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E. M. DEAN OF NYSSA IS FAIR'S PRESIDENT

NEW BOARD COMPLETES ORGANIZATION. V. T. HERRETT OF VALE, VICE PRESIDENT AND V. V. HICKOX OF ONTARIO, SECRETARY OF BOARD.

EARLY START MADE THIS YEAR

Ask Commercial Club to Name Committee to Co-operate and Take Charge of Amusement Features. So Board Can Devote Time to Exhibits.

E. M. Dean of Nyssa is the new president of the Malheur County Fair. Mr. Dean was elected at a meeting of the directors held last Saturday at which the work for the year was first discussed by the newly appointed board. V. T. Herrett of Vale is the vice president and V. V. Hickox of Ontario was named secretary of the board.

At a meeting of the board and members of the Commercial club Tuesday evening of this week plans were further discussed and progress made toward getting work started early enough to make the coming fair the most successful ever held.

Since the fair this year is to be directed by ranchers it is the general belief that a greater degree of cooperation will be secured and thus more and better exhibits will be found in the exhibition hall when the doors open on the first day.

The directors emphasize the fact that they expect to devote the major portion of their efforts to the upbuilding of the agricultural feature and that they desired the assistance of the business men of Ontario in handling the entertainment features, with which the business men through previous experience are more familiar.

The members of the club present gave the directors assurance that the fair would be given as liberal a degree of support for them, as the they were running it themselves, and would co-operate in every possible way to assist the directors to achieve their desire of the biggest fair ever held.

In order to do this the directors asked the Commercial Club to name a committee to take charge of the entertainment features and to determine what portion of the receipts shall be budgets to the several departments.

The club's committee to be named by President E. C. Van Petten will meet with the fair board directors on Saturday of this week to make this division and get work started.

Want Doolittle to Take Charge. The directors of the Fair also asked that the question of a secretary for the fair to take general charge be secured. They said that they had considered asking W. H. Doolittle to take this position and President Dean was delegated to present the matter to Mr. Doolittle.

A number of minor matters such as granting permission to the Ontario ball team to use the grounds was discussed and permission was given for five per cent of the gate receipts, and a contract on that basis ordered drawn. It was also determined to ask Walter Leavitt, who lives near the fair ground, to act as custodian of the grounds.

H. H. Tunny, president of the board last year, was present at the meeting to advise with the new board concerning many matters with which he is familiar and to assist in every way to get the work started for this season. Mr. Tunny told the board that already there was assurance of the largest burebred short-horn exhibit that the fair ever knew and declared that every indication showed that the fair this year would be the best ever held.

In the matter of premiums for this year the board will make prizes for community exhibits that will attract every community in the county and will also eliminate some of the premiums for varieties which only a few people raise and which are not really competitive. This will all be considered in detail at a meeting of the board to be held soon. No date has been set for the fair as yet but that too will be settled in the course of the next few weeks.

F. P. CHURCH AND THE NEW WORLD MOVEMENT.

A quota of \$5113.87 has been set for the Ontario United Presbyterian church in the New World Movement campaign from April 25 to May 2.

The drive will open next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, with five minutes silent prayer.

United Presbyterian is asked to join. This campaign will be conducted in the United Presbyterian Church by Rev. Cochran, congregational campaign director, who will be assisted by leading members of the congregation. It will close the following Sunday evening with final reports.

Every day during the campaign reports will be sent to Rev. J. G. Cunningham director of the campaign in the Idaho presbytery, of which the local church is a member.

NEVADA DITCH COMPANY WILL CONTEST WATER BOARD AWARD

At a meeting of the directors of the Nevada Ditch company held at the office of the secretary, G. L. King, yesterday afternoon, C. M. Crandall, attorney for the company, made a report on the findings of the water board in the Malheur adjudication. After listening to Mr. Crandall's report the board determined to proceed to contest the award in the courts.

FARM COST DATA IS BEING COMPILED NOW

One of Most Important Pieces of Work Undertaken by Farm Bureau Is Well Under Way—Government Specialists Co-operating With County Agent.

What did Malheur County farmers get for their labor last year after paying all farm expenses and allowing a fair rate of interest on their investment? Some outside interests are of the opinion that the farmers have been making big money. The farmers are not ready to accede to this statement. The Farm Bureau is anxious to learn the facts. They wish to know for several reasons:

In the first place, the nation wide organization of farmers has included many things in its program. An outstanding feature is the realization that farming must be put on a business basis and run in a business like manner in order to insure agricultural ability and to help put farming where it belongs. They realize that business organization and business methods are absolutely necessary today.

A Farm Management survey of 44 irrigated farms in this county, taken four years ago from the calendar year 1915, revealed the fact that the average labor income of these farms was \$921. A farm business survey of 19 farms in the Ontario-Nyssa irrigated district of 1919, recently conducted, shows the average labor income to be \$595. A more detailed survey of the Oregon Slope district is now being undertaken by the County Agent.

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POLAND CHINA BREED SELECTED BY NYSSA

E. M. Dean Makes Handsome Offer for Best Pig Selected by Malheur County Fair—Competition Open to County.

The Nyssa pure bred Poland China Pig Club has completed its organization and each of the eight members will soon own his young pig. The club chose the Poland China breed and the pigs, all of which will be females, will be of weaning age.

E. M. Dean, president of the Malheur County Fair, local leader of the club, has offered to pay \$150 for the best big pig type Poland China gilt exhibited by a club member at the Malheur County Fair next fall. This offer is open to members of any club in the county.

E. B. Conklin, superintendent of the Nyssa school, is expecting the club to put out a strong stock judging team which will compete with similar teams from other parts of the county at the County Fair. The two high scoring teams in this contest will probably compete in state and interstate contests.

Miss Mazie Wilson, County club leader, states that there will be twelve or fifteen strong livestock clubs in the county and that each club will exhibit at the County Fair and enter a judging team.

HER BATHING SUIT A "COMBINATION"

When Viola Dana read the scenario of her new play, "Please Get Married," in which Screen Classics, Inc., is starring her under the new fewer and better pictures policy, she found she would have to get a bathing suit of the Mack Sennett variety.

When she went to buy the creation she had some difficulty in conveying an exact idea of her requirements to the salesman. She entered the store and as she walked down the aisle the heartbreakers behind the counter recognized her, and straightening their ties and brushing back their hair, became instantly alert.

Mrs. H. C. Smith entertained Tuesday afternoon with the Vale Chapter of P. E. O. as her guests. Luncheon was served at the Blue Bird cafe.

C. R. Peterson came down from the Circle Bar ranch today for a short visit with his family here.

The Ontario Jazz Hounds are going to Brogan May 1 to furnish the music for the May Pole dance which the community there is staging.

COMMUNITY FAIRS TO BOOST COUNTY FAIR

FARM BUREAU ARRANGES PLAN WHEREBY ANNUAL EXHIBITION WILL BRING TOGETHER BEST RESULT OF COMMUNITY EXHIBITS.

ORDER CAR FOR CLUB LEADER

Want Enforcement of Gopher Eradication Law Where Ranchers Do Not Act—Approve Farm Bureau News—Home Betterments Discussed.

As a means of arousing interest in the various communities in the development of their agricultural possibilities, the Farm Bureau has determined to hold community fairs in various sections of the county. The community fairs will have the same relation to the county fair that the county fairs have to the state fair, inasmuch as they will result in the gathering of the best exhibits of the various sections, stimulate rivalry and thus bring about a vastly wider competitive interest, furnish a means of teaching the advantages of new or better methods and generally serve to improve the agricultural interests of the county.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Farm Bureau held at the City Hall last Saturday evening Miss Mazie Wilson, club leader, explained the community fair idea to the committee following the presentation of the subject by A. A. Guttridge of Oregon Slope. President Dean, Treasurer Herrett, Mrs. Hurley and other members also favored the idea and it was endorsed.

Want Law Enforced. Attention of the members was called to the fact that some of the ranchers are not trying to trap or poison the gophers on their places, and it was determined to call this to the attention of the County Court so that prosecutions can be started which will result in ridding the county of these pests. This action was urged by President Dean, Messrs. Herrett, Tensen, Fry and Guttridge. At the same time it was urged that some one capable of doing so be hired to catch the gophers.

Get Car for Leader. In order to get about the county to the scattered communities Miss Wilson, the county club leader, asked that a car be furnished her, and told of the trouble she had experienced thus far. It was the unanimous opinion of the board that this be done and a committee consisting of Ivan E. Oakes, E. M. Dean and P. Tenson was named to find the means for getting the car. This committee acted at once and Miss Wilson started driving the car today (Thursday).

The directors discussed at length the question of methods for rural home betterment and decided that this was of such importance that it be added to the bureau's program for the year.

Bureau News Approved. The board discussed at length the subject of the Farm Bureau News, the first issue of which was published last week. After considering the matter the paper in its present form carrying sufficient advertising to pay for itself was approved.

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VALE PUBLISHER GETS IN AND OUT OF RACE

GEORGE HUNTINGTON CURREY FILED FOR REPRESENTATIVE LAST FRIDAY AND WITHDREW CANDIDACY YESTERDAY.

G. W. DEAN FOR COMMISSIONER

Mrs. Julia A. Hurley Seeks Re-election—David Graham and I. Quisenberry Would Place Value on Property in Malheur County.

Representative P. J. Gallagher has no opposition for the republican nomination for representative. From Friday until yesterday he did have, in the person of George Huntington Currey, publisher of the Vale Enterprise. Mr. Currey filed his declaration by wire last Friday with Secretary of State Ben Olcott and withdrew it yesterday.

That the announcement that Mr. Currey would contest the nomination with Mr. Gallagher was a surprise can not be denied. Even Mr. Currey's friends at Vale declared it to be so, and they it was who secured his withdrawal realizing that the presence of too many Vale candidates militated against the success of those who had filed earlier. Therefore the situation was cleared yesterday with the announcement of Mr. Currey's withdrawal.

Dean Files for Commissioner. For weeks it has been apparent that there would be no candidate out for the position of County Commissioner to succeed J. F. Weaver, whose term expires. Efforts to secure some one to accept the nomination were not successful until Gilbert W. Dean was persuaded to do so. His candidacy was filed yesterday.

Mr. Dean has lived in the county for seven years, coming here from Gray's Harbor county, Washington, where he had experience in public office. Since coming to the county he has devoted his time to his ranch but has been active in the good road movement, in the Grange and Farm Bureau and during the war was one of the active leaders in every drive in his section. With his previous experience and his interest in public affairs he is peculiarly fitted to serve the county for he has two grown sons to look after his ranch when it will be necessary for him to leave it to attend the sessions of the court. Mr. Dean was reluctant to accept the nomination and only did so when it was apparent that no one else would undertake the job.

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EASTERN STARS ENTERTAIN AND ARE ENTERTAINED

Members of the Star Chapter O. E. S. went to Nyssa last evening to attend an invitation of candidates by the Nyssa chapter. Following the initiation the Nyssa lodge served a banquet which was very much enjoyed. This evening the Nyssa Stars will be the guests of the Ontario lodge at an initiation and supper. Mrs. John Huston, worthy matron of the Chapter a Vale will be one of the honored guests at the session this evening.

LEGION MEN ENDORSE MONUMENT FOR DEAD

Ontario Legion Gives Its Approval to Effort of Vale Post to Erect Monument in Court Yard at County Seat.

At a meeting of the Ontario Post, last week the effort on the part of the Vale post to have a monument erected for the men from Malheur county who died in the service was endorsed, and a request made that Ontarians unite in subscribing to the funds to pay for the cost of erecting it.

The monument is to be of rough marble on which will be placed a bronze eagle and on one side a bronze tablet bearing the name of all the men from the county who died in the service.

The cost of erecting the monument is \$1050 of which about one half has been raised in and about Vale together with a large donation from Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lowe of Owyhee, whose son, Julien Lowe was one of the first to pay the supreme sacrifice and in whose honor the Vale Post was named.

In their appeal to the public to support this movement the local legion men declare they will appreciate every gift and ask that the checks be made payable to the American Legion and addressed to Earl Blackaby of Ontario.

So far the checks from local people include \$5 each from L. Adam and L. J. Aker.

CALL MASS MEETING PLAN CHURCH DRIVE

Meeting of Citizens Interested in Inter-Church Movement Called for United Presbyterian Church April 25.

In the interest of the Inter-Church World Movement a mass meeting has been called for April 25 at the United Presbyterian church. Rev. W. J. Lucombe will preach the sermon and the service will be held in the evening. The service will commence at 8 o'clock and a special musical program will be given.

Thirty evangelical denominations of America have united in a great co-operative work under the name of the Inter-Church World Movement. Its object is to encourage church cooperation and discourage duplications; to make the teachings of Jesus Christ the paramount influence in the social, political and economic life of the modern world.

The church is asked to think in world terms and to deal fairly with the world's appalling need.

Only a callous soul can pass thru times like these and not hear a voice whose call a man must answer or else lose his soul.

A budget of \$1,123,060,000 is asked for aggressive work. The church is proposing to do big things in a big way. One million sick people in the United States annually, five thousand daily, are refused hospital service because of inadequate equipment.

People are asked to divert the small sum of six cents daily from their expenditures for pleasure such as the use of chewing gum, ice cream, cigars, picture shows, etc., in view of providing this amount for the doing of big things for the Kingdom of our Lord and Master.

SILVER TEA. The Catholic Ladies will give a May Day Tea from 3 to 6 at the home of Mrs. P. J. Gallagher on Saturday, May 1. Everyone invited.

MASONS TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27. A special session of Acacia Lodge A. F. & A. M. will be held next Tuesday evening, April 27, at which time work in the M. M. degree will be exemplified. A number of visiting members are expected and a dinner will be served following the work.

available for the work. The county court indicates that it would proceed to do the work itself with its own machinery and equipment and it is the opinion of Judge E. H. Test that the county can do the work cheaper than the lowest offer.

At the close of its deliberations Tuesday the Grand Jury returned three true bills. One of these charged L. I. Heyman, alias L. Hirsch, alias L. Harris with obtaining money under false pretenses; another charged E. L. Seltzer with larceny of machinery from the Western Pacific Oil; another placed the charge of larceny at the door of a man named Van Atta, who is alleged to have taken a team of horses from the Stanfield company.

The members of the Grand Jury were H. B. Cookman, A. Gramse, T. J. Binneman, A. L. McDowell, Ontario; L. L. Culbertson, Oregon Slope; Adam Murray, Heulab and James Harvey, Vale.

Judge Dalton Biggs called the docket in the regular term on Wednesday and court adjourned until Friday.

E. E. KIDDLE VIEWS HIGHWAYS IN COUNTY

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER FOR EASTERN OREGON FAMILIARIZES HIMSELF WITH ROAD SITUATION HERE—VALE LIBY CAUSIS SURPRISE

URGES AMENDMENT'S PASSAGE

Progress of State's Program Dependent Upon Approval of Measure—Visits Vale and Crosses Dead Ox Flat in Storm—Meets Old Friends.

E. E. Kiddle, Highway Commissioner for Eastern Oregon, spent Monday evening and Tuesday in familiarizing himself with the road problems of Malheur county. He arrived here on No. 6 Monday evening and left Tuesday afternoon by auto for Webster, driving across Dead Ox Flat to view the route of the Old Oregon Trail Highway, with Division Engineer R. H. Baldoek and E. A. Frasier.

In the morning Mr. Kiddle, accompanied by J. R. Blackaby, Mr. Baldoek and G. E. Alken, drove in Mr. Blackaby's car down the Boulevard toward Nyssa, to inspect the work done on that highway and then drove to Vale to view the crossing of the Malheur river there and the approach of the John Day Highway.

Prior to making this trip Mr. Kiddle met on Monday evening with a number of good roads enthusiasts at an informal gathering where the general road situation in the state was discussed. At this gathering he explained the situation in which the commission is placed with the funds available for use all appropriated, and the system as outlined incomplete. Unless the constitutional amendment permitting the issuance of additional bonds passes at the May election he declared that no more road building can be undertaken by the state.

Lose Federal Co-operation. Not only will the road program stop but unless the funds are made available the State will not be able to match the federal appropriations on the post roads, of which there are many miles not yet started in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Kiddle had with him a graphic chart prepared by the commission showing how the auto licenses and gasoline and distillate taxes not only will pay the interest on the bonds, provide a sinking fund to retire the principal of the bonds, but leave a surplus each year to be applied directly to the construction of highways.

Furthermore he said that this table and chart would perhaps be more than fulfilled for every estimate of income from auto licenses prepared by the commission had been exceeded in fact, and that the money available would be greater than the chart indicated.

He urged the men who desire good roads to make the provisions of the matter clear to their friends so that no misapprehension will operate to keep citizens from voting for the measure.

Both at Vale and Ontario Mr. Kiddle encountered many old time friends who in the early days when he was known all over this section as the pioneer flour miller, purchased supplies from him. Among those friends in Ontario were J. B. Blackaby, E. A. Frasier and H. C. Boyer.

On the trip over the irrigated lands under the Owyhee and Shoshone, the Warm Springs and the Oregon Slope, Mr. Kiddle expressed his surprise at the growth and development encountered. This he had been here many times in years past his visits had been confined to Ontario, Vale and Nyssa, and had not in-

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INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST L. I. HEYMAN

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