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Tuesday, November 2 is Election Day. Be a good American, vote as your conscience dictates. But be SURE TO VOTE

## INTEREST IS RISING IN GENERAL ELECTION

PARTY ADHERENTS SHAKE OFF LETHARGY IN ELEVENTH HOUR ATTEMPT TO CONNECT WITH VOTES—LITTLE BETTING REPORTED

### BOTH PARTY MAKE CLAIMS

Democrats Who Earlier in Week Conceded Defeat Now Express Hopes—County Fights Will Probably be Close—Senatorship to Fore

In an eleventh hour effort to reach the voters who will determine the election so far as Malheur county is concerned, party managers and candidates drove into the class work of the campaign high gear and are still running that way.

Until the latter part of the week the democratic adherents, at least many of them, were willing to admit defeat in the national campaign and were asking odds in the betting on the result. In fact the absence of democratic money was marked, except for bets on specific state results. So far as known no large wagers on the general result have been made here. The largest bets so far reported are on the outcome in Ohio.

Second to the interest in the national result is that in the contest between Robert N. Stanfield and George E. Chamberlain for the United States Senate. Republican leaders are claiming the county for Stanfield by from 150 to 200 votes, democrats are matching that with similar claims for Chamberlain. The most that the democratic men will concede is that Chamberlain's normal vote in Malheur county will be materially reduced.

A candid statement of the facts are that in the county election there has been little interest until this week. And here again conflicting claims are presented.

Chairman Geo. W. Hayes of the Republican committee declares that his ticket will win straight down the line; while J. R. Blackaby is equally positive that most of the local democratic candidates will be returned winners.

The big fights so far indicated are those for the position of district attorney and county clerk. Republican leader predict the election of Hott. D. Lytle over R. W. Swagler and Harry Sackett over Roy Smith, who entered the campaign late.

The ground for this prediction in the district attorney race is given thus: Mr. Lytle has made an extensive and thorough canvass of the county while Mr. Swagler has campaigned for less than a week but he has made that week tell, with many meetings all the way from Dead Ox to the Owyhee, and is personally confident of reelection.

For the clerk's office Mr. Sackett has been in the race longer but has campaigned only the past week so that the outcome of the contest is problematical.

Neither Andrew Graham nor Morgan Carlisle the candidate for assessor have done much campaigning; Mr. Graham, none at all so far as can be learned.

For School Superintendent there is being a warm race staged under peculiar circumstances. Mrs. Julien A. Hurley the democratic nominee after several declarations of withdrawing her name permitted her friends to make a race for her while Mrs. Effie M. Crall the republican nominee has not been able to make a canvass because of the illness of her son, a world war veteran who is still suffering from his overseas experience.

For the State Senate neither of the nominees have made a campaign in the strict sense of the term. W. F. Homan, the democratic nominee is in Grant county this week for his first call on the voters, while Charles W. Ellis spent three days in this county last week. That is all they have done.

P. J. Gallagher for representative,

## ONTARIO WILL SECURE RETURNS OF ELECTION

Election returns will be secured in Ontario next Tuesday night. At the Commercial Club rooms a special wire will be run in and a bulletin service will be received. Also at the Ontario Pharmacy a service will be maintained.

For the convenience of the writing public there will be hot lunches served by the Episcopal Guild.

## PAYING MARKS EPOCH IN MALHEUR COUNTY

Celebration to Set Forth Unity of Interest of Snake River Valley Communities

The dedication of the first link of the Old Oregon Trail highway to be paved in Eastern Oregon on November 1, 1920 marks an epoch in the development of Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho. This statement is made advisedly for when one considers the subject dispassionately these two sections of two of the great of the western states are inseparable. Their interests are the same; their products are the same; their markets are the same and their people are practically the same. Just because the Snake River lines between the counties of Malheur and Payette; that in itself is no reason for making it a barrier between the two sections. With plans ambitious and purposes alike these two communities should work hand in hand together for the improvement and same development of both sections to the end that all may prosper.

The people of Ontario feel more than a kindly interest in the welfare of her neighbors on the East and now stand ready to show in material ways that this spirit is genuine. One of the first requisites for bringing these two sections closer together is by means of good roads. The dedication of the highway on Monday is a long step in the right direction. There is good reason to believe that other steps will be proposed and successfully carried out in the immediate future to further improve roads connecting the two sections.

It is largely because of this fact that the people of Ontario have proposed that they be joined by their friends on the Idaho side of the Snake River in making the dedication of this portion of the highway on next Monday a great success. Ontario will keep open house on Monday and will extend a most cordial welcome to her friends not only from the west of the City but also to all friends in Idaho who will come.

Ontario wants all her friends to feel that this is their town and to join with her own citizens in making this the best town in the Snake River Valley.

The plans are all made for making next Monday a memorable day thru out this section and it is to be hoped that everybody will take advantage of the opening and dedication of the paved road from the Snake River bridge into Ontario to visit this city and participate in the festivities of the day.

County Roadmaster J. F. Joyce returned Tuesday from Jordan Valley. They expect to resume work on the road there soon.

Attorneys J. W. McCulloch, P. J. Gallagher, W. H. Brooke and Julien A. Hurley returned Tuesday from Pendleton where they attended the sessions of the Supreme Court and argued cases.

The Eastern Star holds an initiation session this evening to introduce two new members, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Andeberg.

D. A. Grady and Clint Pinney were in Boise on business Wednesday.

G. W. Dean for county commissioner and H. Leo Nos for Sheriff are resting on their laurels, they have no opposition.

## DEATH AT AGE 90 CLAIMS J. MCLAREN

Juntura Mourns Passing of Remarkable Citizen—Was Born in Nova Scotia in 1825—Was a '49er.

(Special to The Argus)

JUNTURA, OREGON, OCT. 26.—With the passing of James McLaren at midnight on Oct. 23, a long and interesting career was brought to a peaceful end. He was in his ninety-sixth year, and an hour before his death he was walking about in possession of all his faculties, and then quietly fell into his last sleep.

Mr. McLaren was born in Nova Scotia on May 10th, 1825 of Scottish parentage. As a young man he was engaged in the business of contracting and building, and laid the foundations of a substantial fortune. But during the Civil War the increased cost of materials and other conditions caused him to lose what means he had, and he came out to California during the mining excitement there, for the sake of making a fresh start.

He was followed a year later, when he had become established in the contracting business, by his wife and four small children, who came by the way of the Isthmus of Panama. Later the family moved to Jacksonville, Oregon and his wife died there about thirty years ago. She was Miss Hannah Adamson and the marriage took place in 1852.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Grace Smith who lives in California, and a son George McLaren of Juntura with whom he has made his home for the last five years. Besides these two children he leaves about twenty grandchildren and a number of great and great great grandchildren. A daughter Dora died in Ashland several years ago and a son Horace in Jacksonville about 1916.

In this community Mr. McLaren has been greatly esteemed, and has been remarkable for his wonderful activity. When he was ninety years old he left his home in Southern Oregon, acting upon a sudden impulse, and traveled alone to Burns, making the stage journey from Bend. He has kept the household supplied with wood, attended the chickens and mowed the lawn, insisting upon these duties and resenting any interference from members of the family.

He has not only physically active and in good health with the exception of a slight indisposition a few days ago but to the end was possessed of a bright mind, and a keen sense of humor.

George McLaren has charge of the ranch here belonging to the Juntura Investment Co., and a number of his children came over from Burns for the funeral, the interment taking place at the Juntura cemetery. They were Mr. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. Dave McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey McLaren and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peabody.

## ASKS COMMISSION TO ATTEND CELEBRATION

Simon Benson, R. A. Booth and E. E. Kiddle Invited to Be Ontario's Guests Next Monday

The Commercial club by wire extended an invitation to the State Highway Commissioners, Simon Benson, R. A. Booth and E. E. Kiddle to be the guests of the city at the celebration next Monday.

It is to these men that the community owes its thanks for the paving, the of course the original bill declared that the Old Oregon Trail, of which the road to the bridge is a part is to be paved. However the consideration of the commission is appreciated and the club members want to thank them in person. It is not known, as yet, whether or not they will attend.

## CLUB MEMBERS HEAR MEASURES DISCUSSED

L. A. Fraser Urges Approval of Library Tax—P. J. Gallagher Opposes Measures—Committees Report Action

Two of the newly organized departments of the Ontario Commercial Club reported at the regular monthly membership meeting on Wednesday night. H. L. Peterson who is chairman of the Good Roads department reported that his department had organized and were at work on a systematic campaign to secure betterment of the principal highways leading in and out of Ontario in all directions.

F. P. Ryan, member of the executive committee of the Retail Trade Extension department, reported that his department had organized and as their first work had decided to hold a dedication of the newly completed paved road from Ontario to the West end of the bridge connection with Idaho. He told how the department had planned a good program of entertainment for out of town visitors for this occasion which is to be held on Monday afternoon and evening, November 1. Mr. Ryan emphasized the fact that the invitation was out to all out of town friends and was by no means confined to any particular section.

P. J. Gallagher made a report on progress being made to secure thru the coming session of Congress the building of the Owyhee Reclamation Project. Mr. Gallagher spoke earnestly on the point that Ontario should work consistently and hard on this matter during this winter in order to be sure of the building of the project in the immediate future.

E. A. Fraser called the attention of the voters present to the fact that the Library was asking for a small special tax at the coming election on next Tuesday. He pointed out how necessary it was to secure additional fund upon which to conduct the library and asked that all voters be sure to vote for the tax. It will be found upon the city ballot.

The meeting was closed with a general discussion of several of the special bills or measures which will appear on the special ballot in Tuesday's election.

## BIRD BILL CALAMITY TO HARNEY COUNTY

Charles W. Ellis Declares Passage of Bill Will Injure Ontario as Trade Center for Harney Supplies

That Ontario will be injured by the passage of the Malheur Lake Bird Reservation bill, is the belief of Charles W. Ellis, of Burns, who was in Ontario over the week end in the interest of his candidacy for the state senate.

"Harney county has fought for irrigation for years, and is just now ready to proceed with its program. If this bill passes it will stop all work for the people do not know what the effect of the measure will be. Since Ontario is the source of supplies for a large portion of Harney county, it is bound to suffer if the development of that region is arrested or stopped."

"There has been a great deal of misinformation given out concerning the bill. It is not a compromise and the people of Harney county never agreed to support it. We did secure the elimination of the clause concerning tributary waters on the understanding that there would be no organized fight against the measure. That was all, and that was done after the bill was initiated," said Mr. Ellis.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Orin Bull Tuesday. The political issues of the day was the subject under discussion.

## ONTARIO LOSES TO EAST NAMPA HIGH FOOTBALLERS

At Nampa last Friday afternoon the Ontario High Football team lost its second game this season to the speedy gridiron warriors of the Junction city. The game was fast and rough. A number of Ontario boys were badly bruised as the result of the contest. The team was accompanied by a big crowd of rooters and the Cadet Band which made a decided hit with the Idahoans. The locals play Nyssa here Friday.

## LIBRARY SPECIAL TAX ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL

Present Income Does not Meet Cost of Assistant Librarian—Statement Given Here Shows Where Funds Go—Vote Yes.

Next Tuesday the people of Ontario will vote on a tax measure providing a special levy of one mill on the dollar, for the relief of the public library. The budget appropriation for the year is approximately \$900. \$720 of this goes to pay an assistant, as the librarian is paid by the county. \$180 are left to pay the following bills: janitor service and janitor supplies, \$200; lights, \$100; coal and wood \$250; water, \$15; periodicals, \$75. These items do not include supplies maintenance of buildings and grounds, books, which are the main reason for a library, and librarian's aids, as indexes, bibliographies, and reference books.

The Carnegie building now needs a thorough overhauling and extensive repairs. It is not the part of wisdom to let a fine municipal building go to pieces for want of repairs. Besides, the city has made a contract with the county, whereby this building is the headquarters of the county library system. The county funds will go far toward the organization of the city library into a working institution, but by pooling city and county funds, each fund goes farther.

At present the city fund is barely enough to keep the doors open. The State Library at Salem is the force that is providing library service to Ontario, and this service is provided with county funds. With such support, the people of Ontario want service, cooperation with schools, the right kind of books for the children western stories, new fiction, information of all kinds in connection with their daily work.

On the City ballot vote yes for the special library tax.

## WOOD DECLINES SO DOOLITTLE TO RUN

City Ticket Is Important For Several Measures Are To Be Voted On—No Opposition To Citizen's Ticket

Judge W. W. Wood declined to serve as head of the Citizen's ticket and make the race for Mayor, so W. H. Doolittle who was next in line at the list.

Frank Rader who was nominated for the council also declined to accept and D. W. Powers who was runner up in the caucus selections takes his place.

The city electors will also be called upon to decide on two important matters, a change in the charter detailing the duties of the officials and permitting the payment of salaries for work done for the city by the Mayor and Council.

There is also a proposal on the ballot providing for a special levy for the Public Library to care for the deficit created by the increase in service that that institution is giving the public.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB IS WORKING BY NEW PLAN

FIRST DEPARTMENT STARTED WITH H. L. PETERSON, CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL GOOD ROADS COMMITTEE—WORK SUB-DIVIDED

### RETAIL SECTION IS ORGANIZED

Work of Club for Year Planned so That Every Member will be Asked To Serve in Some Specific Work—Wider Interest Manifested.

(By S. H. Clay)

Several of the newly formed departments of the Ontario Commercial Club have been organized and have already gone to work in the big development program of the Club. Last week the Good Roads Department was organized by the election of a chairman and executive committee.

H. L. Peterson, of the Ontario Furniture Company was made chairman of this department. At the meeting held by this department, several sub-committees were appointed to push several different parts of the road program. One committee was named to secure the improvement of the short stretch of road from the Idaho highway. This committee is actively at work at this time.

One other committee is working to secure improvement of the road at the end of the pavement near the hospital and also the road to the cemetery. While still another committee is working to secure the right of way for the road from Ontario to Oregon Slope.

The Retail Trade Extension Department held an organization meeting a few days after the Good Roads Department had organized. The Retailers made C. P. Skow of the Cash Grocery Chairman with F. P. Ryan and A. L. McDowell as members of the Executive committee of this department. O. M. Castleman of the Ontario Pharmacy and Geo. K. Alken of the Ontario Argus were named as the executive committee of the Good Roads Department with H. L. Peterson chairman.

The Retail Department is having charge of the highway dedication and celebration on Monday November 1. This department is advertising this celebration thru out the surrounding country and these men are expecting a great crowd of out of town visitors in Ontario for the day.

The Civic Improvement Department has organized and have chosen Dr. E. S. Fortner chairman with Drs. W. J. Weese and Dr. C. M. Tyler as the executive committee.

Several other departments are about ready to hold their organization meetings and all twelve departments will be organized in the near future. All departments have plenty of work outlined for them to go to work upon and everything points to a most successful year of work for the club.

## RED CROSS NURSE TO EXAMINE CHILDREN

City Hall From 2 Until 5, Mon.

Arrangements have been made by the Red Cross to have a clinic at the City Hall on Monday and Wednesday of next week, November 1 and 3, for the examination of children whose parents bring them there for consultation. Adults, too, will be given advise on health matters if they so desire.

During the past four months Miss Simmons has been conducting a series of classes on home hygiene and nursing in all sections of the chapter jurisdiction and will conclude her work here next week.

In appreciation of her work in their section the women of the Cairo district gave a delightful party in her honor recently at which all the women of the community attended.