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REDUCTION IN ITS CLAIMS CALLS PAPER

MOTIVE OF CONTINUED ATTACKS ON COUNTY COURT EVIDENT WHEN RECORD OF ITS CLAIMS IS VIEWED IN LIGHT OF FACTS.

WHY WAS IT SILENT IN PAST

Present County Court Has Followed Precedents Established by Judge McKnight, Whom Enterprise Lads—For That Which Present County Court Is Condemned.

Indicating more clearly than words can the injustice of its serial attack upon the county court, while at the same time showing that its motive is personal spite, the Malheur Enterprise last week gave vent to more of its spleen in a front page story while on its editorial page it rang paeans of self laudation.

The Enterprise has never told the people how it had its bills for the county printing reduced by the court, so that in the last four terms of the county court its claims have been reduced in a total of \$99.65.

Overcharges Admitted?

That the Enterprise knew that it was overcharging the county must be admitted, for no protest was ever made the county court, but the Enterprise seeks its revenge for being caught with its hand in the taxpayers' pockets by venting its spleen.

It is a fact that for years the county court has sent to the general fund the moneys secured from the sale of lands for taxation. When county Judge Geo. W. McKnight was in power this was done. Why did not the Enterprise call the attention of the people to this fact then? Why does it not criticize him and his associates for this? Does not the Enterprise know that on October 22, 1917, the County Court, then headed by McKnight, sent \$1908 to the general fund from the proceeds of a tax sale?

It is also true that the district attorneys and other legal advisors of the County Court have never interpreted the law to the court as instructing them to so segregate the funds to the justice of this contention is apparent.

However the fact that the Enterprise has had its bills cut down, and the further fact that it has so long lauded McKnight who established the policy which the Enterprise so condemns in others shows the malice

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NEW MANAGER TAKES CHARGE OF COMPANY

Reorganization of Malheur Company Takes Place—Ontario Made Headquarters of Independent Company—J. A. Lakness General Manager.

Dating from tomorrow Ontario will be the general headquarters of the Malheur Home Telephone company, and the business of the system in this county will be divorced from the Mountain States company to which it has been wedded for several years.

By the new arrangement all the books and records of the company will be kept in Ontario and the company has placed its vice-president and general manager, J. A. Lakness, in charge of the properties and business in Malheur county.

M. E. Dolling, who has been manager for the company for more than two years has resigned from the company's service and will probably leave for the coast country to accept a position which he has had in view for some time.

New Manager Is Veteran

Mr. Lakness, who comes to Ontario as general manager, is an experienced telephone man. He has for the past two years been district cashier at the Boise office of the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company, handling the finan-

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POWER USERS OF OREGON SIDE WANT TO BE SHOWN

A meeting of representatives of the irrigation companies using water power on both the Idaho and Oregon sides of the Snake river was held at the City Hall last Friday evening. The meeting was called by the Idaho representatives who came to ask the Oregon users to join with them in defraying the cost of the litigation in the Idaho hearing.

The representatives of the Oregon companies declined to make a definite promise on the ground that the Idaho men had employed counsel and engineering advice without consulting the Oregon men, and even after the Oregon men had objected to one of the men hired. The local men, however, declared that when the Oregon hearing is held here in Ontario, if any of the matter secured from the Idaho hearing was used beneficially that they would pay their share of the Idaho examination. In other words, the local men are from Missouri on the proposition offered by the Idahoans.

INSANITY PROBABLE DEFENSE OF HEYMAN

Fight Being Made Against Extradition of Man Accused of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses; Chicago Attorney Here.

That insanity will be the probable line of defense submitted to the jury in the case of Lester L. Heyman, Hirsch, alias L. Harris, is ever brought to trial was intimated by attorneys employed by Heyman's relatives to look after the case. Brooke & Gallagher are the local attorneys while L. E. Osborne, an attorney from Chicago, a family friend of Heyman's, is also here to assist in looking after his interests.

Heyman changed his mind and did not waive extradition when Marshal H. C. Farmer arrived at Niagara last Saturday, and the extradition papers did not reach Mr. Farmer until Tuesday of this week. The scene of activity immediately shifted to Albany, where Mr. Farmer took the papers for a hearing before Governor Smith of New York. The district attorney of the county Albany is located in Albany and is appearing for Governor Olesit in the case.

While not entirely willing to discuss the case, both Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Osborne of the defense intimated that ample evidence could be produced to indicate that he is suffering from hallucinations of greatness, which he exhibited in many forms. His extreme prodigality and perfect indifference to wealth is cited as evidence of this by his counsel.

It has developed that Heyman has done many of the things for which he made claims while here. He did graduate from Washington University, he did go to Yale, he did practice law, and was successful, says Mr. Osborne, until these obsessions conquered him.

LACK OF LABOR CAUSE WHICH DELAYS PAVING

Warren Construction Company Finds Difficulty to Retain Men at Prices Willing to Pay—Will Erect Camp for Fifty Men.

Because of the higher prices paid on road work and the cost of maintenance here, so it is said, the Warren Construction company is having a hard time keeping a full crew employed and as a result the paving program is being delayed.

The first load of paving was dumped on Tuesday morning and foundation course was laid for nearly 100 feet on Third street, S. W., and there the actual laying of pavement stopped.

"We can not keep men in sufficient numbers to continue the work," said Superintendent Bostie, Wednesday. "We are going to erect a tent camp capable of caring for fifty men and will board them and thus we expect to solve the problem so that a big crew will be at work next week and the paving will not be further delayed."

CITY WILL CELEBRATE NATION'S BIRTHDAY

COMMERCIAL CLUB LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR BIGGEST FUNDRAISING OF YEAR ON JULY 4—FIRST CELEBRATION IN FOUR YEARS.

BAND GIVEN BIG BOOST, TOO

Funds For Flag Donated to American Legion—Club Offers to Take \$300 of City Warrants for Purchase of Fire Truck—Hear Speech.

Ontario will celebrate on July 4. At the monthly meeting of the Commercial club last night this decision was reached by the enthusiastic gathering. H. H. Tunny launched the proposal and it carried unanimously. This is Ontario's first celebration in four years and the neighboring cities will be asked to cooperate to make it a success.

To make possible the aim of the fire department to own a modern fire truck the club went on record with an offer to take \$500 worth of city warrants for its part of the campaign to sell warrants for the purchase of equipment. Prior to that a list of subscriptions amounting to \$1,000 was read, so that one-third of the sum needed has already been assured.

Boost the Band

H. O. Drane, Byron Turner, E. B. Allen and H. H. Tunny spoke and the need for a good band in the city and what it means, and what is necessary to promote one. It developed that the band is actually formed and is practicing every Tuesday; that there are plenty of musicians but that some can not now come out for practice because it interferes with their work.

Buy Flag for Legion

Following a short talk by Larue (Continued on page twelve.)

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI TO MEET APRIL 3RD

Graduates of O. A. C., Monmouth and U. of O. Form Local Association With Ivan E. Oakes Chairman.

To work for the passage of the millage tax the alumni of the University of Oregon, O. A. C. and the Monmouth Normal who live in Malheur county have determined to form an association. Ivan E. Oakes has been appointed chairman for the county by the State organization.

Mr. Oakes this week sent forth a call for a meeting of all the alumni in the county of these schools to meet in Ontario on Saturday April 3 to consider plans for presenting the needs of the schools to the voters prior to the election on May 21.

Following the meeting of the alumni there will be a meeting of the Parent-Teachers of the county to consider the problem and others in connection with school work.

TUNNY'S OFFERINGS TOP CALDWELL SALE

Shorthorn Breeders Sale at Caldwell Is Great Success—Hercules Lord Highest Priced Animal Offered Goes for \$725.

H. H. Tunny returned Monday from Caldwell where he attended the sale of the Boise Valley Shorthorn association where he scored a remarkable success in that he topped the sale in all classes with the offerings.

The highest price paid for a bull at the sale was for Hercules Lord, which netted Mr. Tunny \$725, while a heifer he put in the ring took honors in her class with a bid of \$550. Two other offerings did not score so well but his average price four offerings was \$430.

TO STAGE DRIVE FOR NEEDY IN NEAR EAST

LOCAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZED TO CONDUCT CANVASS FOR FUNDS TO AID IN LIFE SAVING ENDEAVOR FOR STARVING CHILDREN.

THOUSANDS DYING EVERY DAY

Victims of Turkish Atrocities Absolutely Dependent On American's Generosity—Ontario and Vicinity Asked to Assist.

Another appeal that will meet a response from the people is that which the committee consisting of Rev. W. J. Luscombe, chairman and treasurer, D. M. Taggart, T. W. Claggott, J. C. McCroight, Rev. W. F. Cochran and Hugh Allen will make during this drive which starts March 27 and ends April 2.

It is an appeal to Ontarians and their neighbors to save lives. To give from their abundance that thousands and thousands of men, women and children in the Near East may have food that will save their lives.

Dr. Warren Morse, formerly a chaplain in the army will deliver an address at the Baptist church Friday night on the need for this appeal, and on Saturday night the committee has arranged for the running of a series of films at the Dreamland, picturing conditions as they really exist in that woeful region.

The committee feels that when the people who are now so prosperous appreciate the dire need for their gifts that mean life to the hungry and medicine and surgical aid to the sick, there will be no doubt of the result of the drive. Ontario and its neighbors have never failed in any drive and will not in this. Details of the conditions for which these funds will be used are to be found on another page in the appeal published by the committee. To read this and not give, is impossible.

MUELLER ANNOUNCES; ROBERTS WITHDRAWS

Lee Noe Would Be Sheriff Again; H. Tamblin Seeks Office of County Surveyor; Mrs. Effie M. Crail Would Head Schools.

At last the political situation in the county, so far as it concerns the desire for office has so settled itself as to make certain the fact that no office will be vacant thru the lack of an aspirant.

During the past week candidates have overcome their diffidence and have come boldly forth and taken the people into their confidence to the extent of telling them that they would serve if wanted.

The feature of the past week is the entry of Democratic aspirants for office, that party having prior to this time no avowed candidates. Now H. Lee Noe, who has been sheriff for the past two years, announces his determination to run again. It is also true that no one has so far announced a desire for the republican nomination for this office, so it appears he will be unopposed.

Morgan Carlisle, assessor for the past four years, is another democrat desirous of retaining his office and has announced his candidacy. Both of these men were originally elected to office while residents of Ontario, the Sheriff Noe made his residency transfer to accept a deputyship under Ben J. Brown.

Roberts Withdraws

Surprising as it may seem the week also marks the withdrawal of one candidate, Will J. Roberts of Arcadia, who had announced his determination to seek the republican nomination for treasurer. The same mail that brought his withdrawal notice also brought forth the announcement of the determination of C. C. Mueller, now county treasurer, to again seek that office.

County Superintendent

So far the only one seeking the (Continued on Last Page.)

YOUTHFUL BAD CHECK ARTIST BURNS WAY OUT OF LOCK-UP

Miss Lyda, 16 years old who was arrested for passing a series of bad checks in Ontario two weeks ago and who was being held pending the arrival of commitment papers to send him back to the reform school made his escape from the city jail last Thursday night. He had been locked up in the outer corridor of the jail and thru a confederate secured a steel rod which he heated in the stove and used to burn holes in the roof thru which he escaped. He soon came to grief tho, for at Nampa he continued to work his check game and was caught. District Attorney Swager is allowing the Idaho authorities to take the case, glad to get rid of this young offender.

COUNTY CLUB LEADER MISS WILSON ARRIVES

Formation of Boys and Girls' Clubs in Junior Farm Bureau Work Already Under Way—Six Clubs Started.

Miss Mazie Wilson, county club leader recently employed to promote the club work among the boys and girls of the county arrived from Walla Walla Sunday and at once began her campaign to get the work of the boys and girls started.

Miss Wilson attended the University of Missouri prior to entering educational work in Washington, where she served in the faculties of High Schools in the Northeastern section and finally at Pasco, where she taught for five years, preceding taking charge of the club work in Walla Walla county three years ago. In speaking of her work and plans for its development Miss Wilson says:

"The men's problems have been discussed and classified by the Farm Bureau in several communities of the county. Now another branch of Farm Bureau work will be organized and developed."

"This work is not new to the county, some remarkable records having been made in the past; and Malheur county has produced her share of state champions for several years."

"Boys and girls will undertake definite problems in a number of communities and will assume their share of the work and responsibility of improving and increasing crop and live stock production. Each club will demonstrate to its community some good practice in agriculture or home economics."

"For the girls there will be canning, cooking and sewing tho they are also eligible to the garden, poultry and live stock club. Boys

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SEEKS CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

C. M. Faulkner, President of Burns Commercial Club, Discusses Need for Closer Relations With Ontario.

"The completion of the irrigation project in Harney county means almost as much for Ontario as it does for Burns, and therefore Ontario and the Snake River valley should be interested in promoting the development of the great interior." That is the message that Charles M. Faulkner, president of the Burns Commercial club left with Ontario folks in an interview at the Moore Hotel Sunday night.

Invited to Stockmen's Convention

Mr. Faulkner is particularly interested just now in promoting the stockmen's convention which will be held in Burns in May. Burns is preparing to make this the largest and most notable gathering in the history of the association and is laying itself out to make the occasion one that will be remembered.

Mr. Faulkner laid stress on the need for co-operation between this section and Harney county so that a road system may be completed that will actually connect the two valleys for an all year road and will bring travel thru central Oregon.

RED CROSS CHAPTER MAY EMPLOY NURSE

SOCIAL SERVICE CAMPAIGN TO BE UNDERTAKEN THIS FALL; BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS TO BE CONSULTED.

TO TEACH PRACTICAL NURSING

Propose to Have Courses Established in Schools and For Women of Various Communities—Free Nursing for Poor.

If the branch and auxiliary organizations of the Ontario Chapter A. R. C. approve it is probable that an educational nurse will be employed for this field this fall. This nurse will be the central figure in a social service campaign to be conducted by the Red Cross in the territory from Riverdale on Dead Ox Flat to the Owyhee.

The term educational nurse expresses the idea which the local organization directors who were present at a meeting held at the City Hall Sunday evening considered, following the presentation of the plan by Miss Tande, field representative of the Northwest Division at Seattle who spent several days of last week in Ontario, following a visit to Vale and to Burns where a similar program was presented and adopted.

Under the scheme as outlined by Miss Tande the nurse to be employed will not only be a trained graduate nurse, but one who has given especial attention to the teaching of the fundamentals of home nursing. She will be available to such classes in the schools within the chapter jurisdiction and will also hold classes for the adult women of the various districts, if they desire to take the course.

Free Nursing for Poor

She will also be available in times of emergency, such as the flu epidemics of the past two years to organize available nurses and assist in guiding the women of the homes in carrying out medical instructions and hygienic requirements. For poor families who can not afford a nurse she will also be available.

Examine the Children

It will be her duty, too, to make periodic examinations of the children of the schools of the territory and to advise with the parents concerning measures to promote the health of the children, and in other ways possible to advance the health standards of the community.

Will Consult Auxiliaries

The former members of the board of directors of the Ontario Chapter present at the meeting last Sunday evening determined that while they

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FORMER SCHEDULE IS ORDERED FOR BRANCH

Crane Train no Longer Waits for No. 4—Crane, and other Interior Towns Object to Uncertain Schedule

Instead of waiting for the arrival of No. 4 from the West, the branch line train of the Oregon Eastern leaves Ontario daily at 9:45 on the arrival of the Boise pony.

The schedule of this train has been the subject to much controversy, and the company officials have been puzzled how to solve the dilemma presented by conflicting interests. The Commercial traveling men, the people of Crane, Juntura and other interior towns have objected to the change, while Vale and Burns have desired it.

Officials of the company made an investigation last week and following the receipt of communications from various sections determined to revert to the old schedule.

John Landingham left Monday for Nampa to be absent for several days.

Mrs. C. G. Pinney was called to Denver Sunday by the illness of her mother.