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ELEVEN COUNTIES TO FORM TRAFFIC BUREAU

Preliminary Meeting Held At Caldwell Discusses Need For Adequate Association To Secure Better Shipping Facilities

At a meeting of the Commercial club next Wednesday evening one of the most important matters to be discussed is that of the formation of a local traffic bureau, and the uniting of such an organization with an Idaho-Oregon Traffic bureau.

At the present time there is no organization devoting its time and attention to the solution of the shipping problems of the ranchers and business men, and since not only the question of rates, but also that of car supplies, present difficulties, it is believed that an organization should be perfected to handle these matters.

The movement to form such a bureau was launched at Caldwell last Saturday at the instance of the Canyon County Farm Bureau which called together representatives of six Idaho county bureaus, together with representatives of the commercial bodies of those counties and the Boise Traffic Bureau, and also representatives of the Malheur County Farm Bureau and the Ontario Commercial Club.

At the meeting Sherman Coffin of Boise outlined the work performed by the Boise Traffic Bureau and assured the meeting that Boise was willing to assist in every way to further the object of a general traffic bureau for Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon. In the Twin Falls region such an organization has been perfected.

To get the sentiment of the men interested in Malheur county meetings will be held at Ontario Wednesday, at Vale Friday, and at Nyssa Thursday, after these meetings, if it is decided that Malheur shall be represented, a delegation will be sent to Caldwell to assist in the perfection of a permanent organization. At the meeting last Friday W. H. Doolittle, A. G. Means and Geo. H. Ross were named on the committee to perfect the Malheur county organization. County Agent L. R. Breithaupt, George H. Ross and George K. Aiken attended the Caldwell meeting last Saturday.

FATHER OF SIX EX-SERVICE MEN OF WORLD WAR PASSES

William J. Harris Malheur County Pioneer Dies at His Jamieson Home—Leaves Widow and Eleven Children

Wm. Harris, a Malheur county pioneer, died at his home at Jamieson, Saturday, Aug. 13, after a long illness, at the age of 63. Deceased was born in Cedar county, Iowa Aug. 15, 1858. He came to Malheur county 38 years ago and has been a resident of this state ever since. In 1885 he was married to Miss Ida Davis of Lower Willow creek. Eleven children were born to this union, nine sons and two daughters, all living and all at home at the time of their father's death. Six of the boys responded to their country's call in the world war. All six went over seas and all returned safe and sound. The other three boys were too young to go to war. This family furnished the largest number of soldiers for the war of any family in the county. The funeral took place Monday, August 15 at 2 p. m., the services being conducted at the grave in the Jamieson cemetery by Rev. Wm. Luscombe of Ontario. The deceased is a brother-in-law of C. D. Davis, of this city, who attended the funeral.

RETAINS HALF INTEREST AND IS PRES. AND MGR OF FIRM

In last week's issue of the Argus, owing to a misunderstanding of the details of the business change, whereby Messrs. Ingram and son became interested in the business of McDowell & Co. the statement was made that they had purchased the concern entirely. This was incorrect, for Mr. McDowell still retains one half interest and is the firm's president and manager.

J. F. Joyce and family returned yesterday from their outing trip to Logan valley.

ADVERTISING ON HIGHWAY TO BE REMOVED BY SEPTEMBER 1

The State Highway Commission has issued instructions to the resident engineers of the Eastern district to proceed to enforce the state laws prohibiting the painting of advertising signs along the highways. All these must be removed, if on the right of way, by September 1, and those firms who have signs so located are being notified to remove them, and if they do not comply the state will have them torn down.

The signs in red recently painted by a Boise firm will also have to be obliterated. They are confusing since they led from all directions and are contrary to the system adopted by the State. Official road signs have arrived here and will be placed in a short time. These show the mileage between Nyssa and Baker.

BONITA'S ANNUAL BARBECUE SCORES ITS USUAL SUCCESS

Varied Work of Boys' and Girls' Clubs Exhibited—Interesting Program Entertains Crowd—Proceeds For Community Hall

The success of the Bonita Barbecue was assured with the carving of the first slice of brown luscious meat at the Phelan home on August 11. Mr. J. F. Phelan who was in charge of the preparing of the meat, started the cooking operation at 10:00 P. M. on August 10, when he placed the beef in the barbecue pit. Each piece was carefully wrapped in cheese cloth and burlap.

An attractive part of the program was the exhibit of bread and cake by the Bonita Cooking Club. This club has six members, Matilda and Vera Lovellien, Lottie Schalls, Violet, Doris and Mabel Lees. Mrs. J. F. Phelan, local leader of the club, has developed some bread and cake makers which can compete in an open class with adult women and still have a good chance of carrying off the prize. From all indications this club will be the first 100% club to complete the project.

The local farm bureau offered prizes of \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00 for first, second and third places respectively. The judges awarded Violet Lees first place on bread and cake, Mabel Lees second place on bread and cake, Cora Lovellien third place on bread and Lottie Schultz third place on cake.

The program for the afternoon began with horse races. Fred Reed won first and John Hammock second in both the races. John Phelan edged out "Sam" Simpson by a few feet in the 75 yard dash. A platform dance was given in the evening. The platform was large enough to accommodate about 30 couples. At midnight a cafeteria lunch was served, consisting of meat sandwiches, salad, coffee, ice cream and cookies.

The barbecue although promoted by the farm bureau is a community affair, and the proceeds go toward the building of a community hall.

GRAVEL SALE TO CONTRACTOR PAYS COUNTY FOR GRAVEL PIT

The County Court recently contracted with W. A. Stone who is building the Ontario-Slide section of the Old Oregon Trail, for gravel from the county gravel pit just west of the fair ground at a price which will pay the county all it expended in the purchase of the pit itself. As the result of this transaction the gravel on the road from Ontario to Cairo will cost the county nothing—that is for the gravel itself.

The crusher which has been at work has cared for the gravel used on the mile from Cairo to the J. F. Weaver corner, which by-the-way, is packing in fine shape and is a creditable piece of highway; and there is enough gravel left to complete the road from Weaver's corner to the city limits, when the money is available.

W. F. Homan was in Boise on business the first of the week.

Floyd Powell spent Sunday with friends in Boise.

Mrs. Zella Aldredge who was operated on last week is getting along fine.

YOUNG MEN ON BOULEVARD SAVE SICK MAN'S CROPS

Neighbors Put Proposition Up To Young Men and They Devote All Of Sunday To Putting Corn In Shock To Save It

That the spirit of neighborliness and consideration for those who are unfortunate is not dead, was manifested last Sunday in the vicinity of Arcadia when a group of the younger men of that vicinity gathered to save the crops of Tom Parvin who has been ill for some time.

Mr. Parvin was taken to Boise for a serious operation and his crop was in danger of being entirely ruined. During his illness the corn had not had sufficient water, so was burning up, and the neighbors decided to save it. Though they were busy with their own ranch work, J. L. Mackey and Joe Looper put the proposition up to a number of the young men in the neighborhood and the following turned out Sunday morning and shocked the corn after cutting it: J. L. Mackey, Joe Looper, N. M. Bonifort, Ham Van Dyke, Harry Neece, John Zitrocob, Vernon Butler, Edmond Butler, Otis Bullard, William Ringler, Bryant and Noah Guffey.

In the middle of the day Mrs. Mackey prepared a big chicken dinner for the workers and that was the only reward of the workers, save that greater reward of work well done for a worthy cause.

ANNAPOLIS AND WEST POINT CADETSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN

Congressman Sinnott To Hold Competitive Examination To Secure Candidates for Annapolis and West Point

Congressman Nick Sinnott will make his 1922 appointments to the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Military Academy at West Point by means of a competitive examination. This examination will be held for Mr. Sinnott by the U. S. Civil Service Commission on October 29, 1921 in Baker, Bend, La Grande, Klamath Falls, Ontario, Pendleton and The Dalles.

Appointments will be made by the congressman according to the grades made by the candidates taking the examination, as reported to him by the examiners of the Civil Service Commission.

The Second District of Oregon will have three vacancies at the Naval Academy, three principalships and nine alternateships; and one principalship and two alternateships at the Military Academy during 1922. The official examinations to Annapolis are held during February and March 1922, and for West Point April 7th, 1921. Mr. Sinnott has set the date for the competitive examination far ahead in order that those successful therein may have plenty of time to prepare for the official examinations.

Any young man of the required age who is a bona fide resident of Second District of Oregon is eligible to take the examination. Full particulars regarding same may be had by writing to Hon. N. J. Sinnott, Room 347 House of Representatives, Washington D. C.

POTATOES GO NINE POUNDS TO THE HILL ON DEAN RANCH

County Commissioner G. W. Dean brought to the Argus office emphatic evidence of the potato raising capacity of Malheur county lands, when he presented the spuds he took from one hill. There were 15 Idaho Rurals in the hill, the total weight of which was nine pounds. The largest potato weighted one pound and 19 ounces, the next weighted one pound and four ounces. The six largest together weighted six pounds and four ounces. While all of the hills on the Dean ranch did not produce as did this one, it was not the largest, but a fair sample of how the crop produced.

The potato market has been quiet during the past week. The buyers have not been contracting for future deliveries, but are taking the spuds as they are loaded onto the cars, at prices slightly lower than last week.

BROTHER OF FAMOUS POET COMES TO BOOST HIGHWAY

George Melvin Miller, Brother of Joaquin Miller, Poet of the Sierras, Spends Time Urging Central Oregon Highway Association

For the purpose of promoting an association of all of the commercial bodies from Florence, on the Pacific, to Ontario and Nyssa, on the Snake, to the end that they unite to urge the completion of the Central Oregon Highway from here to Florence. George Melvin Miller of Eugene, was in Ontario Wednesday and Thursday.

On his way here Mr. Miller stopped at Bend, Burns, Crane and Vale and secured the co-operation of the organizations in each of those communities. It is his purpose to have the Central Oregon Highway incorporated in the Lincoln Highway plans and made one of the branches of that highway and so advertised.

Mr. Miller, who is a brother of Joaquin Miller, the famous poet of the Sierras, met at lunch at White's a number of the local business men and the Commercial club as well as a number of the garages and other business houses subscribed to the fund for the preliminary work of getting such an organization started.

ONTARIO AUTO DRIVERS ARE GETTING EXTREMELY CARELESS

Fast Driving; Failure to Give Signals; Driving With One Front Light; No Rear Lights, Some of Infractions.

"Ontario auto drivers have been getting more and more careless in their driving, and constantly the number of infractions of both the state laws and the city ordinances increase," says Marshal H. C. Farmer.

"Unless something is done soon there is going to be a serious accident on the streets of the city, for which the blame will be directly upon some auto driver. For example: there are many people who drive down the street with only one front light on their car, and that the right hand light. Again there are others who drive with no rear light; others who have but one number plate; others who entirely ignore the traffic regulations which require that they give a signal when they are going to turn at an intersection, to stop to park etc."

"We have been extremely tolerant of these abuses here in Ontario but conditions are rapidly getting so bad that something must be done and the officers are going to enforce the regulations. This warning should be sufficient for anyone who drives a car. A copy of the traffic laws of the state are in the hands of everyone who has purchased an auto license. There is no excuse of ignorance that will avail."

"For the sake of the peace of mind of the driver, for the safety of the public, and for the best interests of the community, everyone ought to be careful and observe the regulations which are reasonable and intended for the safety of the public. If drivers will not be careful we will have to enforce the law. Drivers should take note of the fact that under the statutes it is possible to have driver's operating license revoked and then the driver may not operate a car in this state. This penalty is drastic but will be asked in some cases, unless reforms are made."

ONTARIO FURNITURE COMPANY ENLARGES ITS BALCONY FLOOR

Preparing for increased stock the Ontario Furniture company force has been busy this week completing the construction of a large addition to the balcony so that 700 feet of additional floor space has been secured. At the same time a general rearrangement of the display room is being undertaken.

Louis Hurtle spent Sunday visiting in Haines. He was accompanied home by his son Ralph who will attend school in Ontario.

Mrs. D. L. Thomas, mother of Mrs. D. P. Dearborn, also Mrs. Dearborn's sister Mrs. Lewis and three daughters who have been visiting at the Dearborn home for the past two weeks leave Saturday for their home in Malad, Idaho.

JAMIESON-BROGAN AND VALE BURRELL CONTRACTS TO BE LET

The long effort on the part of the County Court to secure the construction of that section of the Central Oregon Highway from Vale to Burrell is going to be realized at last. This was the first work promised in the county, early in the history of the Highway commission, but repeated surveys of various locations delayed action. The work is now being advertised and will be let at the meeting of the Highway Commission in Portland on August 30. At the same time the bids will be received for the Jamieson to Brogan section of the John Day Highway, from Vale to Cow Valley.

CITY FACES POSSIBILITY OF ACUTE COAL SHORTAGE

Very Few People Storing Coal—Should Strike and Mines or Snow Blockade Retard Traffic on Railroads Many Will Suffer

Many Ontarians are tempting fate. In the hope that the price of coal will recede no effort is being made by many residents who annually buy their coal during the summer, to secure a supply. As the result there is not nearly so much coal in the household bins at this date as there was one year ago.

Of course if the winter is an open one, and there are no strikes at the mines, this may not turn out badly; but if either of these conditions is absent during the winter, then there is trouble ahead.

At the present time the cost of storage coal is less in Ontario than in Boise. It is the same price at which it is being sold anywhere along the line. Despite contrary statements, the Argus finds this to be true, on investigation.

APPEARANCE OF SCABIES RESULT IN QUARANTINE

State Veterinarian Orders Dipping of Exposed Sheep—Two Dippings Necessary for Infected Animals—Or Until Cure is Affected

State Veterinarian W. H. Lytle in a circular issued recently has established a quarantine on the public buck herds of the county and ordered that these be treated. The order in detail follows:

WHEREAS, an infectious parasitic skin disease as scabies has been diagnosed at some time during the past year in sheep in Malheur, Harney, Lake Klamath, Jackson and Deschutes Counties; and

WHEREAS, the public buck herds have in the past been a source of distribution and spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, Section 12, Chapter 223 of the Laws of 1907, provides in part as follows:

"The State Sheep Inspector and his deputies and the officials of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry shall have authority to inspect and quarantine and treat sheep affected with contagious or infectious disease, or suspected of being so affected."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. H. Lytle, State Veterinarian, constituting ex officio the State Sheep Inspector of the state of the Counties of Malheur, Harney, Lake Klamath, Jackson and Deschutes, as being suspected of being infected with or exposed to sheep scab and do order that said public herds be placed in quarantine by this order and be required to be dipped once as exposed sheep, if not found infected, and twice or until cured if found infected, such dipping to be executed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon and the regulations of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board. Such dipping to be under the supervision of a State, Deputy State, or a United States Bureau of Animal Industry Inspector and to be completed between now and November 1st, 1921.

EXECUTED at Salem, Oregon, on the 8th day of July 1921.

W. H. LYTLE,
State Veterinarian and Ex Officio State Sheep Inspector.

REBEKAH CLUB MEETS

Wednesday, August, 17th, the Rebekah Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Geo. Lyles. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent and a watermelon feed enjoyed. Mrs. Lyles has a very beautiful flower garden and before leaving each guest was presented with a bouquet of beautiful flowers. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Crocker Johnson.

GROUP FORMED WHICH WILL BOOST OWYHEE

Permanent Organization To Look After Details of Formation of Enlarged District—All Sections Represented

At the City Hall last Friday afternoon, an organization to be known as the Owyhee Development League was formed. Only a temporary set of directors and officers were elected, pending the annual election of the various irrigation districts, which takes place next month, when with new officials of each district the permanent organization will be perfected.

The temporary officers chosen Friday were: E. M. Greig, president; W. H. Doolittle, secretary-treasurer; J. H. Lowell, Gem District; C. A. Marshall, Ontario-Nyssa; P. M. Boals, Payette-Oregon Slope, and T. W. Claggett, Owyhee District, directors.

At the meeting where all of the work so far done was outlined, those present were: Charles Thompson, Leon Wilson, C. A. Marshall, Ontario-Nyssa; L. T. Yant and W. D. Patch, Slids Irrigation, Ivan E. Oakes, Owyhee Ditch Company; John Reece, Kingman Colony, T. W. Claggett, Owyhee District; J. H. Lowell, and F. H. McConnell, Gem District of Idaho; C. I. Strickland, state engineer's office, Salem; R. W. Swagler, High Dead Ox Flat; Ed J. Patch and M. A. Patch, Malheur Improvement District; P. M. Boals, Payette Oregon Slope; E. M. Greig, P. J. Gallagher, W. H. Doolittle, Ontario Commercial Club.

DEAL COMPLETED WHEREBY WEISER MAN TAKES PRESSARY

Theo. J. Fisher of Modern Steam Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co. of Weiser Buys Ontario Modern Pressary—Aubrey Howard Manager

Negotiations were completed this week whereby Theo J. Fisher of the Modern Steam Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company of Weiser became the owner of the Ontario Modern Pressary, he having purchased the interests of Herschel Browns who has operated the business for the past three years.

Mr. Fisher has been in Ontario during the past week superintending a number of changes in the plant and preparing for many improvements. Aubrey Howard who has been employed by Mr. Brown for some time, and who several years ago, was the owner of the business has been retained as manager of the plant by Mr. Fisher. Through the connection of the plant with the dry cleaning department of the Weiser institution it is the purpose and possibility to greatly improve the service available to the public, says Mr. Fisher.

SHERIFF HAS SUPPLY OF TEMPORARY AUTO LICENSES

Sheriff Lee Noe last Friday received a supply of temporary license tags through the use of which it is possible for owners of cars to operate them while awaiting the return of the permanent license tags from the secretary of state's office. Under the new regulations applications for temporary licenses are made at the sheriff's office on the payment of \$1 deposit. At the same time an application for a permanent license may be made at the same office, or may be forwarded direct to the secretary of state. On the return of the permanent license the temporary cards may be taken to the Sheriff's office and the \$1 deposit is returned.

Sheriff Noe has instructed his deputies to pick up all cars running without licenses, and a general campaign of traffic enforcement is to be undertaken.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Funk of Aberdeen, Idaho, parents of C. F. Funk, are visiting here this week, having arrived Wednesday, coming overland. Miss Marion Elizabeth and Detrich Funk, brother and sister of Mr. Funk are also of the party.

Mrs. John Studebaker returned Wednesday from California where she has been spending the summer with her son, Ralph Oyer.