

## HIGHWAY COMMISSION PROMISES ITS HELP

DELEGATES TO ASSURE PEOPLE ROADS SYSTEM WILL BE COMPLETED IF AID IS GIVEN.

## FUNDS ON WORK CALLED FOR

Money Should be Spent on Sections Where Federal Aid Not Likely to be Secured—Money Must be Appropriated by Malheur County People.

"Go your limit to build the present highway system as designated, and the commission will co-operate to the limit, for the highway system outlined is going to be completed."

That in brief sums up entirely the result of the sending of the delegation of Malheur county citizens to Portland to secure state aid in carrying out a comprehensive road program for which a bond issue will be presented to the people on June 3. The man who made the statement was Commissioner W. L. Thompson, one of the commissioners, Chairman Simon Benson and R. A. Booth sat beside him and nodded their approval.

Commissioner Thompson went further. He advised the delegates that the commission would not undertake to tell the county how to divide its funds for the various roads, but advised the delegates to go home and have the money apportioned, as far as possible on sections of each of the roads for the building of which federal post road funds can not be secured.

The Malheur county delegation was not one of a dozen or more delegations seeking state aid. Sherman county had nearly 100 delegates present. The result was that the scenes of the commission hearing and about the lobby of the Imperial recalled convention days, with crowds of men milling around from group to group discussing roads, and politics too.

The Malheur delegation consisted of County Judge E. H. Test and Commissioners E. M. Dean, Nyssa; Harley J. Hooker, Jordan Valley; J. A. Kennedy, Brogan; C. A. Oxman, Jamison; F. M. Northrup and L. R. Breithaupt, Dead Ox Flat; J. R. Blackaby, P. J. Gallagher, W. W. Wood and G. K. Aiken, Ontario; Julien Hurley, G. H. Wildhaber and H. H. Curry, Vale.

The Vale delegation went down on Saturday but the rest of the delegation left Sunday night. A caucus of the situation was made and P. J. Gallagher named to present the county's case to the commission, W. W. Wood also spoke to the commission asking an extension of the John Day highway to Nyssa or beyond.

At the Tuesday session the commission after hearing Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Wood asked the delegates to return later in the day for further discussion, there being set meetings arranged for several other delegations in the meantime.

At the afternoon session, while most of the delegates were out on the Columbia Highway Messrs. Harley, Curry, Wildhaber of Vale, Kennedy of Brogan, Oxman of Jamison, and Aiken of Ontario were present. Messrs. Hurley and Aiken went into the question of extending the road system to the South. Mr. Aiken presented the resolution of the Jordan Valley Commercial club requesting the construction of the Succor creek road.

The commission said that only in rare cases would it consider extending the present road plan, but that it would have its engineers come here to see if the road from Ontario to Nyssa and beyond could be classed as federal post roads. It was then that Commissioner Thompson outlined what the commission would do and what the county ought to do.

To confirm this and further take up the Jordan Valley case the entire delegation went before the commission for a brief session Wednesday morning with the result outlined above. Messrs. Blackaby, Dean and Aiken returned home today while the others remained over for a day or two.

The railroad companies have allowed a one cent rate to all the old soldiers who attend the National G. A. R. Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, this year. This was the information Uncle Dick Rutherford received last week and explains his persistency in collecting pennies from his many friends in Ontario since that time. Up to Tuesday noon he had collected 1157 of the one cent pieces.

"The pennies are coming in fast now," he told the Argus reporter. "I will soon have enough for the trip there. But I am rather afraid that after I once get enough for the trip one way they won't be so eager to give me enough to get back. That's why I started in so early."

The encampment will be held the seventh of September, 1919.

Miss Alva Arnold spent Friday and Saturday in Boise.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASKS AN INJUNCTION

Swagler Would Restrain County Court From Paying Davis & Kester for Fee Claimed From County.

In his official capacity as District Attorney, R. W. Swagler has secured a temporary injunction from the Circuit Court preventing that body from paying Davis & Kester a fee of \$225 for services in connection with cases of School District No. 8, vs the County Court and County School Superintendent; and in the case of McCulloch & Wood vs. Malheur county.

In each of these cases the District court held for the complainants, and appeals were taken and later abandoned.

Both cases are the outgrowth of rulings of the County Court during the term of County Judge Geo. W. McKnight as the result of which the present county court has inherited a difficult financial problem.

As the result of the decision in the school case the County will have to pay to School District No. 8 several thousand dollars for tuition for pupils attending high school here who live in districts where high schools are not maintained. This will deplete the county's general fund just that much, and more, for the Vale district and the Nyssa districts under this ruling will be paid what is due them too, for several years past.

In the McCulloch & Wood case the county was ordered to return to personal property taxpayers the excess collected at the time assessment was made over the sums actually due when the levies were finally made. Since this money was distributed by the county to the various municipalities as school and road districts, and spent, it is probable that further inroads will be made in the County's general fund.

In this litigation the former county court employed Davis & Kester without the consent of the District Attorney and Mr. Swagler is endeavoring to determine the legality of this action on several grounds. The question has never been definitely passed upon by the Oregon Supreme court and several other District Attorneys are watching the outcome of the case in this county to determine the course they will pursue.

## SGT. CANFIELD WEARS COVETED DECORATION

Ontario Boy With Flying Circus at Boise Saturday Wears Valor Cord Warded Members of Lafayette Escadrille.

One of the most coveted of the war decorations, the cord awarded by the French government to members of units which particularly distinguished themselves as a fighting body, will be seen some day in Ontario. It will be worn by an Ontario boy the only one to win such an honor, that boy is Sergeant Clifford Canfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Canfield of this city.

Young Canfield who was one of Ontario's first volunteers was during his entire stay in France a member of the famous Lafayette Escadrille, which prior to America's entry into the war performed valiant service in behalf of France. Its commander throughout was Major William Thaw, one of the first Americans to be officially made an Ace.

It will be members of this famous organization who will stage the flying circus at Boise Saturday and already hundreds of Ontarians are preparing to go to the Idaho capital to witness the exhibition. While he does not, being one of the expert mechanics in charge of the care of the machines, young Canfield will be much sought after by his many friends in Ontario.

The news will come as a surprise to the friends of L. Hirsch of Boyer's Department Store when they learn of his marriage ten days ago in Pocatello to Miss Ernestine Hibred of Wauzeka, Wis. Mr. Hirsch had slipped quietly away a few days before and no one was any the wiser of his intentions until he returned last Monday evening with his bride, who had come from their old home town in Wisconsin to meet him at Pocatello.

## DR. LOUISE RICHTER TO ADDRESS WOMEN

Social Hygiene Specialist Will Deliver Two Lectures in Ontario April 17 and 18 to Women Only.

Dr. Louise Richter, until March last Government lecturer to the women and girls of the country, speaks here under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society on Thursday, April 17 at 8:00 p. m. and on Friday, April 18 at 3:30 p. m. in the commercial club hall at the city hall building.

"During the war millions of the young men of our country have been in military service in the cleanest army in the world.

This army has been clean because of the educational propaganda carried on by the Medical Department of the U. S. Army. Every boy who entered the service was thoroughly instructed in the dangers of venereal diseases and the benefits of clean living.

But the Government felt that in educating these millions of young men it was doing only half of what it might do to mitigate the social evils. In order to obtain the greatest possible results in clean lives and happy homes the women must be educated equally with the men.

Therefore, the Government organized a corps of one hundred fifty of the country's leading women physicians to take a social hygiene message to women and girls. These physicians were specially instructed in their work by the best authorities and they came before the country as the most complete group that could be obtained for the delivery of their message.

## WANT FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU ESTABLISHED HERE

Ontario needs employment bureau for the boys who have returned from service under Uncle Sam. This was the decision of F. E. Maneman of the Oregon Soldiers' and Sailors' Employment Bureau of Portland who was in Ontario for a couple of days last week.

Mr. Maneman was sent here by the bureau for the purpose of establishing an auxiliary here for the finding of work for the unemployed soldiers and sailors but after making a careful investigation decided that what work there was to be done in this direction could easily be carried on by the local Red Cross chapter.

F. E. Maneman was stationed during the war at Dover, England, with the aviation corps there. On returning to America he aided in the Liberty drive in New York at the close of which he was sent to Portland to aid in the employment service.

## FAMOUS ACTRESS LOSES IDENTITY IN "MICKY"

"When an actress loses her identity, so that she is always thought of as the character portrayed rather than her own self, it's hard sometimes for her to discover whether she is exactly pleased or not," Mabel Normand, who is featured in "Mickey," said to a reporter during a recent interview.

She seemed to complain, at the same time appreciate, that everyone who had seen her as "Mickey" thought of her as only "dear little Mickey" which was actually absorbing "Mabel Normand"—just as Maude Adams is inseparable from Peter Pan. Because the story of "Mickey" is so vivid and appealing, and the characters are so real and human, one will always remember the people in this play.

"Mickey is a story of universal appeal. It is a human, tender narrative that in the telling is somewhere between laughter and pathos. There are charming bits of comedy and there are places where the story trembles very close to the brink of tears. Mickey is a quaint little mountain girl, and this lovable, mischievous child, with her little scuffed-up shoes and her bulldog and lop-eared old burro, is a wonderfully vivid characterization. The action of the play carries her finally into the city and into new complications whose dramatic contrast is telling and strong.

This is not a drama of flying pastry, innocent heroines seduced and seven buckets of blood. "Mickey" is a production of the ordinary run of picture plays, and will be shown at the Dreamland Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

## CHECK FOR \$100,000 SENT WAR SUFFERERS

Oregon Money on Way to Save Lives of Thousands in Near East—Ontario District Second in State.

D. M. Taggart, chairman of the Ontario district in the Armenian and Syrian relief drive this week received advice of the forwarding of a check for \$100,000 as the first remittance of Oregon's quota of \$184,000.

He also was advised that in proportion to its quota Ontario district was second in the State. For a time Nyssa district occupied that position, but this week Mr. Taggart forwarded another small check to Portland putting Ontario into second place in the list of communities that over-subscribed their quotas. Clatsop leads with 125 per cent, Ontario is second with 116 per cent, Nyssa third with 115 per cent.

Portland has long since passed, without aid, the combined quota for the city and Multnomah county. The quota was fixed at \$73,200, and more than \$74,000 has been raised in the city alone. The field work was almost entirely performed by committees of women.

"This money has already been spent and is today actually saving human lives," said Ben Selling in the Oregonian's report of the State drive. "We have kept our New York committee closely informed of the progress of our campaign, and they have advanced the money as fast as we reported it on hand.

"The state cannot give us too much money, nor give it too quickly. We are not permitting any more to die than we can help, but, as Ambassador Morgenthau told me, we have saved the Armenian race from annihilation, yet the death rate is now 10,000 per week. To our usual burdens has been added the care of many thousands of orphans whom the allies have compelled the Turks to release from a bondage worse than slavery."

Three shiploads of supplies started overseas in January and a fourth is now loading in New York. Among the supplies are 15,000 tons of flour, 100 motor trucks, ten farm tractors, 15 ambulances, 4,500,000 yards of cloth, 100,000 blankets, 50,000 pairs of shoes, 15 100-bed hospital units. Two thousand and four hundred tons of rice were bought in the caucasus.

Among the 250 relief workers who sailed in January were physicians, nurses, social service experts, agriculturists, carpenters and business executives. The work of the commission is being aided by the French, British and American governments, which have put all their facilities at the disposal of the committee, thus effecting the saving of thousands of dollars, while Lord Bryce has arranged for the transmission of funds and necessary supplies.

Buildings for hospitals have already been built, and heavy purchases will be made from the government of medicines and hospital

Mrs. Lucy B. Fox entertained a few of the teachers at dinner Monday evening. Covers were laid for six, the guests being Miss Helen Bicknell, Miss Carrie H. Joy, Miss Sewall and Mrs. Edna Griffin.

Aubrey Howard, formerly proprietor of the Ontario pressery, and his family have returned to make their home in Ontario again. Mr. Howard is to work in the pressery with Mr. Orcutt.

Judge Dalton Biggs returned Sunday to his home here after attending the court term at Burns.

A. T. Haverfield was a Weiser business visitor in Ontario yesterday.

Elmo Pearson of Weiser, who has been in the service in France for the past few months, visited friends in Ontario Sunday night.

W. M. Sommercamp of Weiser was a business visitor in Ontario last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Arnold are again ill with the influenza.

Mrs. J. F. Logan has returned to the Logan ranch at Brogan after spending the winter with her daughters, who are attending high school here.

Mrs. Morris Hart passed through Ontario Saturday enroute East to join her husband after having visited relatives at Adrain.

H. Y. Blackwell returned Monday from a business trip to Portland.

## DELEGATES CONFER ON ROAD SITUATION

Agreement Reached On General Program—Details to be Worked out Later—All Sections to be Considered.

Delegates from the various towns and sections of Malheur county who went to Portland Sunday evening to present the County's road program to the State Highway commission held a series of conferences here in Ontario Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The gatherings were not planned, but as the men from various sections came to town they looked up the Ontario delegation and discussed all phases of the proposed bond issue and the county's program.

In a general way agreement was reached, but the details were left for further consideration when all the delegates from all sections could be together at Portland.

Like the conferees at Paris the delegates were agreed on principals, particularly on the point that all sections of the county must be considered in the proposed plan if it is to succeed and win popular favor at the election in June.

Under the terms of the law providing for special road bond elections the particular roads on which the money is to be used must be named the termini of the roads and the amounts to be expended on each. On this point details were not settled.

On Friday the delegates from the Dead Ox Flat, Frank M. Northrup, and L. R. Breithaupt were here accompanied by Samuel Hill, E. J. Patch and P. M. Boals, the other directors of the newly organized Dead Ox Flat association.

On Saturday the Vale delegates who went to Portland that night conferred with the local delegation. The Vale men were G. F. Wildhaber, Julien Hurley, H. R. Dunlap and G. H. Curry.

On Sunday Harley J. Hooker of Jordan Valley, representing the Jordan Valley Commercial club H. G. Wells and P. S. A. Bickell of Jordan Valley conferred with the local committee and County Judge E. H. Test together with A. A. Gutteridge, P. M. Boals and L. R. Breithaupt of Dead Ox Flat.

Judge Test and County Commissioner Frank Vines will represent the Malheur County Development League at the Portland conference and F. C. Oxman went from Jamieson, E. M. Dean from Nyssa and J. A. Kennedy from Brogan.

## PATROLS RHINE AFTER LONG BATTLE RECORD

Theron Northrup With Sixth Marine's Now at Coblenz—Was in St. Mihiel and Argonne Battles—Escaped Injuries

To have been engaged in both the St. Mihiel drive and in the battles of the Argonne and to have seen action for day after day, without getting more than a black and blue spot from spent shrapnel was the fortunate experience of Theron Northrup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Northrup of Dead Ox Flat.

Tho he comes from Dead Ox Flat young Northrup is claimed by Ontario as one of her boys for he was a High School student here for two years, graduating with the class of 1917, and worked for several years at the Ontario Pharmacy, and was a member of the Oregon club.

In a recent letter to his parents young Northrup told of his experiences in France and life on the Rhine. He is attached to a squad of marines patrolling the Rhine from Coblenz northward toward Rotterdam, and is enjoying the experience immensely.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold an apron sale at McDowell's Exchange store Saturday, April 19. Don't forget to be present. adv.20

Mrs. E. J. Houston, sister of Doctor Prunzing, and Mr. Houston of Minot, N. D., spent a few days in Ontario last week with Mr. and Mrs. Prunzing. Mr. and Mrs. Houston are looking over this western country with the idea of settling here if they can find a suitable location.

## FIGHTING TANK SEEN BY HUNDREDS HERE

BATTERED REMNANT OF FRENCH WHIPPET TANK IS CENTER OF ATTRACTION TO ALL VISITORS.

## WOUNDED HEROES, ORATORS

From Crane to Ontario Throng Gathers to See Exhibit—Blind Editor Makes Stirring Appeal as Does the Tank Fighter.

Ontario turned out enmasse last Friday evening to see the victory loan trophy train. And the exhibit amply repaid the effort. Not only was the exhibit worth seeing, but even greater inspiration was stirred by the addresses of the soldiers, Lieuts. Burgard and Dorris; Pvt. Likins and Bates, and finally B. F. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal and J. D. Zuercher of the Liberty Loan committee.

The train arrived in Ontario on schedule time, 8:10 after spending the day on the Oregon Eastern starting early in the morning from Crane after it had been viewed by a great throng of Harney county people. Stops made at Juntura, Riverside, Harper and Vale.

Since it was getting dark when the train reached Ontario special lights were burning along the siding, and connection was made with the lights on the train thus furnishing a brilliant setting.

County Chairman J. R. Blackaby introduced Mr. Taylor of Portland who was in charge of the train here, and he, after a few remarks introduced the first of the heroes, Pvt. Chas. Likins of Portland, who was one of the "Tom Cats" operating fighting tanks in the Argonne.

Pvt. Likins explained the operations of the tank which was really the center of the crowd's interest. He told how the men fought, riding within the tiny turrets where the temperature averaged 177 degrees.

He told too of the fighting at Verdun, where he had been stationed early in the war and of the awful slaughter there. His descriptions, gruesome tho it was, reached home, and when he appealed to the crowd to buy Victory Bonds, he told them that no sacrifice they could make would equal by a fraction that which many thousand American boys, his comrades, who he had seen lying cold in death on the fields of France and Belgium.

Lieut. John Clark Burgard was the second speaker. He described the mass of artillery on two of the cars, and told of the fighting of the 91st division, in which were most of the Oregon men of the National army.

Lieut. Ben Dorris, was one of the striking speakers, like Lieut. Burgard, he too had suffered wounds, far more serious than his pal's, for Lieut. Dorris is a living example of the wonders of plastic surgery as developed in this war. In the Argonne battle he was struck by a number of machine gun bullets. One of these penetrated his jaw, taking away a large portion of it, and also 23 teeth. Yet to hear him speak one would never know his misfortune. He spoke with vigor and told of the terrible fighting of the 91st in both France and Belgium.

Blind Editor Stirs Audience Equally appealing to the audience was B. F. Irvine, editor of the Portland Journal. Mr. Irvine who is blind made a powerful appeal to the crowd to buy Victory bonds. He told what the soldiers themselves did not tell, of their trails and sufferings in France. He told how hundreds of other American boys had died to save the nation from the atrocious Huns.

"Do you know what ended the war," he asked. "It was ended years sooner than the most optimistic military men had hoped, because the American people had in the first, second, third and fourth Liberty Bond drives furnished the money that the leaders needed to get the men and the munitions and the supplies to France so fast, and in such great numbers that the German war machine was crushed. Liberty bonds did that, you people here in Ontario who bought your share did your part, you helped end the war 19 months after America entered the struggle.

Oliver Dash of Weiser was in Ontario Monday on business.