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CITY'S DELINQUENT TAXES NOW \$26,000

Budget Committee Battles With Expense of City Government—One Third of Entire Cost of Government is Interest Bill

One third of the entire cost of running the City of Ontario is its interest bill for bonds of various issues. The total interest bill is \$15,000 as outlined in the 1923 budget committee sitting with the City Council Tuesday evening. The budget makers who assisted the council were: E. C. Van Petten, chairman, H. C. Boyer, E. A. Fraser and W. F. Homan. A. L. Cockrum and T. H. Moore the other two members did not attend the meeting.

After learning that the city has now due it from delinquent taxes the gross sum of more than \$26,000, means of collecting it were discussed, but no definite action was taken.

The budget makers worked for hours on the mass of figures and reduced the total from the last budget slightly. The present council was warmly commended for having kept within the last budget and operated the city so economically. No salary or other increases were allowed save for fuel and lights at the library and fuel at the city hall. The detailed complete budget is being prepared for publication in the near future.

After the budget meeting the council held a regular session and paid the usual grist of bills. No action was taken on the sidewalk improvement in Riverside when it was found that to build the walk would mean an outlay of \$600 for the city with slight chance of getting the money back.

SCHOOLS OPEN WITH LARGE ENROLLMENT

Though Opened Two Weeks Earlier Than Usual High School Number About the Same—Grades Show Large Increases

With an increase of 45 over the number enrolled at the end of the first week last year the schools of Ontario reported 604 pupils Wednesday of this week, three days after school opened. By the end of the week this number will be increased and after the Fair a still larger increase will be recorded it is believed.

The High school has 156 enrolled now and more than 200 is expected to be the total by October 1. In the grades there are 448 now or 48 more than last year. In the east side school 79 pupils are enrolled, a substantial increase over last year.

To fill in the vacancies caused by the resignations of Miss Ruth Caben and Miss Lois Wood, Mrs. J. W. Springer and Miss Emily Miller were chosen by the board. Mrs. Springer is a graduate of Highland Park University at Des Moines, Iowa, and taught for eight years in Iowa High schools. She will have the Latin classes and Freshman English. Miss Miller is an O. A. C. graduate in the class of '16 and has had seven years' experience in teaching domestic science and arts. For the past two years she had charge of this work in the Bend High school.

New Flag Pole

Sergeant W. H. Abendroth has his cadets lined up already. Many of the boys have new uniforms and others are ordering every day. The new 60 foot steel flag pole which was ordered is here, and will be erected this week. Each day a squad of cadets will raise and lower the flag and make the flag salute according to the army regulations.

After spending the summer in Chicago taking special courses in music, including a course in cello playing, Mrs. Stella Mason Cox and her son Louis and daughter Virginia returned home last Saturday morning. While in the middle west they visited for a time at Grinnell, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Graham and family returned Sunday from Port Angeles, Washington, where they have been the guests of relatives.

TWENTY CENT REDUCTION ON POTATOES INTO EFFECT TODAY

Effective today the reduced rate on potatoes which was made last week amounting to 20 cents per hundred went into effect today. The rate applies to all points in the south and middle west except those reached by the Rock Island, and the M. K. & T. Since the shippers are now using straight box cars without icing charges, it is believed that some of the crop will be able to move forward with some profit to the growers, but no predictions are being made by shippers.

DEMOCRATS MEET AT NYSSA AND ORGANIZE

Capt. Paul S. Moran of Grange Precinct Made County Chairman, J. R. Blackaby Named State Committeeman

At Nyssa on Tuesday the precinct committeemen of the democratic party met and elected officers and laid plans for the coming campaign. J. R. Blackaby who for years has been county chairman presided and was elected state committeeman, while Captain Paul S. Moran of Grange precinct was elected county chairman to succeed Mr. Blackaby.

One of this principal matters disposed of was the naming of an executive committee who with Capt. Moran will conduct the campaign this fall. The men named were: Frank Hall, Nyssa; W. F. Homan, Ontario No. 3; Dr. E. S. Fortner, Fair; M. N. Fegly, Vale, and John Blanton, Cairo.

A complete list of precinct committeemen was named filling all vacancies and arrangements made to conduct a canvass of the county. Those who attended the meeting from Ontario were: J. R. Blackaby, W. E. Lees, Jas. A. Lackey, Col. S. F. Taylor and C. McGonagill.

SHERIFF TAKES PRISONERS TO STATE PENITENTIARY

Burglars and Check Artists Plead Guilty—Ed. Hasson's Trial Is Postponed to January Term—Some Cases Dismissed

Saving the county the cost of trial, Jack McCall, Joe Sherman and Harry Sable who robbed the K. A. Allen residence here, and Jack Hyatt who passed some bad checks at Vale, pled guilty last week and were sentenced by Judge Biggs to terms in the state penitentiary. Sheriff Lee Noe and Marshal H. C. Farmer took them to Salem Wednesday.

The cases of Joe Bover and others against the Malheur Livestock company for trespass were dismissed by the court Tuesday, and a number of other cases are now being tried on the long calendar which the court is facing.

PREDICT REDUCTION IN POTATO ESTIMATE

Private Reports Indicate Decrease of 25 Million Bushels in Minnesota Alone—Spud Men to Curtail Shipments

The Idaho Producers Union received telegraphic information this week, according to a report phoned from their office at Caldwell today to County Agent L. R. Brethaupt, which indicates there will be 25,000,000 bushels less in Minnesota and the Dakotas than indicated by the Department of Agriculture August report. The Union officials think it probable that the next government report will show a material reduction in the total U. S. crop. "If this is true, the potato market should strengthen," says Mr. Brethaupt.

It is possible that an understanding may be reached by the potato growers whereby only the better grades of potatoes will be offered for sale, the culls being kept on the farms and used for feed.

The Canyon county farm bureau has called a meeting for Saturday afternoon to discuss this movement. An invitation has been extended to Malheur county potato growers to attend this meeting.

Cash and Merchandise Premiums Make Dairy Section Biggest Winner at Fair

As the result of the activity of the committee in charge of the dairy show in connection with the Fair, the exhibitors in that division will have the opportunity of securing some handsome prizes both in cash and merchandise. The Fair association is giving \$200 in cash prizes. The Farmers Co-operative Creamery of Payette is giving a special prize fund of \$25 for a cream testing contest. In this contest the company will buy the cream at five cents per pound above the station price and 20 to 40 pounds will be necessary for each entry which ought to test between 25 and 35 per cent butterfat. The first prize will be \$10, the second \$5, the third \$3, and the fourth \$2, and five additional prizes of \$1 each will be awarded for the next five.

Lecture On Cream Too

One of the authorities from O. A. C. will judge this contest and make the tests, will deliver a lecture on what constitutes a good churning cream, a lecture which in itself will be of great value to those who are engaged in dairying.

J. R. Brown, manager of the creamery who is arranging for this test declares that thousands of dollars are lost to the farmers through the production of lower quality cream, and if the dairy industry is to grow and prosper it is essential that a higher standard be produced. For this purpose the contest is being held as part of an educational campaign in practical dairying.

The dairy contest proper will be for Jersey and Holstein cattle of various classes as follows:

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1. Bulls 2 years and over, 1st \$7.50 and \$5 in merchandise at Ontario Furniture Co. Second prize \$5 cash.
 2. Bull under 2 years and over one, first \$7.50 cash and 25 pound bucket International Stock Tonic by Ontario Pharmacy; second prize, \$5 cash.
 3. Bull under 1 year. First prize \$7.50 cash and one gallon Naphalen Dip, McCreight Hardware Co. Second prize \$5 cash.
 4. Cow, 3 years and over. First prize \$10 cash and one Inner Tube by Ford Garage, and \$2.50 in merchandise at Troxell Implement Co., and also one Auto Wash Brush by Luehrs Drug Store. Second prize \$5 cash.
 5. Cow under 3 and over 2 years. First prize \$7.50 cash and one As-

tor Dress Hat by Alexander Co., and 100 pound sack of Kerr "Milk-maker" by Cash Grain company.

6. Cow under 2 and over one. First \$7.50 cash and \$2.50 in merchandise at Reihsen & Ryans, and 50 pound sack of flour by Cash Grocery. Second prize \$5 cash.

7. Cow under one, 1st \$7.50 and 500 pounds coal by Boise Payette, and stable fork by McDowell company. Second prize \$5 cash.

8. Champion bull. First prize Blue Ribbon and \$5.00 by First National Bank, and sack Calf Meal by Pete Johnson of Fruitland.

9. Champion cow. First prize Blue Ribbon and \$5 in cash from Ontario National Bank, and 1000 pounds coal by Van Petten Lb. Co., and \$5 in merchandise from Independent Market.

Holsteins

10. Bull 2 years and over. First prize \$7.50 cash, and 25 lbs. International Stock Tonic by Ontario Pharmacy, and \$5 in merchandise by Ontario Furniture Co. Second prize \$5 cash.
11. Bull under 2 years and over one. First prize \$7.50 cash, and gallon Napptlen Dip by McCreight Hardware. Second prize \$5 in cash.
12. Bull under 1 year. First prize \$7.50 cash, and one gallon Canteen by Ford Garage. Second prize \$5 in cash.
13. Cow 3 years or over. First prize \$10 in cash, and 100 pounds Kerr "Milk-maker" by Cash Grain Co., \$2.50 in merchandise by Troxell Implement Co. Second prize \$5 in cash.
14. Cow under 3 years and over 2. First prize \$7.50 cash and one sack mill Feed by Andrews Grain Co. Second prize \$5 in cash.
15. Cow under 2 years and over one. First prize \$7.50 in cash, and \$2.50 in merchandise by Reihsen & Ryan. Second prize \$5 in cash.
16. Cow under one year. First prize \$7.50 in cash, and 500 pounds coal by Boise Payette, and 8 pounds Snowdrift by Cash Grocery Co. Second prize \$5 in cash.
17. Champion Bull. First prize Blue Ribbon and one 14x16 photograph in natural colors by Seligman Studio, and one sack Calf Meal by Pete Johnson.
18. Champion cow. First prize Blue Ribbon, and \$5 cash from First National Bank, and 1000 pounds coal by Van Petten Lbr. Co., one pair Driving Gloves by The Hub.

Expert Summarizes His Views About Dairying in this Section

Each of the nationally known dairy experts who visited Idaho this month and spent part of one day in Malheur county, was asked by the Argus, at the close of the trip to express briefly his views on this section as a dairy region. This is the reply received from J. H. Frandsen, dairy editor of Capper's Publication, and formerly professor of dairying at the University of Nebraska.

"I have been in dairy campaigns in a great many states when it was necessary to put forth a great deal of effort to persuade the Governors to give sympathetic assistance; but here the situation is remarkably different. The Governor of Idaho is not only sympathetic, but has struck out boldly as a leader and is spending much valuable time giving the people the right perspective regarding the tremendously increased prosperity that will come if you follow the suggestions to enter the dairy business.

"Since I was located in Idaho I have travelled in practically every dairy state in this country and elsewhere in the world, and I am just

back here to tell you that no country can raise as good, or as cheap dairy feeds as you have here. And I know of no country with as good climatic conditions, nor markets, provided they are properly organized.

"Where a country is as far removed from markets, an effort should be made to market products in the most concentrated forms. There is no better way to market your alfalfa and other forage crops than through good dairy cows.

"My advice to the ranchers of this section is to get into dairying for it is a good stabilizer. The dairy cow pays you every day. Grow into the dairy business; don't jump into it. If you do not go into the business yourself some one else will and will take your heritage from you. There are such good opportunities for success in dairying business here that unless the people here now take advantage of the opportunity at hand they will see eastern and middle western dairymen coming here to enter the field and take their opportunity from them."

Miss Mae Murphy of Beulah, was a week end visitor here prior to going to Brogan where she will teach this year.

On Friday evening, September 15 a meeting will be held of all the members of the Woman's club, the Music club and the Girl's club to consider the question of federating into one organization with departmental activities. The gathering will convene at the assembly room at the Public Library.

J. H. Wolfe of Nyssa was an Ontario business visitor on each of several days this week. Mr. Wolfe recently returned from an extended trip to the coast country.

Henry Hatch one of the well known ranchers on the Oregon side of the line west of Parma, was in Ontario on business Monday.

Mrs. George Oram formerly of Ontario, but now a resident of Boise, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Margaret, spent Saturday and Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ready, having accompanied Mrs. Ready back from Boise. Mrs. Oram and her daughter made the stop here on their way to Los Angeles where Miss Margaret is to matriculate in the University of Southern California.

Jas. T. Adams came down from Clover Creek.

MANY ONTARIO FOLK GOING TO PIONEER PICNIC AT VALE

There will be a general exodus of Ontarians for Vale tomorrow to attend the pioneer picnic which is an annual event at the county seat. The Vale folk will furnish dinner at noon and an interesting program of events will occupy the day.

RODEO AT HOPE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY

Settlement Above Vale Plans Afternoon's Entertainment and Invites Folk From This Section to Enjoy Fun

At Hope station, west of Vale, Sunday afternoon an old fashioned frontier day rodeo will be held. The settlers near Hope have formed the Hope Rodeo association, and are going to put on an afternoon's entertainment which John Toms telephoned the Argus, would be worth seeing.

The Hope fellows have a number of buckaroos who are willing to stake their reputations on their ability to handle outlaws and are featuring a big bucking contest and a series of horse races. A complete program has been arranged with a number of horse races on the schedule, and there will not be a dull moment in the afternoon. Mr. Toms asked the Argus to invite all the folk down this way to be present at the show. "We will give them a good time, you can assure them that," was his message. The show starts at 1:30 and will be snappy.

NEW COUNTY CLUB LEADER SUCCEEDS H. R. WELLMAN

W. D. Kinder of Prescott, Washington Arrives for Work—Assisting Boys and Girls to Select Exhibits for Fair Contests

Accompanied by his wife, W. D. Kinder, the new county club leader who succeeds H. R. Wellman, arrived in the county last week, and this week is engaged in holding selection demonstrations showing the boys and girls how to select the best specimens for exhibit at the Malheur county Fair.

Mr. Kinder who is an O. A. C. graduate, has had four years of practical experience in farming, having worked on his father's farm in Washington since he was able to do his bit, and his work will be seconded by Mrs. Kinder, who likewise is an experienced worker in agricultural affairs. Like her husband she is an O. A. C. graduate and was employed for several years in the poultry experiment section of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinder were in Ontario Monday enroute to Kingman Kolony and the Big Bend to hold demonstrations. They are also deeply interested in the campaign for dairying in the county and Mr. Kinder is to arrange for the contest in dairy record keeping launched by the Argus, and has asked H. C. Seymour, leader of the boys and girls club work to judge the contest.

ONTARIANS GUESTS OF PAYETTE BUSINESS MEN

Large Delegation Present at Meeting Where Dairy Campaign Was Discussed—Cooperation of Communities Stressed

Ten autos loaded with Ontarians, men and women, journeyed to Payette last Friday evening to attend the meeting of the Payette Commercial club where the special subject of discussion was the continuation of a campaign to increase the dairy industry in this region.

Jas. H. Davis, president of the Payette club, presided and addresses were made by Joel L. Priest, general agent of the Short Line, who urged co-operation between the various communities and pointed out the benefits of such a campaign; Frank W. Brown, secretary to Governor Davis of Idaho, under whose direction the dairy campaign was instituted, gave an eloquent resume of the effort and set forth many of the advantages which must accrue. He

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PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST DAIRY RECORDS

Competition Open to Members of Boys' and Girls' Clubs of County—Argus Gives \$10 and J. A. Lakness Gives \$5.00 This Year

The boy or girl who exhibits the best record of milk testing and dairy record keeping at the Malheur County Fair will win the special \$10 first prize donated by the Ontario Argus. The second best record shown will win the \$5.00 prize offered by J. A. Lakness. A third prize will probably be offered by some other Ontario business man.

Arrangements for this contest are being made by County Club Leader W. D. Kinder, and he has already interested a number of the boys and girls of the county in the contest.

This contest is going to be an annual event. Next year if present arrangements are carried out it will be necessary for the boys and girls to exhibit a calf that was raised by the contestants and they will take part in the judging contest too, as well as presenting a record of milk testing and dairy herd record keeping.

It is planned that next year the first prize will be either a pure bred calf or a substantial sum toward the purchase of a pure bred animal.

Already in the county there are several groups of boys and girls who are doing work in the dairy animal project of the boys' and girls' clubs. No calf clubs were organized but the young people are keeping the records of three or more cows each and are thus getting started.

GREAT SHOW TROUPE HERE DURING FAIR

Snap Brothers Shows—Thirty Carloads of Them—Five Big Rides—Two of Them Absolutely New to Furnish Fun For Fair

Visitors to the Malheur county Fair will have the time of their lives, that was certain when the Fair management completed arrangements with the representative of the Snap Brothers Shows to be here during Fair week. This company with its 14 shows, five big rides and concessions requires an entire train to move from town to town. Its baggage and paraphernalia crowds 30 cars.

Beside the Ferris wheel, Merry-Go-Round and Whip, the company has two new rides, the Soapplane and the Frolic. Both of these are absolutely new to the west. They have been out only two years and have never been shown in this section.

Carries Two Bands

An idea of the size of the attractions may be gained from the fact that they carry two bands, and that they have the entertainment features of the Western Washington Fair at Puyallup and have shown at all the big Fairs in Canada and Washington this year. Ontario got them because they are billed for the Idaho State Fair at Boise the week following and go from there to Salt Lake City.

There is no 49 show and no objectionable features. The stunts are the biggest ever seen in this section and the Fair are congratulating themselves on getting them to stop here.

PHOTOGRAPHER BACK AFTER LONG TRIP THROUGH SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Brown who left here last fall for California, returned to Ontario this week and have taken the home of Mrs. Emma Cover on the eastside. Mrs. Cover having moved to Payette. Mr. and Mrs. Brown report a wonderful trip during which they had many unique experiences. Once in Utah last winter they ran into snow drifts and had to have their car hauled on a sled for two days. They visited Los Angeles and journeyed leisurely through New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho on their return. While at the Grand Canyon is wonderful, the Royal Gorge is not equal to the canyon of the Salmon, says Mr. Brown.