

## CITY BEAUTIFUL IS WHAT CLUB WANTS

MANY RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT MONTHLY MEETING—TWO MEMBERS NAMED TO FEDERAL ROAD COUNCIL.

## HOW CAN CIVIC PRIDE RISE

Council Asked to Inaugurate Building Permit System—How to Keep Sidewalks Clean Is Discussed.

In a series of resolutions adopted by the Commercial club at its meeting last night that body went on record in favor of the following measures: The enactment of the Davey sedition bill, the extension of the Federal Post road system by the appropriation by congress of \$100,000,000 annually for ten years, the inauguration of a building permit system by the city of Ontario, and for co-operation in a movement for fostering civic pride in Ontario thru a general and continued clean-up campaign.

The club heard read letters from Congressman Davey of Nebraska concerning his bill and the need for action, and in strong terms the members present expressed their views upholding the action of the department of justice in combating the red menace, and pledged each member present to write a personal letter to the members of the Oregon delegation in congress asking them individually to vote for the Davey bill. The club also asks that every citizen of Ontario and vicinity write such letters.

A communication from the Federal Road council, which is inaugurating a movement to hasten the completion of a unified road system for the United States, was read inviting the club to name two members for the council and 18 advisor members. After discussion E. C. VanPetten, the chairman of the meeting, was instructed to name the two members for the council and did so, selecting G. K. Aiken and Harry B. Cockrum. The advisor committee will be named later.

Secretary F. Leslie Body read a letter which he had written to a member of the Women's club asking their co-operation in a campaign for a more pleasing Ontario. The club members approved the letter and launched into a general discussion of what can be done to improve Ontario. The many suggestions were made it was decided that what is needed most is an educational campaign.

At the regular meeting of the club in February the annual election of officers will be held for the ensuing year.

## FORMAL OPENING OF DEAD OX FARM BUREAU FRIDAY

At the Park school house next Friday, January 15, will be held the first formal meeting of the Dead Ox Flat Farm Bureau. The women of Dead Ox Flat are to serve a dinner for the guests, among whom will be representative members of the other Farm Bureaus of the county. L. R. Brethaupt, county agent, F. L. Ballard, county agent leader, and other speakers will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Robinson are the proud parents of a baby boy who arrived at their home on Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Jaquish leaves Sunday night for Spokane for an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Canfield have returned from their trip to Iowa.

Mrs. E. C. Van Petten entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Allen have been victims of the gripe at their home on the hill for the past week. Mrs. Allen was the first to suffer from the disease and is still very ill. Mr. Allen's case is said to be less severe and he is doing nicely. While he is ill the Biggs boys are looking after the milk route.

The library is again open for regular schedule—Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 2 to 6 and 7 to 9:30 p. m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9:30 p. m.

## PNEUMONIA CLAIMS LITTLE GERALD ARTHUR McPHERSON

After an illness of but a few days Gerald Arthur, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McPherson, died at the home of Mrs. McPherson's mother, Mrs. A. Jaquish, last Thursday morning. Funeral services were held on the following day, interment being made in the Ontario cemetery.

The baby was taken ill on December 27 and gradually became worse, passing away so suddenly that his mother and father were prostrated. Many friends gathered to console them in their grief over the loss of the little chap.

## GENERAL MANAGER OF OWYHEE DITCH NAMED

Ivan E. Oakes, Formerly Agent of Eastern Oregon Land Company, and Manager of Moline Farms Company, Selected.

After thirty odd years of existence the Owyhee Ditch company has determined to place the management of its affairs in the hands of an expert on irrigation matters. This was determined during the water shortage last summer, and at the meeting of the board of directors and stockholders last Saturday Ivan E. Oakes was named to the position.

At the same time the directors determined to empower the manager to proceed with plans for putting the company's plant in first-class condition in every respect, so that adequate service for every water user on lands under the canals of the company will be fully supplied with water during the entire growing season.

Mr. Oakes, moreover, is an engineer of broad experience. After graduating from the University of Oregon college of engineering in 1906 he was in the office of the State Engineer, and then for two years was in charge of the Sunnyside unit of the Yakima project in Washington. Later he was in charge of construction on the railroad from Lyle, Washington, to Goldendale, on which he built eight miles. From there he went to the Western Pacific road and was resident engineer for a five mile section in Feather River canyon, having the largest bridge and heaviest construction in that famous canyon.

Following his railroad experience, however, he determined that irrigation problems offered the greatest opportunity for engineering work and has specialized on such work as the duty of water and kindred problems. When the Owyhee position was offered him he resigned from the Eastern Oregon Land Company's force to enter his chosen field.

## HIGHEST PRICED RANCH IN VALLEY AGAIN CHANGES HANDS

When Burbank Clay bought the John Dunphy 15 acre tract for \$19,000 just three months ago he established the highest price ever paid for ranch property in this section. This week he tract again changed hands and demonstrated that it was worth the high price, for E. F. Chenault of Palouse, Washington, a son-in-law of W. W. Hinton, paid that price for the property. Mr. Chenault came here two weeks ago from Washington, where he sold a big wheat ranch. He is going to further improve the place purchased. Mr. Clay expects to leave for California to go into business.

Among the numerous watch parties held last Wednesday, was an especially enjoyable one, given by the Epworth League of the Methodist church. Games, refreshments and an interesting talk by Rev. Luscombe passed away the time until the New Year was welcomed in by the ringing of bells.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Homan were the host and hostess for a four table bridge party at their new home on South Virtue street last Saturday evening. The high honors for the evening were awarded Mrs. Ivan Oakes and E. M. Greig. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames J. R. Blackaby, C. R. Emsion, E. M. Greig, H. H. Whitney, Ivan E. Oakes, J. R. Resmussen and Geo. K. Aiken. Mrs. Glenn Mustard was ill for several days this week.

## IDAHO FANCIERS TO EXHIBIT BEST PENS

Leslie Long, President of the Idaho Poultry Association, to Send Birds—O. A. C. Lecturers Coming to Show.

That the Poultry Show which will be held January 22, 23 and 24 will set a new mark for future shows to shoot at is evident from the interest being taken by Idaho fanciers who are to pit their best pens against Malheur county's offerings.

Leslie Long, president of the Idaho Poultry association of Boise, notified Secretary Body that he would have his best pens here for exhibition. He also said that other Boise bird fanciers would exhibit here.

## Lectures by Professors

Best of all, the show is going to be educational in more ways than one. Mr. Body has been notified by the extension officials of O. A. C. that poultry experts from the faculty with their illustrated slides will be here to give lectures on the opening night, January 22, following the banquet. At this banquet G. G. Wherry of Boise will be one of the speakers. The banquet will be held at Fifer's and arrangements for 100 plates at \$1 per plate have been made. Reservations for parties should be made at once with Mr. Body.

## BROKEN PUMP EXTENDS CHRISTMAS VACATION

School Children and Faculty Have Week's Added Rest—New Pump Secured and School May Start Any Day—Kids Don't Care.

There was more worrying done by the boys and girls of Ontario this week than anyone but a fond parent can imagine. The youngsters were anxious over the fact that possibly the school board could get a new pump for the heating plant and that school would start at once, from day to day the suspense continued until—well, it took the joy out of life, tho the kids did enjoy a week's extra vacation.

The trouble came Monday morning, the exhaust pump that forced the water back from the radiators of the building refused to function. When taken down it was found to be beyond repair. A new pump was secured this side of Portland and an old pump from the oil well was requisitioned and workmen have been installing the instrument. It may get to working tomorrow and life will resume a more normal hue for the kids.

## WOULD INCREASE PAY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

Legislators Are Asked to Increase Salaries of County Judge and County Treasurer—Cost of Living Reason Given.

Petitions were circulated in Ontario this week requesting the members of the Malheur county delegation to increase the pay of County Judge and County Treasurer to \$3000 and \$1400 per year respectively.

The reasons given for the need of increase were two-fold in each case; first, the increased cost of living and the fact that recent laws have added to the duties of each office, making the present salaries entirely inadequate.

The petitions were readily signed by all to whom presented and many citizens suggested that the same thing should be done for other county officials who have not had increases for a number of years. It is understood that at Vale some such petition will be circulated, tho none other than the above recited have been seen here.

Little Tommy Gallagher is very ill with pneumonia.

## RABBIT CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED IN COUNTY

Communities Desiring to Be Rid of Pests Need Only to Apply to County Agent for Help to Receive It.

Mr. E. E. Horn of the U. S. Biological Survey is now in Malheur county to carry forward the campaign against jack rabbits, having come by request of the county agricultural agent to work in connection with the Farm Bureau.

After consultation with Judge Test, Commissioner Vines and W. W. Howard, who have been carrying on an efficient campaign in the lower Malheur Valley, it was decided to make the benefits of this work available to every section of the county.

Communities needing this work should get in touch with L. R. Brethaupt, county agent, at Vale, Oregon, at once so that their wants will be known.

The county will furnish the poison. The other ingredients, alfalfa leaves, or chopped alfalfa hay, owing to bulkiness, should be secured by interested persons in each community and on hand when Mr. Horn arrives in the community.

## HALF HUNDRED NEW CITIZENS HEADED TOWARD MALHEUR

As the result of the advertising and letters sent from the Commercial club, Secretary F. Leslie Body reports that he has received 53 letters from persons who definitely state that they are coming to Ontario to investigate land possibilities in this section. Of this 53 the least capital possessed by an individual was given as \$1500 and the largest \$17,500.

## DON WALKER COMES TO BOOST FOR WOOD CLUB

Famous O. A. C. Athlete and C. G. Brownell Visit Ontario and Vale—Meet Old Time Friends Here.

The first of the political missionaries who undoubtedly will visit Ontario during the next few months were Don Walker, of Portland, and C. G. Brownell of Umatilla, who came to sound out Republican sentiment for General Leonard Wood. Mr. Walker is managing the campaign for General Wood in the Northwest. That they met with encouragement was evident, and they departed satisfied that General Wood has many friends in this section. They arrived Sunday and spent a portion of the day at Vale.

Both Mr. Walker and Mr. Brownell are O. A. C. men of years gone by and they held reunions with many other former students who knew them in college. When they left Ontario they were assured of the early formation of a Wood club among Ontario Republicans.

## AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD SMOKER AND CLOSE CHARTER

On Monday, January 19, the charter for Ontario Post of the American Legion will close. At that time a big smoker will be held and a general good time staged. After that date an initiation fee will be charged for admission to the post. The committee in charge of the smoker includes: S. M. Boucher, Ernest Gramse, E. N. Allen, Fred Canfield and Elmer Leavitt. The meeting of the Legion at the city hall last night was attended by 50 members. There are now over 60 members in the organization.

O. H. Graham of the Golden Rule attended a managers' meeting of the store organization of the C. C. Anderson company at Boise on Monday and Tuesday.

Superintendent of Schools H. P. Lewis returned Saturday night from Green River, Wyoming, where he spent Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sproule, who spent most of the Christmas season in Ontario, returned the last of the week to their new home in Vale.

## CHECK FOR CROSS SEAL SALE QUOTA GOES FORWARD

The check for \$300, representing the Red Cross tuberculosis seal sale in Ontario, Nysma and Dead Ox Flat, will be mailed this week to the state headquarters in Portland. This was made possible by the receipt from Nysma of its quota. The Nysma committee despite handicaps exceeded by several times all previous records of seal sales in that community.

## BRAMWELL-RACE

At Payette on January 2 Albert Bramwell of Troutland and Miss Flossie Race of New Plymouth were married. The bride for the past six months resided in Ontario, coming here from New Plymouth when the Golden Rule branch store was opened.

## LEGISLATIVE RELIEF MAY SOLVE PROBLEM

Tangled Interests of the Nevada Ditch Company and the Warm Springs Irrigation District May Require.

In an effort to solve the tangle of conflicting interests within the Warm Springs Irrigation district due to the water rights of the land owners of the Nevada Ditch company, their property interests in canals and other portions of the distributing system, a series of conferences between members of the boards of directors of the two organizations, attorneys and interested land owners have been held during the past two weeks.

At the same time, as the result of these informal exchanges of ideas, Judge Dalton Biggs and Representative P. J. Gallagher have been engaged in reviewing the present statutes in the belief that by the passage of an amendment to the present irrigation code will simplify the solution of the district's problem.

Unless some plan can be worked out in the near future it is probable that numerous suits to adjudicate rights will be filed, and it is to avoid such a condition that the conference and remedial legislation is being considered.

## MISS LELLA STRANE PASSES

Former Resident of Iowa Dies at Home of Her Sister Following Long Illness—Body Taken East by Brother.

Miss Lella O. Strane died on January 1, 1920, at the home of her sister, Mrs. William H. Laxon. She was born June 7, 1892. For the past few years she had made her home here with her sister, Miss Strane was a young lady of sterling character and was loved by all with whom she came in contact. She was absolutely unselfish. Her thoughtfulness of others was evident in her dying hour. Her gratitude for the care and thoughtfulness of loved ones and friends and physicians was evident in every attention given her. Funeral services were held in the United Presbyterian church on Friday, January 2nd, Rev. W. F. Cochran preaching. The body was shipped east to Dubuque, Iowa, accompanied by her brother, Wallace Strane.

## BLACKABY RE-ELECTED TO OREGON STATE CHAMBER

At the annual meeting held in Portland last week J. R. Blackaby was reelected to the board of directors of the Chamber. During the past year the report of the executive secretary, George Quate, shows that great good has been accomplished for the state, and that many more admirable projects are planned for this year.

Miss Alfretha Sage, who completed her work for graduation from the High School with the close of the fall term, left last Saturday evening with her sister Grayce to enter the University of Oregon.

## CITY OFFICERS GET INCREASED SALARIES

ALL OLD OFFICIALS ARE RE-APPOINTED BY MAYOR AND CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL—ROLLY ROSE NOW NIGHT MARSHAL.

## MORE FIRE APPARATUS NEEDED

Fire Department Boys Have Rewards Doubled—Council Wants State Fire Marshal's Aid in Removing Fire Traps—Annual Reports Read

All of the city's appointive officers were renamed by Mayor R. W. Jones and confirmed by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night. At the same time the council added Rolly Rose to the police force to assist Marshal H. C. Farmer. Mr. Rose becomes night policeman.

Realizing the fact that the high cost of living continues, the council increased the salaries of C. M. Stearns, city recorder, to \$175 per month, of V. W. Chambers, water superintendent, to \$165; Louis Kroessin, fire chief, to \$20 per month, and all of the fire department to \$3 per month for three meetings and \$2 per call to fires.

The council also considered the need for a fire truck but took no definite action. "We can postpone action," said Mayor R. W. Jones, "but some day after we have had a big fire that could have been avoided by the quick arrival of the department we will come down and order the truck right away."

"The city now pays about \$75 per year to haul the department to fires and the present apparatus is badly in need of replacement," said Fire Chief Kroessin, in discussing the matter, but the council looked at its financial statement and decided to take a chance without the truck.

The bid of the U. S. Manufacturing company for Sewer District No. 10 having been declared too high by City Engineer O. A. Kratz the council ordered new bids called for.

Recorder C. M. Stearns read the annual report of his office and other officers filed with him.

F. Leslie Body, secretary of the Commercial club, asked that the council extend the fire limits of the city and that a number of fire traps on Oregon street be condemned. The council decided to await the early arrival of State Fire Marshal Harvey Well to get his judgment on these matters.

Councilman H. B. Cockrum suggested that steps be taken to remove the grade crossing on Idaho street, and City Engineer Kratz said that this would cost approximately \$20,000 of which, according to the practice in Portland, the O. S. L. would have to pay 60 per cent.

Other members of the council discussed the matter and Mayor Jones said that he had had this matter in mind for some time but was of the opinion that the public service commission should view the situation.

## FOUR TRUE BILLS ARE FOUND BY GRAND JURY

Heavy Court Docket Faced by Judge and Jury—Morgan and Delaney Indicted, Also Stevenson and Taylor.

Four true bills were found by the grand jury at Vale on Tuesday for the following persons: Willard Morgan and James Delaney for the burglary of Frank Glenn's fur store at Vale; Williamson Stevenson of Ontario, for a statutory offense, and William Taylor for assault with intent to kill.

One other true bill was found but not reported. The petit jury which will hear the various cases on the calendar has a long session ahead of it if the cases are all presented.

H. L. Peterson of the Ontario Furniture company is in Portland this week replenishing his stock which was the victim of heavy attacks during the holiday season.