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## COUNCIL TO SEEK WAY TO REDUCE EXPENSE

Plans Being Considered for Cut in Some Salaries—Also Comparison With Other Towns Water Rates to be Studied.

One new year resolution which is to effect several citizens is that made by the city administration concerning the cost of city government. The city fathers are out to reduce the cost, and also to so arrange the financial condition of the city water department that it will be able to pay its way and provide a sinking fund to pay the obligations out against it.

For some time the council has been seeking to secure statements from other communities and this done so. Strange as it may seem these statements show that Ontario is selling water cheaper than any of its neighbors and that in spite of the fact that its system was built when costs were at their highest and that the system covers more mileage than any of the others in proportion to the number of users. So far the system has barely paid its operating costs and only a portion of the interest charges and has not provided any sinking fund to retire the bonds.

Since like every other system it will wear out and will have to be replaced in time, the council has reached the conclusion that something must be done to provide means for meeting the bonds, and thus preserving the interests of the citizens. Before action is taken a comprehensive study of the rates of all the cities in this section will be made.

On Saturday night the city goes on the one marshal system. Night Marshal Gordon has been dismissed under the economy program, and H. C. Farmer will go on the night shift, and Water Superintendent, V. W. Chambers will be sworn in as a peace officer to care for emergency work during the day time.

Just what other cuts can be made will be determined at a special meeting of the council to be called soon.

## SERVICE FOR OCTOGENARIAN

Mrs. Sherwood K. Winston Brought Here for Interment Beside Son Who Died in July—Lived Here Many Years.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the funeral chapel of the Ontario Furniture company for Mrs. Sherwood K. Winston who died Monday at the home of her daughter in Brush Prairie, Washington. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery beside her son, Frank Winston who died last July.

Mrs. Winston was 85 years and 3 months old at the time of her death and had lived in Ontario for twenty-one years before going to make her home in Brush Prairie with her daughter, Mrs. John Payne.

## MAE MURRAY PLEASES IN ROLE "THE GILDED LILY"

Mae Murray is back in her ever-popular role of a dancer in her latest picture "The Gilded Lily," a Clara Branger, which will be presented at the Majestic Theatre Sunday and Monday. Miss Branger wrote the story especially for the blond star and with her intimate knowledge of Miss Murray's abilities she was able to create a role that is one of the best she ever played.

In many ways "The Gilded Lily" recalls Miss Murray's Sons in "On With the Dance," one of the big pictures last year. In her newest picture she is Lillian Drake, hostess of a popular private club in New York, a real Salamander, the kind that Owen Johnson revealed several years ago in a startling novel as the kind of a girl who can take everything from men and give nothing in return. All Lillian longs for is to leave her old life and be married and her struggle until she achieves her ambition is intensely interesting. There is a smashing and surprising climax.

V. V. Hickox came to Ontario Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Farm Bureau executive committee, of which he was re-elected president for the third term.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Blackaby of Homedale were holiday visitors in Ontario.

## FRUIT SHIPMENTS FROM HERE BREAK ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

More than 100 car loads of fruit were billed from the Ontario freight depot during the past year, breaking all previous records. Included in the car load shipments were over 80 cars of apples and nearly 20 cars of prunes. This is the first year that an appreciable quantity of prunes were ever shipped from this station.

## K. OF P. COMMITTEE IS SANTA CLAUS TO MANY

Nine Families Aided in Making Christmas Happy one for Kids—Red Cross Nurse Assists in Distributing Fund.

C. F. Cox chairman of the Armour Lodge of Knight of Pythias committee assisted by Mrs. Henry Griffin played the role of Santa Claus to a number of Ontario children in the distribution of the fund which was distributed from the ball given by the lodge.

Children in nine families received various useful presents, including underclothing and stockings, some of which were given by Boyer Bros. and Rader Bros. and E. A. Fraser. They also received Christmas baskets containing elements of Christmas cheer in the form of candy and other delicacies. In all \$70 was spent in clothing so that all those who needed clothing could be cared for. The same committee had turned over to it the balance of \$40 which was in the fund raised in 1920 by the combined efforts of the Knights of Columbus and Oregon Club. Thus by the work of the lodge men this Christmas was made a merry day for many Ontario children and the spirit of the day manifested by the wide distribution.

## LETTUCE GROWERS WILL MEET AT CALDWELL NEXT WEEK

The Canyon County Farm Bureau has arranged a two days program on head lettuce growers for January sixth and seventh. Prospective head lettuce growers should attend this meeting as the program promises to be exceptionally good. Several of the speakers are authorities on head lettuce growing and the opportunity to hear as many good men at any one time is not likely to occur again.

In connection with head lettuce growing the Malheur County Farm Bureau has for some time been planning on obtaining one or more speakers for the Farm Bureau short course which is tentatively scheduled for the week of February 29, County Agent, Brethaupt has taken the matter up both in Idaho and in Oregon and believes that he will be able to stage this feature.

## EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION

Thursday evening, December 22, Star Chapter, No. 49, O. E. S. held its annual installation of officers for the ensuing year, with Mrs. Minnie C. Letson, Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon, acting as presiding officer.

At the close of the installation, A. S. Brown, the retiring Worthy Patron, with an appropriate address, in behalf of Star Chapter, presented Mrs. Myrtle Peterson with a Past Matron's Jewel.

Mrs. Letson, Worthy Grand Matron, with a short talk in her usual pleasing manner, then presented Mrs. Peterson with a Grand Officers' Jewel, honoring Mrs. Peterson as Grand Ester of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

Mrs. Peterson in her response, thanked the Chapter and also Mrs. Letson for these tokens of appreciation of her services.

Following is a list of the newly installed officers:

Mrs. Luu Brown, worthy matron; Frank Weaver, worthy patron; Mrs. Mamie Springer, associate matron; Mrs. Kloe Test, secretary; Mrs. Grace Turner, treasurer; Miss Rosina Clement, conductress; Mrs. Beanie Ready, associate conductress; Mrs. Margaret Howe, chaplain; Mrs. Pauline Platt, marshal; Miss Etta McCright, organist; Mrs. Delta Lingel, adah; Mrs. Kathryn Anderberg, ruth; Mrs. Wildred Weaver, esther; Miss Marjorie Turner, Martha; Mrs. Edna DuFord, electa; Hugh Allen, sentinel.

## HICKOX AGAIN HEADS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Executive Committee Re-elects Veteran Head; T. W. Claggett Elected Secretary-treasurer and A. A. Reed, Vice President.

The new executive committee of the county farm bureau held its first meeting here Tuesday. The committee organized by re-electing V. V. Hickox, president, A. A. Reed, vice-president and T. W. Claggett, secretary-treasurer. V. T. Herrett and P. M. Boals are the other two members of the committee. Matters in connection with adopting a program of work for 1922 and the reorganization of communities throughout the county to carry out the program of work were taken up as well as a number of other matters of importance to the farmers of the county.

The projects on which the executive committee decided to center the activities of the bureau for the next year included Marketing; Poultry; Bees; Dairy; Horticulture; Farm Records; Club Work; Home Betterment; Rodent Control; Coyote Control; Farm Livestock; Range Sheep; Range Beef; Drainage; Irrigation; Seed and Grain Crops; Potato Improvement; Truck and Garden Crops; Pasture and Forage Crops; Crop Rotation; and Farm Management. The committee selected directors for most of these departments at its meeting, who will cooperate with the county agricultural agent and the executive committee in developing the details of each line of work in the various communities throughout the county.

## OREGON CLUB HOSTS FOR INITIAL HOLIDAY DANCE

Club Men Present Diversion of "Real Refreshments" and Novelty in Serving Punch From Flowing Stream

Fifty members of the Oregon Club and their guests inaugurated the holiday season at the club rooms last Friday evening in what was unanimously declared one of the very best dancing parties given in the history of the club.

The club rooms were most artistically decorated with holiday greens and colors, the effect of which was heightened by the brilliancy of the lighted Christmas trees at each end of the dance hall. Out in the game room of the club was located the most unique of punch bowls which was the wonder of the fair guests of the club.

With clever artistry the committee and its decorators had reproduced in miniature, a snow-capped, moss-covered mountain and a yawning canyon down which flowed a stream of punch into a sparkling pool, while further down the canyon bubbled a crystal spring in which the punch glasses were cleansed by the guests after they drank from the refreshing stream.

In the middle of the program six white clad waiters made their appearance and to the surprise of the women present demonstrated such speed in preparing, setting and serving a bountiful lunch that it was hardly believable. With equal dispatch, too, the floor was cleared for dancing after the supper.

Contributing to the joy of the evening was the excellent music of the Entertainers, with Herschel Browne enlivening the program with solos and the trio, Messrs. Browne, Turner and Adam, with their vocal offerings. From every viewpoint the dance was declared most successful and proof thereof was given by the fact that even after the formal program was completed the crowd stayed for more. The committee which had charge and which is also arranging for the second of the holiday dances Friday night was: E. F. Taylor, Jr., Arthur Cockrum, Ernest Gramme, and Ray Boyer, while Jack Landis assisted the committee with the decorations.

P. J. Gallagher returned today from Salem and Portland where he went on business and to attend the special session of the legislature.

A large number of Ontarians will go to Caldwell Friday to attend the banquet which is being held by the Caldwell commercial club and the Canyon county Farm Bureau.

## NEW YEAR WILL MARK RELIEF FROM TAXES

One of Happy Prospects for Coming Twelve Months is the Fact that War Taxes on Express, Freight and Some other Things Stops.

Every cloud has a silver lining, says the old saying and one of the bright spots on the horizon of business is the fact that on Sunday the new government tax bill becomes operative.

Among other benefits which the public will receive, and it means thousands of dollars to Ontario folks during the coming year, is the cessation of war taxes on passenger tickets, and on freight and express shipments, according to the announcement made by Express agent F. J. Clemo and Agent H. O. Drans. Together the collections made by the representatives of the transportation companies during the past few years has reached vast sums.

## LEGION DANCE PLEASES

On Saturday evening the American Legion staged its regular weekly dance which also partook of the holiday spirit in the number who came to enjoy a good time. The Legion men will present another dance this coming Saturday.

## ONTARIO HI WINS FIRST GAME OF SEASON 34-19

Visitors From Crane Handicapped by Slippery Floor and Lack of team Work Fall Before Lathrop's Basket Tossers

Tuesday evening at the Legion hall the Ontario Hi basket ball team opened the 1921-22 season with an impressive victory over the Crane Hi team which is spending the vacation on a trip through the Snake River Valley.

The boys from Crane, in view of the fact that they have only 21 boys in their student body, made a good showing on a strange floor, especially one that was as glassy as the floor of the Legion hall. To this they were not accustomed and they displayed this fact often.

In the first half the score was nip and tuck until the Lathrop tossers got to working systematically. Then it was all off for Crane, for the Messie, Moore, and Hale combination proved a scoring machine; while McCright and Turner covered the Crane forwards so effectively that they never had a chance to get in the lead. A fair crowd saw the game.

The teams lined up as follows: Ontario; Messie and Moore, forwards; Hale center; Turner and McCright, guards. In the second half Scott replaced Hale at center. Crane: Drum and Johnson, forwards; Hall, center; Curry and Parker, guards; Buckland and Gordon, subs.

Messie was the star point winner for Ontario with 7 field goals and two free throws; Moore had 5 goals and Hale three field goals and McCright two. Drum was Crane's best point winner with four goals, while Johnson scored three and Curry and Hall each one each. S. M. Boucher was the referee. Tomorrow night (Friday) Ontario high meets the Huntington boys on the local floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Caviness of Emmett visited in Ontario during the Christmas holidays, the guest of Mr. Caviness' mother, Mrs. William Jones.

Bob Arnold, a former Ontario boy, now of Twin Falls visited in Ontario, Saturday.

The Ontario Women's Club will meet with Mrs. H. B. Cockrum next Thursday, January 5th.

Master Melvin Lakness entertained a number of his little friends Monday evening at a Xmas party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lakness.

Mrs. D. C. Anderberg left Saturday evening for Glenns Ferry where she will visit with her husband.

Prof. J. L. Turnbull left Saturday for Crowley where he will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seligman spent several days in Boise this week.

## LOCAL MAN HONORED EVEN IF FAIR IS NEVER HELD

Even though the Oregon 1925 Fair is never held, yet an Ontarian was honored by being named to a place on the commission which was selected to manage it. The man thus honored, is E. C. Van Petten, president of the Van Petten Lumber company and president of the Commercial club.

## RELIEF FROM COYOTE BOUNTY IS ACCORDED

Legislature Passes P. J. Gallagher's Measure Which Will Save Taxpayers Thousands of Dollars

So far as the taxpayers of Malheur and Harney counties are concerned the special session of the legislature has been justified in the passage of one act, that introduced by Representative P. J. Gallagher of this city, giving partial relief from the raids of coyote scalp hunters who since 1917 have received \$71,869.00 from Malheur County.

Mr. Gallagher's original bill provided for the optional paying of bounties by each county, but the opposition made by Jay Dobbin, president of the wool growers association, by Representative Hyatt of Wallawa and Senator Strayer of Baker county, together with the attitude on the part of Governor Oleott prevented its passage in that form.

However, it was agreed that the present law be amended providing that the bounty can only be paid to the man who killed the animal, and the claimant must make an affidavit that he or she killed the animal, and to make a false affidavit in this connection is made a felony.

It was agreed that if this is not satisfactory that at the next session of the legislature provision will be made for the hunter system of controlling coyotes and the bounty system abandoned.

## PAID \$1000 IN ONE DAY

An idea of what this bounty bill means to the taxpayers here may be gained from a few figures given by County Judge E. H. Test who sought for more than a year to have some action taken in this matter:

"From November 1920 to November, 1921, Malheur county paid \$18,000 in coyote bounties," said the Judge. "In November 1921 we paid \$5402, while on Tuesday of last week we paid out \$1,000. Since under a decision of the district court, as well as an opinion of the attorney general the county has to issue the warrants for bounties regardless of whether or not the state provides its share or whether the county funds are exhausted, this is a serious question and means that unless relief had been granted the treasury of the county would have been emptied by the coyote claims."

"As soon as we learn that the Governor has signed this bill we will call the budget committee together and strike the appropriation provided for in the budget for the county's share, and on the first Monday in January the county court will pass necessary resolution to stop the payment of bounties."

## LLOYD B. TETERS DIES SUDDENLY

Illness Not Thought Serious—Arises For Drink and Then Drops to Sleep Quietly Passing away—Was Old Settler.

Lloyd B. Teter who for 30 years was a resident of Malheur county and for ten years a resident and business man in Ontario quietly passed away while asleep last Friday morning about 5:30, the victim of a sudden attack of heart trouble.

Mr. Teter had not been well for several days and on Thursday remained at home. He was, however, not confined to his bed but was able to be about the house. During Thursday night he was restless and about 5 o'clock in the morning rose for a drink of water and returned to his bed. His moving about awakened his wife and she noted his breathing and watched him finally drop to sleep, just a few minutes later she noticed that his respiration was getting weaker and summoned a physician, before aid came, however, he had died peacefully.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church and interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

Mr. Teter was born in Wheeling, West Virginia in 1861, and there grew to manhood. He came west in the eighties and settled first in

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## COURT RULES HOWARD MUST PAY PENALTY

Murderer of George Sweeney, Vale Merchant, Condemned to Die—Decision Written by Supreme Justice McBride

George Howard, convicted of the murder of George R. Sweeney at the January 1921 term of court, and whose case was appealed to the Supreme Court and argued at Pendleton in November, must pay the penalty of death by hanging, according to the decision of the Supreme Court handed down on Tuesday at Salem. The opinion was written by Justice Thomas McBride.

The crime for which Howard will atone with his life was one of the most brutal in the annals of Eastern Oregon. It was long a mystery and not until months after it was committed was knowledge of it obtained.

On September 14, 1920, Howard, on the pretense of desiring to purchase a car which Sweeney owned, had Sweeney take him on a demonstration trip and just a short way from Vale, crushed Sweeney's skull with a wrench. He then covered the body with a robe, returned to Vale and secured a trunk into which he placed the body and drove southwest of Vale to the Owyhee river, where he cast the trunk into the waters of the stream.

He stayed there for some time and later went to Idaho where, when Sheriff Lee Noe sought him he was found and returned to this county for trial.

Since an effort is being made to test the validity of the capital punishment law in the case of Rathle, one of the murderers of Till Taylor, it is probable that the execution of Howard will be postponed until the Rathle case has been passed upon.

## MRS. MARY A. BARNETT PASSES

Months of Suffering Ends Saturday Morning—Daughter takes Body Back to Old Home in Iowa—Was Children's Friend

Mrs. Mary A. Barnett, aged 76, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Greig last Saturday morning following an illness of many months which had its inception in injuries which she received by a fall last summer. Funeral services were held at the Greig home Saturday afternoon and on Sunday morning Mrs. Lucy B. Fox, her daughter, who had come from Mason City, Iowa, accompanied the body back to Mitchell, Iowa to be buried beside her husband, who died there in 1905.

Despite the short notice given, many friends of the bereaved family were present at the impressive service conducted by Rev. G. Landers of the Congregational church. Mrs. H. L. Peterson and Miss Rose Kroessin sang two of Mrs. Barnett's favorite hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Abide With Me."

Although Mrs. Barnett had been a resident of Ontario since 1914, having made her home with her daughters, Mrs. Greig and Mrs. Fox, while she lived here, her acquaintance was, due to her failing health, of necessity limited. But to that circle of friends she was a cheering inspiration. Though frail of body she radiated happiness through her cheerfulness and her faith that all would be well. She loved and was beloved by the children of neighbors and friends to all of whom she was, "Grandma Barnett," and in contributing to their happiness she secured her greatest pleasures.

In the passing of Mrs. Barnett, Ontario loses one of the few of that dwindling number who linked the present with the momentous days of the past during which the nation was welded into a perfect union. She was a daughter of the old South having been born at Glasgow, Kentucky, September 19, 1845, the daughter of James A. and Sarah M. Wilson. As a young woman she grew up in the scene of the greatest conflict and intimately knew of struggles of the border people; their alternating hopes and fears. Her education was received at Georgetown Academy, in Georgetown, Kentucky, and in 1872 she married Thomas Barnett and went as a bride

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