

STREET VACATION IS ORDERED BY COUNCIL

A. ROBINSON PETITION FOR TEN FEET OF WASHINGTON STREET GRANTED AND HE MAKES DONATION OF \$1200 TO WATER FUND

WOULD REDUCE PAVING WIDTH

Contract With C. A. Kraiz of Portland Signed and he will be City Engineer—New Motor for Water Plant Ordered if Found Necessary.

After having been before the City Council for three months the petition of A. Robinson for the vacation of ten feet of the south side of Washington street from Oregon street to the alley was finally approved by that body at a special meeting Tuesday evening. This action will permit the erection of a building 35 by 140 for the Independent Meat company and the Ontario Ice & Cold Storage.

The vote which made possible this work was that of Mayor R. W. Jones who dissolved the tie resulting from the favorable votes of Councilmen McDowell and Moore and the negative votes of Councilmen Troxell and Allen.

The Council determined that since it could not sell the property it could accept a donation fund which Mr. Robinson might name, while Recorder C. M. Stearns suggested that there was a bill against the water department for \$1269 which he would like to see paid at once. Mr. Robinson gave his check accordingly to the water department at the rate paid for the balance of the property.

T. H. Moore, following the disposition of the Robinson petition, asked the Council to take the same

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BUYERS AND EDITORS ALL LOVE PORTLAND

Business Men of Metropolis Ideal Hosts—Food and Fun on Tap Everywhere—Columbia River Drive Unsurpassed—Trout Breakfast a Hit.

Extravagant phrases are exhausted in an attempt to describe the hospitality which the business men of Portland extended last week to the Buyers of the State of Oregon and the members of the National Editorial Association and the Oregon State Press association which met in convention there.

In spite of the fact that Portland already had entertained the buyers to the very limit earlier in the week, she had her best bib and tucker on for the scribes when they blew into town on Thursday and Friday. No amount of wear seemed to fray the garments of the city and smiling still she bid the opinion-moulders adieu Sunday after showing them "the time of their lives."

"I'll never forget this day as long as I live," the writer heard a "back East" editor declare, as he gazed on the wonderful panorama that unrolls itself in all directions from Vista House on the Columbia highway, the road supreme on the American continent. "Neither will I," another said, and the men from the sage brush agreed with them.

It would be impossible, and unfair to say that one part of the entertainment was better than another—each was complementary to the rest, but that Trout and Bear Breakfast given by the Progressive Business Men was a wonder.

When 40 business men and professional men will, to show their hospitality, stay up all night to prepare a feed for 600 hungry guests, we believe the zenith of hospitality has been reached. With the finest tonic in the world—a ride over the Columbia highway—to put an edge on their appetites; the scribes demonstrated their appreciation. What happened to the two thousand or more trout and the barbecued bear, the reader can imagine.

H. S. GIRLS TO APPEAR IN NEW TYPE OF UNIFORM DRESS

So satisfactory was the idea of a uniform for all the girls of the Ontario High School that the girls this year have continued the custom, tho a change has been made in the material, color and style of dress.

This year the uniform will be navy blue storm serge, plain skirts with middle blouses. In early fall and late spring the girls may wear white middies instead of blue.

The material and the patterns for the uniforms have been received by Ontario merchants and many of the girls already have their uniforms made, and others should do so soon to be ready for the Fair and the opening of school.

The first uniform made was that of Misses Alma and Ruth Homan and these may be seen by other girls who desire to "get pointers," on how to proceed.

RACE PROGRAM WILL THRILL DEAD ONES

Nothing Like Excitement Produced Scheduled for Fair Ever That of This Side of Pendleton—Or There Either.

Patrons of the Malheur County Fair will have an opportunity of seeing some of the classiest race horses in the intermountain country perform at the coming show beginning the week of September 2.

Already some of the fastest strings in the country are training on the local track, and as our Fair is the first meet of the season, the horses, riders, and owners are "rarin' to go."

Fair goers will remember the beautiful sorrel mare, "Desert Gold," who had such an easy time getting away with the purse last year, but this season the desert beauty will have to look to her laurels, for from the same desert country comes "Juanita Fredericks," whose owners claim is the fastest piece of horse flesh that ever crossed the Nevada line. They are willing to back their judgment in a very substantial amount, and those on the inside predict a "Hoss Race."

The feature race of the meet will be the Ontario Merchants Derby, a free for all, with a purse that will attract all of the speedy ones.

The relay race promises to be a humdinger, two strings are in training now, and more to come.

Added features this year will be the bull dogging and roping of steers, bronco riding will be strongly featured, and the wild horse and mule race will continue to interest the old timers, and to hold the new comers as in a trance, as they watch with absorbing interest a couple of dozen wild horses and men struggle for mastery in the open.

Director Gallagher is looking around for a bunch of motor cycle riders who want to bet their neck against a good fat purse that they can lower the half mile track record established several years ago when "Oile" Olsen won the handicap race against a lot of professionals.

The bird men will be on hand with a thrilling exhibit of all the tricks known to the air men, and the more hardy spirits can take a ride in the air for so much a minute.

RETURNS FROM LONG TRIP THRU CALIFORNIA CITIES

Miss Georgia Hull of the Style Shop returned home Friday morning from a seven week's combined business and pleasure trip to San Francisco, Los Angeles and many other cities in Southern California. While in Oakland she spent a very pleasant afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cope, formerly of Ontario. She found them much improved in health and doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Cope sent greetings to their many Ontario friends. Miss Hull returned on boat by way of Seattle arriving in Portland for Buyers' Week, so that she could prepare for the coming season.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Whitney returned home Monday night from a week's sojourn in the Payette lakes region.

Mrs. E. A. Fraser and son left this week for an auto trip to Boise.

DAVE BRICHOUX MAKES ESCAPE FROM PRISON

MURDERER OF R. C. GOODWIN TAKES FRENCH LEAVE FROM INSANE ASYLUM TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED RECENTLY

PAL ALSO LEAVES CONFINEMENT

Pair Believed to Have Been Aided by Relative of Cattle Thief—Mysterious Auto Figures in Escape—Men Still at Large.

Under a Salem date line the following story of the escape of D. C. Brichoux, from the insane hospital, where he was recently transferred, appeared in the Portland Telegram of August 13:

D. C. Brichoux and E. B. Southwick, dangerous inmates of the state hospital for the insane, who were transferred to that institution from the state penitentiary several months ago, made their escape today while being taken to the flax fields, and are believed to have had outside assistance. Southwick's sister had been about the hospital for several weeks attempting to obtain his release and was at the institution yesterday. A mysterious auto was in the road at the time.

Brichoux was convicted for murder. While returning with a prominent stockman named R. C. Goodwin from Andrews to Ontario, in Malheur county, he killed Goodwin, tied a weight to his corpse and threw the body into Snake river. The next morning Brichoux forged Goodwin's name on a check for \$100 and obtained the money. He went to Winnemucca, Nev., and got \$500 more on relatives of Goodwin over the signature of the dead man that Goodwin had gone East.

Southwick was serving 10 years for stealing cattle, and 5 to 10 years for assault with intent to kill. He was convicted of the theft of three cows from Charles Brown in Wallowa county, and then he shot Brown, but failed to kill him.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING IS ALMOST ASSURED

Campaign During Which Funds will Be Raised is Progressing Rapidly—City One of Those Chosen as Having Great Future.

The preparation for a financial campaign to secure funds for a new Methodist church building goes on with increasing interest. The committee are meeting with enthusiasm as they approach others to discuss the matter. Area Evangelist Erwin who represents the Methodist Centenary is here making a survey and interviewing various men who are interested and advising with the committee. It is expected to organize the workers for the drive before Rev. Erwin leaves next week. The general committee of the Centenary who are offering the five thousand dollar gift to Ontario have made a careful survey of the field. Taking into consideration the population of the community, the prospects of development, the number and equipment of other churches in this field and many other items to make certain that the community warrants such an expenditure without overlapping with the work of other institutions or going beyond the needs of the certain future of the town.

The actual solicitation for funds may be made the early part of next week so that a report can be made at the annual conference which meets at Weiser the 27th of August. No solicitation will be made at the community service and evangelistic meetings held at the church this week.

Somehow we have come to think of a big drive and a large collection when an evangelist comes to town and it is one of the evidences of the realizations of the benefit of the Methodist Centenary to local communities when we can have an experienced evangelist and organizer whose

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MONTANAN ELECTED TO SUCCEED H. R. DOUGLASS

H. P. LEWIS ENGAGED BY BOARD—WILL RETURN TO CITY BY SEPTEMBER 1—BOUCHER AND THOMAS RETURN TO CITY

SCHOOLS OFFER NEW COURSES

Many New Members on Public School Faculty—Housing of Teachers and Families of Prospective Pupils is Serious Problem Now.

When the Ontario Public Schools open on Monday, September 15, for the term of 1919-20, the pupils will be greeted by many strange teachers, first of whom will be H. P. Lewis, who will be superintendent of schools.

Mr. Lewis came to Ontario last Thursday evening and after a personal interview with members of the board signed the contract which makes him the successor of H. R. Douglass. Mr. Lewis who is a graduate of the University of Michigan with the class of 1915. Previous to that he graduated from the Ypsilanti Normal. Since 1915 he has been Superintendent of Schools at East Lansing, Michigan, from which place he went to Dillon, Montana, for summer school work, having had charge of the mathematics taught there.

The High School pupils, however, will not be strangers to their principal, S. M. Boucher, nor to their science teacher, M. D. Thomas, both of whom reached Ontario yesterday after two-year's service in the army and navy respectively.

Mr. Boucher will again be principal of the High school which position he left in 1917 to enter the army. He will also be commandant of the Cadet Corp. Mr. Thomas will again be in charge of the science department.

New Courses to be Given.

Music and art will for the first time be taught by supervisor for the entire school system, so that the children in the grades as well as in the High School will have this work. Miss Pearl Cranley of Beach, N. D. has been elected to the position. Besides having taught at Beach, she has held a similar position in the Johnston, Colorado, schools. She is a graduate of the University of North

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ONTARIO FLYER WILL BE HOME THIS WEEK

Lieut. Lee Maddux Has Been in Service More Than Two Years—Won Commission—Sailor Home on Furlough.

Lieut. Lee B. Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Maddux of this city, expects to arrive in Ontario Sunday from Camp Lewis where he was discharged from the service Wednesday. Lieut. Maddux, who won his commission as a flyer left Ontario April 19, 1917, with the first delegation of recruits and has been in the flying service ever since.

Lieut. Maddux reached Portland last Sunday evening and went the next day to Camp Lewis and to Seattle to visit his brother Bob before returning to Ontario. He is now connected with an oil company in Oklahoma and expects to return to that section to make his home. So he told the writer in Portland Sunday evening.

George Maddux, his brother, who has been with the marines in the army of occupation landed in New York last week and he, too, is expected home soon.

Sailor Returns.

Earl Dingman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dingman, is in Ontario, has been in fact for more than a week. He made 13 trips across the briny deep carrying Uncle Sam's soldiers. During his long service in the navy he has grown so much that his Ontario friends hardly knew him. His term of enlistment had expired when the war broke out but he re-enlisted.

DOG CATCHER GRABS MAYOR FOR VIOLATING ROAD LAWS

Friends of Mayor R. W. Jones are having lots of fun with His Honor, these days, joshing him about being "pinched" for violating traffic regulations. They are pressing home the fact that while it is bad enough to fall foul of the traffic cops it is so much worse to be landed by the dog catcher.

The Mayor's predicament is all due to his vacation. He had just returned to town from Idaho Falls, Tuesday and did not know that Marshal H. C. Farmer had instructed Fred Brennan, dog catcher, to watch for speed fiends and those who drive on the left side of the street. So when the Mayor drove up the left side of Oregon street he was "grabbed." The protests he made that; "I am the Mayor," were unavailing. He appeared before Judge Stearns, was fined \$5 and the sum remitted, pending good behavior. The Mayor is enjoying the joke; and incidentally he is keeping his own eyes peeled for left hand drivers.

O. A. C. PROFESSORS INVESTIGATE RANGES

Experts Find Range is Badly Used—Believe Re-Seeding Will Accomplish Much Good—Study Poison Plants, Too.

For the purpose of studying range conditions in Eastern Oregon to determine what can be done to improve conditions a party of O. A. C. professors are in Malheur county this week. They came to Ontario from Jordan Valley today and are going north to Baker county after traversing Dead Ox Flat and the range beyond. The members of the party are: E. L. Potter, department of animal husbandry; G. R. Hyslop, field crop expert; W. E. Lawrence, of the botanical department who is making a study of poisonous plants.

"We have found on the trip from Klamath eastward that the range is in very bad shape. It has been over stocked in many cases and only re-seeding will save it," said Prof. Hyslop to the Argus.

"The facts are that the only good range we found was that which is in private ownership and is fenced off; that under the control of the forest service; or that which is so far from the water holes that it can hardly be used.

"Our plan is to secure for experimental purposes areas of government range. This we will re-seed, and at the same time we can advise with the men who have their range fenced.

"We have found too many of the range cattle that have died this year have eaten the larkspur, Dead Canas, loco and water hemlock.

"We believe from what we have seen in Jordan Valley, where that big project is going in, and where the rangers will face many new problems that Malheur county should have the service of an agricultural agent. There is a wonderful field here for the improvement of conditions. This is a wonderful valley, but there is much can be done to improve it."

ANIMALS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ANTHRAX VICTIMS

In a report to Dr. A. G. Moore who sent samples taken from the animals which died on the ranch of Pearl Crane on Dead Ox Flat W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, declared that no evidence that the animals died of Anthrax could be found, but that the experiments were being continued.

The state official expressed the belief that the animals could not have died from either Anthrax or of Blackleg. A rabbit which was given an injection cultivated from the ears of the dead animals sent to the state officials was reported to have shown no effects of the treatment.

Dr. Moore believes that the animals died from eating some poisonous weed.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dorman and family returned Monday from the Payette Lakes where they spent the summer.

WILD WEST FEATURES TO RULE 1919 FAIR

PROGRAM TO SURPASS ANYTHING HITHERTO ATTEMPTED IN ENTERTAINMENT LINE—ELABORATE PROGRAM FOR EDUCATIONAL DAY

OUTLAW HORSES ARE COMING

Sport of Kings to be at Best—Any old King Doing Kinging in Europe Now Should Come to Ontario to be Entertained Sept. 9 to 12.

At a meeting of the Fair board held Tuesday evening the biggest program in the history of the Malheur County Fair was outlined and gotten under way.

Mrs. Fay Clark-Hurley, Director, was present, and discussed the educational features and school work. It was decided to make September 9th, the first day of the Fair, educational day, and a very elaborate program was outlined for that day.

The fact that this day will be featured as educational day doesn't mean that it will be given over entirely to school features, but rather that the school features will be added to the regular first day program, in an attempt to make the first day the biggest day of the week.

Liberal prizes are being offered and it is hoped that a large number of the schools of the county will participate in the parades, dances and other features.

Buckaroo Features Predominant.
Steer roping and bull dogging will be a new feature this year, and already some forty head of wild steers have been arranged for to furnish the up county buckaroo with an opportunity to demonstrate that the old games of the cow country are still in vogue. A very liberal purse has been appropriated for this feature, and entries from eastern Oregon and western Idaho are already coming in.

Wild Horses Coming.
The boys that circle the old track this year in the wild horse race will know that he has been through a regular race. The little furr tails that used to play out at the quarter post have been relegated to the discard, and big wild mares from the interior, already contracted for, will make the fight of the wild animal against the taming approaches of the seductive buckaroo, and Boy! it will be some show. The twenty head of buckers that are to perform in the riding contest are horses that have a record, and will be fresh from the rim rocks and sage brush.

Speed Events Attractive.
If horse racing is the sport of

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BURNS STILL WORKING TO REALIZE FUTURE

People of Harney Valley Look to Ontario as Natural Outlet—City Should Have Wholesale Houses Says Weston.

J. E. Weston, loyal booster for Burns and the Harney Valley arrived in Ontario today for a short visit. He is still optimistic over the future of the Harney Valley in spite of the fact that for three successive years it has suffered from dry range early in the season.

"Harney county folks have been keeping track of what Ontario has been doing during the past few months. We like to hear about your paving program and your increased water supply and all that. You folks may not appreciate it, but nevertheless it is true that Harney county residents look upon Ontario as their natural outlet and trading point. You should have wholesale houses here that could supply the needs of all that region.

"So we have not given up our plans for irrigating Harney valley or developing the timber industry in the mountains above Burns. That will come, tho it may take time."

Mr. Weston will be in Ontario for several days. He is registered at the Moore.