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RANCHERS' PROFITS SHOWN TO BE SMALL

OREGON AND IDAHO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS GET REAL DATA ON COST OF RANCHING IN MALHEUR COUNTY.

ONLY HIGH SPOTS TOUCHED

Hearing During Afternoon and Evening Too Short to Submit All Facts Ranchers Wanted Presented to Commission—Rise in Rates Expected.

Before a crowd that taxed the capacity of the Commercial club rooms in the City Hall last Thursday, Commissioners H. H. Corey and Fred A. Williams of Oregon and Commissioner George Erb of Idaho listened to the testimony of Malheur county ranchers who are protesting against the application of the Idaho Power company for an increase of 60 per cent in irrigation power rates.

The time for the hearing was all too short for an adequate presentation of the ranchers' case, but the commissioners said that before a permanent rate was fixed a full and complete hearing based on an accurate statement of the inventory of the company's properties would be held.

Nothing direct was said to foreshadow the result of the hearing it is generally accepted belief of those who have followed the testimony both in Idaho and Oregon that a rise will be made in rates affecting this year's power.

Ranchers Not Profitizing

By the testimony of Pete Tensen of Nyssa, T. W. Clagett of Ontario, F. M. Northrop, A. A. Guttridge and Lester Sewell of Dead Ox Flat, and L. R. Breithaupt of Ontario the ranchers submitted figures to show under the various lifts necessary to cultivate the lands that the ranchers are not making the exorbitant profits credited to them by the Power company.

The ranchers did not attempt to controvert the statement that the Idaho Power company is not making money; they did not take the position that the company should not be entitled to a fair return, but merely

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EFFECTS OF LEAGUE IN NORTH DAKOTA TOLD

Arthur Foster of Clyde, North Dakota A Farmer Tells Meeting At Grange Hall Effects of Socialistic Nostrums.

The number present was not large owing to the interest taken in the power hearing which was going on at the same time, those who attended the meeting at the Grange Hall last Thursday evening to hear Arthur Foster of Clyde North Dakota tell what the Non-Partisan League had done to that state felt amply repaid for the effort.

Mr. Foster traced the history of the league from its inception. He declared that the Non-Partisan League is not a farmer's organization, and proved his statement by calling the list of its leaders and telling their previous business connections.

He told graphically how the management of the state had thru the operation of the schemes taxes had raised in some instances as high as 351 per cent. He backed his statements with the tax receipts on his own farm and showed how the rates had gone up all along the line. The state tax increase was 351 per cent; the county taxes 60 per cent; and school taxes 24 per cent.

Can't Examine Bank

He then told of the formation of the Bank of North Dakota which under a ruling of the Judges elected by the Non-Partisans can not be examined by any State Auditor. He told how by manipulation the land loans had worked to the disadvantage of the rancher thru the use of the application fee. Another of the financial transactions which came in for discussion and illumination was that of the bond deal, wherein the state failed to secure a buyer for its issues.

Mr. Foster then told of the manner in which the league worked thru its organizations, how it has collected millions for investment in their chain stores and for propaganda, and have now turned on the league determined to throw it from power.

In closing his address Mr. Foster advised the ranchers present to keep their money in their pockets, and not to sign any checks to the agents who come to represent the league in this county.

MEANEST THIEF ON RECORD STEALS FUNDS OF STARVING

Stealing aims from a church has long been recognized as the most despicable of crimes, but Ontario has on record one that is even worse. Some time during the noon hour pilfering fingers opened the desk of Miss Cora McNulty, who teaches the second grade at the Grammar school and stole \$4.50 which the children of the room had collected from their little savings to give to the starving children of Armenia. The second grade had the record in the children's effort to help the dying Armenians when this thief did his work. Needless to say the children of the school are shocked at the crime, for such it is, and are trying to make good the loss while feeling the shame that some one has taken the money.

CRANDALL'S DERBY IN SENATORIAL RING NOW

Vale Attorney, Ex-representative, Would Serve in Upper House—H. L. Poorman Takes Shine to Assessorship; Swagler May Run.

Political observers rubbed their glasses when they read among the filings for office listed with the secretary of state at Salem the announcement that C. M. Crandall of Vale has filed for the state senatorship from Harney, Grant and Malheur counties. But this is the case.

With Mr. Crandall's entry the prediction of the Argus some time since that the state senator's toga would cause the warmest spot in the campaign seems fulfilled. Just what effect the contest between the two Vale men—Senator Hurley being the other candidate from the county seat—will have on the fortunes of C. C. Ellis, the Harney county aspirant, is a subject of dispute.

While some see in it the defeat of Senator Hurley there are others that declare it assures him of nomination, and there you have it.

Poorman for Assessor

After looking over the field H. L. Poorman of Ontario has decided to enter the race for the assessorship against Morgan Carlisle, the present incumbent. Mr. Poorman made his announcement this week. Since he has been in Ontario for some fourteen years the people here know Mr. Poorman well, and since Morgan Carlisle also lived in Ontario for many years they have before them in the fall an interesting campaign among friends.

R. N. A. AND WOODMEN HOLD MEETING AND RECEPTION, TOO

The Modern Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors each held a meeting Monday night at which new members were received by transfer and regular business transacted. Following the business session the Woodmen held a reception in honor of the Royal Neighbor camp. The camp held their regular meetings the fourth Monday in each month.

TO GROW CERTIFIED DICKLOW

Vale Farmer Imports Improved Spring Wheat in Effect to Increase Yield.

One of the steps looking toward crop improvement taken by V. T. Herrett chairman of the Vale Farm Bureau is the importation of a considerable quantity of certified Dicklow spring wheat seed which he will plant on his farm near Vale. This wheat was secured from the Jerome County Bureau in Idaho and cost Mr. Herrett a fancy price, but he says that it will be taken care of in increased yield and the premium which he should get for his seed wheat next season.

The Dicklow wheat is recognized by all experiment stations and experienced wheat farmers as the leading variety in point of yield for the irrigated lands of the Snake River valley. It is a true spring wheat with white berries and is beardless. The head is of square construction, enlarging toward the top. Owing to its hybrid origin, the variety reverts rapidly unless kept true by selection. This work requires some care, so that we must always expect to get good Dicklow wheat seed only from reliable and careful growers, particularly such as has been certified by the State. A great deal of dissatisfaction has arisen from the purchase of so-called Dicklow wheat a great deal of which is either not Dicklow at all or so badly mixed and run out that it might as well be called anything else, except for the selling value of the name. Dicklow wheat is scarcely obtainable at the present time.

A. W. Means of Vale was in Ontario on business Thursday afternoon. Mr. Means looks after the interests of the Stanfield company in the upper country.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE TO DISCUSS MEASURES

COUNTY-WIDE MEETING CALLED FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 24, TO CONSIDER ACTION RELATIVE TO INITIATIVE MEASURES.

WILL GATHER IN ONTARIO

President Lytle Arranges Program of Speakers to Discuss Proposed Bills and Those Referred—Road Matters Also Up for Consideration.

To discuss the various measures to be acted upon by the voters on May 21, to consider plans for getting out a favorable vote on the road measures by which it will be possible to complete the proposed highway system in Malheur county, a meeting of the Malheur County Development League will be held in Ontario at the Commercial Club rooms on Saturday, April 24. The meeting is called for 3 o'clock.

Speakers to Discuss Bills

President R. D. Lytle of Vale in his call for the meeting announced that a number of speakers will be asked to give short talks, limited to ten minutes each, on the proposed bills. These men have been asked to be prepared to answer questions which anyone might ask concerning the effect of the measure upon which they will talk so that the gathering will be able to get informative data.

The principal object of the meeting is to arouse interest on the road bonding measure, for it is realized that unless this measure passes it will be impossible to secure sufficient state aid to complete Malheur county's road program for many years to come.

An effort is being made to have a large crowd present at this meeting with representatives from every precinct in the county so that workers can be selected who will take sufficient interest to get out a big vote on election day.

At the meeting too a date will be set for the holding of the League's annual meeting.

OREGON SLOPE CONSIDERS FRUIT CROP PROSPECTS GOOD

Crystal District Pumping Plant Nearing Completion—New Ditches Will Improve Roads—Lawn to Grace Park School.

OREGON SLOPE, April 13.—The outlook for a good fruit crop in this vicinity is at present very favorable, and is expected to be almost if not quite as large as that of last year. Apples and cherries have a bumper prospect.

The Crystal pumping plant, which has been greatly enlarged and remodeled, is nearing completion and will be ready for the new pumps soon. Some concrete work on the pipe line is still to be finished, and many pipes and ditches which cross the road in numerous places are being repaired and tiling put in. This will greatly improve the road situation, as many of these ditches annually flood the roads, making some of them almost impassable thruout the entire season. The good roads boosters are urging the farmers to put forth an extra effort this season to control waste from irrigation.

The Park school grounds will undergo a thorough overhauling within the week. Extensive plans for improvement are under way. The grounds are to be plowed, leveled and seeded to lawn, trees will be planted, fence repaired; in fact, everything needed to make an up-to-date school ground will be done. This is a much needed improvement and the our friends from surrounding districts may not recognize us, we are, nevertheless, glad to appear in a new costume once in a while. Patrons and children plan an Arbor Day program for the occasion.

Among those attending the Sunday school convention at Ontario, Monday and Tuesday were, Mrs. J. L. Brown, Mrs. Walter Davis, Mrs. Henry Raby and Mrs. Holloway. Mr. and Mrs. Broker and Mrs. H. J. Brannock of Payette took Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carico.

Measures Brown, Boals, Miller, Burrell, Heslop, Agnew and Karat attended the silver tea given by the Portia Club of Payette, last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Watts of Payette spent the week-end at the Burrell home. Horace Joseph returned from Seattle Wednesday after a two weeks visit with relatives.

D. T. Carpenter is building a fine comfortable bungalow on the place opposite the Gribben farm.

Mrs. Lee Brown and children left

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PLANS PROGRESSING FOR CELEBRATION

COMMITTEE VISITS VALE AND EXTENDS INVITATION—WILL GO TO NYSSA SOON ON MILHAR ERRAND—PAYETTE TO JOIN ONTARIO.

WHEN CELEBRATE IS QUESTION

Some of the Merchants Want Festivities on Saturday—Others Think Monday Proper Day—Will Decide at General Meeting.

Chairman H. L. Peterson and the other members of the Fourth of July committee have started energetically at work to perfect plans for the 4th of July celebration. There is one important matter that has not been determined, namely the day on which the events will take place. The business men are divided on this question. Some want it on Saturday, the 3rd, others on Monday, the 5th, with the latter predominating in number.

This matter will not be settled until a general meeting of all business men can be held. In the meantime the committee is arranging for the cooperation of neighboring cities. Assurances have been received from Payette that they will join with us and also from Nyssa. Vale has been invited and will send a committee down to confer with the local business men next week. Weiser is planning a celebration but hopes not to have it conflict with the Ontario gathering so that a general unity of effort is being secured.

Nyssa talked of a celebration last week but the Argus was assured that since Ontario had progressed with its plans that the southerly neighbor would not interfere but would cooperate in making the celebration one of the best that was ever staged in the county.

CHURCH WORKERS HOLD CONFERENCE MONDAY

County Sunday School Convention Discusses Problems—Speakers Outline Purpose of Campaign, Managers Appointed

A convention at which delegates from almost every community in Malheur County were in attendance, was held by the Interchurch World Movement Monday at the Baptist church. A visiting team composed of prominent church leaders of Oregon and representing a number of the Protestant denominations which are co-operating in this great union movement of the Evangelical churches presented its aims, purpose and scope. Three sessions were held and in addition to the regular delegates there were present a number of the delegates to the Malheur County Sunday school convention which yielded its first day's program for the presentation of the inter-denominational plans.

The convention team, which is one of five which has been touring Oregon this week was led by Dr. C. F. Swander of Portland. The other regular members were the Rev. E. B. Pace of Monmouth, the Rev. R. L. Dunn of Astoria and Mrs. W. M. Case of Eugene. Harold Humbert, State directors of Missionary Education and H. O. Stone, campaign director of Eastern Oregon also assisted in the convention.

In the evening a lecture illustrated with lantern slides gave in detail the result of the world-wide survey which the Inter-church department has just completed to determine the objectives for the five-year intensive campaign which the co-operating churches have planned. The objects of the movement were carefully explained and emphasis placed upon the fact that the Interchurch is not a new organization but a confederation of the existing denominations for the purpose of promoting their common programs and avoiding duplication and waste.

Arrangements were made for the organization of Malheur County for a campaign which is to be conducted by more than thirty denominations from April 25 to May 2. A. H. Chester of Vale has been appointed county campaign director and he is appointing community directors in each organized community of the county. Rev. W. F. Cochran of this city has been appointed county executive officer and will have an active part in the permanent organization of the work in this county.

A portion of the visiting team left Tuesday morning for Crane and Burns where the y will complete the organization of Harney County. The financial campaign of the co-operating churches which is to be held this month is the largest ever attempted. Its proceeds will be used to further the "forward work" of the churches and will be applied to home and foreign missions, American education, religious education hospitals and homes, ministerial support and relief, war relief and other special items.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI NAMES COUNTY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the associated alumni of the State University, O. A. C. and Monmouth Normal the following committee was named to carry on the campaign for the ratification of the new millage bill at the primaries: Mrs. Faye Clark Hurley, Vale; Jonas Brown, Oregon Slope; Mrs. Jesse Morgan, Adrian; A. P. Gibson, Nyssa; E. B. Conklin, Miss Nell Carter, Jamieson; and Earl Blackaby, Ontario. Ivan E. Oakes of Ontario is the chairman of the committee. About 20 alumni of the three institutions attended the gathering.

LEGION WILL DISTRIBUTE MEDALS GIVEN BY STATE

The American Legion has been asked to furnish the names of the men from this section who were residents of Oregon at the time they enlisted so that these men can receive the medals which the state is to give each man. All ex-service men who are not members of the legion, if they wish to receive the medal to which they are entitled, should get in touch with Earl Blackaby secretary of the Ontario Post and he will take the necessary steps to see that they secure their medal.

BASE BALL SEASON WILL OPEN SUNDAY

Old Time Rivals Payette and Ontario To Inaugurate National Pastime Here for 1920 Season—Ontario's Line up.

After an absence of four years Ontario will again be found on the baseball map of the Snake river valley. The city has a team in the Idaho-Oregon league and will be in the fight to the finish for the league's gonfalon.

The first game of the year will be played at the Fair grounds Sunday afternoon. Payette, Ontario's old rival will be the opponents in this battle, and a big scrap for first blood is expected.

Of course Ontario's strength is problematical, as yet. The combination is a new one and the boys have shown some speed in practice, they have not had an opportunity to show their class while under fire. Chet Lackey one of the city's old time ball players is captain of the team and E. C. Prout is the manager. The following is the line-up for the first game, so far as Ontario is concerned: Chapman, catcher; Eddy, pitcher; Lackey, 1b; Eastley, 2b; Vickery, ss; Teat, 3b; Hunter, Hammond and Holdrider in the field. To properly open the season the management has arranged for the presence of the band at the game and a big time is on tap for the opening day crowd.

PAUL-JAQUISH WEDDING

Miss Dorothy Jaquish, Manager of Dreamland, and Herbert Paul, Ex-Service Man, Wed This Afternoon—Go East on Honeymoon

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Delphine Jaquish, at 5:30 Mrs. Dorothy Jaquish became the bride of Herbert Paul of this city. The service was performed in the presence of the bride's family, Rev. W. F. Cochran of the United Presbyterian church performed the ceremony.

Immediately after the wedding the bride and groom and members of the bride's family motored to Payette, where a wedding supper was served at the Bancroft. After they returned to Ontario and leave in the morning for their honeymoon trip to Chicago, Peoria, the groom's home, and other middle western points. On their return they will stop at Denver, Salt Lake and other cities.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Paul are well known in Ontario, having made their home here for several years. The bride graduated from the Ontario High School in the class of 1917 and following the death of her father took up the management of the Dreamland, which she has conducted since that time; while taking a prominent part in the social life in the younger set.

The groom came to Ontario in 1918 and was employed in the O. S. L. offices when the war started. He was a member of the first group of recruits who enlisted the day war was declared and left Ontario on April 10, 1917. He went overseas in the aero service and remained there until after the armistice was signed. He returned to Ontario last year and has been yardmaster here for nearly a year.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

At the services Sunday morning a special male quartette will sing, and in the evening a song service will be held and an address will be delivered by Mr. Senseman.

LAST CHANCE TO GET IRRIGATION WATER

LOT OWNERS SLOW IN SIGNING UP FOR DITCH WATER WITH WHICH TO WATER LAWNS—LESS THAN HALF SO FAR SIGNED.

DELAY NOW IS FATAL TO PLAN

Water Can be Secured by April if Lot Owners get busy—Commercial club Makes Loan to Start Work Going—Act Now!

So far only 250 of the 632 lots which in years past took water from the Ontario Waterusers association, have signed to take water from the ditches this summer. Unless the others come in at once there is a possibility that the plan will fail and that those who have objected to the sprinkling system will have to use that again this summer. The additional expense will fall on them, all because they would not act when they had the opportunity.

To handle the water problem a new committee has been named consisting of V. W. Chambers, chairman; J. H. Atherton and Fred Rice. These men will proceed to get the ditches in shape providing more names are added to the list which can be found at the Targart Hardware.

The old committee consisting of H. H. Tunny, D. M. Taggart and C. F. Cox have turned the work over to the new men and have arranged to get the water, but on the only terms available, cash. The people who want the ditch water must pay for it now.

Under the terms of the contract with the committee the water users will be asked to keep the main canals in condition. To start this work the Commercial club loaned the committee \$100.

These ditches must be cleaned and if water is to be delivered to the people when it is available on April 20 action must be taken by the people.

This matter has been discussed so long, and the committees have worked so hard that there will be no one to blame if the trees of the city die and the grass withers, but the people who do not take enough interest to look after this matter now.

JORDAN VALLEY ROAD ON MARKET PROGRAM

County Court Designates Succor Creek Road as Market Project—Only Manner in Which Relief can be Given South

After many endeavors to place the Succor creek road to Jordan Valley on the state highway program the County Court at a meeting Monday determined to place this road on the market road program. The reason for this was that by following this course steps can be taken which will furnish immediate relief to the people in that end of the county who are now under serious handicap with no really passable road to the outside.

By the provisions of the market road law it is believed that there will be made immediately available for the road \$102,000. While this will not furnish the highway, any more than will the present appropriations complete any road on the program, yet it will go so far that a suitable outlet for all that region will be secured.

The county court also started work on the graveling of the road from Ontario to Cairo to connect with the road from Nyssa to Cairo and from Vale to Cairo. This section of the road has deteriorated badly in the past year and immediate work was necessary to keep it passable.

VALE COMMITTEE COMING TO DISCUSS CELEBRATION PLANS

A committee from the Vale Chamber of Commerce will be present at the luncheon of the Commercial club directors next Tuesday to discuss plans for the proper celebration of the Fourth of July. It is a "get-together" meeting arranged so that no conflict between the communities will result.

A similar committee from the Ontario Commercial club attended the weekly luncheon of the Vale Chamber last Tuesday and presented Ontario's invitation to the people of Vale.

COMES TO GATHER FACTS THAT SHOW COST OF PRODUCING CROP

R. V. Gunn, Farm Management Demonstrator for Oregon arrived in town today to assist the Power users in assembling data as to the cost of producing crops. He came at the invitation of the County Agent and will work with the power users committee with the Farm Bureau committee on Crop Records.