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## TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID TO BE SUED

City Orders Attorneys To Give Notice of Suit Unless City Taxes Are Paid—Partial Payments May Be Accepted

Notices are being sent out this week to a number of city taxpayers who have not paid their assessments on local improvements giving them five additional days in which to make arrangements to pay before suits are started to foreclose upon the delinquencies.

This action is the result of a motion made at the regular meeting of the City Council Monday evening, and is the only course open to the city government at this time.

Many of the delinquents are years in arrears, and the general fund of the city has been forced to carry this burden to the detriment of the city's credit. Although written notice has been given many of the largest owners they have, so far, almost ignored the requests for payment. Many others, have paid, and the statement of the delinquencies is now much better than it was.

"It is not the purpose of the city to work a hardship on anyone, and those who can make partial payments, and arrangements to continue payments until the accounts are settled will receive the consideration of the city and suits against them will not be started," said Mayor W. H. Doolittle, following the Council's vote.

Order Sidewalks Constructed  
The council ordered a sidewalk built on the westside of Richardson street from Nevada to California avenues, also on the South side of Nebraska avenue from Richardson street to Oregon street, and indefinitely postponed the request for a sidewalk on the eastside of Morfit street from Washington to Idaho avenues.

Turkey Game Going  
Reese Jenkins of the Big Four who was present to ask for some sidewalk building told the council that "turkey games" were again holding sway in the city, and that since he had experienced trouble in trying to follow suit, he did not intend to do so again, yet did not believe that he should be compelled to compete with such violations of the regulations. When asked where the games were being played he declined to answer but told the council that it would have no trouble to learn more if the officers endeavored to locate them.

Marshal Farmer was instructed to locate the "turkey game" and put a stop to it.

City Recorder Stearns called the attention of the council that Councilman W. J. Weese had missed three roll calls, which under the charter permitted the council to declare his seat vacant. The council moved to ascertain whether or not the Doctor intended to attend, or whether it was merely an oversight, and professional duties that had made his absence necessary before acting.

The council decided to investigate the possibility of securing apparatus with which to test the city water regularly and thus avoid the delay in sending samples to Portland for examination. The water committee was instructed to act. During the fall and winter the water is always and is now perfectly pure, but in the spring and summer the tests have shown the presence of colon bacilli.

On the recommendation of the Library Board, Ivan E. Oakes was appointed to that board in place of Dr. H. H. Whitney resigned. The appointment of a city health officer to succeed Dr. Whitney was not made. Mayor Doolittle requesting time to consult the physicians of the city before acting.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO PRESENT CHARITY BALL

Musical Program and Dance Combined To Be Given—New Ontario Orchestra To Furnish the Music

Armour Lodge of Knights of Pythias is to sponsor a Charity Ball to be held at the Legion Hall on Friday, November 18. This event will furnish an introduction for the new Ontario Orchestra which Byron Turner has organized and which will furnish surprises for Ontario folks.

Beside the orchestra music there will be a program of vocal and instrumental solos.

At the regular meeting of Armour Lodge Wednesday night a musical program was given, numbers being furnished by the High School boys and girls glee clubs also by Mrs. C. E. Cox, Miss Dollie Rollins, Miss Roberts and Byron Turner. Judge W. W. Wood made a brief address.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wyman spent several days in Boise this week.

John Wood left Tuesday evening for Portland on business.

Mrs. Jaa. G. Smith left Tuesday for Caldwell to join her husband who is employed in a clothing store there.

Chas. Plock is erecting a four room residence on the four lots he recently purchased in the east part of town.

## COYOTE BOUNTIES EAT BIG HOLE IN COUNTY'S RESOURCES

When the County Court examined the records last week it found that there remains unpaid of the 1920 taxes, that is the taxes paid in 1921, the total sum of \$300,000. Some of the individual taxing districts received only 38 per cent of their taxes, while others brought the total average up to about 68 per cent for the entire county.

To pay the county's share of state taxes \$16,000 had to be taken from the county's general fund, thus reducing that balance. As the result of this condition, with penalties and interest the county will receive when the taxes are paid nearly \$50,000 additional funds.

The county court also found that it has cost the county almost \$15,000 for coyote bounties. Think of this item taxpayers, and then cease to wonder why government costs.

## WEEKLY SHOTS BEING HELD BY RIFLE CLUB

Indoor Shoots Replace Range Work For Marksmen—Scores Improving and Entry May Be Made in National Matches

Ontario's rifle club is getting to be the real thing. Since the fall weather set in the boys have taken to cover and are holding indoor meets each Tuesday evening. Three such meetings have been held, and the membership of the organization is growing.

Owing to the fact that only a few of the boys have had much experience in rifle shooting, but all are scatter gun artists, the scores have not been very high, but gradually they are improving. Another factor in the scores to date is that the boys are shooting at night under electric lights and they have not become thoroughly accustomed to this. The range is located in the basement of the H. R. Udick Plumbing shop which the boys themselves have prepared for the scene of their activities. The following are the scores registered Tuesday evening when the boys had quite a gallery of spectators on hand to watch the performance:

F. Stowell 78, Geo. P. Reihsen 82, Lee Cockrum 54, Geo. Lutes 71, Jack Dillard 76, Dick Stover 63, L. H. Stowell 84, Harry Cockrum 77, Dr. Tyler 46, Art Cockrum 73, Lew Stowell 69, Paul Van Petten 70, V. W. Chambers 47.

## THREE OF MALHEUR COUNTY'S HIGH SCHOOLS ACCREDITED

Preparatory Schools of County Well Known at State Institutions of Higher Learning—One Professor at U. Formerly of Ontario

University of Oregon, Eugene—November (Special)—Three high schools in Malheur county—those at Nyssa, Ontario and Vale—have courses of study of such high grade and taught with such efficiency that they are accredited by the University of Oregon. All these schools are well known here, not only thru the students but thru the well-trained teaching staff. Harl R. Douglas, formerly superintendent of schools at Ontario, is now professor of education at the University.

To be admitted to the freshman class of the University of Oregon a student must have completed a four-year high school course or its equivalent, requiring not less than 15 units of work. The term "unit" means the equivalent of five recitations per week of not less than 40 minutes each, in one branch of study, for a school year of not less than 36 weeks. Considering these high requirements it is a distinct honor for a high school list to be on the University accredited list.

Although there are more than two hundred high schools in the state, only 177 are accredited by the University.

The University of Oregon makes the following specific requirements: Three units of English, one unit each of algebra, plane geometry, history and science, two units of one foreign language, an additional unit of any of these and five units in elected subjects. But it is recommended that in electives significant amount of each subject be taken, not just a little of several subjects, which is described as buttering your bread too thin.

## ARMISTICE DAY WILL BE OBSERVED LOCALLY

American Legion Meeting To Arrange Program Did Not Determine on Program

Tomorrow is Armistice day and business will cease in Ontario. There will be no formal service to commemorate the day, at least no program has been announced. The American Legion called a meeting Tuesday evening to arrange a program and had indefinite plans prepared but owing to the fact that only a small number attended nothing was done.

One reason for the inaction was the knowledge that a large number of citizens will be in Boise to see the Cougars and the Cowboys tangle on the gridiron.

## H. S. STOCK JUDGES WIN HONORS AT SHOW

James McCreight Wins First Honors Among High School Judges of Fifteen Schools—Ontario Team Third As Aggregation

Ontario High school won signal honors at the Pacific International Stock Show at Portland this week, when James McCreight one of the local team won first place in the High School class of stock judges. Besides this big individual honor, with Guy Secoy and Robert Linzy he made up the Ontario team which was third in the team contest.

There were fifteen teams from the Smith-Hughes agricultural classes of Washington, Oregon and Idaho competing for honors at the Portland show, and since Ontario is one of the latest of the schools to take up this course the honor is all the higher. Some of the schools have had agricultural classes for several years.

Last year Ontario started its work and the first year won the right to represent Eastern Oregon at the Union stock show, and as in the contest at Portland James McCreight was the winner of first place.

The expense of sending the team to Portland was defrayed mostly by funds secured by the Huskin' Bee, and a donation from the Commercial club and the district.

## ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Plan For Making Book Shelf To Be Given To Boys—Is Like That of Thomas Bailey Aldrich—List of Books To Be Shown

Next week is children's Book week in the United States, and the Public Library is to mark its duration by having on display a number of children's books, and also a catalog of good books for children from which parents desiring to order good books for Christmas gifts can make their selections and order them through the library.

Beside this, the library will present to every boy, or girl for that matter, who wants one, the plan for making a book shelf which Thomas Bailey Aldrich depicted in his famous story of "The Bad Boy," a sample of the book shelf will be on display at the library and on it will be the books which the library recommends for children.

## RUN CAR INTO EXCAVATION UNDER CORNER OF HOTEL

A Ford Sedan, said to be the property of John Town of Fruitland and driven by a Fruitland High School girl ran into the excavation under the corner of the Moore Hotel this afternoon. The car hung perilously on the brink and the occupants, two girls and a boy, Mr. Town's brother were saved injury in a marvelous manner, a brace under the car catching on the edge of the pavement. The car was badly injured. The young women refused to tell their names. It is said that the group was "playing hooky" and enjoying an outing from the Fruitland High School. The accident occurred about 3 p. m.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF GRAND JURY CALLED

Inquirers Called By Judge Dalton Biggs To Meet At Vale Today—Three Separate Matters To Be Considered

For the purpose of investigating three distinct matters a special session of the Grand Jury has been called for Thursday of this week.

While announcement has not been made concerning the purpose for which the inquisitorial body is called, yet it is understood that facts concerning the burglary of the Wilson Bros. store at Nyssa is one of them.

There are also prisoners in the County Jail who it is understood would entail a large expense on the county in delaying their trial and that they are willing to proceed with pleas, so that it was deemed advisable to call the grand jury at this time.

## MALHEUR COUNTY IS CORN SHOW WINNER

Garrett Groat of Nyssa Takes Sweepstakes—Boys and Girls All Secure Highest Honors

Malheur county won the sweepstakes prize of \$50 for the second time at the second annual state corn show, which is held this year in connection with the manufacturers' and land products show as a part of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, the award of prizes announced yesterday. Malheur county had 39 entries in the open classes. Boys' and girls' corn clubs throughout the state are exhibiting 40 tenear displays, says the Oregonian.

Judges of the corn show were Professor George R. Hyslop, Oregon Agricultural college, and J. E. Larson, manager Washington Potato Growers' association. The awards for Eastern Oregon follow:

Class C.  
Non-irrigated, Eastern Oregon—Lot 12, 100 ears Yellow Dent; Third, Lee Graybeal.  
Lot 14, 100 ears White Dent; First, William Anson, La Grande

Class B.  
Irrigated, Eastern Oregon—Lot 17, 10 ears Yellow Dent; First, Garrett Groat, Nyssa; second, Barrett, Malheur county; third, Bert Roberts, Malheur county.

Club Members' Class  
Irrigated, Eastern Oregon—Lot 29, 10 ears Yellow Dent; First, Dyre Roberts, Malheur; second, Wesley Roberts, Malheur; third, Wilbur Roberts, Malheur.  
Lot 30, 10 ears White Dent; First, Edna Wilson, Malheur; second, Chester Wilson, Malheur.

Class I.  
Sweepstakes—Garrett Groat, Nyssa.

## ODD FELLOWS UNITE TO PAY RESPECTS TO LEADER HERE

Payette, Nyssa and Ontario Lodges Represented At Last Rites For Henry Miller Noble Grand of Local Lodge

After an illness of several weeks, during which he had apparently passed the crisis, Henry Miller, jeweler, suffered a relapse and died at his home Saturday evening. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended there being representatives of the Odd Fellow Lodges of Payette, Nyssa and Ontario present, for Mr. Miller was Noble Grand of the Ontario Lodge. Rev. Young of the Methodist Church preached the sermon while the lodge ritual was used at the grave. Interment was made at the Ontario cemetery.

Henry Miller was born October 24, 1876, at Peking, Washington and was married July 14, 1893 to Nettie Kimble. To them nine children were born, seven of whom are living: Alste, Della, Clarence, Iola, Lester, Goldie and Buloah. Mr. Miller was a member of the Methodist church for years and took a prominent part in its activities since he came to Ontario four years ago.

## AUTO BACKS THROUGH PLATE GLASS WINDOW AT RADER'S

When Clarence Rees started to drive his car from the curb in front of Rader's store Tuesday afternoon he put it into reverse instead of forward. Away the car went over the curb and across the walk, while he vainly tried to stop it. Somehow he got the brake and the accelerator mixed, apparently, and the result was a shattered plate glass window.

Miss Mildred Frost, who recently underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils was able to return to her home on the Oregon Slope Monday.

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR RED CROSS ROLL CALL STARTED

Preparations have been completed for annual Red Cross Roll Call. The local directors of the Red Cross have arranged for a Red Cross Thrift shop where material of all kinds will be renovated so that those who cannot buy new clothing and supplies may still be able to secure satisfactory substitutes at prices within their reach. Such shops in Baker and other cities have proven wonderfully effective and great good has thus been accomplished.

Committees for the roll call will start their work on Saturday and the loyal support of the public is necessary to carry on this wonderful work.

## ANOTHER CALDWELL MAN COMES TO OPEN A BUSINESS

Nick Hents who for the past two years has been in the automobile business in Caldwell arrived this week and has opened a general automobile shop and storage place in the building formerly occupied by Harvey & Ricker. Mr. Hents has been in the automobile game since 1908 and expects to open a battery shop and other lines later. For the present he will devote his attention to the repairing and storage end of the game.

## TWO SCORE NEW KNIGHTS MADE BY LOCAL K. OF C.

Class Gathers From Near and Far—La Grande and Baker Council Teams Put On Work—Altar Society Serves Banquet in Evening

The "Caseys" were in town Sunday en masse. From the Harney valley to the Weiser valley they came to attend the semi-annual initiation ceremonial of Snake River Chapter, Knights of Columbus. They came too, from La Grande and they came from Boise, in fact Ontario was the capital of "Caseydom" Sunday.

There were so many present that when the ceremonials were over and they gathered at the City Hall for the banquet which was served by the ladies of the Altar Society, not all could be cared for at the first table.

The 23 new Knights who took the voyage of discovery into knight-hood were piloted on their way by the La Grande and Baker team headed by Jack Pearce and A. A. Smith.

At the banquet which followed, interspersed with the speakers introduced by H. H. Tunny, the toastmaster, were solos sung by Miss Catherine Conway and James G. Smith and a piano number by Mr.

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## WILLAMETTE VALLEY MEN GOING HERE TO SEEK HOMES

Party of Eleven Expected Here Next Tuesday by A. V. Wilson—Others Will Come Says Real Estate Man

A. V. Wilson who came here recently from the Willamette Valley and opened a real estate business expects a company of eleven home-seekers next Tuesday all of whom are coming from Lane county.

"There are many ranchers in the Willamette valley who are looking to this section," says Mr. Wilson, "and I believe that there is an opportunity of cutting up some of the large holdings in this section and securing many additional residents."

Among others whom Mr. Wilson has brought to this section is B. F. Williamson of Creswell. Mr. Williamson negotiated a tract in this county but the deal has not been closed but will be in a day or two. Mr. Williamson is familiar with this section for he homesteaded at Riley in Harney county and had visited in Ontario a number of times.

Mr. Wilson also sold two farms, one on the Idaho side of the river, the Clarence Jones place, which was bought by George Amison of Eugene and the Huffman ranch six miles from Ontario which was bought by S. Kuitnick also of Eugene.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAVE INVITATIONS OUT FOR SMOKER

Invitations are out for a smoker to be given by the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, November 17. An interesting program has been arranged and a real peppy time is scheduled for the knights and their guests. Later the Knights plan a benefit smoker to provide funds for a Christmas of cheer for those who might miss one otherwise.

## ONTARIO GETTING ALLEPPED UP FOR NAMPA

Rooters for "Pop" Club and Business Men Are Joining—Effort Made to Have Stores Close During Game Nov. 18

Ontario High Football team has the chance of its life to stage a demonstration of fighting spirit on November 18 when the boys meet Nampa in the last game of the schedule here on November 18th.

In spite of the reverse met at Caldwell the boys are confident of playing the Junction city lads off their feet and are devoting all their time and energy to that one end. Nampa will find a rejuvenated team to face when they come here.

What is more the boys will have the backing of a "Pop" gang, organized for the purpose of demonstrating the loyalty of Ontario to the team. The club has fifty members from the school already, beside a lot of the business and professional men have entered into the spirit of the game and are going to aid in rallying the entire town to back the boys in this closing game.

Ask Business House To Close

When Boise played Nampa at Nampa last week all the business houses in Nampa closed during the game, and the backers of the team are going to seek that same measure of co-operation here. Since the game is to be played on Friday the closing of the stores from 2:00 to 4:00 will permit a lot of folks who have not had an opportunity to see the team in action enjoy that treat, and see a real football game too.

Little cards and stickers, labelled "Beat Nampa" are being prepared and will be scattered broadcast in the peppy campaign to give Ontario the thrills which come from regular college exhibitions of enthusiasm.

## INVITATION CEREMONIAL IS GIVEN FOR MASTER MASONS

At the Masonic Hall last Thursday evening two M. M. degrees were conferred and a dinner served to some fifty or more members of the order who gathered from the Ontario jurisdiction, and also a number of visitors. The Masonic quartette which has recently been organized presented the musical program. Joseph Daus and A. J. Courtney were the men who rode the lodge goat.

## AFTER AN ILLNESS OF BUT FEW HOURS PIONEER DIES

Mrs. Mary F. Welch Who Homesteaded That Section of Ontario Now Riverside Addition Passes Was Friend of Old Timers

Mrs. Mary Fielding Welch aged 69 years, resident of Ontario since 1831, died at her home here Saturday evening after but a few hours illness. A heart affliction from which she suffered for years was the cause of death. Mrs. Welch was about Saturday until noon time. She took ill during the afternoon and died in the evening.

Funeral services were held from the H. W. Clement residence Tuesday afternoon and were attended by a host of friends, pioneers from many distant points coming to pay their last tribute to the friend of many years. It is told of her that in the pioneer days, when Ontario was but a hamlet, she ministered to the sick and gave generously of her time for the needy of the scattered settlement.

Mary Fielding was born in Devonshire, England, June 2, 1852. The family came from England to this country in the year 1864. In company with other settlers they crossed the plains to Utah when she was 12 years old. There she grew to womanhood and married Richard Welch in 1875. Two children were born to this union, Francis R. Welch and Mrs. H. W. Clement of this city who survive her. In 1879 the family settled in Washoe where they lived for two years before crossing the river into Oregon to live on a homestead which is now known as Riverside addition of Ontario. Her husband died in 1892. Beside her son and daughter she is survived by two grandchildren Rosina and Frank Clement, two sisters Mrs. Emma Livingston of Montecella, Iowa and Mrs. Ellen Hickman of Tooele, Utah and one brother Will H. Booth of Salt Lake City.

At the funeral services Rev. D. J. Gillanders officiated and the Congregational choir sang. The pall bearers were A. S. King, J. R. Gregg, A. E. Rutherford, John Bronnan, Chas. Carter and Albert Mallett, all friends of many years.