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## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT SPEAKS HERE TUESDAY

GOVERNOR JAMES M. COX TO DELIVER ADDRESS AT STATION TUESDAY MORNING—MAM MOTH CROWD EXPECTED

### DEMOCRATS PLAN BIG DOINGS

The Dalles and Baker Only Other Cities in Eastern Oregon Placed on Program by State Committee—Nampa and Boise To Hear Candidate

James M. Cox, governor of Ohio, and democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States will address the citizens of Malheur county here next Tuesday morning, according to advices received today by County Chairman J. R. Blackaby. The brief wires received by Mr. Blackaby indicated that Governor Cox's train will run as the second section of No. 4 which is due here in Ontario at 9:33, so that the address will be delivered approximately at that time.

Ontario is one of but three cities in Eastern Oregon to be placed on the program of speeches to be delivered by the democratic nominee. The Dalles and Baker being the other two. From here the next stop will be at Nampa which will be followed by an evening address at Boise.

Not until this week was it known that there was a possibility of having Ontario placed on the list of stops in this state, early reports had it that The Dalles and Huntington would be the only stops in Eastern Oregon, but Mr. Blackaby and other democrats got busy and arranged with the state committee to make Ontario one of the stops.

That it will be a big day for the democrats of Malheur county goes without saying and since it opens the campaign in this section they will make the most of it, and for miles around thousands will gather to hear the party nominee, assuring Ontario one of the largest crowds in its history. Not since President Roosevelt spoke in Ontario, following his trip round the world has the city heard one of the nation's leaders, and not since William Jennings Bryan spoke here has it heard a nominee.

## REAL ESTATE MEN TO GATHER HERE TUESDAY

Officers of Northwest Realty Association To Address Gathering—Ranchers and Business Men Invited

On Tuesday evening September 15th, at the City Hall, the real estate men of the County will have an interesting and profitable meeting. To this meeting all business men of the city and the farmers of the county are invited. Questions of interest to all will be discussed in such a way as will benefit all present. The meeting will begin with a banquet at Fifer's Cafe at 6:00 P. M., after which the banqueters will go to the Commercial Club Rooms for the speaking program, to which all are invited. Several of the officers of the Inter-State Realty Association of the Northwest, and some of whom will be present to take part in the meeting and in the discussions of the questions. It is hoped that many of the business men and farmers will be present at the meeting, and it is expected that all of the real estate men of the county will be present.

## Formation of Tax Payers League Urged to Combat Freak Bill

Following the address of Paul D. Murphy, editor of the Tax Liberator, of Portland, it was the unanimous decision of a meeting held at the city hall last Monday evening that every legitimate means should be used to combat the proposed measure limiting interest rates in Oregon to five per cent.

The passage of this measure, it was determined would work an untold hardship, not on the financial interests of the state, but upon the ranchers, stockmen, laborers and small business men who are compelled to seek financial assistance to carry on their business.

Mr. Murphy in his address outlined the history of the measure showing that it was the result of a deliberate effort to extort funds from men who might be interested in securing its defeat, and that therefore, it was not the result of a desire to solve the financial problems of the people of Oregon.

Mr. Murphy also declared that after once abandoning the effort to put the bill or the ballot some or-

ganization got behind the bill and furnished a fund of at least \$15,000 to put the bill over and circulate every voter in the state. It is the belief that the Non Partisan League is the organization furnishing the fund.

Mr. Murphy also told of the efforts that are being made to organize the Non Partisan League in this state. Already fifteen counties have been worked by the league organizers and others are coming this fall. The league plans on spending \$200,000 in Oregon in the hope that through the collection of \$18 per member in the state a large fund will be returned to the league treasury.

It was decided at the meeting to ask the Commercial club of Ontario to appoint a committee to call a mass meeting of ranchers and business men of the county together for the formation of a Tax Payers League whose business it will be to study the various measures on the ballot and determine the proper course to take concerning them in this county.

## LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT TOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL

Over Three Hundred Persons Join In Visit To Herds And Flocks

The livestock improvement tour conducted by the farm bureau on September 2 was attended by more than three hundred people who visited the various herds of cattle and flocks of sheep to be seen on the route and listened to a good program in the pavilion at the Oregon Trail Park near Weiser, after enjoying a picnic lunch in the shade of the trees.

The route chosen took the train of machines from Fruitland north to Weiser, then to the Intermountain Institute from which point the general direction was south across Dead Ox Flat to Payette and Ontario. The first livestock inspected was on the Sargent & Eldridge dairy farm where a fine herd of registered Jerseys were on exhibit. Mr. Sargent, who is president of the Idaho Association, gave a very good talk on Jerseys and dairying.

The second stop was made at the Geo. Yeager farm where a herd of registered Shorthorn beef cattle were seen and a discussion of this kind of farm livestock was given by Mr. Yeager. Then one of the Jersey bulls in one block of the Payette county bull association received attention. This bull is one of four which were imported about a year ago from the Dixon herd of Williamette Valley to improve the dairy stock of Payette county through the agency of bull associations.

Arriving at the Oregon Trail Park, rapid preparations were made for lunch. Several long tables had been put in place by the manager of the park, all of which were soon loaded from end to end with good things to eat. If there were any too modest to take part in this portion of the program their presence was not detected. However, there seemed to be no lack of those who had forethought enough to reserve space for the ice cream which "Bunny" Brown had arranged at convenient places throughout the park.

Most of the speaking took place immediately after the ice cream. The party gathered in the pavilion at the park and listened to a short but exceptionally good program on livestock improvement. A. A. Gutteridge of Oregon Slope spoke briefly on the benefits to be derived from farm bureau tours where a subject of vital interest to the community is studied. S. F. Graham and Guy Galoway, livestock improvement committeemen for Malheur and Washington counties, respectively, outlined the need for more livestock on the hay farms of this section and less

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## INTEREST RATE BILL DISAPPROVED BY CLUB

GENERAL MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS CALLED TO CONSIDER EFFECTS OF FREAK MEASURE ON BALLOT

### COMMERCIAL CLUB BOOSTS MILL

Change in Date of Annual Meeting of Organization Proposed—Send Delegates To Irrigation Meetings

held their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday at noon at which time a number of matters of interest were discussed. The club went on record as being opposed to the passage of the initiated bill on the November ballot, popularly known as "The five per cent interest rate bill." A committee consisting of D. M. Taggart, J. R. Blackaby and H. B. Cockrum was appointed for the purpose of making arrangements for the holding of a general mass meeting of voters in the county to inform them of some of the effects of this law should it be passed.

Secretary Clay made the following report to the board:

Upon last Friday we had a meeting of the committee in charge of the financial canvas with the result that committees are appointed and are at work securing renewals for the year of contracts calling for financial support of the club. The town was districted and eight committees named to handle the work in their respective districts. One district committee has entirely completed the work allotted to it while another committee has finished about one half of its work. Every effort will be made to have all of the committees finish their work before the close of the present week.

As soon as this is done it is desired to at once have these members signify what department of club work they desire to work in and then each department will be called together in a meeting and will be assisting in organizing and the beginning of actual work will be begun. I have been informed that the county teachers will hold an institute here this week and it has been suggested that an effort be made to secure sufficient automobiles to take the teachers out one afternoon for a trip in our surrounding country. I would suggest that the Board give consideration to this matter at once.

As soon as the departmental system of club work is put into effect I do not believe it will be necessary for your Board to be called together as often as under the present system and therefore I would suggest that you hold your meetings once in each calendar month and oftener when necessary upon the call of the president.

I wish to inform you of the efforts that have been made to assist the farmers in the marketing of their hay crop through the medium of licating meal mills. Mr. George Ross has purchased a mill of thirty tons daily capacity and that will soon be installed upon his farm Southwest of town. A number of meetings have been held with the farmers in the Cairo section with the view of secur-

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## ATTENDANCE RECORDS OF SCHOOLS BROKEN

High School Will Have More Than 200 Pupils This Year—Increase in Grade Schools Not Yet Marked—Many From Without

Ontario's public schools opened Monday with a record breaking attendance. More pupils will be in the schools this year than ever before, and the School board prepared for an increase the capacity of the buildings will be taxed to care for the children in the various classes.

The most marked increase is that shown by the High School. On the opening day there were 162 pupils registered, or 32 more than on the opening day last year. Since school opened two weeks earlier this year than last, Superintendent J. M. McDonald expects the High School enrollment to pass the 200 mark before the end of the first month.

Many of the pupils of the High School come from without district No. 8, and a number of additional pupils from the outside are expected before and after the Fair.

To care for the increased attendance, and the special demand for commercial courses the board had to purchase three new typewriters, and provide additional desks for short-hand workers. New equipment has been added in the physical training department so that Miss Ruth Suman the instructor in this department will be able to give elementary physical examinations.

## AERIAL STUNT FEATS TO FEATURE AT FAIR

AIRPLANE AND BALLOON TO VIE FOR HONORS AS CHIEF THRILLERS—TRIPLE PARA CHUTE DROP

### HORSES GROOMING AT TRACK

Amusement Features Assured For Night Performances—American Legion To Assist With Athletic Contests—Dances Galore

One of the most interesting features, and one that few people in the Northwest have ever seen and never shown in this part of the county, will be the triple drop from the balloon, to be performed daily at the Malheur County Fair, Sept. 21 to 24, here in Ontario.

This means that the balloon must be at least 1500 feet in height before the drop is started as the performer makes three distinct drops before reaching the ground, using three parachutes before landing. This feat is particularly dangerous and causes much interest and excitement among the spectators, as there is always the chance that the parachute may not open soon enough, especially where it must be done three times quickly.

A three passenger airplane will be used in giving daily exhibitions of stunt flying and two passengers will be carried by the aviator on these exhibitions, which will last about 30 minutes each day. During the balance of the time the aviator, Mr. Fuller of Oakland Cal., will carry up passengers for hire. Mr. Fuller served as an instructor in Texas during most of the war and recently carried the Governor of Nevada from Reno to Lake Tahoe over the Sierra Nevada Mountains and is rated as one of the best flying men in the county.

There will be a carnival at night down town with many riding devices, high diving, slack wire performances, street dancing, slide for life and many other novelties every evening.

Athletic Contests Scheduled  
The American Legion expect to stage some good boxing and wrestling matches during the Fair and to look after some of the down town amusements, and every one can look forward to the presence fair being the biggest and best ever held in Malheur County.

The Fair will be a bigger and better fair this year than ever before. Especially is this true with regard to the agricultural, horticultural and stock displays. The premiums offered by the fair board are three times those given heretofore and should bring out the best display of products of the soil and live stock that has ever been shown at the fair.

The prizes offered for the best community exhibit are just five times what were offered last year and already six different communities have asked for space. This is the greatest number of entries that have ever been made and indicates a great interest in this contest.

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## COTTONWOOD WATERS MAY BE IMPOUNDED

Westfall Folks Stage Celebration And Hold Meeting Urging Formation To District For Irrigation Purposes

Sunday was a big day in Westfall. For miles around the settlers gathered to attend a big picnic and barbecue at which a rare program of frontier sports was staged.

But the good time was only an incident of the meeting according to James Graham, the Westfall bee man who was in Ontario yesterday enroute to Caldwell.

"The principal business of the gathering was to discuss the possibility of forming an irrigation district to impound the waters of the Cottonwood for reclaiming some 6000 acres in that section. Jack Fairman of Harper and Westfall was the principal speaker, and his views were unanimously approved by the settlers," said Mr. Graham.

"This district was once surveyed for a Carey act project by Engineer Ivan E. Oakes now of Ontario, and the men of that region are to seek further information from Mr. Oakes to determine the feasibility of the project. So far as the settlers are concerned they are ready to proceed with the project if the engineers declare it practical.

"Aside from the addresses the crowd enjoyed a hilarious entertainment including all kinds of buckaroo sports, in the bucking contest William Gregory was first, Dusty Ballham second, and Jack Curtis, third. Sharkey Lee furnished a spectacular exhibition of bar back riding that the crowd said was never excelled anywhere."

## JUNIOR OFFICERS' TRAINING COURSE MAY BE GIVEN HERE

FOUR BROTHERS OF BAKERY OWNER KILLED IN ACTION

A. B. Chapman of Salem, Oregon this week became the owner of the Purity Bakery, he having purchased the institution from E. B. Allen and A. L. Haney who have operated it for the past year.

Mr. Chapman is the only surviving member of a family of five boys, four of whom were killed in action in the world war as members of the Canadian army. The Mr. Chapman comes here from Salem he is not a stranger to this country, for the Chapman family lived for years in Boise, prior to their going to Salem eight years ago.

The sale of the bakery at this time is the result of the opportunity coming to Mr. Allen to take a vocational training course at Dinwoodie Institute at Minneapolis where he will study technical baking, flour milling and flour chemistry. Mr. Haney's plans are uncertain but he expects to move to the coast.

## COUNTY COURT ORDERS WORK ON JORDAN ROAD

Owing to the Fact that Bonds Had Not Been Sold Contractors Declined to Bid on Work—Road Department to Start at Once

Owing to the fact that the only cash available for use on the Jordan Valley to Nyssa market road was that secured from the state and county market road funds, the contractors who figured on estimates for the sections advertised to be let last Saturday declined to submit figures. However the county court after reviewing the situation decided to proceed with the work thru its own road building department.

T. T. Kohout, Fred Palmer and Dr. Jones of Jordan Valley were present at the meeting accompanied by a committee from Ontario consisting of H. C. Boyer, J. R. Blackaby and Geo. K. Aiken, and asked the court to proceed in some manner so that the county would not lose the funds set aside from the state market road fund. This the court had planned to do, and discussed various means of carrying the work forward.

It was determined that what ever work is done be on the lines approved by the state highway engineers so that the all the work can not be finished that which is constructed will be part of a permanent improvement. In the mean time the Court has advertised more of the county road bonds for sale and if these are sold additional work will be undertaken.

It is the purpose of the court as expressed by Judge Test to give the people of Jordan Valley some immediate relief, and to go as far as possible toward solving their difficult situation.

### LACK OF QUORUM MAKES COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN

Owing to the fact that a majority of the members of the city council were out of town Tuesday evening, the regular meeting which had been set for that evening was postponed until this (Thursday) evening. Beside Mayor Jones the only members of the council to gather at the meeting were Councilmen W. H. Laxon and Hugh Allen. Councilmen H. B. Cockrum, A. L. McDowell, Irwin Troxell and A. G. Moore were absent.

## Malheur Alfalfa Products Company Formed to Build Alfalfa Meal Mill

With the practical completion of subscription to stock in a company formed for the purpose of erecting an alfalfa meal mill to be located on the Seymour Ross ranch three miles, southwest of Ontario, on the tracks of the Oregon Eastern, a mile east of Cairo, the beginning of such an institution is assured.

The success of the project resulted from the work of a committee consisting of Hans Oft, G. W. Dean, Seymour Ross, ranchers of that section assisted by S. H. Clay, secretary of the Commercial club.

This committee reported to a meeting held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall Tuesday evening, at which time the subscription list was opened. Of the 21 men present at that meeting 20 signed for stock and a total of \$8,700 was then subscribed. Of this amount \$4000 was taken by Randall Sage whose mill the company is to buy, and move to the proposed site. A packer will be purchased at once and the building started so that the mill can be in operation within 30 days, if the packers arrive.

CAPTAIN WALL OF REGULAR ARMY INSPECTS SCHOOL FACILITIES AND WILL RECOMMEND ESTABLISHMENT OF COURSE

### OPPORTUNITY FOR ONTARIO

Army Captain and Sergeant Bill Be Sent To Ontario To Train Boys—Government Will Furnish Uniforms and Pay Cost of Month's Vacation At Camp

Ontario High School may be designated as a Junior Officers Training Camp, if 100 young men, over 14 years of age are enrolled in the High School cadet company.

If this is done a regular army Captain and Sergeant will be sent here to supervise the work and give instruction in the various subjects connected with the course, supplementing the regular work in the school, and be available for athletic training for the young men.

Not only will these advantages be given Ontario boys but they will have their uniforms furnished free by the United States government, their rifles and ammunition will be furnished for gallery and field target practice, and the boys will be taken to Boise for training during the week ends, and will be paid for attendance at army camp for one month during the summer vacations.

All this information was given Superintendent of Schools J. M. McDonald by Captain Wall of the regular army who came to Ontario today to inspect the schools and learn what had been done here in the way of military training in the past.

Capt. Wall was favorably impressed with the work so far accomplished and said he would be back here on October 15 to inspect the company at that time. From here he went to Caldwell and Nampa to inspect their facilities, and later will visit Payette, and Weiser.

That Ontario will have little difficulty in complying with the requirements for the formation of the training course is indicated by the fact that there are already 85 men registered in the High School and several more are expected after the haying is over so that 100 men for the company is practically assured.

## COUNTY PIONEERS TO GATHER FOR PICNIC

Vale Planning Big Program For Pioneer Day—September 17—Large Delegation Going From Ontario.

Pioneer Day will be celebrated Friday, September 17th, at Vale, as it has never been celebrated before.

Invitations to the celebration of the Malheur County Pioneers association were received this week by the "old timers" of this section and they are arranging to be present in a body at the gathering.

The Vale folks as usual will furnish the dinner and a big program has been arranged for including the annual camp fire and dance in the evening. A number of parties of Ontario folks are being arranged for and the city will undoubtedly have the largest delegation ever sent to the county seat to attend a public function.

On Wednesday and Thursday a committee consisting of Mr. Oft, Seymour Ross and S. H. Clay continued the canvass and secured \$2400 additional subscriptions leaving a balance of but \$1600 to complete the entire capital of the company. The corporation papers have been prepared and work will proceed under the corporate name which is Malheur County Alfalfa Products company.

The following are the subscribers to the company's stock:  
Randall Sage, S. H. Ross, Hans Oft, J. J. Keegan, Mrs. Martha Bertholdt, Burrows & Son, C. E. Amidon, Edward Dupre, E. C. Ingraham, G. L. Gray, S. H. Clay, P. J. Gallagher, Geo. K. Aiken, Pete Countrymen, Nelson Noah, C. E. Oliver, H. E. Noah, A. B. Cain, G. W. Dean, Mrs. Vena Boswell, V. V. Hickox, Charles S. Leavitt, Thomas Kanady, D. T. Downs, W. J. Shaffer, J. F. Weaver, O. B. King, Garrett Smit, F. E. Newbill, R. S. Shafer.