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ONTARIO CENSUS NEARLY DOUBLE

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Malheur county has a population of 2039 according to the official announcement from Washington made public July 17. This figure is a lower than most of the business men expected for, but all of usual methods of estimating population the city is believed to be nearer to 3,000 than to 2,000.

Malheur county's population is now 10,790 or an increase of 2,150 in the past ten years. Of this increase Ontario furnished more than one third.

Of the towns in the county that are incorporated, Vale is the only one that showed a decrease since the last census. This is due to the fact that when the 1910 census was taken the railroad construction to Brodia and the development in the Brodia valley was at its height, so that the figures show a decrease in Vale's permanent population has undoubtedly increased.

Nyas according to the published statement now has 563 people or 11 more than in 1900. Jordan Valley is a community of 325, Junturna 127 and Westfall 92. These are the incorporated towns in the county and together they have a total population of 4111, while the total population is 6,859.

Figures are Surprises
That Ontario was disappointed in the figures is not to be denied. Judging by school census, by the number water connections, and his electric users, in fact by a rather complete census taken of its patrons by the Idaho Power Company, Ontario has between 2,600 and 2,900.

In view of the fact that the census was taken during the flu epidemic this spring, and that the enumerator, Mrs. Maxon took ill requiring this work to be finished by two assistants it is believed generally that many people were missed.

Just what efforts can be made to investigate the matter to secure a check of the county has not been determined the subject has been discussed by a number of citizens.

PREDATORY ANIMALS CAUSE HEAVY TAXES

Present Bounty System With Pelts Worth Fortune Easy Picking For Hunters—County Pays Huge Sum to Hunters

Malheur County is getting tired of paying out one eighth of all of its county tax funds for bounties on coyotes. Word to this effect reached the files of the United State Biological Survey whose business it is to combat these pests, as the result three of the officials visited Ontario last Saturday with F. L. Ballard, County agent leader for Eastern Oregon.

These men held a conference with Judge E. H. Test, County Judge, L. R. Briethaupt, Representative P. J. Gallagher, and with the members of the Farm Bureau where serious phases of the problem were discussed, and plans considered for remedying the situation. Including details of a proposed change in the present bounty laws.

The members of the party were E. Piper, Biologist in charge of Northwestern States; Stanley West, predatory animal inspector Oregon and Washington, A. E. Attingham, a government trapper who has been employed by the department in the Southern end of the county.

That the county is paying out \$8,000 per year for these bounties, was called to the attention of the Farm Bureau some time ago by County Judge Test who has been watching the dwindling of the county's funds.

It is firm in the belief that many of the pelts were from animals killed in Idaho and Nevada and brought

SPECTACULAR STUNTS ARE SHOWN IN HAWAIIAN SHOW

One of the most spectacular pieces of stage pyrotechnics ever seen in Ontario was that shown in the closing act of "A Night in Honolulu," at Dreamland last Monday evening. When a realistic eruption of a volcano was shown. While this was the crowning stunt of the production the stage setting through was unusually good. Music dancing and singing helped complete the best Hawaiian production seen here in many a day.

PAYETTE MEN'S KINDNESS IS APPRECIATED BY ARGUS

This week The Argus was printed in the office of the Payette Enterprise, whose Editor Will Wellis came to Ontario early Wednesday morning to proffer his aid, and the use of The Enterprise plant while the Argus is out of commission.

Similar offers were received from the Walsey American, Payette Independent and from the Vale Enterprise. We ask the indulgence of our readers during the next few weeks until we can get the plant into condition for operations. In the meantime words can not express our appreciation for the kindly offers of our contemporaries and friends to assist us in every way possible.

We are grateful, too, to the men of the Ontario Fire Department whose good work we appreciate more than ever, and for the neighborly spirit of the Payette men, words fail to express our feeling adequately. In the loss suffered there has this much been gained in the knowledge of the kindness and consideration of friends and neighbors.

HORSE KICK CAUSES LOSS OF BOY'S EYE

Thomas Hopkins, Driver of Gravel Team Dangerously Injured When Horse Reckless Blow From Barrel Stave—Life Endangered

Thomas Hopkins, aged 18, was dangerously injured last Friday morning when he was kicked on the forehead by one of the horses he was driving for J. J. Doty, the gravel contractor.

The toe of the horse's shoe struck the young man above the bridge of his nose, the rear calks of the shoe striking him above his eyes. So great was the force of the blow that one eye ball burst and the other was blood clotted so badly that fears are entertained for the loss of both of them. The bursting of the one eye ball caused the permanent loss of sight in that member.

Immediately after the accident the young man was rushed to the hospital for medical attention. For a time it was feared that he would not recover. However late in the afternoon he regained consciousness and it is now believed he will live.

According to accounts of the accident the young man had whipped the horse when the team could not move the load behind them. Bostick, superintendent of the Warren Construction Company, for whom the gravel was being hauled, told the boy to stop and wait until a team could be secured to help haul the stalled load. But the boy did not wait. He struck the horse another blow with the barrel stave and it kicked him.

The young man is a nephew of Mr. Doty's and has worked on the job for some time.

RECEPTION FOR MR. AND MRS. RENO LOWE

The Epworth League gave a very delightful reception Tuesday evening on the lawn of the Methodist church to Mr. and Mrs. Reno Lowe in honor of their recent marriage. Refreshments were served, toasts spoken and Wynne Luscombe in behalf of the Epworth League presented the newly married couple a silver sugar spoon and a set of silver Community spoons.

OREGON MEN KILLED IN CAMP LEWIS EXPLOSION

Victims Members of Gun Crew Training at Target Range.

Tacoma.—Rigid inquiry into the cause of the explosion of a six-inch field gun at the Camp Lewis artillery range, which killed three men and painfully wounded five other members of the Oregon coast artillery, national guard, will be made. The investigation thus far shows that only a poor fuse, a possible flaw in the gun itself, or a flaw in the shell could have caused the fatal accident.

Governor Ben W. Olcott, of Oregon, narrowly missed being injured in the tragedy. Accompanied by Mrs. Olcott and several Camp Lewis officers, the governor had left the gun but a few minutes before the explosion.

The dead were:

Corporal Edward G. Scott, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or.; Corporal Clyde R. Dunninger, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or.; Private Ralph Fraley, 1st company, Oregon coast artillery, Ashland, Or. Scott and Fraley were killed instantly. Dunninger lived an hour.

The injured were:

Private (first class) Herbert E. Peterson, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or., cut on head and face by steel fragments; Private William J. Bluke, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or., cut on arm and shoulder; Mechanic Peter Marnanen, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or., badly stunned by concussion; Private Homer Elhart, 1st company, Oregon coast artillery, Ashland, Or., shoulder broken; Wagner Fred Scott, 55th company, coast artillery corps, United States army, foot badly torn; Corporal Roy Campiletto, 55th company, coast artillery corps, United States army; stunned.

The rifle was of the 155-millimeter long range field type used by the French, but was manufactured in the United States. It had been fired only 14 times. Thirteen shots were fired last week in trying it out. The 14th shot was fired immediately before the tragedy in the presence of the governor, adjutant general and party.

GOV. COX CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Washington.—James M. Cox announced that if elected president he "would endeavor with all my strength to give what President Wilson promised to those who sacrificed in the great war." His statement followed an hour's conference with the president at the White House at which Franklin D. Roosevelt, the democratic vice-presidential nominee, was present.

The president in a formal statement, after the conference, declared that he and the governor "were absolutely at one with regard to the great issue of the League of Nations" and that the governor was ready to be the "champion in every respect of the honor of the nation and the secure peace of the world."

Asked as to the president's health, Governor Cox replied: "In splendid condition; in most agreeable shape."

FOURTH DIVISION GOES TO CAMP LEWIS

Washington.—The war department has issued instructions for the fourth division to move from Camp Dodge, Iowa to Camp Lewis, Wash.

GIRL DROWNS AFTER SAVING FRIEND

Salem, Ore.—After she had rescued Winnifred Rinehart from perishing in Mill Creek here, Miss Lola Neptune, 15, stepped into a deep hole in the stream and was drowned. The body was recovered 45 minutes later.

WOMAN AND SEVEN CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH IN HOME

Bonnors Ferry, Idaho.—John Roesch, whose wife and seven children were burned to death in their home at Cope land, near this city, was taken into custody by Sheriff Dunning of Boundary county.

Roesch told the sheriff he ran from the house to get water when he saw the flames, but that when he returned the fire was burning so fiercely he was unable to reenter.

The children ranged in ages from 1 to 14 years. Their charred bodies and that of their mother were recovered from the ruins. Roesch was unable to give any cause for the fire.

OPPOSES COMPULSORY RETIREMENT

Washington.—President Wilson is strongly opposed to the retirement law of the civil service retirement law of civil service employees who have reached the retirement age of 65 years but who are in good physical condition and desire to continue at work.

LOS ANGELES BADLY JARRED BY QUAKES

Territory 30 Miles Wide is Reported Shaken by Four Shocks.

Los Angeles.—Four severe earthquakes here threw the city and its suburbs into excitement, caused a number of injuries to men, women and children, damaged several buildings, and broke a water main.

While the shocks seemed to center in Los Angeles, some were felt more than 30 miles away.

Excitement, in many cases hysterical, followed the first shock and had hardly been calmed when at 1:27 in the afternoon came the second, followed two minutes later by the third. The fourth was at 4:13 P. M.

The second and third were sharper than that of the morning. Then the agitation of the citizens became prolonged. Business was interrupted.

Courts and other public places were scenes of near panic, some people running for the open air, some fainting, some stopping to pray. Many gathered at street intersections, waiting to see what would happen. Others sat on the ground in the middle of the streets with their hands on their heads, many sought parking squares, in the heart of the downtown district, as a sanctuary, and remained for hours.

Floors were jolted from hooks, mortar jarred from brick walls and plaster from ceilings; cracks appeared in some of the older structures; a water main was broken; a few copings and chimneys fell; part of an embankment collapsed, throwing dirt and brick into the street, and plate glass windows in some of the downtown department stores were broken.

THREE MEN TO REPRESENT LEGION AT STATE MEETING

Ontario Post No. 67 will have three delegates at the state convention of the American Legion at Astoria next week. J. B. O'Keefe, G. R. Parsons and Earl Blackaby were the men selected. The local post secures three representatives because it has now 101 members, the quota of delegates being two for the first hundred members and the additional one, for the one member more than the century.

The Legion boys at the election for Post Commander to succeed Elmer Leavitt selected Earl Blackaby, and named Herschel Browne as adjutant to succeed the new commander who has been adjutant since the post organized.

AUGUST 4 DATE OF FIRE TRUCK ELECTION

City To Take Steps to Remedy Its Finances and To Provide Funds For Fire Department Equipment.

On August 4 the people of Ontario will vote on the question of funding the purchase of the fire truck, and the warrants that it will be necessary to issue to complete the street improvements that have been made this year.

For the street improvements the call for the election specifies \$25,000 or as much thereof as will be necessary while for the fire equipment \$5,000 is the amount of bonds named. This is the minimum amount that could be of any use to the fire department for a truck is an absolute necessity, and its need has been recognized for more than a year.

So far the effect on taxes is contained the bond method will furnish a way of keeping taxes down for the next few years to a slight degree, for unless the bonds are issued the City Council will have to at the election this fall ask authority to levy a special tax to take up the warrants that will be issued if the bonds are not provided.

By the time the bonds will be due and payable it is certain that the present property holders will save money by approval of the issue. That is the argument of those who favor the issuance of the bonds now.

MUCH SMOKE BUT NO BLAZE

Volumes of smoke but no blaze, pouring from the roof, the doors and windows of the Geo. M. Blanton home on Fifth Avenue S. W. last Friday, afternoon gave Chief Kroessin and his fire fighters a hot afternoon's work. The call was turned in about 4 o'clock and the men were there until after five. In all that time, the smoke continued to rise as flames were seen.

The firemen ripped shingles off the roof in various places and turned in a little water, but not much, and used hand chemical tanks to squelch the hidden blaze. The damage done to the building was slight and none of the contents, save clothes in one bed room, were injured.

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE ASKS OPPONENT TO DECLARE FOREIGN POLICY

Marion, O.—A bill of particulars detailing the foreign policy now proposed by the democratic party was called for by Warren G. Harding, republican nominee for president.

In a broadside of pointed interrogatories, the candidate challenged his democratic opponent, Governor Cox, to say categorically where he stood on Article 10, the Armenian mandate and the other problems wrapped up in American participation in the league of nations.

Senator Harding's statement was written while the Washington conference between President Wilson and Gov. Cox was in progress.

NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZER DENIES CHARGE

Walla Walla, Wash.—E. R. Ormsbee, non-partisan league organizer, whose departure from Walla Walla was "suggested" by a delegation of ex-service men, in a letter written on stationery of a Spokane hotel, denies that he made the statement that he believed the I. W. W. was right in shooting down American Legion men.

DETOUR WILL BE PROVIDED WHILE PAVING PROGRESSES

E. R. Bostock, division highway engineer accompanied by Assistant Chief Highway Engineer Kelly reached Ontario this morning to view road work in this section. After an inspection of the paving to the bridge Mr. Kelley determined that the road must be closed for at least 90 days. In order that traffic can be handled he suggested that a light coat of gravel be placed on the road to the power plant and a temporary road be laid to connect with it at the bridge.

At a conference with County Judge E. H. Test, Mayor R. W. Jones, Councilmen McDowell, Laxson, Moore and Allen, and members of the Commercial Club good roads committee, arrangements for this work was completed. N. Kreis who owns the land near the bridge granted the right of way needed and work started this afternoon to get the road in shape.

PAYETTE AIDS AT ARGUS PLANT FIRE

Quick Work of Ontario Fire Department Whose Members Had Started To Drill All That Saved Boyer Block

The Argus printing plant and the stock of Boyer Bros. in the warehouse just south of the Argus and the roof of the entire building on the east side of Oregon street were badly damaged in a fire that started in the rear of the Argus plant about 7:45 Tuesday evening.

Due to the fact that the members of the fire department were at the City Hall preparing for a regular drill, the building was saved and the fire confined practically to the Argus and to the timbering which sustains the roof.

The damage to the Argus plant is estimated at between \$3,500 and \$4,500 and is partially covered by insurance. The same is true of the Boyer property.

Just how the fire started is not known. No one was in the building at the time. Less than an hour before it was discovered Night Marshall and Mrs. J. H. Gordon were in the Argus office and were near the place where the flames were first seen. Whether it was defective wiring or the spark from a pipe or cigarette which found lodging in paper and smouldered, are the only theories advanced. Had it been either of the latter Mr. and Mrs. Gordon would have smelled the smoke, it is believed.

E. A. Fraser passing in an auto was the first to see the fire and with Ray Boyer turned in the alarm. Mr. Fraser also sent the call to Payette for the quantity of smoke pouring from the building indicated that a stubborn fight would have to be made to save the block.

The Ontario department was on the scene in but a few moments after the call and the Payette men reached here with their truck about 20 minutes after the first alarm was sounded. Together the two departments soon had the blaze located and under control for lines of hose were worked from the front, rear and top of the building.

While the fire was still raging in the Argus Office volunteers with trucks took the stock from the Boyer warehouse and loaded it on to trucks, yet in spite of this a large quantity of the goods stored there were damaged by water.

Water and fire both did the damage to The Argus, whose plant is still in such a mess that it is impossible to declare how great the damage is.

After the fire was once out and only Chief Kroessin with four of his men were on guard watching, the ambers started a second blaze, which was soon squelched.

Boyer Brothers loss was not confined to the fire alone for on Wednesday night during the high wind one of the two plate glass windows left in the property on the corner crashed.

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