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CITIZENS PAUSE TO MARK MEMORIAL DAY

GRAVES OF SOLDIER DEAD DECORATED BY VETERANS IN MORNING—SERVICES HELD IN AFTERNOON.

MUCH MASS IS CELEBRATED

Business Houses Close During Afternoon—Spirit of the Day Commented Upon by Many Citizens.

Ontario paused today to pay a tribute to the Nation's honored dead. This afternoon the business of the city is at a standstill while services are being held at the Baptist church in keeping with the occasion.

The first service of the day was a special celebration of High Mass at the Catholic church. A large congregation was present. Rev. Fr. Campo preached a brief sermon on the significance of the day.

During the morning Ontario's nine veterans of the G. A. R. were driven in auto to the cemetery where the graves of old comrades were decorated and a salute fired.

MULE BALKS WITH ITS RIDER INTO PLATE GLASS WINDOW

John Bernard's mule, with John Bernard, Jr., on its hurricane deck, backed into the north plate glass window of McDowell's Exchange store at 11 p. m. Sunday evening. The window was demolished. The driver deck of the mule was slightly bent. John Bernard, junior, was unharmed. It is said that the cost of repairing the window will take \$125. Also it is declared that the mule is worth less than that.

According to Emory Hill, who witnessed the procedure resulting in the breaking of the glass, the Missouri mule was tied to the Boyer Bros. steel rack from whence the rider came to mount him for the return trip. To this the mule objected with all of its perversity of his muleish nature. He balked and he bucked. Gave regular Malheur County Fair exhibition, in fact. This proceeding took him to the center of Oregon front and around the to-the-right turn. There another idea blossomed—the mule's brain and he tacked north-by-east and headed for the store.

His trip ended, however, when he held his physiognomy in the glass. He did not like his looks and turned a back thereon and reversing his ears backed into the glass.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR THE FARMER, SAYS LALLY AGENT

E. H. Downes of Portland, who has been in Ontario this week declares at the day of the old kerosene lamp the farmer and back-breaking work for the farmer's wife is a thing of the past. He is demonstrating this in his being about this work at the Troxell Implement store, where he has installed a Lally lamp plant that is attracting a great deal of attention.

Mr. Downes declares that on a recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands he saw ten carloads of these pleasure seekers for the planters of that season of Uncle Sam.

Thursday, May 29, the day set aside by President Wilson as the national day of prayer for peace, was observed in the Catholic church by High Mass. The Congregational, Methodist and Baptist churches held also service in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

PUPILS TAKE THRIFT PLEDGE FOR VACATION

Before leaving school for their vacation the pupils of the grades organized a Thrift Stamp society for the purpose of promoting patriotic interest in the war savings campaigns. Nearly all the pupils from the third grade up joined the society, the number of names totalling 172. Each member has pledged himself to buy at least one Thrift Stamp each week this summer. By the time of the first week after Labor Day in September they expect to have invested \$402 in the stamps.

The names of the teachers whose pupils have joined are Mrs. Lucy B. Fox, Mrs. W. F. Homan, Misses Ruth Purcell, Boydell, Rena Riggs, and Mae Platt.

LODGE FRIENDS GATHER TO BID DR. PRINZING FAREWELL

Monday evening at the Masonic hall the members of Acacia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Star Chapter, O. E. S., gathered to give Dr. J. Prinzing, a past master of the Lodge, a fitting farewell. One hundred associates of the Doctor were present. Dr. R. O. Payne, acting master of Acacia, presided. Addresses were made by Attorney W. W. Wood and G. K. Alken, who presented the Doctor with a fountain pen and silver pencil as tokens of the esteem in which he is held by his lodge friends. The Doctor responded.

During the evening a pleasing musical program was given, including numbers by a quartette composed of Hugh Allen, A. F. Riddle, Byron Turner, and Herschel Browne; Mrs. H. L. Peterson and a piano duet by Mrs. W. J. Weese and Miss Reig Biggs. Light refreshments were served. Dr. Prinzing left Tuesday evening for Camp Lewis.

SPRAGUE ADAM NOW IN LIGHT TANK CORPS

"Treat 'Em Rough" Is Motto of Steel Cavalry—Expects to Go to France Soon.

Sprague Adam, son of Mr and Mrs. L. Adam, who left Ontario over a year ago for Chicago, is now training with the "Light Tank Corps" at Camp Cotti, Gettysburg, Pa. In an interesting letter to the Argus he tells of the work they are doing as follows:

"I left Chicago a little over a month ago in the employ of Uncle Sam and so far I am not a bit sorry. This is a very interesting branch of the service and we have the distinction of being known as the "Subsidiary" Club. Our motto is "Treat 'Em Rough," and by the time we get over there we will be able to do it. We are an entirely enlisted organization and we signed up for "early overseas service." We already have everything a man can ask for. If you have a chance to talk to Dad he has a list of the things we have. Since he left we had our final inspection and were issued razors, towels, mirrors, tooth paste, foot powder and a neat little package of "bug powder."

"We look to be sent to Camp Meade, N. J. very soon and then from there we will go to England to be assigned to Tanks. I will keep you informed as to my address, but I think I will soon have a permanent address, namely, "A. E. F." "I will look for your paper soon now and a line from you will be very much appreciated."

Dr. and Mrs. John M. Taylor and family were down from Boise Wednesday to bid goodbye to Mr. Taylor's nephew, John Taylor Yantis, who left that evening for the cantonment. Before returning they visited awhile with Col. and Mrs. E. F. Taylor of Ontario.

H. R. Udick left for Juntura this morning for transacting some business matters there.

ONTARIO'S AID FOR BOND SALE SOUGHT

Plans for Financing Warm Spring Irrigation District to Be Presented to Citizens by Committee.

Attorney J. W. McCulloch, H. J. Boyer, A. L. Cockrum, J. R. Blackaby, and W. W. Letson were appointed at a meeting of the Commercial club last Friday evening to take charge of a movement in Ontario to assist in financing the Warm Spring Irrigation district under the new plan which is under way.

The committee had a meeting Wednesday evening and assurance of local support was received. In a few days an active canvass will be made to secure subscribers to the bond issue here.

Under the proposed plan the people of this section are asked to meet the proposition made by President W. P. Davidson of the Oregon-Western Colonization company and subscribe \$175,000, equaling his subscription. The people of Vale and vicinity have already subscribed over \$100,000 and a campaign is being carried on in the Agency valley and upper country with prospects of increasing that amount.

With the start there is assurance that the issue will be raised if Ontario does its share, as it undoubtedly will.

At the meeting last Friday Rex Marquis and Mr. McCulloch explained the situation to the members of the club present and the matter was discussed from every angle, it being the prevailing sentiment that the city should leave no effort untried to bring the matter to a successful conclusion.

WESTFALL CELEBRANTS RUN FOUL OF LAW—DRAW FINES

Jim Dobbs of Westfall had a farewell party prior to his intended departure for Montana. The friends he gathered around for the party collected a miscellaneous assortment, including bay rum, bittern, and booze and proceeded to consume the mixture. Then the fun started.

Thus fortified Jim and his friends, Louis Hess and Joe Edwards, proceeded to "shoot up the town" in good old Western style, made fashionable of late by Doug Fairbanks and his movie friends, by passing here in Malheur county.

The last two reels of the Westfall boys' show failed to make a hit and the sheriff's office was notified, with the result that Lee Nee broke into the scenario and hid Jim, Louis and Joe to Vale, where Justice R. D. Lytle levied \$25 and costs, total \$28.10 on each of the "bad men." District Attorney Swager prosecuted the cases.

ARRIVES SAFELY OVER-SEAS

C. S. Johnson received a card today from his son, Emmet S. Johnson, telling of his safe arrival with A. E. F. contingents over seas. No details were contained on the card.

Uncle Dick Rutherford Once Was Confederate Bank President--Yes?

Uncle Dick Rutherford, who helped build Malheur Butte and assisted in the planting of the first sawbrush in the Malheur Valley, was a bank president, once—almost.

The institution he founded and with assistance ran for a few days was a war-time institution, according to the story he told the Argus on Memorial day as he recalled experiences when he wore the Blue of Uncle Sam's army.

HONOR GUARD GIRLS AIDING INJURED MEN

Ontario Chapter to Send \$5 Monthly to Brooklyn Hospitals—Oregon and Texas Vie for Honors.

Among the important measures passed at the Honor Guard meeting Friday evening was the appropriation of \$60 for the hospitals in Brooklyn, New York, where the Honor Guard does most of its work in taking care of the wounded soldiers returned from the front. This sum will be sent in monthly payments of \$5 each. While \$60 will not be a great assistance financially for the hospitals yet the total from all of the guards of the state will amount to a rather large sum.

Each member pledged herself to buy at least one Thrift Stamp each week this summer with money saved through denying herself something. Plans for a future membership campaign were discussed and the campaign will start in a week or so.

Of all the states in the United States Oregon and Texas "tie" for first place, according to reports from the national headquarters. These states have the most members, they have raised more money, and have been of more aid to the workers in the Red Cross, Liberty Loan, and War Stamp campaigns than any other state in the Union.

At this meeting Miss Rader gave the details of her trip to Portland and read her financial report. From her account of the convention we learned that not only is the state manager from Corvallis but also the state treasurer and secretary.

BLAINE MCGEE PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO LARCENY CHARGE

Blaine McGee, aged 20, said to be the leader of a gang that has worked this section systematically during the past winter, was arraigned before Judge G. L. King Monday and entered a plea of not guilty. He was arrested Saturday night by Policeman J. H. Dennison.

After hearing his plea Judge King held McGee for the grand jury under \$1000 bail, which was not furnished and the boy was remanded to jail. Two similar charges face him in Pacific county, for which he was released under \$2000 bail.

FIFTY QUARTS OF OLD CROW GETS OWNER INTO TROUBLE

J. H. (Hennis) Hart of Westfall had fifty quarts of eight-year-old Crow whiskey in his possession when Westfall last week. It is now in court house at Vale and Hart has a fine of \$250, a good lesson on good citizenship. All this he accumulated when he was taken before Judge McKnight at Vale on Wednesday. He pled guilty to the charge when the district attorney presented the evidence in the case.

ONTARIO BOY HONORED AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Paul Van Petten, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Petten of this city, was signally honored at the University of Washington recently. From the large number of cadets there he was one of thirty chosen to attend the training camp which is to be held for college student officers at San Francisco this summer. He will be in California for some time but expects to return to Ontario later in the summer.

ONTARIANS WILL WITNESS TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE JUNE 8

Ontario is fortunate in having a front seat in the great show that nature is to stage on Saturday, June 8. This city is within the boundaries of the band of earth extending from Southern Florida to Willapa Harbor, Wash., over which the moon will cast a complete shadow. Therefore get your smoked glasses ready.

The show will start with a reverse motion. Instead of the curtain rising the moon will pass between the sun and the earth and the darkness will prevail on the face of the planet. All this will take but a few moments and is scheduled for shortly after dinner or about 2:51. The total eclipse will last but a short time, but the partial eclipse will cover a longer period. To get a good view of the phenomena smoked glasses are necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dickson and Mrs. Jeanette Evans motored to the Reservoir above Brogan Wednesday and spent a couple of days tramping around and fishing.

DEPUTY GAME WARDEN FOLLOWING SALMON

I. B. Hazeltine, whose District Covers Wide Domain, Visits Malheur County—Fish Run to Be Built.

I. B. Hazeltine of Baker, deputy state game warden for Malheur, Harney, Baker, Grant and Wheeler counties, a district larger than the New England states, was in Ontario Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Hazeltine is following the salmon run to see that the fish get a chance to reach the higher waters. While here he arranged with the directors of the Nevada Ditch to have a fish run constructed at their diversion dam near Vale. He also gave sportsmen here advice on the liberty they possess in taking the salmon from the streams. He left Tuesday for Juntura and other interior points.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WINNER IN STATEWIDE CONTEST

Miss Erma von Reardon, of the Ontario High School, has just received word that her essay in the state contest on "Our Debt to France" received third prize. Three prizes of \$100, \$25 and \$10 respectively were offered and hundreds of essays from all over the state were submitted to the judges. The first and second prizes were won by Portland pupils. There were two pupils from the high school here that tried in the contest. This contest was held to place before the American mind the debt our nation owes France from the days of the Revolutionary War until the present time.

REV. W. M. BROWN RESIGNS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN PULPIT

Rev. W. N. Brown has resigned as pastor of the United Presbyterian church. His reason for resigning was that his plans were so indefinite owing to Mrs. Brown's ill health that he felt he would not be able to return here from California.

SOLDIER BOYS LEAVE FOR ARMY SERVICE

BRIEF BUT FITTING TRIBUTE PAID TO MEN FROM MALHEUR AND HARNEY COUNTIES.

DINNER FOLLOWS CEREMONIES

Ontario W. C. T. U. Presents Each Boy With Handy Housewife—Two Cars Needed for Delegation.

Sixty-four stalwart men of Eastern Oregon left Wednesday for Fort McDowell, Calif. Of these 42 were from Malheur and 22 from Harney county.

Their departure was made the occasion of a impromptu patriotic celebration arranged for by Dr. H. H. Whitney and S. F. Taylor and included beside addresses in the park by Attorney J. W. McCulloch, Rev. Livingston, Mayor W. F. Homan, and Dr. Whitney, a dinner at the Silver Grill. The music was furnished by the Wienie Trio.

Following the addresses each of the boys was presented with a handy housewife, the product of the skill and patriotism of the members of the W. C. T. U. of Ontario.

The members of the delegation from Malheur county were:

Edward Hart, Westfall; Charles A. Brown, Nampa; Kyle Koller, Weiser; Lee Hyton, Emmett; John M. Lee, Emmett; Glenn William Brooks, Jordan Valley; Arthur Henry Rehm, Ontario; Guy Charles Wise, Kansas City; John Allen Turner, Weiser; Mayrel Jay, Laird Shelton, Malheur; John T. Yantis, Ontario; Carl Woodcock, Pendleton; Howard S. Keller, Vale; Frank Peter Anderson, Malheur.

Raymond Austin Lamb, Rockville; Elbert Roy Morly, Parma; Harry Howa, Baker; Clarence Duncan King, Aldwell; Barney Lester Bull, Ontario; Edwin Lee Dillon, Vale; Harry Hugh Muir, Westfall; George Wesley Lockwood, Vale; Juan Goicochea, Jordan Valley; Don Earl Platt, Ironside; William P. Hicks, Jordan Valley; Joseph Edward Timson, Vale; John A. Holman, Cato; John Logan Thomas, Portland.

Sylvester Rose, Ironside; Benjamin Starling, Westfall; Floyd C. Richardson, Ontario; Wayne Elmer Lee, Harper; John Hodges, Orville; Floyd Easterday, Vale; William Ross, Parma; Ray Francis Wise, Ironside; John T. Myers, Cato; Shelley S. Scroggin, Jordan Valley; Frank Baldes, Meldermitt; Oliver Garland Connor, Pavette; Roscoe McCarty, Westfall; Claud Lovorn, Westfall.

Harney County, Antoine Wessensfeld, E. E. Vanderweer, Harry Church, Fred Dickenson, Rufus George, Gail Miller, E. L. Foster, Wm. Kressenbeck, N. D. Connally, E. L. Wells, Henry Larson, Chas. Kanard, Emmert S. Biddell, Lloyd Birge, G. Buchanan, Roy Faele, J. B. Driggers, Homer H. Barber, Wm. H. Barber, W. M. Bennett.

BLUEBIRD OFFERING CALLED "RAGGEDY QUEEN" THRILLING

There was trouble among the miners at Oreville, and the master of the mines sent his secretary to straighten matters out. The young man attracted the envy of Lem Braxton, the village bully, which had previously centered in Tom Brannon, foreman of the mine. Likewise the city chap met Tatters, "The Raggedy Queen," and was innocently attracted by her charming innocence. But when she dragged him to safety after an attack by drunken Lem Braxton, and nursed him through his injuries, he fell in love with her. Then came a strange turn in the tricks of fate—the girl was herself, injured and on her death when her true identity was revealed. Her father owned the mines and discovered his lost child, while Tatters gained a devoted husband in the happy ending of an interesting film-story to be revealed by Violet Mersereau, in the role of Tatters, in "The Raggedy Queen" at the Dreamland theatre on June 5, when the arrival of "Bluebird Day" will be signified by this thoroughly satisfying entertainment.