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OREGON TRAIL WILL BE SCENIC HIGHWAY

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER E. E. KIDDLE, CHIEF ENGINEER HERBERT NUNN, DIVISION ENGINEER H. R. BALDOCK VIEW ROADS

REDUCE GRADES ON JOHN DAY

Old Oregon Trail Will Skirt Top of Slides on Lower Dead Ox Flat --Rock Wall to Rise From River Bed--County Loaned Tractor.

Skirting the toe of the slides behind a retaining wall of rock rising above the highest highwater mark, the Old Oregon Trail as it leaves the Lower Dead Ox Flat and follows the Snake river on its way toward Huntington will be one of the most scenic drives in Oregon, according to plans which are being completed for approval by the Highway commission and its board of engineers an outline of which was given The Argus this week by Chief Engineer Herbert Nunn, and Division Engineer H. R. Baldock who were with Commissioner E. E. Kiddle's party on an inspection of the Eastern Oregon Roads.

The party reached Ontario about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, having spent the early hours of the day examining the route of the Old Oregon Trail from Baker to Ontario. Here Mr. Baldock, County Judge E. H. Test, Harry B. Cocker, P. J. Gallagher and Geo. K. Aiken and the party went down the Trail toward Nyssa and then drove to Cow Valley to view the John Day Highway from Vale to the Canyon leading to Cow Valley, returning to Brogan where they had dinner and met with J. A. Kennedy to consider the needs of the John Day Highway in that section.

All Depends on--Expectation "We have gone as far as we can with the road program," Commissioner Kiddle, told the gathering, "until the people approve of the constitutional amendments to increase the bond limit for road building.

To Match Federal Funds. There is another reason, that is the loss which will result through the inability of the state to match the Federal funds unless this measure carries. Most of the roads in Eastern Oregon are post roads on which the state and federal government cooperate. To do this we must have more funds or lose the federal appropriation for the years in which we can not match their appropriations.

That Oregon has the best case in the Union was the statement of Chief Engineer Nunn, who recently returned from a trip of investigation of road building methods in twenty four states, and attended the convention of highway engineers. "Oregon was the first state to capitalize its auto license and make them the security or road bonds. Many other states, notably Illinois have adopted this principle."

Reduce Yardage The engineers and Commissioner Kiddle viewed the Vale to Brogan road, bids for which were rejected because the County which agreed to do the grading had not sufficient funds to complete the work. They came as the result of the request of County Judge E. H. Test who asked that the grade specifications be modified so that the county could build the road. They agreed not only to reduce the width of the grade over the entire route, but to reduce the yardage so that the county can prepare the grade for the gravel which will be put on by the state in co-operation with the federal government.

Not only that but the commission is to loan the county a big caterpillar tractor for use in doing the grading. The big machine will come next week from Baker and work will start soon on that important piece of road from Vale to Brogan.

O. C. Luehrs will soon be occupying his new home on his ranch on the hill west of the fair grounds. The residence which he is to occupy will be the renovated Rose home which he has moved from the east side to the ranch.

TRANSIENT SHEEP MEN ARE SKINNING MALHEUR'S RANGE

William Gess of the Hole-in-the-Ground ranch was in Ontario Wednesday on business. Mr. Gess who operates the ranch whose name sounds like that of an Indian chief has some decided ideas on what is needed for the protection of the livestock industry of this section, the most important and convincing of which is that the public range must be protected or it will not exist much longer. "Along many of the rivers in this county there are a number of what might be called, 'shoe string ranches,'" observed Mr. Gess to The Argus yesterday, "these ranches are valuable principally because they are close to the range. With the range gone the ranches are useless. Now transient from Idaho and Nevada comes over and sends his sheep or cattle over the range and they have been fed off. The time is coming when something must be done or there will be a smaller number of ranchers in Malheur county than there are today."

ONTARIO TAKES PAYETTE TO CLEANING BY 16 TO 6

Ontario is playing in Boise today and prepared for its invasion of the Idaho capital by defeating Payette yesterday in a lopsided battle, 16 to 6. Wells pitched for Ontario and held the visitors in all save the first round. Payette furnished a medley of pitchers and had on off-day all round, playing far below usual form. A fair sized crowd witnessed to game.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND GIVES CONCERT TO LARGE CROWD

The High School lawn was the scene of a gathering last night to hear the concert presented by the High School band under the leadership of Prof. M. D. Thomas. That the ability of the organization astonished the audience few of whom had realized how fast the players had developed. The concert given, the technique displayed and the ensemble effect secured by the leader was worthy of far older organization than the High School has who have been playing together for less than a year, and gives promise of further pleasures for the lovers of band music in Ontario.

SOPHOMORES WIN CLASS RUSH FROM BATTLING FRESHMEN

At the High School this afternoon the Sops and Freshies staged a bag rush to determine which class colors should wave from the flag pole Commencement day. The battle lasted a half hour, fifteen minutes too long for some of the boys who were exhausted by their struggles. Save for sore muscles, however, it is not evident that any of them are the worse for their experience.

WILL R. KING RESIGNS FROM POSITION OF CHIEF COUNSEL

According to press dispatches of last Friday from Washington, D. C. Judge Will R. King formerly of this city has resigned his position as Chief Counsel for the reclamation service and will return to private practice. His friends here where he practiced law prior to entering the reclamation service have not been advised of his plans, but since he is running for a place on the list of delegates to the San Francisco convention from Oregon it is expected that he will be in this state for a time at least.

DRY CREEK PROVES ALMOST MYSTERY FOR MAYOR JONES

Mayor R. W. Jones went to Dry Creek on Tuesday on an outing and when he started to return he lost his bearings. As the result he wandered about the wilderness of sand hills and sage brush in an effort to find his way home. Finally he succeeded, and yesterday admitted that he was tired as the result of the experience.

A. E. Brown of Ontario and of Harney county, too, was an Ontario visitor over the week end. Mr. Brown is devoting the summer to looking after his ranch interests in the Harney valley.

PACIFIC COAST FAST GROWING WOOL MART

Consumption on Coast Grows From Two Million to Eight Million Pounds in Past Five Years Declares Mahoney

Tom Mahoney, president of the Columbia Basin Woolwarehouse Co. accompanied by R. N. Stanfield was in Ontario on Saturday on business and paused long enough to discuss the present wool market. "It is hard to predict what is going to happen in the wool market," said Mr. Mahoney, "for there are so many things which are affecting it, among them, the fact that the people are, and have been demanding practically nothing but fine wool. Again there is a car shortage which prevents shipment, and the financial situation has had its influence, too. However, a change is bound to occur and I believe that there is no reason for apprehension concerning the situation in its larger aspects. "One of the best signs of the times so far as the wool growers of the West is concerned is the growth of the wool market on the Pacific Coast. Where we sold for manufacture in this section only two million pounds five years ago, last year we sold over eight million pounds to the wool mills from California to British Columbia, and we did not sell them all that they used, either. This is an indication that the time is coming when the Pacific Coast will be one of the great markets of the country."

MEMORIAL FUNDS IS BOOSTED IN DANCE

American Legion Boys Score Success in Function--Legion Plans on Making Memorial Day Memorable Event

Two activities on the part of the American Legion are progressing rapidly, its drive for funds for the Memorial tablet which is to be dedicated at the Court House yard at Vale on Memorial Day and the Memorial service to be held by the Legion in conjunction with the members of the G. A. R. At the dance last Thursday evening which was attended by a large throng the Legion secured more than \$10 so that with the contributions already secured nearly one-half the sum allotted to Ontario Post No. 67 has been secured. The balance will be gathered in Ontario prior to Memorial day. Plans for the Memorial day services have not been completed but the committee in charge will have its work finished this week so that proper services so fittingly carried out will be arranged to make the memorial day of 1920 one that will be remembered.

PICTURE OF ROOSEVELT IS PRESENTED TO HIGH SCHOOL

In recognition of the contributions of the students of the Ontario high school to the Roosevelt Memorial fund the National committee in charge of the work of that fund sent a handsome framed picture of Roosevelt to the Ontario school board for presentation to the student body. President W. J. Weese, and Superintendent H. P. Lewis requested Geo. K. Aiken, who was county chairman of the Roosevelt drive to formally present the picture to the school, which was done at the assembly hour last Friday morning, following the presentation of a program by the High School orchestra.

Mr. Aiken outlined the purpose of the Roosevelt Memorial society as that of preserving American institutions, to further patriotic movements and to instill into the minds and hearts of Americans a greater love of our country and our institutions. Briefly the life of Roosevelt was sketched and his contribution to America's progress recited. During the hour the orchestra demonstrated the progress made during the past year under the direction was vigorously applauded by the students.

The Catholic Ladies aid will hold a cooked food sale at Rader Bros. store Saturday, May 22, as part of its campaign to raise funds for the new sidewalk to be laid in front of the church.

IRONSIDE MAN HELD FOR NEGLECTING WIFE

John Boar Charged With Non-Support--Alex Smith, Alias Joe Raymond Is Charged With Poisoning Horse and Saddle.

Charged with non-support, John Boar of Ironside was arraigned on a warrant sworn to by District Attorney R. W. Swagler, before Justice of the Peace Robt. D. Lyle of Vale on Monday and held to the special session of the Grand Jury which will convene on June 1.

On the same day Alex Smith, alias Joe Raymond and other cognomens, was arraigned on a charge of larceny. He is alleged to have taken a horse and saddle which Mrs. J. P. Anderson of McDermitt gave him when she hired him and sent him to the Anderson camp and instead of following instructions, rode to Jordan Valley where he traded the animal and then rode the horse secured in trade to Wilder where he sold it. He was arrested at Wilder and returned to Vale. He waived examination and was held in the sum of \$1,000 bail.

The special session of the grand jury will also investigate the tax rebate matters which were the subject of considerable publicity two months ago.

JOHN DUNPHY BADLY ILL FROM LOBSTER POISONING

John Dunphy is at the home of Dr. W. J. Weese suffering badly from the effects of blood poisoning caused by an infection secured from a lobster he dressed one day last week. Mr. Dunphy was at Nampa and in a garage he bruised his hand. He got nothing of the minor injury and returned to Ontario and while at work on an irrigation ditch ran a sliver into his hand. Later he dressed a lobster for dinner and the infection found lodgment in the bruise and he has suffered badly since then. The infection spread over one arm and has necessitated three operations. These have been successful in localizing the infection and he is now out of danger of further complications, the still running a fever he is recovering.

FITTING EXERCISES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion, G. A. R., Confederate Veterans and High School Cadets to Pay Tribute to Nation's Soldier Dead

As The ARGUS goes to press the program committee of Ontario Post No. 67, American Legion presented the completed program for Memorial Day and its scope indicates that the exercises this year will be impressive and in keeping with the spirit of the organization which has undertaken to co-operate with the G. A. R. in perpetuating the memory of the Nation's soldier dead. The service in Ontario will include beside the procession to the cemetery for the decoration of the graves an address by District Attorney R. W. Swagler.

A special request is made by the committee that all ex-service men, whether members of the Legion or not, be present in regulation uniform which is permitted for such occasions. A request is also made of the public that as many flowers as can be secured be presented for the decoration of soldier graves, especially for those of men whose relatives are not here to do that for them.

The procession will start at the City Hall at 9:30 a. m. Sunday May 30th, and the order of the procession will be as follows: Ontario Band, G. A. R., Confederate Veterans, American Legion, High School Cadets, the Public.

The public is urged to attend the exercises and thus honor the heroes of the wars. The exercises at the cemetery will end with taps, after which as many of the Legion as can do so will go to Vale to attend the unveiling of the monument erected to the memory of Malheur county boys who died in the service.

M. W. SCOTT OF BUELAH TELLS OF PRE-RAILROAD DAYS

W. M. (Winn) Scott of Buelah was in Ontario yesterday on business and also to visit his brother and sister, Mr. and Mr. Dick Scott of this city. Mr. Scott who is one of the very best known bachelors of the upper country took time to recount to The Argus just how different things are now from what they were when he came to Malheur county from the other side of the Cascades in 1882.

"Yes, indeed, I am going to vote for good roads and for the school measures," said Mr. Scott, "even though I am a bachelor, I want good schools for the children of those who have them and the taxes made no difference with me, if they are for school purposes.

"We want good roads, too, even if Buelah is not on one of the state highways, we will get a county road leading to one, and that will amount to the same thing.

"When I first came to Malheur county we used to drive from Buelah to LaGrande to do our trading. Later in 1884 when the railroad got to Baker we drove over the hills to Baker, then later to Ontario, and now we have the railroad down to Harper. When the Central Oregon highway is built to Harper it will be an easy drive from Ontario to Buelah. In fact the roads up our way are pretty good right now. Judge Test had some good work done there last year and the road supervisor has been at work on Bendler this spring, he has his work there almost finished and cars are going over that way now in good shape. Yes, I am going to get home in time to vote Friday."

SERVICE MEN ATTENTION

All service men, whether members of the American Legion or not are requested to be at the City Hall in uniform at 8:30 a. m. Sunday May 30th so as to have plenty of time to select corporals, sergeants, etc. for the Memorial Day parade at Ontario Cemetery and services there for those who gave their lives for their country. You can, and should be present this one day of the year to properly observe same. Let's all be there.

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ARCADIA SCHOOL TO CLOSE FRIDAY, MAY 28

Exercises to be Held to Mark Graduation of Four From School--Rev. W. J. Luscombe to Deliver Address--Mrs. Young to Sing

To mark the close of the school year at the Arcadia school exercises will be held on Friday, May 28, at which certificates of graduation will be given to four members of the class which completes its grammar school work this year. The members of the class are all girls: Helen Butler, Lillian Dall, Marty Matheny and Ruth Roberts. The exercises will start at 5 p. m. and will include among other numbers an address by Rev. W. J. Luscombe of this city, a vocal solo by Mrs. H. E. Young of Vale, songs by the school children and other events. This year has been one of the most successful in the history of the Arcadia schools and the directors are very much encouraged by the work and interest shown by the pupils. Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Roberts have been the instructors in charge of the school.

BLUEBIRD MAKES IMPROVEMENTS ALONG WITH OTHERS FIRMS

When The Argus last week told of the various improvements made by business houses of the city it overlooked the fact that the interior of the Bluebird Cafe had been renovated, that the kitchen had been doubled in size and many other substantial betterments made. One of the features of the interior work is the fresco of blue birds about the border of the walls. The seating capacity, too, has been enlarged.

Judge G. L. King and Mrs. King motored to Boise Tuesday.

TRIO TEST RECITAL TREAT FOR ONTARIO

Hundreds Turned Away from Dreamland so Large Was Crowd Desiring to Hear Miss Morrissy and Her Re-Creations.

The concert held at The Dreamland on last Friday evening was an unique affair. The guests, whose number included most of the music lovers of Ontario, assembled delighted at the prospect of hearing a recital by the celebrated Miss Marie Morrissy, assisted by Harold Lyman with his flute. But a surprise was in store for them. Not one Miss Morrissy, but two sang to the spell-bound audience; and the flute, selections were played by two Harold Lymans. And this phenomenon was brought about by means of a graceful cabinet, which stood beside the artists on the stage, and matched their performances, not for note and tone for tone. The first performance of the miracle was in the initial number on the program, when Miss Morrissy, standing beside the cabinet, sang in unison with Mr. Edison's Re-Creation of her own voice. In the midst of the song, Miss Morrissy's lips ceased to move but her song went on without a break. Slowly it dawned upon the astonished audience that the artist was no longer singing, though her voice came forth to them as clear and sweet as ever. She sang again and the only perceptible difference was the motion of her lips. She ceased—but her voice did not. Vertibly it seemed that there were two singers upon the stage—two singers, but only one voice. For the tones which came from the New Edison matched those from the living artist so perfectly that it was impossible to detect any difference. The instrument produced not an echo or copy, but the real thing—Miss Morrissy's voice unspoiled by any mechanical transformation; untainted by any metallic ring.

After the applause which followed this remarkable exhibition, Harold Lyman came forward to share the stage with his fellow musician, the New Edison. Again two artists were before us, or Mr. Lyman with his flute played in unison with the Re-Creation of his art. Only by watching him could we tell when we were hearing one Mr. Lyman and when his music came to us in double measure. The instrumental Re-Creation was as perfect as that of Miss Morrissy's delightful voice. It was identical with the original in every particular. Successive numbers of the program proved that the field of the New Edison is not limited to vocal and flute records. A Re-Creation of a number on the piano was a revelation to those who had decided after hearing talking machine records; that the piano tone could not be reproduced. Further numbers in which Miss Morrissy and Mr. Lyman performed with themselves served to convince the audience of their inability to distinguish between Re-Created art and its original. One of the most interesting novelties in this evening of unique experience, was when Miss Morrissy sang a duet with her own voice. It was as though two artists, with voices of exactly the same tone-quality, the same expression, the same timbre were singing together. The effect was somehow unreal and weird as though one artist had been bewitched into two by some magician's art. The climax of the evening's entertainment was when the room was darkened in the middle of one of Miss Morrissy's selections, and the listeners were left with no means but their ears of determining when they were hearing her voice in double volume, and when it reached them only from the New Edison. At first everyone doubted his own ability to judge, but her previous proofs were forgotten in the spell of the song, they became more and more convinced that no instrument could sing as this voice was singing, and that Miss Morrissy was making no more pauses in her own performances. Suddenly the lights were snapped on. The audience was astonished to discover that Miss Morrissy was not there at all and that the New Edison had furnished the song alone. Such miracles are indeed the work of a magician—but a most benevolent one. For the wizard, who accomplished this miracle of Re-Creation, is as anxious that it shall add to the comfort and joy of mankind, as he has been that his other inventions be used for the good of the race. Thousands of New Edisons, made up in a special form durable enough to stand the hard knocks of Army and Navy usage have been furnished to our boys on shipboard and in camps and are a proof of his generous interest in happying the world, without regard for personal gain—for these Army and Navy models of the New Edison are made and sold with no profit to Mr. Edison. The recital was arranged by W. L. Turner of Turner's Music Store.