

## OVER HALF MILLION SECURED FOR ROADS

### DELEGATION ATTENDING SESSION OF STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION SECURES ADOPTION OF PROGRAM IT PRESENTED WITH ONE EXCEPTION

## CAIRO - NYSSA CONTRACT LET

### Work Will Start as Soon as Necessary Preliminaries Can be Carried For—Appropriation is Evenly Divided.

Road work estimated to require the expenditure of \$575,000 under the supervision of the State Highway Commission will be undertaken in Malheur county. The work will be done under the program of state and county co-operation which County Judge E. H. Test, Senator Julien A. Hurley and Representative P. J. Gallagher presented to the commission in Portland on Tuesday, which marks the culmination of the most successful piece of work ever done for the county and for which these three men are entitled to a great deal of credit.

Based on present figures of work done in this county the following is the program approved by the commission:

Cairo-Nyssa section of John Day Highway	\$ 76,000
Vale-Brogan section of John Day Highway	192,000
Bridge at Vale for John Day Highway	30,000
Brogan-Cow Valley section John Day Highway	66,000
Vale to Burrel section Central Oregon Highway	34,000
Ontario to Slide Bottom section of Old Oregon Trail	152,000
Ontario to Bridge, paving Old Oregon Trail	25,000

Total . . . . . \$75,000  
The commission also ordered the survey of the Old Oregon Trail from Ontario all the way to Huntington, and also ordered the survey of the road from Ontario to Vale. Thus these two sections are definitely placed on the road program of the Highway Commission for attention when funds are available.

### Lost One Request

The delegation made one request that was denied by the commission, that was for the designation of the Succor Creek-Jordan Valley road as a state highway. The delegation urged this action and argued for it they were told that there already is a greater mileage of designated roads than the available funds will construct.

### Officials Jubilant

Senator Hurley returned Wednesday evening and was one of the speakers at the Commercial club luncheon where he gave a detailed report of the action of the commission. Judge E. H. Test returned this morning and expressed his satisfaction at the action taken and gave the credit for its accomplishment to his colleagues on the committee.

"We had a definite program to offer this time, and the Commission required only 20 minutes to pass upon it. The details had been previously presented to the individual members by either Mr. Gallagher or Mr. Hurley," said Judge Test.

"With the agreement made by the Commission we can go ahead now and sell some of the bonds authorized last June. The county will only be called upon to sell a portion of the issue, and we have secured a very large measure of co-operation from the Commission. Better even than I had hoped for."

"We tried to get the Jordan Valley road established but could not, that will have to wait for further developments."

The many friends of Miss Evelyn Schrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Schrum, will be glad to learn that she has passed the crisis of her illness and is now recovering. She took ill following several swimming parties at the river and her ailment developed into typhoid. The crisis was passed Wednesday and her parents expect her to be about in a few days.

## FORMER HIGH SCHOOL GIRL DIES AT TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

Word was received this week at the Holy Rosary hospital of the death of Chessie Lawson formerly of Ontario, at a hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho, Monday morning. Miss Lawson had been ill for many months, being one of the flu victims of last winter. She underwent treatment here for nearly five months and finally so far recovered that just two weeks ago she went to Twin Falls. No details of last illness in the Idaho city have been received here. Miss Lawson came to Ontario with her parents from Glenwood Springs, Colorado two years ago.

## EX-SERVICE MEN ARE URGED TO ORGANIZE

### American Legion Fighting Now For Protection of Rights of Men Who Wore Khaki, and For Americanism.

"The battle which the men fought in France is not finished. There is still a great deal to do to protect America, and that is what the American Legion is doing now," said Thomas Sweeney, of Portland who was in Ontario Tuesday. Mr. Sweeney is a member of the executive committee of the American Legion of Oregon. He fought with the engineers in France and was in Malheur county on business.

"While not here on behalf of the American Legion, but on business, I was surprised to learn that Ontario has no post of the American Legion. There are plenty of men here who saw service and who are interested in seeing the work go on, for it is the organization that has for its business the seeing that justice is done to all the men who wore the khaki in the late war.

The American Legion is not a political organization. It is not an organization of officers. It is an organization that stands for upright Americanism and for justice. The work that has been done in Astoria to combat the reds of that city is an example of what it is doing. The state committee is anxious that Ontario organize just as Vale has organized a post and we hope to hear from some of the boys soon.

## LOCAL HIGH OPENS SEASON WITH VICTORY

### Payette Football Team Falls Before Onslaught of Boucher's Proteges—Score is 12 to 0—More Training Needed.

Cody Butler's long run and the game stand of the linemen in the second period were the features of the first foot ball game of the season at the Fair grounds last Friday afternoon. Ontario won the contest from Payette High School by a score of 12 to 0.

The score furnished a fair comparison of the teams. Ontario, while on the offensive during most of the game lacked punch except in the fourth quarter when the Payette team was evidently tired. On the other hand the apple pickers from across the river proved worthy of their opponents and played a plucky game thruout.

Altho there was a marked improvement in the tackling of the Ontario ends and back field men, and a closer running of the offensive than that shown in the practice with Nyssa, it is still evident that the local back field has lots of work to do before it reaches half the power it possesses.

The linemen displayed their stubbornness in the second period when the visitors carried the ball to within five yards of the local goal and secured a first down. Four times Payette tried to put the ball over and failed. It was this work on the part of the line that gave Cody Butler the fleetest of the back field men his change to shine.

After two plays on Payette's left tackle, Moore sent Butler around the Payette right end for the prettiest run of the game. Given good interference for his start, Cody stiffarmed three tacklers and was not dropped until he was ten yards from Payette's goal line.

Gib Dean quickly reduced the distance by sliding nine yards off Payette's left tackle and then Aubrey Dean plunged thru for the first touch down. No goal was kicked.

With the score against them Payette braced in the third quarter and

## COST TOO MUCH FOR CLUSTER LIGHTS NOW

### CITY COUNCIL HERE PROTESTS AGAINST FOUR FOOT SIDEWALK ON SOUTH SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET—HOUSE ORDERED BUILT

## SCALES ORDERED OFF STREET

### Settlement Made With David Dunbar For Pumping Plant Site—Old Bill of Draper's is Paid—Routine Bills Paid.

For the present at least Ontario will not blossom forth at night, a great white way. The proposition to put in the conduits for a cluster light system before the paving is laid was not acted upon by the City Council last Monday evening when it was told that the cost of laying the conduits alone would be \$4500 and the total installation of poles and lights and wiring would bring the figure up to \$7,500 or \$8,000 for ten blocks of the downtown district.

Hardly less interesting was the debate on the proposition to reverse for a second time the action of the Council in the matter of street scales in the paved area. These were ordered out at once and the order reversed. Councilman H. B. Coker asked for a reconsideration and secured it, with the result that the original order was confirmed. The scales go out.

Al Chance of the Boise-Payette championed the street scale cause on the ground that it was of great convenience to the ranchers, and that such scales would not be unsightly. Mayor Jones took a similar position.

T. H. Moore appeared before the Council to request a change in the street paving plan so far as Washington street East of Oregon street is concerned. He asked that the paving there be reduced to a width of 46 feet and a ten foot sidewalk ordered instead of a four foot walk along the south side. He declared that unless this was done an injustice was being worked upon him by making him pay 70 per cent of the paving of a six foot strip which A. Robinson would have to pay for if sidewalk instead of paving was ordered. The matter was referred to the street committee.

Bids were received for the erection of a house for the pumper at the intake and for a new motor and prime pump there. The water committee was empowered to act on these matters.

## MALHEUR COUNTY RANCHES CHANGE HANDS AT HIGH FIGURE

Two transactions in Malheur county real estate were reported this week at figures which a few years ago would have seemed remarkable, which now are called just ordinary. The first sale was that of the Newman, Test and Greig ranch on Snake river just east of Nyssa. This fine property with its individual pumping plant sold for \$55,000, or \$250 per acre. Hunt Brothers of Boise were the purchasers.

The second deal was that by which Frank Jones and Dick Scott secured possession of the old Lamberson ranch near Westfall for \$35,000. This property consists of 700 acres and is one of the best stock ranches in the Westfall region.

held the locals even, but could not continue their good work in fourth when a steady march down the field added another touchdown for Ontario.

The surprise of the game was the playing of Dunten, Ontario's right guard, who tho he had never seen a foot ball game before and had only practiced three days proved to be a star line man. He not only outplayed his opponent but repeatedly broke thru to spill Payette back field men before they got started.

The play, which was good for this early in the season, showed plainly that Ontario has material for a fine team when the boys get into condition. The hard fight they put up wore out Moore, Dunten and Cody Butler, but the subs who took their place made good and saved the day. Payette showed better condition by playing thru without a substitute.

A fair sized crowd saw the game and enjoyed it. On Friday the local boys expect to go to Baker to play the Baker team which last week overwhelmed Weiser.

## FAMOUS MONTANAN TO ADDRESS RANCHERS

### "UNCLE SAM HAMPTON" TO SPEAK AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN COUNTY NEXT WEEK FOR FARM BUREAU

## RANCHERS ENDORSE BUREAU

### Rabbit Poisoning Campaign One of Many Projects to be Discussed—U. S. Biological Survey to Plan Eradication of Pests.

Malheur county will soon have an organized Farm Bureau to work for the solution of the agricultural problems of the County. When it does it will no longer be pointed out as the one agricultural county in Eastern Oregon whose farmers are not taking advantage of the work being done at the Agricultural college and in the various experiment stations.

During the past week F. L. Ballard, in charge of the extension work of O. A. C. for Eastern Oregon has met with small groups of ranchers on the Boulevard, on Dead Ox Flat, and Vale. Next week he will visit Nyssa, Adrain, Jordan Valley, Jamieson and Brogan.

Beside meeting with these small groups he has arranged a series of meetings in each of these places, or will do so soon to meet all the farmers of the various sections. At these meetings will be considered the problems of the individual communities and these will be reported to a county wide meeting at which a county Farm Bureau will be organized.

Uncle Sam Hampton, coming at the meetings of the farmers next week Uncle Sam Hampton one of Montana's most famous farmers will address the gatherings on the work of the Farm Bureau. At the same time Ira N. Gabrielson of the U. S. Biological Survey will present plans for a campaign for the eradication of rabbits and ground squirrels.

The first of the ranchers meetings will be held on Dead Ox Flat on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Monday evening the meeting will be held at Park School house, and Tuesday evening at the Jefferson school, Wednesday at Vale, and Thursday at the Boulevard, Grange.

### Farmers to Direct Work

Under the new plan of carrying on the work the farmers of the county, thru the Farm Bureau will determine the problems to be worked upon in each community and the County Agent, when one is employed will work under their direction, thus supplying the centralization of work as it could not be done with a county agent working alone on individual problems.

## STRIKING TELEPHONE OPERATORS GET RISE

### Walkout Brings Long Delayed Rise in Wages for the Central Girls—to Receive Mountain States Schedule

Ontario jumped into the metropolitan class of cities Monday morning when it staged a strike. The walkout which inconvenienced the public was that of the telephone operators of the Malheur Home Telephone exchange here. The girls went out and service was resumed at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

The strike resulted from requests made by the girls for an increase in wages on August 20, at which time the matter was referred by the local manager to the Boise office. When no answer to their requests were received the girls again threatened a walk out at that time with promises of relief as soon as the question of increased rates could be settled.

Finally when no increase appeared in their September pay checks the girls declined to parley further and walked out. Action followed soon wires to Boise and from Boise to the Pacific States headquarters in Denver resulted in a promise of a rise equal to the Pacific States schedule and the girls resumed work.

In the meantime the Malheur Home Telephone company has filed a request with the Public Service commission for an increase in rates, and has the support of many citizens for its action. They have manifested their willingness to stand for the increase by signing a petition circulated by Manager Dooling in behalf of the company.

While the public was greatly inconvenienced by the strike it was evident that the girls had its sympathy when it was known that they have been working at from \$42.50 to \$52.50 per month with the chief operator drawing \$62.50.

Under the terms of the petition and the resolution passed by the commercial club the citizens signify their willingness to take a rise equal to the Burlington rates for cities this

## SPRAGUE ADAM MAKES DEAL FOR GARAGE AT ST. ANTHONY

On Saturday of last week Sprague Adam completed negotiations for the purchase of the Ford Garage and agency at St. Anthony, Idaho and will take possession of the institution tomorrow, according to advises received here by his father, L. Adam. Mr. Adam is not a stranger to the automobile game, for he was for two years connected with the Dashiell company in Chicago and later with his uncle operated a garage on South Halstead street in the Illinois metropolis prior to entering the service. Since his return from France he has been a member of the local Ford Garage staff.

## BEST LAND VALUES TO BE FOUND HERE

### Carey Act Settlement Near Buhl is Attracting Attention But Better Values and Lower Prices Obtainable Locally.

Right here in the Malheur Valley there are thousands of acres of land equal too and in many ways superior to that which is being greatly advertised for opening near Buhl, Idaho, and which is more the local land may be had on far better terms and at lower prices than the Idaho tracts. While lands under the Warm Springs system are offered for from \$75 to \$100 per acre, with only 10 per cent cash the balance in ten equal annual payments at 6 per cent, similar lands under the Buhl project are advertised at from \$125 upward.

The Buhl lands also call for the big payment of \$25 per acre and \$19 per acre per year after three years.

When one views the general rise in the price of land in the projects of the Snake river valley one is convinced that in no section of Eastern Oregon or Western Idaho are lands of high quality offered at prices so low as under the Warm Springs system.

The Oregon-Western Colonization company, owners of the largest portion of the unsettled land have the most generous contract offered in this section. The terms are such that a relatively small investment puts the ranchers onto the land, and after reading of the offers of other sections the wonder is that all of the Warm Springs lands are not already sold.

The following are the terms under which the Colonization company is offering its holdings in the valley: ten per cent cash and ten equal annual payments. In special cases the company will accept as low as two per cent, splitting the first three years payments adding the difference to the last three annual payments.

When ranchers have stock and machinery to go ahead and develop the ranch they buy the company will sell on the crop payment plan, taking one half the crop until the land is paid for.

The company also gives the purchaser the right to proceed to secure a government Farm Loan, issuing a deed and taking a second mortgage, if necessary for its balance, for terms of five or ten years with the privilege of completing payment on or before the end of the contract.

Since the company holds its lands at \$75 per acre and the water right may be had for \$65, while the rancher may secure a Farm Loan payable in 31 years there is no better opportunity available in this country for the man who wants to secure and develop a farm. Certainly there is no better land to be had.

## OREGON CLUB RENEWS ITS ACTIVITIES AFTER TWO YEARS

The last of the war vacations is over. The Oregon club, most of whose members found their way into the service of Uncle Sam during the recent unpleasantness with K. Bill, has reorganized and is ready for an active winter program. The club will miss the guiding spirit of A. F. Riddle its former president, but he is in Boise not too far away to be present on gala occasions.

Ontario was the only station affected by the strike. The Vale and Nyssa girls did not walk out.

## HOME BUILDERS MAKE START BUYING SITES

### J. R. FORTIER, E. C. VAN PETTEN AND LARUE BLACKBAY GET PLANS GOING—COST OF MATERIAL STICKING POINT SAY SOME

## PLAN ON COMBINING ORDERS

### Commercial Club Members—Hear of Road Program—Pacific International Live Stock Show, Ontario Chautauqua and Ontario Schools. Seldom has the Ontario Commer-

cial club had as interesting a session as that which followed the chicken dinner last night, for the arrangement of which honors were accorded the committee, R. W. Swagler, J. R. Fortier, and A. L. Christianson.

Reports from the club's home building campaign showed that in all 30 have pledged themselves to build homes and that several have bought sites for their prospective residences. Those who purchased lots last week are J. R. Fortier, E. C. Van Petten and Larue Blackbay.

J. R. Fortier who has progressed on his plans so far as to present the ground sketch to the contractors, told of his difficulty in securing accurate data as to the cost of material. This led to a lengthy discussion and the matter was finally referred to the board of directors to see what they could do toward getting concerted action among the members of the pledge list so that one order of supplies could be figured upon.

State Senator Julien Hurley was present and gave the club a report of the work of the delegation which saw the Highway commission. His message was received joyously by the club and a resolution of appreciation ordered drawn thanking the Senator, Representative Gallagher and the County Court for their efforts.

### Boosts International Show

O. M. Plummer of Portland made a spirited and impressive appeal for the support by Malheur county of the Pacific International stock show, and set forth the benefits which pure bred stock give to a county like Malheur which he described as an 85 per cent stock county.

H. P. Lewis, superintendent of schools, assured the club of the co-operation of the schools in making the Third Annual Chautauqua successful by taking charge of the ticket selling. He invited the business men to visit the schools and briefly outlined the work being done there. His sentiments were seconded by Principal S. M. Boucher who told of the demand of pupils for rooms here in town and of the fact that many families could not come to Ontario this year because of the shortage of houses.

## DEAD OX FLAT RANCHERS URGED BUILDING OF ROAD

County Judge E. H. Test takes no rest on Sunday when he comes to Ontario, at least he did not do so last Sunday. Early Sunday afternoon the Judge was met by a delegation from Dead Ox Flat consisting of L. R. Briethaupt, E. J. W. D. and M. A. Patch, A. A. Guttridge and F. M. Northrup, who came over to see him before he went to Portland to press the county's claim for recognition by the Highway Commission.

The Dead Ox Flat men asked that the Judge urge the survey of the Old Oregon Trail from Ontario to Huntington, and if possible to secure the early construction of the entire road—but if this could not be done, to at least get the entire road located so that they might contribute work toward the completion. If every section manifested the spirit and willingness to do actual work on the roads of the county that the Dead Ox Flat men did at the meeting Sunday the troubles of the County Court and Highway Commission would be trivial indeed. As indicated elsewhere the Judge and his associates secured nearly everything that the Dead Ox Flat delegation wanted.

Louis Streigel returned Sunday night from Portland.