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## DR. WHITNEY CHOSEN RED CROSS CHAIRMAN

AUXILIARY BRANCH OF BAKER ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL BE HEADQUARTERS FOR BAKER AND MALHEUR CO'S.

## CHARTER MEMBERS NUMBER 75

Vice-Chairman Selected: E. C. Van Petten, H. C. Boyer, Mrs. E. M. Greig and Miss Lavina Smith—Mrs. Griffin, Secretary; H. B. Cochrum, Treasurer.

Following the meeting of the Parent-Teacher's association at the high school auditorium last Friday evening a Red Cross society auxiliary branch of the Baker organization was formed. Authority for the organization was secured Friday afternoon by telephone and confirmed by wire from the State headquarters in Portland.

In all the character roll contains 75 names and many more have signified their intention of joining. Of these 42 were secured at the preliminary meeting at Dreamland the week previous, 18 were added during the interim and 15 new names were enrolled Friday evening while a number there signified their intention of joining without signing the roll.

The officers elected were: Dr. H. H. Whitney, chairman; E. C. Van Petten, H. C. Boyer, Mrs. E. M. Greig and Miss Lavina Smith, vice chairman; Mrs. Edna Griffin, secretary; H. B. Cochrum, treasurer and Dr. W. J. Weese, lecturer on first aid.

With this done the meeting adjourned subject to a call from the chairman, Dr. Whitney on the arrival of W. W. Hush, state secretary who in the telegram of authorization for the formation of the branch said he would be here this week.

In the mean time the officers of the club will make further study of the various branches of the work so that they will be able to organize the members into groups for active work.

The roll of membership is still open of course, and all citizens are urged to join so that Ontario will be fully and fairly represented in its work for the cause, not only of the America soldiers but for the relief of the suffering in the warring nations.

## BROGAN FOLKS TO GIVE BIG CARNIVAL

Unique Entertainment to Be Staged for Benefit of Red Cross Society—Decorations to Come from Boise.

With a combination society circus, carol and old time carnival, the people of Brogan on May 3 will stage a benefit for the Red Cross society, according to address brought to Ontario by Frank Weaver, who is now a resident of that thriving community.

The Brogan function is to be the real thing in gala events. The Willow Inn has been secured as the scene of the carnival and the decorations have been secured from Boise, the Falk Mercantile company having loaned them to the Brogan folks. With the assistance of the Boise decorators the dining room of Willow Inn will be transformed into a Fairy Land where under subdued lights the guests will dance in cabaret style.

Besides the dance there will be a gallop of frolics that will attract their share of attention. Among the listed side show attractions are: Mile, Charlie, famous Parisian Light Rope Walker; The Fat Lady; the Circus Girl; and the Mud eating woman; and many other of the world's wonders, too numerous to mention.

To be fully prepared for the big show a supply of horns and squawks together with piles of confetti has been secured for the occasion. The committee having the affair in hand are working hard and believe that the Willow Inn will see the biggest time ever staged in western Malheur.

## ONTARIO BANKS EACH TAKE SHARE IN THE GREAT WAR LOAN.

On the receipt of advice that the Treasury Department would accept offers for the great war loan both of the Ontario financial institutions wired the Federal Reserve in San Francisco their subscription of \$10,000 each. In proportion to their capital and surplus the local banks more than demonstrated their patriotism and at that ratio over the country Uncle Sam will be able to finance the allies. At each of the institutions, too, customers have called asking for advice as to how to secure the bonds demonstrating that Ontario is participating in the war by sending men, material and money.

## GOOD ROADS CAUSE TO BE CHAMPIONED

W. L. THOMPSON OF PENDLETON, MEMBER OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO SPEAK TO

## RANCHERS URGED TO ATTEND

Local Enthusiasts Believe Measure To Be Misunderstood By Many Citizens—Auto Owners Will

W. L. Thompson, member of the State Highway Commission for Eastern Oregon will be the principal speaker at the Good Roads meeting at the Commercial club tomorrow night.

Mr. Thompson comes here at the invitation of the club to discuss the proposed bond bill for the purpose of securing funds for building good roads in Oregon. Since he is the commissioner from Eastern Oregon no better authority on the subject could be had. Since many of the voters have, in the opinion of friends of the measure misconstrued its provisions, the visit of Mr. Thompson should serve as a means of correcting any misconceptions.

The Commercial club members are especially anxious that all the ranchers of the valley attend the meeting, for among them particularly has the idea been spread that the bonds will necessitate a general property tax, while in reality the automobiles of the state will foot the bill.

## STOCKMEN OF STATE TO MEET IN ONTARIO

Invitation Of Commercial Club To Hold 1918 Session Here Accepted—Will Bring At Least 400 Delegates.

One of the first accomplishments of the new officials of the Commercial club is the bringing of the Oregon State Live Stock association to Ontario for its annual convention. Word was received today by President P. J. Gallagher of the Commercial club that the invitation he extended to the convention meeting this week at LaGrande had been accepted and Ontario named as the convention city for 1918.

This will perhaps bring to Ontario the largest gathering of representative men the city has ever entertained. At the LaGrande meeting there were more than 400 delegates beside their wives, which is a measure of the number to be here next year. President Gallagher assured the stockmen that Ontario would furnish them a good time so the city has now to make good.

## MONTHLY SALES DAY HAS MANY OFFERINGS

Ontario's Monthly Sales day continues to grow under the management of Carter & Clement. The sale

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## BURNS' PATRIOTISM HAS NO SUPERIOR

HARNEY COUNTY TRIBUNE'S EDITOR VISITS ONTARIO AND TELLS OF ENTHUSIASM IN THE INTERIOR.

## FOUR SINGLE MEN UNSIGNED

Fifty Men from Burns Alone have enlisted for the Navy and it expeditionary forces is called for Cavalry Company Planned.

In the matter of patriotism, Burns, the capital of Harney county, though thirty miles from the railroad, is away ahead of many of its contemporaries. In fact, according to Bert Wheelon, editor of the Harney County Tribune who was in Ontario over Sunday, taking population into account no city in the nation can surpass the recruiting record established there during the past two weeks.

"Right now," says Mr. Wheelon, "there are only four single men who are eligible to service who have not signed the rolls. Twenty of these have gone out all ready to join the navy and thirty more will go soon."

Besides this, if an over-seas army is called for Harney county will be represented by a full troop of cavalry. It is a cliché that no single section of the west is better prepared in men for mounts than Harney county. Should such an organization be raised Harney county will certainly be heard from.

"The patriotism at Burns is not confined to the men joining the colors

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## ONTARIO BOYS TO BE SENT TO TEXAS FOR TRAINING

Advices, also pictures of them in their khaki uniforms, have been received by Ontario relatives and friends of the recruits who recently left the city for Vancouver Barracks, Washington. According to the boys they have their grips all packed and are awaiting orders sending them to Fort Sam Houston Texas for training.

As indicated in the letter to The Argus printed last week the boys are taking to their new life like ducks to water, and judging by their pictures the training has already added to their soldierly bearing.

## LOCAL RED CROSS ASKS CHARTER FROM BAKER

At a meeting held this morning, at which it was expected W. W. Hush, state secretary would be present, the local auxiliary of the Baker chapter formally made application for instructions to the Baker organization. At the meeting there were 25 members present but Mr. Hush, having been called back to Portland from Baker did not appear. He however, sent added instructions for the proceedings and the work here is now under way. Four branches of the work will be arranged for and each member will be permitted to choose which of the branches they can serve best, then each corp will work as a separate body. It is planned to have the Red Cross and Honor Guard unite where ever possible to reduce expenses, especially if plans mature for the securing of a nurse to teach the members home nursing and kindred work.

## MOTHER OF LOCAL ATTORNEY DIES AT WISCONSIN HOME

Attorney W. H. Brooks who was called here by the death of his mother at the family home in Salem, Wisconsin is expected to return to Ontario within a few days. Mrs. Brooks who was advanced in years was well known in Ontario having visited with her son and his family for several months two years ago. While here she made many friends who regret to learn of her death.

## BIG PRICES OFFERED FOR HAY CROPS NOW

W. P. DAVIDSON DEMONSTRATES BELIEF IN CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF CENTRAL OREGON

## RANCHERS BUYING HAY LAND

Near Prineville Tracts Which Produce Less Than Half Raised Near Ontario Sell For \$100 Per Acre.

That the ranchers of the Malheur valley and all Central Oregon are entering the most prosperous year ever known in this region is the belief of President W. P. Davidson of the Oregon-Western Colonization company, who was in Ontario Monday for a few hours on his return from a trip over the company's holdings across the state.

As on each of several such trips Mr. Davidson concluded negotiations for the sale of several large blocks of the company's land. Most of this was sold in Crook county in the vicinity of Prineville. The prices at which the land is being taken indicates the rising values and assures the faith which the people have in continued high prices for stock and hay.

## PURCHASERS ALL LOCAL MEN

One of the sales in particular shows the estimate stock men are placing on good hay land, one forty dry land without water was sold to Glenn Hendrickson near Prineville for \$100 per acre; double that amount, still in sage brush was sold

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## MEN SEEK TRAINING FOR OFFICERS' RESERVES

Everett Truesdale of the high school faculty went to Boise Tuesday to enter his name among the applicants for admission to the officers' reserve corps training camp. His application was accepted and he is awaiting instructions to report to San Francisco for training.

Attorney L. J. Akers who has five years training in the New York and Massachusetts has likewise applied for admission to reserve corps and is awaiting instructions.

With Dr. J. Prinzing and B. H. Wood already listed as reserve officers Ontario will be represented in all branches of the service should the men be called upon.

## HONOR GUARD TO GIVE DANCE FRIDAY MAY 4

Ontario Chapter Girls National Honor Guard completed its organization last Friday by the election of the following officers: President, Leona Baker; Vice-President, Hermina Wells; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Broadrick; Treasurer, Inez Leslie. For the various corps leaders the following were named: Mrs. C. E. Hedges, Mrs. W. W. Howard, Mrs. Ray Bando.

The first public function for the raising of funds for the Guard work will be a dance to be held at the Opera House Friday evening, May 4. The girls have already prepared to give one of the big dancing parties of the year and since the object is patriotic a big crowd is expected.

## BAD CHECK ARTISTS GIP ONTARIO BUSINESS MEN

Two bad check artists professed outside business who duped the past few weeks according to reports which came to light by the appeal of D. W. Reed a prudent banker of Harney county and E. Reynolds a prudent banker of Ontario. The two men were arrested by the Ontario police in some small town Saturday night and returned to this city where they were held in the city jail. They were released by the Harney county sheriff and are now being held in the Harney county jail. They are being held in the Harney county jail.

## IDAHO GUARDSMEN NOW WATCH OVER SNAKE RIVER BRIDGES HERE

Fourteen men, Idaho guardsmen, under the command of a sergeant arrived from Boise Monday and replaced the O. S. L. guards on the Snake River bridge here. The men are making Ontario their headquarters and their presence lends a war like appearance to the streets. Most of the men here are from Company I of Payette, though there are members of other companies as well.

## OREGON'S GOVERNOR GUEST OF ONTARIO

STATE EXECUTIVE ARRIVES HERE ENROUTE TO VALE WILL SPEND THIS EVENING AND FRIDAY HERE

## WILL SPEAK AT HIGH SCHOOL

Public Invited To Hear Address Which Will Be Delivered At 10 A. M.—Comes To Inspect School And Cadets.

Ontario this evening and Friday will have as its honored guest James Withycombe, Governor of the State of Oregon. Tomorrow morning at ten o'clock the public will have an opportunity to hear him in a public address to be delivered at the high school.

Governor Withycombe passed thru Ontario this morning enroute to the patriotic gathering at Vale. He will return here this evening and be the guest of the city tonight. A dinner will be tendered him by the Commercial club and friends.

Tomorrow he will inspect the schools, review the cadet corps and be the guest of Superintendent E. G. Bailey and the Senior class at a luncheon. In the afternoon the entertainment of the Commercial club will take him for a drive over the section of the valley.

## ONTARIO SENDS BIG DELEGATION TO VALE

Hundreds Of School Children, The Cadet Corps, The High School Band And Many Citizens At Patriotic Gathering.

Ontario is depleted of half its population today. Hundreds of school children, the High School student body with the Cadet Corps and band, led the vanguard of Ontarians to Vale to attend the patriotic celebration arranged by the County Board and Vale citizens to mark the passing of the first year the new steel staff consisted in the last year.

The celebration was arranged on short notice by Judge George McKnight and County Superintendent P. J. Clark assisted by energetic committees got into touch with the entire county and arranged for a big gathering. Governor James Withycombe is the speaker of the day.

## ANOTHER GOOD ROAD DAY ARRANGED FOR

Next Wednesday Business Men Will Complete Work Started Last Tuesday—Five Teams And 60 Men Wanted.

At a meeting of the business men held this morning it was decided to have another "Good Roads" day next Wednesday to complete the work started on the road of the year. A. L. Lockman, D. M. Tidgoff and Henry Griffin are to secure the teams and Frank Hedges and G. K.

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## ONTARIO'S CARNIVAL IS MAY 15 TO 19TH

BULGER'S WELLKNOWN ATTRACTIONS TO BE HERE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

## PARACHUTE JUMP SATURDAY

Commercial Club, Red Cross And City Treasury To Divide Percentage with Company, Honor Guard To Have Stakes.

May 15 to 19 will be a big week in Ontario. The Sound Carnival company which shows the famous Bulger attractions will be here under the auspices of the Commercial club. This organization whitered at Caldwell after holding forth under the auspices of the Commercial club there and so satisfied were the Caldwell people that they had them repeat the attractions this year, there the season will open May 5.

## RED CROSS TO PROFIT

The Commercial club here took the proposition for Ontario and has arranged to split the fifteen per cent on the income of all attractions, three ways, five per cent to the city as a license, five per cent to the club and five to the Red Cross Society. Beside this the girls of the Honor Guard will have the opportunity of securing many of the stores and booths so that the carnival besides furnishing amusement will go to help the patriotic organizations.

Mr. Bulger who is the head of the company was here last fall with his dog and pony show. The act was a pleasing one and every attraction in the carnival is one of merit. While not the biggest carnival company on the road it is one of the highest class and all its attractions are beyond reproach.

## BIG FREE ATTRACTIONS

Among the number of big free attractions which feature the Bulger show is the balloon ascension on Saturday followed by a parachute jump. Then there is something doing every minute of the evenings during the carnival. Saturday is the only day when the show runs before six o'clock.

## FEW CITIZENS START WORK ON BRIDGE ROAD

Despite Fact That Many Promised Only One Hundred To Show Up—Other Work Plans

The usual rule at the last and other Snake River bridges on the Idaho side of the river was required by fourteen Ontario men assisted by Henry Griffin and his team. That was the usual total of the citizens who were expected to assist in the work. In all nearly two miles were done by the committee in charge and more could have been done, perhaps, had there been more men to carry them to the work.

However the size of the crowd did not deter those who turned out and when Henry Griffin and his team appeared all a glow and wrapper the work was on its way. The roadway was cleared for over 100 feet, the sand hole filled and the surface rounded up so that it will be in shape for that section when the road crew with crushed rock appears.

The feature of the gathering was the presence of four men who they having many responsibilities. They are other ones of business or profession in the city.

The arrangements for the day were hurriedly made and that perhaps accounts for the presence of so few but the work started and many who were present are supporting another effort in a more elaborate work. To this crowd account Tuesday afternoon's business men were D. M. Tidgoff, W. N. Brown, Rev. D. E. Baker, Mrs. Berta Hedges, Rev. H. H. Livingston, Henry Griffin, H. C. Fenn, J. G. Smith, L. E. Smith, A. L. Lockman, D. W. Day, representative.

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