

GOOD ROADS MEETING URGES SPEEDY ACTION

Resolution Passed Asking County Court to Make New Proposition to State Highway Commission—Endorse Pollman

At a meeting held at the City Hall last night, called by the Good Roads committee of the Commercial club to consider road matters along the Snake river, a resolution was passed asking the county court to submit a proposition to the State Highway commission, to complete the Oregon Trail section of the Columbia river Highway in the county, with the funds the county has available for that work.

Another resolution was also passed asking the County Court to survey and start work on the Nyssa to the Big Bend bridge section of the Jordan Valley market road.

Aside from the members of the Ontario Commercial club present there was a delegation of ten from the Oregon Slope club, and during the day E. J. Patch and Frank Gribben of the Riverdale club left word that the people of that section endorsed the proposed action. Also the business men of Nyssa, through the secretary of the Commercial club there, Mr. Jax, telephoned to the meeting that they discussed the proposals and endorsed them.

J. R. Blackaby, W. H. Doolittle, E. M. Greis, A. L. Coekrum, and W. J. Pinney discussed the proposal made to endorse the candidacy of W. H. Pollman of Baker to succeed E. E. Kiddle on the Highway Commission and he was unanimously endorsed. Messages telling of the community sentiment were sent to Governor Olcott. Representatives of Cairo, Oregon Slope and Riverdale, likewise sent messages.

County Judge E. H. Teat who was present at the meeting told the gathering of the troubles the County Commission has and declared that if the present weather continues, the road from Ontario to Vale will have to be rebuilt in the spring.

H. L. Peterson, chairman of the Good Roads committee of the club presided at the meeting. Louis Hurtle and Al Christiansen of the entertainment committee served, "hot dogs" and coffee. The men from Oregon Slope present were: I. L. and L. L. Cuthbertson, S. J. Simpson, A. A. Gutteridge, Geo. Lattig, P. M. Boala, Lee Brown and J. L. Brown.

J. R. Blackaby and Geo. K. Aiken were named as the committee to attend the next meeting of the State Highway commission.

ONTARIO COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bartlett celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Ontario Christmas day. All of their living children were present and several of their grandchildren were also there. Those present were: Mr. Jesse Bartlett and daughter of Hillsboro, Oregon; Mrs. Miller and Mrs. J. C. Smith and two daughters of Drewsey, Oregon; Mrs. Reed and son of Mitchell, Oregon; Dr. C. J. Bartlett of Baker City; Dr. J. C. Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Arnold and daughter Alva of Ontario, Mrs. Emma Conover, a cousin of Mrs. Bartlett, was also present. A sumptuous wedding dinner was served at noon.

John C. Bartlett and Miss Mintie Myers were married at Memphis, Missouri, December 25, 1870. Nine children were born to this union, seven of whom are living. Three of these children were triplets, Hugh, who died in infancy, Hattie (Mrs. Millar) and Hettie (Mrs. Reed). Etta, another daughter died at Drewsey several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are Oregon pioneers having resided at Drewsey for many years. They moved to Ontario last fall and purchased a modern and comfortable home on the east side from C. F. Cox where they now reside.

Henry Griffin and wife spent Christmas with relatives in Boise.

D. H. Eurrroughs and S. H. Ross were in Boise on business this week.

Will Jones and Miss Oels Taylor, both colored of Ontario, were married at Vale Saturday of last week. The groom is employed at the Hurtle barber shop and the bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Taylor.

Chas. A. Garvin returned Wednesday from a month's visit with relatives at his former home in Chicago.

MARKET FOR ALFALFA HAY

E. B. Fitts

Alfalfa hay is selling at much lower prices than for several years. In fact in some of the alfalfa growing sections the market is glutted with no outlet in sight. Just previous to the war a material start had been made in dairying in some of the alfalfa growing districts but with the advent of higher prices for hay and of a labor shortage there was a stampede to sell the dairy cows and to take what seemed like easier money in raising and selling hay. Now with the conditions returning again to normal the dairy cow looms large on the horizon as the best market for this important crop. The alfalfa grower who kept his cows, received good prices for his hay during war times and now has a position of vantage as he still has a good market for his crop. A good cow will yield 60 to 75 pounds of butterfat for each ton of hay eaten and in addition 1600 pounds of skim milk valuable as a feed for calves, hogs or poultry. Marketing hay is a concentrated form of dairy products, pork and eggs saves costs of hauling and transportation and is true conservation. Good cows can now be bought at a very reasonable figure and alfalfa growers should give careful study to the opportunity of building up a permanent market for their hay and an important new industry in their community through engaging in the dairy business.

The monthly pay check will prove a real asset and the farm will become increasingly fertile.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Louis Hurtle spent Christmas with his son Ralph at Heppner, Oregon.

Miss Catherine Chapman of Boise is visiting with her brother, H. L. Chapman and wife in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patton of Big Willow, Idaho spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howe in Ontario.

Born, Christmas morning Saturday, December 25 to Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Roberts, a son.

Estes Morton and wife of Harper spent Christmas with relatives in Ontario.

Misses Lela Bartahe, Mildred Frost and Prudy Raby, students in the Ontario High School, are spending the holidays with their parents on the Oregon Slope.

Mrs. Fred G. Lackey underwent a surgical operation for appendicitis at Holy Rosary hospital, Saturday night, having taken suddenly ill that morning. She is reported as getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Keithley of Midvale, Idaho, is visiting with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Blom.

Ross McGinnis of Midvale spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Ontario.

Mrs. D. A. Grady attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Dora Plughoff at Huntington Christmas eve.

Miss Mildred Morgan who is attending St. Francis Academy at Baker is home for the holiday vacation. Miss Pansy Mallett is home from Portland for the holidays.

Mrs. Lee Coekrum will leave Sunday for Los Angeles, California, to visit her mother.

Chas. B. Flock and Mrs. Doris M. James were married last week. They will make their home in Ontario. The groom is the junior member of J. A. Flock & Son, who conduct a shoe repair shop here.

Attorney P. J. Gallagher left Wednesday morning for Jordan Valley on business.

Ernest Locey was down from Ironside and reports twelve inches of snow in that region, so deep in fact that the horses had to be taken from the range for feeding.

H. L. Peterson made a trip to Nyssa Sunday.

Mrs. Andy Lackey returned from Ironside where she was called by the sickness of her daughter Mrs. Ray Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan returned with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pearson of Weiser spent Christmas with Mrs. Pearson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rader.

Fred Palmer of Jordan Valley was in Ontario Tuesday on business. Mr. Palmer reports the roads out of the valley well nigh impassable.

EUROPEAN RELIEF IS ASSURED IN COUNTY

Ontario Raises \$800 of Its \$850 Quota—Vale Has Practically \$400 of Its \$450—Cairo Over The Top Also

The reports have been slow in coming into the County headquarters. It is evident that Malheur County will reach its quota of \$800 for the relief of the starving European children.

Here in Ontario the committee working under the direction of Superintendent of Schools J. M. McDonald has \$799.00 of its total of \$850 and there are several donations expected which will bring this sum up to the city's quota.

The larger gifts which contributed to the success of the campaign in the city included \$50 given by J. R. Blackaby, \$70 by the members of the church of the Blessed Sacrament, \$51.50 by the Baptist church, and \$80 by the students at the High school. Of course there were many donations of \$10 each and of smaller sums, while in dollar donations at the Postoffice the women of the committee secured nearly \$200.

Vale Schools Make Record Superintendent of Schools G. W. Ager of Vale reports that the schools there have pledged a total of \$225.83 or more than half of the entire quota given Vale, which was \$450. Beside this the committee there raised \$100 at its first meeting and has secured additional pledges and cash assuring the completion of the Vale quota this week. Cairo First In

The first district to complete its quota was that of Cairo under the direction of John Keegan assisted by E. B. Conklin, V. V. Hickox and others. At the program and dance there last Wednesday \$49 was raised of which the Boulevard Grange contributed \$10 beside furnishing the hall and other incidental expenses. The committee then worked in the district and completed the quota.

Reports received from Riverdale, Jordan Valley, and Ironside assure the county headquarters that these sections will care for their quotas. The reports indicate that the condition of roads in those sections made canvasses impossible during the past two weeks but the committee was assured that the quotas would be forthcoming.

WINTER CHAUTAUQUA COURSE IS PLEASING

J. C. Herbsman, Noted Lecturer Attraction for Saturday Night—Is One of Few Talented Platform Men—On New Basis

The winter Chautauqua program of the Lillian-White Company, given this year in Ontario under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. opened at the Dreamland last night with the McCords, a talented group of musicians whose program pleased.

Tomorrow night J. Whitfield Ray will present his interesting lecture, "Thru Five Republics on Horseback" while Saturday night the stellar number from a lecture viewpoint will be presented by J. C. Herbsman, one of the few really great lecturers of the coast country. Mr. Herbsman is a man with a vision, punch and eloquence that one cannot afford to miss.

The program will close Monday evening with a concert by a troupe of New Zealand singers and dancers, who will present a novel program. They are the first of their people to tour the American continent.

Pen Seward who has been very ill with typhoid fever is recovering rapidly.

Miss Lucille Biggs is home from school for the Holiday season.

Mrs. W. W. Latsen left yesterday for La Grands to attend the funeral of E. E. Kiddle, Past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star.

Miss Bess Turner who taught in the Ontario schools last year and is now teaching in Dayton, Washington, is visiting the W. L. Turner family. Mrs. Eva Boydell of Nyssa is visiting Miss Cora McNulty.

STATE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION COMPLETED

Malheur County Membership Assures Success of New Union According to Reports Received Here This Week

President V. V. Hickox of the County Farm Bureau received a telegram Tuesday from Geo. A. Mansfield president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau asking him to forward Malheur County's application and membership dues in the State Federation, saying that it would complete the necessary number of counties to make the organization permanent. A Farm Bureau voucher check, accompanied by the application went forth immediately.

By linking up with the State Federation, and the State Federation with the National Federation, Malheur County will become a cog in the great Farm Bureau organization which has grown up as if by magic within the past ten months. Already there is a membership of over 1,500,000 and this number is expected to double before long. The organization is adopting business principles in its work, some of the brightest men in the country serving as officers and committeemen. A sample of its methods can be found in the employment of such men as Clifford Thorne to head its Bureau of Transportation.

SUDDEN DEATH CALLS COMMISSIONER KIDDLE

Well Known Resident of Eastern Oregon Passes—Was High Officer in Masonry—Commercial Club Passes Resolutions

With all Eastern Oregon Ontario was shocked to learn Tuesday afternoon of the sudden death of State Highway Commissioner, E. E. Kiddle, at his home at Island City, early that morning. Death was due to acute indigestion and heart trouble.

Mr. Kiddle was deemed a friend of all this region and held in high esteem here. His work for the furtherance of the good roads program of Oregon, particularly of Eastern Oregon will long be remembered.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club last night and of other good roads enthusiasts resolutions were passed deploring his death and ordered sent to his relatives and the commission as a mark of respect for his relative and appreciation of his work.

WILL SEND EXHIBIT TO RECLAMATION MEET

Ontario, Vale and Nyssa Unite to Show Products of Malheur County at State Reclamation Congress

P. B. Zutz, of Vale will take to Portland for exhibition there while the Oregon State Reclamation Congress is in session there next week.

A committee from Vale consisting of Mr. Zutz, Lloyd Riehes and H. G. Kennard, was in Ontario Monday and interviewed the directors of the Commercial club and secured an appropriation of not more than \$100 for Ontario's share. Vale is to pay half the sum and Ontario and Nyssa together the balance.

The exhibit is to be placed in a window of the Meir & Frank store, permission for the use of which was secured by Mr. Riehes.

H. C. Smith whose lease of the Moore Hotel has expired, leaves today for Medford, Oregon where he has taken a ten year lease from J. A. Westerlund on the Hotel Holland, a modern up-to-date 74 room hotel with dining room in connection and ten apartments.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Cummings Wednesday, January 5th. The Carnation Club will be entertained New Year's Eve by Mrs. R. W. Swagler.

FARM BUREAU ADVISORY COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

Approve Executive Committee Action Setting Dues At Three Dollars—Plan Community Meetings for Reorganization

The advisory council of the Farm Bureau met in Ontario Wednesday afternoon. This body is composed of the chairmen of the community bureaus of which there are now ten. Those in attendance were Pete Tensen of Nyssa, G. W. Dean of Cairo, E. L. Patch of Riverdale, J. L. Ham-mack of Bonita and J. L. Brown, secretary of Oregon Slope. The meeting was presided over by President V. V. Hickox, acting secretary Ivan Oakes taking the minutes.

The council adopted the new schedule of dues which calls for a membership fee of one dollar as heretofore but increases the dues to three dollars per annum. This is much less than most of the county farm bureaus are charging, as some pay five dollars, others ten and some as much as fifteen dollars per year. However, after debating the subject, the council decided that it would be better to increase the membership and charge a lower amount until the organization was complete. One dollar of the dues will go to the State and National Federation of which the county has decided to become a member.

The council also arranged tentative dates for community meetings to be held during January for the purpose of deciding on work to be done in each community and the election of new officers. These dates will be recommended to the community chairmen who will be asked to call a meeting to arrange for holding an all-day reorganization meeting at which both amusement and business features will be on the program. A continuing form of membership agreement was adopted which will do away with the solicitation of memberships after it is put into use.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Miss Maewood Ramsay spent Christmas in Boise with her sister, Mrs. Perry Marshall.

Mrs. Wm. Stevenson who has been quite ill at the Holy Rosary Hospital is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Larue Blackaby left yesterday for a few days visit at Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Claggett spent Christmas in Vale with C. C. Mueller and family.

The W. H. Doolittle family is moving this week to the residence just south of the City Hall.

Mrs. D. B. Purcell spent the holidays with her daughter Mrs. Morfit at Melba, Idaho.

Miss Mabel Madden left for Cascade, Idaho to spend the vacation with her parents.

E. S. Fraser and Bernard Rader are home from the State University.

Mrs. Henry Griffin spent the holidays in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gordon spend Christmas with relatives at Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker spent Christmas with Mr. Walker's brother at Payette.

Mrs. John Huffman is enjoying a visit from her mother whose home is at Bend, Oregon.

Miss Berce Dearborn of Bully Creek, Mary Bervin of Beulah and Helen Anderson of Drewsey are in Ontario during the holiday season.

Joseph Barton, former president of Sumpter Valley Railway, and the Oregon Mills at Bales and Austin, is in town the guests of Mrs. Bedell of the New Cafe.

The Misses Florida and Velma Pratt and their mother of Weiser were Sunday guests of Mrs. Walter Coblick.

Jack Pitzer has just returned from an extended trip to Oklahoma.

Miss Myrtle Stewart who attends school at Bremerton Washington has returned to Ontario accompanied by her sister and children.

Philip Schurr of the Sheriff's office at Vale was in Ontario Friday.

J. P. Orr, Division Manager of the Idaho Power has been transferred to Boise. His brother J. D. Orr is taking his place.

Mrs. W. W. Wood has gone to Nampa to attend the funeral of Gordon Blinn's baby. Mr. Blinn is a nephew of Mrs. Wood.

Clarence Wood and wife of Nampa spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Ontario.

DAIRY COWS ON WAY FOR LOCAL RANCHERS

Prof. E. Fitts Inspects Purchase and Makes Favorable Report—Public Sales Will Be Held Soon

A telegram from S. P. Graham, chairman of the Farm Bureau Livestock committee, who has been scouting for good dairy cows in the Willamette Valley and assisting C. M. Beaumont and E. Frost, purchasing agents for Kingman Colony and Oregon Slope pools, respectively, to get what they wanted in the shape of good grade Jersey cows, was received by County Agent Briehaupt on Wednesday, stating that the two cars left Portland on Tuesday night. They should arrive here about Friday or Saturday.

After putting in several days looking over available stock, these purchasers decided upon two carloads and then notified Professor Fitts who is Dairy Specialist for Oregon and a celebrated judge of dairy cattle, to come and inspect the stock. A letter from Professor Fitts says that he found that an exceptionally fine bunch of stock had been selected and that he considered the price much more reasonable than the average being paid. Mr. Graham also is well pleased with the initial purchase and is now looking up more stock in another county for the benefit of the next purchasers.

These cattle will be unloaded at Payette and Adrian and an auction sale will be held in the near future to divide the stock. Anyone can bid on the stock offered, but only members of the pool will get the benefit of the plan which has been adopted of prorating the cost. The auctions will take place in the communities where the pools were formed so that the purchasers will not need to move the stock far to get it home. The cattle are all tested before shipment. Their ages are from two to six years. So far as possible, cows which are coming fresh were selected in order to avoid difficulty in shipment. Additional pools of orders may be formed at any time when a few men wish to secure cows, but Mr. Graham advises that there is a movement on to hold for higher prices owing to the approach of spring, the urging of business men not to sell and the smoothing out of the difficulties between the Dairyman's League and some commercial concerns which were trying to break the League up, is having its effect on dairy cattle prices.

OREGON CLUB HOLIDAY DANCES PROVE ATTRACTIVE

The Oregon Club again is furnishing Ontarians, and friends from Vale, Nyssa, Fruitland and Payette with delightful Christmas entertainment. The first of its series of two holiday dances was held Christmas night. Under the canopy of festooned ribbons in the club colors, white and green more than 100 couples enjoyed a program of sixteen numbers. Russell's orchestra furnished the music and the arrangements were made by a committee consisting of Floyd Powell, Charles Homan and S. M. Boucher. The decorations in the hall were arranged by the girls of the N-N Club. The second dance of the series will be held Saturday evening.

Leap Year Party Tonight Invitations were issued Tuesday for a Leap Year party to be given in the Oregon Club rooms. The party which is the talk of the younger set just now, while the boys are wondering "if they'll be asked", is being arranged for by the wives of members of the club.

Mrs. Annie Jackson, accompanied by her two nieces, Misses Cecil and Gladys Logan, will leave Sunday for Corvallis where the two young ladies are attending college. Mrs. Logan, who has been in Corvallis with her daughters will remain in Ontario and occupy her sister's residence so she will be nearer the ranch at Brogan. Mrs. L. L. Dyer received a telegram Christmas day stating that her mother, Mrs. Geo. Blank, who recently went to Forest Grove, Oregon, died there the previous day. Her husband, Mr. Blank, died here last summer.

O. H. Graham was in Boise on business the first of the week.

Mrs. H. F. Moss left the first of the week for Seattle to visit with her mother.