

## POLITICS BEGINS TO SHOW SIGNS OF LIFE

**SIMMERING CAMPAIGN IN MALHEUR COUNTY INDICATES SIGNS OF BOILING—THAT IS CANDIDATES TAKING ON LIFE; APPARENTLY**

## DEMOCRATS COMPLETE TICKET

**Republicans Circularizing Preparatory to Active Canvass for Party Vote—Smith and Bieder Accept Nominations, Honan Doe Too**

After lying near death's door for several weeks, the political campaign in Malheur county this week manifested evidence of vitality, and in all probability can be brot back to life between now and November 2. At least the political stalwarts of both parties are entertaining hopes for its recovery. That is the most that can be said at this time.

Just what put the jazz in the campaign at this time is not evident; unless the committeemen have been hearing from the state and national headquarters, and informed that if they are to count in the distribution of patronage after the campaign it is time they were showing signs of activity. Of course it is merely a conjecture. It might have happened.

### Smith Out For Clerk

Right off the bat Monday morning Roy J. Smith, formerly deputy county clerk, who has been operating his father-in-law's ranch for the past year or more; came out with the announcement that he had accepted the democratic nomination for county clerk, and would therefore run in opposition to Harry Sackett, present deputy in the clerk's office.

Mr. Smith who is almost a native product of Malheur county, having been here for 25 years, graduated from the Ontario High School and was during his course one of the star football, basketball and baseball players of this section. He worked for years for the Ontario Furniture company and went to the clerk's of-

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## HANDSOME PICTURE OF CALVIN COOLIDGE HERE

**Ontario Woman Distant Relative of Massachusetts Governor and Republican Nominee is Recipient of Photo Autographed**

An Ontario woman, Mrs. J. A. Draper, is the proud possessor of a handsome autograph photograph of Governor Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts, the republican nominee for vice presidency of the United States.

The photo was received this week and is a very large and very handsome picture of the man whose bid to fame rests on his candidacy for the vice-presidency.

There is a reason for the arrival of the photo, for Mrs. Draper is a distant relative of the nominee, her mother's name before her marriage being Coolidge, her great, great grandfather and that of the Governor of Massachusetts having been brothers.

The younger generations of the Coolidges have only occasionally kept in touch with each other, the older generations have and thru them Mrs. Draper and the vice-presidential nominee exchanged greetings and thus came the photo to Ontario with the message written across it: "To Hattie B. Draper, with sincere regards, Calvin Coolidge."

### A Democrat But—

"Do you think he will win," the Argus asked Mrs. Draper when told of the arrival of the photo. "Yes I do, tho I have long been a democrat, I am proud of his record and I believe he will win."

## HIGH SCHOOL CADETS SECURE NEEDED NUMBER FOR R.O.T.C.

With a total enrollment of 104 the Ontario High School Cadet company has put itself in a position to qualify for being made a R. O. T. C. for the U. S. Army.

Two weeks ago Capt. Wall of the regular army visited Ontario and outlined the requirements and these have been complied with so that by the time he returns here on or before October 15, the local company will be able to sign up.

## FIVE PER CENT BILL IN VICIOUS MEASURE

**Radical Plan to Limit Interest Self Defeating—Would Drive Capital Out of State, and Oregon Needs Capital Now.**

There is a measure on the ballot in Oregon limiting interest rates in Oregon on borrowed money to 5%. The danger in the bill is that people desirous of securing 5% money may get the impression that they will be able to secure loans at this low rate if the bill carries.

If five per cent money were possible in Oregon, the measure would be fine; but five per cent money is not possible. The private citizen who has money to loan would not put his money out on notes or mortgages at five per cent when he could get good securities that pay six and up or lend his money in other states at eight. He would either invest in bonds of some sort or lend his money in some other state. To lend his

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## HIGHWAY COMMISSION LETS MORE CONTRACTS

**County Judge E. H. Test Returns From Successful Trip to Portland—Vale-Jamieson Road to be Gravelled—Bridge Contract Let.**

Gratified by the action of the State Highway Commission in ordering the call for bids for the graveling of 18 miles of the John Day Highway from Vale to Jamieson, and in letting the contract for the bridge across the Malheur, beside ordering the survey of the Central Oregon Highway from Vale to Harper, County Judge E. H. Test returned to Ontario today.

The judge did not reach Portland until Tuesday morning, the day on which the commission met, but he got action right from the start, tho it was one of the busiest sessions of the commission the judge attended.

An idea of how busy the commission was may be gained from the fact that beside opening bids and selling \$2,000,000 worth of bonds the commissioners considered a large number of separate contracts, approved some, rejected others and on top of all that listened to numerous complaints from various counties. Practically every county in the state had representatives before the commission.

"With the road to Jamieson completed, and the survey ordered on the Central Oregon Highway from Vale to Harper, together with the work already done in this county by the commission, I feel that we are making progress on the highway program," said the Judge.

"If the right-of-way matters on the Old Oregon Trail from here north can be arranged for so that work can start on that road, all sections of the roads as outlined in the measure approved by the people will have some work done on them, and substantial improvements will have been made in the past two years."

## U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY PARTY WORKING HERE

Under the direction of C. M. Durgin a party of engineers of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey arrived in Ontario Tuesday and have been taking elevations and other observations about the city. The party is making a triangulation of the country from Klamath an Ontario and from Klamath to Bend.

## PORTLAND BUSINESS MEN HERE OCTOBER 9

**REPRESENTATIVES OF METRO-COMING IN SPECIAL TRAIN TO GIVE ENTIRE DAY TO LOOKING OVER EASTERN MALHEUR COUNTY**

## ONTARIANS TO BE GUESTS

Visitors Request Commercial Club To Prepare Banquet, They'll Pay For It—Will See Owyhee Project—Visit Nyssa and Vale

For the first time in many years a Portland Trade Excursion will visit Malheur County. The Portlanders will be in this valley on Tuesday, October 19.

According to advises received by the Ontario Commercial Club the visitors will reach Nyssa during the night, will have their breakfast there and have set aside from 6:30 to 11, a. m. for Nyssa, from 11 to 4 they expect to be the guests of Vale and from 4 until 11:45 they will visit in Ontario.

The trade excursionists have gone a step further that is generally the case in such gatherings. Instead of going "Dutch Treat," on a get-together dinner, they have asked the Ontario Commercial club to arrange a banquet for them and send them the bill. All of which will be done.

The Ontario men at a meeting Wednesday night discussed this phase of the matter at length and concluded that a suggestion be made to the men of Nyssa and Vale to take advantage of this opportunity to let men of Portland know something about the Owyhee project and its possibilities. To that end a committee consisting of W. H. Doolittle, H. C. Boyer and J. R. Blackaby were named as the general committee to arrange for the entertainment of the Portland men.

In the trade excursion will be representatives of all the Portland financial, wholesale and manufacturing concerns many of whom have never visited this region before, and they are going to be shown that while near Idaho and just half way from Portland to Salt Lake, that this really is in Oregon and is worthy of their consideration.

## LIBRARY FORTUNATE IN SECURING EXHIBIT

Collection Loaned By Arts and Craft Society of Portland Expected To Reach Ontario October 8

Miss Elmer Randall, county librarian announces that a collection of handwork, showing embroidery, weaving, and design, loaned by the Arts and Crafts Society of Portland, will be on exhibition in the Malheur County Library at Ontario, as soon as it may arrive from the State Fair at Salem. It is expected that the exhibit will be ready by October 4 for a week or ten days. Women who are interested in needlework, and club girls, will especially appreciate this beautiful display.

### GOING TO BONITA

Miss Randall leaves Friday of this week for Brogan and Bonita to visit the library stations at those points and expects to be gone until Monday. Unless Miss McLaugh, her assistant has recovered from her recent illness the local library will be closed during her absence.

## HOTEL SAFE OPENED BY WEISER'S "JIMMY VALENTINE"

The delicate stunt of opening a safe without knowing the combination was performed in a "Jimmy Valentine" by Charles A. Branun of Weiser, Idaho on the safe in the Carter House Sunday. The safe became locked and the book containing the combination was lost, so no one knew how to open it. Mr. Branun of Weiser was called and came down, spinned the dial of the safe and listened to the tumbler, found the combination and opened the safe in about one hour.

## RECLAMATION OUTLOOK BRIGHT SAYS M'NARY

**IN COMPANY WITH ONTARIO AND NYSSA MEN JUNIOR SENATOR VISITS OWYHEE PROJECT—FAVORABLY IMPRESSED**

## ASTONISHED AT FAIR EXHIBITS

Wants Display of Malheur County Products As Silent Argument in Favor of Reclamation—Believes Senate Will Act at Short Session

United States Senator Charles A. McNary, junior senator from this state visited Ontario and Nyssa last Friday. He came in response to invitations extended by Ivan E. Oakes, an old time friend, The Nyssa Commercial club, and P. J. Callagher who discussed with him the possibilities of the Owyhee project at the Reclamation Conference at Seattle.

With these repeated requests the senator while in Baker took the day to come here and see for himself what the Owyhee Project is and what it can become when water is placed on the land. While here he visited the project and visited the Malheur County Fair too.

"It would be unwise for me to go back to Washington and tell the men there what I saw at the exhibition hall this morning," said the Senator in speaking of his impressions. "They would not believe me, and since I have some what of a reputation there for veracity which I want to maintain, I am asking you people here to send back a display of the products grown here on irrigated land as a testimony, and silent argument in favor of further government aid for reclamation."

### Senate Will Act

"Yes, I believe that the Senate will act during the short session, on some reclamation bill, probably the Fletcher-Smith bill and that it is possible the House will do so too."

"There is a better feeling toward legislation of this kind and since the House appropriations committee has visited the west this summer I am sure that will have a beneficial influence with the members of that branch of the government."

"I am going to request Mr. Wey-

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## ONTARIO ONLY OREGON TOWN IN H. S. LEAGUE

Five Games to be Played—R. B. Wood, J. H. Gordon and Jack Hammond Putting Moleskin Warriors Thru Their Paces.

Ontario High School is the only Oregon team in the newly organized Western Idaho and Ontario, Oregon football league in which the following teams will play: Boise, Nampa, Caldwell, Ontario, Payette, Weiser and Weiser Institute.

Ontario's entry was made at a meeting held in Nampa on Saturday at which Principal E. M. Boacher, who has charge of athletics at the school attended.

Never in the history of the school has there been such an apparent wealth of material. More men are turning out for practice than ever before, and the average weight of the men is such that if they have the stuff Ontario will have a team second to none in the valley.

Ever since this week there have been from 18 to 20 men out for practice and this week following preliminary work such as tackling, falling on the ball, punting, etc. scrimmage has been indulged in under the direction of three tutors: E. B. Wood, Cornell '07. All American quarter on Walter Camp's team of that year; J. H. Gordon, who took his foot ball at Cleveland, Ohio, and Jack Hammond of Jamestown, N. D. These three have been giving the boys stiff, hard work out every evening and the men are fast rounding into shape.

As yet the coaches have not picked the first string men but will do so from the following: Mel Walters,

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## MICE EAT WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WINNING CORN EXHIBIT

One of the most disappointed boys in Malheur County last week was Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gutteridge of Oregon Slops. His was the prize hard luck episode of the Fair. Raymond worked hard all summer to produce the finest corn that ever grew in Malheur county. And he thought he had succeeded. He spent an entire day carefully going over his patch to locate the biggest and best ears to show at the Fair, and then took them to J. R. Brown's where Dead Ox Flat display was being gathered. That is as far as they got for during the night some mice got into the display and picked Raymond's corn as the choicest morsel. There was none left when morning dawned.

## FAIR ENDS WITH BIG PROGRAM OF EVENTS

**New System of Handling Exhibition Proves Successful—Management Receives Approval of Public—Exhibitors Pleased**

With a comfortably filled grandstand, tho the day was too cold for real sport on the part of the spectators, the eleventh annual Malheur County Fair closed last Friday. The program was a hummer. No closing day of any preceding fair had anything on it. It was all to the good.

In only one respect did the Fair this year fall down, and that was in attendance, due to the extreme cold weather, and the threatened rains of two days. The program before the grandstand was up to standard, in some respects it was better than many of past years, and it was well handled thruout.

The exhibit hall was by far the best the fair has had in many years both in quantity and quality. It also represented a greater portion of the county than usual. In fact the directors this year, being elected by the ranchers had the natural advantage of getting close to the men on the outside, are to be congratulated on their success on getting the exhibition over as well as they did in spite of the cold weather.

Financially the fair did not win. That is it failed to meet all expenses of the eleven fairs. In the 11 perhaps three or four have come out pretty close to even, while one or two have actually done more than that. So the financial situation is nothing unusual.

### Buckaroos Divide

In the final event the buckaroo championship money was divided, so close was the contest that all the five finalists save Dutch Wendt got in on the split. Jess Lawrence, Ed

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## WEISER ROUND-UP TO BE STAGED BY LEGION

Will Have Entire Charge of all Contests Outside of Contest Grounds at Weiser Round-Up Oct. 6, 7, and 8th.

It is going to be a case of the boys who went over the top in 1917-18 going over the top again when Weiser stages her big Round-Up Oct. 6, 7, and 8th. As the result of an arrangement with the Round-Up Committee, the local post of the American Legion has taken over all concessions outside of the Round-up grounds during the big Fall celebration. And for this donation on the part of the committee, the boys have agreed to furnish all the entertainment for the crowds outside of that during the afternoon at the new \$20,000 arena.

The returned Service men have recently purchased a lot adjoining the Washington Hotel, on which they expect to erect an American Legion building for the Washington County post. The above was hit upon as a good plan to raise the money, as well as give visitors to the big show their

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## NEW PLAN FOR WORK IN CLUB IS ADOPTED

**TWELVE DEPARTMENTS CREATED FOR DIVISION OF ACTIVITIES—MEMBERS ASKED TO CHOOSE WHERE THEY WILL WORK**

## CHAIRMEN BECOME DIRECTORS

**Annual Meeting To Be Held Fourth Wednesday in September—Organization Meeting Fourth Wednesday in October—Owyhee Projects Discussed**

At the meeting of the Commercial club last night the members adopted a radical change in the constitution and by-laws of the club whereby the annual meeting is to be held hereafter on the fourth Wednesday in September instead of the third Monday in March.

Also it was determined to divide the work of the club into 12 departments each headed by a chairman and two associates on the executive committee of the department. The chairman and these associates are to be selected by the members of the club who elect to devote their time to that department.

Also according to the new organization plan the men elected to the chairmanships of the various departments automatically become members of the board of directors of the club. This board is to elect the President and Vice President of the club and these with the secretary are to constitute the executive committee of the board.

### Irrigation, Roads, Railroads

Following the discussion of the change in the organization the members discussed the progress which has been made toward getting action on the Owyhee Project. J. R. Blackaby and W. H. Doolittle, E. C. Van Petten and E. H. Clay, told of the visits of the United States Senators, McNary and Chamberlain and what the men interested had done so far. A history of the project was given for the benefit of those not familiar with it, by Mr. Doolittle.

To assist in the gathering of an exhibit to be sent to Washington the president appointed a committee consisting of G. K. Alken, chairman, D. M. Taggart and R. W. Jones. This committee was asked to assist in getting the display together in time to be shown at the club rooms on the occasion of the visit of the Portland men.

A number of good road matters including the work proposed for the widening of the cut on the east side of the ride, the securing of market road work in the St. Paul orchards tracts and other sections of the county were considered.

Mr. Doolittle suggested that the coming of the Eugene delegation last week was not an accident and that in all probability interest in railroad construction would revive soon. He suggested that as a matter of wisdom a committee be appointed to keep this matter in mind and to follow its developments.

## AUTOS MEET HEAD-ON SMASH INTO WINDOW

Two plate glass windows in the front of the Ontario Auto company's garage were smashed, both wheels of Charles Gramse's runabout were reduced to splinters, and one wheel of C. W. Davidson's car was damaged by an auto accident that occurred on Oregon street about 4:30 Saturday afternoon.

The damage resulted from the fact that Mr. Davidson followed the custom that is prevalent in Ontario of violating the traffic regulations by turning from the west side of the street while traveling southward, to enter the Ontario Auto company's garage on the eastside and in the middle of the block. Mr. Gramse was driving northward on the east side of the street and Mr. Davidson's car hit the runabout head on driving it across the sidewalk into the glass front.

A crowd gathered quickly following the accident, and Mr. Davidson after doing everything he could to extricate Mr. Gramse from his predicament arranged to have Mr. Gramse's car repaired. That the car, tho apparently badly smashed was not seriously injured was proven by the fact that in an hour following the accident Mr. Gramse drove it home.