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## ATHLETES TO STAGE CELEBRATION PROGRAM

Fourth of July Committee Has Long List of Events For Sprinters—Jumpers and Other Stars—Wagers Already Posted

Added to the carnival features, the race horse program, the ball games, free dances and band concerts, there will be a great athletic program staged in Ontario during the Fourth of July program.

The Fourth of July committee has its events in mind and arranged for now. Not only will there be the usual 100 yard dash, weight events and all that sort of thing, but there will be novelty races by the dozen. One such race has already been the subject of dispute and wagers are laid on the winner now. This is the backward running event. The would-be champions of the backward crawl are practicing now for the contest for they put up their own money on their prowess.

The base ball boys are arranging for two games, Sunday and Monday and expect to bring a fast well balanced team to the city for the twin session.

The Payette people having no celebrations this year expect to be in Ontario on mass and a big time is planned. Vale will be here in force as will the valley towns so that Ontario will be called upon to spread itself to care for the throng of visitors.

## NEW FIRM PURCHASES ONTARIO PHARMACY

Wisconsin City To Be Headquarters of Dominican Order—Novitiate To Be Trained There—Local Institution Needs Funds

Mother Mary Katherine, who since the foundation of the Holy Rosary Hospital has been in charge of the work here as Superior of the order of the Dominican Sisters in America, will leave soon for Kenosha, Wisconsin where a large hospital was erected by the order two years ago.

With her will go, also, the novitiate of the order and a number of sisters, so that the Wisconsin city will become the American headquarters of the Order originally founded in Portugal.

The local institution will of course be continued, but not as a training school for the order, but merely as a hospital. Since the institution was founded here in 1911 it has grown to a marked degree until now the inventory value of all the property is close to \$70,000. But it is not complete. There are many things needed to increase the efficiency of the hospital so that it can better serve the needs of the public.

Mother Mary Katherine wants to leave Ontario with these things provided; among them are the following: the equipment of a maternity ward; the completion of the isolation ward; the installation of an elevator; the installation of additional plumbing. All these are needed, and the earnings of the institution, reduced relatively by the increased cost of all material cannot provide them.

When the institution was erected Ontario assisted with a donation of \$10,000. This has been returned many fold thru the expenditures of which the hospital makes thru out the business district. The total monthly expenditure is in the neighborhood of \$600 per month.

Ontario is asked to aid in making these improvements for they are all needed, and the benefits will accrue to those who have need for the hospital, and that is the public generally. The hospital has attracted many persons to the city who would not otherwise have come. It is one of the advantages Ontario has over its neighboring towns and its support is an essential necessity of the city.

The Argus has been asked to present this matter to the people, and does so believing that they will not fail to show their appreciation of the work of the institution and see that its needs are provided for in no uncertain manner.

## GASOLINE SITUATION CALLS FOR SOLUTION

Ontario At Last Feels Effect of Curtail Gas Supply—Standard Oil Company Rationing Patrons—Stations Get Gas From Idaho

Ontario is at last feeling the effect of the acute gasoline shortage which is curtailing the operation of cars throughout the Pacific Northwest. As yet the situation has not reached its peak here for the city service stations have been able to secure supplies from Idaho which receives its

## COMMISSIONERS VIEW ROADS NORTH ACROSS DEAD OX FLAT

County Judge E. H. Test, County Commissioner J. F. Weaver, and Roadmaster J. F. Joyce made an inspection trip over the County Roads on Dead Ox Flat as far as Weiser Sunday morning. On Dead Ox they were joined by L. L. Culbertson who representing the good roads committee on the flat pointed out the various places where better drainage is needed until the permanent road work can be undertaken. The commissioners ordered the hill south of Weiser to be taken down and the road widened near the foot of the hill.

It was found that the ranchers are to be blamed for much of the road trouble thru the fact that they are allowing irrigation water to flood the roads, and the County Court determined that steps must be taken to stop this practice which is now a violation of the state laws.

## CHILD HIT BY AUTO HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Light Car Driven By Miss Mamie Stewart Struck Young Girl  
—Driver Not To Blame For Accident.

Little Miss Kathryn Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Joyce dodged from between two cars standing in front of the McNulty hardware store about five o'clock Friday afternoon, and ran right in front of the car driven by Miss Mamie Stewart, which was going north on Oregon street. Fortunately the car was proceeding slowly and the little tot thrown violently to the pavement and rolled under the car received but minor bruises.

In some miraculous manner the little child was not run over by the wheels and when she was carried to the office of Drs. Weese, Fortner & Anderson a thro examination revealed no broken bones, and no fractures of the skull, tho the force of her fall on the pavement had made her unconscious.

The little child was alone at the time, having tarried behind her mother who was at the McDowell store with Mrs. McDowell when the accident occurred. The little tot was on her way to join her mother when the accident occurred. With Miss Stewart in the car when the accident occurred was Miss Maewood Ramsay. The young women were shocked by the accident, but Miss Stewart stopped the car immediately and those who witnessed the accident declared that no blame could be attached to the young woman who was driving slowly and who attempted to avoid hitting the child in vain.

A little hand bag and a torn candy sack with its contents strewn over the pavement told the story of what happened. Men sitting by the Globe service station picked up the injured baby and carried her to the doctor's office. When the mother learned of the accident she was prostrated for some time by the shock.

## VALE'S CHAUTAUQUA TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Ontarians Asked to Co-operate With Neighboring City Since Site Abandoned Fourth of July Celebration.

When, a few months ago, a slight misunderstanding arose over the question of Fourth of July celebrations between Vale and Ontario, the former, thru a committee of its representative citizens came to Ontario and very kindly adjusted the matter. Later they withdrew their plans to celebrate at the county seat.

For this neighborly act the business men in Ontario expressed their appreciation, and while, kind words no doubt were well received by the Vale men, an opportunity is now given Ontario to manifest that appreciation by a tangible act.

Vale's biggest civic movement is her Chautauqua. It has staged successive Chautauquas for the past three years under difficulties. The business men and other guarantors have gone into their pockets to make good deficits in the sale of season tickets—tickets for the individual concerts do not aid the guarantors at all.

Therefore to manifest a proper appreciation of the Vale men's act of co-operation her, Ontario business men in particular should buy at least one or two season tickets to the Vale gatherings. This is what members of the Commercial club here believe.

President E. C. Van Petten has the tickets and is anxious that the sale be made to voluntary buyers who will in this way the better manifest their appreciation of Vale's courtesy, and obviate the necessity of going around and asking men to do what should be done without solicitation.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
10:00, Bible School.  
11:00, Children's Day  
8:00 Worship.

## SLIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT IS FORMED

Land Owners On Lower Dead Ox Flat To Improve 2,000 Acres By Pumping Water From Snake River

The Slide Irrigation District is the latest effort to add to the irrigated holdings in Malheur County. As the name indicates the land is located near the famous Slides on the bluff of the Snake near Weiser, and embraces some of the very best undeveloped benches in the County.

The petitioners for the district had a hearing before County Judge E. H. Test recently and after some of the land was eliminated, the district will be held soon to complete the formal organization. Harrison McAdams of Weiser is the attorney for the district and says that it is the plan of the proponents of the new district to get the land in cultivation next spring.

While a portion of the land is on the first bench above the river the greater portion is on the second bench and is comparatively level. The route of the Old Oregon Trail from Ontario to Huntington practically bisects the district and there are good roads leading to Weiser, too, so that the district will ultimately be a second Payette-Oregon Slope, tho not quite so extensive.

## BAKER COMES TO TRY ONTARIO BALL TEAM

Game Scheduled With Northern Neighborhood Sunday Afternoon—Ernie Wells of Boise To Twirl For Locals

Baker will endeavor to humble Ontario's ball team here Sunday afternoon, and since the Baker bunch have the reputation of being speedy on the diamond there will be an interesting contest.

Ontario has lost three of its regulars to the Paul Idaho team, Mallopa, Bainbridge and Cleora left this week for the Idaho town. E. C. Propst resigned management of the team also, and that has resulted in a reorganization, with H. H. Tunny as impresario for the pastures.

Manager Tunny and Captain Chapman have secured the services of Ernie Wells for the heaving Sunday and are making arrangements whereby Ontario will be accorded regular games on Sunday and a big base ball carnival during the Fourth of July celebration.

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN PASSES

R. B. Thompson Succumbs to Long Illness—Large Family Mourns Loss of Respected Father

Following an illness of more than two years duration R. B. Thompson who for years was one of the best known ranchers of the Arcadia region, and father of several of the county's leading citizens, died at his home here Sunday morning. Funeral services were held this afternoon having been delayed in order that members of the family and friends who came from Iowa and Missouri could be present.

Robert Bain Thompson was born in Jefferson City Indiana, February 8th 1845 and died at his home in Ontario, Oregon, June 6th 1920, age 75 years, 3 months and 29 days. He was the son of Samuel S. and Margaret Thompson. When 9 years old his parents moved to Monroe County, Iowa. When 18 years of age he enlisted in Company A "35" Infantry and served until the close of the Civil War. He had his ankle mangled by the falling of the slide of a cannon at the Battle of Marks Mills, Arkansas and was taken prisoner but released on parole.

On February 6th 1868 he was united in marriage to Mary A. Eider of Monroe County Iowa who still survives him. To this union were born 3 sons and 7 daughters two of them dying in infancy and the rest survive him except Cora L. who was married to L. M. Bracewell of Allerton, Iowa and died at Sewal, Iowa 13 years ago. The living are Mrs. T. P. Johnson, Powell, Wyoming; Mrs. R. A. Ambrose, Wendell, Idaho; Mrs. I. T. Dali; Mrs. O. F. Neece; (Chas. L.; R. A. Thompson, Ontario, and J. E. Thompson, Nyssa, Oregon; also one sister Mrs. Nannie Eider, Monmouth, Ill. and two brothers Thomas S. Thompson, Humeson, Ia. and John A. Thompson, Lineville, Ia. the latter being with him at the time of his death.

After coming to Oregon in 1893 they bought a ranch near Arcadia, Oregon where he was known as Grandpa Thompson. He was converted to Christ and united with the Baptist Church at Allerton, Ia. of which church he was elected Deacon but transferred his membership to the Baptist Church at Ontario, Oregon which he retained until death. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father and an earnest and devoted Christian and a good citizen. On account of age and failing health they sold the ranch and bought the Sproule property on Main Street and Mendocino Ave. Ontario where they

## GILMORE & RITCHIE AWARDED CONTRACT

Highway Commission Lets Contract For Paving To Bridge To Baker Firm On Six Inch Concrete Specifications

Gilmore & Ritchie of Baker were awarded the contract for the paving of the Old Oregon Trail from the East city limits to the Snake river bridge. Word of this action was received by the Commercial club's good roads committee last Saturday morning, and confirmed by letter Saturday night.

The contract as approved by the State Highway commission and the federal bureau of public roads calls for the laying of a six inch concrete pavement 24 feet wide from the Fisher corner to the bridge, nine tenths of a mile.

That the contract would be let for concrete was not anticipated by any of those who have followed the course of events leading up to the call for bids, for with the Warren Construction Company's plan here on the ground doing city work it was naturally believed that this advantage would make them the lowest bidder. The fact that the paving will be of concrete will furnish the citizens an excellent opportunity to determine which of these types of pavement is the better kind to use in this section; a matter on which there is a diversity of opinion.

It is expected here that the work on this paving will start as soon as the contractors can assemble their material and crews, which will probably be about July 1.

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Contestants Not Making Progress To Degree Hoped For—Few Do Well—Some Others Close Behind—Standing Today

The judges of the First National Bank's civic improvement contest made their June inspection of the properties of the contestants Tuesday with the following results: S. F. Taylor, Jr. first; W. L. Turner, second; V. W. Chambers, third; Mrs. E. M. Greig, fourth.

The contest does not end for months yet, and the difference between the contestants is narrow. There are others of the 17 entered who are close to the leaders and have plenty of opportunity to win on the final examination.

Some of the others, however, have not made much progress—not what the judges hoped for anyway, but there was noted improvement in many places not in the contest.

The judges who made the inspection were: Mrs. Irwin Troxell; Mayor R. W. Jones and City Engineer O. A. Kratz.

## VETERAN DRAYMAN PASSES

John Landingham Long Prominent in City Dies Following Lingering Illness Leaves Widow, Son and Daughter

This not unexpected, for hope for his recovery had been abandoned, yet never-the-less Ontario was moved by the word that John Landingham veteran transfer man, and known to all had died Monday morning at his home.

Mr. Landingham first took sick two years ago, suffering from a stomach disease. About three months ago he sought relief thru a surgical operation, but the surgeons found him beyond the point where they could aid him. He then came home realizing that hope was gone, but bravely faced the inevitable.

Mr. Landingham was 55 years of age at the time of his death and was for the past 19 years a resident of Ontario. He was born in Harrison County Iowa where he grew to manhood. In 1883 married Sadie Clark, and to them two children, Mrs. Ruby Tomlinson of Portland and Earl who is in the navy, were born. Soon after he established himself here he assisted in the organization of the fire department, a leading member of the Knights of Pythias in which he took marked interest. He was also a member of the M. W. A.

Funeral services were held yesterday from the Masonic hall under the Armor Lodge K. of P. To pay their respects to one whom all admired and business men of the city closed their doors during the services and attended in large numbers.

The first of the week at Boise occurred a double wedding, the contracting parties of which were Henry Reed and Miss Edna Kuntz, a classmate of Mrs. Henry Griffin at St. Alphonsus Hospital, and Jesse Rutledge and Miss Ada Reed. The two couples made a short honeymoon trip to Ontario, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffin.

The Monday Bridge Club met this

## PROPT SELLS INTEREST IN GLOBE SERVICE STATION HERE

E. C. Propst who built the Globe Service Station and also a similar station in Nampa sold his interest in the local station to Homer Anderson who for several years has been one of the brakemen on the Oregon eastern locals running out of the city. Mr. Anderson took possession last Friday and is now operating the business.

Owing to the renovation of the Moore building in which they have been situated for years, the firm of Greig and Doolittle has moved across the street into the offices in the Moore Hotel block.

The same renovation caused the removal of the Russell Pressary to a location just across the street where the Udick Plumbing shop used to be.

Mr. Udick in turn has moved to the building formerly occupied by the plumbing apartment of the U. S. Manufacturing company which has moved to its headquarters in Boise.

## FAIR BOARD GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

Increased Cost of All Attractions—Also Of Material and Labor Cause Board to Follow Other Fairs and Raise Prices—Double Premiums Too

Premiums to be awarded at the 1920 Malheur County Fair will be double the amount paid at previous exhibitions. The Community prizes will be four times greater, for it is the determination of the board to furnish inducements that will make it worth while for the communities to get into the contest.

To meet the great advance of all materials and labor in staging the fair board determined to follow the example set by all of the other fairs, round-ups etc, and double its admission prices. The tariff this year will be adults general admission \$1.00; children under 15 and over 8; 50 cents; grand stand admission adults 50; children 25 cents; bleachers 25 cents; autos in grounds 25 cents.

The board at its meeting at the Farm Bureau office Wednesday night also determined to license autos to the grounds at \$15, of which \$10 must be paid to the government for war tax.

The details of the premium list will be worked out immediately and when that is done the division of the budget between the exhibits and the amusement features will be determined.

The new board is facing many difficult problems, but is going to solve them so that the fair will grow in every department. It is certain with the co-operation already assured that the Fair this year will surpass any exhibition ever staged here.

Messrs. E. M. Dean, V. T. Herrett and V. V. Hickox the directors have secured the services of Henry Doolittle as secretary, and a committee headed by H. H. Tunny will stage the entertainment features.

## MOTHER SUPERIOR IS LEAVING FOR KENOSHA

Castleman & Siler Completed Deal Whereby They Secure Well Known Institution—Watson's Plans Undetermined.

On Tuesday of this week O. M. Castleman of Portland took charge of the Ontario Pharmacy which he and his partner, Wad Siler of Enterprise purchased on June 1.

Mr. Castleman is an old time Eastern Oregonian and a veteran pharmacist, for twenty years ago he entered the business in Pendleton where he was later engaged in the operation of a store, he was also for a time in La Grande but for the past ten years has been in the drug business in Portland. Wade Siler who is associated with him is one of the prominent stockmen of Wallawa County, and is well known in all eastern Oregon for his business takes him to many sections of this part of the state.

Mr. Castleman came to Ontario Monday and as soon as he can find a home Mrs. Castleman and their daughter will follow him here.

Mr. Watson who has been proprietor of the store for the past five years came to Ontario eight years ago from St. Anthony where for years he was engaged in the drug business, and also in mining ventures. These later have so developed that he has devoted his time to their attention. Tho he has not definitely decided he expects to move first to Salt Lake City and later to reside in Berkeley, California.

Clarence Counter is back on the job managing the Alexander store after four months vacation recovering from the effects of a fall he had while dressing a window at the

## GET OWNER NOT DOG IS NEW LICENSE PLAN

City Council Puts Teeth Into Dog Ordinance—Petition for Additional Paying Postposed for Month—Library Needs Told

There are teeth in the dog laws of Ontario now. The molars designed to grip the owner of an unlicensed dog were borrowed from the provisions of the regulations of Boise and fitted with Oregon attachments so that they will be efficient over here.

The new ordinance which was the subject of much debate last Monday night at the regular session of the City Council no longer make it necessary for the city to employ a dog catcher for the dog is not the object of the law, it is the owner. The new statute provides that it is a misdemeanor to harbor a dog which has no license and provides fines and jail penalties for violations of its provisions. Therefore the Marshal need only to get the owner and haul him to court and prove that he owns a dog and has no license—the public judge does the rest.

Councilman H. B. Cockrum was the only objector to the passage of the ordinance—he declared that if dogs must be licensed, so ought cats and other animals. His colleagues however did not view it that way.

Delay Paving Petitions

With signatures for owners of property in 14 of 41 blocks a petition was presented asking for the paving of that many blocks of streets. The council discussed the situation for some time and finally laid the petition over for the next regular meeting. The paving requested would be laid on Oregon street from the present paving south to Seventh Avenue S. W., which is the road leading to the cemetery, the stockyards etc.; also on Second street S. W. to the paving which will go west on what was formerly Illinois street, and similarly on Third street S. W. Also additional paving was requested on First Avenue S. W. as far as the High School.

Library Needs Aid

E. A. Fraser of the Library Board told the Council that with the addition of the County Library system that the local library must have additional funds, for it is badly handicapped at present. To maintain the standard required the library must be kept open a greater number of hours and more books must be purchased, and additional compensation must be paid to city librarian. He asked that the Council appoint a committee from its membership to confer with the board to determine what is needed. The request was granted and Councilmen Troxell, Allen and Laxson were named.

L. J. Aker requested the Council to provide flumes across the intersections north and south of the High School so that irrigation water could be carried to the block in which he lives south of the High School. He said that this would also furnish means for irrigating the school yard and saving the trees there. The Council took the view that this would be establishing a precedent since it had no official connection with the

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## F. L. BODY RESIGNS CLUB SECRETARYSHIP

Accepts Position With Chamber of Commerce At Stevens, Wisconsin at Enhanced Salary—Leaves July 1.

F. Leslie Body who for the past year has been secretary of the Commercial club on Tuesday tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors of the club and it was accepted.

According to the brief announcement made by Mr. Body he had been tendered the position of Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, the famous Fox River district in the Northeastern portion of the Badger State, near the shores of Lake Michigan.

The new position to which he is going calls for a salary of \$4,800 per year, he said, and the increase being so much more than the local club pay, he felt that he could not refuse it.

"It is one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make," said Mr. Body. "For I did not want to sever my connections with Ontario where there are so many possibilities for development and where the work is already just started. But in justice to my family I could do nothing else at this time."

During the year that he has been in Ontario the city has faced one serious problem to the development namely that of a home shortage and to this he has devoted a large portion of his time with the result that many new houses have been built and other substantial improvements made. The work of the club has been reorganized and systematized and active work started on many different lines which are now in the