

ELEVENTH HOUR RUSH WINS BOND CAMPAIGN

SUBSCRIPTIONS OF RAILROAD MEN RECORDED ON LAST DAY PUTS CITY NEAR QUOTA AND BANKS FINISH BALANCE

CORPORATION AID MATERIALLY

County Result is Uncertain, as yet. For Many Precincts Have not been Heard from—Chairman Blackaby is Doubtful of Success.

Ontario's Victory Loan campaign won. Without a committee in the field soliciting subscriptions, depending entirely upon volunteer lists, by citizens the city and surrounding district's quota of \$123,000 was reached before 3 p. m. last Saturday afternoon.

Last Friday the loan stood at \$107,000 and failure loomed large, but that afternoon the subscriptions of the railroad men solicited by a committee of railroad men of the system, of which H. O. Drane was a member, were reported. This added \$3,500 to Ontario's total. Then came the subscriptions of one of the land companies for \$2,000 more.

With the quota so nearly within reach the Ontario National bank took an additional \$5,000 worth of bonds and the First National then completed the balance with \$3,000 additional to its previous purchases putting the city well to the good.

So far Jordan Valley and one of two other outside precincts have been heard from and were slightly below their quota. County chairman J. R. Blackaby had not heard from the Vale district on Tuesday but was counting it among those that would reach its quota.

If Vale goes over, along with Brogan, Jamieson, Westfall and Ontario the county's quota is almost certain to be reached. The oversubscriptions in the districts that go over are expected to make good deficiencies in other sections. However until the whole county has been checked up, Mr. Blackaby is, dubious, and anxious over the result.

LIEUT. COL. PATCH TO ADDRESS PICNIC

PAYETTE OFFICER, ONE OF THE FIRST AMERICANS TO ARRIVE IN FRANCE AS MEMBER OF U.S.A. SECURED FOR RECEPTION

WELCOME AWAITS SOLDIERS

Old Fashioned Community Gathering to be Held—Honor Guard to Give Dance—Children to Present Pageant—Theatre for Those Who Do Not Dance.

Without any attempt at a spectacular show—for the boys have had that a plenty in the army—Ontario and vicinity is to pay its respects to the soldiers and sailors from the county and neighboring sections of the bench and well from anywhere, next Monday from early evening until the last dance of the Honor Guard is ended.

For this occasion the committee was fortunate in being able to secure Lieut. Col. L. V. Patch of Payette, who is so well known in all this region, not only as a soldier and citizen but as an able public speaker.

Lieut. Col. Patch who was with the old 2nd Idaho was one of the first American soldiers to land in France as a member of the A. E. F. He was an artillery officer and saw action. Not only was he one of the first to land in France but he was there to the finish, having recently returned to the States.

Picnic Dinner at 6 p. m. The reception to the soldiers and sailors will center around the picnic dinner. There will be no "Corned Willy" or anything like that, but good home cooked "grab," the kind that will be spiced with the loving sentiments, and sweetened with the happiness that the women of this region feel over the return of their sons, brothers and friends.

There will be music during the dinner and following the dinner—to which everyone in all the country round about is welcomed without formal invitation—portions of the pageant given by the school children last Friday afternoon will be staged under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Clemo.

Then there will be the address by Lieut. Col. Patch and more music. Following this program which will take place in the park tickets to the Dreamland will be given the boys who do not care to dance, for to the boys, perhaps the big feature of the evening will be that last number, the dance, which will be staged by the girls of the Honor Guard.

ALASKAN COMES TO VISIT WITH ONTARIO RELATIVES

Mrs. J. Weirman of Anchorage, Alaska is in Ontario just now visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dean of the Boulevard. Mrs. Weirman, is like all other Alaskans who have seen "the ice come and go," and thus earned the Alaskan title of honor, "a sardough." It is a booster for Uncle Sam's northern dominions, and declares that "it is the coming country."

"The folks in the States think Alaskans are big fishers when they tell of the wonders of that region. They all seem to think that all we have is ice and snow and gold mines. Why I have grown tomatoes in the open ground up there and we can raise lots of things in that country. It is a real place and Cordova is going to come back with a jump when Congress makes more appropriations for the railroad into the interior," she said.

COAST UNITED FOR IRRIGATION MEASURE

United States Marshal F. B. Tichenor Brings Cheering Message—Comes for Basques who Burned Range Near McDermitt.

Bound for McDermitt to arrest two Basques, charged with burning government range, Deputy Marshal F. B. Tichenor was in Ontario Monday. The men he will journey to the interior for are Manuel and Angel Biscanqui.

While in the city Mr. Tichenor left this message for those who are anxious that the measure for the State Guarantee of interest on Irrigation and Drainage bonds for five years shall pass on June 3, "it will pass if the people of the coast counties have their way. They are united for it and will vote almost solid for it."

"We are anxious to know what the people over here will do for the Roosevelt Highway," said Mr. Tichenor. "We know that if the people here could but thoroughly realize what the building of this road means to the Coast counties they would vote for it. But since it is hard for the people over here to appreciate what this means, so too is it hard for the people over there, where rains are plentiful, to realize what irrigation means for Eastern Oregon. But the people over there are interested in the irrigation bill. There has been a great deal of educational work done by the papers of this section in favor of the Gallagher measure and we hope that this will be reciprocated by the papers over here in favor of the Roosevelt Highway, if so, we have no doubt of the outcome on June 3rd."

"Even away down in Curry county the people are lining up in favor of the irrigation measure and I am certain that it will carry by a heavy vote. The merits of these two measures are so evident to those who have considered the situation that all we both need is to have the interest of the people aroused and a great step forward will be taken by both sections of the state."

COMMENCEMENT WEEK EXERCISES STARTED

Juniors Hosts at Handsomely Appointed Reception Friday Evening—Hundreds Attend Baccalaureate Service.

With the reception given by the Juniors at the Wilson Hall last Friday evening, the week in which the members of the class of 1919 Ontario High School, will long remember began.

This year the reception proved a happy combination of entertainments. First there was a pleasing literary program following which dancing was in order under the festoons of green and gold, the colors of the graduates. The following was the program given:

Instrumental duet—Charlotte Claggett and Mary Springer; Shakespeare characters—Celia Rosalind talk of the latter's love for Orlando, Dottie Crummett and Helen Anderson; Shakespeare characterizes the members of the Senior class, Charlotte Claggett; Helianthus her fate—Mary Bervin; Laurel and Ibis Jessica farewell, Chas. Hanan and Laura Wherry.

Church Crowded For Baccalaureate. Sunday evening the Baptist church was crowded by the relatives and friends of the class to hear the Baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. W. J. Luscombe of the Methodist church. Rev. S. B. Steele of the Congregational church and Rev. C. J. Blom and Rev. W. F. Cochran pronounced the invocation, read the scriptures and assisted in the service. The message that Rev. Luscombe gave the graduates was one of inspiration and courage.

Today the class exercises are being held at the school.

H. Warren of Winnemucca spent last week in Ontario on business.

HUN HELMETS WON BY MEN FROM INTERIOR

Thomas Turnbull of Mooreville and Arthur Nichols of Westfall Have Apparently Secured War Souvenirs.

Until all the districts have reported and the list bond purchasers of the Victory Loan has been checked it can not be definitely known who will possess the two Hun helmets that have been on display in the two Ontario banks for the past three weeks.

But at the present time, so far as the local officials know, the winners are Thomas Turnbull of Mooreville, who is vice president of the First National bank of this city and Arthur Nichols of Westfall are the winners. At least these are the largest subscriptions recorded in Ontario. Mr. Turnbull is credited with a \$7,000 subscription and Mr. Nichols with one for \$6,000.

J. R. Blackaby of Ontario that he had one of the helmets coming with a \$5,000 subscription but Mr. Nichols put him out of the running late last week. Thomas Logan of Brogan, too was a close competitor.

The helmets will remain here until the list of buyers for the entire county has been checked over to learn whether or not some one in the interior sections has topped either Mr. Turnbull or Mr. Nichols.

CHILDREN PLEASE IN MAY FESTIVAL DANCES

School Yard Scene of Picturesque Pageant—Little Tots Perform Creditably and Delight Parents.

The second annual May Festival of the Ontario public schools was held on the campus at the High School last Friday afternoon. A large crowd was present to enjoy the dances of the children despite the fact that the wind was cold and raw, taking the edge off the enjoyment.

The program which had been arranged by Miss Victoria Stanka was a comprehensive presentation of folk dances of all the nations. It opened with the entrance of the May Queen, who in this case was Miss Ethel McWilliams, and her attendants all lovely in their springtime costumes.

From then on the program presented an ever changing picture from the little tots with their nursery rhyme dances to the dance of high school girls representing the various flowers. Each in its turn was striking in costume and in presentation, reflecting credit upon the dancers and their teachers.

VIOLATORS OF GAME LAWS ARE ARRESTED

Fishing Without Licenses, Use of Seines, Also the Use of Dynamite Get Ontarians Into Tolls of Law.

In the biggest round-up of violators of the game laws recorded in this section for several years District Game Warden L. B. Hazeltine of Canyon City demonstrated that the cries of Portland anglers that the laws are not enforced is false, so far as Eastern Oregon is concerned.

Starting bright and early Monday Mr. Hazeltine got first one violator after another. Up on the Malheur a half dozen arrests were made for seining and shooting fish also several were caught without licenses. Last night an Ontarian is said to have been apprehended using dynamite. As the result several citizens took trips to Vale to explain their actions, and others have sworn, "never again." Needless to say all the boys will be "more careful" in the future.

WAR POSTAGE SOON WILL BE RELIC OF PAST DAYS

On July 1, so far as postage is concerned the war will be a thing of the past. The reduction in postage is coming just after the institution of war taxes on articles of clothing, drugs and ice cream cones, will help slightly to make life for the average citizen more endurable, not that it is not a pleasant thing right now.

On and after July 1 it will take only two cents to start a letter on its way to any city in the land. It will still take two cents to send a letter over a rural route or for city postage where there is free delivery, but the blue-purple three cent stamp will pass out of vogue. Also we will have a return to the old one cent postal card. For these blessings thanksgiving services might be had.

Mrs. D. E. Conway left Sunday night for Portland to attend the marriage of her son, insign Morrison A. Conway.

GIBSON IS WINNER OF MATCH AT NYSSA

Former O. A. C. Star Shows His Ability to Come Back—Both Men Displayed Ability—Picture Man Delays Action.

In what is declared by those who witnessed it as one of the fastest and cleanest wrestling contests held in this section for years, A. P. Gibson of Nyssa, defeated Brooke Hukill of Corvallis, Tuesday evening. Gibson took two falls out of three and had the better of the match throughout. The contest was staged at Nyssa show house. A fair crowd was present.

Only one untold feature tempered the pleasure of the crowd. That was due to the management of the picture show insisting upon running long reels between falls. H. H. Tunny of Ontario who refereed the first fall objected to this procedure which was permitting the wrestlers to get cold, and when the management continued the stunt declined to act further and another referee had to be secured.

The Nyssa man was outweighed several pounds by Hukill, who was recently middle weight champion of the Philadelphia naval station. Superior speed and experience however overcame this handicap and Gibson took two falls. The first was secured after 21 minutes wrestling, the second went to Hukill in 12 minutes and Gibson took the third in 20 minutes, giving the patrons an hour's show that was appreciated.

Several Ontarians went down for the evening and report it worth while.

WANTS ROAD FROM ROCKVILLE REPAIRED

H. N. Stickney of Watson County Visits Ontario—Gross on Ranges in South-east of County in Poor Condition.

H. N. Stickney comes from the Watson county town there just now the people are interested in two things; the condition of the range and a road to get out to some post office where they can get mail regularly. Mr. Stickney was in Ontario Monday of this week and went from here to Vale to talk road questions to the county court. Incidentally he talked roads to Ontarians for he wants some thing done so that they can have mail, now and then.

It would not take more than \$1,000 to fix the road from Watson to Rockville where we used to get our mail," said the visitor.

WAR VETERANS PLAN LOCAL ORGANIZATION

First Steps Will be Taken at Vale During Fourth of July Celebration—Great War Veterans Association is Name.

During the big Fourth of July celebration which the people of Vale are arranging to give there will be held a meeting the purpose of which is the formation of a Great War Veterans association according to notices received by the Argus from Roy McCabe of that city.

Mr. McCabe who came recently to the county was from 1914 to 1916 a member of the famous Coldstream Guards on the King's Own, famous regiments. While with the Tommies he was B. S. M., battalion sergeant major, of the 1st division.

LOSES BABY ALSO

Prof. L. L. Culbertson, principal of the Weiser high school, is certainly having his share of this world's troubles at the present time. Just a week ago we announced the sad news of the death of his wife, and now we are compelled to report the death of his ten months old baby. The little one died at St. Luke's hospital at Boise Monday morning at 4 o'clock, just a week after the death of its mother, and was buried at Payette Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Wallis, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. The baby was taken to Boise last Friday and was suffering from internal spasms.

Surely Prof. Culbertson has the deepest sympathy of the people of this community.—Weiser Signal.

GOES TO TELL PORTLAND FOLKS ABOUT IRRIGATION BILL

Representative P. J. Gallagher will leave Sunday for Portland where he has been scheduled by Jay Upson, president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress for a series of addresses before Portland bodies to tell them about the State Guarantee of Irrigation bond interest, of which he is the author. Mr. Gallagher will appear before the Chamber of Commerce, the Progressive Business Men's club, the Portland Ad club, the Rotary club and the Realty Board. These are all day meetings. In the evenings he will address meetings in several of the valley towns.

CLASS OF 1919 WILL GRADUATE TOMORROW

Exercises Will Mark Close of School Year Deemed Successful in Spite of Interruption by Flu Epidemic—Seventeen in Class.

With the graduation exercises of the class of 1919 which will be held at the High School auditorium tomorrow evening the 1918-19 school year will pass into history.

The year has been marked with serious interruptions due to the "flu" ban which shortened the term in effect for six weeks. Despite this it was a successful year and the class of 17 which will receive diplomas has made a creditable record.

The feature of the commencement program will be the address of Dr. John Straub, dean of the College of letters and science of the State University. Dr. Straub is one of the most sought after commencement orators in the Northwest whose message to the graduates is one that will carry a lasting impression.

The commencement program will be opened by Rev. Chas. H. Blom who will pronounce the invocation; the High School Girls' Glee Club will sing, "Spring Time," which will be followed by Dr. Straub's address. This in turn will be followed by a duet, "Oh, That We Two Were Maying," by Misses Viola Husted and Mary Massee; a piano duet by Misses Charlotte Claggett and Mary Springer will then precede the presentation of the class by Superintendent of Schools H. R. Douglas, to L. Adam of the School Board, who in the absence of President J. W. McCulloch will award the diplomas. The benediction will be pronounced by Rev. W. F. Cochran.

The following is the roll of the class: Cecile M. Logan, Viola Belle Husted, Amy Carol Canfield, Lola Madeline Howser, Lucile Mary Biggs, Mamie Florence Stewart, Gladys Margaret Udick, Myrtle Irene Stewart, Ina Draper DeFos, Delta M. Hill, Orville L. Walters, Roscoe B. Conklin, Steven L. Fielder, Howard H. Belmore, Darrell L. Howser, Jack M. Taylor, Paul R. McCulloch.

WOUNDED SOLDIER BUYS VICTORY BOND

Man Who Risked His All in France Sends Parents Funds With Which to Invest in Precious Paper.

That the boys who risked their lives "over there" appreciate what Victory Bonds mean and show an example to those who stayed at home which should shame many was evidenced here in Ontario last week.

Down at the foot of Oregon street live Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thomas. They have a son, Charles Thomas, in France, he has been there nearly two years. He was in the big drive in the Argonne and was wounded in the fight in which he risked his all. Yet he is not rich, as measured by the common standard, or compared with many Ontarians, this young man sent his parents \$100 with which to buy Victory Bonds, and had sent \$50 for the Fourth Liberty bonds.

His action is certainly a marked comparison with those who remained at home, risked nothing, but rather capitalized the war to make more money.

ONTARIO GIRL LISTED ON GRADUATE ROLL AT U. OF O.

Among the 119 candidates for degrees to be conferred at University of Oregon commencement exercises on June 16 is the name of one Ontario girl, Miss Terressa Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connell Cox who live Southwest of the city. Miss Cox will receive her bachelors degree in department of English literature.

With his arm in a sling as the result of a fall which broke the small bones of his right wrist Sprague Adam returned home from Burley, Idaho, Monday. The injury is not serious but requires a great deal of explanation to inquiring friends.

Sidney Comegys of Harney county has purchased the Johnson DeFoe place west of the Fair grounds.

WILL CAMPAIGN FOR BOTH BIG MEASURES

MALHEUR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE TO SPEND \$500 IN CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE PUBLIC CONCERNING MEASURES

ONTARIO TO RAISE \$125

Word Comes From Coast Counties That They Will Go Solid for State Guarantee of Irrigation Bonds and Water Highway.

The first big statewide effort to unite Eastern and Western Oregon on a legislative campaign thru the direct action of the voters is being staged at this time. On the outcome of this effort, in a large measure, will depend the results to be secured in future years.

If by this effort it can be proven that the people of Western Oregon will further the measure for the state to guarantee the interest for five years of irrigation and drainage bonds which will help Eastern Oregon, as nothing else can; and at the same time Eastern Oregon will vote to bond the state for \$2,500,000 for the building of the Roosevelt Highway along the Coast; then for the first time a community of interest will have been secured that will make possible almost any great measure for the rebuilding of the state.

Malheur County Will Help. That Malheur county will do its utmost for this campaign is certain. The Malheur Development League which has endorsed both these measures has determined to make an active campaign in their behalf. It will spend \$500 in a campaign of education, Speakers will go forth to tell the voters of the merits of each bill.

To secure this \$500 for the advancement of the Roosevelt Highway and the Irrigation bond bill Ontario and Vale were each assessed \$125 by the directors; Nyssa has been asked to raise \$100, Cairo \$25; Jordan Valley \$50; Dead Ox Flat \$75. H. C. Boyer, J. R. Blackaby, and G. K. Aiken were the committeemen appointed by President R. B. Lytle and Secretary W. J. Pinney to raise Ontario's Quota. In reality the city will have to raise by \$75 for the Oregon-Western Colonization company donated \$100 to the cause of which \$50 was credited to Vale and \$50 to Ontario.

Bills Have Merits. It is only a question of getting the merits of these two bills before the people to assure their passage. The Roosevelt Highway, half of the cost of which will be borne by the National government will open a great stretch of undeveloped country on the coast. It will make accessible regions that can not now be reached except by boat. As a military road it is of supreme strategic importance, and the people of the coast country are asking the rest of the state to thus aid them. They deserve this support.

The irrigation measure means more to Eastern Oregon than any other bill ever presented. It means the construction of many feasible irrigation projects. It means prosperity for Eastern Oregon. Assurance has come from the West side and from Portland that the people there will unite for this measure and since both this bill and the Roosevelt highway are development bills they will pass, if their friends just get out and vote.

COUNCIL TO PONDER PAVING PROPOSITION

Special Meeting of Administrative Body Called for Friday Evening to Deliberate on Ordinance Prepared.

Preliminary to necessary action for paving the City Council will hold a meeting Friday evening to consider the ordinance prepared for the formation of a local improvement district for street paving.

This matter has been lying dormant for some time, the Council passed a resolution declaring its intention to proceed with the formation of the district. No action followed this resolution, as the City Recorder C. M. Stearns reported to the Council that the estimated cost of the improvements had not been filed by the city engineer. These estimates were presented and filed this week.

On the passage of the ordinance date for hearing taxpayers objecting to the improvement, those asking that the district be extended, etc. will be set and the preliminary work will be advanced another stage.

Saturday evening the members of the Nat Club and their ladies enjoyed a most delicious supper at P. J. For's cafe. Two company were present, and all reported a very enjoyable time.