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END OF FIGHTING IS FITTINGLY OBSERVED

WHOLE CITY UNITES IN PEACE POW-WOW—BONFIRES, RED FIRE, ROMAN CANDLES LIGHT UP HEAVENS MONDAY EVENING

OTHER COMMUTITIES JOIN FUN

Auto Horns and Tin Cans Create Din While Chinese Fife and Drum Corp Lend Picturesque Touch—Was Night That City Will Long Remember.

In what was without a doubt the biggest celebration ever staged in Malheur county, Ontarians, assisted by hundreds from the surrounding country, from the bench, Payette and several car loads of folks from Weiser manifested unbounded joy over the ending of the great war Monday night.

From somewhere there was produced a big supply of real old fashioned fireworks, roman candles, red fire rockets, whizzers, fire crackers and all the implements that used to make Fourth of July worth while to the youth of America. Never were these tetanus producing instruments used to better purpose, and never were they more enjoyed.

But that was not all, for what these lacked was supplied with big bonfires, with the tooting of auto horns and the clanging of cow bells, until one riot of clashings sonds rent the heavens in grand symphony of discords, which however served to give vent to all the pent up emotions of the gathering.

Dignity was thrown to the winds, and sedate citizens, men and women enjoyed hours of youthful enthusiasm and unbounded emotions. It was great!

The main celebration was staged around a platform erected on Richardson street in front of the City Hall and started about 8 p. m. The members of the fire department under the direction of Chief Louis Kroessin, Jr., and Assist. Chief W. H. Laxon had charge of arrangements and did their part thoroly.

There were no speeches on the war, but W. W. Wood, county chairman of the United War Work Drive was introduced by P. J. Gallagher and made a short talk on work of the organizations for which the drive is being made. Following this many of the celebrants went to the tent and helped swell the fund. More than $200 was thus secured.

The celebration which had been going on intermittently all evening held up until nearly midnight before the last auto horn gave its final blast.

Beside Ontarions there were present large numbers of ranchers from round about, including many from the Fruitland Bench and a few from Nyssa. Several auto loads came over from Weiser where they had celebrated all afternoon.

Among the picturesque features of the evening's entertainment was the presence of a fife and drum corp header by Byron Turner and Art Dunnack in Chinese costumes. Where ever they went they gathered the crowd and were the center of a howling joyous mob. They carried banners properly consigning the Kaiser and his clique.

——BUY W.S.S.——

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Members of the congregation are urged to set apart the regular hour of worship on Sabbath or such other time as may be more convenient, for Bible study, meditation and prayer. The laying aside of the regular weekly offering in support of the various branches of the church's work should not be overlooked. The offering for the War Emergency Fund will be taken the second Sabbath after regular worship is resumed in the church. It is just as imperative that this fund be raised in view of keeping up all the work of the church as that Liberty Bonds be purchased in view of triumph in war.

The telephone in the parsonage has been reinstalled with same number as formerly by Rev. Brown—94-R.

W. F. COCHRAN,
Minister

——BUY W.S.S.——

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Patterson of Pollock, Idaho have returned to Ontario.

BLOOD POISONING MAKES AMPUTATION NECESSARY

Ronald McCreight, the eleven year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCreight, underwent an operation for the removal of part of his injured arm last week at the Holy Rasary Hospital. The broken wrist was received last Wednesday in a fall out of a tree near his home. The break was quiet severe, the skin being cut thru so that the bone protruded. It was this same protrusion which later necessitated the operation, as in the fall the bone was covered with dirt and bloodpoison was feared as the result. The arm was amputated just a little below the elbow. Altho a definite result of the operation is still unknown. Ronald is getting along as well as can be expected.

——BUY W.S.S.——

ATTORNEY GENERAL IS OVERRULED BY JUDGE

County Court in Stormy Session Declines to Pay High School Pupils Tuition Contrary to State Officer's Opinion

County Judge Geo. W. McKnight, in a rather stormy meeting of the budget session of the County Court at Vale yesterday strenuously objected to following the opinion of the Attorney General of Oregon and make provissions for the payment of High School tuitions for pupils from districts that have no High Schools, to districts where these students attend.

When the opinion of the Attorney General was called to his attention he declared that he had read the law and placed his own interpretation thereon. Attorney J. W. McCulloch chariman of the board of education of District No. 8 endeavored to agrue the matter with the judge without avail, and was threatened with a fine for contempt of court, for declaring that the County Judge ought not set his opinion against that of the Attorney General who is a lawyer. This raised the court's ire and a wordy passage at arms ensued.

At present, according to the position taken by the Attorney General the county owes the Vale, Nyssa and Ontario school districts $10,000 for tuition of pupils from outlying districts, which if the districts cannot collect from the court according to the law as interpreted by the Attorney General will have to be collected from the parents of the pupils.

A controversy was also engenered over the County Fair appropriation but was settled on the vote of Commissioners J. R. Weaver and M. D. Kelley in favor of the Fair. Judge McKnight objected.

——BUY W.S.S.——

COYOTE PLAYMATE OF TAYLOR CHILDREN

Is a "Plumb Pet", says Boy's Mother Who Does Not Fear Beasts, will Revert to Its Wild Instincts

Clarence and Mayburn Taylor the seven and five year old sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Taylor who live just out of town, have perhaps the strangest playmate possessed by any two boys in the county. Their playmate is a full blooded coyotte.

"That coyotte is a plumb pet," said Mrs. Taylor in telling the Argus how they came into possession of the animal and the boys love it as much as they could and dog. It will permit them to do anything with it that a pet dog would and never even snap at them.

The coyotte which is full grown now posed for its picture with the boys on each side and no more peaceful looking animal could desire.

The coyotte came into the possession of the Taylors when just a pup, and was captured out on the Wood ranch West of the city. Now that the Taylors live near town and can't get jackrabbits for the pet to feed upon, they are regreting of having to dispose of him.

That this coyotte is an educated animal may be judged from the fact that his greatest delight is automobiling. The Taylor car never starts with him near that he does not jump to his place ready for a spin.

Interstate Commerce Commission Postpones Date of Time Change

Ontarians will start the new year on the new time schedule, one more month of Mountain Time. Not until January 1, 1919 will the territory on the Oregon Short Line west of Pocatello to be changed to the Pacific time zone. This information was conveyed to the Ontario Commercial club in answer to a telegraphic request by that body for official information regarding the matter.

The following message was received by the Commercial club:

Washington D C, Nov. 13, 1918
Ontario Commercial Club:

"Effective January 1, 1919, main line Oregon Short Line west of Pocatello will be in Pacific time zone.

AITCHISON, Commissioner.

Originally this change was scheduled to be effective on Noember 28, 1918, but a hearing was held on October 2, following which the postponement must have been made.

With this further postponement of the change it is possible that the contemplated change in the hours of closing business houses in Ontario will be made, at least not this year.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER EXAMINING ROUTES

M. O. Bennett, Division Engineer Investigating Proposed Routes to Jordan Valley—Leaves via Succor Creek.

M. O. Bennett, division engineer of the State Highway Commission, arrived here Monday evening on No. 6, and left the next day for Jordan Valley on a reconnaisance of the route to that section of the county, via Succor Creek. Later he will examine the proposed road from Jordan Valley to Venator and after that he will examine the proposed road from Vale, via Watson to Jordan Valley.

From Ontario Mr. Bennett was accompanied by Harley J. Hooker, president of the Jordan Valley Farms company which is building the big irrigation project in that section, and from whose sales the money to build the road to be determined upon will be secured. Beside Mr. Hooker there were in the party, J. R. Blackaby and H. C. Boyer of Ontario and Mr. Biklo project engineer for the new irrigation district.

The party left here and drove as far as the mouth of the canyon, where Messers. Hooker, Blackaby and Boyer left the engineers and returned to Ontario. The engineers proceeded on foot thru the canyon and were met on the other side by Thos. Kohout of Jordan Valley who took them on into that town.

For a time at least the men engaged in building the big project will be compelled to erect a temporary road across the desert to Venator and freight in over that route, inconvenient tho it will be, since the present road to Jordan Valley will be impassable for heavy loads during the winter.

——BUY W.S.S.——

ENLARGED INDUSTRY READY FOR BUSINESS

Portland Men Purchase C. E. Bingham's Plant and Increase Facilities For Manufacturing Cement Products.

No longer will it be necessary for residents of this section who want drainage and irrigation tile to send to the coast, Salt Lake or any other distant point. Ontario has a manufacturing plant now that can care for the needs of this section, and more.

The Portland Cement & Tile company has purchased the plant of C. E. Bingham, located back of the City Hall and has installed additional facilities for the manufacturing of irrigation pipe, drainage tile and all kinds of cement products.

With the installation of the steam drying equipment the plant will be able to turn out pipe of all dimentions out quickly and all the year round.

At the present time, Mr. Bingham who is the manager of the company, which is styled the Ontario Tile company has seven men employed and is manufacturing the pipe to be used on the Eastside sewer. With the prospects of additional work the force will be enlarged.

——BUY W.S.S.——

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sense of appreciation for the many kind acts and for the sympathy expressed by kind friends and neighbors during our sorrow in the death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Geo. Messec and Family.

RANCHERS INTRODUCE ALFALFA MACHINERY

Balers and Mills Being Called Upon To Reduce Hay Crop to Marketable and Shipping Condition.

With a prospect of a limited local demand, due to the shipping of sheep and cattle from this section during the drought of last summer, local ranchers and stockmen are introducing machinery to put alfalfa into shipping shape.

During the past few weeks four balers have been sold in the valley and two of these have been in operation for some time. W. J. Pinney was the first to install one of these and he has sold 350 tons of baled alfalfa to dealers in the Willamette Valley, and reports that there is a growing demand.

Two alfalfa mills have also been purchased and are being erected. The first of these was that established by the Caldwell Horse & Mule company at the Newman ranch below Nyssa, where they are feeding a big bunch of cattle this year.

The second is that to be erected by Randall Sage to cut alfalfa meal for his stock.

——BUY W.S.S.——

NOMINATION TO WEST POINT FOR ONTARIAN

William Blackaby one of two Men Named From His Unit in France to Enter Nation's Military School.

Letters received from William Blackaby by his aunt, Miss Lavine Smith yesterday told of his nomination to a cadetship at West Point, the United States Military Academy.

In the letter young Blackaby who has been in the service since the war began, he having enlisted while a Sophomore at the University of Oregon, said that he was one of two selected from his organization to be sent to West Point. At the time he wrote he was not certain when he would be transferred, but word is expected any time now, unless of course the coming of peace causes changes in the government plans.

No matter whether he will be able to go or not the honor of being selected is one to be prized, and was the result of good service.

——BUY W.S.S.——

LIBRARY OPENS TO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS DAILY

Beginning next Monday the local Carnegie Library will be open from 3 to 4 every afternoon for the benefit of High School students. This was decided upon by the School board, with the consent of the city officials. This arrangement is made for the benefit of High School students so that they may keep up their outside reading in English and History. Books may be harrowed and returned, or periodicals may be read at the library rooms. Pupils in whose families there are cases or suspected cases of influenza will not be permitted to enter the library or use the books. It is very likely that large numbers of pupils will thus avail themselves of the opportunity of completing their required outside reading in English classes.

J. W. Thompson of Climax Oregon was in Ontario this week. While here he sold his ranch on the Eastside to C. E. Bingham.

COUPLE WELKNOWN IN CITY MARRIED AT NEW PLYMOUTH

The news of another wedding between a couple well known in Ontario tario reached here last week. This was the marriage of Miss Pauline Henggeler, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henggeler of the Fruitland bench to Harry Betebenner. The ceremony took place in the Catholic church at New Plymouth, Rev. Fr. Nolan officating. Later a dainty and bountiful wedding breakfast was spread to the large number of guests who were present at the home of the bride's mother near Fruitland. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Betebenner will make their home for the present in Payette.

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WOMEN STOP MAKING SURGICAL DRESSINGS

Local Red Cross Chapter Receives Orders to Curtail Its Activities and Direct All Attention to Refugee Work.

After 18 months af activitly in which the women of America have made millions of surgical dressings, orders have been issued to the Red Cross Chapters to cease work in that department and center their attention upon refugee work. Instructions to that effect were received this week by the local Red Cross Chapter.

The orders from the Division Headquarters in Seattle urgently request that work on refugee garments be rushed at the utmost speed for a garment now will save a life while later, with the winter past it will do little good. Intimation is also given that within a short time another big order for these garments will be sent forth.

Concerning the war work and the connection of the Red Cross to the new conditions which have arisen with the coming of peace the bulletin has the following to say:

"Our soldiers and sailors are enlisted until the commander in chief tells them there is no more work for them to do in the war. Let every Red Cross member and worker show our returning soldiers and sailors that to care for their health, welfare and happiness, we are enlisted for no less a period than they are.

"The cessation of war will reveal a picture of misery such as the world has never seen before, especially in the many countries which cannot help themselves. The American people will expect the Red Cross to continue to act as their agent in repairing broken spirits and broken bodies. Peace terms and peace conditions will determine how we may best minister to the vast stricken areas which has been harrowed by war, and in this great act of mercy, the heart and spirit of the American people must continue to be mobilized thru the American Red Cross.

"On behalf of the War Council, we accordingly ask each member of our splendid body of workers thruout the land to bear in mind the solemn obligation which rests upon each one to 'Carry On' we cannot abate one instant in our efforts or in our spirit. There will be an abundance of work to do, and specific advices will be given, but even at the moment of peace let no Red Cross worker falter.

"Our spirits must now call us to show that it is not the roar of cannon or the blood of our sons alone that directs our activities, but that a great pepole will continue to respond greatly and freely to its obligation and opportunity to serve mankind."

Sincerely yours,

C. D. STIMSON,
Division Manager.

——BUY W.S.S.——

INFLUENZA CLAIMS ONE OF ONTAIRO'S OLDEST CITIZENS

Early this morning D. M. Nichols, aged 74 died at this home here of influenza. He had been ill for the past two weeks and had been reported to be recovering when a relapse developed pneumonia from which he succumbed.

Mr. Nichols who was one of the largest property owners in the city came here from the ironside country several years ago and settled on what is known as the Gordan ranch just west of the city. This property he sold and moved to town. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Charles Van Buren and two sons, Arthur Nichols of Ontario and W. E. Nichols of Baker, who arrived here yesterday.

CITY BEHIND IN RACE FOR WAR FUND GOAL

ONTARIO NOW MORE THAN $1500 FROM ITS GOAL—CITIZENS CELEBRATE BUT FORGET THE BOYS.

DRIVE ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT

Fourteen Members in $100 Club and Fourty-two High School Students In Victory Boys and Girls—County $3,000 Behind Quota.

In spite of an excellent start, and efficient team work thruout the campaign, the Ontario district is at least $1,500 behind its quota in the United War Work drive, according to County Chariman, W. W. Wood, this morning.

"The entire county, too, is behind $3,000", said Mr. Wood, "and looks as tho some of the people to not realize the necessity for giving to the degree they should and that a hard campaign must be made to reach the qutoa."

So far the Hundred Dollar Club which started last week with four members has grown to 14 members, and some others are expected before the week closes. The ten members received this week are: C. S. Watson, H. C. Boyer, E. W. Howland, J. R. Blackaby, John Wood, David Dunbar, L. Adam, Judge Dalton Biggs, S. D. Dorman, and the Oregon-Western Colonization company. Beside these, three gifts of $75 each were received from H. B. Cockrum, Dr. W. J. Weese and T. J. Brosnan. Several $50 and $25 subscriptions were recorder but not available for publication.

Students Swell Total.

The Ontario High School boys and girls formed a Victory club to which forth-two boys and girls contributed $5 each.

——BUY W.S.S.——

MANY PERSONS STILL FIGHTING INFLUENZA

Conditions Vary From Day to Day—None of the Local Cases Deemed Serious—School Opening Date Uncertain.

After appanently subsiding, during the early part of last week the epidimic of Spanish Flu, rose again toward the week end claimed a number of victims, and continued to claim additional citizens until the middle of this week, since which time it has again slowed up.

Fortunately none of the recent victims of the disease have been seriously stricken and none of the cases is deemed dangerous. During the week the Flu attacked those who have been caring for others, for example Dr. E. S. Fortner was stricken, also eight of the sisters and nurses at the hospital and Mrs. Garrett, the nurse. They are all either thoroly recovered or improving in condition now.

To care for patients at the hospital Miss Victoria Staka and Miss Carrie H. Joy and Miss Helen Smith, of the school faculty volunteered and were accepted; also Miss Gladys Udick assisted. Two Payette teachers volunteered to care for patients at the flu ward, and Mrs. Herschel Browne cared for the Fortner family.

School Opening Indefinate

As the result of the changed condition, and the uncertainty as to the duration of the epidemic no action has been taken toward the resumption of school work. The members of the board are watching the situation very closely and will reopen the building as soon as advisable.

——BUY W.S.S.——

Miss Thyra Rymers died at the home of her parents on the Fruitland bench last Wednesday morning. She had been sick only a few days and her many friends were shocked to hear of her death. Miss Rymers had been working at Vifer's a few weeks previous. Besides her parents she leaves several sisters and brothers, one of whom is in France. The funeral was held Thursday morning in Payette, burial being made in Riverside cemetery.