

The Ontario Argus

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GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

The proposal that Malheur county vote upon the question of issuing bonds for the construction of an adequate and comprehensive system of highways through the county is the most constructive proposition ever placed before the people.

Never before has any scheme been suggested that would compare with this proposal as a means for the development to the county. And what is more this plan will not restrict its benefits to one section, but will advance the interests of every section.

As a plain out and out business proposition the proposed bond issue will appeal to every hard headed business man. Is there a real chance to get something for nothing. By reason of the terms of the highway legislation passed by both the federal lawmakers and our own state legislature it will be possible for the people of Malheur county to receive for highways four dollars for every one they spend on this program.

In other words by devoting \$200,000 during the next two or three years for highway construction Malheur county will receive \$800,000 additional, making possible the completion a million dollar road program for this county. What business man would not jump at such a proposition? What farmer would not gladly accept such an offer? What rancher who could not get to market a few weeks ago thru the mud would not vote for such a proposition?

If you are for such a program go to the mass meeting to be held at the City Hall Sunday afternoon and declare yourself. If you are not in favor of it go anyway, and if you are not convinced there of the advantages of this proposal, then no arguments can move you, you are beyond help.

THE EUROPEAN MENACE

Every day the news from Europe grows worse. Instead of hopeful news of approaching peace comes new rumblings of war. Apparently the people of the war torn countries have not drunk deep enough of the cup of woe. They would plunge the world again into misery.

To many thinking men, it appears that civilization in Europe is to return to the dark ages; that the terrible aftermath of the great war will be worse than the days of the French revolution. History is apparently repeating itself, and if the parallel is carried out completely crowned heads will replace the tottering republics of Central Europe, as did the French Empire follow the Communism and the Republic. Before stable governments are established there, another war will have to be fought, how long ere this will end. God only knows.

The question that arises in the minds of every American is, "how will the present turn of events affect us?" "Will our boys have to starve over there to bring order out of chaos to enforce the terms of peace when they are finally reached?"

These are difficult questions to answer at this moment. Having entered to war against Germany, yet made no alliance with the entente powers, we could no doubt withdraw legally. But what are our moral obligations? In our light did we not brigade our armies with those of the allies? Did we not accept their officers as trainers, their artillery for attack and their airplanes for our fliers? Are we not morally bound to see this dreadful business thru to the very end?

There is no certainty that Germany will accept the peace terms that are to be offered soon. She is said now to be negotiating for the entry of a Bolshevik army from Russia to aid the counter revolution against the present German government. Hungary has already joined the Soviet government of Russia, and has declared world war on democracy throughout the world.

Now is the time for action on the part of the leaders of civilized governments. Now is the time for the Supreme War Council to justify its existence. Now is the time to carry the war to these fanatics before they have torn all Europe assunder. One battle now would accomplish more than a long drawn out campaign six months or a year hence, when with the aid of Hun leaders, Hun organization of the Russian hords, they will become a menace to civilization everywhere. Such action taken now would save untold thousands of lives and hasten the day when a real peace can be declared.

GETTING INTO LINE

During the next biennium there will be spent in the State of Oregon a total of twenty-four million dollars for good roads. Will any of it be spent in Malheur county? That is the question.

The Argus is willing to risk its reputation as a prophet to declare that it will.

Some of it will be spent in this county this year. Arrangements have been completed for the construction of a section of the John Day Highway in this county, between Brogan and Cow Valley. On this piece of road a total of \$50,000 will be spent. Of this substantial sum Malheur county provided only \$10,000. In other words the county is getting a four to one proposition. Isn't that good business?

Now the State Highway commission and the federal forest road commission, the federal highway commission are ready to proceed with work on other roads, on one condition, that is that the people of Malheur County do their part, which is to furnish one-fourth of the needed funds.

By voting the necessary funds we can join the procession of counties that have or will soon vote funds for their share of the work to complete the Oregon Trail Highway, the Central Washington Highway and the John Day Highway.

Unless Malheur county is willing to meet the State and Federal Commissions the funds that have been provided will go to counties that are willing. It is entirely a matter for the people of the county to decide. What will you do about it? Are you willing that every other county in Eastern Oregon divide the funds that should come to Malheur? If you are not, and knowing the terms under which the money will be provided, are you not in favor of getting some of that money spent in this section?

DO WE WANT PAVING?

What has become of the proposed paving program? That is one of the questions that is directed at the Argus every day in the week. We can only say this: Everyone we talk to about it favors it.

But talk does not lay paving. In this we are reminded of the statement that ex-Governor Alexander made when he was asked for his views on the subject, when he said: "Don't talk paving, pave."

Our guess is that the Governor knew what he was talking about, having heard of plans for civic betterment before.

To get down to facts all that Ontario needs to launch its program is for someone willing to give a little time to securing the signatures to the necessary petitions to the City Council. This of course is a matter that real estate owners should take hold of. It is unfortunately true that most of merchants are renters, and the willing to pay more rent in consideration of having the paving laid, they feel that it is not up to them to take the initiative in circulating the petitions. That is natural, that is right, if they were to do otherwise the landlords might object.

Now that Ontario has started talk of paving, the subject is being discussed in Payette. At the present rate it appears that while Ontario talks its neighbors will proceed to deliver the goods. It is time that some one take the paving matter in hand to determine definitely what can be done. Ontario can not afford to fall down on this proposition now.

THE TIME CHANGES

Generally speaking the public at large will welcome the advent of the new time schedule next Sunday. This is especially true of those who have already planted seed for a little garden tract in their back yard, and not a few Ontarians are engaged in that delightful pursuit right now.

There is no denying that for the residents of the cities and towns the Hoovering time schedule for the summer makes life more worth while. Perhaps it does not accomplish all that its proponents expected in the way of increased food stuffs, the help in that way to no small degree. Yet it did give the workers of the city more daylight hours for recreation and the pursuit of happiness out of doors, and that is worthy of consideration.

So far as the farmer is concerned, and he too should be considered, the new time has not been a boon. In fact those ranchers who have to depend on hired help, find that their

troubles are rather increased than diminished.

This is due to the fact that with the time advanced the men can not get into the fields during the early morning hours when the dew is heavy, and since the hired man on the farm no longer, works on the "sun to sun" schedule, the question of getting work done on the farm is a real one.

In this particular section the change this year will be back to the schedule that prevailed when this territory operated on Mountain time.

In the meantime however, the city folks should give a portion of their extra hour to that back lot garden. It will do them more good than an extra hour of joy riding.

Eggs Ready, Hens Wont Cluck.

"I was thoroughly inoculated by the 'hatch early' doctrine of the poultry specialists," says a Corvallis backlotter, "but here is the middle of March and I can't get a cluck from a single hen of 18. Barred Rocks, too Big poultrymen can afford incubators, but I guess I'll have to follow the Chinese method of hatching and set the women to carry the eggs around in their clothes."

Tests Only Prove Seed Corn.

Nothing but test will prove the worth or worthlessness of seed corn, says the Multnomah county Farm Bureau News. "You should never take chance on planting corn without testing it first. The cost of the seed, the work and possibly the entire crop will be lost by planting poor seed. It takes only a minute these rainy

days to get samples ready and place them near the stove for germination."

A Do-Without-Do-With-Less club agrees to cut out one picture show a week; the members agreeing to purchase four thrift stamps, \$1 worth, monthly.

War Savings Stamps will not depreciate in value. This year buyers of large denominations may soon obtain \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$100 certificates in addition to the \$5 certificates.

SHEEP SHEARING—Sheepmen, I have a five man portable plant, ready to go anywhere and shear large bands as well as small ones. Let me give you my terms.—Clarence Johnson, Ontario, Oregon. Adv.14-17*

Chronic Constipation.

There are people who never have a movement of the bowels without it is produced by a cathartic. Most of them have brought this condition on themselves by the use of mineral waters and strong cathartics that take too much water out of the system and aggravate the disease they are meant to relieve. A mild laxative tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets affords a gentle movement of the bowels that you hardly realize has been produced by a medicine, and their use is not so likely to be followed by constipation.

R. W. JONES
ONTARIO LAUNDRY

Charter No. 5822 Reserve District No. 12

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

AT ONTARIO, IN THE STATE OF OREGON AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 4, 1919.

RESOURCES			
1	a	Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown in b and c)	\$587,017.89
		Deduct:	
	d	Notes and bills rediscounted (other than bank acceptances sold) (see Item 57a)	55,691.65
2		Overdrafts, unsecured	477.77
5		U. S. Bonds (other than Liberty Bonds, but including U. S. certificates of indebtedness):	
	a	U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	12,500.00
	b	U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	20,000.00
	d	U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged as collateral for State or other deposits or bills payable	15,000.00
6		Liberty Loan Bonds:	
	a	Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2 per cent, unpledged	9,000.00
	d	Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1/2, 4, and 4 1/2 per cent, pledged to secure State or other deposits or bills payable	5,000.00
			14,000.00
7		Bonds, securities, etc. (other than U. S.):	
	b	Bonds (other than U. S. bonds) pledged to secure Postal Savings deposits	1,500.00
	c	Bonds and securities pledged as collateral for state, or other deposits (postal excluded) or bills payable	9,500.00
	e	Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	13,243.52
9		Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	3,000.00
10a		Value of banking house, owned and unnumbered	32,350.00
			32,350.00
11		Furniture and fixtures	26,729.85
13		Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	97,725.67
15		Cash in vault and net amounts due from National Banks	1,599.43
17		Exchanges for clearing house	
		Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18	99,624.10
20		Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	425.50
21		Interest earned but not collected—approximately—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	8,000.00
22		War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	20.65
		TOTAL	766,889.13
LIABILITIES			
23		Capital Stock paid in	50,000.00
24		Surplus fund	50,000.00
26a		Undivided profits	7,841.72
	b	Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	4710.65
			2,131.04
27		Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	1,400.00
28		Amount reserved for taxes accrued	2,500.00
30		Circulating notes outstanding	12,500.00
33		Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Item 31 or 32)	1,622.82
			200.00
34		Certified checks outstanding	
		Total of Items 32, 33, 34, and 35	1,822.82
36		Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
		Individual deposits subject to check	271,397.33
37		Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	69,745.81
38		State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank	9,500.00
		Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) Subject to Reserve, Items, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41	450,643.14
42		Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):	
		Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed)	119,311.26
44		Postal savings deposits	678.38
45		Other time deposits	37,302.49
		Total of time deposits subject to Reserve Items, 42, 43, 44, and 45	147,292.13
49		United States deposits (other than postal savings):	
	a	War loan deposits account	20,000.00
51		Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank	20,000.00
		TOTAL	766,889.13
57a		Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 1d)	55,691.65
		Total contingent liabilities (57 a, b, and c)	55,691.65

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF MALHEUR, ss.
J. H. B. Cockrum, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
H. B. COCKRUM, Cashier
W. W. WOOD, Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Mar., 1919.
CORRECT -Attest:
A. L. COCKRUM
L. B. COCKRUM
ETTA COCKRUM
T. TURNBULL
Directors

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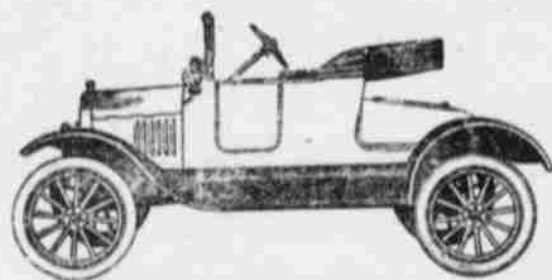
Ontario, Oregon



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First National Bank
ONTARIO, OREGON.