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## PARENT-TEACHERS OF COUNTY TO ORGANIZE

MEETING TO BE HELD IN ONTARIO CITY HALL SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 2 P. M.

## FATHERS URGED TO ATTEND

Speaker of Statewide Repute Will Be Present to Address Gathering—State Officers Also Will Present Plans.

For the purpose of forming a Malheur County Parent-Teachers association a meeting has been called for Saturday, December 13. The meeting will be held here in Ontario at the City Hall and 2 p. m. is the hour set for the opening of the session.

Mrs. T. M. Lowe of the Owyhee, who has been prominent in Parent-Teachers circles of the state, issued the call for the meeting and is arranging for the presence at the meeting of a speaker of statewide repute. Want Dads to Come.

In speaking of the work of the Parent-Teachers and the need for a county wide organization, Mrs. Lowe laid special emphasis on the need for the co-operation of the fathers of school children:

"We would especially urge the men, particularly the fathers of school children to attend this meeting," said Mrs. Lowe. Their presence is needed and their advice essential to the success of such a movement. In the past they have left all this work to the mothers, and while the routine work is thus cared for there are many large problems for the schools to solve that the men should assume.

"One of the principal subjects for discussion at the meeting will be the need for better schools in Eastern Oregon, and the calling of the attention of the legislature of the problems connected with Eastern Oregon schools."

Mrs. Bruce Kester of Vale, who is now one of the state officers of the Oregon Parent-Teachers association, will be present.

## ECHOLS NEGOTIATES DEAL FOR 4,500 SHEEP

Largest Transfer of Sheep Reported in Many Months Made This Week—Dupree Holdings Sold For Approximately \$50,000.

One has to hark back to war days when sheep did not know who owned them, so often were they sold, to recall a sheep deal of the size which M. M. Echols made this week when he purchased the holdings of C. F. Dupree for a figure said to approximate \$50,000.

In the transfer were 4500 head of ewes and lambs which were sold at \$14 apiece for the ewes and 12 1-2 cents per pound for the lambs, it is said. While this does not equal war prices by several degrees it is, however, an indication that the sheep market is staggering, if not a comeback at least a strengthening of the market.

Besides these deals Mr. Echols also purchased several hundred wethers from local sheep men which he also sold to Portland buyers. The Dupree sheep Mr. Echols did not keep long for he turned them on Tuesday. The figure he secured for them, however, was not announced.

## BLAINE M'GEE TURNED IN ALLEGED GETAWAY ATTEMPT

Blaine McGee, who is under indictment in both Payette and Malheur counties for alleged cattle rustling, was apprehended in Jordan Valley last week on advice from Payette county authorities. He was believed to have been bound for Nevada and the authorities turned him over to the Payette officials.

Mrs. Ivan E. Oakes will be hostess Saturday to the Vale Bridge club.

## JUDGE STEARNS BREAKS ALL FINE PRODUCING RECORDS

To date, for the year 1919 there has been collected in the Recorder's Court for the City of Ontario, over which Judge C. M. Stearns presides, a total of \$775, and there is still nearly a month to complete the year. This total, which is equal to that of any two previous years, is more than fifty per cent greater than last year when \$505 was collected.

The large total, however, does not indicate that Ontario is more lawless than in other days but that the increased cost of living having taken the ascending scale so has an increased cost of lawbreaking in Ontario. With fewer cases Ontario has collected more fines than Medford and almost equalled LaGrande, Pendleton and Baker, tho all of these have had many more cases in the Recorder's court. The Judges in these cities, however, are not nearly as adept as Judge Stearns in "Throwing the Book" at lawbreakers.

## CONTINUED GROWTH MADE BY BEE MEN

Association Membership Extends Now From Baker County, Oregon to Shoshone, Idaho—Old Officers Elected.

With a membership extending from North Powder in Baker county, Oregon, to Shoshone, Idaho, and delegates from these distant points present as well as from Juntura and other interior points in Malheur county and all the adjacent counties in Idaho, the Idaho-Oregon Honey Producers' association held its annual meeting in Ontario on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The sessions were held in the Commercial club rooms.

The bee men reported that while the comb honey crop of the season had been sold the strained honey was still for sale. Several offers for the association's crop which this year will be the same as last, or 40 cars, have been received but not at a figure that the officers deemed sufficient to warrant a sale.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: C. E. Dibble, Payette, president; E. T. Atwater, Meridian, vice president; P. S. Farrell, Caldwell, secretary-treasurer. Directors, C. E. Dibble, Payette; A. B. Cain, Ontario; A. J. Hansell, New Plymouth; H. M. West, Parma; Fred Forch, Nampa; E. T. Atwater, Meridian; James Graham, Juntura, and R. H. Miller, Middleton.

The association now has a membership of 150 and shows greater strength than ever before. Plans were considered at the meeting here this week for the establishment of a surplus fund to care for the growing business of the association.

## VALLEY VIEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT ELECTS BOARD

After some months delay the land owners within the Valley View Drainage district met to form a working organization. The following members of the board of directors were named: B. B. Wood, G. W. Dean and E. C. Ingraham. The directors proceeded at once to start work by selecting Barr & Cunningham of Portland, the engineers who devised the Malheur Drainage District system, as the engineers for the project. In all there are approximately 1500 acres in the Valley View system.

## DREAMLAND SHOW TO START AT 7:30 P. M. HEREAFTER

The Argus made an error two weeks ago in giving the hour at which the shows at Dreamland start. Instead of starting at the former time the first show opens at 7:30 while the second begins at the close of the first, that is usually about 8:45 or 9:00.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blackaby and Miss Margaret Blackaby spent Thanksgiving day in Boise, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Kahout.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McCoy spent Thanksgiving day at Haines, the guests of relatives.

County Clerk and Mrs. Arthur Moody spent Thanksgiving day here, the guests of Mrs. Moody's mother, Mrs. A. A. Brown.

## CITY'S COAL BINS ALL BUT EXHAUSTED

MANY HOMES NOW WITHOUT HEAT, FARLEY ROOMS AND CARTER HOUSE HEATLESS—RANCHERS ALSO IN NEED

## CAR UNLOADED SATURDAY

City Hall Has Supply for Few Weeks—Upper Rooms to Be Locked Up—Schools Have But Week's Supply on Hand Now.

Ontario is looking at the bottom of its several coal bins and anxiously reading the daily papers to catch the first message telling of a break in the coal strike. And then many folks are trailing right off to the coal offices to learn the latest on the possible arrival of a car of the precious black diamonds.

Three cars of coal reached Ontario late today and undoubtedly will all be distributed in small quantities by tonight.

Briefly the situation in the city is just like this. A third of the people perhaps, or even a smaller proportion have a winter's supply on hand. Another small fraction have a few weeks' supply while the remainder are either entirely out or nearly so.

The Farley rooms and the Carter House are entirely out of coal and several of the other large buildings are close to the bottom of their pile.

The schools have enough coal for next week and then unless wood can be secured the schools will close. At present the fires are allowed to die down early in the afternoon.

## Short Day in Prospect

Unless relief comes it is possible that the business men of the city will open their stores for but a few hours each day. This was talked informally today. The hours suggested are from 11 to 4 or from 10 to 4.

The ranchers in the country are as badly in need of coal as the city folks are. The carload of coal which arrived here last Saturday went almost entirely to the country.

## POULTRY SHOW WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY

Commercial Club Posters Movement to Have Prize Birds Exhibited Here January 22, 23 and 24—Committee Named.

The prize fowl of the Snake river valley will be displayed in Ontario from January 22 to 24 inclusive in the revival of the Ontario Poultry show. The exhibition this season will be sponsored by the Commercial club.

C. E. Dibble, the well known sportsman of Payette, who is almost an Ontarian, so often does he visit the city to take part in the activities this side of the river, appeared at the Commercial club meeting last night and suggested that the club revive the poultry show. He said that many of the chicken fanciers of the bench and Payette region had talked to him about the matter and would be certain to show their best specimens.

It did not take long for the club to further Mr. Dibble's desire and a motion was passed naming Dr. A. G. Moore, H. H. Tunny and Mr. Dibble a committee to represent the club and to arrange for the show. The committee met today and selected the dates named above and to start arranging for the hall and other details.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith came down from Caldwell last week to eat turkey with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lackey.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Draper next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The members are requested to bring their knitting needles and bright colored yarn.

The Carnation club met this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher.

## CHILDREN OPEN BIG CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

ACTIVE LITTLE WORKERS MEET WITH GENEROUS RESPONSE FROM ONTARIO FOLKS—MORE WORK YET TO DO

## NYSSA UNDERTAKES CAMPAIGN

Business District Assigned to Women Workers for Saturday Drive—Funds to Be Spent in Oregon for Health Campaign.

The Christmas Seal sale for the fight against tuberculosis has started with a winning stride. Superintendent of Schools H. P. Lewis accepted the work of organizing the school children for a house to house campaign and got them started on Wednesday.

During the first day of the campaign the children disposed of \$100 worth of stamps or one-third of Ontario's quota and today Mr. Lewis called upon Mrs. G. K. Aiken, local chairman, for more stamps.

Nyssa Takes Quota. The campaign in Nyssa and Ontario is being made one and from Ontario there was sent this week \$100 worth of stamps to Mrs. W. S. Clore, president of the Nyssa Women's club, which has undertaken to sell the little seals there. This has necessitated sending for another \$100 worth for Ontario so that the county quota will be raised.

## Legion Men Help.

In many of the counties the sale is being undertaken by the men of the American Legion in recognition of the work being done by the nurses of the Tuberculosis association among the returned soldiers who contracted the disease in the service. At a meeting of the executive committee of Ontario Post Sunday evening it was decided to put the matter before the members at the first meeting following the receipt of the charter, and undertake it if the members so determined the sale among the young men of the city.

## Street Sale Saturday.

On Saturday the members of the Woman's club which has charge of the sale in the city will canvas Oregon street and have a public booth in the postoffice or some downtown building.

## HELP TO SAVE WASTED LIVES

Tuberculosis kills producers—chiefly men and women between the ages of 15 and 45. It claims workers—active men and women in the homes, the office and the shop. It causes the 150,000 deaths in the United States every year. It costs the United States an economic waste alone about \$500,000,000 annually. More than 1,000,000 persons in this country are suffering from active tuberculosis right now. It menaces every community, every home and every individual. And yet tuberculosis is curable and preventable. It is spread largely by ignorance, carelessness and neglect. The National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated state and local organizations wage a continuous, winning war on tuberculosis. The work of these organizations is financed chiefly by the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. Drive the menace of tuberculosis from your door. BUY AND USE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS!

Judge and Mrs. Geo. E. Davis and son John were Ontario visitors Friday.

Mrs. J. R. Rasmussen was hostess to the Wednesday Bridge club this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Aiken entertained a few friends at bridge last Thursday evening.

## CONDON BANKER VISITS CITY LOOKING AFTER INVESTMENTS

W. C. Brown, the well known and prominent banker of Condon was in Ontario several days this week and last looking after local investments. Mr. Brown, who is associated with that other Condon banker of statewide fame, O. V. Robertson, is not a stranger to Malheur county stockmen, and keeps in close touch with stock conditions in this section. If everyone living in this section was as optimistic over the future of the Malheur valley as is Mr. Brown the population would be doubled shortly.

## MALHEUR WATER USE IS DEFINED BY DECREE

Water Board Records Its Findings on Hearing Held Year Ago Last Spring—Upper Country Ranchers Given Water.

Findings of the Water Board in its adjudication of the waters of the Malheur river were filed last week in the circuit court but copies of the decree have not been made available for the attorneys in the case.

It is understood, however, that the decree in substance gives to the water users above the Harper ranch a full decree for three acre feet if filing was initiated prior to 1905. The theory of this section of the decree is that they established their right thru adverse usage, this in spite of the prior appropriation of lower valley users.

Concerning the right of the Nevada Ditch the order declares that the Nevada Ditch is not in itself a water appropriator but merely a common carrier of water. The water users of the Nevada are given but 1000 inches of water in direct conflict with the decree of the Supreme Court filed in 1881 in the case of the Nevada Ditch company vs. Bennett et al.

The findings also give the other water users not included in that decree water as per the date of their appropriations and does not allow them to date back their appropriation to 1881.

It will be some time before Judge Dalton Biggs can pass upon the order and finding of the water board and there undoubtedly will be several water suits based on the order of the board.

## ALL NIGHT CARD GAME COMES TO DIRE GRIEF

Home of James McClure Raided in Early Morning by Marshal H. C. Farmer and Deputies—Big Fines Collected.

Early Tuesday morning, almost daylight in fact, Marshal H. C. Farmer, assisted by Verne Chambers and Frank Brittingham, made a raid on the residence of James McClure on West Washington street, where a merry card party was sadly surprised. The officers arrested McClure, William Taylor, Frank Lyles, John Dless, Fred Braack, Mercier Lucera and Fred Flenz and Simon Miller. Evidence was also found that some time during the party there had been a quantity of red eye on hand. It was gone, tho, when the officers appeared.

Lyells, Dless, Braack, Lucera and Flenz on pleading guilty on the charge of gambling were fined \$50 each, Taylor at first pleaded not guilty and later changed his mind, which said change caused the Judge to assess him an extra \$25; while McClure, who had been before the Judge on previous occasions, put up a \$100 bond and migrated to Idaho. His bond was forfeited but the charge still stands against him so that it will be ready for him to face on his return to Ontario should he elect to come back.

As the result of the morning's work the city was enriched by the sum of \$425, making this year the banner year on fines in the history of the city.

Ed. Barnes, a Portland lumberman was in Ontario last Friday and Saturday enroute to the interior.

## USE PRESENT SYSTEM TO IRRIGATE LAWNS

COMMERCIAL CLUB DEBATES IRRIGATION PROBLEM FOR THREE HOURS—BELIEF EXPRESSED THAT SYSTEM SHOULD BE TRIED.

## TWO SYSTEMS IMPOSSIBLE

City Must Pay for Present System—Low Pressure System More Costly Than Present System—Open Ditches Not Wanted.

After a debate that lasted more than three hours the members of the Commercial club last evening passed a motion by a large majority favoring the continued use of the present water system for irrigation during the summer of 1920.

The motion also carried a recommendation to the City Council that a low rate of 5 cents per thousand gallons be made for water used over the domestic use minimum to encourage the use of water for trees and lawns.

This motion did not prevail until all kinds of schemes had been discussed pro and con and there was opposition to the proposal to the last.

T. H. Moore tho the low rate would spell bankruptcy and objected on that ground. Others objected to sprinkling on the ground of the work this requires.

City Engineer O. A. Kratz and E. M. Greig discussed the engineering features of the problem and Mr. Kratz suggested a duplicate system with four inch mains in the ditches. Mr. Greig advised the increasing of the pumping units as a necessity to protect the city's supply and guarantee sufficient capacity at all times.

## Favor Agricultural Agent.

The club beside discussing the water problem approved a motion to appoint a committee to interview the County Court at its budget session next Thursday to urge the appropriation of \$2500 for a county agricultural agent. And also to include in the budget the \$1000 for publicity for the county.

The club also decided to take a chance on the cold weather and hold its regular luncheon in the club rooms even tho no heat was available.

## SIDEWALKS NECESSARY FOR FREE DELIVERY

Council Orders Street Committee to Immediately Investigate Steps Needed to Secure Mail Delivery Discuss City Light Sign.

When Secretary F. Leslie Body of the Commercial club addressed Mayor R. W. Jones, as "Your Worship" he introduced a new title for His Honor, that the Council had never heard before. Mayor Jones was "game" however, under the new appellation and just smiled.

Mr. Body called to the attention of the Council the request and report of the Commercial club relative to the sidewalks necessary to be laid before city mail delivery can be established. The council ordered the street committee to act on this at once.

Mr. Body also asked that the electric sign "Ontario" be lighted and submitted figures to show that this can be done for \$15 per month on a three-year contract. The matter was referred to the light committee. He also took up the matter of having the city park presentable and that matter was discussed but no action taken.

The city budget was presented but no ordinance naming the levy was offered because the assessor has not submitted the valuations for the year.

Bids were ordered called for for the construction of lateral sewer No. 10, and the final payment on the East side sewer was held up for the time being awaiting further reports on same.