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## COLONEL LEADER TO DRESS ONTARIANS

FINISHED MEMBER OF OFFICERS FACULTY WITH RECORD OF MANY WARS COMING.

## IS FASCINATING ONE

and Program to be Given Direction of the Public as Part of University Extension Course.

Thursday, February 8, Ontario city is to have the opportunity of listening to an address by Colonel Leader of the University of Oregon. Col. Leader, who as a member of the Royal Irish Rifles came for himself in the early days of the war, proved a great interest to students at the University, and at the Officers' Courses during the summer. One of the men who attended the University or the Officers' camp at Eugene came back with a story of Col. Leader's eloquent in their praise of quality, as well as his knowledge of the world's history.

ing, of Col. Leader as he is, Senator Hurley on his return from the training camp said: "I know him as a military genius. Why, he even knows our American history better than our American history teachers. One of the students he ever met down there, and he has a way of lecturing, for every illustration by a fitting anecdote."

endent H. R. Douglass of the Schools arranged for the Col. Leader to Ontario and to give the program to be given on the 8th. The completed details of the program, giving the place and time, will be announced next week.

## COLONEL JOHN LEADER

Colonel Leader was born at Quilley, in the Himalay mountains near the town of Poonah, which is one of the most beautiful spots in the world that is still to be seen. He left India when still a young man to go to his family home in County Cork, where he was educated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. The Leaders have an old family name which was prominent in the County of Wick, where the name of the family was prominent in the County of Wick. Although born in Ireland, Colonel Leader is thoroughly Irish in all the Irish humor of the country. The Portland Oregonian, March 21, 1918, says of him: "At a speech he delivered at Halfway, wholly likeable, and a teller of tales is Colonel Leader."

Colonel Leader was graduated from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, England, one of the great English schools of military training. Colonel Leader went to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, where he was made a cadet in the 1st Battalion of the Buffs (East Kent Regiment). He was sent to the front in 1890 and was back in Ireland in 1891. In 1892 he was sent to the front in the Boer war. In China in 1894 he acquired the position of instructor of Chinese, the same position which he held in Japan in 1895. In the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war, Colonel Leader was sent to the front in the Far East. In 1905 he fought in Arabia.

Colonel Leader was married to the Earl of Radnor in 1906. He went to Canada soon after that, and to Vancouver the same year. He has two sons, John and William, the latter born just before the outbreak of the present war. The day the war broke out in 1914, Colonel Leader was sent to the front in the present war. He was promoted to the rank of major, and later lieutenant colonel. He went to Ulster and commanded the 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles in the battle of the Somme. He received the Victoria Cross for his gallant conduct in this battle that he received

## WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL TEA NEXT WEDNESDAY

The annual Silver Tea given by the members of the Ontario Women's Club will be held next week at the home of Mrs. S. D. Dorman, and the members desire a unanimous attendance in order that the club's record in the worthy object may be maintained. Wednesday, January 23, is the date set.

The proceeds of the tea have for years been given to the Scholarship Loan Fund of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. From this fund the worthy students at institutions of higher education may secure financial assistance. Thru the aid has been given worthy young people of Oregon and it is one of the efforts in which the women of the club take great pride.

## TROXELL IMPLEMENT CO. TO SELL FORDSON

Announcement Made of Change of Ownership of Agency—Plenty of Tractors Ready for Spring Work.

With the certainty of plenty of touring cars to keep its organization busy the Ford Garage relinquished the agency for the Fordson tractor in this section of Eastern Oregon last month and the Troxell Implement Company has succeeded to the business of selling that popular machine.

Announcement of the change is made in this issue if the Argus and Irwin Troxell, manager of the Troxell company announces that sufficient machines for spring work will be on hand. Likewise there will be kept here a fully complete line of supplies as well as mechanic for service work.

The first of the new tractors like that which was demonstrated here last fall will be in Ontario soon to aid in turning over Malheur county soil for the 1919 crops.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The classes in mathematics under the direction of Mrs. Edna Griffin are now making marked progress in their work and a few of the classes will have finished soon in the half year subjects. Pupils who have been absent for a great length of time are now entering special classes both before and after school hours.

Carroll and Ernestine Lacey are now back at school after a sledge of the flu.

Miss Carrie H. Joy is making complaints now about her bookkeeping classes. Oh, no, they aren't getting low grades or anything as serious as that. It is just simply that such a large number of pupils have awakened to the need of bookkeeping that these are neither room in the classroom for them nor time for any more special classes. All of the commercial classes have made a large increase in enrollment lately.

The first game of the season in the interclass schedule for this year's pennant was played Tuesday evening at the opera house between the Senior and Junior girls. The Junior team carried off the honors as usual with a score of 21 to 7 in their favor. Despite the unevenness of the score, however, the game was hotly contested. The players on the Senior team were: Delta Hill, jumping center, and Amy Canfield, running center, Lola Howser and Gladys Udick, guards and Myrtle and Mamie Stewart, forwards. The Juniors were: Alfarrette Sage, jumping center and Ardelle Boggess (First half) and Dottie Crummett, running centers, Mary Measee and Dece Dearborn, forwards and Etta McCreight and Louis Neece as guards.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY ABOUT AGAIN CARRYING WOUNDS

District Attorney R. W. Swagler is at his office again apparently none the worse for the murderous attempt made on his life made on his life by John Hanlon at Vale two weeks ago. An X-ray photograph of the wound in his left wrist showed that the bullet missed the bone and that he will have perfect articulation of the joint when the wound heals.

## OWYHEE ASSESSMENT IS PLACED ON ROLLS

Committee Secures Action on Part of Assessor—Postpone Further Action Until Plans Can be Examined.

At a meeting of the committee which has taken in hand the boosting of the Owyhee Project held at the City Hall last Saturday evening, E. H. Teat was selected as chairman and George H. Currey of Vale was named secretary.

At this meeting a committee consisting of W. J. Pinney, E. M. Grieg and T. W. Clagett was named to interview Assessor Morgan Carlisle, in an effort to secure action looking to the placing of the assessments of 10 per cents per acre within the district, on the tax rolls for this year.

Mr. Pinney represented the committee on Tuesday at Vale and accomplished the desired result.

It was also determined to have the next meeting of the committee at Nyssa on Wednesday evening but the condition of the roads made this inadvisable and the meeting was postponed.

Already action has been secured looking toward endorsement of the project. A joint memorial was forwarded from the Oregon Legislature endorsing the project.

## SUMMER RANGE SAVED BY SNOWFALL IN HILLS

Cold Wave Broken by Rainfall in Lower Valley—Frost out of Ground and Stockmen Banish Fears.

Gobs of indigo blue enveloped the stockmen of Malheur Valley for weeks, but these clouds paradoxically vanished with the appearance of rain clouds in the lower valley this week.

The sheep and cattle men were not particularly elated at the rain down in this irrigated section. What pleased them was to know that the first rains had drawn the frost on the mountain sides and that this condition, followed by snow assured them of range for their stock next summer.

The reverse English of the saying about the ill wind etc., was manifest in the discomfort occasioned intrepid autoists who endeavored to operate their cars on the roads hereabouts. There was no fun in that at all. The roads in the country were second only to Ontario streets for general disbursement of mud. But what is mud, if the stock have feed next summer and do not have to migrate to Montana, Colorado, or go onto the market lean, say the stockmen?

## ILLNESS CONTRACTED IN CAMP FATAL TO SHEEPMAN

John Laird McDonald, aged 29 years died at the hospital on January 9 from pneumonia, following influenza which he contracted while working in the Government Spruce work down on the coast.

McDonald who had been in this country for three years, working for John Wood in his sheep camps came here but a few days prior to his death and went at once to work for Mr. Wood, he was feeling badly on his arrival, soon afterwards was taken to the hospital.

Funeral services were held on Sunday January 12, and were attended by all of the sheep men of this section.

John Laird McDonald was a native of Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland and came to Oregon in 1915, from Canada where he had lived for several years after leaving his native land. He was well known among the sheepmen of the interior where he worked until he joined the Spruce Corps last spring. He is survived by one brother, a resident of Australia, a step mother and several half brothers and sisters in Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam entertained a number of friends at cards at their home last Thursday evening. Bridge was the game played. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George B. Kellogg of Weiser.

## IRONSIDE BOY WITH WOUND STRIPE HERE

Camillious Lawrence Once Reported "Missing in Action," Arrives Home With Wealth of Experience.

Camillious Lawrence of Ironside, who in August was listed as "Missing in Action," is home, safe, wearing the honor badge of a wounded soldier, the stripe on his sleeve showing his service for democracy.

"Cam", as he is known to his friends, saw the horrors of war, figured in the attack at Chateau Thierry, and in the St. Mihiel offensive stopped the bullet that earned for him his wound stripe after four days of fighting in that memorable drive.

He accounts for the report, "missing in action" to the fact that he was picked up by French stretcher bearers and taken to a French hospital, where with French and British wounded he was treated as the son of France.

To some of his old friends he told one experience with a Hun that was almost his last encounter on earth. It happened something like this:

In the St. Mihiel drive he ran onto a Boche dug out, from which came a big Hun with arms stretched calling "Kammerad, I have a wife in New York," but the Hun had a grenade in his up stretched hands, and a bunch of comrades were coming out of the dug out in fighting trim. As Lawrence tells it, he did not wait to argue the standing of the Hun's wife in New York but let fly his own hand grenade and missed the whole dug out. That he was not killed then and there, he attributes to the quick work of a bunch of American soldiers who arrived just in time to clean the Boche out, every one of them.

## BRIDGE ROAD AGAIN IS UP FOR SOLUTION

What to do About the Mud at East End of Snake River Bridge Baffles Business Men.—Conference Held.

The policy of waiting until the roof leaks to fix it, is again manifesting its difficulties. As usual for Ontario this problem is presented in the condition of the road thru the cut on the East side of the Snake river bridge that leads to Fruitland and Payette.

That the road is in bad condition may be known by the fact that several cars were stuck in the mud and unable to make the grade several days this week.

Since the road is in Idaho, and not yet accepted by any Idaho body as an Idaho road, and the further fact that Ontario business men had the road made, and Malheur county built the bridge, the solution of the problem presents many interesting, complex and difficult problems, rivaling in fact the famous League of Nations.

A peace conference on the subject was held last night at Fruitland. Mayor R. W. Jones and members of the Ontario City Council made the grade last evening and went over to consider the question with the directors of good roads district there.

Mayor Jones believes that the problem can be solved by the installation of tile drainage on the sides to remove the seepage from the hillside, and will suggest that to the Fruitland men. Since the Fruitland ranchers desire to sell their produce on this side, where they find a good market the year round, and the fact that Ontario business men are willing to meet them half way it seems that since it is a fifty-fifty proposition, a solution will be found.

At the conference last night the Fruitland commissioners undertook to put the road in good condition, by laying a tile drain on each side of the roadway down the hill. The center is also to be graded. It was agreed that the cost of the work be divided between the communities, and Mayor Jones went to Fruitland today to deposit Ontario's share in the bank at that place.

H. B. Cockrum left this week on a business trip to Muskogee, Oklahoma.

## PARENT-TEACHER PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN ARGUS

By the kindness of the editor, a column in the Argus will be devoted to the interest of the schools of Ontario.

Because of the prevailing epidemic the meetings of the Parent-Teachers Association were discontinued for the winter and the work of that organization will be carried on thru this column until it seems wise to call another meeting.

We ask your assistance in making it not only interesting but helpful.

What topics would you like discussed? Do our schools meet with your hearty approval? Let us hear of it.

Can you suggest some method for bettering conditions of which you do not approve?

We all know that this is a year of unforeseen difficulties—the war work calling for so much time making the school work hard for pupils and the teachers. Then came the forced vacation caused by the influenza and when school opened again many of the pupils were unable to return for some time.

Now it will require a "long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together" to make a successful finish.

Let us take for next week's discussion—How can we as parents and teachers, aid in making this school year's work a success?

Do not hesitate to send in your ideas on this topic and suggestions for other topics to be discussed thru this column; mark them P. T. A. and mail or hand to the editor of the Argus by Tuesday night. Names will not be published. But communications should be signed.

PRES. P. T. A.

## MORE SOLDIER BOYS ON THEIR WAY HOME

Fred Canfield Promoted to Lieutenant, as is Roscoe Turner—Dr. Prinzing Expected Soon.

Every day adds to the list of Malheur county men who are reported among those to be discharged for the service. Mrs. Fred Canfield received this week the commission of her husband, who has been promoted to a Lieutenant prior to formal discharge. Lieut. Canfield entered the army a private just a little over a year ago and gradually rose in the aviation service until his commission was given him.

Arrived in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turner received a telegram from their son Lieutenant Roscoe Turner, who has been in France since September, telling of his safe arrival in Boston, with the sanitary corp. He enlisted in the hospital corp while at Yale University and was among the first detachment of Uncle Sam's troops to land in France. He started in as a private in the hospital service and won his commission after steady advancement prior to the signing of the armistice.

Waiting for Transport.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pinney have been informed by the officers of the Parents Association of 63rd Heavy Artillery, which hails from Washington, that their son William is with the organization at Brest awaiting transports to start on their return voyage.

Dr. Prinzing Coming Back.

Mrs. Jacob Prinzing received word this week that her husband Lieut. J. Prinzing would be discharged from the service at Camp Lewis Saturday and she went to Portland to meet him on Tuesday.

On Wednesday night Earl Blackaby who has been in the service in Porto Rico passed thru Ontario enroute for Eugene to join Mrs. Blackaby who has been with her parents since Mr. Blackaby entered the service, from which he was recently discharged. Mr. and Mrs. Blackaby expect to be back in Ontario before February 1.

Among the men discharged at Camp Lewis this week was Sergeant Crull Orcutt, who arrived home on Wednesday and is again at work at the Luehrs Pharmacy.

Fred J. Cleimo is back on the job as Express Agent at the station, having been discharged from Camp Lewis last week. He arrived here on Friday and went to work the next day.

Geo. H. Gilham, who saw his service taking radio messages for the Navy is again on the job at the freight station as cashier.

## MALHEUR FARMS GET FEDERAL FARM LOAN

LOCAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR—APPOINTS FORMER DIRECTORS ON LOAN COMMITTEE

## FEW APPLICATIONS REJECTED

Seventy Loans Made for Total of \$101,700 in Territory Included Within Eastern Malheur County—A. Von Readen, New President.

The second active year of the Ontario Farm Loan association was closed last Saturday by the election of a new board of directors and the receipt and consideration of the reports of the work done during the past year.

At the election the following were chosen to the board of directors: A. Von Readen, G. W. Dean, Hans Oft, A. Gramme and L. O. McCoy. These directors in turn elected the following officers: A. Von Readen, president; G. W. Dean, vice president; and W. F. Homan, secretary-treasurer.

Chester T. Lackey, president of the board since its organization and C. L. Thompson and L. O. McCoy were named as the loan committee.

Has Loaned \$101,700.

The report of Mr. Homan as the secretary-treasurer showed the following interesting facts:

Applications have been made by 70 individuals for a total of \$257,950.

There have been closed 37 applications for loans in the total sum of \$101,700.

There are still pending 15 applications for a total of \$55,000 while the remainder of the applications have either been withdrawn or rejected.

The figures shown here indicate that this is one of the most active Farm Loan associations in this section, and that with a total of more than one hundred thousand actually loaned that the land within the district is highly considered by the appraisers of the Spokane Federal Farm Loan Bank.

Since the loans made in this district, to a large degree represent the retirement of mortgages on farms which carried as a rule 8 or 10 per cent interest, the financial gain to this section each year can be appreciated when it is considered that the Federal Farm Loans carry by 5 1-2 per cent.

## EFFECT OF ENLARGED HOMESTEADS DEBATED

Commercial Bodies Take No Action On Suggestion for Endorsement At This Time—Advisability Questioned.

Requests that endorsement be given, and a request made that the Department of the Interior, throw open for settlement lands that have been designated for entry under the enlarged homestead law, have not been acted upon by the Ontario Commercial club or the Vale Chamber of Commerce.

It has been urged that these lands be made available for the returning soldiers and to hasten their opening those who desire this movement have urged that the department be memorialized on the subject.

The members of the organizations who have discussed the matter take the view that with practically all the water rights in Malheur county already appropriated, there is a comparatively limited amount of the land so classified that would be desirable, and without a thorough study of the subject, with facts before them for consideration, any action on their part would be ill advised, especially in view of present range conditions.

Furthermore it is pointed out that to ask returning soldiers, with limited capital to endeavor to make homes in the arid sections now, would be an entirely inadequate manner in which to repay them for the service they have given the nation.

Mrs. William Wheelon of Pocatello, is the guest of her sister Mrs. J. R. Rasmussen.