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## ANNUAL ELECTION IS POSTPONED FOR WEEK

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS BUT IMMEDIATELY ADJOURNS AS MARK OF RESPECT FOR DEPARTED PRESIDENT.

## MANY VOICE THEIR SORROW

Previous to Meeting Members Informally Discuss Number of Matters Relative to Road Program and Hearing at Vale.

The death of A. W. Trow, resident of the organization cast a gloom over the meeting of the Commercial club Monday evening. Vice President A. E. Fraser called the meeting to order and following expressions of sorrow at the loss to the city and club of its able leader, by many of the members E. C. VanPetten moved an adjournment for one week.

A committee consisting of J. W. McCulloch, Mayor W. F. Homan and Prof. E. G. Bailey was appointed to prepare resolutions expressing the club's appreciation for the work Mr. Trow had done for the community.

Prior to the meeting being called to order there was an informal discussion among the members present relative to the presentation of the case of Homedale, Jordan Valley, Nyssa, Kingman Colony, Crane, Burns, Riverside, Brogan and Jamieson at the hearing at Vale next Tuesday.

The matter of looking into Malheur county's interest in the proposed state highways across the state and to join with other communities to bring influence to bear upon the State highway commission so that a road will be built up the John Day river and thus give a direct route to the Dalles and Portland was left in the hands of Attorney W. W. Wood.

Election Next Monday.

In view of the adjournment of the meeting the annual election of officers will take place next Monday evening.

## HURLEY GETS BOQUET FROM PORTLAND PAPER

Telegram Reviews Records Made by Legislators in the Public Eye and Says Nice Things about Malheur-Harney Senator.

After spending something over 40 days at Salem in the business of legislating for the State of Oregon, Senator Julien A. Hurley passed thru Ontario today enroute to his home at Vale. "It is a great game," was Senator Hurley's terse description of the experience at Salem.

That the Malheur and Harney county senator played the game well may be judged from the following laudatory sketch from the Portland Telegram of February 20 run under the caption: "Legislators Who Are in the Public Eye Because of Their Usefulness."

Beside being a representative in the senate of the largest district in the state, Senator Julien Hurley has the distinction of being the youngest and the only single man in the upper legislative body. Hurley hails from Vale and represents that part of Oregon that has more irrigation ditches and jack-rabbits than all of the remainder of the state.

"The confidence the people of the large district placed in Hurley when they elected him at the polls was not betrayed in any way by his actions in the senate, and as chairman of the irrigation committee and a member of the judiciary committee he demonstrated his efficiency as a legislator on more than one occasion.

"On his watch fob Hurley carries a medal won as a debater in the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth several years ago when he was a student. He has lived up to his reputation in the last 40 days and cannot be accused of being on the wrong foot many times when he gave vent to his opinions through his oratory. He knew what his dis-

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## NEW COMPANY TAKES CITY WATER SYSTEM

IDAHO POWER COMPANY WILL CONTINUE TO HANDLE BUSINESS FOR ONTARIO WATER COMPANY.

## TO SEEK BETTER A SUPPLY

Effort Will be Made to Determine Most Feasible Method of Improving Water and Increasing Capacity Wells or River Water, Question.

Ontario's water system which has been the property of the Idaho Power company on March 1 will pass into the hands of the Ontario Water company which has just been incorporated. The directors of the company have been named but the officers have not been chosen.

The transfer of ownership will not change the management, however, since the property will be directed by the employees of the Idaho Power company as in the past.

Will Improve Supply. The announcement of the change was made by Manager J. F. Orr of the Idaho Power company who also stated that the new company would proceed at the earliest opportunity to determine what can be done to improve the quality and quantity of water available for Ontario.

"It is a difficult problem," said Mr. Orr. "We wish we knew the solution or that someone would tell us just how the water supply can be improved within a sum warranted by the volume of the business. We have tried additional wells and that does not seem to be what is needed. An effort will be made to determine whether or not a pumping plant at the river with a filtration system added will do the work. Before anything is done, however, a thorough investigation will be made."

## GRAND OFFICERS ARE GUEST OF PYTHIAS

Work of Pythian Sisters Lauded by Grand Secretary Gleason--Nearly One Hundred Present at Banquet.

Nearly 100 Pythians, orn car Pythians, for wives, daughters and friends were present at the Anniversary meeting Wednesday night in honor of the 53rd birthday of the order. H. L. Poorman a past Chancellor Commander of the Lodge presided and introduced the guests of honor, Harry G. Workman, of Medford, Grand Chancellor and Walter Gleason, of Portland, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who delivered the principal addresses.

Grand Chancellor Workman devoted his address to the work of the Pythian Sisters and urged that the men of the order give their encouragement to the promotion of the interests of the auxiliary.

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## CHANGE IS BEING MADE AT BOYER BROS. STORE

New Cabinet for Display of Men's Suits and Coats Numbered Among Renovations.

This is the renovating season among Ontario's retail stores. It is exceptional for one not to run into a crew of carpenters working on betterments in some store every day. Boyer Bros. are latest additions to the number making changes in the interior arrangement of their emporium.

All this week men have been engaged in erecting a new full length cabinet for the display of men's coats and suits. This is but a starter for Manager H. C. Boyer has plans for many other changes necessary to care for the constantly increasing business coming to Ontario.

## DEATH SUDDENLY SUMMONS GREAT CITIZEN--A. W. TROW

MAN WHOSE ENERGY WAS MOST PROMINENT FACTOR IN UPBUILDING OF COMMUNITY VICTIM OF APOPLEXY--ALL CITY UNITES TO MARK RESPECT TO HIS MEMORY

A. W. Trow is dead. This message as it traveled fast over the city Monday afternoon cast a gloom where ever Ontarians met. The whole city, as one man, was shocked by the news and from every lip came words of the most profound admiration and respect for the man and the work he performed for the community in which he lived.

Not only the words spoken but by the manner in which they were uttered were the most sincere tribute that fellow citizens can bestow.

Seldom has the community been so shaken by a message as it was with the story of his death for but an hour before he had been, to all appearances, in good health. All day Sunday he worked on matters of public interest, one of the last of which was the making of arrangements for the showing of the wool car on Monday. Monday morning he was about the streets as usual energetically working at his desk and interviewing business men on various matters, preparatory to making a trip to Vale during the afternoon.



ARTHUR WYATT TROW.

He left his office at noon for luncheon and after having spent the hour with his wife and son put on his coat to catch the afternoon train for Vale. He reached the parlor of his home, after leaving the table and there he suddenly stopped and called Mrs. Trow telling her he had a severe headache and asked that she prepare a hot foot bath. She left him to fill his want and on her return found him seated on the davenport unconscious. Clinton Trow who had gone to the office was summoned as were the physicians and all reached him before he died fifteen minutes after he was stricken.

Funeral to be Held Friday. So unexpected was the death of her husband and so tragic its occurrence that Mrs. Trow was prostrated with grief but the ministering hands of friends cared for her. At first it was planned to take the body back to the old home in Glenville, Minnesota, for interment but the plan was changed and interment will be made in the Ontario cemetery tomorrow afternoon. Rev. C. H. Powell of the Episcopal church will conduct services at the residence at two o'clock and from three to four the body will lie in state at the City Hall so that the citizens may pay their respects to the man whose services in behalf of the community can not be measured. The

pal bearers selected from among the host of men with whom he was closely associated will be: A. E. Fraser, J. W. McCulloch, H. C. Boyer, Prof. E. G. Bailey, W. H. Doolittle of Ontario and J. F. Orr of Payette.

Stores to Close. Mayor Homan issued a proclamation Thursday asking all business men to close their stores and shops three to four o'clock as a mark of respect to the former head of the city government and by general consent the Mayor's proclamation will be adhered to by all citizens.

Influence Felt in Many Fields. There was no phase of civic life in Ontario that did not feel the beneficial presence of Mr. Trow. His enthusiasm was unbounded. His energy was limitless. Characteristic of him was the reply he made to Dr. Prinsing when on examination it was found that he was suffering from a high blood pressure, the forerunner of the ailment which caused his death. At that time he was told to ease up on his work, to stop when he felt tired or fatigued.

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## COMMITTEE TO URGE MEDICAL INSPECTION

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION APPOINTS MEMBERS TO ASCERTAIN FEELING OF BOARD AND PUBLIC.

## PHYSICIANS OFFER SERVICES

Public Sentiment Strong in Endorsement of Measure to Safeguard Health of Pupils--Board is Willing to Act.

Recommending that, as the result of its investigation, it believes advisable the institution of medical inspection in the public schools, a committee will recommend such action to the Parent-Teachers association and have that body make a formal request to the school board.

The committee, consisting of Mrs. Edna Griffin, Mrs. Twilla Head and Mrs. Irwin W. Troxell have endeavored to sound all the parents of school children it was possible to reach in a short space of time and found a unanimous sentiment in favor of having the work start.

Next the physicians of the city were interviewed and each of them unqualifiedly endorsed the movement and volunteered to co-operate in every possible manner giving his service to the cause.

With these assurances the members of the school board were seen and again the proposal was approved. Thus with the parents, the physicians and the school board in favor of the movement the members of the committee are prepared to urge the early inauguration of the inspection.

In taking this step the Ontario schools are placing themselves on an equal footing with the progressive schools throughout the country. Ev-

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## MANY VISITORS SEE MASONIC WORK DONE

Vale, Nyssa, Payette and Burns with Local Men Members of Distant Lodges Guests of Accacia No. 118 Thursday.

With large delegations present from Payette, Nyssa and Vale as well as a score of Masons now living in Ontario who are members of lodges in their old homes Accacia Lodge No. 118 had one of the largest gatherings in years last Thursday evening. Following the initiation work in the third degree a banquet was served and a number of impromptu talks were made by visitors and local members.

One of the features of the gathering was the presence of the Masters of Payette, Vale and Nyssa lodges who were given places of honor beside E. G. Bailey, a Master of Accacia. During the evening nearly one hundred members were present and the capacity of the lodge room was taxed.

## START WORK ON THE NEW STREET LIGHTING

Crew of 25 Men Begins Hauling Poles and Assembling Material for Erecting New Lines.

Ontario's new street lighting system will be in operation within a short time, unless unforeseen events interpose. A crew of 25 men was started this week by Manager J. F. Orr of the Idaho Power company. The first work done was that of distributing the new poles necessary for erecting the power lines. These poles have been crosscut to prevent early decay and insure a greater life to the system.

Just how soon the new lights will brighten the streets of Ontario was not announced but in all probability it will take a month or more to complete the work.

## SHEEPMEN SEE THEIR BUSINESS ON SCREEN

ALSO VISIT WOOL CAR TO LEARN NEW WRINKLES IN THE GAME THEY HAVE PLAYED ALL THEIR LIVES.

## ONTARIO SHEEP FORM EXHIBIT

Despite Late Effort Ontario Turns out Crowd to See Pictures and Visit Car--Ontario was not on Schedule but Officials are Pleased.

Ontario was to have been passed by without an opportunity to see the O. S. L. Ry. company wool car Monday, and would have been but for the energetic action of officers of the Commercial club and the accommodating spirit of Prof. Oram M. Nelson, sheep expert of the Agricultural College and the U. S. Department of Agricultural sheep expert who were in charge.

The success of the car's exhibit was the last demonstration of the characteristic manner in which A. W. Trow strove to serve the people of this community. When it was evident that Ontario was to have but perfunctory opportunity to see the exhibit, and knowing that so many of the citizens were interested in the sheep business he got into touch with vice president A. E. Fraser who arranged for the opening of the car from 9 to 12 Monday morning. But that did not satisfy him so arrangements were made with S. D. Dorman for the showing of the pictures and then consent of the men in charge was secured for the full exhibition. This it was Sunday evening and after eight o'clock before the work of getting the exhibition was started before he returned home he knew that advertising material would be out early Monday morning and that every sheepman in this vicinity would be ad-

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## GRANGERS WILL PLAY "BACK TO THE FARM"

Rural Drama which Attracted Great Attention in Middle West to be Staged Friday and Saturday at Boulevard Grange.

"Back to the Farm," the rural drama of agricultural life which President George Vincent of the University of Minnesota used as a vehicle to present rural problems to the people of Minnesota will be presented at the Boulevard Grange hall this week.

Two performances are to be given so that all who desire to see the play may have an opportunity to do so. Not only are the lines of the play written so as to carry an educational message, but are replete with that kind of wit and humor which appeals to a good solid American audience, one that has not been satiated with the musical comedy drivel and the suggestions of the problem play.

The young folks of the Boulevard Grange have been working for some time in preparation for the performances and the following cast of characters shows that the various parts will be well cared for:

### CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Charles Merrill, a farmer of the old School. . . . . Arthur S. King  
Merton Merrill, his son. . . . .  
Harold Von Readen  
Mrs. Merrill, the farmer's thrifty wife. . . . . Mrs. P. F. Countryman  
Rose Moad, the country school ma'am. . . . . Edna Von Readen  
Gus Anderson, the hired man. . . . .  
Will S. Downs  
Reuben Allen, a new neighbor. . . . .  
Homer G. King  
Mr. Ashley, lawyer and real estate man. . . . . P. F. Countryman  
Robert Powell, college senior in law. . . . .  
J. Fred Butler  
Marjorie Langdon, a promising society belle. . . . . Eppie Kerr  
Hulda, the house maid. . . . .  
Gladys McCoub

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