

SPIRITED ARGUMENTS MARK PAVING DEBATE

REMONSTRANCE PRESENTED
COUNCIL SIGNED BY OWNERS
OF VAST MAJORITY OF THE
STREET FRONTAGE IN DIS-
TRICT, AS PROPOSED

ALL WANT PAVING LATER

Speakers Quote Poets Draw Comparisons with Other Cities Issue Between Property Owners and Merchants Raised by W. E. Lees.

With the largest audience present that has attended a meeting of the City Council, in the last three years at least, arguments for and against the proposed paving program were heard by the Council last Monday evening. So large was the crowd that it was necessary to transfer the hearing to the Commercial club rooms, the Council chamber being inadequate for the accommodation of those present. No disposition was made of the question but on the motion of Councilman H. B. Cockrum the question was laid upon the table and to be taken up at the meeting of June 16. W. E. Lees, H. C. Boyer and T. H. Moore spoke against paving while E. C. Van Petten, A. L. Cockrum and J. R. Blackaby spoke in its favor.

The grounds for the protest given were two: first, that the cost of the improvement is too great at this time; second that the labor situation here does not justify nor warrant such work.

"This matter does not require discussion," said Mr. Lees, in launching the first attack. "But I do know that this remonstrance represents nine-tenths of the people who will have to pay the bill, and who own the property within the district. They are entitled to a respectful hearing. This matter should have been brought up by the property owners. There should have been two petitions, those for it and those against it, and then the council could have weighed the evidence and determined whether the people want paving or not."

"Let us put off paving for a year, or two years at the most and then take it up. I don't believe Mr. Moore, Mr. Boyer or the other large property owners will object if conditions are right. But this council should not order this paving in with nine-tenths of the property owners objecting."

"Shirktailful of Goods." "The people who are on this remonstrance are anchored here. They have all their money invested in property here. The people who want this paving have a shirktailful of goods that they could take them to Baker or any place, but we have to stay here."

"Cities are like people. They must go ahead or go back," said E. C. Van Petten, the first of the pro-paving speakers. "At a meeting of the Commercial club representing three-fourths of the business men of the city resolutions were passed endorsing this paving."

"It is these business men who have put money into every enterprise in this city that has come along; who have contributed to every public movement, and in every patriotic drive."

"Price is no prohibition of paving at this time. Paving was killed once before and will be killed again unless the people here take a broader view and adopt a broader policy."

"I am surprised at the opposition I have found to this paving," said A. L. Cockrum. "I want to cite the results in Oklahoma where I saw all the towns start together and where Oklahoma City, a smaller town than the Guthrie of that day became the big city of the State, took the capital away from Guthrie and Guthrie has never caught up. All this started by a paving program in Oklahoma City."

"Why Not Now?" "Of course we could get along with our streets as they are. But I have heard a number of business men declare that they will pay the increased rent necessary to meet the cost of this paving, and I believe that it will prove the worst blunder we have ever made if we turn this paving down at this time. If as Mr. Lees says we will ultimately pave, why not now?"

"I am getting tired, and I know you

ONTARIO BUSINESS MAN AND WEISER YOUNG LADY TO WED

Invitations were issued this week for the wedding of Miss Tabitha Haas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Haas of Weiser, to Samuel Creem of Ontario. June 24th is the date set for the ceremonies which will take place at the home of the bride's parents in Weiser.

To Ontario people the bride is already known thru many visits here, and thru the prominence of her family in Weiser. She is a native daughter of the Idaho city and has long been active in the younger set of the town.

Mr. Creem is known thruout this entire section, having since 1906 been manager of the Alexander store here. He came when but a young man from Boise where he first located after leaving his home in Lowell, Mass. From a clerkship he was raised to manager of the store and save during his absence in the army last summer and fall, he has lived here continuously. He was a director of the Commercial club last year and has taken an active interest in public affairs.

All are, too, driving thru mudholes in the winter time and chuck holes during the summer time.

"The State of Oregon is building hundreds of miles of paved highways, thru timbered forests, over mountains and across sage brush deserts. If it is good business, and we all admit that it is, for the state to spend its money for that kind of road, can any man argue that it is not good business for Ontario to meet those roads at her limits with paved streets?"

"You can not tell me that these same arguments for delay will not be made a year from now or ten years from now. Children might believe it, but I have gone down the line on civic enterprises with those who are objecting for the past ten years and I know what they will say, now or any time." This sally evidently made a hit with the crowd and with the opponents of paving too, everyone smiled or applauded.

"Wants Paved Streets, Too" "I would hate to think that Ontario would never pave her streets," said H. C. Boyer, "but I believe that we can wait a year before starting in. It is taking more money than ever to run business and I feel that while it would be a disgrace to Ontario if her streets were not paved in a year or two, that we can better afford to wait than to rush in now and put too great a burden on the property owners."

"When we pave we want to do so to attract people to the city. They will not be attracted by paving on the business streets alone. If we are going to be a paved-town let us pave the residence streets, too. Let us plant shade trees and make this an attractive town that will draw the rancher from the interior to this city as his home."

"If I were to speak my thoughts about paving I could not voice them better than have Mr. Van Petten, Mr. Cockrum and Mr. Blackaby," said T. H. Moore. "I would also quote Mr. Lees. I am in favor of paving but not at this time. I think that so far as the question is concerned that the only thing this council has to consider is that it has a remonstrance with nine-tenths of the property owners against it, and that ought to settle the matter."

"I am one of those merchants Mr. Lees refers to, and what we have may not be much but it represents as much capital, as most of the business blocks of the city. I only wish this paving program passed my residence. I'd gladly pay it, and so would many other citizens," said Frank Rader.

At this point the hearing adjourned for two weeks.

BOY SCOUT COUNCIL IS FORMED BY BUSINESS MEN

Ontario business men have gotten behind the Boy Scout organization in Ontario and formed a Boy Scout Council. The organization was perfected Monday at a meeting held in the directors room of the Ontario National Bank. The following were the officers chosen: J. R. Blackaby, chairman; W. L. Turner, secretary-treasurer. The members of the Council are Hugh Allen, W. H. Laxon, H. R. Douglass, J. C. McCreight and E. R. Steele was elected Scout Commissioner and troops will be organized and combined in one general organization with Rev. Steele as chief executive. Preparations are under way for the Boy Scout Campaign beginning June 8.

NAMPA MEN FIGURE IN JORDAN VALLEY CRIME

Coroner's Jury Finds Verdict—Cole Brought to Vale by Marshal J. A. Wroten—Is Unconcerned Apparently, Says Act Justified.

When, according to his story, Harold Scott of Nampa, put his arm around the shoulders of Mrs. Charles F. Cole, and made an insulting remark, in a room in the Jordan Valley hotel, Sunday afternoon, Cole took one shot at him and killed him instantly. The bullet crashed thru the victim's heart, and thus must have come close to the body of the assailants wife.

The only witness of the tragedy, which occurred about 2 p. m. were Cole and his wife. All of the figures in the crime were residents of Nampa, Idaho. Cole was in Jordan Valley on business, he being a sewing machine agent who worked in that territory. Scott, the murdered man, is well known in that section of the country as a semi-professional ball player.

Cole was arrested immediately following the crime by Marshal J. A. Wroten of Jordan Valley who summoned a coroner's jury to hear the case, the jury found that Scott came to his death at the hands of Cole and he was held to appear before the Grand Jury which sits at Vale in September.

BETTER HAY IS AIM OF NEW ASSOCIATION

Will Ask Commercial Club to Assist in Advertising Desirability of This Section for Feeding and Lambing—Committee Appointed.

To meet with the stock raisers who feed in this section, and discuss means of co-operation for the mutual advantage of the hay grower and the stockmen, thirty hay ranchers of the Snake river valley from the Owyhee to Ontario met at the Commercial club rooms last Saturday afternoon—but not a stockman appeared at the meeting, tho many had been invited. Despite this discouraging fact, however, the hay growers voted to perfect an organization for the purpose of bringing about a standardization of hay values in this section and to make further advances to the stockmen in an effort to secure their co-operation.

To perfect the organization a committee consisting of Judge Dalton Biggs, T. W. Clagett, C. C. Hunt, E. B. Conklin, and Peter Tensen were appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the organization and to get into communication with the representatives of the stockmen and explain further the purpose of the movement.

No Attempt to Establish Prices The ranchers distinctly declared that they have no desire to attempt to establish a price for hay, but are willing to let the natural law of supply determine that feature. All that is desired of the stockmen is their co-operation in bringing about uniform methods of handling the hay crop by agreeing to pay a reasonable difference between good hay and poor hay, and to take into consideration the facilities offered by some ranchers for lambing and care of stock.

Tensen Chosen Chairman. When the meeting opened G. W. Dean nominated Peter Tensen as chairman and his election followed. In opening the discussion Mr. Tensen presented some of the advantages to be secured thru the co-operation of the hay growers and the stockmen and presented a possible schedule for grading hay. In part he said:

Takes Two to Co-operate. C. T. Lackey voiced the prevalent sentiment of the meeting when he said:

"It takes two to co-operate on anything like this, and we can't do much unless the stockmen will meet us half way. I believe that they understand what is being attempted, and are afraid that we are trying to fix prices. This association if it is formed can not do that, for that is a question between the man who is buying hay and the man who is selling. If they can get together that is all there is to it."

ROAD BONDS GARRY BY BIG MAJORITIES

Seventeen Precincts, Largest in County, Give Road Bonds 521 to 194 Against—Every Measure on Ballot Carries in County—

With the lightest vote recorded in years, less than 20 per cent of the registered voters voting, Malheur county approved of the issuance of \$220,000 in bonds to co-operate with the state in the construction of the State road program, and the building of the road to Jordan Valley.

From 17 precincts, including Snake River (Dead Ox Flat) three Ontario precincts, Fair, Cairo, Arcadia, Nysa, North and South Vale, Grange, Jamieson, Brogan, Jordan Valley, Westfall, Bully and Riverside reported the vote for the bonds was 521 to 194. This assures their carrying for the other precincts can not overcome this lead.

Two features marked the election, the light vote as a whole and the heavy vote on Dead Ox Flat where they cast 86 votes for the bonds and 2 against. Jordan Valley cast 40 votes everyone for the bonds.

Strange to say several of the county precincts, such as Grange, Fair and Cairo went against the bonds, and in Grange in particular, where the vote will be most benefited, they voted against the state guarantee of irrigation and drainage bonds. Apparently Malheur county voters wanted the entire program for even the lieutenant governor amendment carried here.

City Charter Amended. By a vote of 118 to 19 the voters in the city changed the charter to permit the council to collect delinquent taxes for improvement districts.

COUNTY RECIEVES ITS HONOR FLAG QUIETLY

Only Small Crowd Gathers to Witness Presentation, and Most of Those Present Came From the Country Districts.

Ontarians must be bashful. That is the only explanation that can be given for the small number of citizens who turned out to witness the presentation of the county honor flag last Saturday evening at the city park. The presentation was made by Lieut. R. B. Kuykendall, 374 Field Artillery, County Chairman J. R. Blackaby presided and introduced the visiting officer.

In his address, which was brief, Lieut. Kuykendall described conditions in the occupied area of Germany and how the American army lived there. He told something about the battles of the Argonne and of life in the battle zone.

"It is the American people who submitted to food regulations, who bought Liberty Bonds and sustained the morale of the army by their letters, and their organizations who won the war," he said.

LIKE MELODRAMA? "SPORTING LIFE" WILL PLEASE YOU

Do you like melodrama? The real old Drury Lane brand filled to the brim with stirring action, suspense and genuine thrill? Who doesn't? If you do, you should not fail to see "Sporting Life," Maurice Tourneur's superb picturization of the famous Drury Lane success of twenty years ago which will be shown at the Dreamland theatre next Sunday and Monday, June 8 and 9.

HOWE-PRICE

The marriage of Mrs. Maggie Price of St. Louis, Mo., to George Howe, formerly of Ontario but now of Nysa, took place at the parsonage of the Baptist church here last Friday morning. Rev. C. H. Blom performed the ceremony. On the following day Mr. and Mrs. Howe motored to Enterprise, Oregon, for a short wedding trip and attended the Baptist conference.

Until a year and a half ago Mr. Howe was engaged in the poultry business here but more recently has been in charge of Judge Dalton Biggs' ranch on the Owyhee, where they will make their home.

BURGULARS FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO ROB LUMBER YARD SAFE

Sometime between Thursday night and Saturday morning burglars entered the office of the Boise-Payette Lumber company here and broke open the outer door of the office safe. They failed to reach the contents for the inner door baffled them, or they were frightened away before they could work on it. A big piece of railroad iron was used on the safe. Entrance was gained by breaking the window on the south side of the building. The next night two officers, one of them a lumber yard of Dec. were robbed in Canwell, apparently by the men who worked here on the Boise-Payette safe.

NEED LAND LEASES TO ASSURE OIL WELL

A. F. Boyer Brings Geologist Into Field But Must Secure Leases to Bring in Interested Capital—Everyone Should Help

After years of work A. F. Boyer, who has never lost his faith in this field as an oil bearing region, has interested men of sufficient means to develop the field. To present to them a report of a reliable geologist he has brot one here and the investigation of this expert is now almost complete. This will not make the oil field, which if developed will make rich men who are now poor and transform lands from no value to that of many thousands, for nothing can be done until sufficient land is signed up on a lease basis to warrant capital to come and investigate and spend, perhaps, \$150,000 in this vicinity boring wells.

Mr. Boyer has secured some leases but more must be secured. Since the land in the valley is cut up into small holdings it takes time to gather these and the work should be rushed if anything is to be done this season. Every owner of land in this field should get into touch with Mr. Boyer and get acquainted with the terms of the leases, and thus aid in what may be the greatest opportunity that ever presented itself to any man.

The capitalist interested now will not come here unless there is enough land under contract to merit consideration and bring results. Get busy now for this region has indications of possibilities as an oil or gas field.

RED CROSS CHAPTER OFFICIALS RESIGN

After More Than Two Years of Active Service Dr. H. H. Whitney and Mrs. E. M. Graig Seek Relief From Duties.

After more than two years of active service as Chairman and Secretary of the Ontario Chapter A. R. C. Dr. H. H. Whitney and Mrs. E. M. Graig resigned their positions at a meeting of the directors Monday evening at the Commercial club rooms.

There were but a few of the directors present and the action was taken on the resignations only after strenuous debate, but finally agreed upon as a matter of justice to the two officials who have given so much time and effort to the work during the entire life of the chapter. A meeting has been called for Monday evening for the election of new officials and the further division of the work of the district.

The women of the chapter have during the past week spent many hours cleaning assignments given the chapter in months past, and for the summer there will be no active work, but in the fall and winter it is expected that there will be some work to be done, but in greatly reduced quantity over that of the past two years.

There will also be a financial drive this fall for the Red Cross, the purpose of the drive or the work which the money will be used for is not known to the directors of the local chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clemo have moved into the Con Ryan house vacated by Mrs. Lucy Fox and her mother, who leave tonight for a visit with relatives in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Huffman were business visitors here from Vale Tuesday.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO EMPLOY SECRETARY

ENTHUSIASTIC SESSION OF BUSINESS MEN RECALL EARLY DAYS—JUDGE WOOD LAUNCHES BUILDING BOOM FOR RESIDENCES

PLAN AUTO CAMPING GROUND

W. L. Bodie of Portland Selected From Long List of Applicants for Secretaryship of Club—Vale Men Attend Sessions.

After weeks of discussion the Ontario Commercial club has determined to launch a progressive program. The first step in this plan was completed last night when it was decided to offer the secretaryship to W. L. Bodie of Portland, one of the many applicants for the position. The vote was unanimous and the salary for the position was placed at \$175 per month.

Mr. Bodie whose recommendation came from many quarters has had years of experience in such positions and comes highly recommended from Canadian cities where he has served.

New Paving Program. At the dinner which preceded the session at which Frank Rader was chairman a new paving program was launched and many signatures of both property owners and business men were secured. This program calls for paving from Fisor's corner on Idaho avenue East of the track to the top of the hospital hill on California avenue; from Montana to Wyoming avenues on Richardson street; also for one block west of Oregon street on all the intersecting streets between California and Montana, and on Richardson street between Nevada and Idaho; on Nevada from Oregon east to the passenger station and on Colorado east to the railroad track.

Want Auto Camp Ground. The club also determined to establish an auto camping ground and J. R. Blackaby, H. H. Tunny and A. Robinson were instructed to arrange for this needed improvement.

Want Free City Delivery. W. J. Pinney brot up the question of mail delivery in the city and Postmaster J. R. Gregg declared that this could be secured if the city's sidewalk system was improved to meet requirements. H. B. Cockrum and A. L. McDowell members of the council were requested to investigate and endeavor to get the needed action to comply with the requirements.

Vale Men Present. H. D. Lytle of Vale, president of the Malheur Development League and G. H. Curry of Vale were present and addressed the meeting. Mr. Lytle urged continued support for the league that made possible the successful passage of the road bonds on Tuesday.

Water and Paving. W. F. Homan presented a statement showing the efficiency of the water system and its ability to deliver all the water needed for irrigating all the land so used in the city. He said that the city councils both present and past have been criticised by men who did not know the facts, which they could have secured by investigation.

P. J. Gallagher made a spirited address on the work of the reconstruction committees and said that Malheur county was just coming to its own. With the passage of the amendment permitting the guarantee of interest and drainage bonds, he said June 4 would be henceforth a red letter day in the county's history.

NEW FIRM TURNS OUT ITS FIRST FINISHED PRODUCT

Ontario's latest business venture, the U. S. Manufacturing company, is now a producing concern. On Tuesday the installation of machinery was so far completed that the first coredated steel culvert was made.

Announcement was made by P. J. Gallagher at the Commercial club dinner Wednesday night that sufficient contracts were already on hand to keep all the force the company could secure busy for the next 90 days. One of the largest contracts was that secured recently for \$3,000 worth of culverts to be used on a government contract near Ketchikan, Idaho.