

EASTERN OREGON IS GIVEN BOOST BY YEON

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER TELLS PORTLAND FOLKS THAT HIGHWAY SYSTEM WILL HELP THEM REALIZE AMBITION TO BECOME GREAT CITY

WANT JOHN DAY COMPLETED

Dead Ox Flat Described As Richest Section of State—Country Around Ontario and Vale Will Impress Strangers With Oregon's Possibilities

Heartening indeed to the people of Malheur county is the message which Highway Commissioner John B. Yeon gave the Portland Oregonian of his impressions gained while on an inspection of the highways of this section with his associates last week. This is the message which appeared in the Sunday issue and one for which Eastern Oregon has long awaited:

"I come back more convinced than ever that the main trunk road should be built first," said he.

Prior to the time the commissioners made the trip—W. B. Barratt going all the way and R. A. Booth part of the journey—there was little enthusiasm among the officials to locate and push the John Day highway eastward of Prairie City. The Blue mountains present engineering difficulties and call for costly construction. Now, however, Mr. Yeon, declared the John Day highway must be built. He said that eventually the natural road from the eastern edge of the state to Portland will be the John Day highway.

Highway Thought Important
"This highway," confessed Mr. Yeon, "is of greater importance than I had imagined before making the trip. The scenery is wonderful, the highway opens up an empire which now lacks transportation, and it is the shortest road to the east. There is a lot of fine grading already done on this highway and a good start has been made. The John Day highway simply will have to be completed."

"Then there is the Old Oregon trail, from Ontario to Pendleton, where it connects with the Columbia river highway. This is a great traffic artery. Do you know that even now, in May, there have been 1500 people waiting for the snow to disappear from the gap in the Blue mountains near Cabbage hill, between La Grande and Pendleton so they can get through? All along the Old Oregon trail the highway is under construction or under contract."

Portland to Benefit
"When these trunk lines are completed the Old Oregon trail and the John Day Highway, with the Pacific Highway now open, and The Dalles-California under way, all leading to Portland—well, say, Portland's future will be immense. If taxpayers would only take a run around the state in a machine and see the roads which have been built and those under contract, they would never kick at the money spent on highways."

"Nothing will impress strangers traveling from the east more than when they arrive in Oregon and look at the country around Ontario and Vale. It is a rich country, fertile and green. Irrigate and you are sure of a crop, as sure as the clock ticks. There is no better land anywhere in the country than Dead Ox Flat, where the soil is many feet

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VETERAN STAGE DRIVER BACK IN MALHEUR COUNTY ON VISIT

J. A. Hallday who for years was a mail contract stage driver between Canyon City and Burns, Canyon and Monument and over other routes in the interior country arrived in Ontario this week for a visit with old time friends. For the past four years Mr. Hallday has been operating stage routes in the Wyoming country which he declares has been especially prosperous.

VICTORY MEDALS ARE DISTRIBUTED SUNDAY

Legion a Flying Squadron Addresses Meeting At City Hall—Bonus Legislation Discussed—Compensation Claims Adjusted

Sunday was a busy day in the history of Ontario Post No. 67. The local post that day entertained the four members of the Oregon Legion Flying Squadron which is traveling over the state on a multitude of duties in connection with the organization's activities.

Of particular importance to the local men was the appearance here of Capt. Breen, U. S. A. who distributed to 50 members of the post the official medal of service; and Clifford Wood who took up with a number of the men the re-instatement of their government insurance policies. Frank Rivers also took up the adjustment of numerous compensation claims.

The principal speaker of the evening was Edward J. Elvers, state adjutant of the American Legion who addressed the meeting on the provisions of the Soldier Bonus and Loan act which is on the ballot for the June election.

"By the provisions of the bill, with its options for the men to choose from, not five per cent will elect to take the cash bonus," he said. "In fact the Legion men are urging their members not to accept the cash but instead to take the loan provisions."

"By the operation of the loan the taxpayers will not be called upon to pay a cent of increased taxes, for the loans will be repaid by the men who take them and in the mean time, since most of the loans will be used to develop uncultivated land at present the property values of the state for taxation purposes will be enhanced by many millions of dollars."

Local Men Waiting
Local members of the Legion to the number of at least 25 have signified their desire to secure loans under the terms of the act, and in most instances they want to do so in order that they may purchase farms and develop them, say the local officers of Ontario Post No. 67. It is on this basis of service to the men and to the state that the legion is to wage its campaign for a favorable vote upon this bill.

BODY OF ONTARIO BOY BEING BROUGHT HOME

Mrs. Vina Boswell Notified That The Body of Her Son Robert Who Died in France Will Reach New York May 21.

Mrs. Vina Boswell received word from the Army officials that the body of her son Robert J. Boswell would reach New York on May 21. It is expected that the body will reach Ontario so that funeral services will be held on Sunday 29th in connection with the Memorial services to be held that day.

The local American Legion Post will prepare to accord the last rites of a soldier for Young Boswell, though as yet they have received no official notification of the service to be held.

Private Boswell who lived in Ontario and in other Malheur County towns for years entered the service soon after war was declared and went over seas with one of the early expeditionary forces. He died at Toul, France after a short illness.

Frank Lynch was in from the shearing plant near Homedale the first of the week.

JOHN J. JOYCE DIES FROM KNIFE WOUNDS

Ed Enright Assailant of Juntura Shepman To Be Tried On Murder Charge—Military Funeral Accorded Murdered Man By Ontario Post

John J. Joyce, the Juntura shepman who was stabbed in the abdomen, by Ed Enright at Juntura early last Tuesday morning died at the Holy Rosary hospital early Sunday morning. As the result of Joyce's death Enright, his assailant who was arrested soon after the crime will answer to a charge of murder. Enright is held at the County Jail at Vale.

Joyce, the murdered man, was accorded a military funeral by the members of Ontario Post of the American Legion. Sixteen ex-service men formed the escort for the body from the morgue to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament where services were held, and then to the Catholic Cemetery on the hill west of the city where after the rites of the church were pronounced by Rev. P. J. Stack, taps was sounded by Post Bugler J. H. Gordon and the firing squad fired a salute over the grave of the departed comrade. Beside the escort of Legion men a large number of friends and members of the Knights of Columbus of which the deceased was a member were present at the services.

Until last Saturday Joyce was expected to recover. He had been able to take nourishment daily and was in good spirits up to the last. The loss of blood and the shock of his wound however proved more than his strength could bear so that when the crisis came his heart failed and he passed away.

Mr. Joyce was well known in Ontario and popular with all his acquaintances. Industrious in business he was one of the younger men who returned from the war and entered the sheep business on his own account, weathering the adverse conditions.

It is possible that since a special term of court is to be held in June that Judge Biggs may call a special grand jury to investigate the case and that Enright can be tried for his crime at an early date, otherwise the trial will be delayed until September.

COMMISSIONER YEON IS REAL MALHEUR BOOSTER

That Malheur County added a real friend in Highway Commissioner John B. Yeon was evident from every statement issued to the press by him on his return to Portland, among others the following from the Journal was one of the most enthusiastic:
John B. Yeon, who has returned from a visit to Eastern Oregon in connection with state highway work, is enthusiastic over Malheur county.
"We ought to send our overflow of population into Eastern Oregon," he said. "I am astonished at the opportunities offered in Malheur county. It is a wonderful irrigated country. They raise the products over there, and all Oregon should know about that section of the state."

BAD CHECK ARTIST PICKED UP HERE AND SENT TO CALDWELL

Sidney Weil, who attempted to pass a number of phony checks in Ontario Tuesday was arrested by Marshal J. H. Gordon at the request of Boise and Caldwell authorities and sent to Caldwell where he will serve a sentence for similar activities.

FARMERS WEEK GETS MATHEWS FOR SPEAKER

Dr. Shailer Mathews, dean of Chicago university, will speak before Farmers week crowds at O. A. C. on June 17 and 18. He is a noted student, traveler, writer, and lecturer, and will consider church cooperation as a community factor.

Rev. Luscombe has been invited by the O. A. C. to preach the Memorial Day Sermon Sunday, morning May 29th, at 11 a. m. American Legion members and their wives and Civil war and Spanish war veterans and their wives are invited to participate in the ceremonies.
C. C. Hunt was here from Nyssa, Monday.

PENSEN LETS ONTARIO DOWN WITH LONE HIT

Emmett Gets Revenge On Home Grounds By Defeating Clemo's Colts 2 to 0—Newbill Twirls Stellar Ball Also—Caldwell Here Sunday

Standing of the Teams
Nampa 2 0 1.000
Ontario 1 1 .500
Emmett 1 1 .500
Caldwell 0 0 .000

Emmett got sweet revenge for the victory which Ontario won from the prune pickers, by turning the tables and winning the game played at Emmett last Sunday afternoon by the score of 2 to 0.

It was as good a game as the score indicates, declare all the loyal Ontario fans who journeyed over to Emmett to witness the pastime. Though Ontario lost there was not one fan who was not prouder of the playing of the locals than they were after the local victory. The defeat was in no sense a disgrace. It was simply a case of too much Penson.

Penson in fact was the entire show—he and Newbill, Ontario's youthful twirler. These youngsters just had an Indian sign working on the batters all afternoon. Penson's sign was a little bigger and more baffling, so baffling in fact that only one Ontarian connected with his offerings solidly enough to register a safe hit. This was secured by Bud Young, Newbill's battery mate, and it did not arrive at a time that meant a run.

An idea of the manner in which flingers work may be gained from the fact that Newbill fanned 10 Emmett sluggers while Penson whiffed 13 of Ontario's. While officially Emmett was credited with six hits off Newbill, two of these were of the scratchiest order. Emmett had one earned run, that secured in the seventh when Penson scored on Halley's double after he himself had secured a single.

Emmett's other score was garnered in the sixth when Doran hit, stole second reached third on a fielder's choice and came home on an infield out.

That Penson worked consistently may be further emphasized by the fact that Ontario had runners on the paths in only the first, fifth, sixth and eighth innings; while in all the other stanzas they went out one two three. Emmett, too, had only a few chances to score but had the punch when the opportunity came.

Caldwell Coming Sunday
The next game will be played here Sunday afternoon when Manager Clemo sends his team against Caldwell toppers who have lost both their games with Nampa by 9 to 5 scores. The locals believe that in Penson they faced the hardest pitcher in the league and that the game with Caldwell will be close. Arrangements are being made for a jitney to carry all who have not cars to the ball grounds. The car will leave the Ontario Pharmacy every 10 minutes during the hour before the game. The battle starts at 2:30.

The Score

| | AB | R | H | O | A | E |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|---|---|
| Husted, 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chapman, 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Smith, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Darnell, 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Lackey, 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Grames, lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Long, c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Test, rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Newbill, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Sullivan, rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 30 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 8 | 3 |

Emmett

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| Polly, 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Haley, ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Lark, 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Doran, cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Paris, rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Otkins, 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Hall, lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Penson, p | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| McNutt, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 33 | 2 | 6 | 27 | 7 | 3 |

Score:
Ontario 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0
Emmett 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 x-2
Summary: Earned runs, Emmett 1; Two base hits Haley, base on balls off Newbill none, Penson none; struck out by Newbill 10, by Penson 13; left on bases Ontario 6; Emmett 7.

GRAND CHIEF OF PYTHIAN SISTERS VISITS ONTARIO

Mrs. Julia A. Bilyeau grand chief of the Pythian Sisters of the Grand Domain of Oregon was the guest of Mystic Circle No. 22 of Ontario last evening at which time she made an official inspection of the work of the order here. Following the explanation of the degree work by the local degree team, Mrs. Bilyeau made a delightful talk on the work of the order after which a banquet was served.

WOULD HAVE ASSESSOR CUT VALUES IN HALF

W. L. Gibson of Nyssa Appears Before Executive Committee of Farm Bureau Seeking Action—Committee To Investigate—No Action Taken

W. L. Gibson of Nyssa occupied the attention of the members of the Farm Bureau executive committee for the major portion of the committee meeting here last Saturday afternoon discussing his plan of assessing property in Malheur county, with him appeared David M. Graham, local agent of the Eastern Oregon Land Company.

It was the contention of Mr. Gibson that all the property of the county be assessed at fifty per cent of its present rate on the tax rolls. He urged that the committee send a delegation to Vale to demand this basis be used by the assessor.

Mr. Graham argued that if the present valuation is correct as of last year, then for this year the fifty per cent cut would be representative of the decreased values through reduced earnings.

In the absence of President V. V. Hickox, Vice President A. A. Gutteridge of the committee told Messrs. Gibson and Graham that a committee from the bureau was looking into such matters and that a meeting might be held to discuss it. Other members of the committee declared that the matter was out of the province of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Gibson urged that a delegation be at Vale on Wednesday of this week, and declared that he would gather a crowd about Nyssa to be present.

FAMOUS FARMER SMITH TO ADDRESS MEETINGS

Well Known Authority Coming To Ontario and Vale Wednesday, May 25—Is Known As One of Northwest's Most Interesting Speakers

C. L. (Farmer) Smith, one of the most accomplished speakers on agricultural problems in the Northwest, who for years has been employed with the O. W. R. & N. promoting intensive agriculture along its lines will address two meetings in Ontario next Wednesday, May 25, and one meeting in the afternoon at Vale Grange Hall.

In this campaign Farmer Smith is discussing the problem of dairying and hog raising in this section, and since there has been general recognition of the importance of these endeavors the message he will bring is of especial interest at this time.

The first meeting will be held in the morning at the City Hall and will be for the members of the Boys' and Girls' clubs of the county.

Four Day Race Meet to be Held Here Next Wednesday to Saturday

The first race meet of the Ontario Jockey Club will be held at the Fair Ground Track from Wednesday to Saturday of next week, which will be followed by a similar meet the week following at Weiser, for the folks down there are awakening to the interest in the sport of the bang bangs.

Secretary Tunny who is listing the entries for the local meet received word that Howard Dryden of New Meadows would reach here Friday with his string of four; M. Amidon of Caldwell is bringing his runner, Tramp, here for the meet and perhaps one or two other en-

COMMENCEMENT ENDS O. H. S. SCHOOL YEAR

CLASS OF 30 ADDED TO ALUMNI ROLLS—CLASS OF '17 STILL HOLDS RECORD AS LARGEST CLASS IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY WITH 37 MEMBERS

HONOR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Miss Elsie Poole Is Valedictorian; Miss Mabel Madden, Salutatorian; Newton Zahler, Miss Mattie Craig and Hilda Breckon Follow

With the graduation last Friday evening of the class of 1921 the school year ended. Thirty members of the class received diplomas at the hand of President W. W. Wood of the School board and listened to an eloquent commencement address by Prof. S. H. Peterson of O. A. C.

Superintendent J. M. McDonald presented the class to the Board and Principal S. M. Boucher announced the awards for scholarship standing as follows: Miss Elsie Poole, valedictorian; Miss Mabel Madden, salutatorian; and the following ranking members: Newton Zahler, Miss Mattie Craig, Miss Hilda Breckon, Miss Poole thus won the \$50 scholarship offered by the college union of Oregon, and Miss Madden won the Whitman College scholarship of \$100, with Newton Zahler as alternate.

The exercises opened with the invocation pronounced by Rev. W. J. Cochran; the glee club sang "Italia" which was followed by Prof. Peterson's address and song by Miss Ruth McCulloch.

Alumni Welcome Class
Following the exercises the annual dinner of the O. H. S. Alumni association was held at Fifer's cafe. The association had for its guests, the members of the faculty, Professor Peterson, and E. N. Conklin, formerly superintendent of Ontario's schools, as well as the class of 1921.

The new class was welcomed into the association by Crull Orcutt after which Earl Blackaby as toastmaster called upon many of the old members for reminiscences of the early days of O. H. S. Mr. Conklin was one of those who thus responded and recalled many incidents now dim memories with many of those present.

The reunion this year was the largest ever held by the association. It was revealed by the secretary's report that with the addition of the class of '21 the alumni roll has 226 members and that the class of '17 still has the honor of being the largest ever graduated from the local school, with the class of '21 in second place.

After the banquet the annual business meeting was held when the following officers were elected: Ernest Grams, president; Ruth McCulloch, first vice president; Ralph Dunbar, second vice president; Irene Rader, Secretary; Paul Van Petten, treasurer; advisory board, Joy Husted, Mabel Madden and Earl Blackaby.

ly; the second will be held at the Grange hall in the afternoon for the ranchers, and the third in the evening at the City Hall for the ranchers who could not attend the afternoon meeting and the business men of the county who are as deeply interested in the advancement of agriculture, as the ranchers themselves.

Is A Special Opportunity
Ontario is fortunate to be included in this itinerary of Farmer Smith. For years, all over the Northwest, he has addressed audiences and drawn crowds to hear his message for he has been one of the important factors in advancing the farming business to its present development in the Northwest.

The County Farm Bureau is negotiating the railroad authorities in holding the meetings in this county and a general attendance of ranchers and business men will be well repaid for the hour spent listening to Mr. Smith. Geo. J. Mohler, traveling supervisor of agriculture of the Union Pacific system is in charge of the party which is coming to Ontario next week.

Cummings of Ontario has three candidates for honors, and Jerry Watson will be here Saturday from Weiser with five runners. Randall Sage of Nyssa will have two or three horses ready to face the starter as will the Blanton Brothers of Ontario and several horses from Vale and the upper country are expected. The meet will start Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will continue throughout the week. Local merchants are co-operating with the club to promote the success of the meeting and it is hoped to make the event an annual one.

Neighbors Rent Building so Chinese Laundry Has to Move

After occupying the wooden shack on Nevada avenue for more than 18 years, the Chinese laundry was compelled to move recently when neighbors succeeded in renting the shack and have since been engaged in cleaning up the dump.

The condition in which the place was found was a controlling argument against the further introduction of the oriental into the life of America. It was worse than just dirty. It was filthy, according to American standards, but must have met with the approval of the many John Chinamen who have lived there and handled American linen sufficient to permit them to return

to China to spend the balance of their lives.

When the Sake Cafe got the property, in order to rid the nostrils of its patrons from the offensive effluvia that permeated that section they did the best piece of "clean up work" Ontario has experienced in its campaign for a cleaner and better city. It was a bit of education in filthiness to see the condition in which the oriental lived and worked. Days were required by men and teams to haul off the dirt—but it is gone now, and that section of the city is clean for the first time in years.