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WATER QUESTION IS STILL SUPREME ISSUE

Next Wednesday Must Not Be Overlooked—Ontario Cannot Let Conditions Continue.

CHANGE INTAKE LOCATION

Fresh Water Will Make House-Work More Bearable—Is Great Progressive Step; Remember, Vote.

Next Wednesday, January 30, Ontarians will determine whether or not the City is to retain its place in the ranks of typhoid plagued localities, or to step into the ranks of healthful cities.

The first step toward establishing healthful conditions will be taken when the people give their approval to the proposition to change Section 2 of the City Charter, which will limit increasing the limited indebtedness from 15 to 25 per cent of the assessed valuation. After that is done the City Council will hold an election to determine the issuance of bonds for the water system.

When the first plans were discussed at the engineer's report filed a change had been made in the location of the intake which originally was located at the foot of Front Street. The new plans call for the location of the intake in the stream near the wagon bridge the location of Idaho Avenue.

The water question is the most important now facing the people of Vale. Every day strangers come here ask the same question: "Have you gotten rid of the typhoid?" Just today the writer heard a barber shop declare, "I bet that the water you serve you had better get fresh water to serve is a goner."

Meetings are too often expected to be ignored. It is time to act. Remember this: Vote out to vote next Wednesday.

TRUCK IS ALMOST CAUSE OF AN ENCOUNTER

First of the new Ford one-ton trucks arrived this week and manager Hayes of the local agency came out to see a job of referee for the result. Howard Malheur had the first order on file for a truck and had helped unload it very near having to use force to prevent a prospective owner from deliberately taking the truck to the county seat. However, there was one part missing in the truck so the car stayed on exhibition at the garage this week and Malheur gets it when the parts arrive. C. Barrett, Jr., territory representative of the Ford company, was this week to look into the prospect of truck sales.

WOMEN HAVE PLEASANT DAY SESSION SATURDAY

The Grange Hall last Saturday had a most pleasant day session. A dinner was spread at the hall and a thoroughly Hooverized and served it was delightful. Addresses were made by Livingston of Ontario and Howard, county agricultural agent.

NEW ONTARIO FAMILY TWO-STAR SERVICE FLAG

Miss George Lyells received word Monday from their son Wilbur, who is at the front in France, that he was to be discharged from the army. He is the second son in the family to join the colors. The first to enlist, is at Wright's, Ohio, engaged in the airplane, and writes that he will work for Uncle Sam very

RED CROSS BENEFIT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

To Keep Ontario Chapter Going With Raw Material Money Is Needed Women Out to Get It and Good Time Too.

At the present rate of consumption of raw material the Ontario Chapter of the American Red Cross requires over \$500 per month. The funds are getting low so the following women decided to change the situation and give the first Red Cross Benefit dance given here in Ontario: Mesdames Ray A. Wilson, J. D. Billingsley, A. L. Cockrum, Paul B. Cayou, A. S. Brown; Misses Lavine Smith, Ethel McNulty and Dorothy Jaquish.

The women have selected Friday, February 1 as the date of the function, which is to be more than a dance. It is going to be an occasion. Besides the dances there will be card tables for those whose stepping days are over, and others. Also there will be amusement diversions which will make the evening a pleasant one. Among other things there will be an unnamed contest. The women are working hard on their plans and are going to meet every cent of the expense personally so that every cent that is taken in will go to purchase Red Cross materials. It certainly will be a grand opportunity to have a good time and aid a good cause.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CELEBRATE BIG DRIVE

Two dances and initiation to Top Officers Week of Activity—Bishop Charles O'Reilly Is Coming

A class of 16 novices will ride the K. C. goat on Sunday at the closing episode of a regular K. C. week. Tomorrow night there will be a big dance at the Oregon Club rooms on Saturday night there will be one at the Grange Hall, each for the benefit of the K. C. war fund.

On Sunday Bishop O'Reilly will be the guest of honor at a banquet following the initiation of a class of 16. After the banquet which will be concluded early so that the Canadian officers can address the gathering. To this section of the performance the public is invited.

HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The year 1917 was a most successful one at the Holy Rosary. The record of patients received was larger than any year in the past the total being 335 for 1917 to 301 in 1916; there were 231 operations performed in 1917 compared with 184 in 1916. During the year 23 babies were born at the hospital.

Beside this during the year the training school graduated its first class of nurses, two of whom have been married since. The places of the graduates have been taken by four new pupils.

Friends of Miss Olive Bell who was a member of the first class, will be glad to know that she has taken a position in the government hospital at Revelstoke, B. C., having become a member of the Victoria nurses.

Mrs. D. F. Murphy of Beulah is a patient at the hospital.

Wyman Luscombe of Vale underwent a most difficult series of nose and throat operations last week. He is progressing nicely toward recovery.

Adrian Westfall of Payette was operated upon for appendicitis last week. He is getting better.

Clyde Currah of Payette is one of four patients from the Idaho side received last week. He is convalescing after an operation.

Chauncey Steadman of Payette underwent a minor operation on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Anna Townsend of Ontario was operated upon Monday.

Mrs. M. J. Joyce a bride of recent date, and a member of the first class of nurses to graduate, returned to the hospital this week for an operation. She is doing nicely.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR DRAINAGE WORK

Directors Determine That J. R. Hoskins of Baker Is Equipped to Do the Work.

RESPONSIBILITY ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR BROKE RECORD

Most Important Step Taken in This Section for Years—Means Saving of Thousands of Highly Fertile Acres.

After delays that have caused nearly a year to elapse since the first call for bids was made the directors of the Malheur Drainage District have at last let the contract for the construction of the drainage system.

This is the most constructive piece of work to be undertaken in this section for some time. What it means to the territory surrounding Ontario cannot be measured in given terms. Several hundred acres within the 5,500 embraced within the district boundaries have become entirely barren due to the alkali. These will be reclaimed and hundreds of other acres which were threatened will be saved and all of the land insured against souring.

The contract was let by the board of directors to J. R. Hoskins of Baker at a special meeting Saturday afternoon. Before the contract was let Mr. Hoskins underwent a thorough examination and made detailed statements showing the character of the equipment he possesses, and his financial ability to undertake the work.

Bright and early Monday Mr. Hoskins had his assistant here with him and already has undertaken the first preliminary surveys of the ground and will have dirt flying soon. He agreed to have the contract completed by August 1, subject of course to material delays.

SOLDIER BOY TELLS OF VOYAGE ACROSS

Sergeant Herbert Paul Gives Interesting Account of Voyage "To The Big Adventure"—Likes It, Too.

The Argus this week received the following letter from Herbert Paul, who was a member of the first group of Ontario volunteers.

Somewhere at Sea, Dec. 10, 1917.—Ontario Argus: On April 10th, when we boys left Ontario, I believe we all promised to write, and as I have a lot of spare time I am going to keep my word. Also I have a lot of friends in Ontario and I am going to take this means of wishing them all a merry Christmas and happy New Year, as I cannot write them all individually.

Because of the censor regulations I cannot tell you what boat I am on nor from where and when we sailed or where we are going, but I can tell you a little about life aboard an army transport and try to give you an idea of how a soldier feels, if I can.

When you get this letter I will be in the "Big Adventure." I don't know what it is going to be, but play days are over. We are down to serious business at last and just beginning to realize the meaning of war. We are on a British ship and three-fourths of its crew are boys ranging from 12 to 16 years of age. It seems hardly possible that England's man-power is reduced to such an extent that they have to man their ships with boys, but it is true. We all see it in a different light than we did in Texas. There we all had a good time, no worry, were lax and just tried to have as good a time as possible with the least amount of pork (and money). I am taking it for granted that you know I am not referring to myself at all. Of course we laugh and joke now, but there is a note of seriousness in it all, a sort of undercurrent of do or do the other thing, which is something the boys do not talk about. You do not hear the careless, care-free laugh any more. We know we are going for a purpose and we are

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HOSPITAL TO HAVE A HOME FOR AGED MEN

Work to Start Immediately on St. Joseph's Home Announces Mother Superior.

MELODY TO FEATURE MINSTREL SHOW

Plans Call for Bungalow With Six Rooms Besides Two Large Wards—Fully Equipped—Assistance Acceptable.

Work was started this week which when completed will add a home for aged men to the list of Ontario's institutions. The building to be known as St. Joseph's Home will be operated in connection with Holy Rosary hospital by the Dominican Sisters, Mother Mary Katherine announced this week.

The new home by its construction will permit the Sisters to remove from the present wards in the main building the indigent patients. This will increase the quarters in the hospital for the nurses and students, a much to be desired attainment in view of the growing needs of the hospital.

The new building, which is to be of bungalow style will contain five rooms and two large wards. It will be thoroughly modern and will be equipped with shower and tub baths, and will, beside the living rooms, contain two wards, kitchenette, linen rooms, etc. It will be connected with the main building by a tunnel, for it is to be directly back of the hospital. A large enclosed porch will occupy the front for its full length, 60 feet. The building is to be 30 feet deep. William Kercher has the contract for the building and started excavating for the concrete foundation this week. The building will be ready for occupancy on or before June 1.

The addition of St. Joseph's Home will require an expenditure of between \$3000 and \$4000. While no contributions have been sought to meet this expense, Mother Mary Katherine said Wednesday that any contributions toward the erection of the Home would be greatly appreciated. Relatives of any aged man can arrange for his entry into the home for it is not built for the county patients only.

OBSERVE THRIFT DAY URGES COUNTY MANAGER

February 4th is "Thrift Day" and the people of Malheur county are asked to observe it by buying War Stamps and the Thrift Stamps that are redeemable in War Stamps.

There is no particular campaign date or "drive" for War Stamps, because the sale of them continues every day during the year, so the people are urged to consider February 4th not only as general "Thrift Day" but direct their thrift to the purchase of War Stamps, and by so doing conserve their funds in a safe and profitable investment and at the same time help Uncle Sam to end the war.

The Thrift Stamps are 25 cents each; accumulate them until 16 are on your card, then exchange them for a \$5 War Stamp by paying the few cents additional that will be required. During February the "War Stamps" will sell for \$4.12, and they are worth what they cost, plus one cent a month for each month held and they will be redeemed by the government January 1, 1923, for \$5.

Everybody likes a stayer, and these stamps are sure enough "stickers." Start February 4th with a \$4.12 sticker and stick another beside it each month; see your postmaster or bank for the stamps.

W. F. HOMAN, County Chairman, W. S. S. Organization.

The manufacture and consumption of pastry regarded as a luxury in France has been entirely suppressed, except on Sundays and holidays.

Cable rates have been reduced between North and South America.

The "Two Bit Club" is the most effective kind of a war club.

"Two Bit Clubs" are to be organized throughout the State.

ANOTHER ONTARIAN IS NOW IN FRANCE

Wilmer Boyer With Former Idaho, is now in France—Major Lewis Advises Relatives of Detachment's Arrival.

One by one the boys who first left Ontario for war duty are approaching the front. The latest to arrive is Wilmer Boyer who is with the detachment of what was the Second Idaho that landed on Tuesday of this week.

Major J. B. Lewis of Fruitland, who was also a member of that detachment advised his wife by cable Wednesday of their arrival and she in turn notified the Boyer family here.

Sometime within the past two weeks Herbert Paul, a letter from whom appears in another column, reached French soil so that now the colony of Ontario warriors for democracy in France includes: Sergeants Glenn Brown, Harold Sproule, Earl Griffin, Herbert Paul and Wilmer Boyer. These are all reported to the Argus, so far but of course there may be others.

MELODY TO FEATURE MINSTREL SHOW

Next Tuesday Evening at Dreamland The Song Birds in Raven Faces will Sing.

There will be the rat-tat-tat of the bones and the thrum, thrum of the strings, while every few minutes will be the rattle of the bones of a good old fiddle and lots of music between times, when the Oregon Club minstrels put on the second annual performance at Dreamland next Tuesday evening.

To start, in advance to give an idea of what will be shown would be all wrong. Anticipations is keen when one knows that the Oregon Club Jokers and song birds are to perform for the songs that James Smith, Harold Von Rendon sing are tuneful and the cutting up of the end men, Chet Luckey, Hugh Allen, Hershel Brown and A. F. Riddle is of the kind that is funny from the jump.

The chorus is the feature and has received the attention of the director in the hands of Clint Trow and Don Platt, stage carpenter and electrician, is enough to make a trip to the show worth while. To get all the fun of one week, go to Dreamland next Tuesday.

BOYER BROS. SHIP HAY TO NEEDY TEXAS CATTLEMEN

Boyer Bros. this week shipped two cars of hay to Texas, and expect to ship more every day. Other shippers have started a number of cars and if the present ratio continues the air plus stock in this section will be greatly reduced.

MARGARETE SNOW COMING IN ARTCRAFT PRODUCTION

Marguerite Snow, the well known screen favorite, has the honor of being George M. Cohan's leading lady in his first Artercraft photoplay, "Broadway Jones," in which she portrays the role of Josie Richards, the pretty stenographer at the Jones gun factory, who shows the wild youth the right path. Born in Savannah, Ga., and educated in Denver, Colo., Miss Snow became an actress at an early age. Following a notable stage career she achieved wide prominence in motion pictures, her characterization of the Countess Zadora in "The Million Dollar Mystery" being well remembered. Miss Snow makes an ideal "Josie" in "Broadway Jones," which is about to be released by Artercraft Pictures and it is felt that her portrayal in this subject will prove one of the features of the photoplay. At Dreamland, Feb. 1st and 2nd.

SECURE THREE HALLS TO HEAR CANADIANS

Meetings Will Be Held Simultaneously—Dreamland and Opera House and Odd Fellows Hall.

FARMERS URGED TO ATTEND

Owing to the Fact That Nyssa Not on List Committee Changes Local Plans—Exceptional Treat.

Ready for the biggest crowd that has ever visited Ontario, the committee for the Ontario Council of Defense which is in charge of the mass meetings to be addressed by the Canadian soldiers Sunday night has three halls engaged.

Dreamland is the first hall to be filled, following it the crowd will be cared for at the Opera House and the Odd Fellows Hall. In all of the halls all of the speakers will appear and as they finish at one hall go to another. In each, too, there will be a few musical numbers.

Advices received by members of the Council indicate that the Canadians will have their lunch on the train and leave on the Vale train on the arrival here. After their return from Vale they will be given a dinner here and following that the meetings will take place.

Col. MacMillan Major Edwards and Capt. Cook are all veterans of the Canadian army. They were with the First Canadian expeditionary force. They have seen service from the Somme to Arras and each carries desperate scars of the conflict. Everywhere they have been in Oregon they have been enthusiastically received and crowds have been turned away.

Since they will not appear in Nyssa the local Council is arranging for the three halls so that no one from Nyssa will be disappointed after coming here to hear them. The Council urges the ranchers to come, for the State Council laid stress on the fact that these men have a message the rancher should hear.

Special emphasis should be made in telling friends of these meetings that there will be no admission, and no solicitation of funds will be made. The State Council of Defense is paying the railroad fare and hotel bills for the party and the local Councils are arranging for the expense of the meetings. Every man and woman, and children from 14 years and upward should be present for these meetings.

WOMAN'S CLUB WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SILVER TEA

At the home of Mrs. S. D. Dorman next Wednesday afternoon the annual Red Letter Day program of the Woman's club will take place. It will be the Silver Tea for the scholarship fund. In view of the fact that so many girls are being trained to take the places of men the club is anxious that the tea this year be largely attended.

FORMER FRUITLAND MAN TAKES OVER CARTER HOUSE

H. A. Daubenberger, who years ago used to live in Fruitland but who has until recently managed the Wilson hotel in Centralia, Wash., last Thursday took possession of the Carter House. Mr. Daubenberger is to establish the dining room service and has enlarged the dining room by adding the rear end of the old pool room to the dining room.

L. M. Eates of Westfall is recovering from an operation performed Monday.

D. M. Dutton of Parma is a patient received this week.

Did it ever occur to you when you are trying to get ahead a bit financially, that it isn't so much what you earn that counts—it's what you save.