

## REFERENDUM OF FIVE STATE MEASURES NEAR

VOTER TO PASS UPON TRIO OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON JUNE 7; TWO LEGISLATIVE BILLS ALSO UP

## BONUS PLAN IS INCLUDED

Other Propositions Include Change In Session Periods and Pay and Extension of Veto Right

Telegram Salem Bureau SALEM, Or., April 28—(Special)—Five state-wide measures, three of them proposed amendments to the state constitution, and four municipal measures, will go before the voters of Oregon for their approval or rejection of the special election of Tuesday, June 7. All were referred by the 1921 legislature.

The legislative act fixing the date for the election provided that only these measures should be voted on at that time. For any county or other municipality to submit any other measure on the same date, an additional special election would have to be called.

The state-wide measures to be voted are:

Constitutional amendment lengthening the duration of the state legislature and increasing the pay of members.

Constitutional amendment creating a world-war veterans' state aid fund.

Extend Veto Right

Constitutional amendment enabling the governor to veto the emergency clause on legislative measures.

Hygienic marriage examination and license bill.

Measure qualifying women to sit as jurors.

The measure lengthening the duration of the state legislature amends section 29 of article 4 of the constitution.

It increases the length of the session from forty to sixty days; increases the pay of members from \$3 to \$5 a day, both for regular and special sessions; places a limit on the period within which bills may be introduced, with the exception of appropriation and defense measures; places the president of the senate and the speaker of the house on the same pay as other members, eliminating the present provision that they "shall receive an additional compensation equal to two-thirds of their per diem allowance as members."

No change is proposed in the limit of duration placed on special sessions or on the mileage allowance of members.

Bonus Plan Up

The purpose of the World War Veterans' state aid fund amendment is, to quote the title, "To issue bonds not to exceed 3 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in the state to raise money to be loaned in amounts of not more than \$4000 or paid as a bonus of \$15 for each month of active service, but not exceeding \$500, to each honorably discharged resident of Oregon who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918; to levy an additional annual tax of 2 mills to pay principal and interest of such bonds; and ratifying correlative legislative enactments."

The "correlative enactments" mentioned refers to an act passed by the 1921 legislature providing that each qualified veteran of the world war may borrow from the state up to \$2000, or may receive a cash bonus of \$15 a month for the time he was in service, but not to exceed \$500. This act would be ineffective for lack of funds should the proposed constitutional amendment fail to pass. While the constitutional amendment authorizes loans in amounts up to \$4000, the act passed by the legislature fixes the maximum loan at \$2000, therefore \$3000 would be the largest amount a veteran could borrow.

Veterans taking loans pay the state 4 per cent interest. The affirmative argument in the voters' pamphlet offers this information about loans:

Payment Provided

"The loan must be made upon real estate security and shall not exceed 75 per cent of the appraised value of the real estate. The real estate need not necessarily belong to soldier, but may be owned by his wife, father or mother, child, brother or sister. The borrower must repay the loan in installments of 6 per cent per annum. Of this 4 per cent on the unpaid principal

## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS TO BE IN MALHEUR COUNTY SOON

As the Argus goes to press a message was received from Secretary Mencham of the Baker Commercial Club that the Highway Commissioners are in Grant county today and will remain there until Saturday when they reach Baker. Baker plans on entertaining them for three days and from Baker they will come to Ontario, and later will view the roads of the county. Until definite word is received from the commissioners the local Commercial Club is making tentative plans for a proper reception for the officials when they reach this city.

## NATION FACING REAL AGRICULTURAL CRISIS

President George Mansfield, Of The State Farm Bureau Addresses Ranchers and Business Men Wednesday Night

"Railroad rates must be reduced at once, or we will have to rewrite the entire commercial geography of the United States" was the message which Herbert Hoover gave the representatives of the National Farm Bureau at their Washington conference, said President George A. Mansfield president of the Oregon Farm Bureau in his address at the Commercial Club rooms last night to a crowd of business men and ranchers which comfortable filled the hall.

"American agriculture is facing a real crisis," declared the speaker, "and the big men of the cabinet and of the business world realize it. If the farmers have to go through another year such as we are experiencing at present they are ruined, and the country is ruined with them. The manner in which the products of foreign markets are flooding the country has ruined the stockman, the wheat farmer and all the allied industries.

"So long as Argentine wheat can be shipped by boat to New York for 10 cents per bushel and it costs the Middle Western rancher 30 cents and the far western rancher 35 cents to get a bushel of wheat to New York American farmers cannot compete and we will transfer the wheat growing of the world to Argentine and ruin the American farmer. The same is true of the stock business.

"What the west must do, and what the entire nation must do is to get its feet on the ground and start building prosperity for its own people.

"Three things must be done now, and the Farm Bureau Federation is trying to accomplish them. They are: readjust marketing problems, financing the farmer, reduce railroad rates and get a tariff that will protect agriculture as well as manufacturing."

Mr. Mansfield told the audience the methods of the Farm Bureau and how it operates conservatively to solve the vexing problems of the day. The farm bureau is built upon the plans prepared by the national government whose most potent agent is the County Agents over the country who bring to the farmer the experience and knowledge gathered by the experts in all marketing and productive lines.

Mr. Mansfield will deliver a series of lectures throughout the county before continuing on his way to his home in Medford.

## AL CHANCE IS GIVEN STIFF SENTENCE FOR DEFALCATION

In the parlance of police courts, Judge Biggs, "threw the books" at Al Chance when he sentenced him at Vale last Thursday to do a 15 year jolt at the state penitentiary. Sheriff Noe left Friday afternoon with Chance for Salem. According to the evidence introduced to the judge, for Chance pled guilty to forgery without trial, the prisoner had during his management of the local Boise Payette lumber yard embezzled between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

A. L. Cockrum, E. W. Howland and E. M. Greig left Wednesday for Halley, Idaho to view the work being done on the War Dance Mine in which they are interested.

## IDAHO POWER MANAGER SAYS NO INCREASE UP

Manager Orr of Idaho Power Company Declares No Increase in Irrigation Rates Pending at Present Time—Seeks Explanation

Manager Orr of the Idaho Power Company for this district called upon the Argus last Friday for an explanation of the story which appeared in the issue of April 14 relative to power rates in which the statement was contained that the company was seeking an increase in its present rates.

According to Mr. Orr the company has no rate rise application pending but is merely complying with the commission's order to have a complete inventory of its property ready for examination by the commission that the value of the plant can be fixed.

"At the present time," said Mr. Orr, "the rates in the district are not uniform. In some of the cities the minimum is only 70 cents per month, in others, as in Ontario, it is \$1.00. Either the 70 cent rate is too low or the \$1.00 is too high, and the company wants an adjustment on these inequalities. There are also a number of other rates which have been in effect under old contracts of companies which the Idaho Power Company took over, which unequal with the rates in effect in other sections and the company no doubt will ask that these rates be adjusted uniformly throughout the territory."

When the Argus called attention to the fact that the present rates were made effective by the commission as temporary rates were pending the filing of the inventory valuation, and that the irrigation power users and others interpreted the request for a rehearing as to valuation as in effect re-instating the original application for increased rates, which in some cases amounted to almost 60 per cent, Mr. Orr, declared that this interpretation was unjustified by the facts, and cited the advertised statement which appeared over the company's signature in this paper.

If the Argus was in error in its interpretation of the company's purpose, and the company does not intend to ask for a rise in power rates, no one is more pleased than the Argus, and is glad to hand this information along to its readers.

## PONZI SHOULD HAVE HEARD ABOUT ONTARIO FOX FARM

If Ponzi had heard of the profits which the owners of Ontario's fox farm expect to make out of their venture he never would have gone into his "foreign exchange" scheme.

Why H. F. Cready and Don Carlos Anderberg have it all doped out that they will just "clean" oodles of money on the pelts of the foxes they are to raise on the ranch they have leased from T. H. Moore on the hill just west of the fair grounds. They have one pair of fox there now and have three more pair which they paid \$500 for coming from Minnesota. They have a summer range for their pets near Lakeport and next year expect to begin gathering their harvest.

## CLUB LEADER WORK ENDORSED BY PARENTS

County Unit of Taxation for Schools Urged—Better Motion Pictures Wanted—Want Physical Tests Made—Elect Officers

The meeting of the County Council of the Parent-Teacher Association of Malheur County at Nyssa, April 30th, was one of the largest and most successful meetings ever held since the organization of the Council. There were representatives from nearly all of the local Parent-Teacher Associations, delegates coming from as far as Brogan.

At the close of the meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the extension work of the Oregon Agricultural Colleges, as carried on in Malheur County through a County Agricultural Agent and through a County Club Leader, serves the best interests of the County and should be continued.
2. That Congress should pass the Smith-Townner Bill, which provides for a national secretary of education.
3. That medical and physical tests be provided for in the schools of the county.
4. That every school should carry on Junior Red Cross work.
5. That Malheur County should

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## BASE BALL SEASON TO OPEN HERE SUNDAY

Many Players Trying For Local Team—Season Tickets Being Sold and Interesting Schedule Will Be Played

The base ball season so far as the Ontario league team is concerned, opens here Sunday afternoon when the locals meet Emmett at the Fair Grounds. Last Sunday the boys played a practice game with Fruitland at Fruitland and won by a narrow margin.

Manager Clemo has a large aggregation to pick from and many players are trying for places, among them being the following: pitchers, Moore, Wells, Newbill; catchers, Macomb, Long, Wells, Hickey and Pierce; first base, Boucher and Blondell; second base Husted, Chapman, Hutchinson and Test; third base, Test and Boucher; fielders Gramse, Hamann, Moore, Wells and Sullivan.

The committee which is selling season tickets has had a favorable response so far but additional season tickets must be sold to insure a good start for the season.

## LIBRARY BENEFIT DANCE TO BE HELD AT OPERA HOUSE

The Library Benefit dance which the members of the Ontario Girl's Club are giving to secure funds to meet the contingent offer made by J. R. Blackaby to donate half the sum necessary to improve the basement of the library has been transferred from the Wilson hall to the Opera House for tomorrow evening. The young women who have had the ticket sale in hand have made a general canvass of the city and are meeting with a generous response and have arranged a program, including aesthetic dances and other features, which assures everyone who goes a mighty good time.

## GOVERNOR ISSUES APPEAL FOR SALVATION ARMY FUND

Chairman J. A. Lakness of the local committee in charge of the Salvation Army drive received the following message by wire Monday from Governor Ben W. Olcott:

"In passing through what appears to be one of the most critical periods of readjustment there has fallen to the lot of the Salvation Army perhaps the greatest responsibility in the history of that organization. It has never ceased to serve where service was needed. It is an active, efficient organization working continually for suffering humanity. The Salvation Army commands our respect and deserves our financial support. I therefore desire to make the most earnest appeal to the people of our state to exert themselves to the utmost on behalf of the home service fund appeal for this year."

BEN W. OLCOTT, Governor

## LITE HOWARD PIONEER OF COUNTY DIES IN PORTLAND

Wellknown Character Of Years Gone By Dies In 80th Year—Lived at Drewsey and in Ontario Before Going to Coast

Word was received in Ontario this week of the death of Lite Howard a wellknown citizen of Malheur county years ago. His death occurred on April 23 at his apartment in Portland. At the time of his death Mr. Howard was 79 years 2 months and 26 days old, and he is survived by his son Frank of Portland and two daughters, Mrs. Maud Fish of Santa Rosa, California and Mrs. Shirley Tonfinelli of Alameda, California. George Gilham of this city is a grand nephew of the deceased.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Portland and interment was made in the Mt. Scott cemetery of that city.

Mr. Howard came to Malheur county in the early days and settled first in the Drewsey section where he spent many years as a rancher and stockman. Later he came to Ontario and went into business here until he retired some seven years ago and went to California where he resided for several years, later

## PLANNING EXCURSION TO SEE WARMSPRINGS DAM

"A miniature Niagara" is the descriptive phrase used by those who have seen the great volume of water flowing over the Warmsprings dam which is at present described as one of the greatest sights to be seen in Eastern Oregon. Since so many people of the lower valley have never seen the dam, President R.W. Jones of the Commercial Club has started effort to run an excursion from Ontario to Riverside on Sunday, May 15. Complete details of the excursion will be given next week in the Argus.

## RECLAMATION SERVICE MAKES NEW CONTRACT

Will Proceed With Survey With Funds Furnished By State and Federal Government Until Same Is Exhausted Before Asking Local Aid

As the result of the activity of the committee from the Commercial Club, and the directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District, the officials of the U. S. Reclamation Service have tendered the state a new contract.

Under the terms of the revised document the people within the district will not be called upon to meet the appropriation of the State and Federal government unless they become exhausted in making the resurvey. It is the belief of those who are familiar with the details of the situation that the work can be done with the funds now available.

Under the terms of the first contract sent to the local committee the Federal government department asked the directors of the Owyhee district to match the funds of the State and Federal government and the State of Oregon; that is that each of the three put into the fund \$5,000.

Attorney P. J. Gallagher representing the district, who secured the State's appropriation of that amount and who arranged while in Washington for the appropriation of the Federal Service took up the matter with Engineer Bond of the Reclamation Service together with a committee consisting of President R. W. Jones, Secretary W. H. Doolittle and H. L. Peterson, representing the Commercial Club and Directors, J. J. Sarasin and T. W. Claggett, of the district at Boise last Friday. They explained to Mr. Bond the situation in which the district finds itself and the general financial condition of the community and urged that the officials proceed with the State and Federal funds and then, if it is found that additional funds are needed, the district will make the effort with the communities adjacent thereto, to complete the quota. Mr. Bond took this matter up with Chief Engineer Weymouth at Denver and secured his consent to the change in the contract. The amended contract has therefore been sent to Governor Olcott for his signature.

To in part take up the difference in cost and to do everything possible the local committee has already secured maps of all the irrigation systems within the proposed big district and also assembled a mass of other data which the reclamation officials did not know were in existence, thus materially simplifying the work that is necessary for a completed report.

The committee which went to Boise last Friday is highly gratified at the work accomplished. Two draughtmen are already at work preparing maps and field men will soon be on the job checking up surveys so that the report will be made at the earliest possible moment. In the meantime the friendly suit which has been started to determine the validity of the district's organization will be tried and carried forward to the supreme court for final determination, and any other preliminary work will be cleared away for the final steps looking toward government approval following the anticipated favorable report of the engineers.

Last Thursday evening a large number of the members of Arnor Lodge K of P of this city journeyed to Vale where with the Weiser Knights they were the guests of the Vale lodge at a notable ceremonial session followed by a banquet. The Weiser knights initiated 35 Ontario and Vale Knights in the mysteries of the Loyal Tribe of Goodfellowship.

With his son Frank he moved to Portland where he lived until his death.

While a resident of Ontario Mr. Howard took a great deal of interest in horse racing and other sports, he having owned R. S. a wellknown runner at county fairs in this section. Lite Howard a pony that has often been seen on the local track was named for him. Mr. Howard was well known to all the old timers of the county and had many friends all through this region.

## COUNCIL ACCEPTS BID TO JOIN IN RATE CASE

INVITATION OF BOISE CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETING TO CONSIDER UNITED ACTION—ACCEPTED—MARSHALS CHANGE SHIFTS

## FLOODING OF CITY TO STOP

Ranchers To Be Notified That Waste Water Must Be Disposed of Somewhere Beside In City—Consider Stopping Speed Demons and Tractor Operators

At the meeting of the City Council, in the council chambers at the City Hall, Monday evening the invitation extended by the Boise City Council for a meeting of representatives of all the cities and towns served by the Idaho Power Company with electric service was accepted and Mayor W. H. Doolittle, Councilmen Ivan E. Oakes and E. M. Greig were named to represent the city at the hearing.

According to the invitation and the letter which accompanied it, the Boise officials viewed the status of the rate litigation in the same light that the power users of the valley have. While the local officials have not been informed concerning the situation fully it was determined that the interests of the city would be conserved by uniting with the officials of the Idaho cities in any program that might be adopted looking toward a solution of the problem.

## Marshal's Shifted

Following the regular session the Council went into an executive session at which police matters were discussed at length with Marshals H. C. Farmer and J. H. Gordon. Just what transpired at the executive session was not made public; but an order was issued whereby the shifts of the two officials were reversed. Marshal Farmer takes the night shift and former Night Marshal Gordon goes on days. Under the provisions of the order, Marshal Farmer is the superior officer, however. The change was made under a temporary order, announced Mayor Doolittle. It is understood that the Mayor and Council informed the officers that a more drastic enforcement of city ordinances is desired.

## Ranchers Told To Stop

The council was told that the ranchers to the south and to the east of the city have begun the usual practice of wasting their water into ditches leading right into the city. It is this waste water that has annually flooded sections of the city and caused trouble through the business district as well as many of the resident sections. Joseph Schall and J. H. Seaward on the eastside and William and Edmund Butler and Robert Currier on the South side of the city were the ranchers named as the ones using waste ditches which cause the trouble. The City Recorder was instructed to notify the ranchers interested that the practice of wasting water into the city limits must be stopped immediately or legal action would be taken to secure an injunction.

On the request of R. H. Jenkins rescinded the order which revoked the Big Four pool hall's license for a card table. No action was taken on the request of J. H. Dillard that a license system be inaugurated governing electric wiring in the city.

Fire Chief Atherton, informed the Council of the selection of A. E. Rutherford as assistant chief of the department and asked confirmation of the same which was granted.

## VALLEY OIL AND GAS COMPANY WILL RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Valley Oil and Gas Co. of Ontario will be in position to receive stock subscriptions next Monday, May 9, and will renew the pledges made some time ago, as those pledges were made for a larger incorporation.

"When you are called upon to assist in developing the oil and gas resources of our vicinity," says W. F. Homan, one of the men interested in getting the new company underway, "remember that the company is officered and financed by home people and there will be no stock juggling, no promotion stock and the money paid for stock will be used for actual drilling and the expenses incident thereto. We can hardly conceive the value to Ontario and the neighboring towns that will result from the discovery of commercial gas or a very ordinary oil well."

The company will place its position fully before the local people in an advertisement in the next issue of this paper, and in the meantime any officer will impart information to the best of his ability to any inquirer.