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TWIN FALLS MAN IS SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

C. E. HELMER WITH FIGURE OF \$67,701.21 AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS.

WILL BE COMPLETE BY SEPT. 1

Entire System to Be Built Within Limit of Bond Issue—But Purchase of Old System Not Included in Estimate.

At last, after nearly a year's agitation, everything is ready for the beginning of the construction of Ontario's municipal water system. The last of the contracts was signed Tuesday and work will be started in the near future.

According to the plans of the City Council pure filtered water will be turned into the mains before the beginning of the typhoid season, and the entire system will be completed by September 1.

The contracts for the two units of the system which were not let at the first opening of bids were signed Tuesday after the bids were opened Monday, the general contract going to C. E. Helmer of Twin Falls, Idaho, who offered to construct the system, using fir pipe, for \$67,701.21. At the same time the California Jewel Filter company made an offer to install the pumps for \$3,598. These were the bids accepted.

By rejecting the previous bids and calling for new proposals the City Council achieved a saving of practically \$100,000.

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WAR TALK LEADS TO TROUBLE AT NYSSA

Italian Cuts Throat of Assailant, Whom He Charges With Being Pro-German—Man Attacked Makes Similar Charge Against Opponent.

Charges and counter charges of pro-Germanism, with one man in jail charged with assault and another in a Boise hospital with his throat and cheek cut, was the outcome of a quarrel at the Eastern Oregon Land company's clearing camp near Nyssa Monday evening.

The man who did the cutting, Paul Lambrese, was arrested here Tuesday evening by Marshal H. C. Farmer, Night Policeman Marlon Jones and Constable J. H. Denison when he attempted to cross the Short Line bridge. He is in jail now charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Carl Frederick, the man whose throat was cut, was taken to Boise from Nyssa Tuesday. The cut which started on his neck below his left ear, crossed his throat and traversed his jaw bone to the point of his chin and was deep enough, declared Marshal H. D. Holmes of Nyssa to lay a finger in. Physicians called on to care for the man declared however that it was not dangerous.

According to the story told Marshal Farmer, Frederick and his associates were making slighting remarks about the Italian army and about Italian women, which he resented. He invited them to come out of the tent and there the fight occurred. There being three to one, Lambrese used his knife. Lambrese, the of Italian parentage, declares he is an American citizen and that he tried to enlist in the United States army but was rejected on account of an injured leg.

Frederick and his associates declare that Lambrese is a pro-German and that his pro-German talk brought about his trouble. They threw his bedding out of the tent and followed it out, and were attacked by him. After the fight Lambrese made his escape, walked to Ontario that night and remained in hiding during the day. His flight ended about 8 o'clock when he attempted to cross the bridge and the guards there notified the city officials, who were at a meeting of the fire department when the call came. Lambrese was taken to Vale Wednesday.

SECOND PAIR OF TWIN BOYS COME TO KYGAR HOME

For the second time in four years twin boys have arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kygar of the Owyhee. The second pair of twin soldiers came last Saturday evening, here in Ontario. The recent arrivals are husky Americans, weighing eight and a quarter and nine pounds.

SHORTHORN SALE CONVENTION FEATURE

Annual Sale of the Northwestern Shorthorn Breeders' Association to Be Held Here for the First Time.

The blue ribbon representatives of the famous Shorthorn breed of range stock will be present in Ontario next week and 76 head of them will be offered for sale at an auction to be held on Thursday.

On Wednesday of convention week, at noon, there will be a stock parade, during which the high moguls of the convention and prominent citizens of Ontario will chaperone the critters up and down Oregon street.

The Shorthorn Breeders' Association of the Northwest is one of the pioneers in the pure breed business and some of the most famous breeders in Washington, Oregon and Idaho will be here. Among them will be A. D. Dunn of Wapato, Wash.; Day & Rothrock of Spokane, Joe Turner of Myers Falls, Wash.; W. O. Cummings of Mt. Vernon, Oregon; W. J. Townley, Sherman & Hutchinson, W. W. Green and E. A. Bideier of Union, Oregon and G. W. DeLay of Hot Springs, Oregon. Some of these men have exhibited at the county fair and the class of stock they raise is known all over the Northwest.

Mr. Dunn, president of the association, is the man who fed the prize steer which William Polman gave to be served at the banquet Wednesday, and Joe Turner, who is managing the sale, has been here in Ontario for some time. Mr. Turner declared that while the number of head offered here is not as large as some of the previous sales that sufficient interest is shown that the association will hold an annual sale here in Ontario.

HOME ON A FURLOUGH

Geo. Lupton is having the pleasure this week of taking his son Bill over the city to meet friends. Bill is home on a furlough from the U. S. A. spruce corps which is getting out aeroplane timber at Clatsop, Oregon.

If you happen to have a room that is not in use next week be patriotic and tell the committee in charge of the preparations for the stockmen. Ontario must not fail to care for this convention.

MALHEUR COUNTY IS STILL SELLING BONDS

With 135.6 Per Cent of Its Quota Raised Efforts Still Being Made to Reach the 150 Per Cent Mark.

Malheur county is still below the 150 per cent mark in the Third Liberty Loan campaign. This is due to the slackening off of efforts in some of the communities. This will be revived in a day or two and there is no doubt in the minds of the County Committee that the full amount will be raised.

Jordan Valley is still the banner community, with Brogan holding second honors. Jordan has over 233 per cent and Brogan has 168.1; Riverside is third with 147.5; Rockville fourth with 155.6; Adrian fifth with 153.8; these are the only communities with over 150 per cent.

Vale and Ontario stand tenth and eleventh, respectively, in per centage raised, the Ontario leads the entire county in the total amount. For Ontario the First National has \$43,450 listed and the Ontario National \$43,050. Chairman Frank Rader and his committee went over the list of names of those who have not subscribed, or who did not reach the sum set for them by the preliminary survey and a number of committees are working on the drive here still.

As yet many of those counted upon for the largest subscriptions here have not been heard from and with only about \$30,000 yet to raise the committee feels certain that it will reach the mark.

Completed details of the list can not be printed this week but the list is compiled and will be given publicly next week. So far the largest individual buyer in the county is Thomas Turnbull, who took \$5,000 at Crowley and \$500 at Riverside.

Mention can only be made of a few of the larger subscriptions as reported by H. B. Cockrum as follows: Charles Garvin, \$1,500, of which \$1000 was listed at the First National and \$500 at the Ontario National; Eastern Oregon Land company, \$4,000, divided equally between the local banks; Oregon West-

Quota	Sales	Per Cent
Ontario	\$72,050.00	115.1
Vale	55,000.00	118.3
Nyssa	21,400.00	149.3
Juntura	10,000.00	100.0
Westfall	7,500.00	124.7
Jordan Valley	26,125.00	333.3
Brogan	16,000.00	168.1
Ironside	16,325.00	119.3
Crowley	3,000.00	132.5
Adrian	5,000.00	153.8
Riverside	6,000.00	147.5
Watson	4,000.00	75.0
Dead Ox Flat	4,000.00	133.3
Sheaville	2,000.00	100.0
Rockville	4,000.00	155.6
Total	\$269,000.00	135.7

FAIR GROUNDS TO GET NICE NEW WARDROBE

Paint to Be Applied to Buildings and Fences to Be Given the Once Over—Board is Organized for Business.

The Malheur County Fair visitors will be greeted by strange sights that fall at the annual festivities that occur just north of Ontario. The buildings and grounds are to be greatly changed in appearance. The structures are to be given a new coat of paint and all the trimmings that go with it.

Besides this the board of directors have taken steps to have the buildings all put into good shape, the fences are to be repaired and the portions which have been used since last fair are to be cleaned up and kept clean hereafter.

All this activity was the result of the energy of the newly organized Board of Directors, which was formed recently with A. L. Cockrum as president, E. A. Fraser, vice president. They interviewed the County Court at its recent meeting and secured an appropriation for the work, since the buildings and grounds are the property of the county.

TRY FOR ENTRANCE INTO U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Bernard Rader, Thel Lampkin and Ed. S. Fraser went to Weiser Tuesday to take the examination for entrance into Annapolis Naval Academy. They have been appointed alternates to various principals in the examinations which took place last fall.

Mrs. E. F. Taylor, who has been very ill for several weeks, is reported improving.

era Colonization Co., \$16,800, similarly divided; Monte B. Gwin, Boise, \$500; Oregon Life Insurance Co., \$1,000.

County Chairman J. R. Blackaby prepared the table showing the amounts on the various sections of the county with all subscriptions up to Wednesday noon, as follows:

THE WINNER AND THE DONOR OF RED CROSS CAR



A snap shot of L. J. Simpson of Coos Bay who gave the car to the Ontario Chapter Red Cross, which was won by Miss Clarice Canfield. Those in the picture are: back of the car, Mrs. A. L. Sproule; in the car Miss Clarice Canfield, L. J. Simpson, in front, Mrs. Fay Wilson, Mrs. A. E. Brown, who had charge of the ticket sale.

PARENT TEACHERS TO HOLD LAST MEETING

The last meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It will be a social session and all the parents of the city are invited to be present. The officers for next year are to be selected.

RACE FOR COUNTY'S JUDGE TO BE WARM

Three Candidates Out for Republican Nomination, While E. H. Test is Sole Candidate for Democratic Honor.

What promises to be the real feature of the county political campaign is the race for the position of county judge. There are three candidates in the running for the Republican nomination while E. H. Test of Ontario is the only one seeking the Democratic nomination.

Those who have followed the situation see in the situation a real race in the November election. What the outcome of the contest in the primaries for the Republican nomination is a conjecture but the wise ones believe that with C. C. Wilson of Nyssa and H. L. Poorman of Ontario both in the race that Judge McKnight of Vale, the other aspirant, has the decided edge.

If this prediction is the correct one the race in November will be one worth watching. Political historians recall the strength Mr. Test had in the early days and declare that he has not lost it, either. With a united party behind him, judging by the strength the party candidates evidenced two years ago, there is every thing to indicate that it will be a "sum" "nuff horse race" and this is not the time to place bets on the outcome.

COUNCILMANIC TICKET TO WAIT UNTIL FALL

Mass Meeting Called for Tuesday Evening Does Nothing Owing to Absence of Necessary Machinery for Proceeding.

How to nominate a city ticket is a question before interested citizens these days. What the effect of the constitutional amendment adopted last June by the voters is, is a disputed question among the lawyers of the city, none of whom, however, have given the matter much study.

As the result there will be no candidates for the nomination on the ballots at the primary election in May, for it was agreed that the primary law provides only for nomination.

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COURT FACES HEAVIEST CALENDAR IN MANY YEARS

With the return of four true bills and one not true bill by the Grand Jury Monday Judge Dalton Biggs started what promises to be the longest Circuit Court in years. Among the features will be the trial of the biggest larceny case ever heard in Eastern Oregon. This is the case of C. H. Brown, G. A. Wheat, Frank Pratt and Eric S. Cole, charged with the larceny of 1,800 head of sheep from the N Bar N Land & Livestock company, of which William H. Gees is manager.

The other true bills returned are those charging M. Abel and C. Hamblet with theft of lumber from the U. S. Milling Co., of Malheur City; James Cole with pointing a revolver at G. H. Garmes near Nyssa on February 6, and L. E. Elliott with the theft of sheep pelts from Donald McLeod of Ontario. Among the array of attorneys in the Pratt, Brown, Wheat, Cole case are R. W. Swagler and Davis & Keeler for the prosecution; McCulloch & Wood, Ontario; K. I. Perkey, Boise, and G. W. Hays, Vale, for the defendants.

CITY READY EXTEND STOCKMEN WELCOME

GLAD HAND ARTISTS PROMISED FOR DUTY—BANQUET BEING PREPARED BY WOMEN UNDER DIRECTION W.C.T.U.

WILL BE NOTABLE GATHERING

Rooms Still Needed—Many Big Speakers on Program—Ontario and Baker Musicians to Furnish Entertainment.

Ontario is fast completing preparations for the entertainment of the annual convention of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon. The sessions begin next Tuesday morning at Drenland and conclude Wednesday evening with a big Hooverized banquet at the new Ford garage Wednesday evening.

In the meantime every minute will be occupied and the city will have as its guests the biggest crowd in its history. S. O. Correll, secretary of the association, over the phone from Baker on Wednesday declared that he was daily learning of men who would be present.

Will Test Ontario's Hospitality. The entertainment of such a gathering will prove a real test of the hospitality of Ontario. There will be not less than 400 to 500 guests here next week, and among them will be Governors, would-be Governors, candidates for all the offices in the list, beside a long array of notables in the cattle and horse raising and marketing business.

The sessions will open for business Tuesday but the advance guard of the association will reach the city Sunday and Monday. On Tuesday there will be an auto ride for the women guests and a luncheon in their honor. This is in charge of a committee consisting of Mrs. Walter Glenn, chairman, Mesdames John Wood, Baker Ball, C. E. Peterson. The luncheon will be served at the Carter House.

E. C. von Peterson is chairman of the committee on autos and will arrange for the excursions. Committees Active. E. A. Fraser is chairman of the reception committee which will extend the welcome to the city and with the assistance of Superintendent H. R. Douglass and his committees will start the visitors for the rooms to which they have been assigned.

The room problem is giving the committees trouble. There are not enough enlisted. Ontario can not let its guests sleep in the streets. The men in charge feel that the citizens do not fully realize the situation. Everyone is urged to make provisions for the entertainment of the city's

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WATER FOR IRRIGATION IS STILL MATTER OF DOUBT

Since the Argus last week called attention to the possible water shortage for irrigation some efforts have been made in vain to secure relief. As yet it looks as tho there would be no war gardens and the trees in the city are due to die. The situation is this: E. M. Greig, who furnished the water to the farmers on the Eastside and the Ontario Water Users' association, has gone out of the business and turned the plant over to the land owners and they have been unable to arrive at a solution of the problem. Efforts to get the stockholders of the Water Users' Association together so far have failed. The stockholders claim that the pumps will not supply water both for them and the city lots, and they will not install a new pump just to sell water to the city this year. That is how the matter stands now. The first thing that must be done is to get a quorum of the Water Users' association to consider action, or Ontario will revert to a desert this summer.