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OWYHEE PROJECT WILL BE EXAMINED AT ONCE

Senator Charles McNary Wires That Director of Reclamation Service Has Ordered Engineering Department To Act

Senator Charles McNary advised P. J. Gallagher by wire Tuesday that Director Davis of the Reclamation Service had issued an order to Chief Engineer Weymouth to assign at once an engineer to make a re-examination of the Owyhee Project. With this definite assurance on the part of the director those who are interested in the promotion of the project believe that an engineer will be on the field in the course of a week or ten days to start work. The examination scheduled at this time is in co-operation with the State of Oregon in accordance with the measure which Mr. Gallagher secured at the last session of the legislature.

RAILROADS GETTING BACK TO PRE-WAR DAY BARGAINS

Another sign of the return of the return of the railroads to pre-war days was noted this week when the Union Pacific System announced through its local agent here, H. O. Drane, the establishment of Home-seekers rates. As in days gone by these rates apply on the first and third Tuesday of each month from Omaha, Kansas City and other river cities to the west, and northwest to Ontario from these points the round trip rate is \$58.12 plus the war tax of \$4.65. As yet, however, no East bound tourist rates have been announced.

SHEEP DOG GOES MAD AND BITES HERDER AT SHEEP CAMP

Animal Killed Immediately and Pasture Treatment Will Be Given Victim—Other Arcadia News Items

One of the sheep dogs at the Dupre sheep camp went mad and bit one of the men on the hand Saturday. The dog was killed at once and sent to Boise. Dr. Sarasin of Nyssa telegraphed to Philadelphia Saturday night for treatment for the man as he did not wish to take any chances.

J. C. Hunt the sheepman is in Boise taking treatment for blood poisoning in his leg. It was reported at camp that it might be necessary to amputate his leg.

Mrs. Jake Zittercohm who has been suffering with rheumatism all winter has gone to Caldwell to be treated by electric appliances. Her daughter Mrs. Ruben Sours is keeping house for the family while she is gone.

Mrs. Chester Lackey who has been suffering with ear trouble for the past three weeks is very much improved.

A large crowd of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thorn Friday night and gave them a regular old fashioned surprise party. The ladies all brought something good to eat and an enjoyable evening was spent by both young and old.

After Sunday school next Sunday there will be an all day singing and basket picnic at the school house.

Mr. Matheny sold his hay to Wilson Bros. of Nyssa at \$5.00 per ton. Rev. Shields of Nyssa filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon. His talk was highly appreciated by all. Mrs. Shields accompanied him.

Friends from Ontario were visiting at Messrs. Wolfe and Quintley's on the Thomas Claggett ranch Sunday evening.

Old friends from Caldwell were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thorn at their home on Long Street Sunday.

Rev. Shields and wife took dinner with Mr. Matheny and family Sunday.

Master Bobby Hamaker of Nyssa took dinner with Philip Barrett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lackey, wife and little daughter spent the week end with relatives in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and little son of Smithville, Utah, who have been visiting Mrs. Jensen's sister Mrs. Jim Benall, will make their home here indefinitely. They like the country fine and have had their furniture shipped over here from Smithville.

The roads have all been dug in this vicinity and are now in fine condition.

The materials have all been brought out from town to build a new south porch to the house on the Thomas Claggett ranch. Messrs. Wolfe and Quintley who live on the ranch have started a nice lawn and built gravel walks to the out-buildings. Last fall one of the best potato pits in the community was sited on the place. They expect to build on the place. They expect to stay with the spud business indefinitely.

Mr. Beckman and wife are here from Lewiston, Idaho. Mr. Beckman is looking for a location to go into business and will probably locate here.

H. L. Chapman and wife returned Sunday from a visit to relatives and friends in Boise.

BUSINESS BETTER HERE THAN EASTERN IDAHO SAYS A. J. HALL

A. J. Hall of Boise, insurance adjuster for this territory, who is well known to many Ontarians through his visits here to adjust losses caused by fire and other causes, was in the city on Wednesday. Unlike the business in which most men are engaged, that of Mr. Hall's is booming, for times of depression are generally accompanied by fire losses. As the result, Mr. Hall declared that he had never been busier than in the past month, especially in Southeastern Idaho. "The people up this way have no reason to complain, as compared with those of portions of Southern and Southeastern Idaho," said Mr. Hall. "For the wheat farmers here have been badly hit."

SOIL EXPERIMENTS TO BE MADE BY EXPERTS

Assistant Professor Johnson of O. A. C. To Test Possibilities of Reclaiming Alkalied Lands

Wm. W. Johnston, assistant Prof. W. L. Powers of the Department of Soils at the Oregon Agricultural College arrived the first of the week to take up experimental work on the Warm Springs project in connection with drainage and alkali removal experiments which have been arranged for through a cooperative arrangement between local people who are interested in the matter and the Department of Soils. It is also intended that a set of fertilizer and crop rotation experiments should be started which will determine the value of such practices on the better types of irrigated soils. Farm Bureau committee men on Soil Improvement and Irrigation have been especially active in bringing this matter to the front.

Mr. Johnston is an experienced man in this line of work having been with the Soils department several years during which time he has served as irrigation assistant at the Burns Experiment Station, and has been in charge of similar experimental work in Klamath Falls and at Medford during recent years.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Clement were Ontario visitors the last of the week. They came down from their present home in Baker to look after their local interests and expressed the hope that a return of mail service on the Ontario to Crane branch would be made so that they could again make Ontario their home.

O. E. Carman of Vale was an Ontario visitor last Saturday.

John Vines, son of Frank Vines, County Commissioner, spent Saturday and Sunday in Ontario. Mr. Vines who is developing a big ranch on the bench east of Vale was an aviator for the U. S. A. during the recent unpleasantness.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kennedy and their little daughter were down from Brogan Saturday, remaining over until Sunday. The stockmen about Brogan are pleased with the prospects of good range says, Mr. Kennedy, while everyone will be delighted when the Vale to Jamieson section of the John Day Highway is completed.

T. T. Kohout, manager of the Blackaby Commercial Company at Jordan Valley was an Ontario visitor on Saturday, to visit with his daughter Katherine. While not equaling the 1920 record, business in Jordan Valley is encouraging, says Mr. Kohout's observation.

Henry Withworth who greets travelers to Weiser from his desk at the Washington Hotel spent Saturday afternoon in Ontario looking after his local interests accumulated during years of residence here.

Otto Blackaby who writes "Homedale, Idaho" when he registers away from home, came to Ontario for the week end to visit his father J. R. Blackaby.

J. G. Magenheimer, president of the Molins Farms Company of Chicago, owners of the Willow River farms came to Ontario Saturday to consult with Ivan E. Oakes his local representative. From here he went to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dixon of Portland were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson, their relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were enroute for Rival, Colorado where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Elmo Pearson of Weiser was the guest, last Thursday, of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rader.

Mrs. D. C. Anderburg visited at Huntington Friday.

Chelsey Boyer was in Huntington on business Friday.

J. F. Rasmussen is building a residence on property just west of Segunes garage.

FARM BUREAU WAGING WAR AGAINST PESTS

All Over County Work Being Done To Destroy Rodents Whose Annual Board Bill Runs Into Thousands of Dollars

The Farm Bureau by use of a revolving fund made available by the County Court has been carrying on a battle against the various kinds of pests which annoy the farmers of this section. This work has been going on for over a year and several thousand dollars worth of poison has been sold at cost to the farmers. As a result it is safe to say that innumerable rodents have been destroyed, because for every dollar spent for poison, scores of rodents are supplied with the deadly bait. The saving in crops must amount to tens of thousands of dollars.

In carrying this work forward, the Bureau has been cooperating with a number of committeemen and merchants who have kindly volunteered their services in distributing the supplies. This makes it possible to have the supplies within reach of most of the farmers in the county. A list of these supply stations follows. Farmers should apply for poison at these places where it is the purpose of the Bureau to always have supplies on hand so far as possible to anticipate the demands. Special requests are also given attention for pests which are not commonly bothersome.

Ontario, Farm Bureau Office; Vale, Boise Payette Lumber Company; Nyssa, Nyssa Trading Company; Jordan Valley, Geo. Parks; Jamieson, J. L. Pope; Brogan, J. L. Hamstreet; Bonita, W. M. Miller; Malheur, Chas. Morfitt; Ironside, Ernest Lacey; Oregon Slope, Otto Meili; Riverdale, C. H. Spicer; Adrian, Holley Bros.; Rome, W. F. Stine.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURISTS TO STAGE "COUNTY FAIR"

The students of the Vocational Agriculture class are planning to hold a fair with all the usual attractions on Friday, April 29. Committees are working on the attractions and they promise to be of a very high class nature. Included in the list are the minstrels, follies and a number of smaller shows. In addition to these there will be the educational exhibit of the class. In this will be shown the work of the students and the students will be there to explain the principles of the exhibit of which they are in charge. A street parade, consisting of floats of the various shows and activities of the class, will be held in the morning of the fair. The proceeds of the fair are to be used to defray the expenses of the stock-judging team to Union, Oregon in June.

STOCK JUDGES TO COMPETE

The class of Vocational Agriculture is working hard on the subject of stock judging. Soon practically all the work of the class will be done in the field and it is then that the class will be chosen to represent the school in competition with the other Oregon Smith Hughes High Schools. The contest will be held at Union, Oregon, some time in June. The prospects for a successful team are good. Scholarships to colleges will be offered as prizes. There will also be a loving cup to the team making the highest score and it is the hope of the class that the cup can be brought here to decorate the Agriculture rooms. The expenses of the trip will be defrayed by the Farmers Fair which is to be held by the Agriculture Club.

TO GIVE PARENTS DINNER

On Friday evening April 8th at 6 o'clock the parents of the members of the class and a few friends will be the guests of the Agricultural Club at a dinner. The object of the dinner is to bring about a closer union between the parents and the work of the Department. After dinner speeches will be made by some of the parents and friends and also by some of the members of the class in Agriculture. It is possible that the State Director of the Smith Hughes Vocational Agriculture, E. E. Elliot, of Salem, will attend.

PREPARING SPRING PROGRAMS

The High School band and orchestra are rehearsing commencement music. The orchestra will play for the May Fete and the commencement exercises. The band is planning on holding an open air concert during commencement week as they did last year. This year a more pretentious program will be offered. These concerts will mark the final appearance for many students as members of the High School music organizations as the number of seniors in both organizations is large. In the band Newton Zahler, James Purcell, Donovan Poorman, Wynne Luscombe, Herbert Luscombe, Carroll Lacey are seniors. Mabel Madden and James Purcell are the senior members of the orchestra. Pictures of both organizations will be taken soon.

AGGIES ELECT OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the Vocational Agricultural Class the following officers of the Agricultural Club were elected; President, Wynne Luscombe; Vice President, James McCreech; Secretary-treasurer, Gilbert Dean. The managing board for the Farmers Fair was also appointed by

FINAL REHEARSALS ARE ON FOR LEGION SHOW

"Fumbles of 1920" Equal to Road Show, With Its Handsome Costumes and Settings Declare Critics—Local Talent Excellent

Each night at the old Boyer stand in Oregon Street the air is flavored with the melody of dancing feet as the fifty young people are slowly rounding into professional shape for the big Legion show "The Fumbles of 1920", to be staged at the Majestic Theatre Monday and Tuesday nights March 25 and 29th. The directors are well pleased with the manner in which the caste has responded and with the talent they have discovered. "You may say for me," said Danny Wallace today, "that Ontario has every right to be proud of the talent displayed in both the singing and dancing. Rarely have I seen a cast learn so quickly and dance with more grace and the people of Ontario are due for a great surprise when they see this show."

"The Fumbles of 1920" is a different style of the home talent, it should be called a professional show with a local cast, as the directors carry a stock of 700 costumes that have been greatly praised in other cities as being the most beautiful seen in the west.

Among the local people who have prominent parts are Mrs. Herschel Brown, Mrs. Lela Oxman, Miss Maurine Jones, Jack Sidaway, Herschel Brown, Jack Weaver, Jack Gordon and many others who have given their talent with a chorus of 40 girls and boys.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Miss Beulah Schumaker of Midvale, Idaho spent the week end with Helen Blom.

J. L. Keplinger of Amarilla, Texas has leased the Courtney ranch about eight miles west of Ontario. Mr. Keplinger was in the hotel business in Amarilla, but decided to locate near his son Charles Keplinger who has been farming in this vicinity for a year or two. He says he likes the country here but the irrigation system of farming is new to him.

Rev. Charles H. Blom was called to Midvale, Idaho, a former pastorate Friday to conduct the funeral of C. T. Reeves. Mrs. Blom accompanied him.

A son was born March 17th to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hickman who live on the Dorman ranch.

Dr. W. J. Weese was called to Weiser last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter of Pendleton, Oregon left for home Wednesday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norwood of Jamieson were shopping in Ontario Wednesday.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Zehner, March 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Roberts, Oklahoma friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Petten arrived here this week and are the guests of Mr. Van Petten while looking over this section for a business location. In Oklahoma for many years Mr. Roberts was a banker, and not an oil man, as the public generally pictures everyone from that section.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan went to Juntura last week for a short stay. Mrs. Ryan was one of the singers at the annual St. Patrick's day entertainment given by the Catholic Ladies of Juntura and remained over for a further visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Ryan returned Saturday.

Miss Ella Brozman of Vale spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Brozman.

Mrs. G. W. Holland entertained three of her girl friends from Weiser last week end. They were Misses Nell Rhodes, Frances Heritage and Zella Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kester of Vale were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Roberts and family Sunday.

P. J. Luscombe, brother of Rev. Wm. J. Luscombe, arrived in Ontario Thursday morning on his return from England after spending the winter in his native country.

C. C. Defrees is building a new home in Villa Park addition. Mrs. Ina DeFoe and little daughter Theresa Mae spent Tuesday with her cousin Mrs. Frank Williams of Weiser.

WHITMAN GLEE CLUB WILL BE HERE FOR CONCERT SOON

The Whitman College Glee club will entertain Ontario music lovers next Thursday evening at the High School auditorium under the auspices of the Junior class. The programs which have been received indicate a most delightful entertainment.

The class as follows: Manager, Wynne Luscombe; Assistant Manager, Herbert Luscombe; Treasurer, Gilbert Dean. These officers appointed the following committees for the fair. Side Shows, Wendell Thayer; Parade, Robt. Linzy; Grounds, Orville Brooks; Music, Joe Messee; Outside Attractions, Thos. Amidon; Publicity, James McCreech and Harry Neace; Construction, Guy Seacy and Holla Reider; Minstrel, Gilbert Dean. The club plans to encourage tryouts for the stock judging teams and also to promote interest in the class on the part of the parents and the townspeople.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BAZAAR TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER IS MADE

The Catholic Ladies of Ontario are planning to hold the most elaborate Bazaar ever attempted by them, this fall, and already have formulated their plans, even to the point of naming the date. The Bazaar will be held on October 13, 14 and 15.

Beside the usual Bazaar features there will be musical entertainments and an opening address will be made by some well known speaker. If all of the articles offered are not sold during the regular sale, an auction will be held on the closing day.

ARABIC NOBLES ARE HOSTS AT BIG PARTY

Initial Gathering of New Organization Attracts Desert Wanderers From Many Valley Points—Decorations Pleasing

In one of the most elaborately appointed functions given in Ontario in many years, the Malheur County Shrine Club made its initial bow, last evening at the Oregon Club rooms.

The hall was transformed into a bower of oriental beauty, the effect heightened by a liberal use of the Shrine colors, red, gold and green, together with four large paintings of mystic desert scenes, wherein the sphinx, the pyramids, the camel and the oasis were prominently shown. All these under the subdued lights created the proper atmosphere for the gathering. About the walls hung the scimitar and crescent of the order, while the stars and stripes were prominent everywhere.

In one end of the hall handsome rugs, easy chairs, piano lamps etc. transformed that section into parlor for cards, while the remainder of the room was open for dancing. Forty couples from Ontario, Vale, Nyssa and Payette enjoyed the evening in cards and dancing followed by a lunch served at Fifers. The committee in charge of the initial gathering was: L. Adam, D. W. Powers, G. Luehrs, Dr. E. S. Fortner and Harry Spieth. Among those who came down from Vale were: Dr. and Mrs. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Spieth, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Means, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Young.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Harry B. Cockrum was a Portland visitor last week.

Homer Maddux made a trip to Nampa and Boise on Monday.

George Vanderpool formerly of Ontario and long a rancher near Vale was in town on Tuesday on business.

Paul Seligman left last Friday for Crane and Burns to be absent for several days. While in the interior he will do some special photography for the citizens of that region who sent for him.

I. E. Oakes went to Brogan and Jamieson Tuesday on business.

Mrs. P. J. Gallagher and son Thomas returned Monday from a short visit in Juntura.

Mrs. Lucy Fox who has been visiting her sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Greig, left Tuesday for her home in Busley, Iowa.

Mrs. G. B. Smith and son George who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Powers left Sunday for Winnemucca, Nevada on an extended stay before returning to their home in Alaska.

R. L. Campbell, of the Bannock Motor Sales company of Boise was in Ontario Wednesday looking for an agent to represent his company in this territory.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Stanbrough who have been for several months at Bucoda, Washington returned to Ontario this week and will again make their home here.

Mrs. E. G. Calvert of Payette was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. A. M. Ward.

Charlie Fong, who for years kept the New Cafe left Ontario last week expecting to sail for China on the 19th of March.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marshall of Voltage, Oregon were guests several days the last of the week with Mrs. Marshall's sister Mrs. L. M. Seaward. Mr. Marshall is the postmaster and also keeps a hotel and general store at Voltage. He is much interested in the Blitzen irrigation project in that vicinity.

Mrs. W. W. Looney from Kingman Colony was shopping in Ontario, Tuesday.

C. P. Skidow is building a three room addition to his residence on Morfitt St.

Ben Rutherford is driving a new Ford light delivery car.

Mrs. Ella Pratt of Weiser came Sunday for a few days visit with her daughter Mrs. Walter Cobick.

Manley Brizendine, former proprietor of the Weiser Hotel which he recently sold to C. J. Brown, was in Ontario on business this week.

The members of the Masonic fraternity who are Knight Templars will attend Easter services at Payette Sunday after which they will be entertained at dinner by the Weiser Commandry.

Code Butler returned to Boise from Los Angeles Tuesday on business for the Goodyear Tire Company with whom he is employed. Mrs. Butler went to Boise Tuesday afternoon for a few days.

FUNDING OF WARRANTS APPROVED BY VOTERS

Light Vote Cast But Only Nine Negative Recorder During Day—Generally Speaking Slight Interest Shown

Only nine negative votes were cast at the election Tuesday where-in voters approved the issuance of \$38,000 of general obligation bonds of the City of Ontario to fund the present warrant indebtedness.

The total vote was only 77 of which number 68 voted for the bonds, so it was manifest that little interest was taken in the proceedings which were recognized as merely extracting the City Council from an embarrassing situation.

Now the warrants of the City will be replaced by bonds and since the city council is limiting expenses within its anticipated revenue further difficulty will be avoided.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING POSTPONED TILL NEXT WEEK

Owing to the absence from the city of Secretary W. H. Doolittle the Commercial Club dinner which was scheduled for last night was postponed until next Wednesday night. At the meeting the question of keeping Ontario clean, the irrigation problem and many other important matters will be considered. Secretary Doolittle returned today and is preparing for the program which will be especially interesting.

OTHER COMMUNITIES TO SEE OREGON SLOPE PLAY GIVEN

First Performance Makes Hit With "Home Folks" Audience—Music Especially Good—News Notes From the Slope

The play, "Safety First", given at the Park school house Friday evening under the direction of the Dramatic Committee of the Ladies Club was a decided success in every way. Those who were unable to attend missed a rare treat. The music was excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. Welcher returned Wednesday from Northern Idaho. Mr. Welcher will farm the Ed Lauer place the coming year.

Mr. C. S. Graham, the new ditch-rider, for the coming season, has begun his work getting things in shape before the water is turned in. He is boarding with the Mason Clough family.

Mrs. Clifford Ayers from New Plymouth spent the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Skippon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brethaupt spent Sunday on the Slope.

Catherine Simpson had her tonsils removed Tuesday morning. Dr. Payne of Ontario and McDonald of Payette performed the operation. She has been suffering from rheumatic fever and it is hoped now that she will gain rapidly in health.

Miss Blanche Culp is able to be about the house again.

Mrs. Alice Simpson is a victim of the grippe this week.

Dr. Moon of Ontario gave an interesting talk at the Park school house last Sunday afternoon.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Bernice Chatfield in Payette last Friday. The Chatfield family formerly lived in this community and Bernice attended the Park school. Our sympathy goes out to the family at this time.

Mrs. C. G. Heslop and daughter Mrs. Tom Heslop will give an Easter Party Thursday evening entertaining thirty-six guests at 500. The event is in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Wilcox.

The Rev. Mowse family of Payette and Dr. Moon of Ontario were guests at the Felder home last Sunday.

Local talent players who gave the play "Safety First" at the Park school house last Friday evening will give the play in New Plymouth next Tuesday evening, March 29th. They expect also to arrange dates for other near-by towns soon. Watch for the hills announcing same.

Tom Heslop bought and shipped twenty dozen hens last Saturday to a Portland firm, the price paid being 25c per live weight.

FARMERS DISCUSS PROPOSAL MADE BY BEET SUGAR COMPANY

The farmers in the vicinity of Cairo met on Monday at the Grange Hall to listen to a representative of the Amalgamated Sugar Company who explained various points about the production of Sugar beets and the contracts which the company is making with growers. At the close of the meeting several persons indicated that they were ready to grow beets provided sufficient acreage could be signed up. The company want a minimum of 300 acres within hauling distance of one loading station before it is willing to provide the loading facilities. If there is sufficient interest in the matter, Mr. Armour, the representative of the company said he would spend a little time here interviewing those who wished to grow beets on their farms where he could inspect the land before closing contracts.