

OREGON TRAIL HIGHWAY IS OPEN FOR TRAVEL FROM ONTARIO TO THE SLIDE

BRIDGE ACROSS MALHEUR RIVER ONE OF FINEST IN STATE COMPLETED AND ENTIRE ROAD IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION FOR TRAFFIC

LONG DESIRED ARTERY SECURED

Work on Slide to Baker County Line Being Rushed—Record Being Established—Grading Will Be Completed Early in May—Graveling in August

An excellent highway connecting Ontario, by an Oregon road with Dead Ox Flat, Oregon Slope and all that country to the northwest of the city is an accomplished fact. The dream of Ontario business men and good road enthusiasts has been accomplished.

With the acceptance on the part of the engineers of the Oregon State Highway department of the handsome concrete bridge which spans the Malheur river and the filling of the approach thereto last Saturday, travel began to use the Old Oregon Trail all the way through, and now it takes but fifteen minutes to drive from Ontario to the heart of the Oregon Slope, and only a half hour or so to reach Weiser. So good is the highway that Idaho folks going from Payette to Weiser and vice versa are now crossing the river and using the Oregon Trail.

While many of the folks here in Ontario do not realize it, the bridge across the Malheur river is one of the finest in the state. It is a beautiful structure which the Hauser company has built under the direction of the Highway engineers. There is nothing like it in this section of Oregon or Idaho.

Making Record on Slide
Division Engineer R. H. Baldack who was in Ontario today reports that the Hauser Construction company is making a great record on the Slide to Baker county line section, over and around the Slides. In six weeks they have moved 80,000 cubic yards of dirt. In the first two weeks they moved 28,000 yards, and during the last month they have moved 52,000 yards. If the weather does not become more severe the grading of this section will be completed in March and the graveling can be completed in July or August.

With the completion of Ontario to the Slide section of the Old Oregon Trail and the Jamieson to Vale section of the John Day Highway, together with the grading of the Vale to Burrell section of the Central Oregon Highway, Malheur county has seen more road work done during 1921, than ever before in the history of the county, and the faith of the good roads enthusiasts in the State Highway commission has been more than justified. When it is remembered that these roads will be maintained under state supervision, and that they have been built with the lowest engineering costs ever recorded the taxpayers and the motorists whose incomes pay the bills, will appreciate the boon they have received. The engineering cost for Ontario this year were but 5.3 per cent, less than half the limit set by statute, and lower than that of any of our neighboring commonwealths.

Mrs. W. G. Anderson returned Tuesday from Nampa where she has been spending the holidays with her people. Mrs. Mark McClure of Notus returned with her for a visit here.

Interest In Lettuce Growing Indicates Change Toward Diversified Farming

The head lettuce growers' convention arranged by the Canyon county Farm Bureau at Caldwell proved popular beyond all expectations. More than one thousand persons are estimated to have been in attendance which proves that there is an unprecedented interest throughout the Snake River valley in diversified farming and the cultivation of more intensive crops to replace the hay and grain which has been unprofitable during the past two years. Hundreds of those present knew nothing about growing the crop until after listening to the lectures from experienced growers, scientists, marketing specialists and others with a message to bring in relation to some feature of the business. It is safe to say that many ideas were changed and an incalculable benefit derived to influence the success of those who will plant the crop this year.

It is hard to believe, but W. S. Shearer who is the pioneer head lettuce grower of the State of Idaho, having grown the crop for eight years on his farm near Lewiston, and who is credited with having sold \$30,000 worth of the finest lettuce grown in the United States in 1921, from about thirty acres of

SENIOR PARTNER RETIRES FROM LOCAL HARDWARE CO.

Announcement was made this week of the purchase of the interest of J. T. McNulty in McNulty & Company's hardware store and business by J. C. McCreight, junior member of the firm.

Mr. McNulty has decided to retire from business and Mr. McCreight is to assume complete control of the company's affairs. While retiring from business Mr. McNulty is not to leave Ontario at least for the present though now he has no definite plans. The change in the firm just announced is one of several made during the past twelve years in which Mr. McNulty has been connected, and one of the features in connection with the changes is that the names of all the owners have begun with Mc, for it used to be owned by H. W. McBratney, now of Boise; then McNulty and McCreight bought McBratney out, and now McCreight has purchased McNulty's interest. Mr. McCreight first entered the firm seven years ago.

CLUB MEMBERS KEEP TAB ON DAIRY COWS

Boys and Girls Showing the Way to Their Elders in Practical Application of Record Keeping

Seventy three club members in Malheur County are keeping records on at least two dairy cows apiece. The records include the weight of the milk and the amount of feed consumed. These club members are not only acquiring that knowledge necessary to the successful dairyman, but are rendering a very real service to Malheur County.

The farmer, the merchant and the banker with the help of the War Finance Corporation is interested in bringing dairy cows into this county. The boys and girls are doing their part by demonstrating the necessity and practicability of keeping records in order to determine if the cow is a paying proposition.

The communities of Oregon Slope, Nyssa, Big Bend, White Settlement and Vale have standard clubs in this project. The clubs in the Wade and Jefferson communities have not yet secured a leader, and the County Club Agent is meeting with them once a month.

It will be interesting to watch the results obtained by these Junior dairymen. While a great many inaccuracies will probably occur during the first two or three months due to the inexperience of the boys and girls, the results at the end of the project year will be fairly accurate index not only to the cow's producing ability but also as to whether she is a money maker or a boarder, as determined by the net income.

MASONS INITIATE FIVE

Five candidates received their Master Mason degree at Acacia lodge A. F. & A. M. last Thursday night, the largest number to have been received at one session in many years. All of them came to Ontario from Huntington to take the work so that the lodge engaged in an afternoon session combined, stopping only to enjoy a banquet dinner at six o'clock.

Little John DeFoe suffered from an abscess in his ear this week and it was necessary to have it lanced.

TO CLEAR DOCKET DISTRICT COURT WORKING OVERTIME

Equity Case Being Heard at Night so that Jury Trials May be Held During Day—Criminal Cases Disposed of Rapidly

Judge Dalton Biggs has speeded up the wheels of justice in the term of the district court being held at Vale in an effort to clear up the clogged calendar. As the result of this effort the court is working on an overtime schedule of 14 hours per day. In the day sessions jury trials are being held, while the judge is hearing the Oregon-Western vs. Eastern Oregon Land Company case at evening sessions. This case which has already occupied all the evenings of the week will probably be concluded Friday or Saturday evening.

When the first of the criminal docket was called pleas of guilty were entered by Robert H. LeRoy, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, and Manuel Montoya for larceny. Sam Pierce elected to go to trial for burglary and was found guilty. He having no attorney Charles Crandall, son of C. M. Crandall, was appointed to defend him.

Other criminal cases were set for trial starting January 30, they include the cases of Arthur Nichols, charged with the murder of Hicks at Jordan Valley; J. Schroeder for larceny a cow at Ventura; Pete Hoefler of Westfall for assault.

The only civil case so far concluded was that of Malheur Land & Live Stock company vs. Mammie Hubbell in which the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

LITTLE BOY TYPHOID VICTIM

Little Leland Neece, the six year old son of Mrs. O. F. Neece who lives on the Boulevard two miles west of Ontario died last Saturday at the family home, a victim of typhoid from which he suffered since before Christmas. Funeral services were held from the Baptist church Monday afternoon. This is the second death in the Neece family within a year, for the little boy's father died last May after a lingering illness.

HEAD LETTUCE MEETING TO BE HELD IN ONTARIO

There will be a meeting to take up the growing of head lettuce, at Ontario on Friday, January 20th, beginning at 10 a. m. E. R. Bennett who is the Idaho specialist on this line of work, and R. H. Young and Lee Johnson, both practical growers from Canyon county, have been invited to speak on various divisions of the subject. The meeting will be held in the City Hall, and it is expected that the room will be packed with farmers who are interested in getting into the head lettuce game, as there is a great deal of interest in the proposition at present owing to the great success and large profits which have been made during the past few years by head lettuce growers in different places in Idaho.

The meeting is being arranged by County Agent Breithaupt in cooperation with the County Farm Bureau department of Truck and Vegetable Crops of which G. W. Lattig is chairman. Invitations have been extended to growers from adjoining counties to be present, and all farmers or others interested in the subject in Malheur county are invited. The program will deal mostly with production methods.

MOORE-MORRIS

At Weiser recently, the exact date, the principals will not divulge, Miss Mary Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris of Weiser, became the bride of Theodore H. Moore, son of T. H. Moore of this city.

Both the bride and groom are well known in Ontario for the bride for more than a year has been associated with her sister at the Morris Millinery. She is a native daughter of Weiser and a graduate of the Weiser Institute.

The groom has lived in Ontario for years, and for several years has been in business here for himself. He established the Sugar Bowl and when he sold it took charge of the Moore Hotel fountain and confectionery store. The young couple have gone to housekeeping in a residence on Richardson street near Idaho avenue.

CORRECTION IN ADVERTISEMENT

Through an error of transposition in figures in the Ad. of Rader Bros. advertisement of this issue, the items regarding lot of women's skirts including stripes and checks and plain blacks should read \$3.95; that item regarding taffeta petticoats in colors should read \$5.50; and that item regarding price of ladies' wool dresses should read \$15.00; and that item concerning suits and coats should read sale price \$29.50. Readers of the Argus in looking over this advertisement will note that the figures for these items were transposed, and the very disproportionate prices for the articles mentioned indicates plainly the character of the mistake. The Publisher.

SECOND SEMESTER OF SCHOOL TO OPEN ON JANUARY 30TH

New Class of Beginners Will Be Started at Both East and West Schools—Several Eighth Graders to Enter High School

On Monday, January 30th, the second half of the present term of school will begin. On that date a new class of children will be started in the first grade. All children who will be six years of age between now and the close of school on May 27th may enter school on January 30th if their parents wish. In many cases it is better for such children to wait until they are some older but the arrangement is made for those who wish to take advantage of it.

At the West Side Grade School all the beginners in the first grade will be placed in Miss Smith's room in one class. Twelve or fifteen new pupils are expected to enroll. At the East Side Grade Schools a new beginning class will be organized by Mrs. Conklin. About six or eight new pupils are expected there.

Seventeen eighth grade pupils will take final examinations on Jan. 12 and 13. These pupils representing among the highest third in scholarship in the present eighth grade or 52 pupils. Those who pass the examination will enter the High school on January 30th as the first mid-year freshman class. They should complete the regular four year High school course in January 1925.

The report of the superintendent of schools to the school board for the month of December shows that the total enrollment in our schools is as follows:

East Side School	95
West Side School	439
High School	310
Night Classes	597
Total	797

The new pupils expected on January 30th will bring the High school total to 227 and the grand total to 825.

JURY SERVICE MAKES NO HIT WITH MALHEUR COUNTY WOMEN

"Indeed I'll not serve." "I never did care to vote, and that jury law is nonsensical." "Who is going to cook the meals and take care of the children, if I have to go and listen to cases about which I know nothing, and have had no experience to help me in deciding." "What woman wants to serve on a jury, anyway?"

Yes, it was one of the women whose names appeared in the Argus last week among those drawn for jury duty for 1922 in Malheur county who was speaking. It was plainly evident that "she did not want to serve." It was emphatically plain that Mrs. Representative Kinney from Astoria, the mother of the woman jury law, was not popular with her. Far from it. In fact if Mrs. Representative Kinney were to run for office in Malheur county right now she would be handicapped by the opposition of a large number of Ontario women who are decidedly averse to being thrust into full measure of the duties of a citizen.

Nor was this woman a solitary object. So far as the Argus has been able to get in touch with or heard about the opinions of the women of Ontario who were called, they were all peeved. They just won't serve, "so there." Mr. Lee Noe, sheriff, and Mr. Judge Dalton Biggs they just don't want anything to do with your old court and sheriff's office, or any old jury room. They can get all the arguments they want at home, where they are judge and jury both.

At the bridge clubs this week—so we are told—and this is the strictly low down on it—some of the women called, planned rebellion. They received a large variety of advice from their husbands, who did not conceal their delight at the predicament in which they declared their wives were placed. The men were united in expressing opinion of the law. They were for it to a man. They wanted it in fact. They agreed that it was mandatory that the women serve; not only that, but they secured the complimentary "advice" of several legal lights of the city. That settled it with some of the women, and caused a number to get their heads together to plan revenge. This is what—some of them—plan on doing. They are going to take their cards—not calling cards; but those regular little pasteboards; which come in packages of 52 each, and go to court and play bridge. You bet. They'll show the makers of those laws that they can't put one over on them.

And anyway, another bunch declare, if the men want us to take their old jury work, why we will, and they can hustle for their meals and look after the family. That final ultimatum, and it has been issued, we are told, does not make the biggest kind of a hit with some of the fellows who have been plaguing their wives about their call for jury service.

The Ontario Girls Club were entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. E. C. Van Petten. The entertainment committee, Miss Ruth Cabean and Miss Louise Wood, amused the girls with a Chestnut party. Dainty refreshments were served after which dancing was in order and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. The meeting next Tuesday will be held in the gym at the High School. The girls may come attired in gym togs and expect a hilarious evening of fun.

RANCHERS TO BE ENTERTAINED AND TELL BUSINESS MEN DAIRY SITUATION

LAND COMPANY OFFICIALS TO TESTIFY IN DISTRICT COURT

Walter S. Martin, president and William MacKenzie, general agent of the Eastern Oregon Land company, and Langley Brookes, formerly agent for the company at Nyssa are here this week to be present at the talking testimony in the case of the Oregon Western Colonization company vs. the Eastern Oregon Land company.

Mr. Brookes is now located at Red Vista, California in charge of one of the big asparagus ranches of the F. E. Booth company which is located on an island in the Sacramento river.

SMALLPOX MAKES APPEARANCE

For years there has not been a case of smallpox in Ontario but at the present time there are a number of cases. None of those reported are of the virulent type and the health authorities are enforcing a rigid quarantine to prevent a further spread of the disease.

STATE LAND BOARD TO LET LOAN MATURE

Farm Bureau Informed that Loans to Ranchers in Irrigated Districts Will Not be Called Where Limit Has Not Expired

Secretary T. W. Claggett of the Farm Bureau has been advised by G. G. Brown, clerk of the state land board that the board will not call loans from state school funds on lands within irrigated districts which have not reached the ten year limit.

However, the letter informs Mr. Claggett that since the attorney general has ruled that the funds can not be loaned on lands within irrigated districts, the loans, including principal and interest will have to be paid in full within the specified limit.

In this connection Mr. Claggett also received a letter from Senator Charles W. Ellis relative to Senate Bill No. 9, which was designed to relieve the situation informing him that the measure was killed in the House, he understood, by several of the members who sought reprisals for the defeat of the Fair bills. He suggested that since Hood River county ranchers are willing to do so, that a test case is to be brought in the courts to determine whether or not the land board is correct in its interpretation of the law.

NEWS OF THE CLUBS

The Carnation club met this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cockrum, Tuesday evening.

This evening Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blackaby will entertain the Carnation club.

Monday afternoon Mrs. George K. Aiken entertained the Monday bridge club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rasmussen were the hosts for the Fortnightly club.

Mrs. E. A. Frazer was the hostess for the regular meeting of the Tuesday bridge club this week.

The Music club hold's its semi-monthly meeting on Saturday of this week at the home of Mr. E. C. Van Petten.

Mrs. Frank Rader has invitations out this week for an afternoon of Bridge for Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Altar Society of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at the rectory Friday afternoon.

County Road Bonds Sold At Highest Premium Recorded In More Than Year

Monday, at Vale, when the County Court opened bids for the sale of the balance of the bonds which were voted by the people in the spring of 1919 seven bidders presented offers, and every one of the proposals were on a premium basis.

Just one year ago when these same bonds were placed on the market the best offer that the county received was \$89 per hundred. This simple statement of the difference in prices offered for these bonds is a plain indication of the difference in the bond market and reflects the condition of the money market as well. It also vindicates most emphatically the good judgment displayed by the county court in holding the bonds, and thus securing a very material saving for the county. In fact the premium received on these bonds is almost equal to the entire cost of the county court for one year.

The successful bidder for these bonds was the Ontario National Bank whose offer of par, accrued interest and a premium of \$2737.80 was \$899.80 higher than the next highest bidder, the Lumberman's Trust Company of Portland which offered a premium of \$1898.

There were five bidders from Portland, while Salt Lake City and Spokane were represented by one each. Aside from the five Portland banks bidding directly, associated with the Ontario National in its of-

ONTARIO FLOUR MILL TO FURNISH LUNCH FOR MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING TO WHICH RANCHERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND

W. P. DAVIDSON URGES DAIRYING

Offers to Advance \$500 in Subscription to Stock Company if Local Bankers will do Likewise—Committee Appointed to Secure Subscriptions

Next Wednesday evening at the Commercial club rooms the ranchers of Malheur county will be the guests of the Ontario Commercial club. At that meeting a luncheon will be served for which the Ontario Roller Mills will be the hosts and furnish the refreshments which will include varieties of bread and buns all made from flour made in Ontario from Malheur county wheat.

At that time the ranchers will have an opportunity of presenting their ideas concerning the formation of a loan company through which to secure war finance corporation loans for men who are now in, or who would go into the dairy business.

This meeting was the direct result of a meeting held at the Boulevard Grange last Monday at which 45 farmers were present and signed their desire to secure funds for this purpose. These ranchers after the explanation of the workings of the law by County Agent L. R. Breithaupt and E. B. Conklin, who presided, declare their purpose to milk cows for the three years of the contract for a loan. They also declared they could secure the necessary additional collateral to secure a loan; and J. R. Brown of the Payette Co-operative Creamery declared that his company would put up the ten per cent cash payment necessary for those who could not do so, provided they contracted to deliver their cream to the creamery.

Davidson Gives Boost

L. R. Breithaupt and George K. Aiken who were appointed a committee to present the ranchers' desire to meet the Commercial club reported their action to the directors of the club at the regular luncheon yesterday noon. At that time W. P. Davidson of St. Paul, president of the Oregon-Western Colonization company who was present made an offer to take \$500 in the stock of such a company, if the local banks would do likewise. Mr. Davidson said:

"I know nothing that will help make permanent prosperity for this section more certain than the extension of the dairy business. This prosperity can be assured and it can be financed with less money than any other business of which I have knowledge, even though the price of butter fat does go lower than it has been. Though we have no renters on our lands who are interested, so far as I know, yet I will be glad to aid in this effort if the local banks will do so."

President Van Petten was authorized to appoint a committee to prepare a subscription for stock for the organization of a company and he named H. C. Boyer, C. R. Emison and George K. Aiken.

Antlered Herd Goes to Weiser

Malheur county Elks from Ontario Vale and Nyssa joined the herd from Nampa which journeyed to Weiser Wednesday to initiate a class of 20 into the B. P. O. E. there. Those who went from Ontario declared the session a memorable one from every viewpoint.

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fer was the Ladd & Tilton bank of Portland.

The other bidders not mentioned above and their premium offers were: E. H. Rollins & Son, Portland, \$1001; Citizens Bank of Portland, \$1000; Clark, Kendall & Co., Portland, \$1368; Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. Salt Lake, \$498.50; Farris & Hargrove, Spokane, \$556.

A portion of the funds thus secured will be used to continue work on the Jordan Valley to Nyssa market road, while some of the money will be used to co-operate with the State Highway commission in the construction of portions of the state highways in this country, which are under contract or have been built with the understanding that the county was to pay its share when the bonds could be sold.

In view of the fact that all of the road bonds issued by Malheur county have been sold at a premium, while many of the counties have accepted par bids, and some even have taken discounts, the taxpayers of this county will recognize that the county has indeed served them well in holding its sales at times when the bond market was right, and not permitting its sales at times when the bond market was depressed. At times when public officials are being thoughtfully condemned by those who are familiar with the facts, this is worthy of note.