

SLIDE-HUNTINGTON SECTION WILL BE LET IN JUNE SAYS COMMISSION

MALHEUR COUNTY ENTERTAINS DISTINGUISHED OREGONIANS, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS JOHN B. YEON AND W. B. BARRATT; ALSO BAKER COUNTY MAN

R. A. BOOTH CALLED TO SALEM

Only Delay in Getting Engineering Data Will Delay Letting of Contract—Visitors Entertained at Vale and Huntington—See County Roads

"I have just asked Engineer Kelley when he will have the engineering data complete so the contract from the Slide to Huntington can be let, and he tells me that it will be ready for the June meeting," said Highway Commissioner John B. Yeon, at Huntington, in answer to the question which has been uppermost in the minds of the people of Eastern Malheur county for many months.

The highway commissioners declared that the road from Cairo to Nyssa is one of the best roads of its type in the state, and were highly pleased with the concrete road from Ontario to the bridge. They expressed themselves pleased too with the grade which W. C. Stone is building from Ontario north across Dead Ox Flat; and were emphatic in their approval of the canyon.

Improve Vale-Jamieson Road
Both Commissioners were disappointed at the condition of the Vale to Jamieson section of the John Day Highway. Mr. Barratt pronounced it a waste of money to put on only 8 feet of surface and said that later this must be improved to a full 16 foot road.

The commissioners party which included beside the two commissioners named above; Assistant Chief Engineer C. C. Kelley and Division Engineer R. H. Baldock together with the following Baker county men: Judge J. L. Dodson, ex-Judge William Dudy, W. E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce and W. C. Calder were met at Ironside Monday by the following delegation from Vale and Ontario: Judge E. H. Test, Commissioners F. M. Vines and G. W. Dean, J. R. Blackaby, E. C. Van Petten, P. J. Gallagher, George K. Aiken, of Ontario; Leo Schmidt, Julien Hurley, Lloyd Riches, and Messrs. Cole and McHugh of Vale and J. A. Kennedy of Brogan, and the drive was made to Vale for dinner which was served by the Vale Chamber of Commerce following a trip up the Central Oregon Highway to the Burrell ranch. In the evening the Commissioners with the Ontario delegation drove to this city where an informal conference was held between the State Commissioners and the County Court concerning co-operation in the construction of a highway from Ontario through the Malheur Valley. The State Commissioners asked the County Court to put its deferred payment plan in writing and present it at the next meeting to be held in Portland.

See All Oregon Route

On Tuesday the commissioners with the local delegation went to Nyssa and to the Snake River bridge here to view the highways and then left over the Old Oregon Trail to Huntington. This trip astonished, not the commissioners alone, but many of the local delegation, few of whom had hitherto made the trip over this, which was declared one of the most picturesque roads in all Oregon, a fitting companion to the Columbia River Highway. Beside the members of the local delegation who went to Ironside there were on this trip: Mayor W. H. Doolittle, Councilman E. M. Greig, E. W. Howland, J. F. Joyce and W. C. Stone.

At Huntington the entire party were the guests of the Huntington Commercial Club at a chicken dinner which was very much enjoyed. Short talks were made by Secretary Bubb of the Huntington Club, and by Commissioners Yeon and Barratt and by Judge Test.

Side Roads Must Wait
According to the Baker Herald

ABANDON EXCURSION PLANS TO WARMSPRINGS DAM SUNDAY

Owing to the fact that a special rate could not be secured on short notice the plans for an excursion to Riverside and then to the Warm Springs Dam, have been abandoned for the present. Interest in the excursion was general. The commercial club had a letter from Estes Morton of Harper asking that reservations be made for at least 30 passengers from that point, but since it was certain that it would cost at least \$12.50 per passenger for the round trip the officials of the Commercial club decided to abandon the undertaking at this time.

H. S. COURSES OPEN FOR POST GRADUATES

School Board Urges Those Who Cannot Attend College to Continue Education At Home—Credits Can Be Used In Future College Work

Plans for the Ontario High School for the year 1921-22 are already being made. Our enrollment is showing a gradual and healthy increase. Last year the total was 171; this year 192. Next year at least 215 are expected. We believe that the community's investment in our school plan should produce the largest returns possible not only for students who expect to graduate but also for those who have already graduated. There are quite a few young people in the community who do not expect to leave Ontario to do additional school work in a college or University, but who may be interested in doing further work in our own high school.

Our high school offers a total of 48 1/2 separate courses or units of work as follows:
English 4, History 3, Civics 1/2, Mathematics 3, Science 4 Latin 2, Manual Training 1, Domestic Art 2, Domestic Science 1, Military Drill 2, Typewriting 2, Shorthand 2, Bookkeeping 1, Com. Geography 1/2, Com. Law 1/2, Vocational Agriculture 8, Teacher Training 2, Band 2, Orchestra 2, Glee Club 2, Vocational Domestic Science 4, Total 48 1/2.

Since only 16 of these units are required for graduation, there are many studies which, even our graduates, have not completed. The attention of former graduates of the high school is called to the fact that they could attend high school several years, if they so desire, and take no course which they have already studied.

MALHEUR COUNTY PIONEER PASSES IN CALIFORNIA

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Alice Greer. The deceased passed away, April 27, 1921, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. V. Caldwell of Ontario, California, after a very short illness.

Mrs. Greer was the widow of R. D. Greer, who at one time was one of the owners of the Malheur Mercantile Store. She was a pioneer of Eastern Oregon and Idaho. The news of her death will bring sorrow to her many old time friends of Ontario and vicinity. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Villa Davis of McMinnville, Oregon and Mrs. H. V. Caldwell of Ontario, California and a sister in Southern California.

the commissioners told an audience of Good Roads enthusiasts at Baker Tuesday evening that, at present, the commission could not entertain propositions to complete side roads while the main highways were uncompleted.

START SUBSCRIPTION FOR DRILLING FUNDS

Valley Oil and Gas Company Has Completed Preliminary Organization and is Preparing To Enlist Subscribers To Initial Funds

At a meeting held in the city hall Tuesday evening the twelve cash subscribers to the Valley Oil and Gas Company discussed and settled subjects of importance to the company.

Equipment for drilling purposes was discussed and the committee composed of R. W. Swagler, H. H. Tunny and E. C. Van Petten made it clear to those present that drilling material is more plentiful than in the past and that the company will have little trouble in that direction when the time arrives to equip for action.

The form of subscription blank and the time of payments were the next important subject discussed and the meeting agreed on both points.

It was the intention of the company to begin advertising on a large scale to start things off but old man "Blue Sky Law" says not to advertise until half the capital stock has been subscribed, so that part of the evening's proceedings was hurriedly passed over.

E. C. Van Petten was replaced on the subscription or money-raising committee by C. F. Cox, and it is now the intention of the committee to start a real live campaign in that direction not later than Monday of next week.

"With good luck and a little help from all, the Valley Gas & Oil Company should begin drilling not later than the middle of June on one of its picked spots", says one of the men interested.

"It may be well to remember at this time that several have aided the work so far accomplished during the past year in a limited financial way, that a few have stood the brunt of the burden, that all interested so far have worked with the one idea in view, and that is to bring the Snake River Valley into its own by putting it on the map as an oil and gas field. And these same men, who live right here among you, feel confident of success in their undertaking if you will now join them and make it your venture as well as theirs."

ROLE OF PEACEMAKER PROVES VERY PAINFUL

John J. Joyce of Juntura In Hospital Suffering From Wounds Received When He Endeavored To Calm Enraged Man

John J. Joyce, veteran of world war and one of the well known members of the Joyce family who lives at Juntura is lying at the Holy Rosary Hospital fighting for his life as the result of his well-intended efforts to settle a quarrel at Juntura early Tuesday morning. The injured man has a wound in his stomach inflicted by a man named Ed Enright, who is being held at Vale pending the result of Joyce's injuries.

According to the story of the affair, which reached Ontario Enright became enraged when he was scuffling with a man named Conroy of Juntura at a dance and threatened to get a gun and kill Conroy. He left the dance to get the weapon and Joyce followed in an attempt to dissuade him and was himself suddenly attacked by Enright, who used a jack knife and cut Joyce in the pit of the stomach.

Dr. W. E. Hedges was called immediately and after giving the victim first aid brought him to Ontario Tuesday where an operation was performed. Late today Joyce was still living and hopes were entertained for his recovery, though the chances of such a fortunate result were deemed small.

Sheriff Lee Noe went to Juntura Tuesday to secure Enright and is holding him at Vale pending the outcome of Joyce's injuries.

E. W. Howland drove to Boise Sunday and was accompanied home by Mrs. Howland who has been quite ill in the Boise hospital.

RETRIAL OF ALBERS DEMANDED BY POST

Ontario Post No. 67 Unanimously Adopts Resolution Condemning Action of Solicitor General and Demands Action

By a unanimous vote the members of Ontario Post passed a resolution condemning the action of Solicitor General Frierson in connection with his action in the Albers case. The following is the resolution voicing the feelings of the members of the post, and of the community generally:

"WHEREAS, it has come to our notice that the Department of Justice of the United States has admitted error in trial of Henry Albers, alleged violator of the espionage act, and who is under conviction for said violation, and

"WHEREAS, this conviction has been confirmed by the Circuit Court of Appeals, and such action by the Department of Justice has prevented the United States Supreme Court from judicially passing upon this appeal, and

"WHEREAS, we feel that the Solicitor General has exceeded his authority, and has usurped the power of the Court, which action is, in our estimation, an insult to true American citizenship. Therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Ontario Post No. 67, of the American Legion, of Ontario, Oregon, that said action is condemned in the strongest terms, and a re-trial is demanded.

"A copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to all members of Congress from Oregon, to the Attorney General of the United States, to National and State Headquarters of the American Legion, to the local press and to that of Portland, Oregon, and to Hood River Post No. 22 for publication and advice as official action of the Ontario Post No. 67, of the American Legion."

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly read, presented and passed by a unanimous vote of the Members present at the regular monthly meeting of Ontario Post No. 67, American Legion, Ontario, Oregon, on the ninth day of May, 1921.

W. F. Escue, Post Adjutant.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK CHARTER IS RENEWED

Local Financial Institution Ends First Corporate Life and is Given New Start Following Most Rigid Examination

On May 9, following the most rigid examination provided by the comptroller of currency the First National bank of Ontario received its new charter. The original charter, which like all national bank charters had but 20 years duration, expired on that date and new charters are issued only upon a determination of the character of the bank seeking them.

In commemorating this event in the life of the bank its officers in a letter to its patrons called attention to the fact that the First National Bank of Ontario is the oldest National bank in Malheur, Harney, Lake, Deschutes or Grant Counties, and that when it was originally chartered and launched upon its career Ontario was but a little village.

Then, too, the bank was located in a frame shack, and Ontario had none of the evidences of prosperity which are now present everywhere. When the bank was founded Ontario had no water system, no electric lights, no telephones were here then nor was there a sewerage system in the city; while such a thing as a paved street was not dreamed of.

During the life-time of the bank Malheur county has shown wonderful growth and development. The bridges across Snake river at Ontario, Payette, Nyssa, Weiser and Big Bend have been built, the Ontario-Nyssa, the Payette-Oregon Slope, the Slide, the Crystal, the Joseph and the Warm Springs irrigation systems have been constructed as well

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LOCAL FANS ENJOY OPENING GAME OF SEASON FOR ONTARIO WINS

LOCAL BUSINESS MAN HAS UNIQUE RECORD IN LODGE

E. C. Van Petten has what is believed a unique record in Masonic work, which record was completed last Thursday night when as acting Master of Acacia lodge he conferred the M. M. degree upon his son Paul. Years ago, as Master of a lodge in Oklahoma he conferred this degree upon his father, and thus he can say, what few other men in America can, that he has conferred the degree both on his father and his son. At last Thursday's session H. C. Pinney also received the degree and a banquet was served to a gathering of nearly 50 members.

O. H. CLASS OF '21 TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Thirty Members Will Be Added To Alumni Role Of School At Exercises Friday Evening—Class Day Exercises Held Today

Thirty new members will be added to the alumni role of the Ontario High School tomorrow night when the class of 1921 receives its diplomas at the commencement exercises. The graduation of this class will mark the end of one of the most successful years in the history of the school. In keeping with the school year's record the class is one of the largest ever graduated.

The commencement address will be delivered by Professor Peterson of O. A. C. and the diplomas will be presented by W. W. Wood, president of the school board.

The commencement week activities opened Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon which was delivered by Rev. W. J. Luscombe of the Methodist church, at the Baptist church.

Today, (Thursday) was class day and the graduates and students, as well as many alumni and friends gathered to witness the interesting exercises included in the following program:

Music, Orchestra; President's Prelambation, Mabel Madden; Class Diagnosis, Wynne Luscombe; History—Class Voyage, Mattie Craig; Class Inventory, Catherine Neeb; Piano Solo, Zella McHaley; Class Prophecy, Mary Laekey; Trombone Solo, James Purcell; Class Poem, Hazel McCulloch; Class Declaration of Independence, Bessie Rutherford; Class Charge, Herbert Luscombe; Class Grouch, Carroll Locey; Music, Orchestra; Giffatory, Otto Phillabaum; Chorus, Senior Boys; Class Will, Jack Weaver; Class Song, Senior Class.

The members of the class who will receive diplomas at the exercises Friday night are:

Wm. Biggs, Hilda Brockon, Mattie Craig, Gilbert Dean, Gladys Franklin, Mildred Frost, Irving Harris, Leland Hess, Marie Keller, Mary Laekey, Carroll Locey, Ernestine Locey, Herbert Luscombe, Wynne Luscombe, Mabel Madden, Hazel McCulloch, Ruth McCulloch, Zella McHaley, Mitchell Moore, Catherine Neeb, Harry Neece, Elsie Poole, Donovan Poorman, James Purcell, Lois Ratcliffe, Bessie Rutherford, Ocie Hickey, Jack Weaver, Newton Zahler, Otto Phillabaum.

VALE BOYS AND GIRLS WIN FIRST ANNUAL FIELD MEET

Last Friday at Vale the athletic boys and girls of the county seat won the honors by a comfortable margin with Ontario's representatives second. Other schools of the county were well represented but the contest settled to the struggle between the old time rivals.

Rodney Hillam, director of Fumbles of 1920 recently presented in Ontario, is reported seriously ill at Baker.

H. VanDyke of Nyssa, government crop reporter of the county is here today collecting farm statistics.

Dr. E. S. Fortner was called to Vale today on business.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Garland R. Rogers of Ontario, May 7.

LOCALS INAUGURATE SEASON WITH VICTORY OVER PRUNEPICKERS FROM UPTER VALLEY IN WELL PLAYED GAME—SCORE 5 TO 4 IS REPRESENTATIVE OF MERITS

ERRORS GIVE VISITORS CHANCE

Battling of Locals Features Game—Pitchers Twirl Good Ball But Support of Both Sides Wobbles At Critical Moments—Game Enjoyed

Ontario celebrated the opening of the 1921 base ball season by winning from Emmett here last Sunday. The score was 5 to 4, but that tells only part of the story.

Perhaps the most surprised bunch of people in the Snake river valley was the aggregation of fans from Ontario who gathered to witness the performance. They did not expect to see Ontario win, but were determined to root faithfully to encourage the home boys. Emmett fans too were surprised, for they came expecting victory.

Newbill who started the twirling for Ontario got off to a good start and Emmett went one, two three in the first, and did likewise in the second; but in the third the visitors scored their first run by a hit, an error and a sacrifice. In the fourth the visitors had their big session taking three runs on two hits, two errors and a sacrifice. But that ended their scoring for Ernie Wells who succeeded Newbill held them helpless during the remainder of the afternoon, winding up his performance by wiffing two in the ninth and forcing the last batter to ground to himself.

Ontario Starts Scoring
The locals took the lead in the first inning. Chapman scored with one down on a combination on an error and a fielder's choice; Darnell also scored by a similar route. In the third the locals chalked up another on Chapman's hit, after which he stole second and came home on Darnell's hit and a wild pitch by Penon which McNutt let pass him.

With that lead Ontario blew up temporarily and let Emmett take the lead in the fourth and hold it until the seventh canto when Wells opened with a clean single, stole second, went to third on Rand's sacrifice and scored on Smith's grounded to second. Ontario's winning run came over in the eighth when Darnell got a life on Polly's error, stole second and scored on Husted's screaming double to left center.

The pitching of the local twirlers was the real feature. They held visitors to three lone hits, all of which were made off Newbill; though the visitors scores cannot be charged to him, for all were made possible by hobbles of the supporting cast. Manager Clovo will take his warriors to Emmett Sunday for a return game.

The summary of the game was as follows:

Emmett	A	B	R	O	A	E
Polly, 1b	4	0	0	8	0	1
Halley, 2b	4	1	1	1	1	0
Otkins, ss	4	0	1	2	1	0
Brown, 2b	4	0	0	3	3	1
Paris, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Hall, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Lark, cf	4	1	1	1	1	2
McNutt, c	2	0	0	0	0	0
Penon, p	3	0	0	0	11	0

Totals

Totals	33	3	4	24	17	4
Ontario	A	B	R	O	A	E
Rand, c	3	2	0	7	1	0
Chapman, ss	3	1	2	1	3	1
Smith, cf	3	1	2	1	1	1
Darnell, 1b	4	1	2	14	0	1
Wells, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hamann, lf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Test, 2b	4	0	0	0	1	2
Husted, 3b	4	2	0	3	1	1
Gramse, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sullivan, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Newbill, p	2	1	0	0	6	0
E. Wells, p	1	1	1	0	6	0

Totals

Totals	31	7	5	27	18	6
Score by innings	E	M	M	O	O	O
Emmett	0	0	1	3	0	0
Ontario	2	0	1	0	0	1

Summary: Earned runs Ontario 1; Emmett 1; two base hit Husted; base on balls off Penon 3; Newbill; hit by pitcher, Chapman; wild pitch Penon, struck out by Newbill 3; Wells 6 by Penon 8; wild pitch Penon.