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## UNION OIL COMPANY SEEKS LOCATION HERE

COUNCIL INDULGES IN LONG DISCUSSION OF REQUEST OF COMPANY FOR PERMIT TO BUILD ON BLOCK EAST OF TRACK ON IDAHO AVENUE

## MOORE WARNS OF DANGER

Pesky Scale Problem Like Banquo's Ghost Rise to Confound Council—New Sewer District is Ordered Organized—Bills Allowed.

When S. J. Spencer presented the request of the Union Oil Company for a permit to erect storage tanks for gasoline and oil on block No. 93 which is that on the north side of Idaho avenue abutting the O. S. L. right-of-way, he stated a spirited discussion at the City Council meeting last Monday evening.

"It is an outrage to even consider such a request," was the opinion expressed by T. H. Moore who was asked for his views, which were many and pointed in that connection. "I do not care for the judgment of any man on that point," said Mr. Moore, when it was proposed that the state Fire Marshall be asked for his judgment in the matter.

S. J. Spencer who presented the matter and who has an option on the tract for the company said that Welser, Payette and other towns were being considered by the company and that they could locate at any of them. He also called attention to the fact that at Payette there

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## ARMISTICE DAY WILL BE OBSERVED

Commercial Club and Oregon Club Foster Movement to Observe Initial Anniversary of Signing of Request of Germans for Peace Stores to Close From 1 to 3. Mayor Issues Proclamation.

Tuesday, November 11, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice which ended the fighting of the Great War will be observed in Ontario as a partial holiday.

This was the conclusion reached at the meeting of the Commercial club at its meeting last night. Earl Blackaby, Chelsey Boyer and H. L. Peterson were named as the committee to arrange for a program to be held during the afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock. An effort will be made to have a parade of all ex-service men, the High School cadets and the High School band, the Red Cross workers and other bodies.

The Oregon club will celebrate the occasion with a dance in the evening for which invitations have been issued.

The celebration of the day will not be as elaborate as the business men desire for the matter was overlooked at the meeting of the week previous. It was determined therefore that because sufficient time was not available for the proper advertising of the event that the city at least pause to take note of the significance of the day and mark it as much as possible. At the request of the club, and in accordance with the president set in the state by Governor Olcott, Mayor R. W. Jones issued the following proclamation:

**Proclamation by The Mayor**  
The Governor of the State of Oregon has designated Tuesday, November 11th, 1919, as a legal holiday within this State. This day marks the first anniversary of the close of the greatest war of modern times and it is especially fitting that we, as a community, observe in a measure the recurring date, "when the war drums throbbed no longer and the battle flags were furled" and peace came to our Nation.

Therefore I would recommend that the Citizens of the City of Ontario observe the Proclamation of the State's Executive and abstain from their usual vocations and close their several places of business between

## ONTARIO'S WATER SUPPLY RETURNS ABSOLUTELY TEST

During the past few weeks the city officials have sent samples of the city water to the state bacteriologist for examination. In every case the reports show the absence of all impurities and prove absolutely that Ontario has a supply of good pure soft water.

These tests according to City Water Superintendent V. W. Chambers have been so uniform that evidence is conclusive that the filtering system is performing perfectly.

## WHITE RIBBONERS TO GATHER IN ONTARIO

City's Invitation to State Organization to Meet Here is Accepted and Thanks Expressed to Council and Commercial Club.

Mrs. C. E. Bingham of the local W. C. T. U. was advised last week of the acceptance by the State Convention of the organization of the invitation Ontario extended for the 1920 convention.

The letter of acceptance and thanks from Mrs. Mattie M. Sleeth was as follows:

The Oregon Woman's Christian Temperance Union in their recent convention voted unanimously to accept the cordial invitation to meet in Ontario next year if possible.

The place is usually finally decided upon at the Mid-Year executive meeting for we know better then where it would be best to go.

We all want to come to Ontario, but meeting this year in the extreme southern part of the state we found the long distance most of the women had to go greatly interfered with our attendance and it may not be wise to go so far south and east next year but we will come if possible.

Please extend to the Commercial Club, Mayor and City Council our profound thanks for their courteous invitation which we greatly appreciate and hope nothing will prevent our coming.

## EASTERN OREGON LAND CO. ADDS OFFICIAL

General Superintendent of Grant From Dalles to Nyssa Visits Ontario to Familiarize Himself With Conditions

H. J. Lorentzen, who has recently been appointed Superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Land company, with headquarters in Portland is in Ontario this week in consultation with Ivan E. Oakes, Ontario Agent to familiarize himself with the company's properties in this part of the state.

Mr. Lorentzen comes to the Eastern Oregon Land company from San Francisco where he has been located for some time. For a number of years he was connected with several of the large contracting firms engaged in building transcontinental lines in the United States and Canada. Alaska and Hawaii however have each been the scene of previous activities and he worked with contractors engaged in regrading Seattle.

Mr. Lorentzen said that as yet there was nothing to say regarding probable development of the company's holdings in Eastern Oregon for at present he was just getting acquainted with the property.

the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 3 o'clock P. M. on November 11, 1919.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ontario to be affixed this 6th day of Nov. 1919.

Believing this an auspicious occasion the members of the committee have called for a meeting of all ex-service men for the purpose of forming a branch of the American Legion. This meeting will be held at the City Hall following any program that can be arranged on short notice.

Attest: CLAY M. STEARNS,  
(seal) City Recorder.  
RAY W. JONES, Mayor.

## COUNTY AGENT AGAIN TO SERVE RANCHERS

Request of Recently Organized Farm Bureau is Favorably Acted Upon by County Court at Budget Session.

Delegations of ranchers from all the regions between Dead Ox Flat and Adrain, from Nyssa and from the Vale district appeared before the County Court session Wednesday afternoon and requested that body to provide for the employment of a County Agent. The request received favorable action and the sum requested was added to the budget.

Among the ranchers who attended the session were V. V. Hickox and C. M. Beaumont of Adrain, Pete Tensen of Nyssa, L. R. Briethaupt, Frank Northrup and S. S. Hill of Dead Ox Flat.

Mr. Hickox outlined the program which the Bureau is to undertake in the county and gave a plan of its campaign and told of the necessity for co-operative effort on the part of the ranchers and the county in doing the work needed. He presented an outline statement of the expense of the organization and the basis of co-operation between the state and Federal bureaus and the county. He requested that the county appropriate \$2500 as its share in the work and the request was granted. Other ranchers from various parts of the county were called upon and each enthusiastically seconded the statement made by Mr. Hickox.

## EXPRESS OFFICE UP TOWN IS POSSIBILITY

Route Agent For American Express Company Visits City and Suggests Improvement of Service Here—Delivery Possible

An up-town express office for Ontario is a possibility. Such offices are to be installed at Nampa, Welser, Caldwell and other towns along this line and Ontario is favored for such an improvement and is on examination if a suitable location can be found.

H. W. Lewis, route agent of the American Express office was in Ontario today as advance representative of a group of company officials who are inspecting the properties prior to the return of the management to private ownership.

Other officials of the company are expected here on Saturday of this week to determine what can be done to better the service here. While he could make no definite statement Mr. Lewis in discussing the situation here said:

"Ontario is not yet large enough to warrant a free delivery service. The office does but \$2,000 monthly and on that basis could be made a 12 per cent office. That is one at which the agent receives a commission of 12 per cent and pays all expenses of the office. At that rate of course free delivery could not be made. But an arrangement could be made such as exists at Jerome, Halley and other points where the merchants and citizens in consideration of delivery and pick up of packages pay a small sum per delivery." With H. O. Drane local agent for the company Mr. Lewis called upon a number of Ontario business men today.

## OREGON CLUB SEASON OPENS WITH BIG DANCING PARTY

The first formal dance of the Oregon club was held at the club rooms in the Wilson building last Friday evening and was a most auspicious gathering according to the accounts of those present. The party which for club members and friends only furnished amusement to the guests thru the grotesque costumes worn by the newly initiated members. Following the dance refreshments were served.

E. B. Allen of the Purity Bakery entertained his boyhood chum Joe Bowman of Saxon, Missouri, this week. Mr. Bowman until recently lived at Ogden, Utah, but is now en route to his old home in Missouri.

## WARMSPRINGS SUIT TO BE TRIED MONDAY

Large Number of Witnesses Leave Tomorrow Night for Trial of Big Damage Suit in Federal Court Before Judge Bean.

There will be an exodus of legal talent, stockmen, ranchers, real estate men, bankers etc., in fact of every class that has a distinct idea of what land in this county is worth from Ontario tomorrow night.

The cause of the hejira is the calling up of the suit of the Warm Springs Irrigation district against the Pacific Live Stock company for the use of the Warm Springs ranch as a reservoir for the irrigation system of that name.

The local legal profession will be represented by P. J. Gallagher who is of counsel for the company while Vale will be represented by Geo. E. Davis and Bruce Kester attorneys for the district.

The attorneys have not made public the list of witnesses they will call, but they will be legion, according to well defined reports, and the ideas they represent are many and varied.

The suit which is of vast importance to this section of the country will be closely watched and will occupy the court for a week or more. The case will be tried before Federal District Judge Robert S. Bean.

## BUSINESS MEN TOLD OF SCHOOLS' NEEDS

W. W. Wood and Dr. W. J. Weese Address Commercial Club Gathering and Cite Conditions Here—Would Build Gymnasium

Under a law enacted by the last legislature physical education is made compulsory in Oregon schools, and Ontario with its limited housing facilities for the schools cannot comply with the law and thereby endangers its scholastic standing. To comply with the law some building must be provided.

This was the message that W. W. Wood and Dr. W. J. Weese of the Board of Education presented to the Commercial club at its weekly dinner at the Blue Bird last night. They said they came simply to tell the situation and to learn what the people of the city think of the matter. There was no doubt concerning the attitude of the club when it voted on a resolution presented by E. C. Van Petten endorsing the efforts of the board to find a means for keeping the school plant up to standard.

P. J. Gallagher suggested that the city wait until after the next legislature when an effort be made to have a co-operative plan adopted whereby the city or school district, the state and federal government could be invited to build an armory. W. F. Homan and others however endorsed the movement looking to the early accomplishment of the desired purpose.

## Favor Oil Company

The club also voted in favor of the Council granting the permit asked by the Union Oil company to build a distributing station on block No. 93, after E. C. VanPetten said that he had interviewed E. W. Howland and Ward Canfield who with himself each owned the property nearest the proposed site. They had considered the matter he said and come to the conclusion that there would be no increased hazard to them and were therefore agreeable to the erection of the plant. As the resolution passed the Council was told that if in its judgment no danger was entailed the club favored the granting of the permit.

L. I. Hirsch was the chairman of the meeting and he appointed George Reihsen to be chairman of the meeting next Wednesday evening.

There will be a meeting of the land owners under the Malheur Drainage District at the district office in the Moore Hotel block Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At this meeting there will be an election of new officers and other important matters to be considered by the persons interested. It is important that every owner be present.

## ROOSEVELT FUND IS ALMOST COMPLETE IN COUNTY TODAY

Westfall, Brogan, Jamieson, Upper and Lower Dead Ox Flat, McDermitt and Juntura were the communities who sent in subscriptions to the Roosevelt Memorial Fund this week. With these in and with Ontario having achieved its original quota the county is assured of its complete quota. As yet neither Vale nor Nyssa have made complete reports but the Nyssa quota was practically raised on Monday, October 27, so that Nyssa is assured.

Brogan, Westfall and Juntura each exceeded their quotas as did Dead Ox Flat, and with Vale and Nyssa reaching theirs, as they will, only \$30 need be raised to fulfill the county's requirement. This will be complete this week.

## FIRST OF NEW HOMES STARTED IN ONTARIO

One Ranch Home and Two Houses in City Are Under Way—Need for More Homes Growing Greater Every Day.

James Lackey was the first to follow the lead set by L. I. Hirsch and started a home, in the vicinity of Ontario. Mr. Lackey's home however is to grace his ranch southeast of the city. A new house was started in Ontario this week when Charles Gebert began construction on a bungalow on an acre tract in the city limits this side of the Fair grounds.

The need for homes here is more pressing every day. There have been dozens of families here in the past two weeks in search of a place in which to live.

## RED CROSS DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

In spite of Weather Reports are That Every Section is Making Good Showing—Expect 1200 Members in Chapter and Auxiliaries

In spite of the bad weather with a storm on Monday, the opening day, the third annual drive for Red Cross membership was successful. R. W. Swagler, chairman of the drive for the territory included with the Ontario chapter expects that the membership will total 1200.

It was planned to have the drive complete Monday but this was impossible owing to the storm. Yet in spite of this the committee on Oregon street got its work underway.

In Ontario more than 400 members have been enrolled and it is expected that fully 200 more will be added during the week. Nyssa and the Valley View Region, Adrain and Dead Ox Flat all report successful campaigns, while some of the country districts owing to the condition of the roads have only partially finished their campaigns.

## ELECTRIC MIXER AT PURITY BAKERY TURNS OUT THE DOUGH

A big two barrel electric dough mixer was installed this week at the Purity Bakery to enable that growing institution to keep pace with Ontario's demand for bread. The big bowl with its gigantic paddles run by a three horse power motor will knead enough dough for 600 loaves of bread in 15 minutes, and the manner in which it slaps the pile about is a sight worth seeing. Messrs. Allen & Haney the proprietors are having a lot easier time keeping up the bread supply since the machine took up its work.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher returned Tuesday from Riverside where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carrillo, who also came down that day.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Whitney spent the week end in Boise where Dr. Whitney underwent a minor operation. They returned home Wednesday.

## OLD OREGON TRAIL ORDERED SURVEYED

JUDGE E. H. TEST RECEIVES ADVICE FROM M. O. BENNETT, DIVISION ENGINEER, THAT PARTY WILL BE HERE SOON

## DEAD OX FLAT INTERESTED

Commercial Club Appoints Committee to go Over Route and to Co-operate With Ranchers on Flat in Presenting Route Desired.

The survey of the Old Oregon Trail route across Dead Ox Flat from Ontario to Huntington has been ordered and the surveying party will reach Ontario in the next few days to undertake the work. This was the advice received by County Judge E. H. Test, and reported to the Commercial club at its meeting last night by L. H. Briethaupt of Dead Ox Flat, who with Frank M. Northrup and S. S. Hill attended the club meeting and asked the co-operation of the club and Ontario citizens in presenting the Dead Ox Flat proposition. The men named on this committee were: J. R. Blackaby, E. A. Fraser, H. C. Boyer, E. C. Van Petten and H. H. Tunny. The committee will visit the Flat on Friday to meet with the road committee of the ranchers there.

It is understood that on a preliminary trip over the route the highway commission's engineers suggested that the road might be run diagonally across some of the best ranches on the Flat, which would entail high condemnation costs, and injure many ranchers.

Both Mr. Northrup and Mr. Briethaupt in speaking on this subject declared the desire of the ranchers on the Flat to be more closely connected with Ontario and to have the road serve not only as a thru road but a market road as well.

Mr. Northrup said that he was more convinced every day that there is no interest that benefits a community but also benefits the ranchers nearby, and likewise that there is nothing that will benefit the rancher that is not of value to the city as well.

"We all realize what was accomplished by the co-operation of all sections in putting over the road bond issue last spring and now we have come to Ontario and ask that you co-operate with us in securing the advantageous location of this road to serve not only the tourist traffic but the ranchers as well."

Mr. Briethaupt discussed the proposed location in greater detail and told of the steps that the ranchers have taken to get the road work started on the Flat. He said:

"We want to connect up with Ontario, and we feel that Ontario wants to reach our section to secure its share of our trade to which it is entitled when we can get to and from the city, which we cannot at present without going out of Oregon."

"It is hard to explain in detail what we want and while most of you are familiar with the country up there, there are many who are not and we want you to come, all of you, or as many as possible, to go over the route with us."

The invitation of the Dead Ox Flat men was enthusiastically received and a number of questions asked concerning the progress being made indicated the interest of the business men and their desire to give their hearty co-operation to the men of the Flat in solving their road problem.

## BLUE BIRD SCENE OF FAMILY DINNER PARTIES

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunphy entertained Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Weese at a dinner party at the Blue Bird on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening J. R. Hurling of the Oregon-Western Colonization company was the host of a dinner party and had for his guests: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carrillo, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dearmond. On Wednesday evening beside the Commercial club dinner a dinner was given in honor of Mrs. M. E. Osborn.