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COUNCIL NAMES DATE FOR BOND ELECTION

CANVASS RETURNS OF ELECTION OF JANUARY 23 AND DECLARE AMENDMENT IS IN FORCE.

VOTE BONDS ON FEBRUARY 25

Representative of Denver Bond Banking House Offers to Have Council Handle Proceedings—Offer is Declined.



R. N. Stanfield.

Eastern Oregon stockman who is seeking Republican nomination for United States Senator.

ONTARIO RANKS HIGH IN RED CROSS SALES

In Proportion to Its Population, This City Buys Twice as Many Stamps as Portland, and is Seventh in List.

According to reports received this week from state headquarters Ontario was the seventh city in Oregon in its sales of Red Cross Christmas seals. Of course Portland lead with a total sale of over \$7000 but according to its population Ontario purchased twice as many stamps as Portland.

The only cities in the state that exceeded Ontario were: Portland, Corvallis, Eugene, Medford, Marshfield, Oregon City and The Dalles.

Ontarians bought \$145 worth of the stamps during the campaign conducted by Mrs. W. W. Letson and Mrs. H. O. Drane, which exceeded the amount sold last year by six times.

CAN NOT PAY TAXES WITH LIBERTY BONDS

Erroneous Information Has Been Circulated—Notice Should be Taken of Fact.

In a letter from Milton A. Miller, collector of Internal Revenue he advises that thru some means rumors have been circulated that Liberty Loan Bonds would be acceptable in payment of taxes by this is not true.

"Correspondence reaching this office," said Mr. Miller, indicates that persons have been erroneously advised that Liberty Loan Bonds will be accepted in payment of taxes due the United States.

"Liberty Loan Bonds cannot be accepted in payment of such taxes. To accept these bonds for taxes would defeat the revenue ends."

REVENUE MAN COMING TO ASSIST CITIZENS

Deputy Income Tax Collector at Vale Next Week and in Ontario All of Following Week.

Clarence D. Tillson, deputy collector of Income Tax, representing the United States treasurer, arrived in Ontario today enroute to Vale and give advance notice that he will be back here in Ontario at the City Hall for the week beginning February 18th and remain here until Saturday, February 23, to assist everyone in this section to thoroly comply with the provisions of the Income Tax law.

Mr. Tillson came here from Baker, where he discovered that ranchers and stockmen are not long on book-keeping. Many of the ranchers and stockmen are regretting that fact for under the provisions of the income tax law they have a number of penalties to arrange for.

Every single man who had an income of \$1000 or more is required to make a report of the same, and

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FOUR NEW NAMES ON OWYHEE DIRECTORATE

ELECTION HELD SATURDAY RESULTS IN SURPRISE; MEMBERS ON BOARD 20 YEARS OR MORE RETIRED.

RESULT WAS NOT UNFORSEEN

No Serious Difference Among the Stockholders The Election Indicates Difference of Opinion as to Policy.

The not altogether unforeseen result of the election of directors of the Owyhee Ditch company last Saturday was somewhat of a surprise. Four of the old directors, two of whom have been officials for more than 20 years were retired and four new directors were elected. The results turned on the voting of Fred J. Kessel's stock by Montie B. Gwinn.

It is said that the retirement of the old board was not the result of a marked difference of opinion among the stockholders but that it was the outgrowth of a difference that gradually accumulated during a period of years in any mutual association, and focused finally on the question of finance in arranging for right-of-way for the pumping plant which the company is building.

The election, however, will not effect the pumping plant to the pumps, motors, and all material for that has been contracted for by the old board, and the new board is in agreement on the question of the necessity for the plant.

The directors elected were: T. W. Claggett, W. G. Jenkins, C. C. Hunt and H. J. Ward, who with the hold-over directors, John Ray, C. R. Emison and W. S. Rees, make up the board. The retiring directors are: Jas. M. Duncan, John A. Ward, Thomas M. Lowe and A. Gramse. Mr. Duncan for years rode the ditch, and has been a member of the board for more than 20 years and for 10 years its president John A. Ward likewise has served the district for over 20 years on the board, while Messrs. Lowe and Gramse have been on the board for the past four years.

The election of new board members did not result in any change in the executive offices of the secretary-treasurer or superintendent, which positions are held by Judge G. L. King and his son, A. S. King.

NEW AUTO COMPANY COMES TO ONTARIO

Virgil Staples to Represent Buick, Dodge, Vellie and Hudson in This Territory; to Open Sales Room

Another, the ninth, firm to handle automobiles and accessories will open in Ontario soon. Already the representative of the new agency, Virgil Staples, is on the ground and ready for business.

Mr. Staples is arranging for a sales room and will handle the Dodge, Buick, Vellie and Hudson in this territory in conjunction with the Young Auto Company of Vale.

RESTAURANT MEN WARNED BY JUDGE

CELESTIALS DO NOT LIKE COMPLYING WITH RULES REGARDING FLOUR SUBSTITUTES; FLOUR HELD.

TWO BARRELS HELD AT NYSSA

Supree Shipment Not Yet Delivered—Judge Can Not Understand Unusual Order—Violators to Be Punished.

Judge George McKnight arrived from Vale last Saturday on a tour of duty as Food Administrator for Malheur county. As a result of the Judge's visit a number of Ontario's restaurant men, especially the proprietors of the Chinese establishments, have a better idea of what Mr. Hoover's orders mean. They understand that they are not above the food administration.

The restaurant men objected when local merchants refused to sell them wheat flour without the proportion of substitutes. They threatened to boycott the local merchants and get flour out of town. They know better now, and they have also been informed that wheatless and meatless rulings apply to restaurants too.

While in Ontario Judge McKnight was informed of the arrival of two barrels of flour at Nyssa for a Basque sheepman. He immediately had delivery stopped and expected to order the shipment back to Boise.

The Judge also took up the matter of the Dupree shipment of 40 sacks flour and it was plainly evident that he could not reconcile the fact that so big a shipment was ordered last spring.

SHEPHERDER GETS BIG CHECK CHASHED

W. F. Driggers Secures \$3,800 on Check With Rector Arwine's Name Attached—Can't Be Found Now.

W. F. Driggers, who worked for Rector Arwine, a Harney county rancher, blew into Ontario two weeks ago with a check calling for \$3800 drawn on the Eastern Oregon Banking company of Shaniko, with what purported to be the signature of Mr. Arwine attached.

Mr. Driggers deposited the check in a local bank and it was honored at Shaniko as a perfectly good instrument. Later Mr. Arwine became aware of the fact and declared that it was spurious. He came to Ontario to locate Driggers but Driggers was among those absent. He had been at Boise, where he drew a number of checks on his local "account" and then left. Burns detectives are now on Mr. Drigger's trail and he is expected to be located in a few days.

Mrs. Andrew Robinson and son arrived in Ontario Tuesday to join Mr. Robinson, who recently purchased the Ontario Ice & Cold Storage company. They have taken a residence on the east side.



THOS. F. RYAN

CANDIDATE FOR THE NOMINATION FOR STATE TREASURER.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO HOLD NIGHT SESSION

Patriotism is Keynote for Meeting Next Friday, February 15—Judge Dalton Biggs and Mrs. E. M. Greig to Speak.

Patriotism is to be the keynote of the evening of the Parent-Teachers association which is to be held next Friday evening February 15 at the High School auditorium.

Since the meeting is to be held between the birthdays of two of America's great heroes, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, the session will be a patriotic one and the speakers Judge Dalton Biggs and Mrs. E. M. Greig will dwell on the need for patriotism today. A fitting musical program will also be given. An urgent invitation is extended to everyone to be present.

OREGON CLUB GIVES RED CROSS BENEFIT

Second Performance of Minstrel Show—With All Expenses Paid by Club, Nets \$140 to Good Cause.

The second performance of the Oregon Club's Minstrel show was staged at Dreamland Monday before a crowd that did not quite fill the house. It deserved better patronage for the performance, like the original production was highly amusing from curtain to curtain.

The club members from their treasury paid all the expenses of the second production and presented the net proceeds, \$140, to the Red Cross.

Contrary to the general belief, the first performance hardly met the expense of the two productions and the cost of properties, music, etc. However, the difference was met from the treasury and it is hoped that that institution will be materially assisted by the two performances to be given next week, Monday at Vale and Wednesday at Nyssa.

BROGAN RED CROSS PLANS MASQUERADE

Chicken Supper, Too, is on Tap in Upper Valley Town for February 15—Ontarians Wanted.

Brogan folks still remember how Ontario turned out for the first big Red Cross function that was staged in Malheur county last year at Brogan.

For that reason they have thru Frank Weaver asked the Argus to extend an invitation to every one in this section to be at Brogan on February 15 to attend a masquerade dance and eat a big chicken dinner and of course have a good time. That goes without saying, for that is the brand of entertainment Brogan dispenses when it starts.

HUNDREDS THROUGHT TO RED CROSS DANCE

OLD FASHIONED SQUARE DANCES RIVAL THE FOX TROT AND ONE STEP IN EVENING PERFORMANCE FOR "OLD FOLKS."

TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER \$420

Big Benefit, Together With Oregon Club's Minstrel Show, Puts Local Chapter in Clear for Month at Least.

Filling the dance hall, the game rooms, all the lounging rooms and bulging out into the hallway and over into the offices of attorneys in the building, the crowd which attended the Red Cross benefit dance last Friday evening was a joy to behold. It was the biggest thing that Ontario has witnessed of the kind for years, and then some. It was immense. The Ontario Chapter O. R. C. is \$420 richer as the result.

Of course, the object met with the approval of everyone, but the object alone did not get the crowd. The committee of women who gave the party: Mesdames Ray A. Wilson, A. L. Cockerum, J. D. Billingsley, A. S. Brown, Miss Lavine Smith, Miss Ethel McNulty and Miss Dorothy Jaquish, saw to that, for anyone that was not seen by members of the committee was interviewed a number of times by some of the young women or school children who sold tickets. Some of the men bought tickets from more than one solicitor, too, for the total number of tickets bought was greater than the number of male dancers.

The rooms of the club were effectively decorated in patriotic colors and the red and white of the Red Cross. In the billiard room flowers were sold and punch served, Charles Carver presiding at the punch bowl.

During the evening a series of contests were staged with P. J. Gallagher as starter and Messrs. A. L. Cockerum, J. D. Billingsley and S. D. Dorman as judges. As the result of the popular voting: Miss Lavine Smith was declared the prettiest girl present; Miss Ethel McNulty the "oldest in experience" bachelor girl; Prof. Boucher won the humblest single man contest and his colleague, Prof. Thomas, the oldest single man contest, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clemo won the most popular couple contest. All were duly rewarded with prizes. Mr. Gallagher also conducted a series of raffles selling a "Madagascar" mirror for \$3 to Ray Wilson, the box of candy won by Miss Smith was sold to R. W. Jones for \$6, while the Red Cross apron won by Prof. Thomas was sold twice, first to the high school boy, who presented it to Prof. Boucher, who returned it and it was sold to Mrs. John Wood. Howard Mallett won the pillow made by George Warren, and returned it to be sold. A second pillow, donated by O. G. Luhrs, was raffled and won by Joe Brunning. The two pillow raffles brought about \$100 and the grand total secured by the women was \$420.

During the evening several square dances were staged to the amusement of both old and young. Veteran dancers enjoyed the old time square while youngsters enjoyed watching and wondered, how the evolution could possibly be performed. Some of the old timers were equally mystified.

SHERIFF BRINGS BACK MEN CHARGED WITH BIG THEFT

Sheriff Brown and Marshal H. C. Farmer returned Monday from Omaha with Chas. Bonn, alias P. S. Jackson, and G. W. Wheat, alias G. W. Allen, who were apprehended in Omaha in the act of selling 1200 head of sheep belonging to the N-Bar-N Land and Cattle Co. According to the officers each of the men asserts that the other engineered the job.



ONE OF THE BIG BOYS IN ACTION. Scene from the Great Serial Picture, "The Battle of the Arras," Which Hobins at Dreamland, Tuesday, February 12.