

## RADICALS CONDEMNED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB

GATHERING ENDORSES WORK OF AMERICAN LEGION AND APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING I. W. W.

## VALE DELEGATION IS PRESENT

Malheur Development League Boosted—President R. D. Lytle of League Addresses Meeting, as Does E. E. McCabe of Vale.

What proved to be a joint meeting of the Ontario Commercial club and the Malheur Development League was held at the Commercial club rooms following the dinner served by the women of the Methodist church. The meeting developed this character when a delegation of twenty Vale men arrived in time to enjoy the dinner and take part in the deliberations last night.

President R. D. Lytle of the Malheur Development league headed the delegation of visitors and was the first speaker introduced by President W. W. Wood. Mr. Lytle reviewed the work which the league had accomplished since its inception last spring and declared that the credit for the success of the road bond issue and the progress toward the construction of a county wide highway system is due to the league.

He told of the plans of the league to have a representative at the Salt Lake irrigation congress and said that for this work funds were needed. He said that the league did not want to ask the communities to pay this bill but that if additional members could be secured in Ontario and Vale and Nyssa the funds could be secured that way.

He also called attention to the fact that P. J. Gallagher, the duly appointed delegate, might not be able to go to Salt Lake and urged the necessity of providing for that emergency by having an alternate named. He suggested Judge W. W. Wood. A motion prevailed that Judge Wood be named as alternative for Mr. Gallagher. This was not done, however, until after Mr. Wood urged

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## LINEMAN INSTANTLY KILLED BY LIVE WIRE

Bert Clarkson of Horseshoe Bend Grasps Cross Arm Brace and Swinging Wire—Death Follows Instantly.

Bert Clarkson, aged 31 years, of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, was instantly killed when he grasped the brace of a cross arm on the pole at the corner of Richardson street and Washington avenue Monday afternoon.

Clarkson was a member of the Idaho Power company's line crew engaged in re-setting poles to get them out of the way of the street paving. He had been sent up the pole to restring the loose wires and evidently did not notice that one of the swaying wires was touching the iron cross brace, and when he took hold of one loose wire to throw it over the cross arm and grasped the brace to steady himself he made his body a part of the circuit of 2300 volts and died instantly. It was necessary for his fellow linemen to drag his dead body from the pole.

The company officials and Coroner R. O. Payne were notified immediately and the body was taken to the undertaking parlors of the Ontario Furniture company, where an inquest was held Tuesday morning. The jury, E. M. Moore, H. W. Clement, S. F. Taylor, Frank Foster, E. O. Van Buren and H. H. Tunny, found that death was due to thoughtless or carelessness on the part of the deceased.

Clarkson was single and came to Ontario to work for the company from Sweet, Idaho, near which his homestead is located. His brothers and mother live at Sweet and they came to Ontario Tuesday and had the body shipped to Mountain Home for burial.

## ONE OF CENTRALIA MURDERERS WORKED ON FARM NEAR CITY

In the picture of the I. W. W. murderers taken at Centralia and printed in Portland papers Sunday was that of a man who is believed to have worked during the past summer at the C. W. Mallett ranch.

Homer Maddux of the Argus force, who worked on the ranch all summer, distinctly remembers the face of one of the men shown in the group and says he is certain that he was one of the haying crew at Mallett's, the none of the men in the gang had any idea of his membership in the wobblies.

## LACKEY BLOCK SOLD; WATSON IS PURCHASER

Property on Corner of Oregon Street and Nevada Avenues Transferred For \$30,000—Largest Deal of Season.

The largest transfer of business property recorded this fall is that by which ownership of the business block on the corner of Oregon street and Nevada avenue passes from A. M. Lackey to C. S. Watson. The deal was completed last Saturday at a price said to be \$30,000.

The property which was built by Mr. Lackey contains not only the Ontario Pharmacy but the McNulty Hardware, the Multnomah rooms and the office of Dr. A. R. Roberts. It was one of the first two-story brick buildings erected in Ontario and has long been deemed one of the most desirable business corners in Eastern Oregon.

The new owner, Mr. Watson, came to Ontario six years ago from St. Anthony, Idaho, and has since then added to his interest in the city. He does not plan to improve the property immediately but will modernize the building in the near future to keep in pace with the development of the city.

## EX-SERVICE MEN CALLED TO PERFECT PLANS FOR LEGION

All service men are requested to meet at the City all Friday night, November 21, 1919, for the purpose of organizing American Legion Post No. 67 and to elect permanent officers for the coming year. Notices for this meeting are being mailed and some ex-service men may be missed, but if you do not get a notice, come anyway.

## STREET SCALES WILL NOT GO AFTER ALL

City Council Again Makes Deposition of Knotty Street Scale Problem—As Result Scales Will Remain in Streets.

"Off Agin, On Agin, Gone Agin, Finnigin," has nothing on the street scales in Ontario's paved district. After this matter had been disposed of at three previous meetings, at each of which it was supposed to have been passed for good and all, it bobbed up serenely again at a special meeting of the City Council last Thursday evening and showed its staying ability.

It appears that an examination of the law on the part of Attorney W. H. Brooke revealed the fact that these scales could not be moved without an ordinance. That proved the undoing of those who favored the abolition of street scales. When it came to voting on the ordinance the votes in favor were: Cockrum, Troxell, Allen; against: McDowell, Laxson, Moore, and Mayor R. W. Jones then cast the deciding ballot no, thus defeating the ordinance.

T. H. Moore, who was one of the two owners of street scales, had previously taken steps to have his scales removed and finished the job this week so that without the ordinance there is but one street scale in the city now, that of the Boise-Payette Lumber company, near Colorado avenue on Oregon street.

Miss Dorothy Jaquish spent the first of the week in Baker visiting friends.

## HOUSE BUILDING IS POPULAR PASTIME

Additional Contracts Let—Ready Made Houses Figure in Building Spurt—Lumber Company Enters This Field.

Booming along, Ontario's house building program is gathering speed every day and gives promise that it will not expend itself until the original goal will be more than passed.

That is not the only feature of the week, however, for Ontario now has two firms engaged in the sale of ready cut structures. The latest of these is the Van Petten Lumber company, which announces its entry into that field this week. The other firm, the Millmade Construction company, is locally represented by H. L. Poorman, who has been busy with his line for some time.

A. J. Matot of the Millmade company was in Ontario last week and closed contracts for the construction of two houses, one for W. W. Wood and the other for E. S. Fortner.

Besides these two new houses progress has been made in the erection of others and each week adds to the list of those who contemplate early construction.

E. C. Van Petten will start work right after the first of the year on the lots he bought on the corner of South Virtue and Kansas avenues.

Alex Lochead is remodeling a bungalow on Colorado avenue near Richardson street, making it modern, and another house has been started near the Millikin property on Colorado avenue.

## ALIEN RADICAL HELD BY LOCAL OFFICERS

William Brandon, Former Prisoner of War at Fort Douglass, Gives Voice to Violent Sentiments—Federal Authorities Notified.

William Brandon, a German, who was held for several months as a prisoner of war at Fort Douglass, Utah, is in the city jail awaiting information from the federal authorities.

Brandon was arrested Monday morning by Marshal H. C. Farmer on instructions from District Attorney R. W. Swagler to whom persons at the VanBuren boarding house reported statements Brandon is alleged to have made derogatory to America and upholding the action of the I. W. W. at Centralia.

Among other things Brandon is alleged to have said the following are a few:

"There was no reason to celebrate Armistice Day for America did not win anything. Germany just quit fighting because she ran out of food."

"Germany had a better government under the Kaiser than the American government is today."

On his person when searched were the addresses of numerous persons and letters written in German. One of these letters when translated by Louis Kroessin, Sr., contained this statement: "Lousy American," "yours with a German heart," etc.

The letters also made derogatory statements concerning Ontario, especially in the opening of the letter, but near the end he said:

"The work here is not hard, the grub is good and so is the climate, so I like it fairly well."

According to his statement Brandon has been in Ontario for two weeks. No I. W. W. literature was found on him, but there was in his pocket the card of the structural iron workers' union and a membership card of the National Fraternity of Organized Labor, which is believed to be one of the names used by the I. W. W. since it got into public disfavor.

Mr. Swagler communicated with the federal authorities at Portland, where Brandon registered under the draft. When he registered he evidently was in jail for the address given was that of the sheriff's office. No word has been received from Portland as yet concerning disposition of the man, and he is being held pending arrival of instructions.

## ANCIENT RIVALS MEET ---ONTARIO IS VICTOR

Weiser High School Foot Ball Team Falls Before Plunging of Boucher's Protoges—Team Work Best of Season—Score 44-0.

By a score of 44 to 0 the Ontario High School foot ball team made fur fly at Weiser last Friday afternoon when it defeated the Weiser team. The local football players were not the only furriers either, according to the reports that came back from the round-up town, for the spectators, young ladies, if you please, tangled for a time.

Altho the teams were well matched in size there was no comparison in the team work of the two aggregations. The locals had the Weiser boys guessing from the start and gained at will around both the ends and thru the line. Only twice during the game did the locals fail to make their yardage and surrender the ball. Weiser only made first down three times during the afternoon, and tho the Weiser boys fought gamely against the plunging of Butler, Madden, Dean and Odell they could not hold them when Maddux and Overstreet opened holes in the line.

Chance for Championship.

Ontario now has a chance for the championship. On Saturday the locals will play Caldwell at Caldwell if present plans do not fail. Last Saturday Caldwell defeated Nampa by a decisive score, and since Nampa just barely defeated Ontario recently should the locals win from the Canyon county lads it will be in as good a position to claim stellar honors as any of the teams in this section.

There is no doubt that the Ontario High School team of today is a vastly improved aggregation over that which played Nampa three weeks ago and if they show the same fighting spirit as they manifested in the last three games there will be a real struggle staged at Caldwell on Saturday, one that it would be worth one's while to make the trip to witness.

## ONTARIO MEN CHARGED WITH VALE BURGLARY

Frank Golden and Frank Ervington Alleged to Have Sold \$700 Worth of Furs to Payette Dealers—Men Arrested.

Charged with burglarizing Frank Glenn's fur store at Vale to the extent of \$700 worth of furs, Frank Golden and Frank Ervington, both of Ontario, were arrested Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Lee Noe and Marshal H. C. Farmer.

Golden was able to furnish ball when he appeared before Justice of the Peace C. M. Stearns but Ervington, up to the time the Argus went to press, had not secured bondmen and was languishing in the city bastille. Both men waived preliminary hearings and were bound over to the grand jury.

District Attorney R. W. Swagler's version of the events leading up to the arrest of the men was as follows:

"The robbery was committed last Friday, November 14, and at once was reported. All the dealers in furs in this section were notified or watched and when on Monday afternoon Golden and Ervington offered a large number of furs to Levi Purcell at Payette the authorities were notified. Later another bunch was offered for sale to John Kusmann, a fur buyer here.

Warrants were then issued for the arrest of both men and they were taken into custody at once. Golden was released on his own recognizance to arrange bail but Ervington was held and so far has not been able to secure the necessary guarantee of his appearance to answer the charge.

County Judge E. H. Test went to Portland on business Tuesday evening. He expects to appear before the state highway commission at its session Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Marquis are visiting in Portland this week while Mr. Marquis is attending the trial of the Warm Springs case.

## CLOSE BOULEVARD TO TRAFFIC SO CONTRACTORS CAN WORK

Owing to the fact that ranchers and others have continued to use the Boulevard since it was graded, and the fact that the dirt is soft due to rain, the surface has become a sea of mud for several miles south of Cairo and the contractors, Porter & Connelly, are having a hard time to proceed with the graveling.

In fact, conditions have reached a point where the County Court has instructed L. A. Walker, to have the road closed to traffic for the present until the contractors can get gravel on the surface. For the present only four miles is closed, two miles each way from the Fleming corner by the K. S. & D. ranch. Persons who use the road in that section will be liable to prosecution.

While this may be a temporary inconvenience, ultimately it will be a vast benefit to all concerned and those who really want a good road in that section will cheerfully comply with the Court's order.

## COUNTY COURT HAS ITS BUDGET COMPILED

Statement Prepared Shows That \$278,599.07 Will Be Needed For the Many Activities Next Year—Summarized Statement.

On December 11 the County Court will hear objections to the 1920 tax levy, according to a statement issued this week. The statement accompanies a copy of the budget which has been prepared for the various departments. In brief, the following are the sums needed for the various county offices and activities:

County Court, salaries, etc.	\$ 4,500.00
Sheriff's office, salaries, etc.	13,250.00
Clerk's office, salaries, etc.	7,300.00
Assessor's office, salaries, etc.	7,700.00
Treasurer's office, salaries, etc.	1,275.00
School Supt's office, salaries, etc.	2,450.00

Expenditures made by legislation over which the County Court has no control, including such items as High School tuitions, widow's pensions, circuit court, county indigents, sinking fund for bonds and at other items in this class totals \$125,464.

The total of the items over which the County Court has control, including county fair, roads and bridges, market roads, care of court house, furniture and agricultural advisor and a number of other items totals \$116,600.

The county expects to receive from fees, etc., \$18,200 and to raise the balance by taxation.

At the present time the statement shows that the county is well to do financially and has handsome balances on hand in the various funds to the grand total of \$214,126.68, while actual excess of resources over liabilities is \$71,284.54.

## FLOUR MILL WILL BE BUILT HERE AT ONCE

E. A. Ferguson Prepares Plans and Lets Contract For Erection of Building—Company Incorporated.

A flour mill with a capacity of 60 barrels per day will be built in Ontario at once. The contract for the building was let to the Anglo-American Milling company of Spokane, Wash., whose representative, J. C. Hoack, was in Ontario all last week.

E. A. Ferguson, who came to Ontario from the Denio country, is leading the movement for the establishment of the mill. He has the company organized and has sent the incorporation papers to Salem for the charter. The site of the mill has not been selected but that is a mere matter of detail and will be cared for later.

It is not believed that the new institution can be built in time for milling this year's crop but it will be ready for operation for next fall.

## WILL START LAYING PAVEMENT NEXT WEEK

PAVING PLANT HERE AND ALSO SIX CARLOADS OF BITUMEN AND CAR FUEL OIL READY FOR WORK TO START.

## OREGON STREET TO BE FIRST

Superintendent R. H. Bostic of Warren Construction Company Expects to Have Gangs on Street Next Tuesday.

By the end of next week Ontario should be able to boast of at least one block of street paving. Every three or four days thereafter it should be able to add another block to its claims.

Unless the plans of R. H. Bostic, superintendent of the Warren Construction company, go sadly awry he will have his gangs at work laying pavement next Tuesday or Wednesday and in three or four days will have the first block completed. This was the statement he made to the Argus on Monday of this week.

The one big element in this prediction, according to Mr. Bostic, is the weather. In fact, almost everything depends on the weather. So if the weather performs according to the ordinary Ontario standard at this season the above statement will hold good, if it does not, don't blame anyone, unless you can find the weather man and talk the matter over with him.

The paving plant arrived last week but was not located on Tuesday of this week because the foreman of the section crews had not been given authority to cut the side track near Indiana avenue to permit the erection of a track for the plant. That is a short job, however, and it is expected that it will be completed today or at least tomorrow.

Besides the paving plant there have arrived here six carloads of bitumen and a carload of fuel oil so that the company is ready to go as soon as the plant is placed in position. The gravel for the job has been piled high for weeks. Jas. Doty, who has the contract for that portion of the work, has his part well in hand.

On Tuesday of this week M. P. Clark, who has the contract for laying the parkway cable for the cluster

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## RED CROSS CHAPTER DRIVE IS COMPLETED

DRIVE IS NOW ENDED Total of 1275 Members Enrolled, of Which Auxiliaries Have More Than Half—Chairman Pleased With Results.

With only one committee still to hear from R. W. Swagler, chairman of the annual Red Cross Membership drive, reports that Ontario chapter now has an enrollment of 1275 members. Of this number the auxiliaries and branches have more than half while the enrollment in Ontario is slightly more than 500.

The success of the enrollment this year is due to the work of the following committees:

City, L. I. Hirsch, Frank Rader, Wm. H. Laxon, D. M. Taggart, H. H. Tunny, H. L. Peterson, Mrs. G. K. Aiken, Mrs. F. J. Clemo, Mrs. E. V. Van Petten, Mrs. W. J. Pinney, Mrs. L. Adam, Mrs. J. R. Blackaby, Mrs. Randall Sage, Mrs. T. B. Fiser, J. A. Lackey, S. F. Taylor, Mrs. A. L. Cockrum, Mrs. W. J. Weese, Rev. W. F. Cockran, Mrs. T. W. Clagett, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. C. E. Bingham, Mrs. H. L. Peterson, Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Ruth McCulloch, Ethel McWilliams.

Valley View, Hans Ott, G. W. Dean; St. Paul settlement, Ora Clark; Dead Ox Flat, P. M. Boals, I. I. Culbertson, F. M. Northrup; Lower Dead Ox Flat, S. S. Hill; Kigman Colony, Mrs. Frank Morgan, Mrs. Goldith Anderson; Big Bend, Mrs. Eachus, Mrs. Halworth, Mrs. Robinson; White Settlement, Cassius Brown.