

**DREAMLAND ATTRACTIONS**

Today and Tomorrow, May 9 and 10:  
**FATTY ARBUCKLE**  
in  
"THE COOK"  
Also **ETHEL CLAYTON** in  
"THE GIRL WHO CAME BACK"  
And Saturday "THE COOK"  
Also  
**CHARLES RAY**  
in  
"LAW OF THE NORTH"

Sunday and Monday, May 11 and 12:  
First appearance in this city of the famous  
**ENRICO CARUSO**  
in  
"MY COUSIN"  
Pathe News

Tuesday, May 13:  
**PEGGY WYLAND**  
in  
"THE GIRL WITH NO REGRETS"  
Mutt and Jeff in "Here and There"

Wednesday, May 14:  
Special Program  
**SESSUE HAYAKAWA**  
in  
"HIS BIRTHRIGHT"  
Pathe News

Thursday, May 15:  
**MADGE KENNEDY**  
in  
"DAUGHTER OF MINE"  
Also **Classy Seriel** starts  
Today, William Duncan in  
"THE MAN OF MIGHT"

Friday, May 16:  
**LILA LEE**  
in  
"CRUISE OF THE MAZE BELIEVE"  
Cartoons

Saturday, May 17:  
**WALLACE REED**  
in  
"MAN FROM FUNERAL RANCH"  
Ford Educational Weekly.

Carl Jonsson who came to Ontario from Portland following his discharge from the service has purchased the Dr. Frye ranch and expects to move onto it in a few days.

**IMPROVEMENTS SHOW PERMANENCE OF PLANT**

**Davidson Grocery Company Making Substantial Improvement in Local Branch—Do Big Business From Here.**

Years ago Ontario business men used to hold meetings and all but pray, maybe some of them old that—for a wholesale grocery house, or a wholesale house of any kind. Now the city has one and practically two and few folks realize it.

Substantial evidence that the Davidson Grocery company's branch in Ontario is a permanent institution was furnished this week when contractor O. W. Allen of Boise set his crew at work excavating for a basement under the warehouse occupied by the Davidson company opposite the freight station.

The basement is to be 8 feet deep, the full dimensions of the building 60 x 60, with concrete piers and floor. The walls are to be 12 inches thick and the footings are to be 24 inches. When the time comes to erect brick or concrete walls this foundation will carry the load.

Beside these improvements a new roof is to be placed on the building and an elevator is to be installed. The company will carry a big stock of goods here and from this point will care for its trade on the main line to the West, the Piu road, the Payette Valley, the Homedale branch and the Oregon Eastern and Brogan branches. To do this a sizable stock of goods will be carried, that is why more room is needed.

**COUNTY W. C. T. U. WILL HOLD MEETING HERE TUESDAY**

At the home of Mrs. A. I. Jaquiss next Tuesday afternoon the women of the W. C. T. U. of Malheur county will hold their annual session and elect officers for the year. A large attendance is expected from Vale, Nyasa and other sections of the county.

**ONTARIO BOY LISTER FOR EARLY RETURN TO U. S. A.**

Sunday papers carried the announcement that the 22nd Aero Squadron was listed for early sailing for the U. S. A. Local interest in this item centered on the fact that William Blackaby of this city is a member of this organization which has been in France for almost two years.

Word has also been received here that Herb Paul who after service in France was sent to Honolulu had sailed from that port for the States and would be in Ontario soon.

Ontario Meat & Grocery Co., successors to Oregon Packing company, Phone No. 3.

**WOMAN'S CLUB ELECTS ITS OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR**

The members of the Woman's Club held their annual meeting last Thursday afternoon for the election of officers for next year. The club members determined on a resumption of active work after nearly two years vacation due to the war. It was determined too, to take a silver offering, at the annual May party for the children of club members. The funds thus secured are to be given to the Woman's building fund, to the erection of a woman's building on the campus of the State University.

The following were the officers elected for next year: Mrs. E. C. Van Petten, president; Mrs. W. W. Letson, vice president; Mrs. G. A. Pogue, 2nd vice president; Mrs. H. B. Cockerum, secretary; Mrs. J. R. Blackaby, treasurer; Mrs. A. S. Brown, financial secretary; Mrs. G. K. Aiken, auditor; Mrs. L. Adam, first director; Mrs. J. R. Fortier, second director.

**MONCE-HARRIS WEDDING TAKES PLACE AT VALE**

At the Drexell Hotel in Vale last Saturday occurred the wedding of Miss Ella Monce and Irving Harris both of Ontario. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Blom of this city in the presence of a small gathering of immediate relatives and close friends of the bride and groom.

Both the bride and groom are well known to Ontarians, having grown up here in town. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Martha Monce and the groom is the son of Mrs. W. W. Hinson. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have gone to housekeeping in a home they prepared in Riverside.

**CITY HALL IS ALL DOLLED UP WITH SIGNS ON DOORS**

There is some class to the City Hall. On every door of the building there is an appropriate sign telling just what is behind it, so that in the rush of visitors there will be no confusion. On the outer door is a handsome sign telling what the building is, and on the doors of the fire department is a big warning of a \$19 fine for stopping a car in front of that portion of the building. Taking it by and large, City Recorder C. M. Stearns has his habitat fixed in real city style.

Hugh Allen went to Boise Monday to see how they sell shoes in the Idaho capital.

**Cut This Out and Take it With You.**

A man often forgets the exact name of the article he wishes to purchase, and as a last resort takes something else instead. That is always disappointing and unsatisfactory. The safe way is to cut this out and take it with you so as to make sure of getting Chamberlain's Tablets. You will find nothing quite so satisfactory for constipation and indigestion.

**Pumps or Oxfords FOR THE Commencement Season**

Graduation is one of the big events in a young woman's life. It furnishes one of life's fondest memories. It is no wonder therefore that every girl graduate wants to be faultlessly dressed on that occasion.

**Footwear That Is Appropriate**

From our great stock of fine Oxfords handsome in style and material, you will find just what you want. This applies to those who have graduated in years past, who still want the right shoe for every occasion.

**New Silk Hose Arrive**

We have just received a large shipment of silk and lisle hose, all the popular shades to match, shoes, suit or dress are on hand and the hose we offer is properly priced.

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ONTARIO, OREGON

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**Ontario Modern Pressary**

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**OWYHEE PROJECT IS ATTRACTING NOTICE**

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supervising engineer of the Pacific District of the Reclamation Service, but were completed by my assistant, Mr. Whistler, after my connection with the administrative branch of the Reclamation Service was severed in 1915.

The estimate of the Government in 1916 call for an expenditure of from \$63 to \$68 per acre for the irrigation works. Since 1916 all construction costs have advanced greatly, and the old figures can no longer be considered. Construction work on the Warm Springs Project in 1919 apparently runs about double the cost estimated by the Government in 1916 in its Cooperative Report. On that basis the Owyhee Project would cost about \$120 per acre if built according to plans outlined in the Government report of 1916.

I do not believe the people of the Owyhee District desire to place so heavy an encumbrance on their land, nor do I believe that either the Government or private enterprise will furnish the capital for such expensive work. I have therefore, given special attention to possible reduction of costs to render the project feasible either for the Government or private enterprise.

There has been some talk of the Government support of the project under the bill proposed by Secretary Lane for reclamation of arid, swamp and logged-off lands. If Government support can be secured that may be a good solution of your problem, but to secure Government support the most effective step will be a demonstration of the economic feasibility of the project, and this has not yet been done. Whatever steps are now taken to render the project attractive to private enterprise are therefore equally important toward attracting federal or state aid.

Under state legislation to be voted on in June, a guarantee of interest on district bonds will be established. This may be very helpful in aiding the financing of your project if you are in shape to take action at this time.

The following is a digest of the information I have received as to the local situation. Kindly advise me if I am misinformed:

- a. That the district has been organized for some 9 or 10 years.
- b. That various plans by federal, state and private engineers and others have been prepared from time to time, but that the district has not as yet been able to secure any plan that offers prospect of reasonable cost to the farmer or assurance of financial support.
- c. That the district has been unable to proceed with development of the project, due to lack of any reasonably economic plan, and to inability to secure validation of its bonds by the state authorities, or support by the federal government.
- d. That conditions of the project lands as to location, fertility and potential value are good, and if water

can be supplied at reasonable cost the project has assurance of prosperous settlement and ability to repay the investment for irrigation works.

e. That the people of the district and locality look with eagerness for some practical solution of this problem and will earnestly cooperate with any responsible agency, preferably the Government, toward that end.

f. That early action of some sort is most desirable.

In the light of the above I am working to develop a practical plan under which we can make your district a definite offer to take its bonds and to contract to build a complete project, providing an adequate supply for all project lands, with works built in accordance with approved engineering practice at a guaranteed cost.

While I am unable at this moment to express myself definitely in this matter of costs I am reasonably assured that the highest cost of the system as proposed will not exceed \$60 to \$70 per acre, and may be much less, also that lands now partly supplied or having pumped supplies will have correspondingly lower costs, or even nominal costs. Such a system will offer low maintenance charges and be particularly attractive to all pumped lands.

In the event of ultimate business between us it would be our desire to operate under some arrangement whereby we will share with the district all possibilities of profit or loss that if the works are built for less than the guaranteed cost the savings thereby affected will be enjoyed equally by the district and ourselves, and vice versa. We deem it of the highest importance that the contractors' profits shall depend on reducing the construction costs to the farmer, thereby strengthening the security of the district bonds.

The most essential steps calling for early attention are the completion of engineering surveys, designs and estimates, and other related matters including certain measures of project reorganization. This work will call for the best ability of all concerned, as well as the closest cooperation between us and the district. We are prepared to cooperate with you and make our interests identical with yours in these and other matters, looking toward the ultimate completion of the project if the people of the district so desire.

Under the laws governing the validation and sale of district bonds, all proposed construction must be approved by the state authorities before the validated bonds are offered, and all subsequent steps must be subject to public competitive bids. It is thus our belief that the district cannot pledge itself on the ultimate disposition of the bonds or the work at this time, no matter what proposals be now made, moreover, there is the possibility that the Government may during the next few weeks take up the work on terms that will be advantageous to accept.

Even if these obstacles to present action could be removed it would still be impossible either for the dis-

trict or ourselves to legally contract for the bonds or the work until certain important legal steps be taken by the district. We are able, however, to give you definite assurance that as soon as these obstacles are removed we will make the district an offer that, we are convinced, will be satisfactory to it.

I shall be glad to furnish such business and financial references as will satisfy you as to our ability to carry through anything we undertake. On invitation by the district I will be willing to meet the directors or other representative people, to discuss the situation and complete any other necessary preliminary arrangements.

Yours very truly,  
E. G. HOPSON

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Services.  
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.  
11 a. m. Mothers' Day Service.  
7:15 p. m. Epworth League.  
8 p. m. Baccalaureate Sermon at Baptist Church.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bible school 10:00.  
Mothers' Day Service 11:00.  
Young Peoples Service 7 p. m.  
Churches uniting in the evening Service—Baccalaureate sermon.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Rev. S. R. Steele, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Preaching Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**  
8:30 a. m., Low Mass.  
10:30 a. m., High Mass.  
9:30 a. m., Catechism for the boys and girls.

**FIRST NAZARINE CHURCH**  
New location one block west of Hunt's garage.  
Sunday services: Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Cottage prayer meetings Tuesday evenings at 7:30, church prayer meetings Thursday evening 7:30.  
Rev. S. L. Flowers, Pastor

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