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## SEN. DENNIS WOULD BOND STATE TO CREATE HOME BUILDING FUND

UNION COUNTY SENATOR PROPOSES \$20,000,000 ISSUE TO FINANCE BUILDING CAMPAIGN—IS ALSO AUTHOR OF SOLDIER LOAN BILL

### FIRST WORDY BATTLE STAGED

Governor Olcott Sends Special Message Urging Legislation To Protect Scenic Beauties Along Highways—Reapportionment Measure to be Considered:

(J. T. Beamish, Correspondent)

Thursday Senator Dennis introduced one of the most important pieces of legislation yet introduced at this session. It was in the form of a joint resolution to create a Home Owners' loan fund of approximately \$20,000,000. An amendment to the state constitution would be necessary and for that purpose the proposed act would be submitted to the people.

The resolution provides that the state land board, on behalf of the state, may issue bonds to extent of 2 per cent of the total assessed property valuation in the state, notwithstanding limitations elsewhere in the constitutions relative to bond issues. It is provided that the bonds bear interest at 4 per cent and that they be exempt from taxation. The board would be authorized to loan the moneys derived from the sale of bonds to owners of real estate in Oregon upon notes secured by mortgages or deeds of trust which shall not exceed 50 per cent of the value of the real estate. No loans would be less than \$200 or more than \$5000. Loans would not be made except to owners who may occupy the real estate mortgaged and would be only for the following purposes: payments of the purchase price of real estate; purchase of live stock and other farm equipment and the making of improvements which in the judgment of the board will increase the usefulness of the real estate; for the satisfaction of encumbrances on the land; and for any other purposes which may be authorized by statute.

The rate of interest charged borrowers should not exceed by more than 2 per cent the interest on the bonds.

Senator Bruce Dennis is also author of a proposed constitutional amendment whereby a fund for service men would be created by bond issues up to 3 per cent of the states assessed property valuation.

A bill introduced by Representative Franklin F. Korell, in the house, would prohibit any person afflicted with an infectious disease, or with any acetal disease in a communicable form, from working in a place where food or drink is prepared, or offered for sale or sold.

It requires persons working in such places to submit to a physical examination when requested to do so.

### Governor's Message

Monday Governor Ben W. Olcott delivered a special message to the legislature in which he urged the enactment of laws to preserve the scenic beauties along the highways of the state. In connection with the special message the governor also submitted five proposed laws to put the plan into effect.

The laws would give the state highway commission power to acquire rights of way along highways for maintenance and preservation of scenic beauties, would make it unlawful to destroy trees along a state highway without permission of the state highway commission, would authorize the commission to acquire lands for parks and parking places, and require persons making any alterations in highways or rights of way, to obtain permit from the state highway engineer.

"No other state in the union has been blessed with so many natural glories as is the state of Oregon. "Crowning all these glories are our forest growths." The governor disclaimed any intention to deprive private timber owners of land without legal process. He said the timber men, generally, were eager and willing to co-operate.

The first display of fire works in the house was exhibited this afternoon when the resolution was introduced providing for the reapportionment and redistricting of the state according to the 1920 census. Representative Kubli of Portland, urged the adoption of the resolution. He was supported in this by representative Burdick and Overturf from Des Chutes county and Representative Gallagher from Malheur county.

A heated debate took place over this measure and remarks back and forth became very pointed and personal. The resolution was adopted.

If a bill introduced by Senator Hume finds its way into the statute books, holdup men whose numbers are increasing everyday in Oregon will be permitted to hang from the end of a rope. Hume's bill provides that robbery or attempted robbery upon a public highway when the act or attempt is backed up by a deadly weapon shall be punishable by death except when the trial jury in its verdict shall recommend life imprisonment.

Representative Frank Davoy of

## PORTLAND BUSINESS MEN SEND ROOSEVELT PICTURE TO CAIRO

When the excursion of Portland business men was in this section last fall a party of them stopped at the Cairo school house while waiting for their associates to come from Nyasa to take the train for Vale. The Portland men were so pleased with the reception accorded them by the teachers and pupils of the Cairo school that they determined recently to send a memento of the visit, and this week they did so. The gift which is highly prized by the teachers and pupils at Cairo is a handsome framed likeness of President Theodore Roosevelt and it now has a prominent place on the walls of the Cairo school.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB TO BOOST FARMERS' WEEK

Committees Appointed To Assist In Making Week Profitable One For Ranchers—Business Men To Open Homes For Visitors

At a well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Commercial club members at the City Hall last night unanimous endorsement was given the advance steps taken by President R. W. Jones and Secretary W. H. Doolittle to assist the Malheur County Farm Bureau in entertaining visitors to the city during the Farmer's Short Course week February 7 to 12.

Several of the members whose homes are large enough to permit them to give their assurance that they would provide quarters for ranchers during the week. The committee named by the club, consisting of D. W. Powers, Larue Blackaby and L. B. Cockrum was instructed to interview the hotels and restaurants to make special prices during the week and take charge of entertaining the visitors.

President Jones and Secretary Doolittle each outlined the purpose of the week and its possibilities for public good, and outlined, too, the advertising campaign which the club had undertaken for the Farm Bureau. E. A. Fraser, E. C. Van Petten, H. L. Peterson and other members voiced approval of the work outlined and the duty of the business men to co-operate.

Ranchers Present Views

F. M. Northrop of Dead Ox Flat and E. B. Conklin of Cairo who were present were called upon, and assured the meeting that the co-operation of the business was essential to the promotion of prosperity in this section, and assured them that the spirit shown by the Commercial Club would be appreciated.

Investigate Markets

On the motion of J. A. Lakness it was decided that an effort be made to show the Oregon Public Service commission in co-operation with the State Chamber of Commerce there is a market for Malheur county hay west of the Cascades. This followed the report of Geo. K. Aiken of the results of a meeting with the Public Service Commissioners at Salem last week. At this meeting Commissioner Corey told Mr. Aiken, W. F. Homan, and Mr. Northrop, that if it were shown that a market does exist for the hay of this region that they could be assured that the railroad would grant a rate at which the hay could be moved.

W. J. Pinney urged that unless modifications of the hay quarantine were made that low rates would not move the crop. He urged that further efforts be made to secure a modification, at least to permit the shipment of hay to regions where no alfalfa is raised.

E. C. Van Petten told of the efforts made by the club and the Farm Bureau to have the restrictions removed, and finally the motion prevailed to have Mr. Aiken cooperate with Representative Gallagher in an attempt to secure a restriction.

President Jones brought up the question of adverse parcels post rates and urged that the transportation committee investigate what action could be taken. This was discussed at length and an investigation will be made.

Preceding the meeting a dinner was served by the women of the Congregational Church which was very much enjoyed.

Marion county has introduced a bill in the house in which it provides for the exemption of taxation of property in the value of \$1,000 for veterans of various wars, or their widows remaining unmarried. This exemption extends to honorable discharged union soldiers or sailors of the Mexican war, the war of the rebellion or the Indian wars of the state of Oregon, or the widow remaining unmarried of such soldier or sailor.

## NIGHT MARSHAL NABS BURGLARS RED HANDED

Prowler Breaks and Runs But Fleet-footed Marshal Captures Him After Spectacular Chase—Shot Halts Him

After a spectacular chase in the alley back of the Ontario Meat & Grocery company, thru the Boston Cafe and across Oregon street, Night Marshal J. H. Gordon captured a burglar whom he caught in the warehouse of the Ontario Meat and Grocery company at 9 o'clock last night.

The chase however did not end until Marshal Gordon fired his revolver in the air and scared the fugitive into submission to arrest. At the City Hall this morning the man gave his name as Charles Ballinger, address, no place in particular. He will be arraigned this afternoon before Police Judge C. M. Stearns, charged with burglary.

Marshal Gordon caught the man when on making his rounds of the alleys he noticed that the padlock on the warehouse was broken and investigated its cause, and walked in on the burglar, who broke and ran, but not fast enough for the officer.

## Society

Girls Club Entertained

The Girls Friendly Club held a successful party at the home of Mrs. E. M. Greig, Tuesday evening. Thirty-six members were present and took part in the different games, after meeting the Smiles Family at the door and receiving a hearty welcome.

One of the features of the evening was the writing of farewell notes to Miss Wilson by each girl present. The notes were bound in an attractive manner and presented to Miss Wilson who leaves Monday to take a position in School Garden work in Seattle.

Miss Wilson was also given a miscellaneous shower by the girls.

The next meeting will be Tuesday February first at the High School at 7:30 o'clock. Final plans are to be made then in regard to forming the Ukele Club.

Williams-Cline

Olga Cline and Millard M. Williams were married January 15th at Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Williams is a sister of Mrs. John Brosnan of Ontario, and is well known here, having attended the Ontario schools a few years ago.

The wedding was a quiet one owing to the recent death of Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Emily Jane Cline.

Allstrom-Tague

Miss Josephine E. Tague of Brogan, Oregon, and Evan C. Allstrom of Huntington, Oregon, were united in marriage, Tuesday evening of this week at the Methodist parsonage. The ring service was used and Rev. W. J. Luscombe performed the ceremony.

Miss Callin's music pupils will give a recital at the S. D. Dorman home Friday.

The Silver Tea given by the Ontario Woman's Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. C. Van Petten.

The Monday Bridge Club met with Mrs. O. M. Castleman this week.

The Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club met this week with Mrs. Frank Rader.

The Imperial Club meets Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Drane.

## LEGION SMOKER IS SUCCESS FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW

Fifty members of Ontario Post No. 67 American Legion attended the smoker given at the Oregon Club last Monday evening. Starting boxing bouts between H. M. Brown and Elmer Leavitt, J. H. Gordon and W. O. C. Sullivan and a wrestling match between S. J. Millikin and Dwight Pierce entertained the gathering. Big eats and lots of smokes made the evening one of the biggest in the Post's history. Four new members were added to the rolls.

## PNEUMONIA CLAIMS TWO LITTLE GIRLS AFTER SHORT ILLNESSES

Mildred Lillian daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCarty who lives west of Ontario, died at Holy Rosary Hospital Wednesday, of typhoid followed by pneumonia. Age six years and three months. Services will be held at the Catholic Church, Rev. P. J. Stack officiating.

Nora Ruth Froman, daughter of Frank Mansford Froman died at Holy Rosary Hospital this morning, of pneumonia. Age eight months. Services will be held at the Catholic Church Sunday, January 30, at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment in Catholic Cemetery. Father Stack will officiate.

Judge Will R. King returned the first of the week from Portland and Chicago where he had been on legal business and went to Vale to look after the interests of his clients in the Willow creek irrigation litigation. He returned from Vale Tuesday.

## LOCAL FARM BUREAUS ARE RE-ORGANIZING

Cairo Bureau Adopts New Plan For Year's Work—Executive Committee Named—Oregon Slope Meets Saturday

At Cairo Grange Hall last Thursday the Cairo Farm Bureau at an all day session completed its re-organization for the year's work. At noon a dinner was served and with a large attendance present the meeting was deemed one of the most successful yet held by the Bureau.

The program of work outlined by the committee selected for the purpose was adopted and an executive committee consisting of G. W. Dean, John Keegan and I. E. Oakes was named to select the chairmen for the various projects and given power to direct their work.

Oregon Slope To Meet

The meeting for the re-organization of the Oregon Slope Bureau will be held at the Park School on Saturday and plans are being perfected there for a rousing meeting.

## LOCAL PERSONALS

J. H. Anderson is down from Drewsey visiting his family.

Marcella Dearborn who has been quite ill is now improving.

Wm. Walker's mother of Payette visited him last week.

Mrs. Jeanette Evans returned from Emmett Monday.

E. M. Greig returned from Twin Falls this morning.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cohlek Wednesday, Jan 26, weighing 9 pounds.

F. L. Osborn of Spokane is in Ontario this week. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn will leave soon for Spokane.

Mrs. C. K. Avery of Chicago was a guest of Mrs. Barry at Moore Hotel between trains Wednesday.

Mrs. Rena Bills is here from Portland visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kennedy of Brogan are in Ontario, bringing their little daughter who is under the doctor's care.

The Congregational Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. James Diven Wednesday afternoon February 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pinney were in Boise from Sunday until Tuesday. Len Richardson of Crane is in Ontario for a few days.

H. C. Seymour, State Leader will be in Ontario for a conference with Miss Marie Wilson the latter part of the week.

R. M. Perry returned Sunday from Garden City Kansas where he was called by the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. Henry Griffin has returned from her trip to Seattle and Tacoma where she represented the local Red Cross Chapter at the Red Cross convention.

Mrs. Nell O. Bedford left Sunday for Portland. She will visit the main millinery wholesale houses of the coast while away in order to study the new styles for spring.

Mrs. M. E. Osborne's grandchildren of Twin Falls are very ill with typhoid fever. Eighty children of Twin Falls are ill with typhoid which it is reported is caused by the infection of the milk supply.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brecount and Helen and Mrs. H. Cready left this morning for Boise for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Chenault of La Grande visited the latter part of the week with their son E. P. Chenault and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Joyce went to Baker yesterday, Mr. Joyce being one of the candidates initiated into the mysteries of the Shriners at the mysteries of the Scottish Rite Masonry at Baker last evening.

J. M. Weaver is here from Bonita visiting with his son, J. R. Weaver who recently returned from Alaska where he was employed in the railroad construction work as bookkeeper. He is here on a visit and will return to Alaska.

## EASTERN OREGON LAND CO AGENT RESIGNS POSITION

W. W. Cryder who has been local agent for the Eastern Oregon Land Company for the past three months has resigned his position effective February 1. As yet no successor has been named and the office is in charge of Field Superintendent Geo. E. Pollock.

## BALTIC ALFALFA BEST

Baltic alfalfa has been the best producer at the Harje brand experiment station, either on dry or irrigation tracts, both forage and seed. The six year average in rows 1.1 tons per acre, 4.4 tons under irrigation.

## MALHEUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU ARRANGES FOR FARMERS' WEEK

ARMY OFFICER TO DRILL LOCAL CADET COMPANY

The organization of the R. O. T. C. unit at the High School has now been completed. Major Wall, the commandant of the R. O. T. C. unit at the Boise High School will have charge of the supervision of our unit until the War Department is able to assign us an officer on full time. Major Wall or one of his assistants will be in Ontario each Friday to direct our unit. Two shipments of supplies have been received from the Department and the 100 new rifles are expected right away. A new rifle in case is being built for the rifles at the High School building. Major Wall in cooperation with Principal S. M. Boucher will install at once a complete system of army records for checking attendance at drill and for handling all army supplies furnished the unit. 104 boys are now enrolled in this department.

## HORTICULTURISTS MEET TO PLAN CO-OPERATIVE ACTION

A. A. Reed of Brogan, chairman of the Malheur County Farm Bureau's horticultural committee called his committeemen together here last Thursday for the consideration of the proposal to unite with the Idaho Fruit Growers for the marketing of the crops of this region. The committee adopted a resolution expressing the desire for such co-operation. Those who attended the meeting were: Mr. Reed and A. A. Doubrava of Brogan, C. C. Hunt of Nyssa, Geo. W. Lattig and P. M. Boals of Oregon Slope, A. R. Alben, A. Gramse, and E. B. Conklin of Ontario; J. L. Ingard and Fred Alstrand of Fruitland. Mr. Boals and Mr. Reed were instructed to attend the meeting of the Idaho Growers at Boise this week.

## PYTHIAN SISTERS INSTALL

The Pythian Sisters installed the following officers Wednesday, January 26: E. C. Ethel Maxon; P. C. Winifred Poorman; E. S. Ella Brittingham; E. J. Mrs. Claude Brittingham; Manager, Lillian Zimmerman; M. R. of C., Hannah Millikan; M. of F., Callie Atherton; O. G., Eve Poorman; P. T., Maria McGregor; C. R., Winifred Poorman. After the installation refreshments were served.

Homer Maddux visited in Payette Wednesday.

C. R. Emison returned Monday from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Petten visitors Monday.

Wm. Miller has been appointed postmaster at Bonita, Oregon.

Dr. Jack Taylor of Boise was visiting with his brother, Col. S. P. Taylor and family in Ontario this week.

Mrs. Arthur Holland and small son returned from Weiser Wednesday after a few days visit with her sister.

Mrs. H. C. Boyer who has been sojourning in California for the past two months returned home this week greatly improved in health.

Martin Moore who has been in the U. S. Army for the past year returned to Ontario this week. During most of his absence Mr. Moore was stationed in New Jersey.

E. W. Howland returned Friday from a three weeks visit at Milwaukee, Wis. where he was called by the illness of his mother. Mrs. Howland visited in Boise during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rasmussen were visiting in Portland this week. They will return to Baker today where Mr. Rasmussen will take the Shriners degree tonight.

E. L. Hayes, formerly railway postal clerk on the Ontario-Croton train and later transferred to the main line run between Pocatello and Baker, has recently been assigned to the Salt Lake-Rutte division.

## OFFER MADE OF BLOCK FOR PARK TO BE CONSIDERED

W. E. Lees, owner of the block west of the High School has offered the property to the Commercial Club or City for \$1,900. The property is valued at several times that sum, and the Commercial Club members on learning of Mr. Lees offer as reported by Secretary Doolittle directed that efforts be made to effect the purchase. President Jones urged that the block west of the Grade School also be secured so that four squares could be used as a unite for park, play ground or other public purpose.

EXPERTS FROM OREGON AND IDAHO TO ADDRESS RANCHERS ON PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF FARMING.

## POULTRY SHOW SAME WEEK

Alfalfa Raising; Stock Raising, Dairy Ing, Marketing, Horticulture and Poultry Specialists Coming—Entertainment Furnished by Commercial Club.

From Monday February 7 to Saturday February 12 Ontario will be the mecca for the ranchers of the county who will be in attendance at the lectures of the short course in Farming and marketing arranged for by the Malheur County Farm Bureau. With the co-operation of the Commercial club which is assisting in the entertainment features it is planned to make the week the most profitable ever planned for the farmers of the county.

## Hold Poultry Show too.

Beside the lectures of the farm experts there will be held during the last three days of the week the annual show of the Ontario Poultry association. This exposition of the feathered aristocrats of the county will be held in the Boyer building at the corner of Oregon street and third avenue S. W. Liberal premiums will be awarded the winners.

## Many Experts Coming

The Farm Bureau in arranging for the course has sought and secured some of the best known men in agricultural lines in both Oregon and Idaho. The lecturers are coming from Oregon Agricultural College; from the state experiment stations; from the big marketing bureaus; and from the various U. S. departments handling the problems of alfalfa rancher, the stockman, the dairy man, the horticulturist and the poultryman.

Every number on the program which is given below will be worth while, as can be seen by a brief review of the speakers on the various days:

On Monday the big number will be the report of the horticultural committee of the Farm Bureau on the project of co-operating with Idaho Growers in the marketing of the fruit of the county.

On Tuesday one of the leading lecturers will be that on the growing of clover seed in this section. Wednesday's program will be of especial interest to the stockman for on that day Robert Withycombe of the State Experiment station at Union will discuss the "Fattening of Cattle and Sheep."

On Thursday E. B. Pitts, dairy specialist of O. A. C. will discuss the dairy cow and its place in agriculture, and J. D. Mickle, assistant manager of the Oregon Dairyman's League will discuss the marketing of Dairy Products.

On Friday the entire scope of co-operative marketing, the big movement among the farmers of America will be discussed by Prof. Hector Macpherson of O. A. C. and other experts.

On Saturday the feathered flocks will command attention with specialists to discuss every feature of the poultry industry.

The Commercial club under the direction of President R. W. Jones and Secretary W. H. Doolittle is planning a number of features including, perhaps, a luncheon and dinner to the visitors and other events, details of which will be given next week.

## SILVER TEA OF WOMAN'S CLUB ATTRACTS NEARLY 100 WOMEN

With the largest attendance recorded in years the annual Silver Tea of the Ontario Woman's Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of the club's president, Mrs. E. C. Van Petten. Nearly one hundred women gathered during the afternoon and the guests were received in the beautifully decorated parlors of the new home. Spring foliage sent from the coast, cut flowers and potted plants were effectively used. Mrs. Elizabeth Rowles and Mrs. O. M. Castleman presided at the tables while vocal solos sung by Mrs. E. W. Bills, of Portland; Mrs. H. L. Peterson, Mrs. P. P. Ryan and Miss Catherine Conway added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon. Misses Ruth Homan, Margaret Blackaby, Theresa Young and Alice Dorman served. As the result of the afternoon's entertainment the scholarship fund was increased by almost \$40.

## FORMER ONTARIAN PASSES

Mrs. Emily Jane Cline of Portland a former resident of Ontario and well known in this vicinity passed away at her home in Portland January 25th.

Her immediate relatives are her daughters, Mrs. John Brosnan, of Ontario, Mrs. Beulah Root and Mrs. Olga Williams both of Portland.

Those from Ontario who attended the funeral were Mrs. John Brosnan, Mrs. T. J. Brosnan and daughter, Miss Ella Brosnan.