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## County Court Proposes to Gravel Boulevard to Nyssa

DELEGATION OF RANCHERS FROM SOUTHWEST OF CITY AND BUSINESS MEN MAKE TRIP TO VALE TO TELL OF ROAD NEEDS.

### JORDAN VALLEY URGED ALSO

Test Announces That \$10,000 Will be Loaned From County Road Fund for Boulevard Graveling.

Representing the ranchers to the southwest of Ontario and the business men of the city a delegation of fifteen went to Vale Wednesday afternoon to ask the County Court to take immediate action, if possible, to make the Boulevard from Ontario to Nyssa passable.

No delegation from this section received a better reception than the one that arrived Wednesday. Judge E. H. Test and Commissioners J. A. Weaver and Frank Vines met them half way, declared their sympathy with the contentions advanced and later declared their willingness to loan District No. 1 and District No. 2, \$10,000 which will be used to gravel the Boulevard from Ontario to Nyssa.

Not even the fact that they missed their dinners at home and many had to walk miles thru the mud late in the evening could dampen the satisfaction experienced by the ranchers and business men who declared that it was the best day's work they had done in years.

### Urge Succor Creek Road.

At the same time the delegation urged the Court to do all in its power to start work on the Succor Creek road to Jordan Valley. P. J. Gallagher, J. R. Blackaby, and H. C. Boyer, following the reading by Judge Test of the recommendation of Divisional Highway Engineer O. Bennett of the Succor creek

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## LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AT VALE ON MARCH 15

G. Clark of Portland to Address Mass Meeting at Vale on Oregon State Chamber of Commerce Program.

Geo. W. Hayes, chairman of the campaign for membership in the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, received word this week that A. G. Clark of Portland will reach Vale on Saturday, March 15, to address a mass meeting at which the objects of the Chamber will be presented.

The Ontario Commercial club recently took a club membership, but the directors, of whom J. R. Blackaby is one, desire a big general membership of individuals so that the Chamber can be in a position strong enough financially to carry out its program for helping Oregon communities to develop. A delegation from Ontario will go to Vale to attend the meeting.

## COME BACK TO BUY OLD FARM AFTER TOURING WEST

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Butler, and family, after touring California in search of the kind of country that would be ideal and where they could get an ideal ranch are back at their old home on the Boulevard, just north of the railroad track. Not only are they back home, but to get there they paid J. H. Farley more for the ranch than they sold to him a year ago. That in a nutshell is what one rancher thinks of Malheur county. Mr. Butler told his friends that he could raise more on one acre of Malheur county land than on 40 on the West side of the Cascades. And what is more, here he is at home, welcomed by many old time friends. Mr. and Mrs. Farley have moved back to town.

There are over 100 school thrift clubs in Washington county.

## LIBRARY BOARD ELECTS ITS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

This Carnegie Library Board this week met and elected its officers for the coming year as follows: President, Mrs. L. Adam; Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Clement. The other members of the board are: Dr. H. H. Whitney, Mrs. S. D. Dorman, Mrs. E. M. Greig and E. A. Fraser. Mrs. Greig and Mrs. Dorman were recently reappointed for another two year term by Mayor R. W. Jones and the City Council. Reports furnished the board by the Librarian, Mrs. W. J. Springer showed a healthy growth in the usefulness of the institution.

## LITTLE GIRLS GIVE RELIEF FUND BOOST

Children of White Settlement School House Bake Pies and Raffle them at School Social, and Make \$20.70

The hearts of the committee which had charge of the Armenian Relief drive in the Eastern half of Malheur county warmed with pride and feeling when Rex Marquis of White Settlement brot to town \$20.70 last Saturday morning and turned it in to the committee with the story of how it was raised.

"Four or five little girls in the White Settlement School," said Mr. Marquis, "decided when the appeal of the committee reached the school house to do something to raise their share, and more. They decided on a social and a pie raffle. They did not ask their parents to do the work, but went ahead themselves to prepare the plans. Not only that, they themselves cleaned up the school house and prepared it for a social Friday evening and then invited everyone to come. And the people came. "At the social pies made by the girls of the school district were raffled and that is how the money was secured. Everyone got the spirit of the evening from the little girls, and the way in which response was made could not help but make a fellow feel proud of the spirit shown by the girls and the people too."

The following is the report of funds received in the drive in the various districts with the names of the chairman of committees in the outside school districts:

No. 29, E. J. Patch	22.00
No. 30, G. W. Dean	125.00
No. 33, C. H. Brown	74.70
No. 40, A. Von Readen	85.80
No. 64, F. C. Ellis	60.22
No. 68, Pearl Wallis	9.19
No. 8, Outside City	103.25
Ontario, Residents	223.56
Ontario, Business	545.00
TOTAL	\$1258.43

## NYSSA ANIMALS ARE VICTIMS OF RABIES

Dr. A. G. Moore Called to Care for Afflicted Horse and Hogs—Several Deaths Recorder—Now Under Control.

Dr. A. G. Moore made several trips to Nyssa last week and the first of this week to care for horses and hogs afflicted with rabies. One valuable horse died on Monday from the disease and a number of hogs have succumbed to the dread malady.

There is nothing to indicate the cause of the disease, says Dr. Moore, but at the present time it is not spreading further and is apparently under control.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Greig and Mrs. Lucy B. Fox were the host and hostesses for elaborate card party last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greig on Morfit street. Seven tables of five hundred were played and refreshments served.

The Misses Etta McCreight, Victoria Stanka, Gladys Udick, Dorce Dearborn and Dottie Crummett were visiting in Boise the last of the week.

## LEGISLATURE GIVES DEVELOPMENT BOOST

PEOPLE ASKED TO APPROVE GI-GANTIC PROGRAM FOR OPENING OF RICH UNDEVELOPED LANDS—EASTERN OREGON CONSIDERED.

### SPECIAL ELECTION ON JUNE 3

Representative P. J. Gallagher is Author of Constitutional Amendment Authorizing Guarantee of Irrigation District Bonds.

A brief resume of the doings of the legislature will lead one to the opinion that at least the people of the state are awakening to the fact that Oregon has many millions of acres of fine lands which when properly reclaimed will bring to the state thousands of families and will put on the tax rolls several millions of taxable wealth.

The readiness with which both houses passed the Gallagher amendment, which submits to the people the question of amending the constitution so that the credit of the state may be loaned in aid of irrigation and drainage bonds, is a certain indication, that there is a keen awakening to the real needs of the state, and that the promised reconstruction program means something more lasting and substantial than the building of a few structures on the state property in Salem, Eugene and Corvallis.

We quote from the Oregon Manufacturer, a very conservative publication in Salem, and from the attitude of this paper, we draw a great deal of comfort.

"The big construction fight of the session was made by Rep. Smith of Baker, Rep. Gallagher of Ontario, and Jay Upton of Prineville and H. W. Gard of Madras of third house for new self-executing amendment to Constitution to create and finance irrigation and drainage district. It is a fifty-fifty proposition between state and federal government. To realize its importance, just one district unit in Jefferson county of 100,000 acres of land will be changed in value from \$10 an acre to \$150 an acre. The difference between water and no water at all is shown by the Madras district in 1916, when they had rain, shipping to Portland \$97,000."

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## PUBLIC MEETING IS TO DISCUSS GASWELL

Possibility of Developing Commercial Well to be Considered—Owners of Drilling Equipment Prepared to Act.

To determine whether or not the community will give its support to an effort to develop a commercial gas well in this section a public meeting has been called for at the City Hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

A. P. Boyer, who bought in the rigging of the old Oil company here has received offers for the sale of the equipment, but believes that it should remain in this field, in which he has never lost faith of ultimately developing a paying gas well.

"It is up to those who are interested in determining whether or not we have commercial gas here, to decide what shall be done," said Mr. Boyer to the Argus.

"We have offers for the derrick, casing dollers and equipment" and must do something with them. If the people will back us in an effort we will keep the equipment and proceed to try to develop a commercial well. We have been in correspondence with experienced drillers in the Texas and Wyoming fields for some time. They will come here and do the work and take a chance with us in bringing in a winning proposition. All that we ask is that the public join with us in meeting the expense of this effort, which if successful, will be of untold benefit to the community. Complete details will be discussed at the meeting Friday night.

## SANITARY OFFICER IS LATEST IN OFFICIALS

POSITION OF MARSHAL OF CITY ABOLISHED—SALARY OF NIGHT POLICEMAN REDUCED AND NEW OFFICIAL ADDED.

### PROPOSE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Voters at Special Election in June To be Asked for Power to Get Action on Tax Dodgers—Claims for Damages Not Allowed.

Ontario has a Sanitary Policeman. This is the latest innovation in City Officials in this section, and is the City Council's answer to the problem of how it can enforce the health regulations and keep the residents in line who litter the alleys and maintain unsightly nuisances.

The new official was not given the title of Sanitary Policeman, or anything like that, but when the motion was made to put on a day policeman, Councilman Hugh Allen said that the Health and Police committee had decided that who ever appointed was to be instructed to do certain specific things, among which were: to enforce the health regulations, enforce clean-up ordinances, enforce the dog ordinance, and such other duties as might be prescribed; after the other things were done.

Having decided to put on a day policeman the Council decided to recall the stars given to the draymen of the city who have been serving as special policemen.

To provide for the change Mayor R. W. Jones suggested the transfer of V. W. Chambers, from the position of pump-man at the water plant to the day police job, and the appointment of Henry Casday as pump man. The Council went into a caucus.

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## CLUB DIRECTORS TAKE OFFICE AND ORGANIZE

Question of Securing Paid Secretary Left for Determination—Proposal For Creamery Taken Under Advisement

On Monday noon the newly elected directors of the Commercial club were called together by G. K. Aiken the retiring president of the club at a luncheon at Pifer's, and formal organization was perfected. W. W. Wood was elected president in accordance with the suggestion of the members present at the annual meeting and he accepted. H. R. Douglass was elected temporary secretary, until the question of securing a paid official for the office can be determined. T. W. Clagett was elected treasurer under the same condition.

Rev. S. L. Flowers who has conducted considerable correspondence with a view of establishing here a creamery and cheese factory was present at the meeting and presented the plans he had practically worked out, and suggested that a committee be appointed to go further into the feasibility of the proposition. No action was taken but the matter was thoroughly discussed and a committee will be appointed to investigate it when the board meets this evening. A special meeting of committees and discuss plans for activities for this year.

### WILLIAM PINNEY ARRIVES SAFELY AFTER LONG VOYAGE

After buffeting storms on the Atlantic for 21 days William Pinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pinney of this city arrived with his regiment at New York last Friday according to advices received by his parents that day. The transport on which he made the trip across was long overdue and had a terrific passage forced far off its course by heavy seas. Needless to say that with their anxiety relieved Mr. and Mrs. Pinney are rejoicing over the safe arrival of their son. Mrs. Pinney expects to go to Seattle to greet her son on his arrival there.

## Paving Program Meets With General Approval of Citizens

RIVERSIDE LANDS CHANGE OWNERSHIP DURING WEEK

During the past week a number of real estate deals involving land in the Riverside section show that the property in that section is in demand. The new owners of several of the tracts bought plan on making substantial improvements.

Dr. E. S. Fortner is now the owner of the D. C. Griffin place which is of the D. C. Griffin place which it is purchased the George Routh place, containing eight acres from the Ontario National Bank. Mr. Davis expects to build a house on the ranch at once. Ed. L. Hayes bought an acre and a half from E. A. Fraser. Mr. Hayes plans on improving his place at once.

The Riverside Irrigation company held a meeting this week and elected the following directors: Dr. E. S. Fortner, Edmund Butler and J. A. Williams.

## K. OF C. TO INITIATE TWENTY-FIVE SUNDAY

Snake River Council Opens its Campaign for Membership in National Drive for 1,000,000 Members This Year.

As its opening offensive in the national campaign of the Knights of Columbus for 1,000,000 members by December 31st, 1919, Snake River Council will on Sunday initiate a class of 25, under the direction of its new officers headed by J. R. Fortier, Leading Knight.

Plans are being prepared for a big ceremonial session to occupy all afternoon and evening, concluding with a banquet to be served by the Catholic Women's club.

Already information has been received from Portland, Baker, Boise, and other points telling of the plans of members from the councils of those cities to be in Ontario for the ceremonial.

The local degree teams will conduct the initiation for the first two degrees and State Deputy Frank Lonergan of Portland will put on the third.

At the banquet which will follow the initiation two of the principal speakers will be Frank Lonergan, known as one of the most eloquent speakers in the Northwest and Representative A. A. Smith whose heavy oratorical artillery featured many a battle in the legislature which just adjourned.

## GRANGERS TO STAGE DAHLIA SHOW IN FALL

Movement to Make Farm Homes More Inviting Gets Boost by the Boulevard Grange—Ontario Folks Invited to Join.

To make the farm homes more beautiful, and encourage the planting of flowers, the Boulevard Grange is at work on a Dahlia Show to be held at the Grange Hall some time in October. Also the Grangers expect to have big exhibits from the ranchers' gardens listed for the flower section at the County Fair this fall.

The Dahlia show which will be an innovation in this section is being planned by a committee of women from that section including: Mrs. Peter Countryman, Mrs. A. Von Readen, Mrs. William Rees, Mrs. Verna Boswell, and Mrs. Lindsay.

To make possible the entry of a large number of people in the competition, arrangements have been made to secure bulbs in wholesale lots. The bulbs which sell often as high as \$1 apiece may be secured for 15 cents each, if the order is placed in time. Prof. E. B. Conklin of the Nyssa schools who is interesting himself in this movement has invited the Ontario folks to join in the movement and unite in sending for the bulbs, so that keen competition can be developed. Of course he believes that the ranchers will be able to show the city folks how flowers should be raised.

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MAYOR R. W. JONES SAYS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL CAN BE HAD TO CONSIDER MATTER WHEN PETITION IS PREPARED.

### PRESENT MUD BEST ARGUMENT

No Better Time Could be Chosen Declare Citizens Who Want Ontario to Aid Development Program to Employ Labor.

"What has been done about that paving proposition?" That is the question that greeted the Argus man everywhere during the past week, and with one exception, every person discussing the subject has been emphatically in favor of proceeding with the petition.

Speed it Up. "I am willing to pay the additional rent necessary to have paving," said H. H. Tunny, of the Oregon Packing company. "But, do rush this thing along and get that paving now. We need it. I will help circulate a petition if that will speed it up."

Pay the Interest. "As one renter I am willing to meet the landlord half way and pay the interest at 10 per cent on the investment that property owners have to pay for the paving," said Andrew Robinson of the Independent Meat Company. "Get the paving and the paying part can be cared for alright."

Renters Willing. "There is no doubt from all the talks I have had with business men along the street that the renters for the consideration of better conditions are willing to meet their landlords with more rent if the paving is laid," said D. M. Taggart of the Taggart Hardware Company.

Need it Badly. "Ontario needs paving and needs it badly," said J. T. McNulty of McNulty & Co., "and I am for it. I do not know anyone that is against such a proposition. It would make such a difference in the appearance of the city. The additional rent would prove no obstacle."

Fine Says Mayor. "The paving proposition looks good to me," said Mayor R. W. Jones. "The City Council can call a special

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## GOV. JAS. WITHEYCOMBE ANSWERS DEATH CALL

Beloved Chief Executive Well Known in Ontario—Son Formerly Lived Here—Public Respect Marked.

With all the communities of the State, Ontario was shocked Monday morning to read the brief announcements in the Boise papers of the death of Governor James Withycombe. The Governor died at Salem Sunday night after a long illness.

While many of the Governor's friends knew of his failing health, none that that death was so near him, and his passing brot many tributes from political friends and foes alike, for Governor Withycombe was well known to Ontarians having visited the city many times, during and prior to his election to the highest office in the state.

Many of the Governor's visits to Ontario were for the purpose of visiting his son Harry Withycombe who was in business here for several years, as one of the proprietors of the Ontario Pharmacy.

Governor Withycombe served the people of the State for more than 40 years, in various capacities. His greatest service came as our was Governor, and this will be his lasting monument. He had, too, the distinctive record of being the first republican governor to be re-elected to office.

Ben J. Olecott, secretary of state is now Governor as well, and is in a unique position, holding two offices, with two votes on several of the state boards, and able to draw two salaries at the same time.