

MAYOR URGES EXHIBIT OF COMMUNITY PRIDE

Improvement of Park by Planting Trees and Shrubs and Better Care For Cemetery Objects To be Obtained—United Effort Asked

In an effort to arouse a greater degree of civic pride, Mayor W. H. Doolittle this week issued the following appeal for that worthy purpose. The Mayor's request is as follows:

Several acres of the City and Tourist Park at the north end of Oregon street is now being put in shape for seeding to grass and shade trees. This work is being done through donations by the Commercial Club and a number of our public spirited citizens. This is only the beginning of a work to beautify our city that we hope to see continued year by year until Ontario has a real beauty spot, which will be a playground for our children and a source of pride to every one who has contributed some effort to make it into a real park.

There is now an opportunity for us people of Ontario to show what can be done with very little money, but by good will and cooperation among ourselves. Believing that every one of us are interested in building up and beautifying the community in which we live I am going to designate Friday, May 12th as a tree planting day for Ontario. I should like to see every family in Ontario start the day by planting some trees, shrubs and flowers in their own yard and then something in this line in the new City Park. There will be a man there with the necessary tools who will be ready to help.

I should also like to designate another day to be spent in beautifying the cemetery. The city has very little money to spend this year and all of that will be needed to pay our share of the drainage work that must be done this season. This will make it necessary for us to find some way of fixing up the grounds without funds, but I believe that the people of Ontario will be willing to help in this matter and that it can be done by cooperation of the people and the help of all the organizations of the city, such as the churches, lodges, and clubs. There is so much to be done in the fixing up of the cemetery grounds that it will require men with teams, plows, scrapers, hoes and other tools to do this work. Men and women to contribute trees, shrubs and grass seed. We need overseers and workers of all kinds. One good day's work would work wonders in the appearance of the cemetery. Many of the people in Ontario and vicinity have relatives and friends buried there and many more of us will be there some day. Let us try and make it a place of beauty, a credit to our city and a fit place for our loved ones.

I also want to call the attention of the people to the cleaning up of their premises. Many have done this, but there are still a number that have paid no attention to the notice published in the paper. The city has appointed a new garbage man who is also a sanitary officer. He has the necessary authority to force people to clean up and the city authorities are going to back him and insist on it being done. If you have not cleaned up yet, do so, and call his attention to those who do not.

Before closing this article I would like to make another suggestion. Can we not organize a Civic Improvement Club in Ontario. With a good live organization of this kind in this city we could work wonders in the way of improving and beautifying our homes and town. Frequently you will notice some vacant lots, adjoining some well kept home, that are covered with cans, refuse or sage brush, which one hour's work would entirely remove, the owner of the lots probably residing away from Ontario. With a good strong improvement club of 200 or 300 members, who would each agree to give a couple of hours each week, after dinner, during these long summer evenings. We send out 25 to 50 people each night to clean up some bad spot around the city or in the streets. One clean-up will do no good unless it is kept up and our cemetery parks and city need constant attention. The members of this club doing this

BUSINESS WILL PAUSE WHILE MEMORIAL DAY IS OBSERVED

At the Commercial club Tuesday evening a committee from the American Legion headed by Dwight Pierce, commander and Ray Boyer appeared to ask that the business men close while the exercises of Memorial Day take place. It was the opinion of the business men present that it would be better to close for the entire day than for a portion only, and those present signified their willingness so to do.

Definite action was not taken, but so representative was the gathering present of business men that in all probability this will be done. The Legion men are arranging for a fitting memorial program including an address at the park by Judge Dalton Biggs, a parade and the usual ceremonies at the cemetery.

MUSIC CLUB TO GIVE BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

Chorus Will Sing Lady of Shalot With Mrs. W. H. Harrison as Soloist and Symposium Tea Will Introduce Local Artists

To start a fund with which to furnish the reception room recently completed in the public library, the Music club has in preparation a program which will be given at the Maletic theatre Monday evening, May 15.

The first portion of the program will be the cantata, "The Lady of Shalot," by Bendall, a three part arrangement for women's voices. Mrs. W. H. Harrison will be the soloist and Mrs. S. D. Dorman the accompanist.

The second portion of the program will be a "Symposium Tea," introducing familiar songs sung by well known local artists and readings by Miss Ruth Cabene and Miss Ada Lee. In this section Miss Helen Dunstone will preside at the piano, while Mrs. Elinor Randall and Mrs. C. F. Cox will present violin numbers. The other soloists will be: Mrs. E. S. Fortner, Mrs. D. F. Graham, Miss Rosina Clement, Miss Myrtle Stewart, Miss Clara Ines Wood, Mrs. Andrew Robinson, Miss Louise Wood, Mrs. F. J. Cleme, Miss Rose Krossin, Mrs. C. H. Blom, Henschel Browne, Dick Adam and Hugh Allen. There will also be a number of duets with mixed voices and several quartette numbers rounding out a popular program.

RECEPTION TO MARK OPENING ROOM IN LIBRARY BASEMENT

With an appropriate program the handsome new reception room in the basement of the library which was completed through the initial gift of J. R. Blackaby and contributions from the Women's Club, the Girl's Club and a number of individuals, will be dedicated to the public use on Friday evening May 12. Just what the program will be has not been definitely determined, but will be announced later.

The room which will be ideal for the gathering of many bodies, has not been finished. When the work already completed was finished the funds of the Women's club which sponsored it were depleted. There were just 74 cents left in the treasury and efforts will now be made to secure additional funds for this purpose. The initial effort will be made through the concert to be given at the Majestic Theatre Monday May 15 when the Music Club will present the Lady of Shalot.

kind of work would be a great influence on others, with the result cleanliness would soon come to be a habit with us all and Ontario would be known far and wide as a model to pattern after and its people as the best in the land. I would like to ask every man and woman interested in the formation of a Civic Improvement Club to meet at the Commercial Club rooms in the City Hall Building on Tuesday evening May 9th at 9 p. m. and see what can be done to effect this kind of an organization. I hope there will be a big turnout, it would only take two hours of your time a week, and think what we could do this summer for Ontario.

W. H. DOOLITTLE,
Mayor

BROGAN BIDS COUNTY TO BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Picturesque Valley Will be Fairy-land of Blossoms Saturday May 13 and Brogan Folks Want Everyone to Enjoy It.

All the upper Willow Creek valley will be a shower of blossoms next week and to this fairy land of the beautiful people of Brogan and Jamieson invite the entire county for the first annual Brogan Blossom Festival which will be held on Saturday May 13. This was the message the Argus received from W. B. Eaton of Brogan today and on behalf of the people of Brogan is extending it to all the Argus readers.

But this is not all that Brogan has to offer for this occasion, though it is enough for all those who love the most beautiful sight in this section—for the Brogan folks have arranged a barbeque for that day and are going to be the kind of hosts that have made the west famous. There will be a real open house in Brogan and Jamieson for the folks of the valley.

There will be a program arranged by the Farm Bureau following the barbeque, which by the way is scheduled to start at 11 a. m., and continue until 1:30 p. m., so that all may be fed.

There will be a number of speakers present and there will be good music too. In fact there will be nothing left undone by the Brogan folk to make the day one that will be remembered by all who attend. The music will be furnished by an orchestra from Huntington.

Two dances are listed on the program to add to the diversity of amusement and the hospitality of the dances of that section is something to remember.

But best of all is the spirit which prompts the Brogan celebration, for in it is extended a cordial invitation and the declaration of the Brogan folks is:

"Come spend the day and enjoy the blossoms and God's great out of doors, we will welcome you, and will be happy to meet you."

That many will go is undoubtedly for the John Day Highway from Vale to Brogan is in excellent condition. It will be a happy day and a general gathering of friends from all sections of the county in one of the county's most favored spots.

I. L. PATTERSON TO BE IN CITY FRIDAY

Interest in National Committeeman's Fight Surpasses That for Offices—Unusual Confidence Gives Way to Uncertainty

With only two weeks remaining in the primary campaign, interest in the outcome still is very far from being intense. The apathy is the biggest handicap to the candidates. Tomorrow, (Friday) Ontario will have as its guests one of the many candidates for the republican nomination, Senator I. L. Patterson of Polk county. Senator Patterson will call on friends here, for there are many who know him well, and will go to Vale during the day.

Strange as it may seem the biggest fight of the campaign is that being waged for the republican national committeeman from Oregon. The entry of O. H. Fithian backed by a strong organization has for the first time challenged the place so long held by Ralph E. Williams, and there are many who declare that Mr. Fithian will win, though during the past week Mr. Williams' friends have begun to make an active fight in his behalf.

In place of the usual assurance and certainty that one candidate will win in the governorship fight the thing that is noted is that few will predict the outcome. The feeling that Governor Olcott is sure to win has been waning and the best guessers—and it is only a guess—are now conceding that the fight is between him, Speaker Bean and Senator Patterson.

Frank and George W. McKnight of Vale spent Wednesday in Ontario on business.

NEARLY HALF MILLION POUNDS OF WOOL SOLD

Ontario Meets for Wool Buyers During Week—One Pool Sold For 30 Cents—Others for 32 and 33—Lowest 30 Best Prices in Years.

Nearly a half million pounds of Malheur county wool was sold during the past week at prices varying from 30 to 35 cents per pound. This brought glee to the hearts not only of the sheepmen directly interested, but to business men and ranchers generally. It means a big step back on the path to normalcy.

All week Ontario has been the center of a wool buying movement with representatives of numerous Boston and Portland wool firms including Johnie Johnson, Ernest May and Joe Plaisted of Boise who represent Boston firms; V. P. McKinna and Isador Koshlund of Portland. Leroy Davis was also here buying lambs.

The top price recorded in sales here was that scored by the pool of Frank McKnight's, H. J. Ward and McConnell Brother's which totaled 165,000 pounds and sold at 35 cents and was bought for Hallowell-Jones & Donald of Boston by Johnie Johnson.

Hub Walters sold his clip to Mr. McKenna for the Portland Wool Warehouse company; Koshlund bought the Seaward & Seaward and Bearden clip and also the Far West Sheep company's clip at 32 cents according to reports.

JOY RIDERS NEAR DEATH WHEN CAR HURDLES DITCH

Six Ontario Young Men and Women Suffer Injuries—Car Literally Torn to Pieces in Smash Up Between Payette and Weiser.

Six Ontarians in some mysterious manner escaped death about two o'clock last Friday morning when the car in which they were driving from Payette to Weiser ran straight off the road, hurdled a drainage ditch and smashed itself completely on the lower side of the road. According to the most lucid account obtainable, two of the occupants of the car went through the windshield, two went through the roof, and the other two made their hurried exit by a route unknown.

The accident occurred about four miles north of Payette on the state highway where the road turns toward the west at the top of the hill to cross the track. Everett Staples who was driving the car, which belonged to Richard Hickey, who was also in the party, did not see the turn at all; which was luck, perhaps, had he attempted to turn quickly the car would have turned turtle, it is believed. As it was, the car went straight off the grade, over the ditch which is wide and hit on the north bank. The engine was torn from its frame and casting twisted in a weird manner.

When the victims came to and inventoried their condition it was found that Mr. Staples was minus several front teeth, Richard Hickey had his knee cap torn and was otherwise injured, Cecil Embody and Pete Madden were bruised and shaken, while Mrs. Edna Barclay and Mrs. Dorothy Woodward were cut and bruised about the body. Mrs. Barclay was severely cut on the thigh. The least injured of the party succeeded in reaching a farm house, called Ontario for a car and reached here early in the morning. Hickey is still in bed and the young women have not been able to get about since the accident.

L. R. Breithaupt has been ill for several days with a severe attack of the flu.

Mrs. J. H. Loggan of Burns came to Ontario this week from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Clay.

Miss Irene Rowe has been quite sick with the flu this week.

O. H. Graham spent the week in Boise on business.

Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Hugh Allen's mother is quite sick this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Terwilliger and family leave today going overland to California.

COUNTY FIELD MEET TO BE HELD AT VALE ON FRIDAY

Ontario's schools will close tomorrow, Friday, while all the host of children foregather at Vale to be present and take part in the annual field meet of the county schools. A great deal of interest has been manifested in the gathering this year and many youthful record breakers have been training for the contest.

MERCHANTS DISCUSS PLANS FOR CREDIT ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the merchants of the city with Mr. Maxwell of Caldwell on Wednesday evening, plans were discussed for the formation of a credit rating bureau. No definite action was taken and the merchants are to investigate the workings of the Caldwell institution before proceeding.

At this meeting too the following committee was appointed to meet the fair board to consider plans for the fair this fall: A. L. Cockrum, Frank Rader, H. L. Peterson, C. F. Skow, A. Robinson, H. C. Boyer and C. R. Emison.

CLUB DIRECTORS HEAR OREGON TRAIL PLANS

W. E. Meacham, of Baker, President of Association Tells of Efforts to Direct Tourists Over Historic Route

W. E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association was the guest of the directors of the commercial club at a dinner at the Moore cafe Tuesday evening and there told of the progress which the association is making in its publicity work to direct tourists to the historic route across the continent.

Mr. Meacham declared that the spirit of co-operation manifested by LaGrande, Pendleton, The Dalles and other towns along the line, and especially Portland and the state tourist bureau headed by S. B. Vincent was already so marked that this year would see a vast increase in the stream of tourists using the Old Oregon Trail.

Baker to Celebrate

As an opening event in this program Baker has taken the lead in this effort and is to hold a celebration on July 4th featuring a pageant representative of the early days of the Trail, with all the faithfulness possible.

JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION FIRST FAREWELL TO SENIORS

A delightful reception was given by the junior class of the Ontario High School in honor of the outgoing seniors at the Oregon Club Rooms, Friday night April 28. Besides the Senior class the members of the board and faculty were present.

The first part of the evening was given over to a very entertaining program, consisting of several numbers as follows:

Music by the orchestra; silent motion picture, a melodrama entitled "Three Screams From the Kitchen or Seven Buckets of Blood" Vocal solo, Mrs. Harrison; Reading, Miss Lee.

At the close of the luncheon the toasts were given, Paul Peterson acting as toastmaster. The toasts as they were given spelled out the word "Seniors." Wendell Thayer gave the first toast, "Seniors," in which he complimented that class on its character, et cetera. Clara Ines Wood responded with "Et, tu Juniors." Reba Rood toasted "Nothin' Much." Supt. J. M. McDonald gave a very true description of the Ontario High School students in his toast "Innocents." W. W. Wood, chairman of the school board, replied to the toast "Ontario." Hugh Biggs answered to "Reputation," in which he told of the good reputation of the Junior class. Donald Parker closed the list of toasts by responding to "Such is Life," in which he gave a humorous description of school life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Escue left last week for their old home in Illinois where Mr. Escue is going to go into business. His place in the Ontario National Bank has been taken by William Blackaby who came in from the engineer crew at work on the Jordan Valley road, to start work Monday.

SEASON OPENS WITH VICTORY FOR VALE

Nyssa Scores Shut Out in Opener With Huntington—For Ontario Bill Lyells Pitches Great Ball for Six Innings—Stiles Wild But Effective

The Eastern Oregon Big Four baseball league opened its season Sunday with games at Ontario and Nyssa. At the fair grounds here Vale celebrated the opening with a 9 to 4 victory over Ontario in a game that furnished all kinds of baseball, and which for six innings was a mighty interesting contest between Bill Lyells for Ontario and Stiles for Vale.

Both pitchers furnished the features of the game, with the exception of John Huston's shoe-string catch of Art Moore's line drive. That catch robbed Moore of a three bagger for it was ticketed for a long trip. Huston also completed a double on the play and made the second two-ply out scored by Vale and each cut off seemingly sure scores. Perhaps it might be added the game was played without wrangling and that the umpiring was not bad.

Lyells and Stiles then took the center of the stage and whiffed out batter after batter. Each scored six strike outs in two innings. Until Lyell, who had been shooting them over, weakened in the fifth, it was a pretty game. Vale tied the score in the fifth with two scores and won in the seventh with three. Then to make it safe took three more in the ninth off Wells and Casiday. Guernsey hurt his ankle and had to retire in the eighth, Bill Blackaby going to center field.

The following is what the box score showed:

ONTARIO	A	R	H	O	A	E
Husted, 3 b.....	5	2	2	2	1	0
Casiday, s. s. p.....	5	1	1	0	3	1
Guernsey, cf.....	3	1	1	1	0	0
Blackaby, cf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gardner, c.....	3	0	1	15	1	1
Smith, lf.....	4	0	2	0	0	0
Stephens, 1 b.....	3	0	1	7	0	1
Leonard, 2 b.....	4	0	1	1	0	1
Moore, rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Lyells, p.....	2	0	1	0	1	0
Wells, p.....	2	0	0	0	3	0
	36	4	10	27	8	4

VALE	A	R	H	O	A	E
Noely, lf.....	3	1	1	0	0	0
Rose, 2 b.....	5	2	1	1	2	1
Parrott, ss.....	5	1	2	3	2	0
Stiles, p.....	4	1	0	0	1	0
Vandover, 3 b.....	5	1	2	0	0	0
Crandall, 1 b.....	5	0	1	3	0	0
Huston, cf.....	4	0	0	1	1	0
Glenn, cf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mouly, c.....	4	1	1	17	0	0
Robinet, rf.....	2	2	1	0	0	0
Randolph, rf.....	2	0	0	1	0	1
	40	9	26	6	2	

Vale..... 1 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 3 9
Ontario..... 2 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 4

Summary—Earned runs, Vale 2, Ontario 3; two base hits, Robinette, Gardner; three base hits, Guernsey; base on balls off Stiles 1; Lyell 2; Wells 1; struck out by Stiles 14, Lyell 11, Wells 1, Casiday 1; left on bases, Ontario 5; Vale 7; double plays, Rose to Parrott to Crandall; Huston to Rose, Wild Pitch, Lyell; first base on errors, Ontario 1; Vale 5, hit by pitcher by Stiles, Casiday twice, Stephens and Gardner. Umpires, Leathers and Tamblin. Time 2:30 minutes. *Casiday out on infield fly.

Standing of the Clubs

	W	L	pet
Vale.....	1	0	1000
Nyssa.....	1	0	1000
Ontario.....	0	1	000
Huntington.....	0	1	000

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowman and son of Boise were visiting in Ontario this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Adrian of Boise spent several days visiting in Ontario.

Vincent P. McKenna of Portland formerly of Ontario was a business visitor in Ontario this week.

Walter Glenn came to Ontario this week from Seattle for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Doubrava, Mrs. Iseman and Mrs. James Coleman of Brogan spent the week end in Ontario.

Mrs. John Brutsman left the first for a month's vacation which she will spend visiting relatives in Clarkston, Lewiston and Spokane. During her absence Lawrence Rowe will work in the Hub store.

Rufus Dinwiddie of Jordan Valley visited in Ontario this week.