

SIDE STREETS WILL BE GIVEN ATTENTION

CITIZENS PROPOSE TO COUNCIL THAT IT ARRANGE TO HAVE GRAVEL AND OILED MATERIAL FROM BUSINESS SECTION PLACED ELSEWHERE

WOULD IMPROVE THOROFARES

Short Line Engineer Asks Council to Amend Paving District and Submit Specifications for Crossing — No Quorum is Present for Meeting.

Altho there was no quorum present, and therefore no definite action taken, the City Council held a session Monday evening. Only three members: Councilman Troxell, Moore and Allen were present; Mayor Jones, Councilmen Cockrum, McDowell and Laxson being absent.

The principal matter discussed was that brot to the attention of the Council by W. E. Lees and H. C. Boyer. They asked the Council to arrange for the improvement of side streets and streets leading to the business section, which is to be paved, by taking the oiled gravel from the surface of the business district and spreading it on these side streets.

They declared that many of the business blocks have several inches of gravel which has been placed there during a period of years and that this is excellent material for the improvement of side streets. Since most of this will have to be moved they suggested that the council arrange with the Warren Construction company to haul this material to the designated streets and that then, at but a small cost, the city could improve many streets which now are almost impassable on account of sand and chuck holes.

W. F. Homan, Commissioner appointed to appraise the betterments to the property within the paving district declared that in his opinion the gravel that is to be moved will be sufficient to gravel at least 40 blocks according to the specifications on file for gravelled streets. These specifications call for gravel 16 feet wide and four inches deep, while on several of the streets to be paved the gravel is now 10 or 12 inches deep for the full width of the street, 52 feet.

T. H. Moore said that while this would make a material improvement now that he had hoped that no improvements be made on Richardson street, Virtue, Moffitt and King streets so that in a short time they would be

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INJUNCTION DENIED TO P. L. S. COMPANY

Motion Dismissed Without Prejudice by Federal Judge and Injunction Suit in State Courts Will Proceed.

Federal Judge Bean, at Portland dismissed the motion of the P. L. S. company asking for an injunction against the directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation District to prevent them proceeding with the building of the dam at Riverside which will convert a P. L. S. ranch into the reservoir of the Warm Springs system.

The action was dismissed after witnesses for both the company and the district were heard and now the District will proceed with its condemnation suit in the State courts.

Among the witnesses who went to Portland were: Rex Marquis, George McLaughlin, M. G. Hope, George Russell, officers of the district, Engineers Wiley, Carrillo, Lewis and Smith who are in charge of the work. Most of the witnesses returned Wednesday and Thursday.

As the result of the dismissal of the motion work will proceed and the dam will be finished as planned, in October.

President W. P. Davidson of the Oregon-Western Colonization company arrived in the city yesterday. He is at the Moore.

LOCAL FIRM SUCCESSFUL IN BIDDING FOR BIG CONTRACTS

During the past week the U. S. Manufacturing company of this city was the successful bidder in practically all of the big contracts awarded in this section, for plumbing and heating plants. The company was awarded the contract for the heating plant of the new school building at Huntington; It also was the lowest bidder for the heating plant of the Payette school building and likewise at Weiser, tho in the latter case all of the bids were rejected because the bonds issued were not sufficient to complete the work. The company is now engaged in finishing the contract for the heating plant of the Mercy hospital at Nampa. The company also secured the contract for the heating and plumbing of a handsome new residence for one of Nampa's banker citizens.

GARBAGE COLLECTION WANTED BY CITIZENS

Solve Garbage Nuisance, and Condemn Unightly Buildings Along Alleys in the Business District.

Something must be done to solve the garbage problem in Ontario. That was the unanimous sentiment of the members of the Commercial club as expressed at the meeting last night following the luncheon. A committee consisting of G. K. Aiken, E. W. Howland and J. T. McNulty was named to place this matter before the City Council.

Likewise the club members want the city fathers to condemn and compel the removal of the unightly buildings that drape the alleys of the business district. H. H. Tunny was instructed to tell the Council what the club thinks of present conditions in this respect.

While the city is engaging in an attempt to make a more pleasing appearance, E. B. Conklin suggested that an order be issued to have all telegraph and telephone poles painted white, or some other color.

There was a lengthy discussion of the garbage question for it is recognized that to solve it the City Council must first secure a dumping ground and that so far none has been found. However the club voiced the belief that a continued campaign to get individual as well as community action in this matter must be carried on.

W. J. Pinney called attention to the meeting of the Western States Irrigation congress at Salt Lake in the near future and urged the club to send representatives to that gathering. He said that Malheur Development League will meet in Nyssa soon and likewise urged a large attendance from Ontario.

HOLD BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Miss Jean Aiken celebrated her sixth birthday on Tuesday afternoon of this week with a lawn party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Aiken. Eleven little playmates of the neighborhood gathered to aid in the festivities. Games were played and stories told, and these were followed by refreshments.

METHODISTS CONSIDER BUILDING NEW CHURCH

MEMBERS OF CHURCH CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM CENTENARY COMMITTEE TO ERECT NEW EDIFICE WORTH \$20,000 ON SITE TO BE SELECTED

FINAL DECISION NOT GIVEN

Survey of Field will be Made Before Details of Campaign can be Worked Out—Church Board Would Materially Assist in Defraying Expenses.

To build or not to build, that is the question that is agitating the minds of the members of the Ontario Methodist Episcopal church.

At a banquet of the men of the church held in the church parlors last Thursday evening this question was brought to a focus and discussed at length, tho no decision was reached.

The principal speaker at the banquet was Rev. James C. Erwin, of New York City, representing the Board of Home Missions of the church and the church Extension Society. At the present time he is doing special work for the Centenary board, thru whose activities the church raised a fund of one hundred and thirty million dollars.

Thru Rev. Erwin the board offered to give to the local church \$5,000 toward the building of a new church, this offer was contingent however on the local church raising sufficient funds to erect a suitable building, not for church purposes only, but for community and institutional work.

While the men at the banquet last Thursday did vote to ask Rev. Erwin to return for a series of addresses here during next week. His first address will be delivered on Sunday, August 10, and he will continue to deliver a series of talks every evening of the week.

ALL QUIET ON OWYHEE DITCH DURING WEEK

Water Head Now Practically 40 Per Cent Normal—4164 Inches of Water Available for 10,000 Acres of Land

Between the pumping plant and the gravity intake of the Owyhee Ditch there are 4164 inches of water available for the 10,000 acres of land taking water this summer.

This head of water which is being divided under the direction of the State Water Master, by A. L. Sproule, deputy in charge of the Owyhee Ditch, and as the result of one prosecution for violating the regulations there has been no further trouble during the week.

At a meeting of the board of directors last Saturday it was expected that a number of protests would be filed but none of the ranchers appeared and only routine business was transacted.

BUILDING COMPANY WILL BE ORGANIZED

OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN ONTARIANS TO OWN HOMES OF THEIR OWN—CAPITALIZATION OF COMPANY WILL BE \$10,000

REVOLVING FUND TO BE RAISED

Committee Will Solicit Subscriptions to Capital Stock at Once so That Work on New Homes May Start in Very Near Future.

With a capitalization of \$10,000 an Ontario Home Building company will be organized at once. A. L. Cockrum, W. F. Homan, D. M. Taggart and E. C. Van Vatten, the committee appointed by President Wood of the Commercial club to investigate the situation, reported its plan to the club at the meeting last night and it was unanimously adopted and the committee continued with instructions to proceed to form the company.

According to the plan outlined by Messrs. Cockrum and Homan of the committee, the company can adopt several different methods of financing its operations. It can proceed to building operations according to plans submitted by a prospective owner, or plans adopted by the directors, and after a house is built can place a mortgage on the building with local people or with some outside financial institution.

In any event the purchaser of the home will be able to finance his home with a relatively small initial payment.

Secretary F. Leslie Body of the club reported that already he had been authorized to enter subscriptions for nearly \$1,000 of the capital stock.

SCHOOLS WILL HAVE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Board Having Received Many Applications Will Release Superintendent H. R. Douglass to State University.

When the School Board first received Supt. H. R. Douglass' resignation it sent advises forth to many educational institutions requesting information concerning possible applicants. When a rush did not result the board considered declining Mr. Douglass' request. Then applications began to arrive. That changed the aspect of the case.

Therefore on the return of Mr. and Mrs. Douglass from Blue Mountain Springs the board with his assistance began to canvass the situation and has now narrowed the field to two or three likely candidates. And when negotiations close Mr. Douglass will be relieved so that he can join the faculty of the State University to which he has been elected to full professorship.

THREE PROVINCES OF CANADA VISITED BY ONTARIO PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown and family are back in Ontario after an extended auto trip thru Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and three provinces of the Dominion of Canada, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. They visited all the great scenic resorts of the Canadian Rockies, such as Banff, and Lake Louise and the Arrow Head Lake region.

To make this trip by auto they were compelled each time in going from one part of Canada to another to return to the U. S. A. and cross Washington, Northern Idaho or Montana. On their return they visited the Glacier National park and the Yellowstone. They reached Ontario last Saturday.

HAND GRENADE BANK FOR THRIFTY YOUTH

Perfectly Harmless Now That War is Over These Death Dealing Instruments Can Easily be Won—Winners Must Work and Save.

A real, practical memento of the great war, one that will last a lifetime, and more, has been placed by the Treasury Department, through the Oregon War Savings Stamp organization, within the reach of every boy and girl in the state.

This memento is nothing less than a real bomb, or hand-grenade, made originally for use by American doughboys in their fight for right and the liberty of the world. Fortunately some 15,000,000 of these grenades were not needed. The armistice was signed before they had been sent overseas, but Uncle Sam, a thrifty person himself, doesn't want the labor and material used in making these bombs to be wasted, so he is turning them into little banks, and has a plan whereby every American boy and girl may earn one. This plan, as outlined by Mrs. A. R. Innes, Associate State Director of the War Savings Stamp work, provides that a grenade shall be awarded to every school pupil, 10 years old or younger, who, at the opening of school in September, can exhibit to his teacher one War Savings Stamp purchased with money earned by him during vacation, and who takes with his stamp a story showing how the money for the Stamp was earned, boys and girls, over 10 years old, will be presented a hand-grenade bank, if they exhibit two War Savings Stamps, bought with money earned during vacation, and also have a little story showing how they earned money.

These grenades, of course, will be perfectly harmless. The deadly explosives they would have carried on their way to the Hun have been removed, so that the shell alone remains, and in each grenade a slot large enough to receive a dime has been cut. Thus, the grenade becomes a nifty, strong, little savings bank. The Government realizes that spare dimes placed in these grenade banks will make them just as deadly to waste and extravagance as they would have been to the enemy, had they been hurled into the German trenches in battle. That is the object of the offer made by Uncle Sam to girls and boys. He wants them to realize that thrift and saving is a virtue that is essential to the best citizenship.

Following are some suggestions as to how boys may earn money during vacation: Carrying a newspaper route; fruit picking and harvesting; helping in the stores; office boy work; gram cutting and delivering milk. Girls may earn spare money by caring for babies; making fancy work; washing dishes; cleaning, and also by working in the harvest fields, if they are strong and healthy girls.

War Savings Stamps headquarters has advised all County School Superintendents, City Superintendents and Rural School Supervisors of the hand-grenade plan, and it is expected that Oregon children will go "over the top" and call for thousands of the banks when school opens in September. There will be enough for all, too.

Though the Fourth of July cross-state airplane flight in the interest of the War Savings Stamp campaign had to be postponed owing to damage to the airplane in making a landing at Dallas, the plan has not been abandoned, and the flight will probably be made later in the summer.

IRRIGATION TREBLES VALUE OF BIG RANCH

TRANSFER OF OLD BROSNAN RANCH ON WILLOW CREEK ABOVE VALE SHOWS WHAT WARMSPRINGS IRRIGATION DISTRICT MEANS TO COUNTY

PROPERTY JUMPS 18 FOLD

Twenty Years ago Ranch Sold for \$1,500; Two Years ago was Transferred at \$7,000; Now Under Warm Springs, Sells for \$20,000.

Another proof, if proof were needed, to show conclusively the immense value of irrigation, was given this week in the recording of the sale of the old Tom Brozman ranch on Willow Creek, three miles above Vale, which was bought by John Vines for \$20,000.

Twenty years ago, just before Tom Brozman, uncle of T. J. Brozman of Ontario, died, he sold this 320 acres to a man named Edwards for just \$1,500, or less than \$5 per acre.

Two years ago when the Edwards estate was settled up this ranch was sold for \$7,000. It was then, as it is now, partially developed. But since then the Warm Springs Irrigation district bonds have been sold and the work on the system so far progressed that water for all the land under the system is assured for next year, and that tells the story, for with a full water right John Vines, son of County Commissioner Frank Vines paid \$20,000 for the property this week.

And this is not all. Most students of land values in this section believe that Mr. Vines secured a real bargain, and that in reality the land is worth \$100 per acre in the rough.

FIREMEN CELEBRATE RETURN OF COMRADE

Wilmer Boyer is Honored Guest at Department Feed Staged Tuesday Evening at City Hall—Recounts Experiences.

The racket at the City Hall Tuesday evening was not due to a special session of the City Council or a noisy trial of some case with lawyers furnishing the exuberance that permeated that neighborhood. It was nothing like that, at all.

The hilarity and noise was the expression of good time which the members of the Ontario Fire Department were having at the big feed given in honor of Wilmer Boyer who returned recently from the A. E. F.

Beside the big feed which J. B. Atherton, Frank Brittingham and Louis Hurtle had arranged for the features of the evening was the story of his experiences abroad which Mr. Boyer told.

OREGON OIL FIELD IS LOCATED, CLAIM

Spokane Man Says That 12 Miles North of Beulah He Found State's True Oil Belt.

Spokane, Wash., July 31.—Specimens of fossils, oil shale, oil sandstone and pure asphalt, which H. M. Phillips brought from Eastern Oregon, are in his possession at the Lever hotel. These, with the seepage and formation of the country, convince him that he has found the true oil belt of that state.

He has just returned from there after locating 2550 acres for himself and some of the business men of Spokane who are associated with him. He expects to return next week.

"This locality is an anticline and, like the districts of Pennsylvania, is 40 miles from the syncline, where the natural gas has been discovered, and I feel sure it is the true location of the oil," said Mr. Phillips today. "It is about 12 miles north of Beulah on the old stage line between Vale and Burns, and about 45 miles by auto from Vale. It is in the northern part of Malheur county.

