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WATER ELECTION IS AROUSING INTEREST

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN URGE THAT LARGE VOTE BE POLLED FOR EFFECT ON POSSIBLE BOND BUYERS.

PLANT WILL PAY FOR ITSELF

Here and There Slight Opposition Noted, Due to Failure to Study Proposal—Now Is Time to Get Informed.

For the first time since the talk of a new water system started there has been evidenced a doubt in the minds of some of the citizens. No strenuous objections have been raised and the only questions presented for discussion have been in relation to the detailed plans for operation and finance.

The members of the City Council are unanimous in their belief that the system will pay for itself thru its earning capacity. They took that matter into consideration in having the plans prepared for the system, which is designed to supply sufficient water for a city of 5000, and to irrigate 100 acres of gardens, etc. The man who prepared these plans is Louis C. Kelsey, one of the best hydraulic engineers in the West. Mr. Kelsey has to his credit the erection of the water systems of Salt Lake, Twin Falls, and many other systems in this arid region and that the City officials are confident that with his experience as a guide they are protected from error and that the plant will do what it is intended to do.

Want a Big Vote. During the week Mayor W. E. Homan received a number of communications asking for information relative to the public's demand for a municipal water system. Since the success of such a system is dependent upon public patronage which can be judged by the demand for it, it makes a material difference in the desirability of the bonds. For that reason the Mayor is anxious that a big affirmative vote be cast at the coming election.

The Council realizes that if this election had been held last October, November or December when the typhoid epidemic was on the vote would have been unanimous and 100 per cent in volume. It is just as important to get out an devote now as it would have been then.

BOOZE SELLER COMES TO GRIEF SATURDAY

Chas. McClure Found in Possession of Fifty Quarts of Red Eye and Pays Fine—McCarthy to be Tried Later.

City marshal H. C. Farmer made a double killing last Saturday afternoon when he landed Charles McClure who has resided here for several months with 50 quarts of red eye. McClure later pled guilty and was fined \$150 and given a 30 days in jail sentence.

The arrest followed the capture of a man named McCarthy as he was leaving for Payette. When told to stop his car by the Marshal McCarthy jumped out, ran back of the car and broke two bottles of booze on the wheel of the car before the Marshal could stop him. The odor of the spilled liquid was convincing and since he had been watching for some time the officers had an idea where he got it. Acting on this knowledge McClure was arrested and the cache was located in his coal house. A woman was also taken in the raid. McCarthy when arraigned pled not guilty and his trial was set for February 21.

rfahSatukbe Mrs. M. D. Cloud of Fruitland was called to Pocatello Monday by the sudden death of her mother. Mrs. Cloud came to Ontario to take the train and at that time was not conversant with the details of how the end came.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Earl Hanna.

INCOME TAX MAN WILL BE HERE MONDAY MORNING

B. Frank Miller, deputy collector of Internal Revenue will be at the City Hall all next week, starting bright and early Monday morning to assist you in determining just how much you owe Uncle Sam in the way of income tax. Even if you are in doubt do not take a chance to become guilty of evading the statutes which carry a severe penalty.

ROBINSON PURCHASES INDEPENDENT MARKET

New Owner Has Had Years of Experience in Meat Business and Plans Enlarging Scope of Activity.

Andrew Robinson owner of the Ontario Ice and Cold Storage, on Monday purchased the Independent Market when it was offered for sale by Dr. Prinsing the mortgage of the big plant. The Doctor who financed Frank Utz accepted the loss attendant on paying all the local creditors and Mr. Robertson took over the plant. The new owner has operated meat markets and packing plants or years and is conversant with every phase of the business. The Storage and produce business will be continued and the scope of the plant enlarged, the meat market devoting itself entirely to local trade while the packing business will be conducted in connection with the produce business.

The turn of events ending in the reclosure of the plant made possible the accomplishment of Mr. Robertson's original intention when he came here from Prairie City two months ago.

OREGON LIFE CO. IS HOLDER OF RECORD

Biggest Year's Business Done by Any Company in State Recorded by Home Corporation.

The largest amount of business ever produced in the state of Oregon by a single insurance company was produced by the Oregon Life Insurance company for the year 1917, according to H. C. Schuppell, of Baker, representative of the Oregon Life in this section, who is Ontario this week. Business issued and revived, he reported, totaled \$3,517,056, an increase of \$925,027 over the previous year and the largest amount of business it had ever written.

At present he said the company has \$12,642,391 of insurance in force, which means a net gain of \$2,139,947 over the previous year after deducting for death losses and surrendered and ceased insurance.

That a soldier's chances of death or injury on the battle front the relatively small, was the assertion of E. N. Strong, assistant manager and superintendent of the company's agents. Figures compiled as late as November 1, 1917, show the losses on the Western front from battle and disease to be 2 per cent, while in the Civil war the death rate from battle and disease was 7 per cent," says Mr. Strong.

"In the Russian-Japanese war, one man was killed in battle to 2 1-2 by disease, while in this war 20 as killed in battle to one dying of disease, thanks to the advanced medical science, which has been turned over unselfishly to the needs of the government.

"This war is a wonderful tribute to the solvency and safety of legal reserve insurance," said Mr. Strong, "that as far as can be ascertained, no life insurance company so recognized and operating has failed to meet its obligations in any of the belligerent countries."

EYE SPECIALIST COMING.

If your eyes are troubling you, come and see me at the Moore Hotel, Thursday, February 21. Dr. M. E. Fleming.—Adv.

Irving Harris is home for a five days furlough from Camp Lewis.

BOULEVARDERS PLAN A GIGANTIC AUCTION

ONTARIO CHAPTER A. R. C. WILL BE BENEFICIARY OF SALE OF GOODS WORTH MORE THAN \$1000.

MARCH SECOND IS DATE SET

Hans Ott and G. W. Dean Start Movement That Is Growing Like Wild-fire—"What Are You Going to Auction," Is Question?

Hans Ott and G. W. Dean of the Boulevard got an idea some time ago that the Boulevard auxiliaries of the Ontario Chapter A. R. C. should get real busy and show the city folks how to raise money for the great cause.

So having that idea they added to the conception that an auction of farm produce, farm machinery and, oh, just the thousand and one things that can be gotten together at an auction, would fill the bill to their liking. With that settled they proceeded to interview their neighbors. In two days they received promises of produce, etc., in value worth more than \$1000. One neighbor gave a pig, another a sheep, one a piece of farm machinery that he had replaced, and so until the men were swamped.

Then they came to town and told the officials of the chapter what they had done and learned that the finance committee had been planning on a similar stunt, so that the two ideas were joined and the auction will be held here in the city. Since then the campaign in the city has started and as it is on the Boulevard folks are asking: "What have you given to be auctioned?"

Mrs. W. W. Letson, chairman of the finance committee of the chapter, is in general charge of the plans for the auction here in town and by next week will announce the appointment of the committees to be in charge of the various phases. What the program will be and all those things will be determined later.

Among the possible added attractions will be the auctioning of a town lot which J. R. Blackaby offered to the society last spring for a raffle. While he is not here now, it is believed that he will continue his offer at this time.

Since there are still two weeks before the date scheduled for the auction you will have time to look over your belongings to determine what you can "put up."

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Annual staff is still busy and have closed contracts for the local printers to do the work.

The Seniors could get only three players, but played the full team of the Freshmen. The rest of the game will be played this week.

The student body has rented the Opera House and basket ball has started a full swing. It is probable that league games will commence in the near future.

The military company under the instruction of Colonel Boucher have taken up trench warfare and are going over the top in a very realistic and creditable manner.

A new shipment of chemicals and apparatus has arrived for the science department. This puts the Ontario high laboratory up to a standard higher than that maintained by any high school in this vicinity.

Dorothy Turner, a senior in the commercial course, was the proud recipient this week of a leather card case sent her by the Remington Typewriter Company as a reward for her ability in typewriting. This prize is offered to students in high schools and commercial business schools for a record of 40 words per minute with less than five errors on the machine. Dorothy made a record of 49 words per minute. She is now out for the gold medal record—55 words per minute.

CALL MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS BONDS

FRIDAY, FEB. 22, IS DATE SET FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED WATER BONDS—BE THERE.

PLANS OPEN FOR INSPECTION

City Officials Want Public to Be Thoroughly Informed on Proposed Improvement for City's Benefit.

If there is any question in the mind of any voter in relation to the proposed bond issue for the construction of a municipal water system for Ontario an opportunity will be given Friday evening, February 22, to have the question answered. A mass meeting of voters has been called for that purpose.

The proposed plans were discussed at a meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood this evening. Mayor Homan spoke on the various phases of the issue and the proposed plans were read in detail by City Recorder C. M. Stearns.

Several weeks ago the Argus presented Engineer Kelsey's plans in detail so that most of the citizens are conversant with the details but some of the features may have been forgotten and the mass meeting is being held for the purpose of refreshing the memory of anyone who has forgotten.

VALE HARDWARE CO. HAS DODGE AGENCY

Four Error Argus Transfers Representation to Young Co. Should Said Oakland.

Thu an error on the part of the Argus last week in announcing the arrival of another auto firm to the city, the statement was made that the Young Auto Co. would represent the Dodge Bros. company in this field. The Dodge agency belongs to the Vale Hardware company and they still have it. What the Argus intended to say was that the Young company has the Oakland along with its other cars.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Ontario High School has again shown its patriotism by unanimously joining the Junior Red Cross. Several of the grades have also joined in the movement. Erma VonRendse was elected chairman of this association, Frank Dorman treasurer Charlotte Claggett, secretary.

The "How to Study" class which has been conducted for several months by Mr. Douglas finished its work this week. Each pupil was asked to state on paper with no name attached whether they thought the course was worth while. There were 49 favoring the course and two who saw no value in it. Each one of the high school teachers will some time in the near future give a talk to this class on how to study the particular subjects taught by that teacher.

With the exception of one room the grades in the West side school have joined the Junior Red Cross in a body. It is expected that this room will complete a 100 per cent enrollment within a few days. The Domestic Art girls have completed altogether 106 hospital shirts for the Red Cross. Owing to the lack of material for the shirts, the girls are going to change their work and make little black pinafores for the Belgium refugee children.

Circle One of the Methodist Ladies' Aid on Thursday, February 21, will hold a Washington Tea at the home of Mrs. Edgar S. Fortner, on North Virtue street.—Adv.

FOR SALE—2 fine thorough bred Rhode Island roosters. D. A. Hiles, Ontario, Oregon.

THE ARGUS MOVES TO LARGER QUARTERS

The Argus moved this week from its old location in the Wilson building to one of the store rooms in the Boyer block on the east side of Oregon street in the block south of the Post Office. The task of moving a printing plant is not a small one and many delays were encountered. In spite of this the plant is again in operation, save the big press, so thru the courtesy of the Democracy this issue is being printed on our competitors press. We ask the indulgence of our readers for this issue for with more space and better working conditions we will be able to serve you more adequately in the future. wsrmt. . . . H

LOCAL MINSTRELS PLEASE NEIGHBORS

Vale and Nyssa Audiences Manifest Pleasure With Performances—Nyssa Crowd Especially Noteworthy.

On Monday night at Vale and Wednesday night at Nyssa the Oregon club minstrels delighted audiences. At Nyssa the hall was packed and after the performance the local boys were the guests of the Red Cross at a dance and supper.

At Vale following the performance Mrs. Murry Morton, formerly of Ontario arranged for an oyster supper so that the boys had a good time in the County Seat, too.

At Nyssa at the cake made by Miss Morrison of Jamison was raffled and the price increased with each passing. The same culinary product will be offered later here in Ontario.

ADDS FRANKLIN TO CARS SOLD IN CITY

Ontario Auto Company Brings Another Gasoline Buggy For Ranchers to Select From.

It is a dull week on auto row when a new auto agency is not announced. This week the Ontario Auto company comes to the front with the announcement that it has secured the Franklin car for this field.

In announcing his determination to add the big air cooler car to his Grant agency Pete Duford declared that he wanted to keep abreast of the times and have something for every class of car purchaser.

Ernie Hays of the Ford agency is in Portland this week to see the cars at the auto show.

U. S. EMPLOYMENT SHIPYARD SERVICE

Offices Opened in Malheur County for Enrollment of Skilled Labor for Services

Vale, Or., Feb. 14.—Editor Ontario Argus: Oregon's quota of U. S. shipyard volunteers to be enlisted in each county of the state is 3394, and of this quota Malheur county is requested to enlist a minimum of 45. State Director Griffith has written that he hopes that Oregon will enroll 29,000 shipyard volunteers, and at that ratio Malheur should raise about 280 men or this service.

The men desired for enrollment in the United States shipyard volunteer service are of the following classes: Acetylene and electrical welders, asbestos workers, blacksmiths, angle-smiths, drop forge men, flange turners, furnace men, boiler makers, riveters, rammers, carpenters, ship carpenters, dock builders, chipper and calkers, electricians, wiremen, crane operators, foundry workers, laborers, loftmen, template makers, machinists and machine hands, helpers, painters, plumbers and pipe fitters sheet metal workers and copper-smiths, ship fitters, structural

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YOUTHFUL DEBATERS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

JUDGES AT BURNS DECLARE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TEAM WINNER BY A TWO TO ONE VOTE.

TO MEET WALLOWA IN MARCH

Question to Be Changed in Inter-District Contest—Burns Folks Gave Local Team a Kind Reception.

By a two to one vote at Burns last Friday evening the judges of the Burns-Ontario high school debate declared the visiting team the winner. By this decision Miss Clara Craig and Wesley Glenn, became champion debating team of Southeastern Oregon and won the right to measure their ability against the team from the Wallowa high school, which won in that district.

The Judges of the Burns contest were: John W. Biggs of Burns, Rev. Clark of Juntura, and Mrs. Allen Kennison of Arcadia, formerly of Fruitland. Mrs. Kennison accompanied the local team to Burns acting as chaperone. With them also went Prof. L. L. Culbertson, who, with Miss Katherine Conway, coached the debaters.

The faculty and students of the local school are particularly proud of their team for the winners are so far as known the youngest team to take such honors. Miss Craig, leader of the team, is a sophomore and is but 16 years old, while Wesley Glenn is a Freshman and is only 14 years old.

The debate at Burns was upon the question: Resolved: that the Oregon State Senate be abolished. In the next debate for the championship of Eastern Oregon, which will be held either March 15 or 16, the place not yet decided upon, Ontario will uphold the affirmative of the proposition: Resolved: that at the close of the present war the United States should join an international league to enforce its decisions.

In speaking of the debate at Burns members of the team and their coach were enthusiastic over the reception tendered them in Burns and declared that in Milton Brown and Othel Goff they faced a strong, well-prepared team.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO SELECT OFFICIALS

Regular Annual Election of civic body Duty Scheduled for Monday evening at Commercial Club.

The annual election of officers of the Commercial club is scheduled for Monday evening. While but slight interest in this event has been manifested, due to the direction of attention of most citizens to various war society activities, yet this is important and the members should be present.

The only officer who has announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself is secretary C. M. Stearns who finds the growing work of City Recorder making too great a demand on his time.

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- * FIVE TRIPS WITHOUT EVEN *
- * SEEING A HUN SUBMARINE *
- * Earl Landingham, quarter-
- * master first class, U. S. N., son
- * of Mr. and Mrs. John Landing-
- * ham is home now on a two week
- * shore leave after months of ex-
- * perience on the stormy Atlantic.
- * The cruiser on which he has
- * been a member of the crew con-
- * voyed five fleets of merchant-
- * men and transports to France
- * he has never seen a Hun sub-
- * marine. He declares that the
- * Fritzies don't appear to like
- * Uncle Sam's navy at all and ap-
- * parently flight shy.
- * If the young man is a good
- * criterion by which to judge the
- * boys in the navy are well looked
- * after, for he looks as fit as a
- * fiddle.
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