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RECLAMATION SERVICE JOINS IN EXAMINATION OF OWYHEE PROJECT

SENATOR MENARY WIRES P. J. GALLAGHER THAT DEPART. MENT IS READY TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR CO-OP-ERATION CONTRACT

ENGINEER EXPECTED HERE SOON

Work Undertaken as Result of Bill Passed by Legislature Appropriating \$5,000 for Re-Examination of Project by U. S. Government.

Engineers for the United States **Reclamation Service will re-axamine** the Owyhee Project and may be ex-pected in the field in the near future.

This information was received in a telegram from Senator Charles L. McNary by P. J. Gallagher at whose-instance a bill was passed by the legislation appropriating \$5,000 for co-operation with the federal depart- Vale. ment in this work.

Senator McNary indicated that the department had sent a contract to the Secretary of State for his signa-ture, but representative Gallagher does not believe that even this for-mality is necessary in view of the provisions of his bill which places the appropriation at the disposal of the reclamation department for its expenditure.

The message received also stated that the engineer assigned to make the report on the project would be detailed immediately and therefore

Mr. Gallagher believes that he will arrive her in a few days. Just what the outcome of this ex-amination will be is of course unknown, but with the previous favor-able reports and the reductions that have been noted in construction work it is the belief of those who have followed the course of the project that it is in a favorable posttion for action.

Recent press dispatches have reported that the new administration contemplates forwarding the reclamation of arid and swamp lands as rapidly as possible. In a conference with President Harding while he was in Florida, Senator McNary outlined the legislation which his committee in the Senate proposed to introduce at an early date and secured his en-

PLAIN JAG AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION START TROUBLE

D. P. Dearborn inaugurated his temporary occupancy of the position of Police Judge in the absence of Judge C. M. Stearns, by hearing two booze cases. The first appearance hefore his honor was Amos Roethler, charged with accumulating an excess package of intoxicating liquor, contrary to the 18th amendment, the state and city ordinances made and provided for such contingencies. Amos drew a plaster

of 30 simoleans which he paid. Next came one Don Wonacot who was pinched in a local rooming house and caught with an entire pint of alcohol, also an abridgement of the 18th amendment, the Vol-

stead and other statutes. Don has created some disturbance prior his capture so he was handed a \$ fine, which failing to pay he is world ing out at Lee Noe's academy



Degress Conferred by Patette, Nyssa and Ontario Masters-This Month Marks Twenty-Third Anniversary-Banquet Served.

More than 200 members of Mason ic order gathered at the lodge hall of Acacia Lodge No. 118 Å. F. & A. M. to participate in the initiation of four candidates into the M. M. de-gree last Thursday evening. It was the largest gathering of the order ever staged in Malheur county, and one of the largest ever held in the Snake river valley.

Included in the host of members present were more than 100 visit-ors from Washoe Lodge No. 28 of Payette, Idaho, 20 members of Nyssa lodge and five from Vale lodge, to-gether with some fifteen or twenty from other lodges in Oregon and Idaho.

at an early date and secured his en-dorsement. The principal measure urged by Senator McNary is that em-bodied in the Smith-Fletcher bill which failed to pass in the House at the last session after having been passed in the Senate. When this bill becomes a law, as it is confidently believed it will the government will take bonds of jrri-gation districts as security and is-see severnment bonds with which

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION GIVES ORDER FOR COMPLETION OF HIGHWAY

At Portland Wednesday the State Highway Commission issued a blanket order to the Engineering department to advertise for construction all of the Old Oregon Trail to Ontario as soon as a section was ready for construction. This means that work will probably be started on all of the sections not yet under contract, on that the entire road will be finished this fall.

The above information was received in detail in the issue of Wednesday's Oregonian which gave in detail the state-nient of the meeting at which the order was given.

"This order means that the road North will be completed this year," said Judge E. H. Test, who was very much elated at the announcement. Other Ontario good roads enthusiasis were equally jubilant. "This is the best news we have had in years," said H. L. Peterson, chairman of the Commercial Club's good road committee. This sentiment was repeated many times by business men on the street.

With this assurance on the part of the commission it is probable that by fall there will be a good gravel or paved road all the way from Ontario to Portland, Astoria and other coast points.

GENEROUS OFFER MADE NOCAL LEGION BOYS FOR LIBRARY BENEFIT \TO STAGE BIG SHOW

J. R. Blackaby Offers To Pay Half Of Cost of Improving Basement of Carnegie Library If Other Half is Subscribed

J. R. Blackaby, president of the Ontario National Bank has made an offer to the Library Board to subscribe half the fund needed for the improvement of the basement of the Carnegie Library. The offer has been accepted and the board plans in the near future to open subscriptions for the other half.

Mr. Biackaby's offer was made contingent upon the subscription of the balance and therefore the board will appreciate the co-operation of other public spirited citizens who are invited to come forward with offers of assistance.

The basement of the library which is a large room was not finished when the building was erected and is now needed for the growing patronage of the institution. The room when completed will prove a most convenient meeting place for public gatherings, and will be open for use of the people of the county just as is the library in all its branches.

The library board has not completed its plans for securing the remainder of the fund but announcement will be made of these at an early date.

"The Fumbles of 1920" Extravaganza, Musical Comedy and Minstrels Combined in El-VALIDATE WARRANTS Outstanding Warrants Embarrass

has signed contracts with the Wal-lace Hillman Producing Co. to stage their famous "Home Talent" show— "The Fumbles of 1929" at the Majestic Theatre in Ontario at an early date.

This Company have for the past two years been devoting its time to the production of shows for the benefit of the Legions thru out the country, and have given great satis-faction where ever they have shown. They come to Ontario with the recommendations of over a humposts of the American Legion. a hundred

"The Fumbles" was produced in Caldwell, Idaho last week and the local people who saw it are loud in their praise.

The producers carry with them a stock of over 700 costumes which are conceded to be the most beauti-ful shown in the west, also their scenery, which is on par with the scenery generally carried by the better class of road attractions. There are three directors with the company each taking part in the show, Rodney W. Hilliam who for years was producing musical comedy acts over the Pantages circuit, is the director of the dancing. He is assisted by Miss

Goldie Sorennen who also does some wonderful dancing in the show. Sgt. Danny Wallace—who is known by most of the overseas boys for the shows he produced in France after the war and who was with the tank is manager of the company rects the book. With three and directs the book. such people at the head of the play the people of Ontario are assured the best home talent show that ever

ARBITRATORS AGREED UPON FOR ADJUDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

MEANEST AUTO THIEF SHOWS HIS COLORS ON BOULEVARD

Somewhere out on the Boulevard is the meanest auto thief on record. so far as Malheur county is concerned. This auto thief of thirty third degree meanest demonstrated his calibre last Wednesday night when he striped the Dr. A. G. Moore car of all its movable parts, stole the doctors veterinary case and nearly all his instrucments.

To be stalled in the mud unable to reach the Hickox ranch to which he had been called, and to have to hike the balance of the way was bad enough for the Doctor, but to hike back again in the early morning to find tires, tools, colls and batteries of the car gone, and his surgical instruments too was rubbing it in pretty hard, the doctor believes.

ELECTION CALLED TO

Bonds to Replace Them

WILL PLACE VALUE ON LAND First Section of Old Oregon Trail Section of Columbia Highway To Be Let At April Meeting-Bal-

ance Ready For May Meeting, Probably

A. M. JOHNSTON TO REPRESENT

LAND OWNERS; E. M. GREIG

APPOINTED TO REPRESENT

COUNTY; C. C. HUNT SE-

LECTED THIRD MEMBER

Final stops toward securing the right-of-way for the Columbia River Highway will be taken this week.

A. M. Johnson of Dead Ox Flat, who was named by the land owners through whose property the road will run; E. M. Greig of this city who was named by the county court; and C. C. Hunt of Nyssa who was agreed to by the other arbitrators, will appraise the values. damages and benefits which will result from the building of the highway across the lands of property owners.

Mr. Greig and Mr. Johnston at a meeting Sunday afternoon selected Mr. Hunt and together the appraisers will start tomorrow to view the various parcels of land involved.

This action was taken as the result of a notification received by the county court from the state highway commission last Friday asking that the county funds, and the rightbonds. The indebtedness of the city of-way deeds be sent forward so that the cantract can be let at the April meeting.

County Judge E. H. Test went to Portland Sunday evening to appear before the Highway Commission at its meeting Tuesday and to assure that body that the details requested would be cared for immediately.

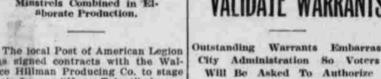
Repeats Request For Work

Beside the Old Oregon Trail matter considered with the Commission Judge Test repeated the previous request for co-operation in the construction of the Vale to Burrel section of the Central Oregon Highway and told the commission that the county had the funds available for

Judge Test reports that the seson is in the

sented by delegations asking for im-

mediate construction of roads. Con-



Ontario has a warrant indebtedness of \$38,000 which the voters will be asked at a special election to be held March 22 to transform into will not be changed in any manner,

but the form of the indebtedness will, that is all that the matter amounts to.

An ordinance authorizing the election was ordered at the regular meeting of the city council held last Monday evening at the city hall.

Clean-up Ordinance Considered The council also had before it a drastic ordinance prohibiting the keeping of stock of any kind within an area not set forth, but which was to have been named.

While all of the councilmen were in favor of the purpose of the ordinance as read they deemed too drastic for immediate application and co-operation. moved to make it a special order of

usiness at an adjourned meeting

however must first be passed upon by the department. An examination of the Owyhee project at this time. therefore will place it in a position for early approval under the new plan, it is believed.

LECTURER TO TELL WHAT WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC IS

At the Methodist church next Monday evening, N. W. Phelps State Superintendent of the World's Purity Federation will deliver a lecture on "The White Slave Traffic. Feeling the importance of this work churches of the city have decided to make the meeting a union gathering of all their congregations.

L. R. Breithaupt is confined to his home with an attack of the "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Oakes spont Tuesday and Wednesday in Brogan Mrs. G. B. Smith and daughter arrived Tuesday from Nenana, Alaska to visit her brother and sister, Mr and Mrs. D. W. Powers.

A. R. McDonald, salesman for the Ford Garage who has spent the past work here.

Dr. Roberts in the dental office.

What is Ontario to do About **Getting Irrigation Water**

It is about time that the people act, and not walt, as they did last of Ontario begin thinking about the year until several who signed au problem of irrigating their lawns agreement for a number of lots dethis summer, says Mayor W. H. Doo- clined to take any. little.

"This is a matter in which the city government is not directly interested, but something must be done," but if the people want that kind of Rex Marquis. said the Mayor prior to his depart- service they should be getting the ure for Tacoma Wednesday.

gravity water it is time for them to carry water."

sue government bonds with which to finance projects. The projects however must first be passed upon feed them would delay the work. wont home for dinner and returned to see the initiatory work

> First Master Confers Degree After Paul Walker, Master of the Washoe Lodge conferred the firs two degrees, assisted by the Washow first degree team, A. L. Hall, master of the Nyssa Lodge conferred the third. and Cassius H. Brown, the first Master of Acacia Lodge conferred the last degree.

Four of the charter members of Acacia Lodg, were present at the gathering last Thursday to recall the historic gathering at which the order historic gathering at which the order was established in Ontario twenty-three years ago. The twelve charter members who were: C. H. Brown, G. L. King, C. W. Mallett, E. H. Test, J. J. Cortright, H. W. Clement, William Miller, Geo. W. Blanton, William A. Sisson, Jas. Farley, J. J. Thomason, and B. L. Milligan. Of these all are still living, and seven still live in Ontario or vicinity. The four charter members present at the four charter members present at the gathering inst Thursday night were: Judge Brown, Judge Test, C. W. Mallett and H. W. Clement.

The members of the lodge plan on the regular meeting of the lodge on Thursday March 23 to take note of the fact that on that very date Acacia Lodge will be 23 years old.

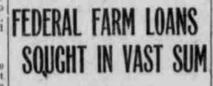
few weeks at the home of his par-ents in Hontain Home returned to Ontario this week and is again at fidently believed that with the ap-

"As a matter of fact the gravity

water users come into direct compe-

tition with the city water system,

sued. plications now pending 1921 will Miss Merle Bingham is assisting the past 23. In fact will more than double several years put together.



Ontario Farm Loan Association Has Pending Many Loans - Banchers Take Note of Resumption-May Be Months Before Loans are Made

Ranchers in Malheur county have taken note of the fact that the Farm Loan act has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court and have already begun making application from the Ontario Farm ary Loan association for funds.

According to advices received by W. F. Homan, secretary of the local association, from the Federal Loan Bank at Spokane, it will be some time before loans will be made. The delay is occasioned by the fact that it will be necessary to float an issue of federal farm loan bonds to finance additional loans. Also a new set of application blanks will be used and these have not yet been is-

When the farm loan bank ceased cently purchased. Games were ento make loans pending the determinatto of the validty of the act there ments were served. Those present were applications passed upon in this section totaling \$100,000. Mr. F. Chenault, Wm. Miller, Chas Fish-Homan is of the opinion that there the farm loan bank \$250,000 for Embody and Ruby Hapes.

Malheur county farmers. The officers of the local associa-

tion are: G. W. Dean, president; A. Gramse, vice president; Han Oft, Ira Tacoma, Seattle and other coast Dail and John Keegan, directors. points. The appraisal board consists of C. T. Lackey, Charles Thompson and

Judge Geo. E. Davis of Vale was matter arranged for soon so that the

to attend circuit court.

played in the city. "The Fumbles" is in three acts, the book is written by Danny Wallace with special music by Rodney Hillam. The first act is a musical satire "DeLaBoheim" rich with music and comedy. The second act music and comedy. The second a is the minstrels which is always hit. The third act is "Cupid's Isle" a musical comedy with scenes in the south sea island. It is said to be a

acream from the start. The local legion boys who are planning on promoting movements

for the betterment of Ontario will need assistance in presenting this production and are asking for vol-unteers to assist in this effort. The unteers to assist in this effort. members of the auxiliary are co-op erating with the legion in putting on the show. Members of the auxili-ary will chaperon at the rehearsals and these have been so arranged Members of the auxili-

that they will not conflict with school work.

Farewell and Welcome Party Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hinton gave a surprise party Wednesday evening March 9th for Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Chenault and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Chenault are

leaving this week for La Grande where they will make their home Mr. and Mrs. Miller are moving to the Chenault place which they r e-

joyed, after which delicious refreshwere: Mesdames W. W. Hinton, E.

er, Mesara. Paul Fisher, Rand and is in sight right now ready for ac- Billy Miller, Billy Hanes, Misses Altion enough business to demand of vina Miller, Elma Hanes, Torvilla

> Mayor W. H. Doolittle left last evening on a business trip to Portland,

H. D. Jenne returned Tuesday from a two weeks business trip to Portland.

north of the pavement on Illinois G. L. King.

was the most active in the past year. which is to be held next Monday Every county of the state was repreevening.

Property Owners Appear

H. O. Boyer appeared before the city council to again ask that steps be taken to remedy the troubles which cause water to lodge in the pasements of the downtown business section. The committee which has been investigating conditions asked that further time be given it before reporting.

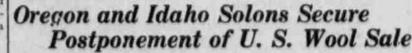
The council received an offer for the painting of the water tower fo \$250, with all materials furnished Last year a similar offer was made for two coats at \$900. The matter was taken under advisement.

Compel Connections

Water Superintendent V. W Chambers reported that on the west side of the tracks there are 30 houses which have noth sewer and water service adjacent to the property which have not connected. The council ordered that they be notified to connect before May 1.

Several petitions were presented asking for sidewalks and graveling and these were made special orders the matter but it has long been enfor the adjourned meeting. The tertained by members of both water committee was also requested churches informally. To bring about to consider the matter of caring for such a result several preliminary the car furnished by the water sup- steps will be necessary and ar-

erintendent it having been called to rangments made with the boards of the attention of the council by the churches. However these are Councilman Udick that the present details which it is believed can be allowance was inadequate. arranged.



According to press dispatches This sale was to have been held tofrom Washington D. C. Senator R day.

N. Stanfield of Oregon and Senator Frank L. Gooding of Idaho celebrated their entrance into the upper

Ground is being broken just "If the property owners want ditches can be put into condition to here yesterday on his way to Baker street for a new bunzalow for Judge pounds of U. S. Government wool this time, just when the 1921 clip which has been stored at Boston. is ready to be placed on the market.

The Western Senators, both of whom are well known sheepmen demonstrated to Secretary Weeks the house of Congress by securing from injury that would have resulted to Secretary of War Weeks a postpone- the already embarrassed sheepmen ment of the sale of 10,000,000 if the government sold its wool at

tracts for more than a million dollars worth of work was let. **TWO LOCAL CHURCHES** MAY BE CONSOLIDATED

> Members of Congregational and United Presbyterian Bodies To Meet Tomorrow Night To Discuss Proposals

> For the purpose of considering what might be done to consolidate the congregations of the United Presbyterian and the Congregational churches of this city a meeting will be held tomorrow evening at the Congregational church

No definite step has been taken in

