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STATE OF WAR IS DECLARED

CLEAN-UP WEEK SET FOR APRIL 16 TO 21

CITIZENS OF ONTARIO URGED TO ASSIST COUNCIL IN GIVING CITY ITS ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING.

NEED FOR STREET WORK URGED

Many Matters come Before City Fathers for Consideration and are Rapidly Disposed of with Running Comments.

The week of April 16 to 21 will be officially known as "clean-up week." At its meeting last Monday night the council named that period as the one in which the citizens should assist in giving the city a new dress by removing the trimmings of ash heaps, tin cans and other eyesores which decorate the landscape at present.

The council will furnish the teams but the property owners or renters must have their refuse where it can easily be reached and it must be at the proper place on time. Every citizen is urged to co-operate to the end that Ontario may be made the cleanest city in the valley.

Permission was also given the Commercial club or business men to put hitch racks for teams on Richardson street in the blocks between Washington street and California street.

Mayor W. F. Homan called attention to the immediate need for street work and after some discussion the street committee was directed to secure the use of the County machinery at the time it is near Ontario to work on the road to the bridge, and to proceed to repair the street from the city limits on Idaho street to Oregon street, along Oregon street to California street and thence west to the hospital. The committee was also instructed to put the road approaching the bridge on the hill on the Idaho side of the river in good condition for the summer by rounding it up and laying a gravel surface.

Attention was called to the prevailing licenses for moving picture shows which made no provision for the giving of vaudeville performances in connection therewith. Instruction was given that the city attorney prepare an up-to-date ordinance covering the question.

A request for a license to operate a hand truck between hotels and the station was denied, the opinion being expressed that the dray license should not be changed.

R. S. Rutherford presented a request for the improvement of the block on Oregon street in front of his property and was told that it would be necessary to have a local improvement district formed since the work could not be done from the general fund.

LOCAL CHURCHES WILL OBSERVE EASTER DAY

Special Services Planned by All Pastors—Music to be Feature of Programs—Resurrection Topic of Sermons.

All of Ontario's churches will hold special services Sunday in commemoration of the Resurrection. The choirs of the churches will present special musical programs and the pastors will all discuss in various interpretations the lesson of the Resurrection. All of the churches extend invitation to the public to attend these services.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HIGH SCHOOL CADETS PLAN TO JOIN U. S. REGULAR ARMY MANY ATHLETES INCLUDED

The arrival of a regular army recruiting officer in Ontario Wednesday, together with a sergeant detailed from Company I, Idaho National guard, both seeking recruits for their organizations sent a wave of patriotism thru the young men of the city. This was especially marked among the members of the High School cadets, the first military organization among the high schools of the state.

As the result of the visit of the officers several cadets signified their intention of enlisting. All of them chose the regular army in preference to the guard, and with several years of training here they are prepared to take their places in the ranks as non-commissioned officers. Among those who have either enlisted already or expect to do so soon are: Lee Maddux, Glenn Brown, Harold Sproule, Curtis Smith, Alfred Holland, Arthur Moore, Charles Cronin, and Henry Cassidy. Several of these left for Boise Wednesday night.

The U. S. Recruiting officer declared to the Argus that the boys he examined here were physically the superior of any equal number he had examined in years. "If I could get three squads from that cadet company and take them to Portland I would arouse the city with enthusiasm," he said.

COUNTY CONTEST WON BY VALE'S SPEAKER

GREAT CROWD ATTENDS MEETING OF SCHOOLS AT DREAMLAND — DELAYED TRAIN FORCES WAIT FOR JUDGE

CONTESTANTS ALL DO WELL

Nyssa Given Second Honors and Valley View Third—Ontario's Representative Scratched for Exceeding Time Limit.

Because of the fact that her recitation occupied more than the prescribed time of eleven minutes, Miss Ethel McWilliams representing Ontario, was not considered by the judges in the county declamatory contest held at Dreamland last Saturday evening. Word of this ruling quickly spread thru the audience and relieved the many disappointed friends of the little contestant who had done so well with her presentation of "The Story Patsy." Despite the fact that she did not win there is no doubt of the impression she made upon the audience.

With Ontario's representative not considered the Judges, Miss Cheney of Payette and Miss Olive Petrashok of Welsch placed the other speakers in this order. Alma Earpt, Vale, first; Bessie Anderson of Nyssa, second; James Pifer of White Settlement, third; and Una Anderson, of Valley View, fourth.

The contest was delayed for over an hour on account of No. 19 being late on which a judge from Caldwell was expected and when she did not appear two judges selected the winners. During this delay moving pictures were run and the Ontario school children contributed several interesting numbers while the crowd awaited the judges' decision. County Superintendent Fay (Clark) presided. The numbers by the Ontario school included a pleasing solo by Ruth McAlloch and choruses from the third and seventh grades.

While it is natural that Ontario was disappointed at the result of the contest, or rather in the manner in which it came about, the audience was generous in admitting that the

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CHINESE TONG MEN SEEK REFUGE HERE

CITY HAS INFLUX OF FIGHTING TONGS — TWO ARRESTED WEDNESDAY MORNING BY CITY MARSHAL FARMER.

LOCAL MEMBERS HUNT COVER

Local Authorities Run Against Taciturnity of Orientals and Have Difficulty Getting Information. Laundry Is Headquarters.

Echoes of the tong war which has resulted in the death of numerous Chinamen in Portland, Seattle, La Grande and Boise were heard this week in Ontario.

Early in the week refugees from the warring cities began to drift in here and Marshal Harry Farmer and Night Policeman William Allison quietly put them under surveillance.

Marshal Farmer made an investigation of the Wong Chong laundry on Nevada street Monday and found that eleven Chinamen were housed there, where one had lived before and no amount of questioning could elicit the reason for the increase in population. At Fong Bros. restaurant it was found that the night cook, who admitted being a member of a tong was "taking lay off," and keeping close to home. Further questioning revealed the fact that he was worried lest some rival tong send a gun man to Ontario.

On Monday evening the Boise police notified Marshal Farmer that four Chinamen in a car driven by a white man had left that city and were probably coming to Ontario. Only two of them, Youen Sing and Lo Ming reached here some time Tuesday morning and were arrested and sent to Boise Wednesday noon. Just what connection these men may have had with the murder of a Chinaman last week in Boise is not known.

Marshal Farmer was not concerned about any of the local Chinamen getting on a war path but took precaution that they being peaceful citizens were not attacked by any outside member of a tong.

FARMERS WILL SEEK FEDERAL FARM LOANS

Meeting Called for Formation of Association at Ontario, Tuesday, April 10—W. F. Homan to Explain Law.

A meeting has been called for 1:30 P. M. Tuesday April 10th, at the Ontario City Hall for the purpose of organizing a Federal Farm Loan Association. A large number of farmers are desirous of taking advantage of this new act in order that they can get money for improving their farms or for paying off old high priced mortgages.

It is proposed to include the territory from the section line two miles north of Nyssa and bounded on the east by Snake River, on the north by Malheur River and to go far enough west to include the lands along the Nevada ditch, Owyhee and "Shoestring" ditches as far south as the said section line. This will make it possible to organize another association with Nyssa as a center.

Some counties have as many as twenty or more associations formed at present, while but one has been organized in Malheur County, the one at Creston. It is expected that a large sum will be applied for here, for a large number of farmers have asked to have the organization completed.

W. F. Homan, Cashier Ontario National Bank, will explain the law.

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Senate Passes Resolution; House Will Vote Tonight

WOMEN'S CLUB PREPARES PLANS FOR RED CROSS WORK

Now that the United States is about to enter the great war the women of the city are going to assume their share of the work by doing what they can for the men who will go in the field. A meeting of the club was held at the city hall last Monday afternoon to discuss what could be done. Communications have been started with the state Red Cross work in Portland asking for directions for proceeding in co-operation with similar organizations throughout the state. Already there has been a call for handy kits for soldiers and the women here are planning on assisting in the making of these kits. A committee will also be appointed to solicit funds for the Red Cross and it may be, when the time comes to secure nurses for the front that some of the members will consider volunteering their services. No matter what happens, however, the women of Ontario are going to be prepared to do their part.

CONSIDER POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF GAS

PROMOTER OF MANY BIG PROJECTS VISITS ONTARIO TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS IN THIS FIELD

HAS LONG SUCCESSFUL RECORD

Special Meeting of Commercial Club Held Tuesday Evening—Faith in Field Shown by Vote.

After years of slumbering it is possible that in the near future steps will be taken to develop the supply of natural gas known to exist in and about Ontario.

James Miller, now developing the Little Willow Project in Idaho, who is connected with a number of big oil and gas companies in Kansas and Oklahoma was in Ontario Tuesday to go into the question of developing the local field.

At a meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday evening Mr. Miller presented his proposition in straight

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UNLESS WATER USERS ACT LAWN WILL DRY

Failure of Citizens Interested to Attend Meeting Endangers Use of Water System within City Limits.

Unless the Water Users within the city limits wake up and attend the meeting of the association which is scheduled for next Monday night Ontario's lawns may dry up this season. This was the word given out Monday evening following the attempt to hold a meeting, at which so few attended no business could be transacted.

Another meeting is scheduled for next Monday night and all the members of the association should be there themselves, unless they wish to see the work of years in improving lawns and growing trees go to waste.

SENATOR LAFOLLETTE AND REPRESENTATIVE COOPER OF WISCONSIN LEAD FIGHT AGAINST FATEFUL MEASURE. ONLY SIX SENATORS OPPOSE, LANE OF OREGON IS ONE OF THEM—NATION PREPARES FOR ACTION.

(Special Correspondence.)

Washington, April 5 (4 p. m.)—There was no question late this afternoon about the ultimate outcome in the house. It will vote probably around 10 or 11 o'clock for war. The president is expected to sign the resolution as soon as it can be sent to him. Chairman Flood of the house foreign committee, called up the war resolution at 10:15 and the membership proceeded to consider it.

On Wednesday night the Senate, by a vote of 82 to 6 passed the resolution declaring war to exist and directing the President to use the armed forces of the nation to bring the Imperial German government to terms. The six Senators voting against the measure were: LaFollette, Wisconsin; Gronna, North Dakota; Lane, Oregon; Norris, Nebraska; Stone, Missouri and Vardaman, Mississippi.

War in Defense of Rights of Humanity.

"We are a great nation," said Representative Harrison, a democratic leader on the committee this (Thursday) afternoon. "We glory in its history and priceless heritage. I refuse to believe that we have degenerated in our national ideas, that we have forgotten the teachings of our fathers and are not now willing to fight for those principles they so courageously defended and upheld in the early history of the country. We urge going to war in defense of our national rights and for preservation of the rights of humanity. The charge that we are going to wage war for profit in the interest of munitions manufacturers is as despicable as it is un-American and it is unworthy of any American who loves his country better than he does the land of an insidious foe."

Compelled to Go to War.

Flood stirred the house when he said: "War is being made upon our country and its people. Our ships are being sunk. Our non-combatant citizens, including men, women and children are being foully murdered; our merchantmen are denied freedom of the seas. Under such circumstances, there is but one course for the government to pursue and that is to go to the defense of its people and honor of the nation. There is no choice as to our course. We are compelled by acts of the German Imperial Government to enter into this most solemn war."

Representative Cooper, staffer of Wisconsin, and Dr. H. C. Brown began the pacifist opposition to the bill during Flood's speech.

"They asked if the president when making armed neutrality had not stated he did not want war."

"We Are Going to Fight."

"We are not going to defend an armed or any sort of neutrality," Flood reiterated. "We are going to fight."

Didn't Great Britain's witness shed the Evelyn? Cooper asked. "Great Britain has not taken an American life during the war," said Flood. The Evelyn was sunk by a German raider in a German field near the German coast."

Representative Harrison declared Cooper's speech would have been fitting for the Reichstag.

Pacifist Applauded.

Majority leader Kitchin, spoke of the "Indications of Covardice and disloyalty against those who oppose the bill."

"Let me remind you," he continued "that it takes neither more nor physical courage to declare war for others to fight."

Applause from both sides broke Kitchin's speech.

"I have come to the undoubted

HANDSOME GIFT AIDS ANNUAL BOOK SOCIAL

Woman's Club Jubilant over Addition of 220 Books to Library—Supt. E. G. Bailey Makes Gift of 143 Volumes.

The annual book social of the Woman's club of the city was held at the library last Friday evening. Aside from proving an enjoyable gathering it was a most profitable one for the library. In all 220 new books were placed on the shelves as the result of the endeavor. Of these, however, 143 came as a gift to the library from Superintendent E. G. Bailey, who has ever since coming to Ontario been a staunch friend of the institution, and for this gift the women of the club are indeed grateful.

With the addition of the new books the usefulness of the library has been enhanced in a large degree. During the evening, while not looking over the new acquisitions the guests enjoyed a musical recital given by an Edison furnished by W. L. Turner and punch was served by the committee in charge which included: Mrs. H. O. Drane, chairman, Mesdames J. G. Staples, Geo. H. Gram, E. C. Van Patten, L. Roudy, Ray Wilson and D. H. Kerfoot.

AFTERNOON AUDIENCE HEARS COLLEGE SONGS

To hear a college glee club present an afternoon performance was the unusual event which took place at Dreamland Wednesday afternoon

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