

CITY COUNCIL MAKES SALARY REDUCTION

Mayor Doolittle Leads off With a Voluntary Cut of \$10 Per Month in His Salary—With Fervent Cut by Committee Total Payroll \$2280 Less

Mayor W. H. Doolittle led the way in a general reduction of city salaries, at the regular meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening, by which \$780 was taken from the payroll of the city for 1922. This with the reduction of \$1500 ordered by the budget committee through the elimination of one marshal, cuts the payroll of 1922 in the total of \$2280.

This action was taken after a general survey of the city's financial condition, in line with a plan to put the city on a sound footing. Based on the estimated receipts from taxation, the council has reduced the city expenses to a point where it is believed all bills can be paid and a sufficient number of warrants called to reduce the city indebtedness.

Mayor Doolittle in announcing the cuts said:

"While the council did not cut the Mayor's salary as one of those to be cut, I personally felt that if others were reduced that mine should be cut proportionately. The reductions were necessary if the city finances are to be placed on a sound basis and to protect the credit of the city, and that is what the council is proposing to do. If the property owners will co-operate to the extent of paying their taxes, we can accomplish a great betterment of conditions for the city this year."

The following is the total cut in the several offices for the year: Mayor \$120; Recorder \$120; Water Superintendent \$300; Fire Chief \$60; Engineer at pumping station \$120; Health officer, \$60; one marshal \$1500. Total \$2280.

The cut in the health officer was accomplished by the offer of Dr. J. J. Weese to perform this service without salary.

Council Considered Free Service

Several members of the Council considered and at once it was agreed to serve without the charter remuneration of \$5 per meeting, but later this plan was abandoned, when it was argued that this reduction would not materially affect the tax roll and that it is but a slight reward for the many hours spent by the Councilmen in carrying on the business of all the people.

Since the Council has been paid for attending these meetings it was pointed out that only once has there failed to be a quorum present, and also that the committee meetings have been attended regularly and the business of the city more expeditiously and more economically handled. It was further argued that since few of the large taxpayers will ever when asked, give any of their time to public affairs there is no reason why the six Councilmen should leave their homes and their business repeatedly to work for these same taxpayers for nothing.

OPENS DRESSMAKING SHOP

A dressmaking shop was opened in Ontario this week by two young women, Miss Lena Roenfeldt and Miss Martha Graum of Fruitland. The shop is located in the Moore building west of Fraser's store.

Last Monday evening a number of the friends of Mrs. Lillian Doty went to her home and gave her a delightful surprise party, and presented her with a beautiful library lamp in recognition of her faithful services in the M. E. Church. Mrs. Doty has been the pianist in the church for several years. Delightful refreshments were served and a delightful evening was spent.

James Turnbull who spent Christmas with his uncle, Tom Turnbull, returned home last week end.

The mother of Roy Wrinkle arrived from Nebraska last week and is going to spend the year with Roy on the Burr Wood place.

Andrew Graham of Vale spent the New Year holidays with his relatives here in town.

Mrs. May McKennie of Boise and formerly of Juntura was visiting old friends in town last week. Her husband, W. A. McKennie spent a day here on his way from Juntura to Boise.

Wm. E. McKamoy from Payette, was in town Wednesday. He is a land owner in the Ironside country.

Roderick McArthur, Agnus McLean and Duncan Fraser, sheepmen were in town this week from the British country. They are feeding sheep six miles from Ontario on the Von Readen place.

WIFE OF SALEM MAN SEEKS NEWS CONCERNING HIM

Marshall H. F. Farmer received a request the other day from Salem to search this section for information concerning James F. Hill, who has been missing from the capital for several months. If by chance he has been seen by anyone in this section, Marshall Farmer should be notified.

SHERIFF DRAWS MANY WOMEN FOR JURY WORK

First List of Women in Malheur County for Juries Under New Law Residents of Ontario, Vale and Nyssa With Few Exceptions

Although the Argus by mistake last fall said that a woman had been called for jury duty when Ruby Kelley's name appeared on the jury list for the September term, it has before it now a list of real women who will be called during the year 1922 for service under the new law. This list was received from the county seat on Wednesday and includes a large number of women from Ontario, Vale and Nyssa. There are two or three women on the list who live on ranches, but not many.

The following is the first list of women jurors selected under the terms of the new law:

From Ontario
Louvena Boswell, Emma L. Billingsley, Mae Alta Boyer, Bertha Castlemann, Bessie Doolittle, Daisy D. Field, Mary E. Jones, Margaret Laxson, Lela H. Oakes, Lulu Rutherford, Ulna P. Troxell, Mary A. Wood, Edna Allen, Ruby E. Brethaupt, Clarice Canfield, Lena E. Chambers, Etta Cookrum, Florence B. Dorman, Ida H. Fraser, Martha B. Greig, Georgia Hall, Myrtle Peterson, Daisy Rader, Mrs. F. S. Reider, Grace R. Robinson, Rovia Staples, Grace B. Turner, Lulu P. Aiken, Nellie B. Blackaby, Ernestine Boyer, Thelma B. Callin, Julia R. Drain, Thelma Emlen, Bernice Escue, Anna Homan, Mary C. McCreight, Ina S. Taggart.

From Vale
Bessie A. Ager, Mrs. John Barclay, Della Rutlock, Mary Glenn, Ida B. Gordon, Josephine Lumpee, Clara B. Nordale, Hazel Rose, E. Vincent Schroeder, Maude Spieth, Lillie E. Tapp, Gertrude A. Walker, Anna F. Hunt, Helen L. McKnight, Edna Herrett.

From Nyssa
Lillian R. Clore, Ellen M. Fields, Blanche Boydell, Nettie Gibson, Mrs. Lena Lax, Lizzie G. Marshall, Myrtle Young.

HILARITY REIGNS AT DANCES WHICH GREET THE NEW YEAR

Oregon Club on Friday Night and Legionaires on Saturday Night. Furnish Means for Delightful Times for Ontarians and Guests

On Friday night of last week the Oregon Club staged its second holiday dance with all the enthusiasm and enjoyment which greeted the Christmas number. There were several novelties on the program and the plan of activity was somewhat changed. Programs were used for only half the dance, the remainder of the evening being informal.

During the luncheon the club men introduced Miss Henderson in a series of toe dances which pleased and presented a novelty for Ontario dancing programs. Later in the evening little Miss Lone Swagler dutifully dressed to impersonate the spirit of the New Year, presented the women guests with the favors of the club in carnations, while Chet Lackey, portraying "Old Father Time," accompanied her on the journey about the ballroom. It was an effective touch in keeping with the season.

Tickle's Tickle on New Year's Eve. On Saturday night the spirit of carnival was rampant at the Legion hall where the American Legion staged its New Year's dance. As of Friday, there was a large crowd present, and a delightful program of dances was presented. Armed with ticklers, the crowd bent its effort to make the evening a funny one for all present, and it was not a difficult task, so completely was the holiday spirit in control of the gathering.

ODD FELLOWS INITIATE

The Odd Fellow Initiatory Degree was given last Friday evening at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Two new members, Joel Smith and Benny Jones being introduced into the mysteries. Next Friday evening the Degree of Truth will be conferred on nine candidates.

Lucille Biggs returned to school in Eugene after spending the holidays with her parents.

Helen Blom returned to school at McMinnville after spending Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Butler of Boise visited in Ontario and vicinity last week.

Vernon Butler let. for Corvallis last week end.

CANYON COUNTY BUYS HALF MILLION CHICKS

Poultry Raising Going to be Leading Industry of Active Idaho Community—Weiser Man Continues Recording Profits

Secretary W. H. Doolittle who went with a delegation of Ontario men to the big meeting held at Caldwell last Friday when the Caldwell Commercial club entertained several hundred ranchers and business men brought back some interesting information concerning the manner in which the people down there are going into the poultry business.

Besides securing this information he also interviewed Archie Larson, the Weiser poultry man who was at the Caldwell meeting, and from him learned that from his 900 last spring's pullets, Mr. Larson received from December 7 to December 27, an average income of \$20 per day.

"Mr. Larson told me," said Mr. Doolittle, "that during those twenty days he shipped to the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers at Caldwell 35 cases of eggs worth \$11.50 per case, a total of about \$402.50 in 20 days.

Mr. Larson also traps several hundred hens and sells many thousands of day old chicks every spring. There is such a demand for these chicks that orders have to be placed several months in advance to secure them."

"From 1300 hens and 4 acres of asparagus Elmer Gribble of Canby, Ore. received \$9000 gross during the past year. His flock averaged 190 eggs per hen. This year he expects to increase that average to 200 eggs per hen. This is another instance showing the possibilities of poultry raising as a profitable business."

"Secretary Gowan of the Caldwell Commercial club says that the demand for the day old chicks is going to be very large this spring. He expects to contract for delivery of 500,000 chicks for Canyon county alone, and says now is the time to make known your wants if you expect to get them in the spring. Poor layers are just like poor dairy cows, they don't pay to keep, and the thing to do is to stock up with - select 200 egg chicks if you expect big returns from the poultry business."

"D. Tancord of Kent, Wash., recently broke the American record in egg laying contest at Puyallup, Wash. His pen of 5 White Leghorns produced 1384 eggs in one year, starting Nov. 1, 1920 and ending Oct. 31, 1921. The average of the 5 hens was 276 4-5 eggs each.

"Two hours work a day would be sufficient to take care of a flock of 200 hens. These hens should give you an income of \$3.00 each above the cost of the feed, \$600 per year is a pretty fair income for that amount of work. It does not pay to raise anything but your green feed, as you can buy your feeds cheaper than you can grow them, and the same amount of time devoted to keeping your flock in good condition will pay you many times the value of the crop you would get.

"There is no good reason why any man with an acre tract or even four or five lots in town should not be keeping 200 chickens. They will lay just as many or more eggs when confined all the time as when running out. Spring pullets should be allowed to run out until a month or so before the fall laying period, but many of the large poultrymen find it more profitable to keep all of their layers in the chicken house during the entire year.

CONDEMNATION CASES WILL BE HELD SOON

Joseph Case Transferred to Baker County, Otis Thayer Case Will Be Heard on Friday the Thirteenth

Judge Dalton Biggs and the jurors for the January term of court face one of the busiest sessions of recent years in this district when trials open next Monday. Besides a long list of civil cases which will also be a number of criminal cases.

Among the civil cases which will attract considerable attention will be those for the condemnation of land for right-of-way for the Old Oregon Trail section of the Columbia Highway as it leaves Ontario going northward. The first case to be tried will be that of Otis Thayer vs. Malheur county, which involves the right-of-way for a half mile of the road, which later will be followed by the Oregon Western Colonization case for right-of-way between the city limits and the Malheur river.

The case of Joseph vs. Malheur county also for right-of-way across the Joseph ranch in the lower Dead Ox has been transferred to Baker county for trial.

The Misses Margaret and Anna McGivern of Portland spent the holidays in Ontario with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell of Fall City, Oregon spent the Christmas holidays in Ontario.

Last Thursday evening about fifty of the members of the congregation of the M. E. Church walked in upon Rev. and Mrs. Henry Young, and gave them a very pleasant surprise in the form of a shower of many useful presents.

RAILROAD EXTENSION IS BEING CONSIDERED

Secretary of State Chamber of Commerce Tells Annual Gathering of Directors that Railroad Men Considering Action—Wants Settlers on Irrigated Land

Railroad extensions in Central and Eastern Oregon, which are being considered seriously by officials of two major companies, may aid greatly in solving the land settlement problem in this state, said George Quayle, secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, according to the Oregon Journal of Tuesday.

Directors and members of the state organization have been informed, according to Quayle, that an exhaustive study of the Central Oregon country is being made by the Union Pacific and that renewed interest likewise is being shown by the Southern Pacific.

Branch in Good Shape
"The branch of the Union Pacific from Ontario to Crane has been placed in excellent shape and some new surveys have been made on the Natron cutoff," said Quayle. "The rail executives have been shown that with the development of new irrigation districts there will be a total annual tonnage estimate of 3,500,000 in the Central Oregon territory and this does not take into consideration the timber and other offerings of this vast district."

The interest in the road building program that may be under consideration arose from a discussion of the land settlement problem. Quayle said that the land settlement question was becoming more serious each year with the development of more irrigation projects. The secretary said:

"It is not my intention to spread pessimism, but a word of caution must be given in regard to settlement in view of the development of irrigation districts."

Settlers' Essential
"It does not pay to organize irrigation districts, prepare them for cultivation and have the water rights assessment made unless the district has settlers. Other districts should not be laid out until we have present districts settled. We are not ready for the state to issue bonds for new districts because it will be hard to tell where we will be at the end of five years when the bonds come due."

"Oregon now has 1,610,000 acres of land in irrigation districts and 1,900,000 acres more proposed. To handle this vast problem the directors of the Oregon Irrigation congress and of the State Drainage association have planned centralization of work on this question."

"It is proposed that a Portland office be opened where all information on reclamation can be compiled and made available to settlers. This office is to be governed by two men appointed by the irrigation congress, one by the drainage association, one by the Portland Chamber of Commerce and one by the State Chamber of Commerce."

Tour in Prospect
"Next June an educational tour of the irrigation districts of the state is to be made. It is hoped that 150 people will make this tour and if the proposed directorate of reclamation is perfected, the tour will be in charge of the new organization."

STATE GAME OFFICIALS TO SEE ANTELOPE PROTECTED

Herd Near Cow Lakes in Jordan Valley Section of This County To be Guarded From Attacks of Basque Hunters

Recently the Oregonian carried the following story concerning the protection of a herd of antelope in this county:

"A herd of 17 antelope near Cow Creek lakes in Malheur county is to be guarded against the weapons of the shepherders and others according to A. E. Burgdoff, state game warden. Holmes D. Glover, a rancher living near the range of the antelope, who has aided in the preservation of the animals the past five years is to be appointed deputy game warden and entrusted with their protection.

Wm. F. Schnable, of Jordan Valley, has been watching over them during their presence near his ranch but in his absence Mr. Glover will protect them.

A letter written by Mr. Schnable to Capt. Burgdoff follows: "I live on the banks of Cow creek Lake in Malheur county. Have been here since 1889, when game was plentiful everywhere. Most of the game is gone now, but five years ago three antelope showed up in our field and we took care of them, my neighbors and I, until now there are 17 head in the herd. They came down the hill and grazed around they never paid any attention to me or the dogs. It was a pleasing sight

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SNEAK THIEF MAKES RICH HAUL FROM HIGH SCHOOL

A sneak thief made a rich haul from the pockets of the High school basket ball boys yesterday when by going through the pocket of coats hung in the dressing room while the boys were down at the Legion Hall practicing. The sneak secured in all about \$40. This is not the first time the pockets of the boys have been picked, but it is the largest sum ever secured. The school authorities and the police have a clew to the guilty person and are running down the evidence.

DAIRYMEN TO GATHER AT GRANGE ON MONDAY

Will Consider Many Ways and Means of Securing Safe Operation by Which War Finance Funds Can be Brought to This Section

Malheur county ranchers especially those in the eastern end of the county, are going to meet at the Grange Hall on Monday to consider the problem presented in an effort to secure some of the war finance money by which to finance the purchase of dairy cattle.

The meeting was called by County Agent L. R. Brethaupt at the request of the Farm Bureau Committee in a circular letter which he sent out, wherein he set forth the situation as follows:

"At the request of E. B. Conklin, chairman of the farm bureau committee, an organization of a purchasing and loan association to distribute and finance dairy cattle and in cooperation with that committee, I have agreed to call a meeting of those persons who are interested in getting the benefits of such organization."

"This meeting will be held next Monday, January 9, at the Boulevard Grange Hall, beginning promptly at 1:30 p. m. Everyone who would like to secure dairy cattle and everyone who is in need of a loan on dairy cattle or other livestock or farm produce should be in attendance in order that they may become more familiar with the plans and conditions under which such benefits may be secured. Please appoint yourself a committee of one to bring this matter to the attention of any friends or neighbors who you think are or should be interested."

"I am informed that most of the Idaho counties have already raised their quota of the original capital stock or will have done so before the date of our meeting, all of it so far as I know having been subscribed by the banks and merchants, temporarily, to start the thing off. The only offer of help which has been made for this county so far as I know, comes from the Payette Cooperative Creamery."

"The matter has now reached a place where it is strictly up to Malheur county to either act or let it be known that there is nothing doing as it is not right that our neighbors across the Snake should be called upon to wait upon us. So far as I am concerned the action will have to come from the people who are or should be interested, as I feel that I have already devoted all the time that I should to this project."

NEW AUTO REGULATION NOW IN FULL BLAST

Public Service Commission Presents Digest of New Statutes—Permit to Operate is Required

Providing for the supervision and regulation of the transportation of persons and property for compensation over any public highway by motor vehicles.

The new automotive legislation is interpreted as affecting all corporations, persons or companies owning, controlling, operating or managing any motor vehicle used in the business of transportation of persons or property for compensation over the public highways of the state, exception being made to such vehicles as operate exclusively within the limits of an incorporated city or town.

The Public Service Commission, in its administration of the act, is authorized to supervise and regulate such features as rates, services and facilities from the standpoint of their reasonableness, safety and adequacy and to exercise jurisdiction in such matters affecting the relationship of such companies with the passenger and shipping public.

All companies or individuals subject to the act and engaged in the operation of this class of public transportation must first obtain from the Commission a certificate or permit setting forth the terms and conditions covering such operations, also to file a surety bond or liability insurance and good faith undertaking. The maximum license fee is fixed at ten (10) dollars per

vehicle.

The necessary application blanks including a request for pertinent data, accompanied by copies of the law, are furnished by the Public Service Commission promptly upon request. The County Clerks and County Judges of the various counties have been supplied with copies of the new law for the information of the general public.

The commission requests the co-operation of the automotive industry and the general public in the introduction of and compliance with the new law in matter and spirit.

LAWYER GIVES MANY OBJECTIONS TO ROAD

C. McGonagill Declines Offer of City For Right-of-way For Oregon Trail Entrance Violates Federal Constitution and Other Statutes

A whole bouquet of objections, a dozen or more, were read to the City Council Tuesday evening in the filing of the papers prepared by Attorney C. McGonagill declining on behalf of the Henry Miller estate the city's offer for a right-of-way across property in the north end of the city for the Old Oregon Trail.

Mr. McGonagill asserted in his objections among many other things, that the offer was made and the route selected for the agrandisement of some citizens; that it was not a tender at all; that it was in contravention of the Federal Constitution in that it took property without due process of law; that the Council had no right to make the offer; and many other reasons.

The council's offer was made following the figures placed upon the property by an appraisal committee all of whom were ranchers from without the city, Rex Marquis, J. F. Weaver and G. W. Dean.

Deputies Appointed
To provide for emergencies which might arise during the day time, the Mayor appointed Artie Pool, street commissioner and V. W. Chambers, water superintendent, as policemen and they will wear stars of office. H. C. Farmer was named marshal, and C. M. Stearns was appointed recorder and accountant of the water department, and Dr. W. J. Weese was named health officer without salary.

The council committee on buildings was instructed to see Pete Duford relative to the construction of his garage which it was alleged did not comply with the agreement made by him when the permit was issued.

N. A. Mead asked for a permit to construct a gasoline station on the lot at the corner of Oregon street and Washington avenue but it was not granted. The council ordered that Mr. Mead present plans and specifications for his building at the next meeting before the request would be considered.

The resolution of the Commercial Club relative to sidewalk parking and for the opening of a crossing over the railroad track at Tennessee avenue were laid on the table by one negative vote. Councilman Graig along with registering his judgment on the proposals after they had been discussed.

The Idaho Power company's request for permission to run a pole line down the alley on Richardson street and across the proposed city park site; and thus permitting the company to reach Doty Island was granted.

When the Council adjourned it did so to meet again on Wednesday January 11, when the special order of business will be the formation of a new schedule of water rates.

The Fortnightly Club met Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Powers.

Among the new Christmas arrivals the Argus overlooked last week was the baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Browne, December 26th.

Mrs. Ivan Oakes was hostess to the Monday Bridge Club this week. Mrs. J. D. Billingsley entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club.

The Carnation Club met at the home of Mrs. V. B. Staples on Wednesday.

Mrs. L. Adam was the hostess to the Imperial Club on Thursday.

Wednesday evening at the High School, Miss Lee met with a number of the members of the Women's club to plan for the formation of a Woman's Gymnasium Club.

The Women's club met this week with Mrs. Harry Cookrum.

Miss Helen Biggs spent Tuesday visiting in Ontario.

Mr. J. A. McKenney from Cow Valley was in town overnight the first of the week.

Duncan McRay of Riverside spent several days in Ontario this week.

Wednesday evening the Knights of Pythias held installation of officers for the coming year and the following officers were installed: Stanley Millikin, C. C.; J. B. Atherton, v. c.; Dr. Roberts prelate; Chas. Cox, m. w.; Irving Harris, k. r. u. s., and master of finance; O. F. Payne, ex-checker; Dr. Tyler, m. o. f. c.; Charles Garvin, I. G. Floyd Powell, O. G. After the business session a banquet was served by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGregor. A cake was auctioned off and brought \$27.50. About forty of the members were present.

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