

LOWEST BID FOR ROAD WORK IN STATE WINS OREGON TRAIL AWARD

HAUSER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF PORTLAND ASTONISHED COMMISSION, AND OTHER CONTRACTORS WITH SURPRISING OFFER

DIRT TO MOVE FOR 15 CENTS

Thirteen Bidders Seek Slide To Baker County Line Section of Old Oregon Trail—State Highway Bonds Sold At Premium—Work To Be Rushed

With a bid, the total of which was \$106,424.50, the Hauser Construction Company was awarded the contract for the grading, bridges, culverts and rip-rap on the 15.3 miles of the Old Oregon Trail remaining to be built in Malheur County, from the Slide to Baker County line.

This was the most startling bid offered among the hundreds of proposals received by the State Highway Commission at its regular meeting at Portland on Tuesday. On the unit basis the Hauser Company agrees to move common dirt at 15 cents per yard, and rock at 80 cents per yard. These are the lowest prices ever offered for highway construction work in Oregon, and are as low as the figures at which contracts used to be let for railroad construction long before the war.

"It can't be done. They have some system that we don't know about," was the comment heard in halls of the Multnomah county court house when the figures were known, for the many contractors there were more surprised than anyone else, though everyone was expecting that this contract would be taken at a very close figure.

An idea of the relative figures offered by the 13 contractors may be gained from the fact that the highest offer for the dirt was 54 cents, and the majority of the bidders wanted from 30 to 35 cents, while there were but two others who offered less than 30. Most of the offers for rock work were about \$1.00 to \$1.25.

The commission also sold \$1,500,000 worth of bonds and the eleven bidders also established a record for high offers, the state securing a premium of \$49,500 on the allotment.

Competition for Oregon highway work never was keener than at the meeting Tuesday and Wednesday. Contracting firms from Washington, Idaho, Utah as well as Oregon made offers for the jobs listed.

Only 40 Miles To Build

With the letting of the Slide to Baker county line section the Highway commission has left only 40 miles of highway from Ontario to Seaside not under contract, and it is believed that all this will be let before spring. The sections to be let include: Malheur line to Huntington, 4 miles; Nelson to Baker, 28 miles; Kamela to Meacham, 8 miles.

The Highway commission at the meeting in Portland announced that before new work is done in several counties that they will have to make good promises given the commission.

ANNUAL GUESTS DAY OF WOMAN'S CLUB NOVEMBER 3

The Woman's Club held their regular study meeting at the home of Mrs. S. D. Dorman last Thursday. On Thursday, November 3, the annual guests day will be observed at the home of Mrs. E. C. Van Patten. Each member will invite a friend to be her guest on this occasion. All the lady teachers of the city are invited to attend and each year are accepted as honorary members of the club. On November 17th the club will meet at the home of Mrs. Joe Staples.

Ontario Wireless Devotees Listen to Concert Played by California Machine

Every Monday and Thursday evening a group of Ontarians "listen in" on a victrola concert with which a man in Los Alamos, California entertains his friends from Astoria to Denver.

Last Monday evening at the home of Leonard Zimmerman, on the east side a group gathered and had a particularly fine exhibition of the receiving power of Mr. Zimmerman's equipment, and of the sending power of that in the California town. They heard the California give directions to those who were receiving the messages in Paso Robles to call up "Mr. Kennedy and tell him the concert is to start, for he wrote me that he wanted to hear one of the entertainments." The Ontario group also heard the California man tell Mr. L. L. Martin in Nampa that he appreciated his letter telling of being able to hear the concert though 50 feet away from the instrument, and they also heard his message to a friend in Denver and another to a friend in Astoria.

Among the musical numbers enjoyed by the Ontarians were selections by Harry Lauder, Frits Kreisler, John McCormack and others. So far as ability to distinguish each piece even the finer portions the local auditors of the wireless phone exhibition could distinguish no difference. Frits Kreisler's violin tones, and Lauder's vocal efforts were alike audible.

For a short time however electric disturbances spoiled a portion of the concert. Leonard Zimmerman, at whose home the concert was heard is a licensed wireless operator, one of several Ontario boys who have wireless outfits over which they hold regular communications. It was however accidental that Mr. Zimmerman learned of the California's concert when he was experimenting in wireless telephony. Since then he has enjoyed the concert.

EUGENE MAN COMES TO OPEN REAL ESTATE OFFICE HERE

A. V. Wilson, of Eugene, who recently moved to Ontario, and bought a home on the East side has entered the Real Estate business, and will soon open an office here. Mr. Wilson has a 1240 acre stock ranch in the Barren Valley, and also has property in Eugene, but intends to make Ontario his home. According to Mr. Wilson real estate is not slow in changing hands in this part of the country. Among other sales he reports E. E. Hunter of Bonita recently bought 140 acres near here on the Snake river, and Nell Paul Haber of Elmire, Oregon last week purchased 100 acres near Ontario, through Mr. Wilson.

ROBBERS MADE RICH HAUL IN NYSSA STORE

Wilson Brothers Store at Nyssa Entered and Large Stock of Goods Taken—Weiser Store Visited Same Night

Sometime Thursday night of last week, robbers, armed with tools stolen from the railroad section house at Nyssa gained entrance into Wilson Brothers store there and took nearly \$1500 worth of goods.

The robbers must be working for some "fender" for they took a wide variety of material, sufficient to start a small emporium. Most of the goods taken were men's and women's suits, jewelry, knives, silk shirts, skirts, etc.

On the same night a store at Weiser was robbed, and a quantity of groceries secured. Judging by the variety the robbers will have a department store stock.

Sheriff Lee Noe and Deputies Charles and Frank Glenn worked on the Wilson robbery all day Friday and all the police have been notified for miles around. No clues have been found as yet.

CALDWELL ACCESSORY FIRM OPENS BRANCH STORE HERE

Second Institution From Canyon County Branches Out In This Territory—Automobile Supply Company Ready For Business

Following on the heels of Quast Brothers, the Caldwell shoe men, who opened a branch store in Ontario last month, comes the Automobile Supply Company, also of Caldwell to extend its activities into Malheur county, with a branch store here.

The new automobile shop, is located in the Moore building next to the Quast shoe shop, so the firms thus constitute their neighborliness established in Caldwell.

Glen L. Evans, one of the firm comes to Ontario as manager of the local branch, and he has been busily engaged during the past week building fixtures and otherwise preparing for opening up. The stock of goods arrived early in the week and the store is now open for business.

For the present, until they can arrange for equipment, Mr. Evans will devote his entire time to extending the trade in accessories and all kinds of auto supplies. Later he may establish a tire vulcanizing department and other lines allied to the auto trade.

BOISE HIGH WINS ON LOCAL GROUNDS 12 TO 0

Hardest Fought Football Game Played Here In Years Witnessed By Large Crowd—Boise Gets the Breaks in Game's Luck

Before the largest crowd that has witnessed a football game here in years, Boise High, the only undefeated team in this section, gave the Weiser Institute, defeated Ontario by a 12 to 0 score, last Saturday afternoon.

The game was a great exhibition of high school football. The lines of the two teams were so evenly matched that neither team could do much with the other in old fashioned straight football. If there was any choice to make Ontario's linemen had the better of it, for Ontario gained nearly twice as much ground through the Boise line as Boise gained through Ontario's.

The tower of strength of the Boise line was Captain Quinn, but Quinn had nothing on Montie Dunton, who opposed him. In fact Quinn was compelled to let Maddux through on off tackle bucks a number of times, so hard was he checked by the charging of the local line. On the defense, however, Quinn was a bear and in every play.

While the spectacular features of the game were furnished by Cameron from Boise in his great run for a touchdown after he intercepted a forward pass from Poorman, and again when he threw a pretty pass thirty yards to Floyd Lansford for the other Boise touchdown, one minute before the game ended, yet the real struggle took place in the lines, and the Boise forwards had nothing on the locals at any stage of the game.

In all fairness it must be admitted that the Boise backs were faster than the locals, and particularly was this true of Cameron the Boise full back, whose work stood out as the class of the struggle.

However Sanford and Weaver annexed some pretty gains and Shea during the few minutes he was in the game showed well. Biggs and Poorman fought hard and both stopped many a Boise play.

One of the most marked improvements shown was that of the ends, Sullivan and McCreight. Only once were either of them "pulled in" on a play, while their tackling was deadly, often resulting in Boise being thrown for losses. Homer Maddux and Dunton, each broke through the Boise line to spill plays before they got started.

Wiseman's passing and the guard work of Secoy and Clement was of a high order and earn for them a place among the Ontario all stars.

Including scrimmage work, and forward passing Boise carried the ball 125 yards to Ontario's 120, from scrimmage Ontario carried the ball 80 to Boise's 90. Ontario made four complete forward passes for 40 yards, while Boise made one for 30 yards. Ontario failed to make 24 forward passes while Boise failed at 13 efforts. Ontario was forced to punt 16 times to Boise's 17, and Cameron and Weaver held each other even on the score.

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NEW VALE BANK TO REPLACE TWO CLOSED

United State National and First National Banks of Vale Suspend Operations—New Institution To Take Over Business

Following an investigation which has been underway for sometime, the United States and the First National banks at Vale closed their doors Tuesday. At the same time announcement was made that a group of directors of each of these suspended institutions, together with a number of other citizens, all well known in the county, had started proceedings for the purpose of taking over the business of the banks, under a new charter.

The new bank it is expected will be opened in a very short time, for all that is needed is the necessary charter from the comptroller of the currency and this is expected soon. It was the expressed belief of one of the men who has taken a prominent part in the reorganization, that had the work started one week sooner the Vale institutions would not have been compelled to close.

Among the men who have associated themselves and subscribed for stock in the new bank are the following: J. T. Logan, of Brogan; W. P. Allen, of Juntura; John Norwood, Clarence H. Oxman, both of Jamieson; Leo Schmidt, H. R. Dunlop, R. H. Dearmond, John C. Gordon, George E. Davis, C. C. Barrows, Hugh McCall, T. T. Nelson, O. E. Carmen, L. P. Peterson, Perry Hurris, Jerome Bridges, S. Hansen, C. W. Nelson, A. W. Reed, G. E. Stanfield, Rex Marquis, Charles L. Baehelder, Etta and George W. Hayes and Frank J. Brown, all of Vale; Elt Ross and Leocy Brothers, both of Ironside; A. A. Reed, Brogan and James Moffitt of Boise.

Wm. Pollman, Paul Pollman and John Schmitt, all Baker bankers, were in Vale over Sunday and assisted in the organization of the new Vale bank.

CHARLES W. MALLET PIONEER RANCHER DIES

Death Closes Long Career of Veteran Irrigator, and Father of One of County's Foremost Families—Funeral Today



CHARLES W. MALLETT

Today, Ontario citizens, and many others from various sections of Malheur county are pausing to pay their last tribute to Charles W. Mallett, who died in Portland at 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon following a general break down of health following the death of his son Vivian. The shock of his son's passing, the first of the Mallett family to die, proved too great for the waning strength of the patriarch and he went into a decline soon afterward.

Mr. Mallett was 76 years of age, having been born in Lee, Penobscot County, Maine, December 30, 1844. As a young man he went to sea and began that career of adventure which finally led him to the West, where he first located in California. Later he moved to Nevada, where in 1878 he married Mary W. Barrett, who with nine of the ten children born to this union survives him. These children, all of whom are so well known to almost everyone in Malheur county, are: Albert, Howard, Stanley and Harold, Pansy and Mary all of Ontario; Allice of Jackson, Michigan; Isabelle of Fall City, Washington; and Mrs. Paul W. Campbell of Portland.

Soon after their marriage in Nevada Mr. and Mrs. Mallett came with a party to Malheur county, among that party was Judge Casius H. Brown. They settled in the Malheur Valley in 1881, and soon thereafter under the leadership of Mr. Mallett and his associates undertook the development of the valley, through organization of the Nevada Ditch Company and other institutions. He was a natural leader. Endowed with a robust constitution, a big frame, he held a commanding position and men relied upon him. He was an independent thinker and in every movement was willing to take a stand and to make his position known.

During his life time of activity he was closely associated with the men who took leading roles in many public works. Among his associates were Col. E. S. Wood, Judge G. L. King, Will R. King, William Hanley, W. J. Cuddy, now editor of the weekly Oregonian, and many others prominent in the life of this section in years gone by.

Mr. Mallett was for many years a member of Acacia Lodge A. F. & A. M. here, and served the lodge as its master. He was best known, however, for his work for reclamation in which he was a practical pioneer. He also took a lead in drainage, and for his vast holdings between here and Vale he himself superintended the construction of a drainage system. He knew the irrigation problems not only of the Malheur Valley but of the West for in the early days of reclamation he was always a representative at Reclamation Congresses of Oregon and the West.

Following the receipt of the news of his death in Portland Monday, which was received by E. A. Frazer and by him communicated to the family, preparations were begun for the funeral services held this afternoon at the Masonic hall.

To these services which were conducted by Acacia Lodge came friends by miles. From Vale and beyond came more than 100 people, while hundreds were here from Ontario and the country about. The lodge hall could not care for them. The Masonic quartette, Irwin Troxell, Hugh Allen, A. L. MacDowell and A. W. Quast sang. Rev. D. J. Gillanders of the Congregation church preached a short sermon of eulogy, and Judge C. H. Brown, life long friend and past Master conducted the lodge ritualistic ceremony at the lodge room and at the grave. Interment was made beside the body of his son Vivian Mallett, whose untimely death, hastened by illness contracted in the world war, brought on the decline which resulted in Mr. Mallett's death.

The pall bearers were selected from Past Masters of Acacia Lodge: D. P. Dearborn, J. C. McCreight, James A. Lackey, Gilbert L. King, H. W. Clement and Con Ryan.

Miss Helen Payne celebrated her seventh birthday Friday at the home of her parents, D. and Mrs. R. O. Payne, by giving a delightful party to a number of her little friends.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB AT MEETING

BARN DANCE AND HUSKING BECAME VERY SUCCESSFUL

The Barn Dance and Husking Bee given Saturday night by the Smith-Hughes vocational classes at the Legion Hall was a social as well as a financial success. The hall was decorated with corn stalks and pumpkins. Jazz caps, candy and cider were sold during the evening and pies, made by the Domestic Science girls, were raffled off by P. J. Gallagher to the highest bidder. Toward the close of the evening the boys all joined in a husking bee, but no red ears were found. The Agriculture class cleared \$130.00. This will enable the boys to make the trip to Portland. Those who are to go are, James McCreight, Robert Linzy and Guy Secoy accompanied by Prof. M. D. Thomas.

DOG ROUND-UP WILL BE STAGED BY CITY

Canine Nuisance Has Reached Such Proportions That Council Determined To Abate It—Owners of Licensed Dogs Listed

For nights, the sleep of many Ontarians has been ruined by herds of dogs barking under their windows. Most of these dogs it has been found carry no license tags and are legally outlaws. To abate this nuisance the City Council has determined on speedy action, and asks the co-operation of those who know of persons keeping dogs which are unlicensed.

For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the state laws and city ordinances governing the licenses of dogs the following information is given. Also below will be found a complete list of the residents of Ontario who have taken out licenses for canines.

There are many dogs brought in from the country, and many stray dogs about which are going to be killed unless the owners take note of the laws at once. A new pound has been built and the officers have instructions to proceed at once to exterminate the pests. The following is the statutes governing dogs:

The order of the Common Council is, that all dog owners or harborers, who have not already done so, shall pay a license on their dogs for the year of 1921. Both State and City License can be obtained from the City Recorder by the payment of the City License.

The following are excerpts from the City Ordinance and State law relative to the licensing of dogs:

From the Ordinance: Sec. 1. Any person owning, keeping, harboring or having in their possession or under their control any dog of whatever age shall obtain from the City Recorder a license tag therefor, which shall be of metal, duly numbered, inscribed for the year in which issued and must be worn by the dog, on which license is paid, suspended from its collar in such a manner that it may be plainly seen.

Sec. 2. The price of such license shall be as follows: For every male dog the sum of \$5.00; for every female dog the sum of \$5.00, for the current year and no license shall extend beyond the 31st day of December of the year for which the same is issued.

From the State Law: Sec. 2367 Every person owning any male or female dog over the age of eight months within the State of Oregon shall apply for and procure from the County Clerk in which said person resides, a license, by paying to the County Clerk, a license fee of \$1.00 for male or spayed bitch dogs and \$2.00 for female dogs, annually, and upon payment of said license fee as aforesaid, the County Clerk shall issue to such person a license and also a leather collar not less than one inch in width and of suitable length having stamped thereon a leather tag stamped with the year in which it is issued, with a number thereon corresponding to the number on the license. Said license shall run for a period of one year from January 1st of each year, and any dog not wearing said collar shall be considered an out-law and shall be killed by the Sheriff, Chief of Police.

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COMMITTEE NAMED TO ASCERTAIN PLAN AND SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN DAIRY CAMPAIGNS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

CLUB HAS CASH BALANCE

Secretary W. H. Doolittle Presents Report Showing Standing of Organization—Committee Named On Auto Park After Discussion

With a cash balance of more than \$650 on hand, and with a report showing an expenditure of over \$3,000 for the year, the Ontario Commercial Club closed its year's work at a meeting Wednesday evening. At this meeting the directors for the coming year were selected.

Before President R. W. Jones, announced the year's work finished however, he named two committees of importance, one of which will consider plans for an adequate auto park, the other will investigate means for promoting the dairy industry.

These committees were not named however, without debate upon the merits of the proposals. H. B. Cockrum, R. W. Jones and others debated the question of an auto park and advanced the proposition that in too many instances the object of an auto park is defeated by giving the tourist too much.

P. J. Gallagher during the discussion made the suggestion that an effort be made to secure the co-operation of all the lodges, clubs and other civic bodies and secure their assistance to make the building of a park a monument to the civic pride of the city and its spirit of co-operation.

The committee named on the park problem was: Dr. C. W. Tyler, T. H. Moore, W. J. Pinney, J. T. McNulty and George K. Aiken.

Dairy Industry Discussed Secretary W. H. Doolittle called attention to the need for developing the dairy industry and the methods which have been used in other places to secure the necessary financial assistance for those who might desire to extend their holdings, suggesting that possibly through the organization of a company additional finances might be secured through the war finance corporation.

This lead to a very free and general discussion of agricultural and financial problems as the various members present viewed them. There were, generally speaking two view points; namely, that many of the ranchers about Ontario would not turn to dairying no matter what inducement was offered them; and another that only those who were not good banking risks would apply for loans from a company were one formed.

This last view point was stressed when H. B. Cockrum, cashier of the First National bank and Earl Blackaby, assistant cashier of the Ontario National Bank had each declared that there was money to be had for dairy cattle for those who were by reason of their financial condition, their record etc. entitled to credit. T. H. Moore took the same view point and declared that even were such a corporation formed he would not use its resources.

County Agent L. R. Brethaupt in answering the arguments set forth declared that many of the business men were over looking the fact that there have been many additions to the counties population of farmers operating small tracts, and that many of these were seeking cows but were not able to buy them. He then outlined briefly the varying results which records of farmer's incomes in this county for the past two years revealed. These reports he said clearly indicate that the way to prosperity for Malheur county, is clearly via the dairy and chicken, and diversified farming route.

Following a few other talks the following committee was named to investigate the possibility of forming a corporation or other plan for financing the purchase of dairy cows: Harry B. Cockrum, P. J. Gallagher and J. A. Lakness.

The main business of the evening was then brought forward, and a nominating committee of five was selected, to bring in the names of seven other members who with the nominating committee was to constitute the board of directors for the coming year. The nominating committee selected was: H. L. Peterson,

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Railroad Workers Call Off Strike Scheduled to Start Sunday, Oct. 30th

The railroad strike scheduled to start on some of the railroads on Sunday has been called off. This announcement was made Thursday afternoon in Chicago.

The strike had it continued was to have been effective on the Oregon Short Line on Saturday, November 5, making this one of the last sections in the country to have been affected.

Officials of the Brotherhoods declared that they had called off the strike because public opinion had been so formed that the people believed the strike to be against the government and not against the railroads and therefore there was no hope of winning.