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To Build Waterworks

Mass Meeting Saturday Unanimously in Favor of It.

A representative mass meeting on Saturday eve was unanimously in expressing itself for the waterworks. A resolution was adopted by the city council to call a special election and provide a warrant for the same as rapidly as possible.

Plans were submitted to the city council nearly a year ago by this firm of engineers, together with an estimate of the cost. Action was deferred until the water situation will receive full attention with the probability of the water being ready for lawn and household purposes in July of the present year.

City Tax Levy Reduced to 6 Mills

Lower than any Other Town in the County.

The Nyssa city tax levy is lower than any other incorporated town in the county. In previous years the city's expenditures were right at a low figure, but the present council have been enabled, by operation of the saloon license system now in force, not only to cut the property tax levy to 6 mills, but to do a large amount of improvement on the street.

More than a mile of gravel streets is one of the improvements, with the bills fully paid. The total levy for road and other purposes by mills is, 4 for the road, 3 mills bond. Nyssa has a larger proportion of graded streets than any town twice its population in the west, owing to the efforts of its citizens during the last three years.

New Law Firm.

Hon. W. H. Brooke, the popular Ontario attorney, well known to the residents of this district, has taken in as a partner Mr. R. A. Swagler of that city, the new firm occupying the most modern site of law offices in Eastern Oregon in the Wilson building.

Judge Archbald Found Guilty

Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the commerce court, was Monday found guilty by the senate, sitting as a court of impeachment, of having misused his office and his power as judge, for personal gain. He was convicted of the first count of the 13. On this first charge the senate voted 68 to 7.

New Cheese Factory

Two Hundred Men Laying Steel and It Is Expected that Work to Homedale Will Be Completed by June 1.

A cheese factory is one of Nyssa's new manufacturing establishments. Newberg, Oregon, parties have taken over the fine brick building erected for a creamery in 1910, together with the machinery and equipment, and will install a first-class cheese plant.

Mr. Smith, one of the new proprietors, met with the owners of the old plant on Thursday of this week and completed the arrangements.

The highest market price will be paid for milk and the product will be marketed in this intermountain territory, now a heavy importer of Wisconsin and Tillamook cheese.

A buyer has left for Wisconsin this week to purchase dairy stock for farmers of this vicinity to increase their present herds. The milk of 300 cows can be obtained at present, with a steady increase in sight from the freshening of early spring milkers.

The new firm are here with strong recommendations as to ability and reliability, and are receiving the enthusiastic support of the business men in their venture.

The Litchfield Trio.



The fourth number of the Lyceum course will take place at the opera house on the evening of January 20, which is next Monday.

The Neil Litchfield trio, consisting of father, mother and daughter Abbie, will furnish the entertainment.

The posters and window cards are out and the leaflets will be out at the proper time, showing just who these people are and what they have done and can do here.

For pure, innocent fun and a good hearty laugh, I have never seen the equal of Neil Litchfield on the platform. He is a gem of the purest ray serene and the people of Nyssa will enjoy such a treat as they have never had before when he faces them. The work of his wife and daughter is on a par with his own and the entertainment will suit every class of fun lovers. There is music interspersed with the entire program, and the best sort, too.

Please don't forget the date, January 20, the place, opera house, and the occasion, fourth Lyceum number. This a \$100 attraction. Not one worth that much only, but one for which I pay the \$100 spot cash.

Mr. W. N. Sandersons have purchased four thousand Italian prune trees from H. G. Monce to plant on their orchard lands near Nyssa.

WORK HAS STARTED ON NYSSA-BUHL ROAD

Two Hundred Men Laying Steel and It Is Expected that Work to Homedale Will Be Completed by June 1.

Two hundred men are starting the work of laying steel on the Nyssa-Buhl water grade main line this week. June first should see the work completed and the road as far as Homedale, Idaho, turned over to the traffic department of the O. S. L. railroad. Chief Engineer Osborne has rented a home here for the winter and is pushing the work along rapidly.

The tracklaying to Riverview, at which point gravel for bal-

lasting is obtained, will be completed within 30 days, if the weather settles so the big machine can be used to its fullest capacity. Practically all the bridges to Riverview are built, the Owyhee river bridge and all those of large size being erected before the work stopped a year ago.

Only a few springs remain to be completed and these will not delay tracklaying for a longer time than cribbing to carry the track temporarily can be put in.

OWYHEE ITEMS

Grandpa Bradley sustained a hard fall last week, but is what recovered at present with a few days.

E. F. Pratt bought the Wood and the Tom Lowe bunch of pigs.

The Progressive rally held on the 15th in Vale has excited deep interest among progressives on the Owyhee, and it is expected an enthusiastic constituency will be present to boost the new order of the day.

We have something else to be enthusiastic over now that it looks as if tracklaying actually was going to be an accomplished fact.

Each spring the announcement would be made "tracks will be laid next Christmas." Each Christmas the choir call would issue "tracklaying begins next spring," until we country people began to be more patient than hopeful.

C. M. Beaumont, H. Walters and J. I. Chuning hauled hogs Friday to Parma for E. F. Pratt.

The residents of the Owyhee look considerable advantage of the fine thick ice last week when it ranged from ten inches to a foot thick.

Among those who put up ice were Ed Blodgett and Harva Otis, H. Walters, Charley Bradley and Messrs. Frank Harris and Wm. Putz. Some of the old-timers claim that the ice was never so thick at this time before.

But a sort of premature spring has sent most of the ice down the river, probably to test the contractor's work on the railroad bridge across the Owyhee.

E. F. Pratt and H. Walters went to Ontario Tuesday, returning Wednesday, Mr. Walters attended the meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Nyssa, and both gentlemen were looking for some stock to buy, as well as other business matters.

H. Walters and Clifton L. Beaumont spent Friday evening with the Gahley family near Parma.

W. H. Ross of Roswell spent Thursday on the Owyhee. He came to the Riverside ferry to cross, but found the ferry stuck in the ice, so had to cross in a skiff and borrow a horse to reach his destination.

E. F. Pratt spent Friday night in Parma, attending to various business matters there.

Wanted—A few relinquishments. Either side river. Hoxie.

Illustrated Lecture

Rev. R. H. Evans Graphicall Describes Scenes and Incidents of Missionary Work in Western Africa.

On an occasion of much enjoyment and instruction to the church-going public, and some whom we cannot be classed as church-goers, was the illustrated lecture in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening by Rev. R. H. Evans, recently returned from missionary work in western Africa.

The main room, class rooms and balcony were all filled to their full seating capacity, the Methodist church having adjourned and attended in a body.

Scenes depicting the life and habits of the natives were thrown upon the canvas by Prof. White's instrument, it having been borrowed for the occasion. The native sons and daughters were shown in the native dress, or undress, also the costume worn by the students of the missionary school.

Rev. Evans was quite optimistic concerning the work there and intimated that the people of benighted Africa had about as good a chance for salvation as some of the people of Nyssa, unless they had mended their ways since he knew them before. Splendid special music was rendered.

Meeting of Progressives

A meeting of the Progressive county organization was held in Vale Wednesday, Robert van Gilse, present mayor of Nyssa, presiding as chairman and E. B. Conklin of Ontario, secretary.

Mayor van Gilse was appointed delegate from the county to attend a gathering of progressive chieftains in Portland, Or., January 20 for the formation of a state organization. The Progressive party is in second place in this state as a result of the anti-Taft landslide in November, having divided with the democrats the privilege of acting as judges and clerks of election for the ensuing four years.

S. A. Armittstead, a representative of Monroe & Crissel, the cheese and creamery supply house of Portland, was in the city this week on business connected with the new cheese factory on First street.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AGAIN.

The writer was so unfortunate as to miss getting her copy of the Journal of the 2nd until it was ten days old, so did not know into what shape her able friend the editor had fricassed her argument for capital punishment in time to reply in last week's issue.

Now, it seems to me, that no argument is of any account at all in which the debaters seek only to establish their points, but neglect to seek after the real truth of the matter; and I do not believe that either the editor or your humble servant are open to criticism on this point. It seems to me that the real truth of the matter is that there would be more justice than exists in the present law if an enactment were passed whereby juries could exercise their discretion in deciding whether a man is such a menace to society that it has become ineconomical to save his life, or whether a continuation of his life in service for the state would be worth while, provided always such sentences were issued under a law restricting pardons. The writer has in mind the case of five Russian convicts who a number of years ago escaped from a mine in Siberia, where they were condemned to spend the remainder of their lives at hard labor. They were picked up in a small boat on the ocean by some American steamer and on reaching American shores were almost lionized, due doubtless to the common knowledge in this country of the terrors of the Russian penal system. They had the sympathy of everybody in the county, and powerful influences secured from Russia their liberty—and yet within five years every one of these men had been convicted of some heinous crime and was again in prison, in the United States this time, and their conviction and incarceration cost the state of California over one hundred thousand dollars, which honest men had to pay in taxes. It may be feminine logic to assume that a dead injun is a good injun, but I don't believe it would be easy to gainsay. I believe the people of California wished five years later that that steamer had not seen those convicts, and that they had found justice in the depth of the sea.

The point I wished to make is not that capital punishment is a deterrent of crime to uncaught rascals; it is hard to believe that life imprisonment would be either. But I did mean that a dead scamp will certainly be deterred from any further crime or cost to the honest people of his state. No guards will have to be hired for him, no punishments or rewards devised to keep him at work, no costly buildings made for him; nobody will be killed by him in an attempted prison escape, as was in the case of the Russian convicts; and no country will be terrorized by his escape, which is always possible. There is no doubt in my mind that in perhaps more than a majority of cases, life imprisonment is best; but there is also no doubt that some classes of confirmed criminals are not worth keeping alive.

In other words, I believe that capital punishment bears about the same relation to the deterrent of crime that flypaper does to the decimation of flies—flypaper doesn't keep flies from multiplying, but it does keep the rascals after they are caught. And until we have sanitary measures more effective than we now have, we must put up with fly paper as well as flies. ANNA D. S. PRATT.

[But suppose certain states had prohibited the use of fly paper and it was discovered that flies were far less numerous in those states than in the states that did use it, what then?—Ed.]

Under New Management

Golden Rule Store Becomes Property of Boise Firm.

The Golden Rule store, that under the management of Chas. Bean, grew into one of the city's main business houses, has been sold to J. N. Ames, of the Ames Wholesale company of Boise. The entire stock is included in the sale.

It is the new owner's plan to increase the lines carried until the largest store in the county will be at this place.

Produce will be bought without limit, as Mr. Ames' connections are such that a ready market is assured for all the excess crop of the valley.

Land Holdings Change Hands

One Hundred and Twenty Acres of T-G Tract.

One hundred and twenty acres of the Test-Greig holdings two miles west of town have been sold at a good figure this week.

Mr. Marshall, new comer from the Lone Star state, is the purchaser, and the entire 120 will be placed in cultivation this spring. The Test-Greig holdings consist of several thousand acres near the city, with water rights in the Shoe-string ditch for a portion of it, and is all extremely desirable acreage.

Irrigation Districts Elect Officials

Returns of the annual election in the Owyhee Irrigation districts. Five divisions has been reported unofficially as follows for director for ensuing year:

- Dist. No. 1—H. C. Whitworth, Ontario.
- Dist. No. 2—Hubbard Walters, Owyhee.
- Dist. No. 3—Thos. Canham, Nyssa.
- Dist. No. 4—P. J. Phillips, Nyssa.
- Dist. No. 5—Rex Marquis, Cairo.

The official count is not expected to make any change.

The retiring directors are W. L. Gibson, J. J. Sarazin and H. W. Trow. The election of S. D. Goshert for treasurer is shown by reports as far as learned.

H. F. Pratt of Owyhee is elected collector and P. J. Phillips received a good vote as assessor and is believed to be elected. Not a heavy vote was polled, there being no contest in several divisions for the directorships and satisfactory men for the positions were chosen unanimously. The new board will be installed this week, the work of preparing for the bond election being one matter needing consideration at the earliest moment and has been left over until election to give the new board full control.

No trouble is expected in marketing the bonds of the district, Mr. Purdam feeling extremely optimistic on this line as conditions are steadily growing better in the financial world.

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