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FAIR BOARD PLANS PREMIUM REVISION

FOLLOWING DECISION TO HOLD ANNUAL EXHIBITION BOARD TAKES UP WORK WITH DETERMINATION.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY NAMED

Groups of Business Men to Be Called Upon to Do Portion of Work Under Direction of Board—Be Ready When Called Upon.

Premiums for the Malheur County Fair, which is to be held September 16 to 18, are to be revised. That was one of the first steps taken by the Fair Board after a vote taken at a meeting last Friday evening showed plainly that the business men and women of Ontario have no desire at this time to discontinue the annual festival.

Just what the revision in the premium schedule will be has not been determined, that will require study and consideration on the part of the premium committee.

The board, too, determined that a change in the method of managing the fair is desirable and to that end will organize on a bureau or committee basis. This was decided upon when at the meetings called by the board the argument that the fair should be abandoned because of scarcity of help was answered by several that the task should be divided and men called upon who have not heretofore been asked to assist in public work. The board is to give them a chance this year.

Douglas, Assistant Secretary. The board also determined at a meeting Monday to secure assistance for Secretary U. M. Siemens, whose increasing work at the City Hall prevents him from giving the time necessary for the detail of preliminary arrangements. Superintendent of Schools H. R. Douglass was asked to take the position of assistant secretary and accepted. Mr. Douglass is now engaged in performing various plans for the division of work among committees or bureaus with business men assisting in the detail work.

Business Men Offer Help. The decision to hold the fair came at a meeting last Friday evening at which some 25 business men and two women, Mrs. M. E. Gibson and Mrs. E. C. Van Petten, were present. Both the ladies spoke in favor of holding the fair and of the business men present only three votes were cast against the proposition. Having decided the situation favorably, and thus given assurance of their willingness to assist the board the men present were pledged to that proposition, and did so unanimously.

ONTARIO BOY GUARDS PRISONERS ON FRONT

William Blackaby Writes of Experiences in Battle Zone—Hun Machines Drum Overhead.

In a letter to his aunt, Miss Lavine Smith, William Blackaby, who is now with the airplane fighters in the battle zone, gives an excellent account of what the boys are doing "over there."

The day the letter was written young Blackaby said he had just been relieved of the duty of guarding two Hun prisoners. He declared the spirit of the army, and his own feelings as "fine" and that he was enjoying life near the front.

That he was close to the front when the letter was written was evident from the fact related that the camp was dark every night on account of Hun machines flying overhead. He said that they could distinguish the enemy planes from those of the allies by the sound of their motors.

Geo. H. Curry of LaGrande passed thru Ontario bound for Vale to edit the Enterprise while his son attends the training camp at Eugene.

Andrew Lackey who has been ill for the past few days is able to be out again.

NO FLAG FLYING WHEN BOYS LEAVE FOR ARMY SERVICE

Cannot Ontario show its patriotism in sufficient degree at least to have a flag flying when the boys bound for the National Army come to the city to take the train?

That was the question put to the Argus this week by a leading member of the W. C. T. U. Of course it is just an oversight, for since war began the flag at the City Park has flown most of the time, but the suggestion is timely, however, and will no doubt receive the consideration it deserves.

RADER SUCCEEDED BY ADAM ON DIRECTORATE

School Election Monday Gets Slight Attention—McCulloch Chosen President of New Board.

Ontario's school district, officially known as District Number 5, held an election Monday to choose a member of the board, the term of Chairman Frank Rader having expired. There were only nine voters present. These nine selected L. Adam, Mr. Rader having declined to serve further.

The only other business of the meeting was to pass upon the budget presented for consideration, which was done. The newly elected board, organized by electing J. W. McCulloch, now the senior member, president.

The problem facing the board for immediate settlement is that of securing teachers for the vacancies in the High School faculty. This is proving a hard problem, so far as male teachers are concerned, for all of the young men, capable of teaching agriculture or manual training are either in the army or in other war-time occupations. Efforts to obtain men from several local universities so far have failed. There is a big supply of women teachers from which to draw, however.

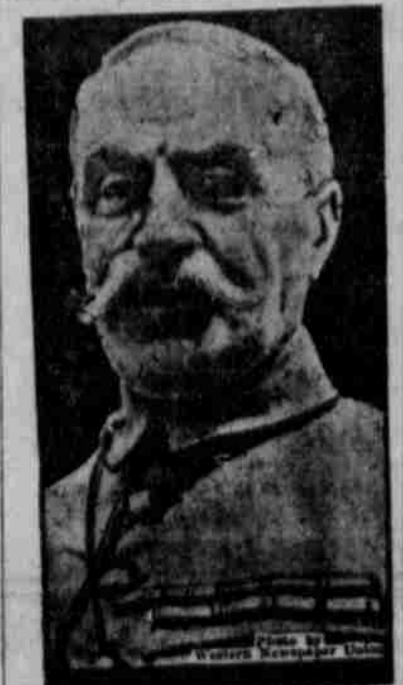
ONTARIO BOYS PLAN ON TAKING SUMMER CRUISE

Advice has been received by their respective fathers that Marcus Pinney and Paul McCulloch are to take a trip on one of Uncle Sam's merchant ships from Seattle to New York, and perhaps across to Europe. The young men wrote that they had signed up for work on a deck hands on one of the big ships soon to be completed at a Sound shipyard and hoped to get away soon enough so they could go across.

Marcus Pinney wrote that he expected to enlist in the hall even should he not get a chance to take the summer cruise.

Mr. Pinney also heard from his son William of Battery B of the old Coast Artillery, that he was in New York expecting soon to go over.

GENERAL FOCH



Above is the latest photograph of General Foch, generalissimo of the allied armies.

HOT WEATHER GIVES CROPS NEEDED BOOST

Conditions of Hay Fields Materially Improve During Past Ten Days—Wheat Yield Will Be Large.

Pessimistic frowns on ranchers' brows gave way to optimistic smiles in this section during the past week as the first cutting of alfalfa progressed. The crop is going to be far better than early predictions indicated.

Not only will the irrigated acreage about Ontario, especially along the Shoestring and Owyhee ditches furnish a good crop but the yield of grain will be the largest harvested in this section for years. This is due to the fact that there is a big increase in the acreage planted to grain.

Sixty Bushels to Acre. One field on the Boulevard comprising 30 acres it is estimated will yield 60 bushels of wheat to the acre. While this will probably surpass most of the yields, for it is on rich land formerly used for alfalfa, it is an indication of what this section can do to help win the war when planted to wheat.

Another ranch, seen on a trip thru the valley Tuesday, which was in good shape this spring, will have between 30 and 40 bushels per acre surpassing anything the Red River valley of Minnesota or Dakota can boast. The stand is fine and heading strong.

Hay Crop About Average.

The first cutting of hay shows that while in places the late spring frost hurt some fields, that the crop in the valley will be about average. The first cutting on one ranch was reported to run about three tons per acre. Last year the ranch cut four and a half tons to the first cutting. That of course was above the average. The second crop has already started and with the warm weather of the past ten days the ranchers are looking for a good second cutting.

Hay Acreage Has Decreased.

There will not be as much hay raised in the valley this spring due to the fact that many ranchers have taken advantage of conditions in the grain market with an agreed government price to turn old alfalfa fields down to seed to grain.

DRY RANGE RESULTS IN SHEEP SHIPMENTS

Big Owners Taking Sheep to Idaho Northern—One Band Goes to Colorado, Another to Washington.

As the result of the unusually dry range conditions in the interior thousands of sheep are being shipped out to summer range in Idaho, Colorado and Washington.

Most of the sheep shipped so far have gone up above Council on the Idaho Northern and will return here for winter feed. However, Claude Woods is reported to be shipping his flocks to Eastern Washington and one band left this week for Colorado, and from there they will go direct to market.

According to reports received here more than 75,000 sheep have been or will be shipped out of Malheur and Harney counties for the balance of the summer. Many of the big ranches of the interior will have practically no hay crop. Even the famous Crowley ranch of the Malheur Livestock Company has no water for its irrigated lands. None of the interior ranches will have anything to speak of so that a hay shortage in that country is a certainty, despite the fact that there was an unusually large amount saved from last winter.

BODY OF UNKNOWN MAN REPORTED NEAR NYSSA

Local police officials were notified this afternoon that the body of a man was seen floating down the Snake river. Marshal Jones and Night Policeman Denison are watching its arrival here.

Andrew Robinson returned today from Cow Valley where he went to purchase cattle.

WAR SAVING STAMP CAMPAIGN GROWING

Malheur Must Pay \$200,000 During Year—School District No. 8 to Buy \$40,000 Worth.

Leon Cohen of Pendleton, director of the Second Congressional District, and A. G. Clark, special Field Commissioner, War Savings Stamps, are both in Ontario to confer with W. F. Homan on the final big clean up drive that reaches a climax on June 28.

Oregon has been behind in the sale of stamps. Malheur county is behind, and there is great need right now that every one get their belt on a little faster pulley, is one way that Mr. Clark expresses it. The County organization is fast becoming a great big machine and according to Mr. Homan is to be geared for only two speeds: "high and higher."

Malheur's quota is placed at \$200,000 while School District No. 8 must raise \$40,000.

W. H. Laxon, local chairman, called a meeting Thursday to have all the local workers meet the two visitors who are representing State Director C. S. Jackson, and new enthusiasm will be generated and passed around to any who may be in need. Malheur county has a reputation on war work to sustain—she must and will do her part again to hold up the hands of Uncle Sam in War Stamp sales. A misapprehension has prevailed in some quarters that War Stamps are the children's part in the war. This is wrong; the quota for Oregon for 1918 is 17 million five hundred thousand dollars, which in amount is equal to the first Liberty Loan. There is need of strenuous effort to raise the two hundred thousand dollars remaining on Malheur's quota and it is quite a "chore."

However, with the interest being displayed by the leaders this county will be put across the top, but every last man and woman must pledge themselves to save a certain amount and pay it each month to the end of the year. War stamp certificates are one of the best of Uncle Sam's securities. They pay 4 per cent compounded quarterly, which makes the rate nearly 4 1/2 per cent. The present drive is not an immediate cash transaction but is a pledge to pay monthly till Dec. 31st. Everyone is to be counted this time—either for or against Uncle Sam.

BOURBONS RE-ELECT BLACKABY CHAIRMAN

Plan Aggressive Campaign to Place Democrat as County Judge—Name Executive Committee.

Democratic Committeemen from a number of the county precincts gathered at Vale Monday for the first political gathering of the year. The purpose of the gathering was that of formal organization.

This did not take them long. The first thing they did was to re-elect J. R. Blackaby of Ontario, county chairman. They then made Ross A. Soward, secretary, and R. H. Dearmond central committeeman for the State committee.

Having elected officers and perfected their organizations, the committeemen discussed that which was nearest their heart, means of placing one of the party in the County Court. The prominence given this subject indicates that with none of their other candidates opposed a real fight is to be made to elect E. H. Test to succeed Judge Geo. McKnight.

Before the meeting adjourned Chairman Blackaby named the following as executive committeemen for the campaign: E. C. Van Petten and C. McGonagill, Ontario; R. J. Ivers, Vale; J. A. Kennedy, Brogan; Frank Hall, Nyssa; and Harry Loony, Jordan Valley.

C. R. Emison this week shipped 125 head of fine bunch grass steers to market. They were sold over the scales at Brogan and averaged 1256 pounds each. They went at top prices, too.

FORMER ONTARIO BOY IS BADLY WOUNDED IN ACTION

Advice was received late this afternoon by wire from Washington that Roy Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Reynolds, formerly of this city but now residents of Twin Falls, was seriously wounded in action. The message was sent from here to Twin Falls. The young man while here worked for the M. M. Co.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD WEEKLY LUNCH

Every Man in Ontario Is Invited to Join in Get-Together Movement for Advancement of Community Interests.

Ontario business men have determined to resume the movement started this spring to hold luncheons down town once each week. The first of the revived series is to be held next Wednesday noon, starting at 12:30 and ending automatically at 1:30.

This action was determined upon at the regular meeting of the Commercial Club Monday evening, at which only a few members were present. In fact it was the idea of the attendance at the evening meeting which led up to the luncheon matter.

The members of the club present expressed the belief that unless wider interest is manifested it is impossible for the organization to accomplish any material benefit for the city. The hope of attendance is believed to be one of the main factors.

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INTIMATE LIFE OF THE KAISER IS REVEALED

Life of German Emperor Taken by British Veteran of Boer War—Career of Man Who Got the Kaiser With Movie Camera.

(Special to the American American.)

The life of the German Emperor, taken, The Kaiser "shot," to use the vernacular of the motion picture industry, Rupert Julian, a British veteran of the Boer war, and one of the most talented and popular motion picture actors and directors in America, has created one of the most startling, sensational motion pictures ever shown to the public, in his "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin," which takes the spectator into the Imperial Palace and shows the Kaiser in his habits and mannerisms and repugnant egotism and brutality. The (Continued on Page 8.)

GENERAL BRIDGES



Gen. G. T. M. Bridges, of the British army, head of all British war missions in this country.

WATER TEST SHOWS SERIOUS CONDITION

SAMPLE SENT TO HEALTH BOARD JUNE 7 IS TESTED AS BAD AS THAT SENT WEEK PREVIOUS; SUPPLY SHORT.

WELLS ENDANGERED BY SEWER

Dangerous Condition Reported to Council Two Weeks Ago Shown by Trench for Water Main—Engines to Go to Payette for Water.

Sample received June 7 showed a bacteria count of 2,000 per cc and 50 per cent gas formation. Robert L. Holt, Secretary, State Board of Health.

The above report, which shows twice as bad a bacterial condition as that received from water samples sent a week previous indicates that unless Ontario is to go thru a worse epidemic of typhoid than those which it has previously experienced the citizens must arouse themselves to the situation.

The Health department yesterday scattered through the city the warning signed by Dr. Whitney giving specific directions for the prevention, so far as the means will go, and every citizen is urged to observe them.

Not only is the water in the mains bad, and the sample reported above comes from the well on the hill but thru the faulty condition of sewers the wells of the city are endangered.

On Wednesday the trench digging the water ditch along the city streets was extended to the block covered the sewer thru the entire block from Indiana to Wyoming avenues. The sewage is flowing in the trench now. It reveals too that the big space for the sewage to seep out thru the soil, thus contaminating the wells in that vicinity. The joints of the sewer are open here.

The condition of this sewer, which has been blocked on numerous occasions was discussed at the Council meeting two weeks ago. It was reported in bad condition then and the necessity of extending the sewer from the Ontario hotel south was then considered. That this is imperative is evident.

Water Supply Short.

Not only is the water and sewerage situation in need of clean-up but water has been decidedly short during the week. Owing to a break in the pump on the hill the water has been off during portions of several days this week so short was the supply that engines which usually get their supply here had to run to Payette or Nyssa for their supply.

The one bright light in the water situation is the arrival from the California Jewett Filter Co. that it had shipped the filtering machines from San Francisco on June 15 and that they should reach Ontario by June 28. They also informed the City officials that the pumps had been shipped from the Middle West and should reach the city soon after the filtration plant arrives.

PHARMACY ENLISTS IN MARINE RECRUITING

C. S. Watson Is Agent of Uncle Sam With Blanks Ready to Start Young Men in Service.

The Ontario Pharmacy this week posted its sign as a Marine Recruiting station. C. S. Watson, proprietor, enlisted his store as one of thousands over the land which will assist in building up the organization of "First to Fight" boys.

A supply of blanks and all necessary data is at hand in the Pharmacy to get any Ontario boy who wants to get into the big game can get information and enlist there. A number of young men have inquired lately and are contemplating entering the service.