

## DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE TO SEND DELEGATES

**DECISION REACHED TO HAVE THREE REPRESENTATIVES AT SALT LAKE IF WESTERN STATES HOLD CONFERENCE ON IRRIGATION**

## URGE JORDAN VALLEY ROAD

**Question of Telephone Rates Discussed—Nysa Told that Ontario Agreed to Proposal—That Idea Corrected—To Boost Owyhee Project.**

In a lengthy meeting of the Board of Directors of the Malheur County Development League held at the office of J. A. Boydell in Nysa Tuesday evening it was decided to send three delegates to Salt Lake in the event that the Governors of the public land states call a conference to discuss the proposed reclamation bills before Congress.

The meeting was informed that P. J. Gallagher of this city had been named one of the delegates to represent Governor Ben Olcott, and therefore the interests of this section would be cared for, but it was finally determined after long debate that to keep the Owyhee Project to the fore a delegation should be sent to attend the conference and thus to keep in touch with possible developments.

The delegation will be appointed by the directors of the league following the nomination men by the Commercial clubs of Ontario, Vale and Nysa. It was also suggested that the expenses of these representatives be paid by their towns.

### Urge Jordan Valley Road.

W. H. Brooke who was delegated by the Jordan Valley Commercial club to represent them at the meeting told of the condition of the roads between Nysa and Jordan Valley and of the desire of the Jordan Valley people for the improvement of at least a portion of the Succor creek road. Jordan Valley asks that some work be done this fall so they can get in and out of the valley this winter.

To this request an affirmative action was taken and the league ordered a resolution drawn requesting the County Court to give Jordan Valley some relief this fall if possible.

### Discuss Phone Rates.

The Nysa representatives called attention to the fact that General Manager F. B. Jones of the Malheur Home Telephone company at a meeting at Nysa had informed them that Ontario had agreed not to interfere when the company requested higher phone rates and the abolition of free service between Nysa and Ontario.

The Ontario delegation informed

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## JORDAN VALLEY WILL HAVE WATER IN 1920

**Project Has Reached Stage Indicating Completion in Time for 1920 Crops—Antelope Unit Ready This Fall.**

There will be water ready for the lands of the Jordan Valley project next year. In fact work has so far progressed on the Antelope unit of the project which covers 4,000 acres, giving assurance that this section will be finished by November 1. The lower unit, comprising of more than 20,000 acres will be finished next spring, if not this fall. This is the message that Engineer John W. Cunningham brought to Ontario yesterday on his return from Jordan Valley.

"We have three crews at work on the project now," said Mr. Cunningham. "One at the dam, a masonry arch type which will be 42 feet high is half completed and will be finished by October 15.

"There is another crew working on the grading of the Antelope unit which will be ready for acceptance and patent of lands by November 1, while the third crew is working on

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## E. C. HOPSON STILL TAKES INTEREST IN OWYHEE PROJECT

E. C. Hopson, representative of California capitalists and who several months ago made a proposition to the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Project to finance and build the project, arrived in Ontario Wednesday evening. Mr. Hopson came here on another matter, but while in the city discussed the status of the project and declared he was still ready to proceed to put the land under water.

## RAILROAD MEN HOLD CONFERENCE TODAY

**Men Who Seek to Reduce Loss in Shipping Gather to Regular Session—Representatives From Salt Lake, Boise and Nampa, Present.**

The regular session of the railroad men who are seeking to reduce the loss to shippers and the railroads from preventable causes are in session in Ontario today. They are meeting at the Commercial club rooms. With them too are representatives of shippers, especially stock shippers who will present their suggestions for the improvement of service.

Beside addresses on particular phases of packing and forwarding freight by several of the members, there will be a round table discussion of service practice during the afternoon.

The men present at the session are: Howard Bruner, freight claim agent, Salt Lake; W. T. Ennis, trainmaster, Nampa; W. H. Edgley, special agent, Nampa; Frank Berry, traveling inspector Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau, Salt Lake; I. L. Longworth, freight service inspector, Salt Lake; C. E. Chrisman, agent, Boise; Jno. Hamilton, agent, Nampa; H. O. Drane, agent, Ontario; O. H. Myers, agent, Lakeport; Geo. Beatty, car inspector, Boise; A. J. Phoney, stock yards manager, Ontario; Geo. H. Gilham, cashier, Ontario, and C. R. Emison of the Ontario National bank, a live stock shipper who is representing the shippers.

## H. S. BOY KILLED IN WATERMELON PATCH

**Howard Belmore of O. H. S. Class of '19 Killed by Rancher Near Glenns Ferry—Sister was With Him.**

Word was received here Tuesday of the killing of Howard Belmore, a member of the class of 1919 of the Ontario High School at Glenns Ferry Monday night.

According to the reports received by friends young Belmore with his employer's daughter was on his way home from town and as they passed a watermelon patch the young man decided to enter the patch for a melon. As he did so the rancher who was guarding the patch opened fire upon him. Three shots struck the boy and he died at six o'clock Tuesday morning.

Young Belmore came to Ontario last fall with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laing, to attend the High School. After they left he remained here and stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCulloch.

Young Belmore was in Ontario Sunday to visit friends here and left Monday morning for Glenns Ferry.

## PRESIDENT OF HAWAIIAN COLLEGE VISITS ONTARIO

L. C. Howland, who for more than nineteen years has been a member of the faculty and executive officer of one of Hawaii's leading colleges, arrived in Ontario Monday for a visit with his cousin, E. W. Howland of this city. President Howland is enjoying a year's leave of absence and is enroute to the Atlantic seaboard.

Ernest Bills of McMinville, Oregon, is the guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam. Mr. Bills and Sprague Adam were fraternity brothers at Oregon three years ago.

## Aviator Who Will Thrill Malheur County Fair Crowds September 9 to 12.



1st. Lieut. Warren R. Bruce U. S. A. who served for 18 months in France had 15 months of actual flying. He is one of America's accredited Aces who brot down Hun planes in Flanders.

## PAYETTE VISITORS AT CLUB LUNCHEON

**Urged Unity of Action in Promoting Park to Park Highway—Invite Ontarians to Visit Payette and Promise Co-operation for Fair.**

That all of the communities of the Snake river valley are vitally interested in the development of this region, and that therefore what is of benefit to one city, is to a degree of benefit to all, was the message that Secretary Bernard Eastman of the Payette County Commercial club left with the Ontario club at the luncheon last evening.

In particular Mr. Eastman spoke of the benefit that will accrue to this section in the construction of the Park to Park Highway system and he pledged the co-operation of the Payette institution in boosting for the building of this highway.

J. R. Brown, manager of the Co-operative Creamery was present as was F. A. Seely, manager of the Rex Spray company and other Payette business men. The Creamery company has already arranged for a display at the Fair and with the other Payette men assured the club members of their desire to co-operate in making the Fair a success and in bringing the residents of that community here during Fair week.

To secure the paving of the highway from the city limits to the bridge a committee was ordered appointed to see whether or not the surveying could be done while the state highway engineers are in this field.

The club members also discussed at length the attitude of Boise papers relative to Ontario news concerning which communications of the secretary were read. No action was taken pending further correspondence.

## TANGLE FOOT AND RED EYE GETS VISITOR INTO COURT

George Rowland came to town and took on a load of old time red eye and tangle foot. He fell foul of Marshal H. C. Farmer and landed in the lock-up. The next day he endeavored to make explanations to Police Judge C. M. Stearns, who listened to his tale of woe and assessed him \$13.

Miss Rena Adam who would have graduated from the U. of O. next spring has determined to remain out of college this winter and has accepted a position teaching school in one of the districts near McDermitt.

## RANCHER USES SHOVEL ASSAULTING SHEEPMAN

**Lynn Mitchell at Hospital in Dangerous Condition Result of Injuries Inflicted by Perry Smith, His Neighbor.**

Lynn Mitchell a rancher and sheep man who lives in the St. Paul Orchards region is lying at the Holy Rosary Hospital in a dangerous condition as the result of injuries sustained at the hands of Perry Smith, a neighbor, Monday morning.

For a time it was believed that Mitchell could not live and that he had suffered concussion of the brain and a fractured skull. Today however it is believed that he is recovering the not yet out of danger.

The only witness of the trouble according to Mrs. Mitchell's statement to the Argus was Smith's wife, but from her knowledge of the case which is meagre, Mrs. Mitchell says: "Mr. Mitchell saw his sheep approaching Smith's land, tho they had not reached it, and he left his work and went down to drive them away. When he reached the sheep Smith was trying to hit some of them with the shovel and Mr. Mitchell went around them to drive them out of danger. As he did this Smith struck him on the right side of the head, above the ear and felled him. There are other marks on his body which appear to have come from blows of the shovel, tho I did not see the attack, it appears that he was hit in many places."

As yet no information has been filed against Smith.

## ENGINEER LOCATING GRADES FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT

Engineer Charles W. Luck of Weiser, assisted by William Pinney, has been engaged this week in locating grades for the new sidewalk to be laid on Nevada avenue from Oregon street westward, and on the sidewalk work ordered in on the west side of Richardson street north from Idaho street.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pearson came over from Weiser last Friday to spend the evening. Mrs. Pearson came to Ontario Tuesday to assist her mother, Mrs. Frank Rader at the party given in honor of Mrs. J. Prinzing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Treadwell of San Francisco arrived in Ontario today from the interior. Mr. Treadwell is attorney for the P. L. S. company.

## TWICE IN SAME DAY DOG ATTACKS GLENN FIELDS

Twice last Saturday Glenn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Field, was attack by a dog belonging to Mr. Driscoll of the Farley rooms. The boy is suffering from three bites inflicted by the canine, which is being watched to see whether or not it develops rabies.

The first attack on the boy occurred at the river. The little boy is said to have picked up a rock to throw, and the dog jumped at him and bit him on the leg. Several hours later the boy went up town and the dog saw him and again attack him biting him twice.

## PARK TO PARK ROAD GIVEN ENDORSEMENT

**Convention at Yellowstone Park Favors Construction of Road From Yellowstone to Crater Lake via Central Oregon—Burns Sent Delegation.**

Somehow Ontario was not informed of the convention of the Park to Park Highway association which met last week at Mammoth Hot Springs in the Yellowstone, and therefore was not represented at a meeting which considered a matter of great importance to this section, the construction of a road from Yellowstone to Crater Lakes National Parks.

If this road is built it will place Malheur county directly upon a National Highway which will carry more tourists, perhaps, than any of the Northern routes.

It seems that the folks out at Burns were informed of the meeting and sent a delegation to the Yellowstone to represent their interests. Had Ontario known of the meeting it could have been represented as well as not for J. R. Blackaby was in the vicinity of the park at that time and no doubt would gladly have taken time to attend the sessions.

In telling what was done at the Yellowstone the Burns delegation consisting of Sam Motherhead and Wm. Farre, the Harney County News carried the following story:

"Under date of July 24, Mr. Horace M. Albright, superintendent of Yellowstone Park, invited attention to a conference to be held at Mam-

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## THREE SERVICE MEN ARRIVE DURING WEEK

**Navy and Aviation Corp Represented by Earl Landingham, Ray Boyer and Lee Maddux—George Maddux Expected.**

Back from the Rhine where he assisted in keeping the defeated Hun within due bounds Ray Boyer arrived in Ontario on Monday looking fit after nearly two years sojourn abroad. "Army life was alright until the armistice was signed, but it certainly got tiresome on the Rhine, which is not so much of a creek after all," is young Boyer's view of the service over there. He is the last of the Boyer boys to return.

Earl Landingham who has been a chief quartermaster in the Navy since he re-enlisted secured his discharge and after spending a few weeks at home expects to enter the Merchant Marine officers training course by which he will gain the benefit of his long experience in the navy and win officers papers and a good position in Uncle Sams newly acquired merchant ships. He is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Landingham at present.

Lee Maddux whose expected arrival was announced in last week's Argus reached the city Sunday morning. After a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Maddux, he expects to return to Texas where he is connected with an oil company.

George Maddux who has been with the marines in Germany also arrived home this week.

Rev. Fr. Francis of Burns arrived in Ontario Monday and left that evening for Baker.

## STATE CHAMBER GIVES OWYHEE ENDORSEMENT

**MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF STATE ORGANIZATION PLANS NATIONWIDE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN CALLING FOR \$400,000**

## BLACKABY SECURES ACTION

**Owyhee is First Project to Receive Endorsement of State Body—Let's Get Behind Something Definite Say Portland Men.**

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce held Monday in Portland, that body gave its endorsement of the Owyhee project. This is the first irrigation project to secure favorable action from the Chamber, and following it the business men of Portland said:

"Now that we have endorsed the Owyhee Project in Malheur county, let us get busy and put it over."

The report of the action of the State Chamber was brot to Ontario yesterday by J. R. Blackaby, one of the directors who attended the meeting. The resolution which Mr. Blackaby presented was prepared by P. J. Gallagher and G. K. Aiken and is as follows:

WHEREAS, the development of every part of the State of Oregon is one of the objects sought to be obtained by the State Chamber of Commerce, and,

WHEREAS, the development of the irrigation projects in the various parts of the semi-arid districts of the State would be a lasting and material benefit to the State at large, and,

WHEREAS, the Owyhee Project located in Malheur County, Oregon, has been found by an examination thereof to be entirely feasible and practical, and,

WHEREAS, the Reclamation Department of the United States Government has for a long time had the construction of said project under consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the State Chamber of Commerce, in council assembled, that said Chamber favor the early construction of said Owyhee Project.

And be it further RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and another copy be forwarded to the Oregon representatives in Congress.

### Plan Great Campaign.

To conduct a great nationwide campaign to advertise Oregon, all parts of Oregon, the State Chamber proposes to raise a fund of \$400,000, and it was largely for the purpose of launching this campaign that the meeting of the board was called. In the near future mass meetings will be held over the state to launch the

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## PREACHER'S CAR IS STOLEN FROM CHURCH

**Thieves Enter Church Yard of Methodist Church and Take Rev. W. J. Luscombe's Car Monday Night—No Trace of Car Found.**

Thieves who cared not for the fact that their criminal act was committed in a church yard, and who possessed no spark of consideration for the cloth, entered the church yard of the Methodist Episcopal church Monday night and stole Rev. W. J. Luscombe's car.

The thieves had trouble in making their getaway. They pushed the car down the alley to the rear of the J. R. Rasmussen residence and there after considerable cranking and muffled oaths they finally got it started. Mr. Rasmussen heard the commotion about 1 a. m. but did not investigate the cause of trouble.

The authorities were notified and Sheriff Lee Noe advised all near by cities of the theft, but as yet no trace of the car has been found.