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**THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS**

It is strange how inconsiderate some people are. Stranger still is the utter, brazen selfishness which men who should be bigger and broader manifest in their relation to doing the things necessary to be done if progress in public affairs is to be made.

Sometimes it is impossible to believe that men who are endowed with the power of thinking would have the audacity to expect of their fellow citizens what they would refuse to give themselves were they asked to do so. More utterly brazen and down right selfish is that one who expect voluntary effort on the part of unselfish men to do the work that is for the benefit of all and should come from the public through the regular taxpaying channels.

An example of this type of citizenship was given recently in a conversation with a man who absolutely agreed that the work of the Farm Bureau was a good thing and further declared that, "he was for it," that "we had to have it to secure many of the changes that must be brought about," and similarly by his own admissions gave approval to

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

DOCTOR J. C. WOODWARD, O C U L I S T, WOODWARD BUILDING, FAYETTE, IDAHO desires to announce that he will be at his office every afternoon for the purpose of FITTING GLASSES. Arrangements may be made for evening appointments. Eyes will be examined FREE OF CHARGE. Office equipment includes every modern instrument. FIT and SATISFACTION guaranteed.

the work that is being carried on in Malheur County, and in the same breath declared his opposition to the work of the County Agent.

When asked who would do the work that it was necessary to do to maintain an effective co-operation among the farmers, this man said: "Well there are plenty of fellows that would do it."

"Would you give a day of your time to this work," the man was asked.

"No I am too busy, but there are others that will do it. It will be done alright," was the rejoinder as The Argus was told of the conversation.

That is a pretty fair sample of the attitude of a lot of citizens on not only the Farm Bureau but the Commercial Club, the churches and all public bodies.

It is a case of "Let George do it."

Not only do those who are willing to give their time, their energy, their thought and their money to public work do more than their share, but they have practically all the time, to do more. They have to pay the share that the leaneers, the self, self-satisfied individuals ought to pay.

The unfairness of the attitude of many citizens is the cause of more stagnation than they realize. There are many movements that would be forwarded in Ontario if there were a spirit of co-operation manifested by men who ought to take an interest in public affairs, but the men, and they are a mighty few, who are doing the public work, have reached a point where patience is no longer a virtue. If the rich land owner can afford to wait, so too can the men who are doing the work and have their own business to care for.

Some day the people will awaken to the fact that the procession has passed. That they have ridden the willingness horses to death for the benefit of the balkers who never carried their share of the load. What is true of the city is true of the country about it.

If this entire country is not going to go back to range conditions it is time for the business men, the ranchers, everyone to bestir themselves to aid every effort to make the business of ranching profitable. There is no call for developing more land in this country, unless the land we have under development can be made a profitable investment. This is a problem which con-

cerns the owner of city property in Ontario as much as it does the ranchers of the county.

Neither the retail merchants of the city, the land owner from whom they rent, the automobile shop, nor anyone else here, can make any money, enjoy any real property or happiness with the ranchers going broke.

And, aside from the Farm Bureau and the work of the County Agent, we know of no agency that is actually at work trying to solve the farmer's problem. Whether it finds the solution or not is not the question. It is trying. It is working along scientific lines. It is not dominated by radicals. It is constructive. It deserves the support of the people until something better is found. And so far as the objectors are concerned, they have not, as yet, at least, come forward with a better plan.

**ROAD WORK NOT WANTED?**

Apparently the people of Malheur County have turned their backs upon constructive road work. They do not want to participate in the distribution of State Funds to which they contribute but are content to pay into the fund and let other countries take out the share that should come to this county.

That is the only conclusion that The Argus can reach from the responses that have been received from the ballot printed in last week's issue.

So far only a small number of ballots have been received but by a small majority they have been opposed to doing anything toward getting the road from Cairo west improved. Several of those who responded in favor of going after the \$100,000 of state funds, qualified their answer thus:

"Go after the money if it can be arranged that only residents of Malheur county can be employed on the work."

Others said Yes, go after the state funds, but do not issue anymore bonds. So few have been the returns that The Argus is convinced that the people don't care, whether anything is done or not. Even merchants whose very business is dependent upon the condition of the highways have not taken enough time to cast a ballot or indicate that they want anything done.

It looks like a hopeless case. But next winter, when the rains and snow make the road impassable, then we will hear of complainants, and people will come in and condemn everyone but themselves, for the condition in which the road will be.

**OREGON SLOPE**

The Club Ladies enjoyed a rare treat last Wednesday when they were entertained by Mrs. L. R. Breithaupt in Ontario for an all day meeting. A delicious two course buffet luncheon was served at noon to thirty-five guests. A splendid program of music and readings was arranged for the afternoon. Those taking part were Miss Randall, Miss Callin, Mrs. Breithaupt, Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. Oakes, Mrs. Arthur Miller, Mrs. C. A. Karst, Mrs. Harry Lattig and Mrs. Walter Davis. The readings by Mrs. Aiken were most excellent.

The Oregon Irrigation Securities Commission were over from Salem the last of the week going over the Slide Irrigation District relative to the certification of that District's bond issue.

Reva and Maxine Miller are ill this week.

Rev. Houser from Fayette preached at the Park School House Sunday. There were nearly fifty in attendance who enjoyed the service.

Geo. Culp accompanied by his Uncle, Mr. Connor, made a trip to the Culp homestead near Huntington last Thursday returning Saturday. George reports everything looking fine.

Mr. Graham the ditch-rider had a narrow escape last Thursday when his horse fell and caught one of Mr. Graham's legs bruising it very badly.

The lambing sheds and hay derick on what was formerly the Seawell ranch burned Sunday evening. The loss is considerable.

Jake Noble and family from Payette spent Sunday at the Rasmussen home on the Slope.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vincent were Sunday dinner guests at the Arthur Miller home.

Lloyd Culbertson was down from his ranch near Weiser Wednesday.

About twenty-five friends of Mary Raby gathered at the Holloway home last Friday evening and gave her a pleasant surprise, the occasion being her thirteenth birthday.

Mrs. C. A. Karst has two incubators and several turkey hens set with turkey eggs. One machine hatches this week and from all reports there will be turkeys enough for all our Thanksgiving dinners this fall.

The Haunts family spent the week end at Midvale.

Mrs. Armour and son Marvin from Caldwell spent Saturday at the Bernard Boals home in Payette and spent Sunday together with the Bernard Boals family at the P. M. Boals home on the Slope.

**Eight Helps for Housecleaning Time**

If some kind person should come into your house around spring housecleaning time, wash and pack away all the winter blankets; clean the motor rugs that show grease spots after the winter's use; take out the summer curtains, do them up as you would, beautifully finished; and wash your feather pillows to a

wonderful new fluffiness—wouldn't you be grateful?

Our modern laundry methods are at your service to relieve you of these and other details of spring housecleaning. Bundle up your curtains, pillows, rugs and other heavier pieces today and send them to us.



**Lace Curtains that Look Like New**

We wash your lace curtains in fleecy suds, and pure soft water. Our modern laundry methods enable us to return your curtains exactly their original size, with scallops even, and all beautifully finished.



**How about those heavy Rag and Woolen Rugs?**

Are you going to struggle with the washing of those heavy rag and woolen rugs this spring? We can launder them for you. Save yourself, and send them to us.



**Have your Blankets Washed before Storing**

Of course, you will want to have your blankets washed. Why not let us do this laborious work for you? Our way of laundering them saves the nap, and keeps them soft and fleecy.



**Eiderdown Quilts Laundered Expertly**

Our modern washing methods are ideal for your eiderdown quilts, which you will naturally want cleaned before storing. Here is another bit of heavy work that you will find it economical to have us do for you.



**Your Feather Pillows Made Light and Downy**

Feather pillows washed by our specialized methods are soft and downy after their bath in rich suds and drying in clean warm air currents. Put new life in your old pillows by having us wash them our laundry way.



**And those Motor Rugs?**

You can send your motor rugs to us also, to be washed free of the past season's grime and grease. We have special equipment for handling these extra weighty things.



**Dress Up Your Car in Fresh Covers**

This is the time for clean automobile covers. Before you place them on your car again for the season, send these cumbersome pieces to us to be freshly laundered.



**Let us wash Your Mops**

Everything else gets washed at housecleaning time, so don't forget that we wash heavy O'cedar and woolen mops. Bundle them up, and our driver will call.

Softened Water

Send it



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**OWYHEE NEWS NOTES**

Vicenti Mendiola is hauling his wool, both this and last years clips, by truck to Adrian from where it will be shipped east where it will go into storage. Mr. Mendiola receives 10c per lb. down, with the probability of receiving more later.

Miss Estelle Guerber, high school teacher, Miss Nell Carter, Seventh and eighth grade teacher, and Mr. and Mrs. Axtel Reed, of Brogan were guests at the C. E. Schweizer home Friday, over night attending the County Council at Nyssa, Saturday.

Mrs. Mendiola has as guests, her niece, Mrs. Euondo and two children of Boise.

Miss Verna Hite is very ill with an attack of pneumonia, being under a physicians care.

Mrs. Frank Friar's mother, Mrs. Beebe, of Dallas, is visiting with her now.

Mrs. Lu Grimes and children, Mr. P. J. Clawson and Mr. Eastman of Nampa, visited at the Bigelow home, Sunday.

Rev. Shields held his monthly church services at the Owyhee, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Baily and baby of Ontario were guests at the Howe home, Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Lowe, Mrs. F. Klingback, Mrs. Friar, Mrs. Beebe and Mrs. Chas. Scheizer attended the County Council, in Nyssa, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinkston, will make an extended visit at the Alvin McKinnis home.

The Basque at the Mendiola ranch, know as "Big Joe" returned from Boise Wednesday where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Chas. Bradley and family were guests at the Kygar home, Sunday.

The weekly prayer meeting for Friday evening, May 13, will be at the W. W. Smith home. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. A. C. Bradley was an over night guest at the Klingback home Friday.

The Bigelow family enjoyed a short fishing outing up the Snake river Saturday.

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One afternoon at the start of this season we went into our private office—locked the door and took account of things in general.

Said we to ourselves—"Young man, your thousands of customers are going to expect great things from you this season. These men know where the prices have dropped to and they are going to look to you to see what you are going to do about it."

We foresaw the demand for lower prices and greater values and then we simply put two and two together and resolved to meet your wishes in a way that will do us proud for years to come. That, people, is the reason for our values today. That, folks, is the reason why this store will be crowded all day tomorrow.

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