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USE THE CITY HALL.

Cities are not the result of accidents. They come into existence when there is a need for them, and in so far as they serve that need do they grow. Ontario is an illustration of this fact.

Primarily Ontario is a trading center for a large territory because it is a railroad junction point and at the confluence of two rivers, whose valleys end near the city, and whose inhabitants in their desire to come out naturally turn toward Ontario.

Besides the people who come from a distance Ontario enjoys a large trade from its next door neighbors—the ranchers who live close by. The trade of these neighbors, in volume is as great, if not greater, than that which comes from a distance. For it less money is spent. It is more uniform, and on its volume depends in a large measure the permanent prosperity of the city.

Besides selling them goods there are a number of kinds of service that a community owes to its neighbors; among them going a gathering place when they have occasion to come together for particular purposes. And in this day and age every energetic community that wants the friendship of its neighbors furnishes them a place in which to rest while they are in town for shopping. It is just good business that impels its cities to give this service.

Ontario business men want to give this service, we are sure; and the means is at hand; there is no need for any expenditure of money on Ontario's part to do just this. All that is required is a little foresighted thoughtfulness, and a real desire to serve.

In their wisdom a few years ago the citizens of Ontario banded themselves for \$10,000 with which to build a City Hall, and to provide therein for a community meeting place suitably equipped for just the needs here discussed. The upper floor of the City Hall is one of the most pleasing rooms in the county. It has good furniture, good light and the necessary accessories to make it a place where any one would be pleased to spend an hour any time of day. By placing some of the current magazines and newspapers on the tables there it would be made more so.

Since the people have invested this sum of money in this building, and are using only half of it, the community is losing half of its investment. This is no economy, it is a waste; and the greater is the waste

when there is so urgent a need.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Commercial club have considered this matter, and we believe that as good business desirous of attracting our neighbors to Ontario and in manifesting the city's hospitality, they will endeavor to solve the problem, and dedicate the use of the upper floor of the city hall to the community good, making it a place which not only the residents of Ontario will use, but our neighbors, too, and where all can feel at home.

Here the members of the Farm Bureau, when they come to Ontario, should be provided with space for their gatherings and their representatives be provided for. The meetings of all kinds that come to this central location require attention, and should be given that consideration. The city can do no less.

In this connection it might be added that there is need for janitor service that the rooms be properly kept. Since from the general bonds of the city this building was built perhaps the Commercial club could be persuaded, we believe, to provide the janitor.

Of course all this must be decided not by the Commercial club but by the City Council for in that body rests the management of the building. Its custodian, Judge C. M. Stearns, is the manager of the building, as is fit and proper, for some authorized official of the city must be in charge of all public property. Judge Stearns can be counted upon to see that the property is amply protected.

We believe that all that is necessary to secure this improved service is that attention be called to the need and the possibilities of fulfillment, and the authorities who have this matter in hand will do the rest, for their interest and desire is to do that which is best for Ontario.

IN THE SAME BOAT.

Judging by the testimony introduced at the power rate hearing the Idaho Power company has nothing on the ranchers when the question of earnings on their investment is considered. To "the man up a tree," it appears that both of them need help and each should have more earnings with which to pay dividends.

It is certainly true that the ranchers above the gravity ditches need the power company, and do not ask the company to make them a donation of power; it is likewise true that the power company needs the rancher as a customer for the power that is generated during the summer when the commercial load is light.

It is also true that, take the ranchers using irrigated power out of this section and the commercial load would be far lighter. The commercial load in Oregon is confined practically to Ontario, Vale and Nyssa, so far as the Idaho Power company is concerned; while in Idaho there are several large cities.

The Argus has made a canvas of a number of the business men of Ontario and they have expressed their willingness to take an increase in their commercial rates, if the raise on the ranchers will be materially reduced thereby and any raise is justified. Now if the people of Boise, Caldwell, Nampa, Payette, Weiser, and other Idaho towns will come forward in the same spirit then the rates on all the company's business can be so adjusted that the ranchers will not be penalized for their courage and fortitude in proceeding to develop this region.

After listening to Arthur Foster and looking at his tax receipts the lure of the Non-Partisan League program fades.

Political Announcements

FOR ASSESSOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for assessor on the Republican ticket. Being a resident of Malheur county for 14 years and a taxpayer, I consider the office of assessor one of the important offices of the county.

If elected as your assessor it will be my endeavor to place conservative values upon taxable property of the county, so apportioned that each class of property will pay its just proportion of the taxes.

I have no radical notions relative to assessment or the performance of the duties of the office, but believe the work of the office should be done on a business basis, having in mind economy and fairness to all classes.

Yours very truly,

H. L. POORMAN,

A fair, conservative valuation of all classes of property.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Subject to the result of the Primary election to be held, May 21st, 1920, I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican Nomination for State Senator from the Twenty-second Senatorial District composed of Grant, Harney and Malheur Counties, State of Oregon.

If nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, endeavor to act with prudence and care in the discharge of my duties, without fear or favor and for the greatest good to the greatest number.

CHARLES M. CRANDALL,
Vale, Oregon.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the Primaries on May 21. If elected I pledge myself to the same careful attention to the duties of the office that I have given during the past two years.

C. C. MUELLER.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

After serving one term as Assessor of Malheur County, during which time I have attended to the duties of the office to the best of my ability, I submit my candidacy for re-election to the approval of the people, subject to the Democratic Primaries May 21, 1920.

R. M. CARLILE.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

I announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of District Attorney for Malheur county at the Republican primaries to be held on May 21, 1920. If I am nominated and elected, I will devote all of the time and attention necessary to the proper performance of all the duties of the office.

Signed,
ROBT. D. LYTLE.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Malheur County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primaries to be held May 21, 1920. If nominated and elected, I promise to devote all of my time and attention to the proper conduct of the affairs of the office.

HARRY S. SACKETT.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County School Superintendent of Schools of Malheur County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primaries to be held May 21, 1920. If nominated and elected I will devote all my time and energy to the advancement of the schools of the county.

MRS. EFFIE M. CRAIL.

FOR JOINT SENATOR.

I seek the Republican nomination for joint senator for the Twenty-second Senatorial District at the coming primaries.

If nominated and elected I promise to the District an honest service and will take my oath of office unpledged to any person or interest.

I am a liberal and not a reactionary or a radical; and especially so as to public expenditures. Economy should mean thriftiness. Public expenditures demand a reasonable promise of material and social benefit. Irrigation and drainage under special assessments; good roads; protection of grazing lands and the public range for the good of the livestock interest as a whole; betterment of mail service; improvement of facilities of branch line railroads are among the important local needs. Roads and postal service in the country districts are the only visible returns from taxation, and the burden of taxation should be fairly equalized through these means.

On the foregoing statement I ask the support of the Republican voters.

CHARLES W. ELLIS, Burns, Ore.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

Subject to the Democratic primaries on May 21, I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for the office of County Surveyor.

H. TAMBLYN.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the second term as Sheriff of Malheur County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the Primaries to be held May 21, 1920.

H. LEE NOE.

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of State Senator of the district comprised of Malheur, Harney and Grant counties. If I am nominated and elected for a second term I will continue to serve this district and the State of Oregon to the best of my ability.

JULIEN A. HURLEY,
State Senator.

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