

GARAGE MUST COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT MADE

Council Instructs Attorney to Take Steps to Compel Compliance With Building Permit—Plans for Moore Building Approved

At the regular session of the Common Council at the City Hall Monday evening instructions were given to City Attorney P. J. Gallagher to take the necessary steps to secure the compliance with the agreement made with Pete Duford when permission was given him to construct his garage within the fire limits.

It is the position of the council that the building was to have been built with a steel and glass front, the office to have a steel lath and plaster wall, while in reality it has a front more than half wood and beaver board for the walls of the office.

This matter came before the council following the consideration of the plans and specifications submitted by T. H. Moore for the building to be built on the Moore Hotel corner. The council by resolution amended the building requirements so that hereafter a copy of all building plans within the fire limits will have to be filed with the city recorder and remain in the office.

The Mayor reported that through personal letters and statements notices to delinquent taxpayers had been again sent out and that those had to a degree been successful. There is delinquent more than \$25,000 in local improvement assessments which if paid would allow the city to go on a cash basis.

OREGON SERVICE MEN NOW RECEIVING THEIR BONUSES

The first checks from the Oregon bonus fund left the office of the bonus commission last week and soon all those who asked for cash will be receiving their awards. In Malheur county most of the men sought loans and H. J. Ward, I. M. Hope and C. R. Emison appraisers for the bonus commission in this county met in Ontario yesterday in connection with this work.

As the result of the bonus loans the officers of the American Legion here believe that a number of the men will build homes and others will purchase farms.

FRIENDS GREET MRS. B. DOTY ON HER NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY

On Saturday afternoon, March 4th a number of ladies met at the home of Mrs. B. Doty to surprise her on her nineteenth birthday. As each guest greeted the hostess she was given a gift. The presents were many and various.

SAW THE OLD OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Aldredge who returned recently from an extended visit at Bremerton, Washington, enjoyed while there a visit to the battleship Oregon which was in dry dock at the navy yard being fitted out for the service assigned here in the consideration of the treaties at the recent Washington conference. Although the sea dog which made the trip from the Pacific to Santiago in time to get in line when Covers attempted to run the blockade is now obsolete in the fighting sense, she is still the pride of Oregonians who want her assigned to this state permanently.

SENATE COMMITTEE GIVES McNARY BILL TO SENATE

Press dispatches from Washington dated Tuesday of this week contain the account of the favorable action on the part of the Senate reclamation committee relative to the Smith-McNary reclamation bill. Since this bill contains features granting ex-service men special concessions which are most beneficial, and in fact equal in many respects to the benefits of the bonus legislation, the Ontario Post of the American Legion in conjunction with the Commercial club plans to call the attention of the Western posts of the Legion to the bill and urge them to endorse it.

Mrs. O. R. Carlow of Tacoma was the guest last week of Mrs. A. E. Brecount.

Mrs. W. S. Oakley of Boise is visiting Mrs. N. O. Bedford this week.

The Morris girls spent Sunday in Wetsler visiting their parents.

A. E. Brecount is in Seattle on a short visit.

Robert Copeland of Vale is visiting with his parents in Ontario this week.

The Music club will meet Saturday March 11 at the home of Mrs. Fred J. Clemon.

O. E. Carman was down from Vale on business Monday.

District Attorney R. D. Lytle was in Ontario Monday enroute home from Baker where Mrs. Lytle underwent an operation last Saturday, from which she is reported to be making satisfactory recovery.

JAPANESE LABORER TRIMS OTHER JAPS BY CHECK ROUTE

Ichitaro Ito, a Japanese laborer employed for a time in this section broke into a boarding car on the side track here and took a check book belonging to another Jap and proceeded to sign his compatriot's name to checks of various sizes. He then went to Wetsler and did the same stunt. When he broke into the car he also took a pair of shoes, and a warrant for his arrest was secured. V. W. Chambers acting marshal went to Wetsler and brought him back to Ontario. He was arraigned before Judge C. M. Stearns and held to the grand jury.

SEVEN BOUTS LISTED FOR CLUB CARNIVAL

Members of Club to Sling Mitts at Each Other Next Tuesday Evening—Wide Variety of Talent Offered for Program

If variety is the spice of life you'll have to hand the paprika to the Oregon club as the hottest organization in the Snake river valley. After presenting dancing programs of all kinds, billiard, pool and pinocle tournaments, the club has now entered the athletic field and next Tuesday will present for club members only, a boxing program that will be a bear.

The club men have candidates for every fistic honor from the shifty bantams to the ponderous heavies. Mitt slingers from Johnnie Kilhane to John Harrison Dempsey had better keep their eyes on the club card which includes the following opponents of mainly ar of punch-exchanging: heavy weights, Clemo vs. Chambers; light heavies, Fred Test vs. Tubby Dean; welterweights, McPherson vs. Sam Taylor; -light weights; B. Smith vs. Jack Taylor; Carl Field vs. Doc Tyler; Husted vs. Larry Grams; bantams, Bob Lees vs. Dorey. P. J. Gallagher will be the third man in the ring.

FRUITLAND BENCH

Fruitland Selects Superintendent of Schools

At a meeting of the board of education Monday evening, March 6th, C. C. Wise of Fruitland, was elected superintendent of schools at Fruitland at a salary of \$2,000. He has been principal of schools of Kremmling, Colorado, but at present is living one mile north of Fruitland. Two years ago he taught in the Fruitland High school.

Miss Elsie Schmid was in Boise Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Boor arrived home Friday from a winter in Boone, Neb. Frank Eldridge rented the A. B. Eldredge ranch and moved there last week.

Miss Ruby Kauffman, teacher of the third grade, is confined to her home with influenza. Mrs. George Todd is supplying in her place.

Mrs. Anders, eighth grade teacher, went to Baker for the week and remained to look after her husband who is ill. Mrs. Geo. Todd substituted as teacher for her Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Pabst, who have been spending the winter in Detroit, Michigan with their son, Frank, came to Twin Falls last week to visit their daughter, Mrs. Peterman. Both are confined to the bed with illness but will return here to their home as soon as able. Mrs. Polley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pabst here, has received word that Mrs. Pabst's father is very ill in Baker.

Ira Dalzell and M. B. Sherman were in Caldwell Thursday at the Lettuce Growers' meeting. A meeting is scheduled for Fruitland Friday evening.

H. F. Waite, who recently purchased the Fruitland Service Station with Alvin Rands, has just purchased an acre and fourth in the northwest part of Fruitland from F. M. Gardner. He will erect a garage where he will temporarily reside until a residence can be erected.

Work on the remodeling of the M. E. Bungalow to be used as a parsonage was started Monday morning. The excavation under the building is being made, a room on the north is to be added, pettens constructed and otherwise improved so as to be inhabitable.

Wednesday of this week brick will be hauled and the erection of the new Ford Garage next to the Fruitland Drug store, also the new post office building will be started.

H. B. Cready who last spring bought the fifteen acres of Roy Maner on Riverside Avenue this week sold the fifteen acres to W. W. Rudd. Most of the tract is in orchard.

"She Stoops to Conquer" the English play put on by the Junior English department of the Fruitland High School was given before a full house at the auditorium Friday night. It is said that the play is one of the most difficult ever staged by the school here and many deserve credit for its splendid success.

TOOK DAY AND NIGHT FROM BURNS TO CRANE

Harney County Caught in Severe Storm—Stockmen Feel Effects of Belated Winter Storm—Stage Passengers Suffer From Cold

J. A. Lakness, manager of the Malheur Home Telephone company and the Central Oregon Telephone company was a passenger on the train which arrived from Crane Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Lakness was a passenger on one of the two stages which left Burns to catch Monday's train but was caught in the storm and did not reach Crane in time.

So severe was the storm that it took 24 hours to make the 28 mile trip. In 18 hours the car was able to negotiate but 14 miles and as the temperature dropped to away below zero the passengers suffered intensely from the cold.

Prior to the drop in temperature a heavy snow fell and the road was blocked over the entire route.

Although no definite reports have been received it is believed that the stockmen will suffer as the result of the belated storm. Feed in some sections is scarce, or rather is hard to get to the stock on account of the hard crushed snow.

STANFIELD COMPANY NAMED IN BIG SUITS

First National Bank of Wetsler Wants Deed to Unatilla Property Set Aside, Formation of Company Questioned—Senator to Sue Cannon

The tangle into which the affairs of the R. N. Stanfield company and of Senator R. N. Stanfield have been involved increased during the past week when the First National Bank at Wetsler filed a suit in Unatilla county asking that the deed made by Senator R. N. Stanfield to the R. N. Stanfield company be set aside.

The complaint alleges that the R. N. Stanfield company was formed for the purpose of delaying and hindering its creditors. The complaint also says that the bank holds \$75,000 of the senator's notes for money loaned in the past two years.

While the senator is thus being sued, he himself is talking about doing some suing himself. According to press dispatches from Washington he is said to have ordered his attorneys to start libel actions against Commissioner Miles Cannon of Idaho for statements published by that official. Further press dispatches relate the senator is coming west next week to investigate the possibility of having the war finance corporation loan wheat growers \$5 per acre for seed wheat.

SOCIETY ITEMS

Two of the largest parties of the season were those given on Monday and Wednesday evenings of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Patten at which they were joined with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Drain as hosts. At each eleven tables of Auction was played. On Monday evening Mrs. David Graham added to the evening's entertainment with a series of vocal selections. Honors on Monday evening were won by Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne, while on Wednesday evening Mrs. O. G. Luehrs and George K. Alken received the high scores. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Kellogg of Payette.

The women of the Episcopal Guild spent last Thursday afternoon sewing at the Red Cross rooms. Next Thursday the Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. V. B. Staples.

Seventy-five youngsters had a joyous time at the annual children's party given by Star Chapter O. E. S. at the Masonic hall last Saturday evening. The boys and girls, however were not alone in the enjoyment of the evening for in the games as well as in the refreshment session their fathers and mothers played a prominent part. The early portion of the evening was devoted to an interesting program most of which was given by the little guests themselves.

Mrs. P. J. Gallagher entertained the Monday Bridge club this week.

The Tuesday Bridge club met this week with Mrs. O. H. Test.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald will be the hosts for the Imperial club this evening.

H. C. Boyer who returned last week from a business trip to the coast and told on his return how severe the flu is in the coast cities, took in as high as 40 per cent of the employees in many establishments at one time, is now experiencing its ravages himself. To take his word for it the feeling resulting while the flu has one is decidedly bad.

Judge Dalton Biggs spent Wednesday holding an equity session at the City Hall hearing the arguments of attorneys in the case of Bohrer vs. Bradshaw et al. J. W. McCulloch of this city, and James Nichols of Baker argued the case.

ANTI-JAPANESE BILL DRAWN UP BY LEGION

Executive Committee Meeting of State Legion Held in Portland—Date of Annual Meeting to Be Determined Upon

Portland, Ore., Mar. 6.—A meeting of the state executive committee of the American Legion will be held in Portland on March 4th. Selection of dates for the 1922 convention at The Dalles; approval of the Anti-Japanese Bill drawn up by a special committee of the legion which will be placed upon the ballot through the initiative next November; a report of the state legislative chairman on committee activities and many other matters of importance will come before the body. The meeting will call in George A. Coddling of Medford, vice-chairman, a national executive committeeman, George A. White of Salem; B. F. Pound, Fred E. Kiddle of LaGrande, George R. Wilbur of Hood River, Oliver B. Huston of Portland, executive committeemen and Rev. Frank James of Dallas, Chaplain and Prescott W. Coothingham of Portland, Department Finance Officer.

CLASS OF '22 SCORES IN GREEN "STOCKINGS"

Pleasing Farce Comedy and Cast's Presentation Heartily Approved—By Capacity Audience at Majestic

Attendants at the Majestic theatre hunted up the S. R. O. sign and dusted it off, figuratively speaking, and hung it out last Thursday evening, for there was not a vacant seat in the house. The cause of the congestion was the presentation of "Green Stockings" the annual production of the Senior class of O. H. S. which was coached by Miss Catherine Conway of the English department. The play, an English production, while offering some British mannerisms, a bit foreign to the local color of the West, as not a weighty vehicle and the boys and girls were more than able to achieve the transformation and in their conception of the lines and characters gave a pleasing production. The ability of the cast as demonstrated in the amusing situations presented by the plot, and the class of '22 more than sustained the reputation established by their predecessors in their annual class plays. As a result of the capacity crowd a substantial sum was secured for the class treasury.

CHEERYLANES COMPANY TO ENTER THIS FIELD

Representatives of W. S. Shearer's Company to Hold Meeting at City Hall Tonight—Want At Least 100 Acres

Burton Chaney of Lawiston, Idaho will address a meeting of ranchers and business men at the City Hall tonight on the subject of lettuce growing and the plans and contract of the Cheerylanes Company of Lawiston which is the company founded by W. S. Shearer, the pioneer lettuce grower of Idaho.

W. E. McGee of Nampa R. F. D. No. 4, arrived in Ontario yesterday from Nyasa, where he met the lettuce growers of that section and today is visiting with men interested in lettuce growing.

"We expect to locate ten packing plants in the Snake river valley with acreage adjacent to each of them of at least 100 acres and among other locations have selected Ontario, Fruitland, Nyasa, Homedale, Caldwell, Nampa and other points for these plants," said Mr. McGee.

"Our contract we believe, is the best offered the grower and in view of the success of the company has achieved we believe that it merits the investigation of those who propose to plant lettuce. We have the verified statements of the accounts ranchers for their first year of lettuce growing to prove that success can be achieved by the growers in this section under our plan of assisting the grower from the time the soil is being prepared until the crop is harvested and sold."

On Friday evening Mr. Chaney will address a meeting at Fruitland where he will present the possibilities of lettuce growing to the ranchers on the bench.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF PEACE DOLLARS COMES TO ONTARIO

The handsome new "peace dollar" the coin designed to commemorate the ending of the great world war and the achievements of the Washington conference made its first appearance in Ontario this week, when the First National Bank received two shipments from San Francisco and Portland totaling \$700. The new coin is beautiful in design, one side bearing the head of a woman, on the other is an eagle perched on a mountain peak carrying in his talons olive branches signifying peace. The coins have been hard to secure, so great has been the demand, but they are now being circulated around Ontario to a limited degree.

SPRING IS HERE AND TIME HAS ARRIVED TO CLEAN-UP

With the arrival of spring, the time has arrived for a general clean-up of the premises of the residents of the city, as well as the alleyways and vacant property. By the order of the Common Council, notice is therefore given to all property owners to proceed to remove refuse of every nature from their property. Unless this notice is observed the city ordinances and statutes of the state of Oregon governing the same will be enforced.

W. H. DOOLITTLE, Mayor

TAX INVESTIGATORS WILL BE AT BAKER

Malheur County Citizens Urged to Attend Session Monday—Real Estate Now Carrying Burden of Taxation

The tax investigation committee, appointed by Governor Olcott in compliance with an act of the legislature of 1921, will hold public meetings at Baker, La Grande, Pendleton, The Dalles and Astoria, for the purpose of obtaining suggestions and information which will aid the committee in the preparation of its report and recommendations to the Governor, to be the next legislature for consideration.

It is the desire of the committee that, at these public hearings, there be a full expression of ideas from local and individual viewpoints as to ways and means of lightening the ever growing load of taxation in the state and its political subdivisions.

The membership of the committee is I. N. Day, chairman; Henry E. Reed, C. A. McKenna and C. S. Chapman of Portland; Walter M. Pierce, LaGrande; E. H. Smith, Lakeview, and Charles A. Brand of Roseburg. As expressed in the act of the legislature the duty of the committee is "to gather information, formulate recommendations, prepare proposed legislation and report to the governor upon the question of whether or not it is feasible to raise from other sources a substantial portion of the public revenue."

In discharging the duty imposed by the legislature the committee has made a study of tax economies and investigated the systems of other states. It is now gathering statistics on assessment in Oregon and making a critical examination of them.

The preliminary study of the commission has thus far disclosed that under present conditions real property seems to be bearing the greater part of the tax load. Intangible property represented by money, notes, accounts, bonds and shares of stock carry but a small per cent. The shifting of the burden from the personal property to real property, and the gradual decline of intangible property on assessment rolls appears to be a progressive movement.

It has also occurred to the committee that there is undue undervaluation in assessment, resulting in inequality.

To reach the intangible wealth, which is now avoiding taxation the committee has under consideration the imposition of a tax on personal incomes as a new source of revenue from which to derive a sufficient sum to carry a portion of the expense of state administration, thereby relieving general property of a corresponding amount.

It is realized by the committee that experience has shown that the tendency following the increase of revenue is towards legislative extravagance. To forestall this, it is suggested that there be enforced constitutional limitations on taxing bodies in order that the slack produced by shifting the burden from general property to personal incomes remains permanent, and that additional sources of state income lead not to increased expenditure.

Other phases of the problem being investigated include the raising of the schedules of specific or privilege taxes, such as fees and licenses, and the reduction of the cost of state, county, city and district administration.

The committee has not yet reached any fixed opinions and is very desirous before doing so of obtaining, as far as possible, concrete suggestions from taxpayers which will aid in reaching final decision.

The dates on which the hearings will be are:

Baker	March 13th
LaGrande	March 14th
Pendleton	March 15th
The Dalles	March 16th
Astoria	March 18th

As it would be impossible for the committee to visit all county seats, the above has been selected in the view that the surrounding communities would have an opportunity to meet at a central point with the committee.

W. H. Mullin came down from River side Monday. He reports that the snow is deep in the interior and that on Sunday there was an additional fall of snow in Harney valley. So much snow fell that it took a car from Burns 15 hours to make the trip to Crane, while two other cars which started did not reach the railroad.

COUNTY LEADS LIST IN STATE TAX RISE

In Ten Years Malheur County's Contribution to Cost of State Government has Increased 1018.9 per cent Says Commission

Taxes paid by Malheur county citizens for the cost of state government have increased in the past ten years 1018.9 per cent, according to showings made at a recent meeting of the commission which is investigating taxes in this state.

In fact this report shows that while state taxes have increased 521 per cent, Malheur county's share has increased twice as much as the total increase, its increase being greater by far than that shown for any other county.

What the cause for this apparent disparity in spread of state taxes is none of the local authorities is prepared to say. It is possible that it is in part due to the fact that within this ten year period there was added to the taxable wealth of the county, the Oregon Eastern Railroad; the Ontario-Nyasa ditch and the lands under it; the Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation district lands and the Slide Irrigation district, and also the Warm Springs lands.

However, so startling are the revelations of the commission that it is expected that a delegation of Malheur county citizens will go to Baker next Monday to attend the meeting of the tax commission which will be there for a hearing.

Education Largest Item Of the entire sum raised for state purposes which totaled \$41,117,367 in 1921; education required \$18,792,477 or 45 per cent; while roads, including market roads was second with \$6,956,266.

As the result of the hearings which the commission is holding and the study it has made a report to the legislature will be filed which may have an important bearing on taxation in Oregon in the future, and since Malheur county is one of the counties which has a huge delinquent tax account, this is a matter of supreme importance to the taxpayer.

M. W. A. AND R. N. A. HAVE ANOTHER SOCIAL SESSION

The Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen enjoyed another of their good times Monday evening. After the Woodmen had initiated some new members, the Royal Neighbors gave the candidates the last degree, and also came to their aid with pie and coffee.

After refreshments, a program of comical readings, songs and table talks for the good of the orders was given. At the next meeting which will be held March 20, the Royal Neighbors will give; well, members if you want to know what they are going to do, just come and see, is the message of the officers.

BAD CHECK ARTIST GET A FEW WORTHLESS CHECKS HERE

Two followers of Jim the Penman worked in Ontario and Payette this week. They registered at the Moore as G. C. Howard and C. C. Smith and passed two ten dollar checks drawn on a Caldwell bank. They also got one for \$2 by at the Sugar Bowl. Over at Payette they passed one \$10 check. While they were here at the Moore they were told that the checks were no good, but before the officers could land them they made their get away.

HARBINGER OF SPRING SEEN IN BASE BALL DISCUSSIONS

One of the surest signs of spring made itself manifest this week when from various towns came stories of proposed base ball leagues. From Wetsler came the suggestion of an eight team aggregation composed of Huntington, Wetsler, Payette, Ontario, Emmett, Parma, Caldwell, Nampa and Boise. The Wetsler folks want the league to be a strictly "home team" league with no outside play.

So far Ontario fans have taken no steps toward getting into the game.

Several of the Nyasa teachers hiked to Arcadia and back Saturday.

G. W. Mohr, representing the Coast Culvert & Flume company arrived in Ontario Monday to make an extended stay in this territory. Nis Patterson of Wetsler was in Ontario calling on the hardware trade. Mr. Patterson brought word that Andrew Hanham, who years ago used to be a baker here for Jim Conner, died two weeks ago in Portland of the flu.

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