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ONTARIO, MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1920.

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DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF THE AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS OF THE MALHEUR AND SNAKE RIVER VALLEYS. GIVING THE HISTORY AND GROWTH OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THIS GREAT BUT PARTIALLY DEVELOPED EMPIRE. OTHER EDITIONS WILL FOLLOW.

RANCHERS PROVE BEST BOOSTERS FOR COUNTY

Success of Men Here Attracts Relatives - Past Week Furnishes Evidence of Drawing Power of Successful Rancher.

That the best advertising that any country can have is satisfied ranchers is proven every day in this section when relatives and friends of men already here are coming to make their homes in this section.

Not all of those reported herewith have made their deals this week, but many of them have come this week and are at work on their places, however they prove the truth of the opening declaration:

George Ross has purchased the A. E. Brown sixty, southwest of the city for \$20,000, so that he has a neighbor of his brother, Seymour Ross who lives a mile or so south of him.

Frank J. McCarthy, recently arrived from Nebraska and has started work on the S. D. Dorman ranch which he purchased as the result of success which his brother Harry McCarthy attained in that same neighborhood.

Then we have the pronounced instance of the drawing power of satisfied ranchers in the migration of the Aberdeen Washington police force to Malheur county, due to the influence of Gilbert W. Dean.

Mr. Dean's brother George Dean, chief of the Aberdeen police came to Ontario last summer after learning from his brother just how much superior this section is to Grays Harbor. He came, he saw, and he determined to locate. He is here now and a part owner of 95 acres southeast of town which he and his brother expect to develop at once.

Chief of Police Dean's enthusiasm was communicated to L. L. Grout, a member of his Aberdeen blue coats, and Mrs. Grout is here with him interested in that same 95 acres. Mr. Grout could not have his family scattered so he brought his son-in-law, E. L. Suddeth along with him, and they are all here.

Thus G. W. Dean can be credited with adding three families to Malheur county's population.

Hans Oft who lives in the Valley View district has one to his credit and expects to add two more. A friend of his from Omaha, Harry Carman has purchased the Arthur ranch south of Nyssa; and according to recent advices, Mr. Oft's sister-in-law, Mrs. Chris Fedde, of South Dakota, after spending a winter month here ran into a blizzard last week on her way home and is determined to sell out her ranch there and come to Malheur county.

There may be other ranchers of whom the Argus has not heard who have brot relatives to this section, if so tell us about them.

CRANE TRAIN WILL WAIT FOR NO. FOUR WHEN IT IS ON TIME

Heading the constant requests of the people of the interior for improvements in the train service on the branch—a request that went heedless while the roads were in governmental control—the Crane line trains will wait in Ontario until the arrival of No. 4 when that train is on time. This improvement was announced this week by R. R. Richardson, passenger agent.

Rev. George B. Van Waters, Episcopal missionary for this district, will hold services at the Masonic hall Sunday evening at 7:30, to which the public is invited.

PLANCEE OF HIGH SCHOOL, TEACHER KILLED IN CRASH

In a brief message from the army officials at Fort Still, Oklahoma, Miss Bessie Turner, a member of the local high school faculty, was notified of the death of Lieut. Fred H. Utley, to whom she was engaged to be married this summer, following the close of school here.

No details have been received of the accident by which the young aviator met his death. The message merely stated that he was instantly killed and therefore it is believed that he was the victim of an airplane crash.

LEADER FOR JUNIOR FARM BUREAU CHOSEN

Miss Mazie Wilson of Walla Walla, Washington, Recommended by H. C. Seymour, State Club Leader, Selected.

outlining the plans for the year her work will consist of co-operation with the Bureau, supplementing its work, organizing the boy and girl projects, assisting the women of the county in canning campaigns or other lines of work that may be chosen.

The board determined that its officers; that the county agent secure all the literature available on the different projects adopted by the Bureau. A motion prevailed to ask the Ditch companies of the county to offer a bounty of 25 cents per gopher.

Miss Mazie Wilson, of Walla Walla, Wash., was elected to the position of club leader for the Junior Farm Bureau at a meeting of the executive committee of the County Farm Bureau held here Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Wilson was recommended to the board by H. C. Seymour, State Club leader, who attended the conference. Miss Wilson is a graduate of a Middle Western college and has had three years' experience in this work. She will arrive here on March 22, prepared to begin the work at once.

Miss Wilson is to work in connection with the County Superintendent of schools and the Farm Bureau. Under a memorandum of agreement

STATE OFFICERS FORM R. N. A. LODGE HERE

Twenty-five Members on Charter Roll—Mrs. Ida Hamblen of Portland Initiates Lodge Tonight.

With a charter roll of 25 members a lodge of Royal Neighbors will be instituted in Ontario tonight. The ceremonies of initiation of the new members will be directed by State Superintendent of the order, Mrs. Ida Hamblen of Portland, assisted by Mrs. Phoebe Williams of Baker, district superintendent.

The local lodge, which is the women's auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen, has several members who belonged prior to coming to Ontario and around this nucleus the new organization has been built.

Following the initiatory ceremonies the lodge members and the Woodmen of the city will enjoy a banquet and discuss the merits of their woodcraft fellowship.

Tomorrow more than 20 Ontarians will be in Nampa to attend the sessions at the United Presbyterian presbytery which will be in session for the week end. The Ontario church expects to have a delegation equal to that of any of the churches in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fraser motored to Boise last Friday returning on Sunday.

ARMY SURGEON JOINS LOCAL MEDICAL FIRM

Dr. Allen Anderson to Take Department of Internal Medicine and X-Ray in Firm of Weese, Fortner & Anderson.

Dr. Allen Anderson, formerly a member of the staff of surgeons at Fort Riley, Kansas, and St. Elizabeth's at Washington, D. C., has become associated as a member of the medical firm of Weese, Fortner & Anderson. In this organization he will specialize in internal medicine, and X-ray, for which work he has since his discharge from the service, taken post graduate study at Harvard University.

Dr. Anderson is not a stranger to this region, for he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Fruitland. Dr. Anderson graduated from the Payette High School in the class of 1911, then attended the University of Idaho for two years, taking the pre-medic course. Following this he went to the University of Minnesota Medical school for four years, graduating in the class of 1917. From there he went to Duluth, Minn., for a year of hospital internship, after which he located at Barnum, Minn., where he practiced medicine until he entered the army service.

HILLSBORO PARTNERS M'GOY AND DEFREES

Lee McCoy and C. C. DeFrees to Enter Business Together in Willamette Valley City—Will Handle Real Estate.

C. C. DeFrees who for years has been an assistant cashier at the Ontario National bank has resigned his position and will leave Ontario soon for Hillsboro, Oregon where he will be associated with Lee McCoy of this city in a real estate and insurance firm.

Mr. DeFrees has sold his home on the Eastside and is winding up his affairs here preparatory for leaving for his new home.

Mr. DeFrees will be succeeded in the bank by W. F. Escue, who for some time past has been a telegrapher at the local station, and for a time was ticket clerk as well.

INTEREST INCREASING IN COMING ELECTION

Charles Ellis of Burns to Contest Republican Nomination for Senator With Julian Hurley—Gallagher Waits Re-election.

The only contest for a nomination at the coming primaries in May so far developed is that for the State Senatorship for this district, comprising Malheur, Harney and Grant counties.

Attorney Charles Ellis of Burns has entered the race against Senator Julian A. Hurley and promises to make that fight a memorable one. Mr. Ellis is well known in the interior and his friends are counting upon him to make the race interesting.

Gallagher Flings Hat P. J. Gallagher, author of the state guarantee of irrigation bonds interest, has flung his hat into the ring in his decision to seek re-election to the House. So far he has no opposition.

Harry Sackett of Vale is the only candidate out for the office of county clerk, while Lee Noe is the only candidate talked of for sheriff. No one has as yet manifested a desire to be county superintendent of schools, at least no one has filed, and several of the other offices, apparently, are going to go begging.

EASTERN OREGON CO. HAS NEW LOCAL HEAD

W. McManeman Comes From LaTouche, Alaska, to Handle Business of Big Land Owners in County.

W. McManeman of LaTouche, Alaska, arrived in Ontario on Monday to accept the position of local agent for the Eastern Oregon Land company with headquarters in Ontario. Mr. McManeman takes the position from which Ivan E. Oakes resigned to go to the Owyhee Ditch company in January.

Under the new organization, Mr. McManeman will have charge of both the Ontario and Nyssa agencies, while H. J. Lorentzen will continue to have general charge of the company's business as field superintendent, in charge of all properties from The Dalles to Nyssa.

GRANGE AND FARM BUREAU TO HOLD MEETINGS JOINTLY

At the regular meeting of the Boulevard Grange held last Friday evening it was determined that on the third Friday of each month the Grange meeting will be open to all so that the members of the Farm Bureau who are not Grangers may meet with the grange and that general topics of interest to all farmers may be discussed. At these meetings it is planned to have the County Farm Agent and the County club leader in charge of the Junior Farm Bureau present to present views on timely topics of general interest.

CITY BONDS FIGURE IN TRUST FUND DEAL

State Treasurer Accused by Portland Telegram of Paying Bond Firm Big Price for Local Securities—Probe to Be Made.

Ontario has been the recipient of a quantity of free publicity due to the charge that the Portland Telegram has made against State Treasurer Hoff, that he is giving Morris & Company, Portland bond bankers, undue preferences and fancy prices for investment securities to be used as trust funds for the state accident commission.

According to the Portland paper the State Treasurer bought the local bonds at a nice premium which netted the bond bankers excessive profits, and impliedly suggests that if the state official is in search of securities of this kind he should be an original bidder at the sales of such bonds and not wait to buy from a middle man.

As the result of the Telegram's charges, Treasurer Hoff has requested Governor Olcott to investigate the charges and the Governor has done so. Therefore Ontario is due to more free advertising, and it is shown that the bonds of this city are of such a character as to be most desirable for trust funds. It is apparent, however, that had the State Treasurer been represented at the city's bond sale a better price for the securities would have been secured.

REGISTERED JERSEYS BRING GOOD PRICES

Fortner Herd Sold at Prices Ranging From \$500 Down, Total of Jersey Herd Sell for \$3,900—Holsteins Sell For \$1712.50.

With prices ranging from \$500 to \$85, the registered Jerseys of the herd belonging to Dr. E. S. Fortner sold rapidly at the sale held Monday. The total for the herd was \$2900, and many of the cows commanded prices of \$200 and over. The few grade cows offered did not secure prices approaching that of the registered stock and manifested the determination of the buyers to have none but the best.

The sale which was the largest offering of registered animals of the dairy type ever offered here by one owner, was declared most successful. Dr. Fortner declared that while he was loath to part with the herd the fact that men to handle such stock could not be found here, however, he was gratified that the stock was purchased by local men who are interested in improving the dairy herds of this section.

The Holstein stock offered by F. A. Radcliff at the same sale brought an average of \$82.50 for the 21 head.

Rev. F. W. Cochran and Rev. W. J. Luscombe who attended the Interchurch World Movement conference at Portland last week returned Saturday evening in time for their Sunday services.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Murphy of Beulah were Ontario visitors this week.

OWYHEE DITCH WATER ASSESSMENT REDUCED

Directors at Monthly Meeting Place Maintenance Charge for Year at \$2.80—Will Also Retire Some Debt.

The water rate for ranchers under the Owyhee Ditch for the 1920 season will be \$2.80, or a reduction of 70 cents compared with that of 1919 when \$3.50 was paid.

This sum was fixed at the regular meeting of the board of directors last Saturday, held in the office of the company here, and is in itself a direct answer to the rumors that have floated about, especially among the land owners on the upper end of the ditch. These rumors declared that the cost this year would be \$5.00 instead of \$3.50.

The board determined on the reduction following a statement made to it by T. W. Clagett, a land owner, who said that after discussing the matter with a number of the stockholders, it was his opinion that they would rather retire less debt and reduce the payment this year to the uncertainties of general business conditions.

President C. R. Emlson and directors J. F. Weaver, A. Gramse, W. S. Rees, John Ray and Dick Tenson, voiced similar views and when Judge G. L. King, secretary of the board presented a statement that \$2.80 cents would not only meet all expenses but would retire approximately \$7,500 of the company's debts that figure was agreed upon.

The directors debated for some time on the plan of the Ontario-Nyssa irrigation company for a division between the two companies of the cost of help and supervision at their respective pumping plants, which are located by the same force, but no definite agreement was reached. A tentative proposal was made by Director Tenson that the gross amount of water pumped by both companies be determined and the cost divided proportionately on the volume used. This was referred to the Ontario-Nyssa company directors for their consideration.

General manager, I. E. Oakes of the company reported the work in progress for a wasteway on the upper end of the canal near Mitchell butte and told of the work being done to get the canals and laterals into condition for the irrigating season.

HOMESTEAD DISTILLER CAUGHT IN ONTARIO

J. W. Elkins Falls Into Net Spread by U. S. Marshal—Marshal H. C. Farmer Makes Arrest—Man Taken to Portland.

J. W. Elkins of Homestead, down on the river below Huntington started for Portland last Friday evening accompanied by Deputy United States Marshal F. B. Tichenor, who came to Ontario for the purpose of accompanying Elkins to the metropolis where he is wanted to answer to a charge of operating a big distilling plant, contrary to the provisions of the 18th amendment and the Volstead law.

Elkins was captured in the Moore Hotel by Marshal H. C. Farmer, who had been notified by the United States Marshal's office to watch for him, after it was learned that Elkins' wife was at work in one of the restaurants here.

Elkins is said to have operated one of the largest stills located by the officials since the new law went into effect. When it was raided some time ago by Baker county officials and U. S. Revenue men, Elkins made his escape and had eluded pursuit until he came to pay his wife a visit.

J. G. Stagles is very ill at the home of his son, V. B. Stagles. During the past few days he has been in Oregon.