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SPIRITED CONTESTS FOR DISTRICT HEADS

WARMSPRINGS AND PAYETTE-OREGON SLOPE IRRIGATION DISTRICTS HAVE CLOSE CONTESTS FOR NEW DIRECTORS.

INSURGENTS DO NOT SUCCEED

First Elections Held Under New Law Which Reduces Number of Directors to Three in Place of Five—Owyhee Balloting is Quiet.

In place of the usual prefatory voting on the part of a few interested landowners, there were spirited elections on Tuesday for positions on the board of directors of the several irrigation districts of Malheur county. Especially was this true in the case of the Warm Springs board and of the Payette-Oregon Slope board.

In the Warm Springs election the occasion gave rise to evidence of insurgency on the part of a minority of the landowners, the what the insurgency was about was not made public. Rumors have it that the cause of dissatisfaction is the failure of the board to exceed to the demands by stockholders in present ditches to declare immediately just what they are to charge for water under the new system. The board has held that this can not be done until the work is completed and the cost determined and apportioned accurately, so it is said.

Anyway, whatever the cause, a nice little campaign was waged in which C. W. Mallett, Dick DeArmond and John G. Thompson were the candidates of the opposition to the board candidates; Rex Marquis, Jake Russell and George McLaughlin.

As the result of the balloting the "regulars" won over the opposition taking two of the three directors, and losing the third by the narrow margin of three votes.

In the first district McLaughlin defeated Thompson by 59 to 8; DeArmond won over Russell in the second by 23 to 20; while in the third district Marquis defeated Mallett by 37 to 11.

Payette-Oregon Slope

Up on Dead Ox Flat interest centered in the election of directors for the Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation district. There were nine candidates for the three places and the election was spirited. The following were elected: A. A. Guttridge, Ralph Rodgers, Jonas Brown. The other candidates were Chas. Llag, L. L. Tubertson, Geo. W. Lattig, John Bartsch, and Mr. Coats.

No Contest in Owyhee.

There were no contests in the Owyhee district and the following were elected: T. W. Claggett, Hub Walters and Dr. J. J. Sarazin.

Willow Alder

I. W. Hope and W. J. Pinney were elected directors of the Willow Alder district. The other director the Argus could not learn.

The elections this year were the first under the 1917 law which reduces the number of directors from five to three and permits the districts to divide the territory into three precincts, or to elect at large as they please.

OWYHEE BOOSTERS WILL MEET SATURDAY EVENING

County Judge E. H. Test, telephoned from Vale this morning that he had called a meeting of the committee which was appointed to boost the Owyhee Project, to be held at the Commercial club rooms in Ontario Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

He said that the Vale committee would be present at that time and urged that all who were interested either directly or merely as well wishers for this section of the country attend.

MUSIC CLUB CALLS OFF REMAINDER OF PROGRAM

Because of illness earlier in the season which interfered with numerous programs and as a matter of present and future precaution the women of the Music club have abandoned their programs for this season.

COMPLETE KNITTED GOODS WANTED AT RED CROSS NOW

Ontario Chapter A. R. C. is short on its shipments of knitted goods, especially of white socks. Knitters who have any of these completed are urged to bring them to the work rooms so that shipment can be made at once.

The workers at the rooms are devoting time to completion of pajamas and refugee garments. The work rooms are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons and all who can possibly do so are urged to assist in this needed work.

Tho the war is over there is still a great deal of work to be done, and the officers and workers are urgently requesting the help of all who can assist.

MALHEUR COUNTY HAS ANOTHER GOLD STAR

James R. Fenwick of Jordan Valley Pays Supreme Sacrifice—Died of Wounds After Peace Was Signed.

Malheur County has another gold star to place upon the service flag of a family. The star which changes from blue to gold is that in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Fenwick of Jordan Valley, and represents the sacrifice which their son James H. Fenwick paid on October 6th, tho the family just received notice of his death this week.

Young Fenwick's name was listed with the casualty list on Monday. He died of wounds suffered month ago in the Argonne region.

While the young soldier himself was not known in Ontario the members of his family are, one sister, Miss Ruby Fenwick graduated from the local high school and this year is a member of the public school faculty.

ONTARIO NATIONAL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

At the annual meeting of the Ontario National Bank corporation held Tuesday evening, beside passing up on the past year's work, the stockholders elected officers for the new year as follows: Directors: J. R. Blackaby, L. Adam, C. R. Emlson, T. J. Brosnan, Earl Blackaby. The directors then elected the following officers: J. R. Blackaby, president; L. Adam first vice president; C. R. Emlson, second vice president; W. F. Homan, cashier; C. C. Deffeyes, and Earl Blackaby assistant cashiers.

Indicating the growing prosperity of this section the reports of the institution show that the past year was the best in its history from every view point.

THREE COUSINS WILL MANAGE BOSTON CAFE

Harry Fong Returns From Emmett To Be Associated in Venture—Building Being Renovated.

Announcement is made this week that the Boston Cafe will open under a new management next Thursday. This management will consist of three cousins, Harry, Ben and King Fong, all of whom have been Ontario residents for some time.

Harry Fong has been absent from the city for two years while he was engaged in the restaurant business in Emmett. He returned last week and organized the new management to take over the Boston.

This week carpenters and decorators are busily engaged in renovating the building which will be thoroughly overhauled and put in first class shape for the care of the traveling as well as the local public.

ONTARIO-NYSSA COMPANY ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

Owing to the fact that no quorum could be secured the annual meeting of the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation company which was scheduled for last to meet on February 10.

Chas. G. Pinney of Ontario, is also ill with the flu at the present.

ADJOURN COURT TERM FOR SEVERAL CAUSES

Lawyers Absent; Witness Ill With Flu or Absent in Army Service Cases Settled Out of Court Contributing Causes.

The January term of the District Court came to an abrupt end when Judge Dalton Biggs adjourned the sessions on Tuesday. The contributing causes of which there were many included the following as a few, absence of many attorneys; illness of numerous witnesses and litigants; settlement or pending settlement of actions between litigants out of court.

Try Hanlon February 27

One important announcement prior to adjournment was that of setting the case of John Hanlon who shot the District Attorney R. W. Swagler, Tuesday of last week.

RUTHERFORD BROS. SELL RANCH PROPERTY

Alex Murry Ranch on Burnt River Purchased by Montana Cattleman—\$75,000 Consideration Named.

The largest individual sale of ranch property completed in Ontario for some time was that by which Chas. Williams of Butte, Montana came in to possession of the 2400 acre Alex Murry ranch on Burnt river.

The property was sold by the Rutherford Bros., G. E. and Mark, who have owned the ranch for but a few months.

The ranch which comprises 2430 acres is one of the best stock properties in Eastern Oregon. The lot located in Malheur county, but just over the line in Baker county, the business from the ranch comes this way.

Mr. Williams expects to bring a big bunch of stock from Montana together with stock purchased in this section to the ranch. He will take possession at once.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Senior Class party at the home of Miss Lucile Biggs last Thursday evening at which those who attended reported that they had enjoyed the best time since entering the high school. Each member of the class brot their pictures at the request of the entertainment committee and these furnished great amusement for everyone. Bountiful refreshments were served in the wee sma' hours. One remarkable feature of the evening was that no lower classmen attempted to break up the gathering.

The girls of the Physical training club entertained their friends in the high school at an old fashioned hard time party Friday evening in the gymnasium. Taffy pulling and old fashioned dances formed the amusements for the evening. All declared the party a great success and the invited guests are eagerly awaiting the time when invitations will be issued for another.

Eva Coughman who formerly attended school in Portland enrolled in the Freshman class Monday.

Win Luscombe, who attended school at Vale last year and has until recently worked in Alfons Shoe store, resigned his position there and has taken up school work with the Sophomore class.

All the teachers are now back after several of them being absent on account of the flu. During Miss Rodgers' absence Miss Myrl Bingham took charge of her Domestic Science and Art Classes.

Regarding the flu situation as connected with attendance in the schools Supt. Douglass reports that only one out of five doctors has an influenza case that has pupils in school. It is to be hoped that this condition will continue to improve.

Miss Victoria Stanka has organized her hygiene classes in the grade schools, the name of the organization being the Modern Health Crusaders. This was done under the direction of

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MALHEUR SOLONS ON DESIRED COMMITTEES

Hurley Chair of Irrigation Committee, is Also on Highway Committee; Gallagher on Irrigation Committee and Laws Revisions.

Malheur county solons, Senator Julien A. Hurley and Representative P. J. Gallagher drew fortunate committee assignments according to announcements from Salem.

Senator Hurley is chairman of the Senate's Irrigation Committee, and on the Highway committee; Representative Gallagher is a member of the House committee on Irrigation and is a member of the committee on Revision of the Laws.

Beside listening to the able address of Governor Withycombe the legislature has ratified the National Prohibition Amendment and started action toward curbing the I. W. W. and Bolsheviki elements in the ratification of the "Dry" amendment.

VALE COMMITTEE NAMED TO HELP BOOST OWYHEE PROJECT

George Hunting Currey of Vale last week named the committee to represent that community in the united effort to advance the construction of the Owyhee project for which a meeting was held Tuesday night of last week here in Ontario. The Vale committee named is: C. C. Mueller, Geo. W. McKnight, A. W. Reed, G. P. Wildhaber and Mr. Currey.

POLICE COURT FINES BREAK RECORDS FOR YEARS IN TOTALS

As a garnerer of fines Police Judge C. M. Stearns broke records in Ontario during 1918. In the 12 months just passed the City Treasury was enriched by the sum of \$597, received thru the fines route as conducted by the Judge. This surpasses the record of Medford, a city several times larger than Ontario, but does not indicate that this has more lawless characters, for the number of cases heard by the respective police judges was many times greater in Medford than in Ontario. Convictions per arrest were greater here, perhaps, while the average levy per person convicted here was considerably higher, as the totals indicate.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF FIRST NATIONAL CHOSEN

All of the former directors were re-elected at the annual meeting of the First National Bank corporation on Tuesday, at which the officers reported the biggest year's business in the history of the bank under its present management. The directors are: A. L. Cockrum, H. B. Cockrum, Mrs. Etta Cockrum, L. B. Cockrum and Thomas Turnbull. The old officers: A. L. Cockrum, president; T. Turnbull, Vice President; H. B. Cockrum, cashier; C. W. Platt, Asst. Cashier were re-elected and R. M. Perry was also elected assistant cashier.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Lloyd Pennington was able to return to his home in Vale last Thursday after receiving treatment for an injured ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beeler of Vale are the happy parents of a baby daughter born Thursday January 9.

C. H. Baird was received at the hospital Friday to receive medical treatment for illness.

E. P. Holland returned to his home in Fruitland last week after receiving treatment for his thumb which he injured by running a piece of steel into it.

Chas. Cafferty left the hospital last week after being a patient here for some time.

Mrs. A. T. Christiansen and baby daughter returned to their home in Ontario Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthus Price, who was an influenza patient here, left the same day for her home in Payette.

Meivin Berry of Weiser, another patient, is getting along fine and will be able to return there in a few days.

F. B. Phillips, whose home is at Coeur d'Alene, was admitted Tuesday at the isolation hospital ill with the flu.

ONTARIO HAS CHAMPION IN MULTIPLE OFFICE HOLDING

When it comes to holding down a bundle of offices Ontario has a candidate for the long distance championship. To this honor the Argus nominates Clay M. Stearns whose qualifications are the following: City Recorder, Police Judge, Water Collector, Special Policeman, United States Commissioner, and at times is Secretary of the Commercial club.

If Judge Stearns took to writing the significant initials after his name, English fashion this would be alphabetical result: C. M. Stearns, C. R.; P. J.; W. C.; S. P.; U. S. C., this is a most imposing array, is it not?

COUNCIL WILL LEVY DOG TAX THIS YEAR

Will Raise Some Revenue—But the Principal Object is to Protect Good Dogs and Get Rid of Useless Ones.

Anyone who possesses a good dog and cares anything for it; and 99 per cent of dog owners, are in that class, will be willing for its protection to encourage any movement that has for its purpose the riding of the city of useless canines, believes Mayor R. W. Jones.

Acting on that belief he has introduced into the city council a resolution which revives heretofore existing dog laws, and provides among other things for the payment of a tax on every dog in the city. The rate is going to be three dollars for males and five for females.

Before this ordinance becomes effective sufficient notice will be given owners of dogs of no value to get rid of them.

Will Buy First Tag

"Every year, nearly, in the spring, Ontario has an epidemic of dog poisoning," said the Mayor, "usually it is the valuable dogs, the dogs that some one prizes that are the victims, apparently of the spite that someone has at the curs that invest the city and keep folks awake nights with their howls. If these animals were gotten rid of there would be no incentive for the poisoner, I believe, and that is the best protection that can be given for the useful sheep dog, the valuable hunting dog and the prized pet of a family."

"Anyone who owns such a dog is, or should be willing to pay for the privilege. I am willing myself, and I have nearly always owned a dog. In fact I will buy the first tag for my dog."

DUNBAR—TROW WEDDING IS EVENT OF SATURDAY

At the Episcopal rectory of Payette Saturday afternoon occurred the wedding of Miss Margaret Dunbar, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dunbar who reside Southwest of the city, and Clinton F. Trow, son of Mrs. A. W. Trow of Santa Barbara, California, who resided here until recently. Miss Helen and Ralph Dunbar, brother and sister of the bride, were the bride's and groom's man. Mr. and Mrs. Trow are well known in Ontario and both have been prominent in lodge circles as well as other activities. Mrs. Trow grew to womanhood here having graduated from the local high school, following which she was taught for sometime. Last year she was Worthy Matron of Star Chapter O. E. S.

Mr. Trow came to Ontario with his parents several years ago following his graduation from the University of Minnesota Agricultural College at St. Paul. He was agriculturist for the Oregon-Western Colonization company and officer of Advancement Irrigation company and the Ontario Advancement company prior to his entry into the army last spring. He entered the engineer service and was attending the Engineer Officers' Training camp when he was discharged from the army last month. He is at present Master of Acacia Lodge A. F. & A. M., having been elected to that office for the second time. He is one of the charter members of the Oregon Club and has always taken an active interest in civic affairs.

Alice Brady adds to long list of stage and film success with stirring triumph in "Her Silent Sacrifice."

BODY OF DROWNED BOY FOUND ON RIVER BANK

DURING SIX LONG MONTHS SINCE SON WAS DROWNED PARENTS NEVER ABANDONED HOPE OF RECOVERING HIS BODY

HUNTING PARTY DISCOVERER

Identification of Body as that of Frank M. Griffin Complete—Parents Entertain no Doubts—Funeral Services Held Wednesday Afternoon From Methodist Church.

The faith which Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Griffin held for six long months of anguish, following the drowning of their son Frank, on July 21, that the body would be recovered, was rewarded Monday afternoon. At that time Mr. Griffin was notified that a group of boys had located the emaciated remains of a boy on the banks of Snake river a few rods from the point where the Malheur river enters the larger stream.

He went at once to the scene, where he had been preceded by Dr. R. O. Payne, coroner, who had been notified of the discovery previously. On viewing the body Mr. Griffin at once declared it that of his son. The identification was confirmed by the remnants of a pair of overalls that the boy wore a the fatal swimming party, which were still upon portions of the body. Likewise the father was able to identify the teeth as those of his son.

The finding of the body ended a search which the members of the family continued unceasingly for many weeks following the drowning, and which they renewed repeatedly since in the undying hope, that the waters would surrender their victim.

In this search many people gave assistance. A diver's suit was sent for and brot here from Montpelier, Idaho, and F. W. Hill made several descents into the swift running current, without results. The river was dragged and boat parties searched the shore for miles in a vain effort to locate the body.

Boys Discover Body

The body was first seen by a party of boys: Frank Van Petten, Dick Adam and Milo Wright, who on Saturday afternoon were hunting on the low lands near the mouth of the Malheur. They did not tarry long to investigate their find but reported it to their parents. On Sunday afternoon E. C. Van Petten and G. I. Dickson went to the scene to investigate and confirmed the boys report. They in turn notified Coroner Payne, who was unable to go to view the body until Monday afternoon. It was then that the Griffin family was notified.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Wm. Luscombe officiating. The pall bearers were chosen from members of the Freshman class in High School who were classmates of the deceased in Grammar school last year.

Frank Griffin was drowned while swimming with a group of boys on July 21, two miles up the river from the point where the body was found.

ROLLER SKATING TO BE ONTARIO PASTIME

Rink to be Opened This Week in Canfield Building by A. L. McDowell and Charles A. A. Smith.

Ontario will have a new means of entertaining itself this winter. roller skating rink will be opened Saturday night in the Canfield building, on Oregon street at Idaho avenue. The managers of the new institution according to announcements which appears elsewhere in this issue will be Councilman A. L. McDowell and Charles A. A. Smith.

The building is being prepared for the skaters and the skates are expected to arrive tomorrow from Salt Lake and everything will be ready for the Grand Opening Saturday evening.