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## ASK FOR SURVEY OF ROUTE TO JORDAN

Desert Land Board Requests Highway Commission to Make Reconnaissance of all Available All Oregon Routes

The Desert Land Board which has supervision of the work being done by the Jordan Valley Farms company in its development of the big 46,000 acre project in the southern end of the county has asked the State Highway commission to make a reconnaissance of all the available, all Oregon routes, for a road to that section.

Under the terms of the contract the Jordan Valley Farms company, which is developing the great tract, and the Desert Land Board, a given portion of the price for which the land is sold must be spent on roads, under the direction of the board. The board has elected the Highway commission to select the route for the road leading to the tracts from the outside.

There are three routes talked of. The first is that from the Owyhee crossing up Succor creek past Rocklockville and Jordan Valley directly to Ruby ranch, or branching between southwest toward the townsite on the old Ruby ranch. This is the route favored by the promoters as being the most accessible and offering the best grades for heavy truck hauling.

The second route is that urged by good roads enthusiasts of Vale leaving that city and going south to Watson and thence East to Jordan Valley; the third is being urged by the Caldwell Commercial club which sent a big delegation to Jordan Valley last Sunday and Monday. This route goes thru Owyhee county Idaho to Squaw creek, across the mountains to Jordan Valley.

Engineer Bennett of the State Highway commission who is in Malheur county now will probably be detailed to make the reconnaissance of the proposed routes and report back to the commission.

BUY U.S.S.

## CITY STILL LAGGARD WITH BOND PLEDGES

Balance of Several Thousand Dollars Needed to Put Ontario On Honor Roll—Few Stockholders Still Hold Out.

Ontario is the laggard community of Malheur county so far as subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan is concerned. This community which greeted with approval President Wilson's refusal to broker with the Kaiser, not backing up the Pres. with its money. If money would win the war and that last portion of Ontario's share was needed to whip the Kaiser there are, apparently some Ontarians who would rather see the Kaiser win than part with their share, even at four and a quarter per cent interest.

The local committee had sub-committees call on a number of those who have so far refused to pledge their quotas today, and in all but one case the committees were turned down. The plea advanced by these individuals was that they were rated too high.

Much as the local committee desires to have Ontario on the list of honor roll which will be compelled to publish stockholder lists, it is determined that it will make public the names of the individuals who refuse to take their quotas unless some action is taken by these men to put themselves right before the subscriptions close Saturday night.

Once during the week Ontario had a quota in sight, but it was found that several thousand dollars worth of bond bought thru local banks by their clients had to be credited to out of communities in the county and that therefore Ontario had only \$6,000 of its quota of \$122,000. A few thousand has been received and one \$5,000 subscription is needed so that Ontario has still between \$7,000 and \$12,000 to raise to cover the top.

In the meantime, however, the quota is well over its quota and on the state, but in this Ontario has all credit coming to it.

## GENERAL BULLARD



Gen. Robert L. Bullard, commander of the American Second Field army, recently organized in France.

## FRENCH POUND FLEEING GERMANS

Paris.—French troops continue to keep in contact with the retiring Germans, the French war office announced. The French report said the remaining enemy troops were showing resistance on the north bank of the Aisne canal south of Chateau-Portien. Sixty-five hundred civilians were liberated when the French troops entered the city of Laon. The statement issued at the war office says that the French have passed far beyond the town on the whole front between the Oise and the Ailette rivers.

Newspapers here believe that as a result of the continuous advance of the allies the Germans will be forced hastily to retreat to the Lille-Mezieres-Metz line. The German retreat is being carried out with difficulty owing to the bombardment of railroads by airplanes. British troops are reported to have outflanked Bouchain and to be advancing on Denain, from which town they are only three miles distant. American forces are advancing to the direction of Dun-Sur-Meuse, in the Argonne sector, according to the Intransigent.

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## BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

The battle line in France continues to bend under the attacks of the entente allies, and the enemy almost everywhere is retreating toward new positions. Not his retreat is orderly and the British, French and American are being compelled to fight their way forward slowly in the face of enemy machine gun detachments acting as rear guards.

The British advance has brought them to the gates of Denain, which long has prevented them from closing in upon the great bend in the line which has Lille as its center.

To the south the French have blotted out both La Fere and Laon and the greater portion of the St. Gobain massif standing in the elbow where the line runs eastward toward the Swiss frontier. The Chemin des Dames no longer stands as a bulwark for Laon in the Aisne region and to the east in the Champagne the French, by a swift advance, have entered Vouziers and carried their line so far north that the communications between the German northern armies and those east of the Champagne hid fair to be cut.

On the extreme allied right in the active battle area the American First Army is keeping up its hammering tactics and daily gaining more of the most valuable ground remaining in the Germans in northern France—that protecting their communicating lines from the home soil through the Metz and Meuse valleys.

Both in the Macedonian theater and in Palestine the allied forces are pressing the enemy hard. Albania is fast being cleared of the Austro-Hungarian troops, while in Serbia Nish, the capital of the little kingdom, after the invasion by the Austro-Hungarians, has been recaptured and the enemy driven to the hills north of it.

## LOCALS WIN OPENING GAME FROM PAYETTE

Visitors Only Score Due to Fumble—Superior Training and Beef Give Locals Advantage—Final Score 38 to 7.

By the score of 38 to 7 the Ontario High School football team won the opening game of the football season last Friday afternoon, from the Payette High School team. In spite of the one-sided score the game was an interesting contest and the boys from the Idaho side put up a stiff fight until they were hopelessly beaten.

It was case of a heavier and better trained team meeting a lighter and Payette line proved unable to hold the attack directed against it by Captain Howerer, who sent Orville Walters and Cody Butler thru the line for repeated gains. When the Idaho line did brace up and hold the ends proved vulnerable and long runs were made around them.

Both teams manifested a weakness in handling the ball, with the result that fumbles were frequent. It was this weakness on Ontario's part that let Payette secure the first score of game, a few minutes after the opening Kick off.

It did not take Ontario long to even the count, for on the first play following the kick off Cody Butler staged one of the spectacular runs of the game, going thru tackle to a clear field, making a 70 yard run for a touch down. From that time on the game proved an Ontario procession toward the Payette goal.

Two spectacular runs were added by Captain Howerer and by Orville Walters. Howerer returned a kickoff for 40 yards and on the next play Walters skirted the Payette left end for 50 yards and a touch down.

Captain Patch for Payette and The Lamplin at full back and half were the most consistent yardage makers for the visitors. Patch carried the ball most of the time but was stopped repeatedly by Moore, Madjux and Kerachner when he tried the line, and by Dean and Odell when he attempted to make end runs. The work of the line and the ends was the biggest surprise of the game for it demonstrated that the boys were better tacklers than Coach Douglas believed them to be.

The only thing that marred the game was a fistic encounter between Aubrey Dean, of Ontario and Spaulding of Payette which resulted in both of them being removed from the conflict.

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Officials—G. K. Aiken, referee; A. M. Moody, head linesman; W. H. Laxon, time keeper. Time of quarters 12 minutes.

BUY U.S.S.— PAPERS GO ESTRAY SO BOYS DELAYED IN ENTERING ARMY

Bernard Rader, Ed Fraser and Paul Van Potten who left Ontario some time ago to enter the Student Army Training Corp at the University of Washington had an interesting week trying to get located and registered, due to the fact that their induction papers which were mailed from Vale went astray. After a week's effort during which they wrote letters and telegraphed back and forth and kept their fathers busy the young men finally got their papers and were duly registered. In the meantime Bernard Rader had to undergo a slight nasal operation so that the boys had a real "away from home" feeling. However they are located now and write that they like their situation.

BUY U.S.S.— Mrs. D. E. Lambert of Jordan Valley visited her daughter Miss Martha Lambert who is a student in the High school here this week.

## ESTATE OF MURDERED MAN GIVEN DAUGHTER

Fight for Property of R. C. Goodwin in Probate Court at Boise—Came To Death Here September 4, 1916.

The first round in the contest for the estate of R. C. Goodwin, known as Lum Goodwin, ended in the probate court in Boise, Monday with the decision of Judge Dunlap, in favor of his illegitimate daughter, Gertrude Binner Lewis.

Goodwin, it will be remembered was murdered on the Boulevard on the night of September 4, 1916 by D. C. Brichoux who was a well known character in Ontario at that time. After the murder, which occurred as Goodwin and Brichoux were nearing the city returning from Stein's mountains, Brichoux wore Goodwin's jewelry and received his mail, cashed his checks and otherwise attempted to play the part of the dead man.

Boise papers had the following to say about the hearing of the contest there on Monday.

Gertrude Binner Lewis, daughter of R. C. Goodwin, the wealthy sheepman murdered in eastern Oregon in the fall of 1916, has won her first battle in court for the estate of her father. Judge Dunlap in probate court Monday afternoon handed down a decision in favor of the daughter and against the administrator, Eugene Lobney.

Goodwin left an estate of approximately \$44,000 of which \$20,000 had already been distributed to his mother or at Butler, Tenn. Several thousand dollars were also spent in the handling of the estate, leaving a balance of \$20,000 in Idaho, which under the ruling of the court, the daughter will receive and suit for the return of the \$20,000 distributed will be brought in Tennessee.

Goodwin's daughter did not come to Idaho to prosecute her claim to the estate. Affidavits sent by her were used in the case and in these she bore the story of her life.

Recognized as Daughter Inher affidavit she set out, how, as the illegitimate daughter of Goodwin, she had lived with her mother until the age of 6 years, that her mother then died out of wedlock and she was then cared for by her grandmother until 11 years of age, when her grandmother died and from that time on she was placed in the care of her other grandmother, Goodwin's mother, who was appointed her guardian and she was reared and cared for by her and recognized as Goodwin's daughter, who bore the expenses of her education, procured a lawyer for her when she secured a divorce, but her a small piece of land in Tennessee and occasionally came from Idaho to visit her.

The question of Gertrude Lewis not being the daughter of R. C. Goodwin was not raised in the court, but the contest against her claim was waged upon the ground that Goodwin never took her to his home, turned and claimed her as his daughter. The prosecution showed that Goodwin never maintained a home, but lived at hotels and camps and therefore did not have a home in which to take the child.

Considerable money is involved and the case will be appealed to the district court, notice to that effect being given Monday upon the rendering of the decision. In the higher court it will be necessary for the plaintiff to come to Boise to present her claim for the estate.

BUY U.S.S.—

## ENGINEERS EXAMINE POST ROAD ROUTE

Running Lines Over John Day River in County and Up Thru Malheur Canyon—Harney Gets its Appropriation.

That Malheur county will soon receive some of the benefit of the State and Federal road funds for the building of Post Roads is evident from the fact that the State Highway commission has its engineers in the field now making surveys of proposed routes. Two lines are being considered: The John Day Highway from Vale to the Baker county line, and the Vale to Burne highway from Vale, up the Malheur canyon to the Harper

## COLONEL STIMSON



Col. Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war under Taft, now commands the Thirty-first Field artillery, Camp Meade, Md.

## WILSON MARCHES IN BIG LIBERTY PARADE

New York.—President Wilson, commander-in-chief of the American army and navy, marched at the head of the American forces in the Columbus-Liberty day parade, one of the most impressive and inspiring spectacles New York has ever seen.

Under a canopy formed by the flags of the 22 nations arrayed against autocracy and with squadrons of American airplanes hovering overhead, the president strode with 25,000 fighting men from five continents and islands in every sea over the entire three-mile line of march along the "Avenue of the Allies."

At the head of the line were detachments of fighting men representing 22 nationalities. They came from countries that are fighting to retain their freedom and they came from races that are fighting to be free.

Behind the foreign divisions marched women war workers, Red Cross nurses, ambulance drivers, munition makers, police women and "farmettes."

Next in line were the American military and naval forces, led by the commander-in-chief of more than 3,000,000 bayonets, for, although it was expected that the president would take his place at the very head of the column, it seemed that he preferred to march directly in front of his own nation's fighting men.

## SINKING ROUSES ENGLAND

Leinster Incident Regarded as a Blow to Peace Reconciliation.

London.—The sinking of the steamer Leinster gave a stunning blow to whatever feeling existed in England for a peace of reconciliation. The affair caused more indignation than any submarine exploit since the sinking of the Lusitania.

The contrast between Prince Max's benevolent utterances and Germany's day-by-day military and naval policies is the text for most of the newspaper sermons on the situation. Not only the slaughter of women and children on the Leinster, but the German refusal to exchange prisoners and the stories coming from the front of needless devastation are working together to dampen sentiment of leniency toward the central powers.

It appears plain that the German proposals are regarded with more disfavor here than they were a week ago.

influenza increases at Camp Lewis. Camp Lewis, Wash.—There were 427 new cases of influenza here last week, as opposed to only 128 cases the previous week, according to the weekly health report. The number of deaths, despite this increase in influenza, decreased.

county line. Which of these will be built first is a question to be decided by the Highway Commission.

Malheur county can not secure the \$50,000 appropriated for this work by the Federal government, and the State, unless it provides its \$20,000 by approval of the proposed initiative measure, which is to be voted upon in November.

## DATE SET FOR DRIVE FOR WAR WORK FUNDS

Malheur County Must Raise \$12,000 For Seven Organizations—Real Test of Willingness to Back Men Who Are Fighting

Malheur County will have a real test of its patriotic spirit and its determination to back up its boys who are in the trenches on the sea and in the camps, during November.

The united War Work drive will commence on November 11 and will continue until November 18. The object of the drive is to raise funds for the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., the K. of C., the Jewish Welfare board, the Camp Community service and other associations doing work in and about the army and navy camps.

The amount assigned to Malheur county by the state committee is \$12,000. If this sum is divided in the same proportion as in the last preceding drive, Ontario and vicinity will be called upon to raise \$7,524, while Vale and vicinity will be expected to raise \$6,156.

Unlike Liberty Loan investment this amount will represent an actual gift to the associations, which are working for the social welfare of the men at the front. When the time comes, Malheur county will do its duty nobly, believes W. W. Wood, county chairman for the drive. "We want to pull together so that our county will be over the top before the other counties in Oregon reach the summit, in the message he is sending out this week.

Mr. Wood has not yet named the committees that will have charge of the work in the various precincts but will do so soon and they will be announced next week.

Malheur county now has several hundred boys in various branches of the service. They need the institutions which the money to be secured in this drive will furnish. Malheur county's share is only \$1.39 for every resident, less than fifty cents per man per month from Malheur county who is benefiting from one or more of the seven associations. Is it not worth that much to help the boys? Can you not give your share to add to the happiness and comfort of the men who offer their lives in the battle against the Hun? That is the question to ask yourself when planning what you can give to the united war work in this campaign.

BUY U.S.S.

## STILL NO INTEREST IN CITY POLITICS

Where Will the Government Come From in Defeating Germany—Mention Made of Possible Resister.

Ontario refused to allow any interest in its city affairs. As yet no candidates have come forward, and barely a dozen are willing to accept the duties and responsibilities of governing the community during the next two years. There is no organization to bring out a list of candidates.

Among the men who have been mentioned at times as available for the various positions and representative of all parts of the city are the following: E. C. Van Patten and H. W. Jones of Riverside; A. J. McDowell of the Kastides; Dr. W. S. Weiss and W. L. Turner of Villa Park; E. A. Fraser, W. W. Wood, W. H. Jones, A. L. and H. B. Cochran of the central portion of the city; W. V. Larson and D. M. Tazewell of the South end.

Whether any one of these men would accept nominations at the hand of the caucus to be held next Monday evening the Argus does not know, for they have not been interviewed.

If no nominations are accepted it may be that the voters will have to go to the polls on the ballots to be prepared for the election to be held November 5, and at the present rate even then the voters do not know whether or not they are elected will serve.

In that case the present officers would serve for they hold office, until their successor are elected and qualify.

BUY U.S.S.

C. R. Cunningham of Barr & Cunningham, the engineers for the Malheur Drainage district, was in the city the first of the week.