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CAIRO RANCHERS TO FORM FARM BUREAU

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT GRANGE HALL ON SATURDAY NIGHT; J. J. KEEGAN, CHAIRMAN OF DINNER COMMITTEE FOR GATHERING.

W. W. DEAL MAIN SPEAKER

Master of Idaho State Grange to Discuss Ranchers' Problems—Many Local Speakers on Program—Program For Work to Be Adopted.

Ranchers in the vicinity of Cairo will join the procession of those in the county who have already undertaken the formation of farm bureaus. The meeting for the launching of the Cairo program is scheduled for Saturday night at the Grange Hall.

At the Cairo meeting the ranchers will have the pleasure of hearing an address on farm problems by W. W. Deal, Master of the Idaho State Grange. Besides Mr. Deal there will be a number of local speakers to discuss various phases of work in which the ranchers are interested.

Included in the program, too, is an address by V. V. Hickox, temporary chairman of the Malheur County Farm Bureau, who has been actively interested in the progress of the work in the Adrian section where he lived until he recently moved back to the boulevard, southeast of the city. That the Cairo meeting will be one largely attended is certain, for there is to be a big feed at the hall and J. J. Keegan, chairman of that committee, is busily engaged now in preparing for the crowd.

At this meeting too there will be a business session at which the chairman for the various sections of the work will be appointed.

EAST SIDE RANCHERS LEAVE WILSON DITCH

Fairmore District or Company will Be Latest Irrigation Organization—Homer Utley Heads New Organization.

At a meeting of ranchers from the territory just east of Ontario along the Snake river, held at the City Hall last night there was formed the Fairmore Irrigation company or irrigation district, and at that time it was evident that many of the Wilson ditch users will leave that system.

The men present have not determined whether they will form an irrigation district or incorporate as a company. That question they will take up with their attorney at once.

What the ranchers want is action, and water. They plan on constructing a pumping system and to erect their plant on the site of the City's plant and run their principal line up the right-of-way of the city system.

Homer Utley was elected as temporary head of the organization with the following directors, John Martin, and H. L. Bull. These men are busily engaged now in lining up the ranchers who were not present at the meeting and to put in order all the preliminary work.

Plans and specifications for the new system were discussed at the meeting last night but the order for the pumps and pipe was not made until definite form of the organization could be determined upon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Homan entertained last Saturday evening at the home on what was South Virtue street, now the corner of Third St. S. W. and Seventh avenue S. W. They had for their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rader, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Drane, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Petton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fortier, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam. Five hundred was played and refreshments served.

Mrs. F. J. Clemo was ill, for several days this week and recovered in time to care for Mr. Clemo, who was ill Tuesday.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CONTEST WILL START GOING MARCH 1

The First National Bank Civic Improvement contest for \$50 in gold will start on March 1 instead of April 1 as it was originally intended. This has been determined in order that the full benefits of an early start can be secured.

Already there has been a marked interest in the coming contest and applications have been made for entry blanks. Those who desire to compete for the honors and for the prize should lose no time, but make their applications to Secretary F. Leslie Body at the Commercial club rooms at once. No applications will be listed after March 1.

Since it is a matter of improvement the judges will view all the places entered on March 1 and during the summer as well as at the close of the contest. Selligman's Photo man will take pictures of the entries and the progress will be thus recorded.

RIVERDALE IS LARGEST FARM BUREAU STARTED

Folks on Lower Dead Ox, Opposite Weiser, Get Into Line With Growing Movement Over County—Ranchers Enjoy Feed.

Sponsored by the Ladies' Progress club, a meeting of the farmers of the Riverdale section, opposite Weiser on Dead Ox Flat was held on last Friday evening. L. I. Purcell of Weiser gave a very interesting talk in which he described the formation of the Washington county, Idaho, Farm Bureau and told of its work in improving the crops, livestock and soils of the county and of its value in promoting friendship, understanding and knowledge, among young and old throughout the county.

Miss Cushman, county club leader in Washington county, gave a very interesting talk in which she described the work of the Junior Farm Bureau in which the boys and girls are enrolled for the purpose of carrying on calf and pig club work, household projects and other things which will train them and interest them in practical things of the country and fit them for leadership.

Mr. Stone of Weiser spoke briefly of the work of training "the greatest crop of all," the boys and girls. He said that a great mistake was made whenever calf club work resulted in it being the boy's calf but dad's cow. The ladies then served refreshments, after which the question of organization was taken up and discussed. A motion to organize carried unanimously after which a committee on plan of work and nominations reported. After discussion of the proposed projects the report was adopted. The projects upon which work will be done and the committees chosen follow:

Marketing, F. Griffen; Livestock Improvement, W. D. Patch; Soil Improvement and Irrigation, E. E. Record; Pest and Disease Control, C. H. Spicer; Crop Improvement, S. S. Hill; Community Betterments, E. J. Patch.

LUEHRS STARTS MOVING RESIDENCE TO RANCH

O. G. Luehrs has started to move the W. W. Rose residence which he purchased some time since, from its present location on the East side to his ranch on the hill just west of the Fair Grounds.

Before the big residence reaches its new home Mr. Luehrs will have completed a basement for the house and prepared for an addition to be added which will give him one of the most modern residences in this section. Among the ambitious which Mr. Luehrs has for the house is a bowling alley in the basement, a billiard room, and right at the start ample room for a small gymnasium. Besides this there will be ample room for cellar, furnace room and laundry in the basement. The present ranch house will be converted into a packing plant for his apple crop. Another building that Mr. Luehrs is to erect this summer is a spacious barn on the hillside so that it will be a two-story structure with one floor below the ranch level.

FIGURES WANTED ON LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM

COMMERCIAL CLUB AND CITY COUNCIL DISCUSS IRRIGATION PROBLEM FOR STEENTH TIME—APPROACHING SOLUTION IS BELIEF.

ROAD SIGNS TO BE ERECTED

Counter Proposal For Use of Warm Springs Water to Be Investigated—Send Delegation to Caldwell Irrigation Meeting February 16.

For the steenth time the Commercial club members discussed irrigation at the meeting last night. This time there were numerous solutions presented for consideration and what is believed to be real progress was secured.

Two propositions were selected for consideration further, the proposal to build a low pressure system in Riverside; and the purchase of water from the Warm Springs Irrigation district. City Engineer C. A. Kratz was instructed to prepare figures on building of the system, while the following committee was instructed to take the matter up with the Warm Springs board and to investigate the feasibility of that proposal; H. H. Tunny, W. J. Pinney, E. M. Greig, Dr. E. S. Fortner and D. M. Taggart.

This conclusion however was not reached until after numerous proposals were considered and thoroughly discussed. Among the propositions presented to the meeting were the following: Joining with the ranchers on the east side of town and the erection of a low pressure system at the present municipal pumping plant; the pumping of water from the Malheur drainage ditch; the taking of water from the Owyhee waste ditch. One argument after another caused the dropping of each of these and the final concentration on the two mentioned above.

Would Build Many Signs

A communication from the Parma Commercial club asking the city to join with Parma in preparing directing people on the John Day Highway and over on the Idaho road to the two towns was read and after some discussion on signs about the city in general the matter was referred to a special committee consisting of G. K. Aiken, L. H. Hirsch and H. H. Tunny for consideration. This committee will report to the next regular meeting of the club.

Would Advertise City

While this matter was under discussion Harry E. Cochrum suggested the placing of an illuminated sign

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COMMERCIAL CLUB IS TO ELECT NEW BOARD

Ballot Sent to Members Asking For Nominations—Another Ballot Also Enclosed Asks For Suggestions For New Year's Work.

An innovation in the manner of electing a board of directors for the Commercial club was made this year. Instead of a mass meeting to elect directors each member has been furnished with a ballot and a self addressed envelope. The envelope bears this message, "Not to be opened until February 18."

On another ballot the members are asked to make suggestions as to what they believe to be the most important problem the club should devote its energies to solve during the coming year.

Still another innovation is made in a pledge that will be required of directors, the substance of which is that the men elected agree to devote all the time they can spare from their own business to advancing the objects of the club and to agree that absence from three meetings without excuse shall constitute their resignation from the board.

COUNCIL GIVES CITY STREETS NEW NAMES

CORPORATE LIMITS DIVIDED IN FOUR SECTIONS WITH O. S. L. TRACKS AND IDAHO AVENUE AS DIVIDING LINES.

PIONEER NAMES DISAPPEAR

Petition For Paving What Was Virtue Street Accepted; Hearing Called For—Union Oil Company Given Permit to Erect Tanks.

Ontario's streets were re-baptized by the City Council at its regular monthly session held Monday evening. The city was divided according to the new plan presented by City Engineer O. A. Kratz and favorably acted upon by the council, into four sections, designated as North East; North West; South East and South West. In each of these districts the streets running north and south will be called streets, while those running east and west will be called avenues. All will be designated thus, First avenue or street, N. E., S. E. or N. W. or S. W. as the case may be.

The dividing lines as accepted by the Council are the O. S. L. railroad track and Idaho avenue. Thus everything east of the track and north of Idaho avenue will be the N. E.; west of the track and north of Idaho will be N. W.; south of Idaho and west of the track will be S. W. and south of Idaho and east of the track S. E.

Oregon street then will disappear and the stores will be located upon First street S. W. or N. W. and the names of the pioneers Richardson, Morfill, Virtue, King will disappear from the records.

The change was made after the members of the Council admitted that the present system is unintelligible to the stranger and that they themselves, many of them, did not know the names of the streets on which they live. The new system, it was argued, will also facilitate the operation of a fire alarm system and will be of material assistance in locating a given address in the city.

Accept Paving Petition

The petition of the citizen property owners on what was Virtue street but is now Third street S. W., was accepted and notice of hearing of remonstrances was set for Monday, February 16.

The contract for the construction of sewer district No. 10 was let to the Warren Construction company for \$6078.66 or \$1100 less than the first offer made when the bids were rejected at a previous meeting.

Union Oil Company to Come

The Council acted favorably on the request of the Union Oil company to erect tanks and an oil station on block 152, which is opposite the site of the Standard Oil company's plant on First street, N. W., or Oregon street and the right-of-way of the O. S. L.

WARREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY READY TO GO

R. H. Bostic Superintendent of Company, Returns to City to Put Plant in Shape For Work When Weather Permits.

As soon as weather conditions permit the Warren Construction company is ready to start work paving Ontario's streets in the original paving district.

R. H. Bostic who is superintendent of the work, returned Monday from California, where he spent the winter and has already started to put the plant in order. This can be done, says Mr. Bostic, in a week or ten days if necessary so that when the weather settles the work can proceed.

One of the first things Mr. Bostic did was to secure new offices for the company by renting space in the Wilson building.

LANDMARK OF OIL BOOM WILL SOON DEPART FROM ONTARIO

Contractors are hereto remove the oil derrick and the equipment with which the now famous Ontario Oil Well was drilled, and which has been a landmark in the city since its construction eleven years ago.

In that oil well and derrick Ontario spent real money. It was Ontario money, money that local people staked in their faith in the presence of oil beneath the surface. At that oil well occurred the big explosion which threw flames over the top of the derrick, and which burned for days and brought an end to the most persistent effort to bring in a well here.

Several attempts have been made to revive interest in the well and in oil lands here without success, until finally the Boyer Bros. company which purchased the equipment from the old company determined to accept one of the many offers that have been made for it.

DIVISION ENGINEER BALDOCK VISITS CITY

Progress on the Construction of Old Oregon Trail Reported—Contractors Near Cairo Forced to Suspend Operations.

R. H. Baldock, division engineer for the State Highway commission for the division which includes Baker Grant, Malheur and Harney counties was in Ontario Monday for consultation with Engineer J. F. Joyce who is in charge of the construction of the John Day Highway between Cairo and Nyssa.

Mr. Baldock is just getting acquainted with the work in this section tho he has been here once or twice before. He said, too, that he expects to be here more often when the weather permits greater activity.

This week there is not a great deal of work going on in the district on account of the soft conditions of the roads. Work was suspended on the Cairo-Nyssa section and Engineer Joyce is making use of the lull to prepare plans and specifications for the bridge to be erected over the Emison waste way.

Mr. Baldock reported that work on the Oregon Trail is shaping itself so that visions of a completed road from Ontario to Pendleton are justified, tho the actual accomplishment may take another year.

Already the road is complete from Pendleton to Kamela, or will be in the summer. From Kamela to La-Grande will be built this year; from Lagrande to Hot Lake was built last year, and surfaced part way. That will be finished this spring. From Telahasset to Haines the route is being surveyed now, from Haines to Baker the road is under contract for grading and gravel, and is half graded.

From Baker to Huntington no work has been done, nor has the route been surveyed but it is expected that the survey will be ordered at an early meeting of the commission. From Huntington to Ontario the survey is under way now with the engineers working from Weiser at the present time.

MOTHER OF FIVE SMALL CHILDREN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. W. J. Galarneau, mother of five children, the eldest but 13 years died at the family home in the Northwest section of the city Monday following an extended illness. Mrs. Galarneau had been ill for some time but when the flu came she could not continue the struggle successfully. Funeral services were held today from the Baptist church, Rev. C. H. Blom officiating.

Geneva Byers was born in Missouri 34 years ago and was married to William J. Galarneau at West Martinburg, N. Y., on January 24, 1904. To them five children, three boys and two girls, were born and all survive her, as does her father in New York.

The family came to Ontario to live last September, when Mr. Galarneau secured work here at his trade of carpentering.

POLITICAL POT HAS STARTED TO SIMMER

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE MEN MEET AT VALE TODAY TO FILL OUT COMMITTEE; WOMEN TO BE ASKED TO AID

DEMOCRATS TO FOLLOW SOON

With Salaries of the County Officials No Longer Attractive Both Parties Will Find Candidates Hard to Locate.

The political pot has begun to simmer. The first meeting of what is believed will be an interesting campaign was held this afternoon at Vale, when a number of the Republican county precinct committeemen met to talk over the situation.

According to a phone message from the county seat the committeemen completed the county committee in precincts where no committee man was selected and decided to call a general meeting of the entire committee to be held in Ontario on the afternoon of February 22.

Ask Women to Help

The committee also has asked that the republican women of the County name a woman committee member for each precinct and perfect a woman's auxiliary. This will be something new in the political life of Malheur county.

While the committeemen at Vale did not discuss it, there has been considerable talk of holding a banquet in Ontario at which time a Republican club may be formed, if the men present so desire.

Democrats Not Sleeping

While the Republicans have made the first start in the campaign there is no lack of interest among the democratic leaders, tho they have not announced plans, as yet.

One thing that is worrying both parties, more or less, is how to fill out their county tickets, for the jobs are no longer sought for as they once were. The salaries paid are so small comparatively that few men can be found who will seek the offices. Usually the Democrats have found no trouble in filling their county ticket but the leaders are frank in their statement that this will be a hard task this year.

With the republican organization getting under way however it will be but a matter of a few days now before the democratic campaign is under way.

OWYHEE DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR YEAR

James Duncan Returned to Board For Twentieth Term—John Ray For Twenty-second—Old Problem of Stop Debated Again.

An echo of a fight that waged for four days, during the annual meeting in the year 1897, was heard at the gathering of the Owyhee Ditch stockholders on Monday afternoon. The fight was that for the placing of stops in the main canal in the upper end of the ditch so that ranchers on high lands might secure water without pumping. As in the case two decades ago, the proponents of the stops lost.

The new effort to solve the problem was made by Thos. W. Claggett, who introduced a resolution permitting a change in the by-laws so that this could be done. When the vote was cast the ranchers on the South end were badly disappointed, judging by the statements made by some of them.

The contention of those who opposed the move was that the flow of water would be so retarded that the land on the north end of the system would not be cared for, and that if once started there would be repeated requests for wheels and stops so that the canal would be ruined.

Old Times Return

The election for directors of the board which preceded this vote was

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