

SCHOOL BOARD MEET TO CONSIDER REDUCTION OF TEACHERS' SALARIES

ON THE GRADE TEACHERS ON LOWEST SCHEDULE OF ANY SCHOOL IN VALLEY—HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUPERINTENDENT HIGHEST—PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT.

VALE AND NYSSA TO CUT

Suggestion is Made That Instead of Cutting Salaries, Courses Could Be Eliminated and Part Time Schools Adopted—No Definite Action Taken

At the request of the Vale School Board a meeting was held at the High School building Tuesday night at which the question of wages to be paid to the teachers and superintendents of the various schools was discussed. Representatives of Nyssa, Vale and Ontario on the Oregon side and Fruitland and New Plymouth of the Idaho side, were present.

The meeting was called to order by W. H. Doolittle of the Vale school board who was elected chairman, and who presented the purpose of the gathering.

"The people of our district are looking to us for a reduction in their taxes, and they are going to get it," said Mr. Doolittle. "The people are not able to pay their taxes and we cannot operate our schools without funds." Mr. Doolittle then asked for suggestions.

Mr. Graham of Fruitland outlined the situation in Fruitland and said they had hired no teachers there until they could learn what the neighboring districts were to pay.

Dr. Drysdale of New Plymouth asked if there were any in the room who believed that the wages should not be reduced, and found only one director of that mind, W. W. Wood of Ontario, who explained graphically his reasons and told what Ontario had already done to curtail expenses. He suggested that instead of cutting salaries that the boards first examine whether or not they could not better abandon some of the departments and thus save expenses; he also suggested that other departments of public affairs be examined to see what could be done before slashing the teachers salaries and compel the hiring of teachers of lower educational standards.

Ontario Pays Least
Judge Wood called for a statement of what the other boards were paying and it was received that for the grammar schools Ontario teachers are paid less than any other of those represented at the meeting, the following was the report:

Fruitland
Superintendent, \$2,000.00; High School \$150 to \$130; 8th grade \$130, grade teachers \$120 to \$110.

Vale
Superintendent, \$3,000.00; High School principal \$2,000; teachers, \$150 per month; grade teachers, \$120 per month.

Ontario
Superintendent, \$3,500.00; High School principal \$1,800 per year, teachers from \$150 to \$190 per month; grade teachers from \$120 down to \$100 per month.

New Plymouth
Superintendent, \$2,000.00; High School teachers, \$150 per month, and grade teachers \$130 per month.

One of the New Plymouth directors reported that Emmett had recently reduced its superintendent's salary from \$3000 to \$2700, made a horizontal reduction in all the salaries of teachers and done the same thing with the wages of its janitors.

Dr. Drysdale Agrees

Dr. Drysdale of New Plymouth declared his agreement with Judge Woods' position in principle. He said: "we must not forget that our children are our most precious possession, and that for their training we seek men and women of character and ability. We do not want to lower the professional standards of our teachers, and I recognize that the teaching profession is under paid, but I contend that since the cost of the things which the teachers must buy has reduced to a marked degree that a

FARLEY ROOMS RAIDED AND OCCUPANTS FINED

Last Sunday evening a raid was made on the Farley Rooms by Marshal H. C. Farmer and Vern Chambers. Repeated warning has been given to the proprietors to clean out their rooms of questionable characters, but these warnings were ignored. Five arrests were made. Elmer Wind and Chas. Erickson were held for possession of intoxicating liquor and Amos Roethler, Virgil Jones and F. Coyne were charged with disorderly conduct. On Monday Judge Stearns, fined Elmer Wind, \$100.00 and costs, Chas. Erickson \$50.00 and costs, Amos Roethler \$20.00 and costs and Virgil Jones and F. Coyne \$10.00 each and costs. The proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Shockey were given orders to vacate, which they did, and the building is now being held for a new renter.

YOUNG MAN CARRIES BOOKLET ON STILLS

When Caught Coming From Behind Carter House Carney Johnson Breaks Bottle on Curb—Later Booze Found in Cache

Carney Johnson, a young man who has been here for some time, was arrested before Judge C. M. Stearns yesterday afternoon charged with possession of liquor, and held to the grand jury on a \$500 cash or \$1000 property bond, which failing to secure he went to Vale. Johnson was arrested by Marshal Farmer as he emerged from behind the Carter House. When he saw the officer he pulled a bottle from his pocket and smashed it on the curb. Later, Marshal Farmer searched some barrels back of the Carter House and found two bottles similar to that broken by Johnson, cached in one of the barrels.

When Johnson was "frisked" at the city jail the marshal found booklets from an Omaha firm telling all about stills and their uses, giving minute directions concerning the value of stills to ranchers. Also the booklet declared that the Omaha firm had a publication giving complete instructions on how to manufacture alcohol.

FIREMEN'S FIRST ANNUAL BALL IS GREAT SUCCESS

The Ontario Firemen demonstrated that fighting fires is not their only accomplishment. As hosts at the first annual ball of the department they scored a big success financially as well as socially for their many guests manifested their thorough enjoyment of the evening. With the net proceeds which will reach approximately \$75 the boys intend to buy a life net, and a new cut-off nozzle.

cut of 10 or 15 per cent in the teacher's wages will not reduce his purchasing power over that of last year at all.

Do Not Cut All

Superintendent J. M. McDonald, and Superintendent Lumpy of Nyssa both emphasized that a general cut would not be fair. "There are grades in the efficiency of teachers just as in other professions," said Mr. McDonald. "In every school system there are some teachers who are the backbone of the schools. Who are the wheelhorses, so to speak and who are responsible for the efficiency of the schools. I believe that it would be better to cut some of the less efficient by a marked degree and leave the efficient teacher's salary as it is."

"I would rather see a boy or girl go to school a half day to an efficient teacher than a whole day to one not so efficient," said Mr. Lumpy. "In sustaining the position taken by Mr. McDonald.

The possibility of doing away with agriculture, domestic science, music and art, physical training and other phases of school work were discussed, but no definite conclusion was reached.

ADD ANOTHER HUNTER TO COYOTE ENEMIES

Stanley Jewett in Charge of Government Puts Another Man in Field—Work has Demonstrated Superiority Over Old Bounty System

Stanley Jewett, one of the best known of all the expert hunters in the West was in Ontario Monday and Tuesday of this week and left for the interior Wednesday with one of his men who is to make his headquarters near Crowley to hunt coyotes.

Mr. Jewett reports that the coyotes are "fatter than ever" this year, owing to the supply of dead stock on the ranges. He reports, too, that the hunters of the biological survey under his charge in Oregon this year, has, in spite of the handicaps of the season, done remarkably well. So well in fact that the conventions of the wool growers and other stockmen have endorsed the work and many of the associations are co-operating in hiring government hunters to protect their flocks.

Not only are the stockmen assisting but in Wasco and Morrow counties the county courts are doing so, while the Dalles Commercial club also contributed to a fund for this purpose.

It is estimated by the national wool growers association that every coyote kills \$50 worth of stock per year. At that rate the record of the hunters in Umatilla county where they caught six females in one month in which a total of 44 unborn pups were found, did effective work.

It is remarkable that now that the coyotes are breeding all the bounty hunters have left the field so that they will be sure of a fresh supply of coyotes for their next fall's work.

PNEUMONIA CLAIMS YOUNG ONTARIO BOY AS ITS VICTIM

Homer Gilbert Mofford, the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mofford of Ontario, died on March 18, after having suffered with an attack of pneumonia. Funeral services were held from the Peterson Chapel on Monday, Rev. Young officiating and interment made in the Ontario Cemetery.

BOISE MAN DIES HERE FOLLOWING ACCIDENT

W. H. Coppedge Former Manager of Business College Struck by Local Freight on Crossing Between Payette and Weiser

W. H. Coppedge of Boise, formerly manager of Link's business college, died at the Holy Rosary hospital here this morning a few minutes after he was brought to the institution, the victim of an accident which occurred on the railroad crossing four miles from Weiser.

According to the report of the accident as told by Conductor Hendrick whose train, Extra No. 529, struck Coppedge's car, he had been driving along side the train for some time after leaving Weiser about 9:15 this morning and as they approached the crossing speeded up in an effort to pass in front of the engine. He failed in his effort. The car and the engine reached the crossing simultaneously.

Engineer Fred Hayes brought his train to a stop and the injured man was taken from his smashed car and brought to Ontario. Dr. W. J. Weiss was called, and when Mr. Coppedge was taken from the station it was evident that he was beyond hope. The doctor found that he had no pulse, and there was evidence of paralysis. Further examination revealed the fact that his skull was fractured.

Mr. Coppedge was well known in this section, having visited Ontario during recent years. He was a prominent member of Boise Masonic bodies, a leader in the First Presbyterian church, and in the Boise Rotary club. He was 40 years old and is survived by his wife and two children, Harold aged 10 and Katherine aged 6. Since leaving the Link's business college Mr. Coppedge has been the Idaho representative of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. The body was sent to Boise for interment.

POLITICAL POT HAS STARTED TO SIMMER

Judge Dalton Biggs Announces His Candidacy for Democratic Nomination For Third Term—Gallagher Would Be Representative

The political pot in Malheur county has begun to simmer. Later it may reach the boiling point for there are several uncertain conditions which may result in contests where now the situation looks cool and calm.

To begin with the latest development is that Judge Dalton Biggs who has presided over the administration of justice from the bench of the ninth judicial district for two terms, announced his decision to seek a third nomination. Six years ago the judge was honored with the nomination of the democratic party, the republican party, and the then existing progressive party. Of course officially, the judge sought only the democratic nomination.

It is still uncertain as to whether the judge will have opposition in the November election, for the republican attorneys who have been pondering the question of entering the race are still undecided. Among those who had the question under consideration are W. W. Wood of this city, and formerly of Prairie City; also it has been rumored that W. H. Brooke of this city, and C. M. Crandall of Vale might seek the republican nomination. None of these have, however, made any announcement, and consequently may not run.

Gallagher to Run

P. J. Gallagher, who like Judge Biggs, has had two terms as representative from Malheur and Harney counties, has announced that he will run for a third term, this time to Malheur alone, since the reapportionment gave Malheur a representative by itself and joined Harney and Grant in one representative district.

Farmers Seek Candidate

During the past month a number of ranchers have been thinking of getting a candidate for the legislature, "not," as one of the leaders said to the Argus, "that we have any opposition to Mr. Gallagher, but because we want a farmer to represent us at Salem, for there are too many lawyers there now."

As yet the searchers have not found the candidate they want.

May Have Recall

Then, too, to enliven the situation it is possible that the primaries may have added to the usual candidates a recall election.

W. G. Thompson of Vale, and the coteri of men he represents have had workers out with petitions seeking the recall of the county court. Appended to the petition is an "explanation" alleging that the court is responsible for the cost of the Nichols murder trial. For nearly two years petitions have been circulated by Mr. Thompson and others but unless they have done so recently, they could not secure enough names to start the recall which in itself would indicate the unpopularity of the effort.

In this connection word comes from Vale that Frank Vines will again be a candidate for county commissioner, indicating that he is not worrying about the efforts to recall him and his associates.

W. C. T. U. TO HOLD AN ALL DAY MEETING/HERE

On next Tuesday, March 28th, the W. C. T. U. will hold an all day meeting in the Presbyterian church. The Unions from Payette, Fruitland, New Plymouth and Vale have been invited to attend. The morning session begins at 10 o'clock. Luncheon will be served at the church at noon to all visitors and members, with the afternoon session beginning at 2 o'clock. In the evening a meeting will be held at the Dreamland theatre. Mrs. Maude Perkins, National Young People's Worker, will be here and will be the main speaker of the various meetings. For the evening service a musical program has been planned in which the O. H. S. orchestra and Glee Club will assist. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be taken at the evening session.

Word was received this week of the arrival of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Currier on March 12th, who are now living in Drewsey.

INJUNCTION MAKES IRRIGATION IN PART OF CITY IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR

ONTARIO REBEKAS VISIT SESSION OF PAYETTE LODGE

Last Thursday evening eighteen of the members of Beatrice Rebekah Lodge of Ontario attended, the session of the Harmony Rebekah Lodge in Payette. After watching the initiatory degree work, which was put on in a very beautiful manner, the visitors were entertained with a luncheon and a pleasant hour getting acquainted with the Payette members. The Payette Lodge has a large membership and shows much preparation in their drill work. Those attending from Ontario were: Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Skow; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Viernow; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones; Mrs. Ben Rutherford; Mrs. J. A. Draper; Mrs. Ina DeFoe; Mrs. John Boswell; Mrs. Clarence Poorman; Mrs. George Lyels; Dr. Harriet Sears; V. W. Marsden; Dwight Pierce; Mrs. Dan Purcell; Mrs. O. W. Courtney; Mrs. James Divin; Mrs. W. C. Johnson.

LAND SETTLEMENT IS FAVORED BY LEGION

Questionnaires Reveal that Local Men Prefer Land to Cash Settlements—Paid up Insurance Takes Second Place

A special meeting of the American Legion was held Monday evening in the Oregon Club rooms. This meeting was called for the purpose of having the ex-service men sign up the questionnaires which have been sent out for the purpose of finding out what plan of adjusted compensation the boys prefer, whether paid up insurance, Farm and Home Aid, Vocational training, Land settlement, or Adjusted pay. They also ask for information regarding ex-service men out of employment and other details. It is the duty of the different American Legion Posts to see that all ex-service men under their jurisdiction sign one of these questionnaires.

Thirty six members were present and signed the questionnaires. The majority favoring Farm and Home Aid, with Adjusted Pay and Paid up Insurance holding second place. The business meeting was followed by a boxing and wrestling bout, after which luncheon of sandwiches coffee and cake was served.

POULTRY MEN TO SEE BEST METHODS KNOWN

Poultry Specialist to Give Demonstration of Incubation, Feeds, and Care and Will Lecture on Same at Poultry demonstration Farm.

On Wednesday, March 29, beginning at 10 a. m. there will be a poultrymen's meeting at the A. B. Cain poultry farm two miles west of Ontario at which time a demonstration of the incubation of chicks and of the proper feeds to use and the general care of young chicks will be given. At 1:30 p. m. there will be a lecture at the City Hall, Ontario on these subjects by H. E. Cosby, poultry specialist of the Oregon Agricultural College. Everyone interested in poultry keeping is invited to attend these meetings and those from a distance may bring lunch if they desire. Mr. Cosby, who will lead in the work throughout the day has been here before and is recognized as an authority on his subject and a most capable man in his work. The meeting is one of a series being conducted under the auspices of the farm bureau at intervals of about three months on matters of particular importance of the season.

Monday night the R. N. A. and M. W. A. had another of their good times. The M. W. A. did the entertaining which was a complete surprise to the ladies. One entertaining feature was the music of the orchestra. The R. N. A. chose sides for a membership contest which is already creating considerable interest. April 3, the two Camps will put on an all evening entertainment.

JUDGE DALTON BIGGS GRANTS RESTRAINING ORDER SOUGHT BY MERCHANTS WHOSE BASEMENTS HAVE BEEN FLOODED DURING PAST IRRIGATING SEASONS

CITY CANNOT BUILD SYSTEM

Lack of Funds Precludes Possibility of Construction—Citizens Will Have to Solve Problem of Seeing Trees Die During Hot Weather

By an injunction issued last Friday Judge Dalton Biggs of the District Court, the City of Ontario was permanently restrained from running water through the main irrigation canal from the flour mill to the south side of Washington street, unless the same be made to prevent seepage.

This action resulted from a suit brought by a number of property owners whose basements were flooded during the past two irrigating seasons.

As a result of this injunction the City of Ontario, or rather the citizens of Ontario, are face to face with the irrigation problem which has been dodged from year to year through various expedients. Now something must be done.

Trees Will All Die

"While by the use of the city water system and sprinkling it will be possible to save the lawns, it will not be possible to save the trees," said Councilman E. M. Greig at the city council meeting Monday evening where this momentous question was discussed.

"Part of the city can be irrigated from the old system, and another portion can be irrigated from the Riverside system, while Villa Park can be irrigated from the pump on the hill, but the central section of the city will have to go dry, except for the use of the city waer," said Mayor W. H. Doolittle.

"It will cost about \$1600 to cement line the ditch to make it water proof," said Councilman Ivan E. Oakes, who had a preliminary estimate of the work to be done. "But," he added, "the city cannot afford to do permanent work on the ditch for it is on railroad property, and the railroad company might order the ditch abandoned at any time."

"The city water system will not furnish enough water for sprinkling and it will be necessary to send it through the mains without passing the filter," said Councilman H. R. Udick. "Something must be done, and surely the people of the city do not want the trees to die and lawns to wither. We must solve the problem somehow."

Thus all around the council went observations showing how serious the problem is. The unanimous opinion was that no deal could be made with the Wapinitia District at a price which the city can raise.

What to do about the situation is baffling the council. It is a problem that the city fathers believe will require the consideration of the voters and property owners.

Aside from this problem the council discussed and passed a resolution for the improvement of Oregon street by graveling it from the intersection of Illinois avenue to 10th avenue. It is determined that no work is to be done on the extension of Oregon street to connect with the Old Oregon Trail until after the condemnation suits are tried.

HAY PRICES CONTINUE TO SHOW STEADY INCREASES

Following last week's Argus mention of the fact that D. P. Dearborn had sold some hay for \$6 the Argus was informed this week that Charles Ross who lives south of the city had sold a stack for \$7.50 weighed out of the stack. Following this came information from the Oregon Slope to the effect that C. W. Atterbury had sold by weight at his stacks a quantity of hay for \$8 per ton.

Will J. Roberts again took up his duties in school this week after spending a week in the Sanitarium at Vale treating for rheumatism.