastor Must Pull but People Must Push.

That there is a widespread interest in institutional religion in Ontario was shown by the large congregation in the attendance at the installation of the Rev. Herbert Livingston as pastor of the local Congregational church last Sunday evening. The Board of Trustees had made room for an unusually large crowd by readjusting the seating and securing additional chairs for the occasion, and the enlarged seating capacity was needed.

Excepting the presiding officer, the Rev. Shelton Brassell, pastor of the First Congregational church of Boise whose presence was prevented by the lateness of a train, the program was carried out as announced. The service began with a piano voluntary by Miss Luella Callin, following this the presiding officer Rev. Sullivan, made a formal statement of the purpose of the assembly. It was, he said, for the conference to recognize the action of Ontario church in the calling of a pastor and to impress the two parties to this new contract, the people and the pastor, with the greatness of their responsibilities and the joy of their opportunities.

The special music for the occasion was a solo by Mrs. Jacquish, an anthem by the church quartette and a vocal solo by Mr. Wood, attending as a lay delegate from the Weiser church. The Scripture reading was by Mrs. Black lay delegate from the Congregational church at Breuno, Idaho. "Change and the Unchangeable" was the subject of the installation sermon delivered by the Rev. Walter H. Ashley of Weiser. He spoke of the universal and constant change in all human affairs. "We are here," he said "to recognize a change in the

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AMERICAN SHIP IS U-BOAT VICTIM WITHOUT WARNING

The sinking of the American freighter Algonquin without warning was, with the return of Ambassador James W. Gerard, the only feature of outstanding importance in connection with the differences between the United States and Germany. Ambassador Gerard has not given out a detailed statement in connection with what transpired during the last weeks he was in Germany and probably will not do so until after he has consulted President Wilson, whose illness prevented a conference on the Ambassador's arrival.

Members of Gerard's party declare that the food situation for at least 20,000,000 Germans is serious, while the men connected with the army and the navy are all right.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO COOK BIG DINNER

Annual Function to Be Held Saturday from 5:30 until 8:30—Chicken to Be the Piece de Resistance—Benefit of Gymnasium.

"Eat and Grow Fat," is the slogan being used to advertise the Annual High School function for the benefit of the permanent gymnasium fund which this year is to take the shape of a big chicken dinner. The dinner is to be served in the Moore building, next to Pifer's Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30.

The slogan, however, is not the only element to attract loyal Ontarians to the dinner, for the announcement informs the public that there will be, "dainty tables, dainty meals, dainty waitresses, to serve the biggest, best, most delicious dinner you ever ate." All this will be purchased for just four bits.

The girls of the domestic science department, under the direction of Miss Leona Rader of that department, assisted by all the girls of the school are preparing the menu, decorating the tables and preparing for a function that the patrons will remember. The succulent chicken will be the piece de resistance, and with it will go all the trimmings, and the smiles of pretty waitresses. The girls also declare that the public will admit that their mothers have no monopoly.

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OFFICIALS OF VALE HAVE TO STAND SUIT

Judge Biggs Over-ruled Demurrers of County Seat Officials in the Suit of Mrs. Wes Caviness for Injuries.

Over-ruled the demurrer of ex-Mayor Geo. E. Davis and the city council of Vale, Judge Dalton Biggs of the District Court this week held that with B. W. Mulkey, they might be sued by Mrs. W. N. Caviness for injuries alleged to have been sustained by a fall on the sidewalk before Mr. Mulkey's property.

The case is arousing a great deal of interest in Malheur county legal circles since nearly every attorney in the county is employed by the various defendants, while W. H. Brooke is in charge of the case for the plaintiff.

The officials of the various city governments are also interested for if the contention of the plaintiff is sustained it will establish a precedent in this county that will cause a tightening of the enforcement of sidewalk ordinances.

In his decision over-ruled the demurrer of the city officials which is at length a study of the entire case the Judge sustains the demurrer of the city of Vale upholding the clause of its charter which exempts the city from damages in cases of injury.

SCARCITY OF HAY BECOMES SERIOUS

SHEEPMEN NOW WILLING TO PAY ALMOST ANY PRICE FOR VANISHING CROP—CONTINUED COLD WEATHER.

FLOCKS MUST BE MOVED SOON

Hay Ranchers with Small Stocks Being Eagerly Sought—Men Who Had Large Stocks Looking for More.

Sheep and cattle men about Ontario are at last feeling the shortage of hay. The precious alfalfa is fast vanishing and stockmen are beginning to figure on moving their animals to the ranges and feeding grain. Finally at this season the green grass is supplying nourishment for the sheep and cattle.

Many of the large sheepmen who purchased great quantities of hay last fall and estimated that they would have abundance for the winter are willing to pay any price for hay. It is estimated that the continued cold weather and snow has necessitated feeding 25 per cent more hay than usual.

This with the demand made for hay in the Baker and Canyon city regions and other outside points has served to take up all the surplus in this section.

Several large bands of sheep which have been led west of Ontario by Idaho men will have to be moved soon unless hay can be secured. In view of men will have to be moved soon unless hay can be secured. In view of the fact that the scarcity has come in the midst of the lambing season has added to the difficulties of the sheepmen, so that piece fat profits are endangered and they are having something else to think about than how they are to spend their dividends.

WITH H. C. OF L. UP GOES DRUNK FINES

Revised Statutes Increase the Ante on Old Fashioned Jags—So Decides Judge C. M. Stearns.

The first offender to be arrested in Ontario since the new state statute covering the illicit traffic in liquor found that the cost of living is not the only thing that is going up these days. When Fred Gunder who gave his domicile as Halley, Idaho, got a superabundance of old fashioned red eye on board last Friday morning he was arrested by Night Marshal Bill Allison and sent to the "cooler" for rest and refreshment.

All Friday morning the authorities endeavored to learn where Gunder secured his jag producer but could not shake his original statement that he brought it from Halley, and he had left that city the Sunday previous.

After a mild exhibition of the third degree the officers decided to pass up the question of local supply, the bottle had a familiar appearance and tried Gunder on a plain charge of drunk before Police Judge C. M. Stearns. After viewing the case the Judge threw the book at Gunder with a \$25 assessment attached. After grumbling about the rise in prices for jags Gunder paid the assessment.

LIBRARY BOOKS HERE FOR BIG BOOK SOCIAL

The books for the book social to be given by the women of the Woman's club arrived this week and will be put on sale Saturday at W. W. Letson's jewelry store. The date of the social at which these books will be admission cards has not been set but will be named in the near future. This social is the annual benefit given for the library by the club and its success in the past has, in a large measure, made possible the growth in the number of books on the library shelves.

PEP MEETING OF C. C. BILLED FOR MONDAY

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND SHORT TALKS TO BE FEATURES WHILE EVERYONE MAY AIR VIEWS.

TO START MEMBERSHIP RALLY

Weinerwurst Sausages and Coffee to Imbue the Members with Necessary Ginger—Big Crowd is Wanted—Be There.

If you have any ideas on what the Ontario Commercial club should endeavor to do for the city during the coming year the proper thing to do is to attend the booster meeting Monday evening and give voice to those ideas. The meeting is to be a good fellowship rally of members and those who are not members but who, as citizens should be connected with the club.

No formal program has been arranged. The meeting is not going to be, "cut fat and dried," but one of those spontaneous exhibitions, free-for-all-go-as-you-please gatherings with the pep instilled by the hot weinerwurst and coffee route mixed with the musical entertainment which Byron Turner and A. F. Riddle have arranged, while H. L. Peterson, Harry Morrow and Harry Farmer are engineering the feed.

A short series of talks on civic matters will be given, but the principal thing will be the discussion of the aims of the club for the year and it is in this phase of the meeting that everyone may take a hand. The new officers of the club are expecting a large crowd to be present at the fest.

M. E. NEWTON TAKES NEW LOCATION SOON

Starts to Move Stock to Wilson Buildings—Will Concentrate on Business Here Owing to Increased Prices.

M. E. Newton, who for the past five years has operated the only exclusive shoe store in Malheur county started to move the fixtures of his store to the new location in the Wilson buildings opposite the post office. On Monday Mr. Newton will be doing business at the new location.

"Owing to the increasing cost of shoes," said Mr. Newton this week, "I have decided to concentrate the stock which I purchased for the stores in Payette and Weiser I had intended opening, here in Ontario. Right now I could not purchase shoes for all the stores and continue to give the service I aim to give the patrons of the Ontario store. It is impossible to get the shoes, and to scatter the purchases would necessitate a curtailment somewhere."

"The goods that are being received now were purchased last summer and fall before the great rises and as they are arriving now it will be possible to still maintain an exclusive shoe store here at popular prices. This could not have been done with the stock divided between Ontario, Payette and Weiser."

PROGRAMS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCUSSED

Ontario was the Mecca for the Sunday School workers of Malheur county on Tuesday and Wednesday. The sessions of the annual convention were held at the Baptist church and were largely attended by interested audiences.

The principal addresses were delivered by workers from Ontario, Vale and Nyssa, but the convention listened to many helpful talks by Rev. Dr. Charles A. Phipps of Portland. The following is the complete program of the convention:

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STRIKE OF RAILROAD MEN AGAIN THREATENED

While the United States Supreme Court still has before it the Adamson railroad wage law for adjudication, pending which the leaders last winter agreed not to strike, a new action was started this week by the officials of the Four railroad brotherhoods. According to the latest advices the men will walk out on Saturday, under the demands which were given the railroad managers today are complied with.

Leaders of the railroad officials declare they will not meet the demands so it appears the test will be made. President Wilson has intimated that he will endeavor to secure a settlement, while a number of the leaders of the men declare that they have received the approval of the men for their proposed action.

The modified demands of the men, according to W. G. Lee, of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen, call for a basic eight hour day with prorate for overtime. This insubstance is what the Adamson bill would have given the men.

SENIOR CLASS WILL PRESENT TWO PLAYS

"When a Man's Single" is the Title of First Play to be Given Friday March 23 at Dreamland.

Because they have so many members in the class that one play would not give opportunity for half the number the Seniors of the High School will give two class plays this year. The first of these, "When a Man's Single," will be given a week from Friday at Dreamland.

The play is a rural society comedy which furnishes a number of exciting situations and with its clever dialogue is an adequate vehicle for the class actors.

The play centers around the fortunes of the Horton and Briscoe families, who are respectively farmers and New York society folk with a summer home at New Port. The transition from the country to gay New Port and the mix-up over the hands of the pretty widow and her charming daughter are amusing.

The cast selected for the play has been working hard under the direction of Supt. Bailey and Miss Hurd of the English department and the lines

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IDAHO POWER COMPANY FILES BIG MORTGAGE

Refinancing of Power Properties Completed, New Mortgage Placed on Record in Nineteen Counties, Filing Fees \$1500.

A mortgage covering all power plants, substations, franchises and other properties was filed for record at Vale Wednesday by the Idaho Power Company. The same document was filed in all of the nineteen counties in which the company operates in Idaho and Oregon.

The properties covered by the mortgage extend from Blackfoot and Pocatello on the eastward to the Snake River in eastern Oregon, and include franchises and real estate in substantially every city, town or village in south-central and south-western Idaho and eastern Oregon. The filing fees will aggregate over \$1500.00 of which Malheur got \$35.00. The conservative basis upon which the refinancing has been done is apparent from the provisions of the mortgage, which permit the company to issue at this time only \$4,500,000 of bonds, on properties that were formerly subjected to bond issues aggregating over \$18,000,000. The officers of the company report that the following

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CITY'S SANITATION DISCUSSED AT DINNER

DOCTORS H. H. WHITNEY AND W. J. WEESSE LEAD DISCUSSION AT DINNER GIVEN AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

WATER PROBLEM CONSIDERED

General Improvement of Conditions Deemed Better than Waiting for Great Industrial Boom—Committees to Make Investigation.

That it is better to put some real effort into bettering the living conditions of the City of Ontario than to be constantly looking for some great boom from the outside was the key note of the post prandial talks at the initial dinner of the club which met at the Congregational church Wednesday evening.

Following an excellent dinner served by the women of the church, Rev. Herbert Livingston as temporary chairman, and W. H. Doolittle as temporary secretary took charge of the meeting. Dr. H. H. Whitney, city health officer was the first speaker introduced.

"Sanitation in its broad meaning is nothing more than cleanliness," said Dr. Whitney. "The attainment of a sanitary condition is nothing more nor less than good business. It pays in dollars and cents, as well as in the protection of health. There is not much use of having a clean-up day if the people spend the other 344 days of the year in getting lots and alleys dirty."

"Now it must be understood that the unsanitary conditions that do exist are not due to the action of the majority. I believe 95 per cent of the people take care of their garbage but the five per cent who do not, cause the trouble."

"We have a sanitary problem due to the irrigation ditches. These ditches catch all manner of filth. An examination of them would, no doubt

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ONTARIO AUTO CO. TO INCREASE ITS PLANT

Changed for Coming Season to Include New Vulcanizing Plant—New Master Mechanic Added to Staff.

For the coming automobile season the Ontario Auto company is preparing to carry on a vast increase in its business. Manager Pete DuFord, after several trips to Boise, and Portland completed arrangements for the betterments. One of the important changes to be made is the installation of a big vulcanizing plant for the proper repairing of tires.

To specialize on Repairs. Besides caring for the sale of the Grant Six, for which the company is the distributors in this section, repairing will be the company's specialty. This end of the business has grown so in the past two years that Manager DuFord has determined to place the department in charge of a master mechanic and this week secured G. W. Barrs, of Portland. Mr. Barrs arrived in Ontario Monday and is now handling the repairs.

"It is our policy to give the best possible service," said Mr. DuFord. We do not believe in employing inexperienced help and charge mechanics' wages for their service. Mr. Barrs is, we believe the best automobile mechanic in this section of the country, and is paid on that basis. With years of experience in the game and with competent assistants we are certain that we will be able to care for, promptly, all the needs of automobilists in this section.

Have Opened Boise Branch. To handle the Grant Six in the Boise Valley we have established a branch in Boise with T. E. Thomason, in charge. Despite the fact that the automobile season will be several weeks into this year, there is already a demand for cars as is indicated by the inquiries we are receiving."

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