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ONE DOZEN VOTES CAST AGAINST BONDS

BY VOTE OF 208 TO 12 APPROVAL IS GIVEN OF \$100,000 ISSUE FOR MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM.

CERTAINTY OF RESULT EVIDENT

Many Did Not Go to Vote Because of Certainty of Bonds Carrying While Raw Wind Kept Women Away.

Ontario is to have a new Municipal Water system. The first step in the fight for a cleaner and more healthful city has been decisively won. The voters last Monday placed their seal of approval on the proposed \$100,000 bond issue and steps will be taken at once to seek bids for the construction of the system.

The Council will meet on Monday to canvass the returns of the election and just what action will follow will be determined then.

There was more interest manifested in the election Monday than in the preliminary election of a few weeks previous. The number of voters indicates that, but the vote should have been larger. The fact that the issue was sure to carry more than anything else kept down the vote. Then the raw wind which started toward evening kept many of the women away, tho a large portion of the vote actually cast was cast by the suffragettes.

In speaking of the election, Mayor Roman, who was visibly pleased at the outcome could refrain from remarking:

"The vote should have been greater. This is what Ontario has needed for years. While the proportion of the adverse vote is so small as to be negligible, yet it is a wonder that even that many adverse votes could be cast on such a proposition."

"There has been some talk about the proposed plans not being large enough to care for the entire city and water the lawns. Well the plans are only tentative and there will no doubt be many changes and all the objections that may be raised will be considered before the contracts are let."

The city officials do not anticipate there will be any trouble in selling the bonds or in getting permission from the federal authorities to sell them, for this is an improvement that is needed for the health of the community.

WEIDNER GETS \$300 FINE FOR IMPERSONATING OFFICER

Henry Weidner of Payette whom Marshal Harry Farmer caught with a car load of booze last summer, and who tried to bluff the local officer into believing he was a United States marshal is taking a vacation in Portland serving out a \$300 fine. The booze charge was dropped but the impersonation of an officer stuck. Weidner remarked during the trial, "you can bluff anyone but an Ontario Constable."

ONTARIO TAKES PAIR OF DOUBLE-HEADERS

Both Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams Win—Interest in Game Is Rising.

Four basket ball victories came to the Ontario High School within a week. Last Friday night the Fruitland bench teams after stirring battles met defeat at the hands of the locals by one-sided scores. The Girls won by a 14 to 4 score while the boys took Fruitland into camp by a 19 to 10 count. Both games were closely followed by large crowd. L. L. Culbertson refereed.

On Wednesday evening the Payette High School Girls' team and the Weiser Boys' second team came here and met defeat by identical scores, 34 to 7. Ontario completely outclassed the visitors in these games and romped home to victory. Following were the Ontario teams: Christensen, c.; Houser, Weaver and Dean, guards; Madden, Bervin and Doane, forwards.

The Girls' team was made up of the following: May Meesee, Alberta Sage, Dorothy Turner, Abbie Williams, Lucile Hagens, Hazel Hardman, Ollie Morton and Lola Houser.

RED CROSS AUCTION IS TALK OF ALL THE TOWN

Get out early and stay out late seems to be the program for Ontario Saturday when the big Red Cross Auction is to be held. Everything from the Jenkins race horse to an alarm clock has been assembled and the auctioneers have been giving their voices practice for the big event. Folks are coming for miles to attend so don't miss the fun. Come early, stay late, and raise prices as high as you can.

FORMER CITIZENS ARE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENT

H. C. Whitworth and C. E. Kenyon Figure in Auto Accident—Whitworth Very Ill As Result.

On their way home from a meeting of the Ontario Townsite company last Friday H. C. Whitworth and C. E. Kenyon of Weiser were the victims of an auto accident. The car overturned in some gravel and the men were thrown out. Neither was seriously injured but the exposure affected Mr. Whitworth severely and an attack of pneumonia resulted and he is seriously ill now.

Another meeting of the Townsite company is scheduled for Saturday afternoon when the directors will consider what can be done with their holdings. W. H. Doolittle of Tacoma formerly of this city, who has handled the property is resigning from the task.

CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM FILLED WITH FEATURES

Orientalists to Contribute Much to Entertainment—Musical Numbers For Opening and Closing Day.

The Chautauqua committee is getting at work for the three days festival which will close next week. Thursday, Friday and Saturday Ontario will have a feast of good things.

The committee will offer its course tickets this week and a grand rush campaign will be staged. Don't wait. Don't hesitate. The folks who have tickets to sell are busy and will want time to get action. The complete program appears in another column. It is worth your study, for the features are splendid including lectures, wholesome entertainment and inspiring music. Get a Chautauqua ticket.

Letters From Engineer Camps Give Cheering View of Army Life

Thomas G. Jones, Former Ontario, Situated in Beautiful Section of France—Other Ontarians With Him.

In a letter to Geo. H. Gilham, cashier at the freight station, Thomas G. Jones, who some time ago was employed as an operator of the O. S. L. here gives an especially interesting view of army life in France. Mr. Jones says:

Somewhere in France, Jan. 29, 1918.

"So far things have not gone badly with us. We have nice quarters now. In fact we are living in a large chateau in a very beautiful country. We have a fireplace in our room, a piano and a jazz orchestra which furnishes nice music during the hours when the boys are in camp."

"It is extremely comfortable but we have had the other extreme, sleeping in the rain and mud and all that. It is not always pleasant by any means."

John Hartley, Loken Brower and Yeast are with us. I believe you know them too, didn't you? There are a number of other fellows with us who have been in Ontario at different times and we often swap "old head" dope around the fire.

"France as I have seen it is a pretty country just like one vast garden spot, and the little towns are thicker than hobs in the spring."

"On every side one can see vineyard after vineyard, the grapes being used to make wine which is used more extensively than water. The water here is not very good, hardly fit to drink, which accounts for the great quantity of wine."

"We are working hard now at our line of work and are making a good showing. I am sure that when the time comes we will make a showing that will keep old Bill going for some time to come. The only desire our boys have is to get started in a big scrap, they'll do the rest."

"Give my best regards to all the folks. As ever

THOS. G. JONES, Co. E, 18th Engineers, Army Post 765, via N. Y.

ARMY GRUB MAKES BIG IMPROVEMENT ON BOYS

Thomas C. Johnson With 23rd Engineers Likes the Army Life As Do His Messmates—Maryland Men Small.

That army life is what many men need is indicated by the letter Mrs. Lizzie Johnson received this week from her brother, Thomas C. Johnson of the 23rd Engineers. Mr. Johnson gives a picture of army life in an American camp in Maryland and it is not unlike that which A. W. Garren gave last week in the Argus of a lumber camp in France.

Camp Laurel, Feb. 18, 1918. "I'm well and feeding good, fat

and sassy. Army life has agreed with me. I've gained 15 pounds and have had the easiest time this winter I've had in many a day. I have not suffered with cold or hunger. Some of the boys think it's pretty tough. They don't know what hardships are. You know the 23rd Engineers are an enlisted regiment—every man enlisted. Some of the boys thought they would join the 23rd and get an easy job. Some are sadly disappointed. We chop wood, dig sewers, do all kinds of honest labor. We eat beans and boiled potatoes (no butter) and not very much sugar."

"But day in and day out, we get fed well. I soon forgot about butter. One day I was on K. P.—kitchen police—and at meal time I went to the bucket and fished out a chunk of oleomargarine, placed it on the side of my mess kit and forgot to eat it. So you see I'll make a good dairyman when I get home. Well I've chopped wood, dug sewers, eat boiled spuds and brown beans before so no danger hurting me any. We sleep in tents large enough for seven men. There is a good floor in the tent and a small stove which makes the tent very comfortable."

"We sleep on little steel cots with a straw tick and four army blankets which makes a good bed fello to obey orders without any monkeying. I tell you I've watched some of the boys develop since they joined the army. Then they looked pretty bum. Some were used to running around all night drinking and sleeping when they had nothing else to do. In the army we go to bed at ten o'clock or before regularly, get up at fifteen to six, eat our meals regularly. We are kept in pretty close, so the boys who have a desire for whiskey have no chance to get it. I have heard numbers of them say they were glad they were in the army where there was no booze to tempt them."

They also hope the U. S. will be dry when we get back. The land is rolling hills covered with forest. About half of the people are negroes. The white men are small. I never saw so many little men before as there is in Maryland. Believe me our company has some big men. About half of them are 5 foot 11 to 6 feet. There are 250 men in a company. Our captain stands about 6 feet 1 and one-half and weighs about 190 pounds. I would like to attend church again in the old Baptist church. I do not get to attend any services at all. Tell the people of the church that I think of them all very often; to think of the good time in the old church and with the good people is one of my happy times."

Tell the boys to write. Well must close for tonight as my candle is about gone. With love to all.

THOMAS C. JOHNSON, 23rd Engineers Co., Camp Laurel, Maryland.

The committee which gave the party last Friday for the benefit of the Red Cross furnished such a good time that everyone raved about it. Also the kangaroo court and the other features netted a big sum for the local chapter.

REGISTERED STOCK EAST BECOMING COMMON HERE

B. B. Wood returned Wednesday from Baker where he purchased three registered Harford calves, two heifers and a bull calf for which he paid \$500. The calves are from the famous Chandler herd.

Thoroughbred stock are getting the rage here for more than seventy-five registered bulls have been brought to this section and sold this spring. J. A. Haley of the Caldwell Horse & Mule company has sold two carloads and still has some here.

HIGHSCHOOL SINGERS TO GIVE BIG BENEFIT

Quaint Indian Legend Is Fabric of Opera Story Which Makes Possible Beautiful Settings.

At Dreamland Monday evening the girls of the High School chorus under the direction of Miss Mayme Benge will present "The Feast of the Red Corn" for the benefit of the Red Cross. The quaint Indian story provides a perfect setting for such an entertainment. The solo parts are well taken as follows:

Misses Viola Husted, Mary Meesee, Erma Von Readen, choruses; soprano, Misses Gladys Emlson, Margaret Gram, Delta Hill, Lucile Hagens, Ruth McCulloch, Dorothy Turner; altos, Opal Farley, Marie Keller, Myrl Bingham, Lola Houser, Helen Blom and Helen Caldwell.

FIVE HUNDRED HEAD OF STOCK TO BE AUCTIONED

Next Saturday, March 2, the Ontario Sales and Auctioneers will hold by far the largest sale of stock ever held in this section. Five hundred head of cattle and horses have been listed and among them are some of the best registered animals in the state of Oregon. The sale is attracting a great deal of interest and a large crowd of buyers is expected.

HENS WORKING OYER TIME FOR RANCHERS NOW

One Ontario firm for eight successive days bought eggs to the amount of \$200 per day. In the past two weeks nearly \$8,000 dozen have been delivered here and none have been placed in storage but have continued on to market. At the present ratio of production Biddy would be one of Ontario's best bets.

Liberty Bonds now in our hands for delivery. ONTARIO NATIONAL BANK.

EAST SIDE FOLKS GO RIGHT AFTER SEWER

NO SOONER HAD THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION ON MONDAY BEEN DECLARED THAN PETITIONS WERE STARTED.

NO OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED

With Addition of Trunk Line on East Side and With But Few Branches Practically Entire City Will Be Covered.

The first result of the election Monday was the starting of a petition by residents of the Eastside asking that a trunk sewer system for that section of the city be constructed under the provisions of the Bancroft act.

The petition which was prepared at the behest of property owners headed by Louis Hurtle, A. McWilliams, Jake Gregg, S. F. Taylor and others, was circulated by Mr. Hurtle on Wednesday and there was almost a rush to sign it. No opposition was found to the movement which will result in putting a large section of the city under a sanitary system.

The petition requests that the main trunk sewer be built at the same time as the water system is contracted for and also that the laterals be built as part of the system at that time so that the work may be taken as a whole and a lower cost be obtained. The petitioners want the system from the southeast side of the city along the street in front of the Eastside school thence on to connect with the old trunk sewer system.

WILLIAM BLACKBAY WIRES OF ARRIVAL

Another Ontario Boy Numbered in Growing List Who Have Sailed for Foreign Shores With U. S. Army.

J. R. Blackabay received a cablegram Saturday evening from his son William telling of his safe arrival abroad but the place of landing was not stated.

Tho it is not definitely known it is believed that Ray Boyer was on the same ship for it is known that he and William Blackabay met in New York and called about the same day.

Mr. Blackabay also learned last week of the enlistment of his son LaRue who is a senior at the University of Oregon. He will not actively enter the service until after commencement so that until that time William and Earl who leaves this week to take the training course at the University will uphold the honors of the family.

Hawaiians at Chautauqua

Waikiki Hawaiian Quartet to Bring True Music of the Islands



One of the rare treats in store for Chautauqua Festival patrons is a short afternoon program and a full evening concert by the Waikiki Hawaiian Quartet. This group of Hawaiian musicians is finely educated and finished in music. They have been one of the favorite stringed quartets of the Hawaiian Islands for many years and are said to be the most musically accurate in their reproduction of Hawaiian music. With ukuleles and guitars they play the beautiful, soothing and wistful melodies of the Islands in a manner that grips the heart of every one in the audience.

Coming to Chautauqua

Julius Caesar Nayphe to Be Feature Attraction of Second Night



J. C. Nayphe, the Athenian, presents a great dramatic spectacle on the second night of the Chautauqua Festival. Aided by costumes of his native country, his lectures will give you a new conception of the orient and he will give you too in an inimitable manner the education's conception of America.

Born in Athens, the ancient seat of culture, and reared in Casarea, Philipp, he has both the blood and the temperament of the far East, its life and its learning.

Nayphe is a royal entertainer. He has a musical voice of great richness and power, and his story is as beautiful as a poem. Nayphe tells it with great eloquence, with dramatic intensity and with superb grace. It is not right to characterize his program as simply a lecture. It is a dramatic spectacle, totally unlike anything you have seen or heard. It has been one of the greatest successes upon the Chautauqua platform in recent years.