

## BANKS TOLD TO BOOST SECURITY FOR COUNTY

COUNTY COURT TAKES ACTION TO SEE THAT COUNTY'S CASH IS COVERED BY BONDS—NOT HALF COVERED

## TWO MILLION ROLL INCREASE

Board of Equalization Gets Few Kicks—Therefore Work is Light With Total Roll To Be Over \$15,000,000.00

The banks of Malheur County, where in the county deposits its funds were told this week to increase the bonds which they are by law required to deposit as security for county funds. All the banks in the county were so notified, for none of them had more than 60 per cent of the amount required by law, and with the second taxing time at hand this margin would have increased.

The action was taken at a meeting of the County Court on Tuesday at the instance of County Judge E. H. Test who has been following the progress of the situation in Josephine county where a depository was closed.

"The law specifically says that the bondsmen of the treasurer are not liable for any loss thru the failure of a depository, and it does require the depository to furnish bonds to the full amount of the funds placed in it," said Judge Test.

"We have secured the opinion of the District Attorney that this is the proper interpretation of the law and have issued the order for the banks to come forward with more security, that places the county on safe footing. It is a case of playing safe, abiding by the law and profiting by the experience of others."

Tax Roll \$15,000,000.00 or More  
Malheur county's assessable tax roll is now more than \$15,000,000. The exact total will not be known until the data regarding the utilities in the county are received from the state tax commission.

## LEGION EMPLOYMENT BUREAU PLACES MEN

Ontario Post Has Committee Seeking Work For Members—Number of Men Prepare For Vocational Training—Get Insurance Too

Members of the Ontario Post of American Legion have been busy this week on some practical problems which the men face. The employment committee headed by J. H. Gordon is preparing to see that all the men who desire work are placed. Men who want work, and those who need help are urged to get into touch with the Legion committee for both can thus be benefited.

Beside this week representatives of the War Risk Insurance department were in Ontario this week and with J. B. O'Keefe who gathered the data for the local legion men secured the reinstatement of 18 policies held by men who had permitted them to lapse.

Representatives of the vocational training board were also here and the following had their papers prepared so that they can take vocational training at an early date: H. C. Pinney, Dewey Hoxie, J. H. Gordon, Jack Hammond, Walter Mustard, and Mr. Stanford. Of these Hammond was the victim of an airplane crash, Hoxie of a motor truck wreck and the others suffered from gas.

J. B. O'Keefe who has entered for vocational training several months ago has received orders to report to the army photographic school near Baltimore Maryland and will leave for the Maryland city in a few days.

Dr. R. O. Payne and Dick Robinson returned Saturday from a trip into the Steins Mountain country, they got a fine bag of venison.

I. J. Dickson and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jamieson formerly of Ontario, now of Emmett spent the week-end with Mrs. Jeanette Evans.

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIME IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hunters of migratory birds who just can't resist "taking another shot," had better be careful. Game warden George Tonkin of Pendleton is in Malheur county now looking after the interests of the migratory birds. Mr. Tonkin called at The Argus and asked that a warning be issued to the hunters so that trouble might be avoided. The game warden is not "out to get someone" he is only here to protect the birds according to the statutes.

Of course the hunters all know that according to the federal treaties with Canada hunting cannot start until an hour before sunrise and must cease at sunset. Mr. Tonkin has sent for an official schedule of the sun's time in this longitude and latitude, and the Argus will present them next week. We had hoped to do so this week. In the mean time hunters should "watch their step."

## RED CROSS WORK HAS COVERED WIDE AREA

Home Hygiene and Nursing Courses Completed by Women and Girls From Dead Ox Flat To Adrian—Work Almost Completed

From Dead Ox Flat to Adrian in the Big Bend Country, the women and girls of the various communities have had an opportunity to take the course offered by the Red Cross Chapter of this section. There have been far more women in the country precincts who have taken the work than in Ontario.

Miss Ethel Simmons who has had charge of the work is concluding the lectures to classes in Dead Ox, Cairo, Nyssa, and is starting one now in Adrian. She also had a class for the girls of the High School in Ontario besides the class for women in Ontario which is practically completed and is the second course to be given here.

"There have been more women registered in the courses in the country than in the city," said Miss Simmons, "and the interest has been most marked thruout the chapter jurisdiction. Every lecture has been regularly attended and the work done by those taking the course has been uniformly high."

"Dr. W. J. Weese has delivered a number of lectures over the district, last week he lectured at Dead Ox Flat and next week will go to Adrian to talk to the class there."

## STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

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STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF MALHEUR, ss.

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Geo. K. Aiken, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the owner and publisher of the Ontario Argus, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 442, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

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GEO. K. AIKEN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of October, 1920.

R. W. SWAGLER.

My Commission expires, April 8, 1921

## LOCAL MAN DIRECTOR WESTERN WOOL FIRM

Portland to Have Another Wool Warehouse Company With \$2,000,000 Capital—J. R. Blackaby Made Director

Portland is continuing its effort to become the great wool center of the western coast. If it has not already attained that position the addition of another wool warehouse company will aid in furthering the climb.

According to the announcement of the incorporators including such men as C. J. Smith, and his associates of the banker's Mortgage Corporation, the new firm will be styled the Western Wool Warehouse company and will have a capital stock of \$2,000,000. A site has been secured for the company's warehouse and it will be ready to handle the fleeces of northwestern sheep next spring.

Among the directors of the new firm, among who are many of the most prominent bankers, and stockmen of Oregon is included that of J. R. Blackaby, of the Ontario National bank of this city. Frank J. Palmer of Jordan Valley is another listed as interested and on the board of directors.

## MALHEUR COUNTY HAS SWEET POTATO CROP

W. L. Gibson of Nyssa Demonstrates The Fact That Tubers Can Be Grown Successfully In This Valley

Sweet potatoes in commercial quantities are being raised in Malheur county. The first of the crop was brot to Ontario Tuesday by W. L. Gibson of Nyssa who delivered 200 pounds of them to Boyer Brothers, and he has a lot more to dig and put on the market.

When Mr. Gibson called up the Boyer store and asked if he could sell some sweet potatoes H. C. Boyer told him he was being "jollied", but being game told Mr. Gibson to bring them in and he would take a "couple hundred pounds." There was no one more surprised than Mr. Boyer when Mr. Gibson hustled the tubers into the store shortly after lunch.

The sweet tubers from the Gibson ranch were set down beside a box of California sweet potatoes, and compare most favorably with them, tho on the average are not quite so large.

The skin of the Malheur sweets is a shade lighter in color than the California variety but the inside of the potato is of practically the same shade and is fully as sweet. In fact unless told that it was a home grown product one could not tell the difference between the two varieties.

## HEPNER WOMAN DIES OF APOPLEXY SUNDAY

Mrs. E. W. Osman Found Dead In Hospital Bath Room—Was Visiting Son Expecting To Take Him Home

Mrs. E. W. Osman, of Hepner Oregon, was found dead in a bath room at the Holy Rosary Hospital Sunday morning by one of the nurses. Mrs. Osman was not a patient at the institution but was visiting her young son who had been operated upon there two weeks ago and whom she expected to take to their home in a day or two. The cause of death was given as apoplexy.

Mrs. Osman and her son came to Vale three weeks ago to visit friends. The little boy took ill and was brot to Ontario for medical attention, here it was discovered he was suffering from a most unusual ailment, and an operation found necessary. His mother visited him regularly and was making one of these visits when she died.

The body was taken to the undertaking parlors of the Ontario Furniture company and prepared for shipment Sunday evening to Hepner.

## BELIEVE IDEAL ROAD MATERIAL LOCATED

Harper Highway Said To Be Equal To Pavement—Has Been Down Five Years and Is Better Now Than When First Laid

Claude Wells of Harper is an Ontario visitor this week. Mr. Wells came down to discuss the possibility of introducing what he believes is the ideal material for road building in this section, which can be found in quantities near Harper.

He came at the instance of Paul Sellman, who on a visit to Harper last week viewed the road leading to the Dialto properties was struck with its smoothness and tranction properties and immediately took photographs of the road and the material as well as collecting samples for examination by authorities on such matters.

The Harper folks declare that the road which was made of material found in the hills near there is the best in the county. It has been laid for five years and better today than when first laid, tho no work has been done on it in all that time.

## FAMOUS HUMORIST IS HERE FOR FEW HOURS

Irwin S. Cobb and Party Reach City Last Saturday Evening and Leave Early Sunday Morning For New York

Ontario had as its guest for a few hours last Saturday night one of the nation's foremost characters, Irwin S. Cobb, the humorist. Mr. Cobb with A. Wisnant of the Bend Press and some friends reached here in their car about 8 o'clock Saturday evening and Mr. Cobb departed on No. 18 for the east at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Very few Ontarians knew of his presence in the city for he kept in retirement all the time he was here.

I. N. Gabrielson of the U. S. Biological Survey who was with the Cobb party during a portion of their trip thru the interior declared that the big humorist was delighted with Central Oregon, tho tho tired after the long hard trip from Bill Hanley's OO ranch to Ontario, following their hunt for deer in the Stein's mountain country. Mr. Cobb was lucky enough to get one fine buck during the trip. Others of the party secured two or more.

Tho he did not give them the title of his stories Mr. Cobb said that he expected to write five stories on Central Oregon for the Saturday Evening Post on whose staff he is a star performer. However it is reported that he lost the notes for his articles somewhere on the trip in to Ontario from Burns. Yet that probably will not be an unmixt blessing to him. He can write fiction, as well as fact, and anyway he is a humorist.

## FOOTBALL TEAM GOES TO PLAY BOISE

Locals Face Hardest Game of Season With First Opponents at Idaho Capital Saturday Afternoon—Practice At Nyssa.

With the hardest game of the season, it is believed, the first on the schedule, the Ontario High School football team had a strenuous week of practice this week. The locals go to Boise Saturday where they meet the team for the big Boise High School.

This week the boys played a practice game at Nyssa and according to reports the Nyssa men more than held their own with the local battlers. The Nyssa men are much lighter but they were able to circle the local ends and puncture the Ontario line almost at will. The practice at Nyssa awakened the locals to their weaknesses and as the result there was a decided improvement in the work performed since then.

The coaches are not discouraged over the showing made thus far, for

## SHORT TIME ONLY TO SEE HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION

The handicraft exhibition which was loaned to the public library by the Portland Artcraft society cannot be retained in Ontario as long as was expected, and it must be sent forward from Ontario on Monday. In order that the women of the city who are interested in this extremely fine display, Miss Ethnor Randall, county librarian has decided to have the building open on Friday and Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:30 to that the exhibition can be seen, and of course the library will be open during the usual hours on Saturday. While the library is open on Friday and Sunday, no books will be exchanged, these additional hours being set aside for this exhibit only.

The woman's club of the city visited the exhibit in a body as did the classes in domestic art at the high school.

## INVESTMENTS DISCOURAGED BY INITIATION OF FREAK BILL

Another revolutionary measure is to be presented to the people of Oregon at the election this fall, which if passed will more than do its part in disrupting financial conditions in our state.

The measure is to reduce the interest rate to a maximum of five per cent as the legal limit in this state. The mere fact that this bill is on the ballot will be sufficient to discourage considerable investment in Oregon. If it passes, it will, of course, have to be repealed, but in the meantime damage will have been done that will take many years to overcome.

Time and again there has been attempted measures which would legislate the rate of interest to a point lower than what the use of money is worth. Legislation of this effect is always found to be an extra burden to the borrower whom it was aimed to benefit. If the legal rate of interest is reduced to five per cent the borrower will be obliged to pay usurious rates to get money in violation of the law.

Money that is worth seven per cent and eight per cent will not be loaned at five per cent regardless of what the law may say is the legal limit, and if the borrower wants to borrow money on the character of loans that demands seven per cent and eight per cent, he will either have to violate the law or go without the required capital.

Let it be remembered that 18 per cent of the registered voters of the state have actually voted measures into our constitution and you will see how necessary it is for you to be sure yourself and point out the evils of such a law as this five per cent measure to all voters with whom you have any influence.

The very fact that everyone is desirous of borrowing money as cheaply as possible when the occasion arises for borrowing, makes this bill seem very attractive on its face, but when it is understood that Oregon will pay a very high price in the loss of investment capital of almost every kind should this measure become a law, one can readily appreciate that time taken to aid in its defeat will be well invested.

We have laws on our statute books now that are inimical to the welfare of the state, inasmuch as they discourage the investment of capital herein and it would be a fatal day for Oregon from an investment standpoint when she enacted such a measure as this causing the withdrawal of millions of dollars that otherwise annually comes into the state for investment in practically every kind of securities offered here. And not only would we lose the benefit of procuring outside capital, but in addition we would find that local capital that is being used here now would be sent elsewhere for investment in order that its owners might receive a reasonable return for a loan of their money.

It would be a sorry day for Oregon when none of its home owners could borrow money to help them build or buy homes or when its business men and manufacturers are unable to procure capital to assist them in carrying on their respective lines of endeavor because of the fact that the money would not be available at the interest rate fixed by law in the state.

They believe that the locals are developing slowly and will make the grade later in the season. There is plenty of beef in the squad but speed seems to be lacking at present. "Hurry up" is the cry of the coaches now and will be until the season ends.

## FIRE TRUCK ORDERED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL CONSIDERS VARIOUS PROPOSALS AND BUYS FORD TRUCK WITH NORTHERN EQUIPMENT—FIRE CHIEF WANTED LARGER TRUCK

## PROCEED WITH IMPROVEMENTS

Council Debates Whether or Not To Proceed With Proposed Curbings and Grading in Riverside—Vote Three to Two Carries

Instructions were given for the purchase of a Fire Truck at the meeting of the City Council last Monday evening in the Council Chambers at the City Hall.

The council after debating the matter ordered the Mayor to place an order for a Ford truck equipped with the fire fighting apparatus manufactured by the Northern company of Minneapolis. This truck and equipment representing an investment of \$2,000.00 is not exactly what Fire Chief Kroessin wanted, his favorite being the Oldsmobile truck and equipment costing \$3400.00.

The council determined however that the simplicity of the other make, the financial condition of the city and all being taken into consideration the less expensive equipment would serve the city's needs until a better one could be purchased.

## Going Ahead on Improvement

The meeting being that set for the hearing of protests against the proposed improvement of Riverside addition by the establishment of grade lines, grading the streets and alleys, building curbs and sidewalks, this subject introduced the longest discussion of the evening.

While there were no taxpayers present to present any objection, Councilman H. B. Cockrum presented a series of arguments against going ahead at this time. He pointed out that the city is already heavily in debt, that the bond market is not favorable, that local improvement bonds already issued have not found a ready market the representing more valuable and better settled property than that proposed to improve. While the bonds proposed to be issued are Bancroft bonds, they are underwritten by the city and the city must see that they are paid," said Mr. Cockrum, "and I do not think it advisable to proceed now, tho I do not want to appear to be opposed to improvements, for that is not the case."

"The people want this improvement. There is no property within the proposed district that is not worth more than the assessment to be made against it, and since the people have asked for it I don't see what there is to be done but to go ahead," was Mayor Jones' summation of the situation.

After discussing the matter back and forth, taking into account the big bonded indebtedness of the city and all, the council by a vote of three to two determined that since the people of Riverside want the improvement they may have it. The vote of the matter came upon the question of whether or not the Council would secure an engineer's estimate of the work to be done, and resulted as follows: ayes: Troxell, Allen, McDowell; nays: Cockrum, Moore.

## CONGREGATIONAL LADIES TO GIVE BAZAAR IN DECEMBER

The ladies of the Congregational church are going to give a bazaar some time in December, and anyone wishing articles made to order may leave their order with Mrs. W. E. Lees as the ladies are planning to do such work.

County Judge E. H. Test and County Roadmaster J. F. Joyce leave tomorrow morning for Jordan Valley to look ver the rad work being done in that section.

Ben Moss was a visitor in Caldwell Wednesday evening, returning Thursday morning.

S. H. Clay, secretary of the Commercial club left Saturday evening for Portland to attend the meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce and the conference of the Port Development association which was held there this week.