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## PREPARATIONS COMPLETE FOR EIGHTH ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR

WORK TO BE DONE NOW CONSIST LARGELY OF SEEING THAT PROMISED EXHIBITS ARE ON THE GROUND.

### FAIR BUILDING PUT IN SHAPE

Auto Show—Acrobatic Acts—Auto Races—Fine Card of Horse Races—Buckaroo Stunts Ready to Please—Big Crowds Expected.

More progress has been made toward making the Malheur County Fair the biggest success attained in this section. The directors and their assistants have been putting the final touches on the program. New acrobatic acts have been scheduled for the program before the grandstand. These with the balloon ascension daily will furnish thrills along with the auto races and the buckaroo stunts. In fact the words of the circus speaker "there will be something to amuse, something to educate, something to thrill you thru and thru every minute you are on the grounds."

The principal thing the directors now have in mind is the securing of all the exhibits promised. Sufficient displays have been promised, to fill the buildings. The directors of course want every exhibit in place before the gates swing open on Tuesday September 18. It is in this respect that they are asking the co-operation of the ranchers and other exhibitors. You will help make the fair a success. You will help make it a pleasure for the men who are in charge. You will make the fair a pleasure to yourself and to everyone by getting your exhibit nicely settled on Monday. By having time to fix the display as you want it your chances of success are greater, too.

The various superintendents have their work in hand now. James Lackey is to have charge of the main building and it will be a credit to the fair. In fact one of the things that is giving the directors concern is the need for more room so that greater variety of farm implements and machinery can be shown. By next season they hope to have a machinery hall. Until this is done the directors are doing the best they can. With all the variety of entertainment offered; with exception of fruit, hay and grain exhibits, as well as record breaking exhibits in the farm section and big displays of blue ribbon stocks, the fair this year will be the most satisfying ever staged here.

## MEN FOR NATIONAL ARMY ARE CERTIFIED

Only One Man on List Who Asked Exemption—Quota is 59 But Board Listed Number of Alternates.

Late today The Argus received from Sheriff Ben Brown the complete list of men certified back to the local exemption board by the District Board at LaGrande. While the county quota is only 59 the board added several extra in case any of those certified to higher in the list fail to qualify.

All but one of these, Leo B. Cockrum, of Ontario, are men who filed no claim for exemption with the local board. The cases of ten others in this category, as well as all the claims appealed from the local board, are still in the hands of the district board. The local board finished its decisions on exemption claims last night. The Argus has no report on these decisions. Probably by next week the district board's decisions on all the men examined in this county will be available, in which case it will be possible to list all the men to make up Malheur's quota on the first call, to go to training camps this month.

Following are the 59 men who...

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### Twin Falls Boy Steals Auto—Almost Escapes

Because he told conflicting stories, and demonstrated that he did not know the country, Russell Karif of Twin Falls is in the Washington County Jail at Weiser, charged with stealing an auto. He was caught by the quick work of Deputy Sheriff, Lee Noe, who followed him by phone to Buchanan station in Harney county, where he was apprehended.

The Sheriff almost landed his man at Drewsey on Sunday, for while Mr. Noe was telephoning to the garage man there describing the car, Karif, scenting danger drove out of the garage while the proprietor was talking to the sheriff. With that definite information it was an easy matter to capture the fugitive.

The car, a small popular make, was stolen in Weiser Saturday night and was driven thru Ontario early in the morning. The Idaho license which it carried was taken off and a California license substituted. Deputy Noe was informed of the theft Saturday evening and informed all the local officials. On Sunday he phoned to houses along the highways and secured the information that a young man with a car stopped near Westfall and told a woman that he was driving from California to Salt Lake. This gave the sheriff his first direct clue and by telephoning Drewsey he also caught the man there. A Harney county official brought the young man back, in the stolen car.

## MALHEUR SENDS ITS QUOTA TO NEW ARMY

W. W. Howard, Chester H. Ames and James Carlisle Syne are First to Leave for American Lake.

Three men, the first of the Malheur county quota to be called to the colors of the new National Army left Ontario Wednesday evening for Tacoma where they will join the gathering crowd at American Lake.

Mr. Howard was the first called because of previous military experience, he having risen to the rank of captain at O. A. C. Chester H. Ames of Vale, who is a cook and James Carlisle Syne asked the local exemption board to send them first. They all wanted to go.

At Vale Wednesday a program was held for the new army boys and at Ontario a number of people were present to bid them a hearty farewell.

District Board Muddled. Sheriff Brown received from the district board the result of its work on Malheur county and returned it to...

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### PARK YOUR CAR BACK TO THE CURB SAYS MARSHAL

To avoid trouble with cars backing into the traffic, especially during the fair when the streets are lined with cars Marshal H. C. Farmer has promulgated a new regulation which all motorists should observe.

Instead of siding a car against the curb Marshal Farmer orders that all cars be backed up to the curb, at an angle of 45 degrees with the right hand back wheel to the curb. This will be found to be the most convenient when it comes to starting again and will prevent accidents. By standing at the proper angle, too, the number of cars which can be accommodated along the curb will be greatly increased. Ontarians should start the practice now so that strangers coming to the fair will observe the practice and follow it easily.

## COUNCIL TAKES REAL ACTION ON SEWERAGE

CITIZENS WITH BOTH SEWER AND WATER MAINS NEAR PROPERTY MUST MAKE CONNECTIONS.

### SURVEY OF CITY IS ORDERED

City Recorder Authorized to Determine how Many Residence Can Possibly be Connected.

Every business house or residence which is situated within a reasonable distance of both mains or laterals and water mains or laterals must make connections therewith immediately. That was the final decision of the City Council at its meeting at the City Hall Monday evening.

The question of proper matter regulation was the principal matter discussed at the meeting. Dr. H. H. Whitney, health officer reported that nothing that could be done now would be of great benefit for this season but urged that steps be taken toward bettering conditions. He explained to the Council the work that would be necessary before it could determine who could connect with the sewers, since in some places where there is sewers, there is no water, while the reverse is the case in many sections of the city.

The Council determined that the City Marshal has enough to do with his work as street commissioner as well as peace officer, so it was determined that the City Recorder be empowered to hire someone to make a complete survey of the city and on the report made to issue the necessary notices to property owners and to follow these with legal steps should the property owners fail to comply with the provisions of the ordinance. A number of instances well known to the officials will be taken up before the survey is made and these nuisances abated at once.

City Marshal H. C. Farmer and City Recorder C. M. Stearns told the Council of the effect of the high cost of living on their salaries and they were each granted an increase of \$10 per month. Since it was a legal holiday no ordinances were considered. The usual bills were paid.

## RACING AUTO HITS VALE PRIEST'S CAR

How Occupants Escape Serious Injury is Mystery—Both Cars Badly Damaged as Result of Collision.

Rev. Fr. Moriarty of Vale was the innocent victim of an auto accident on California street, a half mile west of the hospital last Thursday evening. His light roadster was struck by a heavy runabout driven by M. J. Joyce. How the occupants of both cars escaped serious injury is a mystery to those who saw the result of the collision.

Joyce who was accompanied by Miss Maggie Murphy of Westfall was said to have his car running at nearly 40 miles an hour, racing with the big eight-cylinder car driven by one of the Concealms of Nyssa. Father Moriarty who was returning from a visit at the Holy Rosary Hospital had just topped the hill when he faced the lights of two cars. He had no choice but to turn to one side, which he did and stopped. This perhaps saved both him and Joyce from injuries.

The Joyce car was knocked into the ditch and like Father Moriarty's car was badly injured. Concealmo, by applying his breaks stopped before hitting the wrecks.

### VANDALS TEAR DOWN FLAG FROM POLE IN CITY PARK

Some time Wednesday night or Thursday morning vandals tore down the flag from the pole in the city park. Only a narrow strip of red now dangles at the top of the pole while the remainder of the flag was thrown into a tree. The officials think the deed was done by mischievous kids, while some citizens, naturally believe that an I. W.

## PLANS IMPROVEMENTS FOR OWYHEE DITCH

DIRECTORS MEET TO CONSIDER NEEDS FOR SYSTEM NEXT YEAR—FEASIBILITY OF AUXILIARY SUPPLY DISCUSSED.

### WATER SHORTAGE CAUSE LOSS

Estimated Shrinkage Placed Half Ton Per Acre or More than \$90,000 for District—Pump Would Cost About \$22,000.

How to protect every acre of land under the Owyhee canal so that it will have all the water needed during the entire growing season is the problem which is being considered by the directors of the company.

At a meeting of the directors last Saturday morning the statement was made that the ranchers had lost not less than a half ton of hay per acre due to the shortage of water this summer. At the present prices that means a loss of more than \$90,000. Following the adjournment of the formal meeting the directors discussed the situation frankly and the majority appeared to be in favor of the installation of an auxiliary pumping plant to be placed at the Hogback. This pump would give a head of water after the river gets so low that the gravity system can not supply all the area. It was stated that this pumping system can be installed for \$22,000, or less than \$2 per acre. The company has outstanding shares for 15,000 acres but not that much is in cultivation.

At a meeting of the stockholders last spring the directors were given power to proceed with a pumping plant if they deemed it wise. Rather than be precipitate in the matter the directors are planning on calling the stockholders together again to get an expression of opinion on the subject. While it is believed that most of the ranchers will favor the proposition there is likelihood that those near the headworks, who have good service most of the time, might object. President Duncan, Directors John Ray, Thomas Lowe and A. Grams and Secretary G. L. King were at the meeting last Saturday.

## ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE BRINGS HEAVY FINE

George Irwin Well Known Character is Convicted of Selling Whiskey Contrary to Statute—Goes to Jail.

George Irwin who on being arrested for bootlegging last Saturday tried to escape when released on his own recognizance is ruing his rashness. He is in the county jail with a sentence of 30 days and \$400 cash fine. He has not paid the cash so may languish in "durance vile" to satisfy the majesty of the law.

Irwin worked for a time at the cigar store of a local hotel and had been under suspicion by the officers. He was caught Saturday and taken before Judge C. M. Stearns Saturday morning. The trial was postponed until one o'clock. He was permitted to go until that time without bond. Immediately he took a car to Payette and then to Weiser. When he failed to appear Sheriff Brown was notified and trace started which resulted in his capture in Weiser. He was brought back to Ontario and on Tuesday he was sentenced as above stated and in the afternoon Night Marshal James Conway escorted him to Vale. The combination of fine and jail sentence makes his heaviest punishment inflicted in Malheur county and perhaps in the state and will serve as a notice for his contemporaries not to "monkey" with the local machinery of justice.

W. or Red Socialist is the guilty person. It is a serious crime these days and if the guilty person is found it will be uncomfortable for him. Marshal Farmer is planning to return the big flag belonging to the city to the pole.

## FATHER TAKES SON AFTER MOTHER IS GIVEN CUSTODY

Stored Hay to be Put On County Tax Rolls

Reversing the custom of former years County Assessor, Morgan Carlilo has determined to place on the assessment rolls crops that have been stored from year to year. The most pronounced case of this kind is that of the hay stacks of Elias Thompson of Agency, who for the past five years has stacked his hay and refused to sell it many times, even when the prices offered were over the market. At present it is estimated that Mr. Thompson has in the neighborhood of \$75,000 worth of hay at his place, which will be added to the tax rolls.

The county officials take the position that while the crop of a current year are not taxable accumulated crops are personal property and should be treated just as other personal property is treated. If Mr. Thompson had fed the hay to cattle or sheep, they have been taxed, therefore his hay should be taxed.

It is said that Mr. Thompson stores his hay so that when the hay crops are low in the valley he is able to care for the stockmen and reasons that the prices he demands are merely the price of the crop when it is cut plus the interest on the accumulate investment. If that is the case he can add the accumulate taxes, as well, argue the county officials. While Mr. Thompson's 3,500 tons of hay for which he was recently offered \$20 per ton, are not now on the rolls, the board of equalization is to issue a citation to him to ascertain if there is any reason why his stacks should not be put there.

## CLASSMATES FIGURE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Cars Driven by Miss Nettie Peterson and Arthur Cockrum Hit on Return Trip From Payette Saturday Evening.

On the trip home from Payette last Saturday evening the cars driven by Miss Nettie Peterson and Arthur Cockrum, both members of the O. M. S. class of '17 collided as the Cockrum car passed the car Miss Peterson was driving.

The impact of the cars caused Miss Peterson to lose control of the wheel and while putting on the brake her car turned into the ditch striking a fence post and some barbed wire. This tore the windshield and top of the car and crumpled the mud guard, but otherwise caused no damage.

When the car stopped it was within a few feet of a telephone pole, which if they had hit, it might have killed or at least injured the occupants. Miss Peterson was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. R. Peterson, and her sister, Mrs. Pete Deford. With...

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### HOME GUARD WILL DISBAND UNLESS MEMBERS TURN OUT

The Ontario Home Guard company will disband before it has become well started unless the members show more interest than they have so far. Only a half dozen or more have been out for drills which take place every Tuesday and Friday evenings. Sergeant Seawell of the Montana National Guard at the bridge has been sending his men to start the boys on their way, but owing to the fact that so few have been out the guardsmen believe that no good can be accomplished.

Every one who believes in the need for a Home Guard should attend the meeting tomorrow night and show that Ontario is really interested in the worthy movement.

SENSATIONAL CLIMAX OF DIVORCE CASE ENACTED ON OREGON STREET EARLY SATURDAY EVENING.

### EFFORT TO FIND CHILD FAILS

Verne Defoe who Takes His Son is Believed to Have had Accomplice in Stranger With Automobile Seen on Streets.

Two climaxes in the married life of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Defoe, both of whom are well known in Ontario took place last Saturday. The first occurred in the district court session at the City Hall in the forenoon when Mrs. Defoe was granted a divorce and given the custody of their three children.

The second occurred about 9 o'clock in the evening, when Mr. Defoe secured the possession of their oldest son, Jack, four years old, and departed for parts unknown. Efforts of the officers to locate him have since failed. The only trace that was had of him was picked up at Caldwell Sunday where, it was said, a man and a little boy answering the general description of Defoe and his little son were seen board No. 18 east bound.

The Defoe took his own son the charge is a serious one which carries a stiff penalty. He secured possession of the child by a ruse. He met J. A. Draper, Mrs. Defoe's father, who was walking with the boy and the second oldest child on the street while Mrs. Defoe and her mother were at a picture show. He was given permission to take the child to a candy store for an ice cream cone. He returned with both children, and then asked to take a walk with little Jack. He took the child around the corner by the postoffice and never returned.

It is the theory of the officials that when he got around the corner he met his accomplice, a stranger who drove to Ontario in a small automobile bearing a Eugene permit. Defoe had lived in Eugene since he left Ontario. Efforts to locate either Defoe or the stranger have failed so far.

## WARMSPRINGS BONDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED

Directors Reject Offer of Clark-Kendall Company for Issue—Will Wait to See if Government Will Aid.

At a meeting of the directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation district at Vale last Tuesday the offer of the Clark-Kendall company of San Francisco and Portland to take the bonds of the district at par for the construction of the reservoir, and the balance at 90 cents on the dollar was rejected.

The board after considering the proposition declared that in view of the fact that a resolution had been passed at a previous meeting to wait until it could be definitely determined whether or not government aid could be secured, it would be better to keep that promise.

This budget of the reclamation service is made up in October of each year and Col. C. E. S. Wood and W. P. Davidson, president of the Oregon-Western Colonization company have been empowered by the district to put the situation before the officials at Washington. Until they have been able to do this the board will not act.

### ROD AND GUN CLUB WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROTECT GAME

The Ontario Rod and Gun club which was recently organized with R. W. Jones as temporary chairman of the organization is anxious to enlist all the men of the county who are interested in game preservation and good sportsmanship. There have been reported a number of cases where ranchers and cattlemen have been killing grouse, and pheasants and the club is to take up such matters in an effort to end the practice.