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## MASS MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES ROAD BOND ISSUE

PASS RESOLUTION ASKING CONSTRUCTION OF JOHN DAY HIGHWAY AS FIRST ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED

### SEND DELEGATES TO PORTLAND

Eighty-one Malheur County Citizens Representing Precincts in and About Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, Brogan, Jamieson, Watson, Ironside and Dead Ox Flat, Answer Roll Call.

What is generally conceded to have been the most successful and enthusiastic meeting of Malheur county citizens held in years occurred at the Commercial club rooms in the City Hall last Sunday afternoon.

This meeting, at which every precinct in Eastern Malheur county, as well as all the Willow river precincts, as far as Ironside were represented, unanimously endorsed the proposal that the question of issuing \$200,000 worth of bonds for the construction of good roads be submitted to the voters at the special election to be held on June 3.

There was not a dissenting vote when the proposition was put to a roll call, and at no time during the session was there anything but harmony with the spirit and purpose of the meeting.

The resolution which sums up entirely what the meeting accomplished was introduced by W. W. Wood of Ontario. The following is its text:

Be it Resolved, by the citizens of Malheur County, Oregon, in mass meeting assembled:

That we favor the immediate construction of permanent roads and highways in said County, and the bonding of the County in the sum of \$200,000 to raise funds for the construction of such roads;

That we favor the immediate construction of the John Day Highway as the best and quickest route for opening up the interior of Malheur County, and giving us a direct route into Portland; that we believe said highway should be constructed from Prairie City, Oregon, by the Kerwood Creek route, to Unity, and from there to Ironside, and thence to Brogan, Vale and Ontario to the Snake River bridge, and from Cairo to Nyssa and the Snake River bridge at that point; that we are opposed to any change in route that will cause a delay in the construction of said highway, and demand the construction of the same during the present year;

That we also favor the construction of all the other projected state Highways into Malheur County, and recommend the bonding of the county with the knowledge and belief that nearly a million dollars can be obtained from State and National road funds to assist the County in constructing permanent roads;

That we also favor improving all connecting and side roads, and the building of such additional lines as will bring all sections of the county into direct connection with the main trunk highways of the county.

(Adopted by unanimous vote of delegates from all parts of the county at meeting March 30, 1919.)

Preceding the discussion of the road question the Malheur County Development League tentatively formed at Vale some time ago was formerly ratified and its constitution and by-laws adopted.

When the meeting was called by

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### WILLIAM PINNEY AND BOB MADDEN RETURN FROM ARMY

With the addition of William Pinney, so of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pinney of this city, who was with the 63rd Coast Artillery in France and Bob Madden, son of Mrs. C. H. Madden, the list of war veterans in Ontario increased this week.

Both these young men were in the service from the day war started. Madden enlisted here with the first group of volunteers and Pinney enlisted in the Coast Artillery in Seattle.

In active service Pvt. Pinney had charge of motor trucks carrying ammunition up to the fighting front, so he saw action; while Madden, the "raring to go" spent the greater portion of his service at Dayton, Ohio, as an instructor in aerial gunnery.

Mrs. L. Adam returned Saturday from Eugene where she visited her daughter Miss Rena Adam last week.

### MISS JUNE HILLIARD WINS MERCHANDISE PRIZE AT SALE

Miss June Hilliard, of the local telephone exchange was the lucky individual who drew No. 116 and secured the prize of \$5 worth of merchandise at the Allen Shoe company's sale last Saturday evening. A large crowd was present to witness the removal of the seal under which the lucky number was situated.

### WANT ONTARIO TEAM IN VALLEY LEAGUE

Weiser Base Ball Fans Arranging for Team; Also Midvale and Council—Want Payette and Ontario.

In a letter to the ARGUS received too late for publication last week from Thos. C. Bostic of Weiser, Ontario is invited to representation in the Pin Line league. Later Mr. Bostic invited Ontario to representation in the Pin Ball league. Later Mr. Bostic communicated with Secretary H. R. Douglass of the Commercial club with the same end in view.

That Ontario would appreciate the presence of a base ball team here is certain, but the question of material for the team is the sticking point. So far as known the principal deficiency is in a battery. Right now Ontario has no pitcher, but that would be righted if Bill Blackaby, now in France, was home.

In the office of the R. N. Standish company is Viekery, formerly with the Boise team of the Tri-State league, and down at the water plant is Henry Casiday of local base ball fame. Then there is Husted and Test formerly pastimers on Ontario teams, and others that the ARGUS is not aware, since no team has played here since August, 1916. But the fielding end of the game could be cared for, if a battery could be secured.

In the meantime anyone interested in the national pastime might communicate with Mr. Bostic to arrange for the city's representation in the league, which as at present constituted will include Weiser, Midvale, Cambridge and Payette, if that city can round up an aggregation, and probably Vale.

### GOLDEN RULE COMPANY TO OPEN STORE HERE

Local Institution is 12th Link in Chain Started by C. C. Anderson of Boise 23 Years ago—O. H. Graham, Manager.

Ontario will witness on Saturday the debut of a new business firm in its mercantile circles. The new institution will be the Golden Rule store, the twelfth of the chain of stores operated in this section by C. C. Anderson of Boise.

The Ontario store's opening will in a way be an anniversary event in Mr. Anderson's business life, for it was just 23 years ago this month that he started his first store in a small way in Boise. Since then he has added nine other stores in Idaho cities, and towns and one in Colorado, at Pueblo.

The manager of the Ontario store, the first of the chain in Oregon will be O. H. Graham, who comes here from New Plymouth where he managed the Golden Rule store of that town. Prior to his connection there he was for four years connected with the Golden Rule store at Payette.

The new store occupies the Canfield building formerly occupied by Wilson Bros. The interior has been entirely renovated and the fixtures and walls tinted in cream and white, with yellow maple for the body of counters and cases. The completed store with its cloak and suit rooms,

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### PROSPERITY CERTAIN FOR UNITED STATES

Ex-Governor M. Alexander of Idaho Visits Ontario Monday—Gives Paving Endorsement—Is Optimistic.

"Business cannot dodge the boom that is upon us," was the optimistic message that ex-Governor M. Alexander of Idaho gave the ARGUS Monday morning when he arrived to look after business interests here for the first time in two years.

"Of course there is going to be a readjustment in many lines, but this nation is bound to enjoy unequalled prosperity for some time.

"What about your paving here in Ontario?" asked the Governor. "You should go ahead with it."

"I know it takes time to get public sentiment to a place where it will start something new like this, for I have had experience in trying to start betterment programs.

"I remember when we laid the first pavement in Boise. And also I remember when I built the first building in Idaho that had an elevator in it. They used to tell us there was no need for those things. But it is different now.

"The property owners in the business district should be the first to boost the paving program, even if it does cost them some money. They should remember that the public is entitled to good streets, that the people who come to Ontario to live, even if they live far out like to do business on, and travel over paved down town streets. It is these people who do the trading that made the business property valuable.

"Of course judgment must be used in paving. It would be wrong to tackle too big a district and make the improvement unnecessary, but certainly the business district should be paved and I hope Ontario won't merely talk paving but will pave."

"Sometimes when I come to Ontario I wonder if the people here realize how rich is the country behind lies one of the richest sections of the United States. Just think of the number of horses, cattle and sheep are fed on the ranges of this section. And just think of the prices at which they have sold during the past few years. The wealth they represent is

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### O. H. TEST BACK ON JOB AS S. O. AGENT

Harry Stenstrom Transferred to Portland Distributing Station While Test Takes Former Position.

O. H. Test who was made agent for the Standard Oil in this territory when Harry Stenstrom went into the army last fall, and who gave way when Mr. Stenstrom returned from the service is again back on the job.

This week Mr. Stenstrom was instructed to report for duty at one of the Portland distributing stations and Mr. Test was promoted again.

During the past year the company's business in this section has grown by a remarkable degree and as the result approximately \$1,000 per month will leave Ontario for Salem to help build roads as the result of the collection of 1 cent per gallon on gasoline sold from the station, and a half cent tax on distillate.

Mr. Frank Foster left for Portland Monday night where he will visit with his father.

Mrs. Lee Cochrum entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club at her home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Bagnal and daughter, Gertrude, mother and sister of Mrs. Arthur Arnold arrived in Ontario last Sunday morning. They intend to visit here all summer.

Mrs. Florence Runion, of Payette was an Ontario business visitor last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aastham and two little daughters of Vale visited in Ontario with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Claggett, Sunday.

Mrs. George Kelly entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club in Weiser last Tuesday.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SECURE SOLDIER DATA

Oregon Soldier Boys to be Recorded By School Authorities so That State's War History Will Be Complete.

County Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Fay Clark Hurley is engaged in gathering a complete record of every Malheur county boy who entered the service during the war.

This data is to be gathered thru the teachers and pupils in every school district by means of a questionnaire sent out to the various schools to be filled out for each man who went from that district. After the county's list is complete it will be forwarded to J. C. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction who with Miss Connella Marvin, state historian will prepare the state's war history.

In her letter to the teachers and the public accompanying the blanks Mrs. Hurley says:

There is no record, by states, of the men who enlisted in any branch of service during the war. The making of such a record and the collecting of certain other important data is the task given the state and county historians and the schools. The particular work for our schools is the use of the blanks prepared by Miss Marvin, State Historian and Supt. Churchill in enrolling the names of the men who went into the service from Malheur County. The only record of from Malheur men and what they did will be the one we make, hence the necessity for doing accurate and thorough work. Every man who claimed Malheur County as his residence at the time of his enlistment, should be enrolled, even though his people have never resided in the county.

The plan to be used in enrolling the men in your own district, you will have to work out yourselves but try to have a blank filled out for each man.

We hope to complete this work by April 15 but may find it necessary to extend the time.

Send all reports to the office of the county school superintendent as we wish to make a county record before turning over the blanks to the State Historian.

### ESTIMATE MADE OF WARSPRINGS RIGHTS

Meeting of Landowners Called to Discuss Condition of Work and Probable Cost to Landowners is Satisfactory.

Perfect satisfaction was the result of the meeting of the landowners under the Warsprings system which was held at Vale last Saturday according to reports received in Ontario.

The meeting was called by a number who desired information concerning the probable cost of a water right under the new system, and concerning which various rumors have been afloat.

At the meeting figures were brought forth to show that based on the present work done the cost for water for lands with partial water rights under the old ditches will be approximately \$23 per acre and for new land about \$40, while those figures will ultimately be reduced with the sale of the 10,000 acres of additional water which the district will store in its reservoir. Then the old land will secure water for about \$18 and new land for \$55.

When the meeting adjourned only three adverse votes were recorded on a motion approving the work of the board, engineers and contractors.

Earl Landingham who is now a quartermaster in the U. S. N. returned to Bremerton after spending a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Landingham.

Dr. Chas. E. Piper of Chicago stopped on his return from Seattle for several days this week to visit with Mrs. Piper who is the guest of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Aiken.

## VICTORY LOAN WORKERS TO HOLD CAMPAIGN CONFERENCE

STORES TO CLOSE AT 6 P. M. ACCORDING TO TIME SCHEDULE

With the advent of the summer-time schedule by which clocks were turned ahead one hour last Saturday night, the retail stores of Ontario that have closed at 5 p. m. Shoppers should take note of this fact and save inconvenience.

### FIGHTING TANK WILL BE EXHIBITED HERE

One of the Famous French Mosquito Tanks, With the American Who Operated it is on Trophy Train Touring State.

Malheur County citizens will have an opportunity to see the Northwest War Trophy train on Thursday and Friday of next week. The train will go up the branch during the night of April 10th and come down the line starting from Crane early in the morning of April 11th reaching Ontario at 8:10 p. m., after stopping at Riverside, Juntura, Harper and Vale. After spending the night here it will be turned over to the Idaho committee headed by Montie B. Gwinn.

This train has a far greater number of relics than that which was exhibited here last year wherever it has exhibited tremendous interest has been aroused. The trophy special is making a complete tour of the state. The train is accompanied by Robert E. Smith, executive manager of the Victory Liberty Loan, and the first appearance in Oregon was scheduled for Klamath Falls, Sunday, March 30. Throughout the entire state trip, the train will be in charge of J. E. Daly, chairman, and J. P. Whipp, train auditor. It is accompanied by Bert E. Haney, U. S. District Attorney; Walter H. Evans, Judge J. P. Kavanaugh, O. W. Taylor, Arthur C. Spencer and Frank Irvine, on the first stage of its itinerary.

The heavy artillery pieces included in the exhibit and the ordnance and paraphernalia of war included in the small exhibit will be explained to visitors by soldiers who gained their knowledge on the battlefields of France. The French mosquito tank included in the exhibit is shown by C. Clarence Likens, a Portland man who served with the "Tom Catts" on this type of war machine. In his own experience, the tank in which he and his "Buddie" were serving, became mired in a shell hole in the thick of the fray. The two soldiers removed the machine gun to a vantage near by, from which they used it effectively in cleaning "sniper's nests" and his mate was killed at that point.

The following is the schedule of stops in Malheur county:

Friday, April 11: Crane from 5:45 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.; Riverside from 1:15 p. m. to 1:45 p. m.; Juntura 2:45 p. m. to 3:15 p. m.; Harper 4:35 p. m. to 5:05 p. m.; Vale 6:35 p. m. to 7:25 p. m. and Ontario 8:10 p. m. until turned over to Idaho committee on morning of April 12.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Prinzing arrived home today from California where they went following a shot stay in Rochester, Minnesota and St. Paul, Minn.

H. C. Schuppell of the Oregon Life Insurance company spent the week here on business. The growth which his company has made in the past year is strikingly shown in an advertisement which appears on another page in this issue.

### WESTERN UNION MANAGERS EXCHANGE THEIR POSITIONS

C. H. Trousdale is again manager of the local Western Union telegraph office. He took his old position this week while Manager Vogel who has been here for some time is now in charge of the Caldwell office which Mr. Trousdale managed for the past few months. Mr. Vogel was manager of the Caldwell office for several years prior to entering the navy as a wireless operator over a year ago.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN ISSUES CALL FOR MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, AT 2 P. M.

### HONOR TO NATION IS APPEAL

Last Loan of the War Must be Subscribed—Will Test Spirit of the People to Uphold America's Honor and Pay all War Bills.

On Monday afternoon at 2 p. m. the workers from all Malheur county will assemble in Ontario for the pre-campaign conference of the Victory Liberty Loan.

J. D. Zurecher, field manager of the campaign will be present and deliver the principal address. Mr. Zurecher is the man who has injected the enthusiasm, directed the details and sustained the energy that put Eastern Oregon over the top in the previous drives.

County Chairman J. R. Blackaby who has called the Malheur county workers together in a letter sent out this week, has himself set forth a ringing appeal to the loyalty of people of Malheur county that sums up the entire situation with respect to the duty of everyone to subscribe to the coming loan; when he said:

"We all realize that it will be a task to put this over, being perhaps the last loan of the war. This being a heavy task, it will require extra efforts on our part in order that Malheur County may again go over the top. While the former loans were put over with a patriotic appeal to the people, this, the Victory Liberty Loan must be put over on the honor of the American people, believing the job must be finished, all debts paid in full, and to this end Malheur County will stand with the State of Oregon and the United States Government."

### PAVING PROGRAM IS SUBJECT OF MEETING

Several of City's Heaviest Property Owners Hold Conference With Reference to Paving the Streets.

For the purpose of discussing the proposal to pave some of Ontario's streets a meeting of several of the largest property owners in the city was held at the office of T. H. Moore last evening.

Among the men present were T. H. Moore, H. C. Boyer, Ward Canfield, E. C. Van Potten, C. H. Emison, and others whose names the ARGUS has not learned. The ARGUS understands that the meeting was called by Mr. Moore.

As far as can be learned the men present discussed the situation thoroughly from every view point. While there was some disagreement on details of the proposed program all were agreed that ultimately Ontario should adopt paving as a municipal betterment, if the city to keep step with the progressive communities in this section.

most, was whether or not this was the proper time to pave, or whether it would be better to wait until prices reached a more normal condition. The men agreed that the spirit of progress evidenced by the demand for paving was a healthy one and should be encouraged until conditions appeared favorable and public sentiment justified launching an adequate paving program.

Another feature taken into consideration was the amount of paving to be laid. It was the sentiment of many of those present that to pave only the business district would not be advisable, for one of the objects to be attained was that of making Ontario a desirable place for the people to come to for the purpose of making their homes. Given paved streets in the residence districts and this object they believed would be further as in no other way, and thus increase the value of all property in the city.