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CITY WILL HAVE COMPLETE PLAN FOR WATER SYSTEM

LOUIS C. KELSEY PROMINENT PORTLAND HYDRAULIC ENGINEER ENGAGED TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

WILL REPORT BY JANUARY 1.

Council Special Session Passes Budget and Learns that Sewer in South End Is Blocked-Want No Delays

By January 1 the City Council will have in its possession a complete set of plans and specification with detailed estimates of the cost for the construction of an adequate water system for this city. Kelsey, hydraulic engineer of Portland will prepare the plans. He is at work on them now, having been employed by the [illegible] at a special session Tuesday evening. He started on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Kelsey came to Ontario as the result of a communication from Mayor or Rondeau which was read and recommended by Dr. E. B. Holt, Secretary of the State Board of Health. Mr. Kelsey offered to prepare the plans complete with all data on costs etc. for same and supervise the installation of the system if the voters decide to get it, for four per cent. That is just half what a Kansas City engineer offered to do the [illegible]. He believes in a man of wide experience and is familiar with the conditions here.

[illegible] approved the [illegible] Monday evening. [illegible] approved the [illegible] published last week [illegible] interesting situation [illegible] learned from H. L. Boorman and J. McDonagill that the sewer in the south end of the city was blocked due to the lack of sufficient water to flush it. It was ordered cleaned.

DEATH CLAIMS FIRST EDITOR OF THE ARGUS

William Plughoff, Pioneer Newspaper Man and Founder of Many Snake River Publications Dies in Boise

Wm. Plughoff, who twenty-one years ago gave The Argus its name and was its first editor, died at his home in Boise Tuesday morning. The body was brought to Ontario Wednesday and interment was made at the city cemetry, many old time friends followed the body to the resting place on the hill, members of the Knights of Pythias having charge of the funeral arrangements.

William Plughoff is survived by a widow, three sons and three daughters. The children have been residing at Huntington, Ore., but were in Boise at the time of their father's death.

Mr. Plughoff was born at Marysville, Cal., May 14, 1863. He followed the printing trade in that state for a few years prior to coming to Idaho. He worked in Boise for several years. In 1895 he went to Vale and worked for the Vale Gazette and later started the Vale Herald, which he sold and then moved to Ontario and founded the Ontario Argus. He disposed of this paper in 1910 and started the New Plymouth Sentinel and the Fruitland Tidings. Disposing of those papers he went to Huntington and published the Huntington News. He returned with his family to Boise a few months ago. Besides his family he is survived by a brother, Henry Plughoff of Bailey, and two sisters, Mrs. Joe Zumwalt, and Mrs. George Miller of Willows, Cal.

He was a member of the Woodmen of the world, Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias and the International Typographical union.

WILSON BOYS GET READY TO JOIN THE COLORS

Conley and Barclay Wilson, brothers of Ray A. Wilson of this city are arranging their affairs so that they can join Uncle Sam's army before December 15. With them will go, also, Obedian Wilson, of Nyssa their cousin. The early departure of the young men for the army was made the occasion of a family dinner at Nyssa Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson of that city entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and son Joe went from here to assist in making the day a memorable one for the boys.

EXTRACTORS MUST SELL THRU ASSOCIATION AGENT

The annual meeting of the Idaho Oregon Beekeeper's association held here Monday and Tuesday of this week at which the old officers were elected, the association determined that it would do away with the dual sale which has hitherto been in force. While the producers of comb honey have been forced to sell thru the association, the extracted honey has been sold on the open market. Hereafter this will be treated just like the comb honey and all will be sold by the association. The bee men all reported a big year and were enthusiastic over prospects for next season.

BOISE CAPITALISTS TO BUILD RAILROAD

NEWS DELEGATION GOES TO BOISE TO GET DEFINITE PROPOSAL FROM INTERESTED FINANCIERS

BELIEVE ROAD IS IN SIGHT

Express Opinion that Building of Road Will Be But The Start In Development of Harney Valley

Bound for Boise to get the final statement of the proposition which the Boise capitalist had prepared for the building of the railroad from Crane to Burns a delegation of Harney county citizens passed thru Ontario this week.

The Burns men in the party were: Banc Mutherspaw, J. E. Loggan, and C. M. Saulsbury, representing the Commercial club.

In speaking of their prospects and what the railroad really means the Burns men said:

"We believe that we will have a railroad in Burns within a short time. That does not mean that the railroad is the only thing that will come. We look on the proposition merely as the beginning of the development of the Harney Valley and that part of Central Oregon. With the coming of the railroad other things will follow.

In a recent issue of the Times Herald of Burns the railroad situation was discussed as follows.

"I must first consult with Mr. Miller, but I consider the proposition of a railroad from Crane Creek Gap to Burns as feasible and am personally favorable to it. Therefore, you may expect a proposition in writing immediately upon the conclusion of our conference." This was an expression of W. E. Pierce at a public meeting of the business men of Burns last Wednesday at the city hall as reported by the Burns, Times Herald. "We shall make you a proposition that if favorably acted upon will bind us to begin operations on construction within 30 or 60 days, and you may tie us up in any manner you see fit to live up to our part of the contract, that we finish the work

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LOCAL ATTORNEYS ON LEGAL ADVISORY BODY

Board Secures Assistance of Men in All Parts of County to Assist Registered Men Answer Questions

Attorneys J. W. McCulloch, W. H. Brocke, Ontario and Geo. E. Dyer of Vale were named as members of the legal advisory board by the Adjutant General for the purpose of assisting registered men answer the questions required by the new regulations for the operation of the selective service law.

On the receipt of the appointment Mr. McCulloch, chairman, called a meetnig of the board and took steps to secure men in every community of the county to assist registered men in complying with the law and giving them advice, concerning the questionnaire, which will be sent them within a few days.

Men Must Be Prepared.

Registered men, whether they have previously been exempted or not must answer the questions promptly. The advisory board calls the attention of the men to the fact that the law requires that each registrant shall fill out and return his questionnaire within seven days from the time he receives it. The Board will begin sending out the Questionnaires on the 15th of Dec., and send out five per cent of the entire amount for twenty days. This is done so that the legal advisory board will not have to serve the entire body of registrants at the same time.

As assistants to this legal advisory board, the following named persons have been appointed who will give free assistance to any registrant in answering his Questionnaire.

Ontario, C. L. Kane, [illegible]

[illegible] Stearns.

Vale—G. E. Hartley, H. C. Hoffman, Geo. W. Hayes, and R. G. Winder.

Nyssa, C. C. Wilson and P. J. Phillips.

Jordan Valley, D. H. Joslyn.

Westfall, Andrew Graham.

Sheaver, C. E. [illegible], Martin.

Juntura, D. F. Graham.

NEWS NOTES OF LIFE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

The O. H. S. Cadet Corps is having some real experience in digging trenches under the supervision of Instructor Bouchen and the commissioned officers of the company. It brings back fond memories to the farmer boys of blistered hands and aching backs.

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Mr. Biles, head of the commercial department is going to challenge the high schools of Boise, Meridian, Nampa, and Caldwell to a speed contest in both typewriting and shorthand. There will be one representative each from first and second year typewriting and first and second year shorthand.

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A student body meeting was called Monday afternoon by the president, Ed. Fraser. The purpose of the meeting was to decide whether O. H. S. would send representatives to the Older Boys' Conference held at La Grande. It was decided to send two delegates, Ed. Fraser and Homer Maddux were chosen by vote of the student body.

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Rain does not make a particle of difference when it comes to football rully. A big bunch turned out on Wednesday night and the citizens of Ontario soon knew there would be a football game Thursday but for some reason the game didn't occur—Perhaps it was a little too muddy!

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The High School is very proud of its new service flag—thirty two stars on one flag is enough to make any school proud.

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We are very glad to see Jessie Griffith back in school after an absence of 5 or 6 weeks with a severe case of pneumonia.

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The High School enjoyed a very rare treat Wednesday afternoon when Mr. Culbertson entertained the assembled school with Victrola music.

COCKRUM TO DIRECT RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Plans Prepared for Week's Effort To Increase Membership by Addition Of Several Hundred

At a meeting of the directors of the Red Cross chapter last Friday evening A. L. Cockrum was selected to head the organization for the big membership drive scheduled for the week before Christmas. The campaign starts on Sunday December 16 and ends Christmas eve.

In a telegram from H. L. Corbett of Portland, chairman of the Oregon Chapter he urged the immediate formation of the committees, and requested that a man be selected to aid the drive, together with the secretary of the chapter attend a conference of the workers in Portland Monday.

The board decided to send Mrs. E. M. Greig, secretary and a special subscription was taken among the directors and business men to meet that expense. Mr. Cockrum could not attend the Portland meeting.

BOUNDARY LINE MOVED FOR FOOD CONTROL

W. B. Ayer, Oregon's Administrator Makes Malheur County Unit To U. S. Bureau of Chief Importance

Ontario [illegible] in Idaho. That is the [illegible] with the exception of Malheur county in order to have food supply regulated from Boise and not from Portland.

In view of the fact that all of this territory is supplied by a branch from Boise and is logically within the Idaho district, the administrator believes that the best interest of the administration could be served by having the territory placed under Mr. Bickell's control.

While this action was formally taken this week it has been effective in part, for some time. Of their own accord local merchants have taken the position that it was not right for them to take advantage of the situation by not following the practices enforced upon the dealers in the neighboring Idaho communities.

While the definite order designates only Nyssa, Ontario and Vale in the list added to Idaho the general description says all territory East of Huntington served from Boise. That is taken to include practically all of Malheur county.

SOLDIER BOYS HAVE GREAT FEAST SAYS ESTES MORTON

Co. K, 361st, Inf. Camp Lewis.

This is Thanksgiving Day and its nearly over with. (4:30 P. M.) I have had a good time today and it sure has been a great day for all the boys—We actually got "filled up," as far as we could stand it, and lots left over.

I played in the orchestra which furnished music throughout the dinner.

The mess hall was decorated in evergreen, holly and fern leaves, with a huge American flag and a picture of President Wilson in the rear of the guests table. Our guests were the officials and their wives of our company together with the Major of Chaplain of the regiment. Will try to give you an idea of our "eats:" We had trukey with dressing, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, sweet potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, olives, celery, cake, mince and pumpkin pie, cookies, ice cream, plum pudding, grape juice, oranges, nuts, apples and bananas.

Now wasn't that some feed for the Army? Everyone of us enjoyed it to the fullest extent.

Heard some more talk today about going to the Hawaiin Islands but don't suppose we will leave before the next draft comes into effect.

Must close now. Love to all,

Attorney C. C. McCulloch of Portland was in Ontario this week on business.

LANDOWNERS HEAR COL. WOOD DECLARE FOR GOVERNMENT AID

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT VALE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING THE DESIRES OF THE LANDOWNERS

MONEY ONCE WAS AVAILABLE

"Time to Forget Pass and Unite For Future," Declares Speaker—Many Landowners Present at Session

At the Rex Theatre in Vale last Wednesday a meeting of the landowners of the Warmsprings Irrigation District was addressed by Col. C. E. S. Wood, who told the gathering that the United States Government just a year ago was prepared to put up the money with which to build the Warmsprings system.

A second meeting will be held Saturday at this time when the landowners will be asked to go on record as to whether or not they [illegible] capital to [illegible] bearing bonds build the project. There was [illegible] doubt in the minds of [illegible] whom were in favor of [illegible] government aid.

To avoid the repetition of what happened last year when one district who in [illegible] accepted the [illegible] and the [illegible] Saturday for ratification [illegible]

Resolved: That it be the sense of this meeting that we favor [illegible] district engage and appoint some suitable person or persons to go to Washington City at once and make an offer to proceed with construction and that they be furnished and that they that be furnished with the necessary data and evidence of authority to act for [illegible] District.

In his address Col. Wood in part said:

"While mistakes have been made in the past, I do not believe this is the time to discuss them. But in order that they be not repeated in the future we should observe wherein the mistakes we made and avoid the conditions which led to them.

"We need water to build up this country. We must have here a thick population settled on small farms. Now we have a grazing community. To get this result I believe government money is preferable for many reasons. There is no interest to be paid on government funds while under private capital the land owners will have to pay $45,000 per year or $1,350,000 in 30 years. That creates a value reducing burden too great for the landowners to bear. Then, too, when the government takes hold of a project it never lets go until it has a completed system. For example while we were seeking means of getting funds from various other projects for the King Hill and Warmsprings, the officials once said concerning a certain Arizona project: 'We do not need all the funds appropriated for that irrigation system there. That just shows how the government follows up its reclamation work to the end.

"Thru its years of experience the Reclamation Service has gained the knowledge no private organization possesses, so far as the practical working out of the problems. Therefore could we not buy the skill which the government offers, with private capital.

"Can Be Done Again"

"There have been expressed by some a doubt concerning the success of the committee which went to Washington last year. The best proof I have to offer on that score is that Secretary Lane in my presence declared that he would recommend only two new projects and that they were equally meritorious, they are the Warmsprings and the King Hill. The two projects were recommended by him at the same time and sent to the President who in turn en-

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VETERAN OF REBELLION ANSWERS LAST BUGLE

Joseph H. Tague, aged 76, Veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in Ontario on Thanksgiving Day. Death was due to infirmities of old age.

Joseph H. Tague was born in Indiana on the 4th of July, 1841, being among the first men of that state to enlist for the three year term. He actually served four years and three months among the hardest engagement being Lookout Mountain and Green River. He fought under Rosencrans and Thomas.

After the war he returned to his home in Indiana where in 1865 he married Martha C. Wise. They moved to Nebraska in 1871 and in 1893 moved to Oregon settling on Willow Creek, where Brogan is now located. Ten children were born to them all of whom are living. They are: Mrs. B. F. Parks, Shelton, Nebr.; Mrs. Boswell, Ontario; Mrs. A. A. Derrick, Jamestown; Mrs. P. J. Flaherty, Pender, Nebr.; Mrs. E. E. Kendall, Jamieson; Mrs. H. Lockett, Malheur City; Mrs. O. W. MacAulay, Richmond, Wash.; Joseph H. Tague, Brogan and Charles H. and Emory Tague of Nyssa.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTY CATCH BOOTLEGGERS

Just like olden days when one could "hoist it over the bar" was the manner in which liquor was being served at the Riverside pool hall when Sheriff Ben J. Brown and his deputy Lee Noe arrived there Wednesday evening. As the result the pool hall man and two of his customers were arrested, according to reports received today by District Attorney R. W. Swaggler.

HOLD HOUSEWARMING

A neighborly Thanksgiving Dinner served as a dedication of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keefe's new house. 25 plates were laid for guests, as follows: O. Bull wife and son, chuSyler his brother L. B. Bull recently from the sound country, B. L. Bull, Jr. and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Worth, Minnesota friends, the Secoys and Biveghams and a sprinkling of newly made local friends all served sumptuously at a truly Thanksgiving spread and the jolity expressed throughout the social occasion was proof of much thankfulness and especial thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Keefe.

IF IT IS HIGH CLASSED PRINTING YOU ARE AFTER PHONE 49-J.—