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OPPOSITION APPEARS TO PAVING PROGRAM

SEVERAL LARGE PROPERTY OWNERS TO VOICE OBJECTIONS TO PAVING STREETS AT THIS TIME—HOPE TO KILL PLAN

WOULD DELAY WORK ONE YEAR

Prices are Too High Now—Same is True of Taxes—District is too Small—Engineer not Approved are the Grounds of Objection.

With the plans for paving Oregon, Richardson and the intersecting streets ready for the final steps preliminary to the letting of contracts opposition to the entire program became evident during the past week. When the council meets on Monday evening it is now evident that vigorous protests will be made by several of the largest property owners in the district. Whether this will be sufficient to kill the plan remains to be seen.

It appears that the opposition will be based on four main arguments: that this is not the opportune time to pave because of the present high prices of material; that taxes are too high now; that the district is too small to pave; and finally, and finally to L. C. Kelsey the engineer in charge.

The objections will probably be voiced by W. E. Less, H. C. Boyer and E. A. Fraser. The Argus understands, too, that T. H. Moore, C. C. Carter, Ward Canfield, Andy Lackey and other property owners will likewise object to proceeding at this time, but was not able to confirm their position.

Another objection that is voiced by some of those who have discussed the proceedings is that the city can afford to wait until the outcome of the county road bond election next Tuesday before determining its course. Others take the position that it will be at least a year before the road work can be done in this county even after the bonds are voted and that then the city can take steps to provide good city streets to meet the incoming highways.

Go Ahead Now Say Others.

J. R. Blackaby and others who favor paving declare that the time element should not be considered for materials will not lower very much in the next few years, and in the mean time Ontario will be in the rut while other communities are progressing and keeping up with the times.

"If it were just a question of waiting for one year it would not be so material to delay paving, but it will not be a year. The same objections that are being raised now will be made whenever the question is considered," is the opinion of A. L. Cockrum.

Delay Talk Means Hard Times.

"If everyone talked delay on business and did nothing until prices drop there soon would be a business panic in this country," observed Mayor R. W. Jones. "What is needed

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CAYUSE KICKS AUTOMOBILE RADIATOR TO SMITHERENS

Apparently trying to get revenge for the insults automobiles have given members of his species a cayuse belonging to a visiting buckaroo, "kicked the stuff" out of Homer Utley's Dorr, last Saturday evening on the corner of Oregon and Nevada. The owner of the broncho offered the animal to Mr. Utley for the damage done, but Mr. Utley declined the proffer and accepted the loss. It cost him more than \$100 to repair the car, so it is said.

BOY SCOUT PATROL IS FORMED IN ONTARIO

Nation Wide Campaign for Famous Organization During Week of June 8 to 14—Organization Fosters Citizenship.

Just in time to participate in the great nation wide campaign for the Boy Scouts of America a patrol of that famous organization has been formed in Ontario with Rev. S. H. Steele as scout master, and Edgar Fortier as secretary.

To membership in this patrol those already enrolled invite all the boys of the city and the surrounding country who are willing to subscribe to the scout pledge. The meetings of the patrol are scheduled for every Tuesday and Friday evenings at the High School building.

Attention is called to the fact that by Presidential proclamation the week of June 8 to 14 has been set aside as Boy Scout Week, in a nation wide campaign for 1,000,000 members, and to manage this campaign the Boy Scouts have the services of none other than William G. McAdoe, the President's son-in-law, ex-secretary of the Treasury, ex-director general of the railroads, etc.

In this campaign the men of the nation are going to be asked to invest a dollar in the boyhood of their community to aid in turning their attention to the duties of citizenship and to translate their idle hours into 60 minutes each of beneficial recreation and training.

OFFICIALS OF DETROIT FIRM VISIT RELATIVES HERE

Millions of dollars, more than twice the tax rolls of Malheur county, every year pass thru the hands of C. W. Dickerson, secretary and treasurer of the Timken-Detroit Axle Co., who with Mrs. Dickerson, was in Ontario this week the guests of his brother-in-law, C. P. Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson were enroute to Detroit after spending the winter in California. They leave for the East Tuesday.

"The demand for automobiles this year cannot be filled, because material cannot be secured to meet the demand, and the plants have not yet reached prewar production levels," said Mr. Dickerson.

"No, prices will not drop soon, the manufacturers are trying to meet the people's desire for lower prices. But labor is still drawing war pay and must for some time to come, so the readjustment will be gradual, but will come eventually," he said.

Auto and Driver Plunge Off Ferry Into Snake River; Driver Is Saved

To go down under ten feet of whirling Snake river water, in an auto with the top up and the doors so jammed that he could not open them, and yet escape death, was the experience of A. W. Jennings of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who is visiting A. W. Johnson of Johnson's Island just southeast of Ontario. His experience occurred at 10 o'clock last Sunday morning.

The accident was due to the fact that Mr. Jennings was driving a Saxon Six, while he is used to driving a Dodge and the attempting to stop the car after it had landed on the ferry to go to the island he stepped on the accelerator instead of the break. The block placed to stop the car was inadequate and the car climbed over and went on into the stream.

"When I plunged under, and felt the water swirl around me, you can believe me, I did some quick thinking. I first tried the doors, but they would not open. Then the car began to settle on one side and I got it

was going to turn over and pin me underneath, so I dove between the top and the body of the tonneau and came up, pretty well filled with water," said Mr. Jennings in describing the accident.

Except for flooding the carburetor and putting the batteries out of commission the car was found none the worse for its bath in the river, after it had been hauled out by a team of horses.

Mr. Jennings returns soon to Oklahoma and will carry with him a vivid memory of Snake river.

Mrs. H. O. Drane entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

The Tuesday Bridge Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Prinsing last Tuesday afternoon.

Rolla H. Johnson of The Dalles, who is connected with the Lally Lighting Co., was in Ontario last week on business, and while here spent a few days with his former college friend, Earl Griffin.

ASK SERVICE MEN TO MARCH MEMORIAL DAY

SERVICE MEN, LODGES AND CITIZENS TO MEET AT CITY HALL. AT 10 A. M.—MARCH TO OREGON AND WYOMING AVENUES

AUTOS WANTED FOR ELDERS

Short Program in City Park at 2 p. m. Short Addresses to be Delivered by Local Speakers; Also Musical Program.

That all of the service men in Ontario and vicinity be present to march to the cemetery with the Memorial day parade is the request of the committee in charge of the program.

Those who are to march are requested to gather at the City Hall at 10 a. m., Friday morning and the line of march will be to Oregon street and thence south to Wyoming avenue where those who have autos are asked to pick up old soldiers and others and drive in procession to the cemetery.

Following the decoration of the graves and the short service prepared for the cemetery taps will be sounded and the salute to the dead given.

Program in Afternoon.

At the city park in the afternoon, beginning at 2 p. m. will be held a short Memorial Day program. The committee in charge held a meeting Wednesday night and determined on a short musical program and a number of short addresses by local speakers. The names of the speakers had not been determined upon at that time.

Y. M. C. A. PLANS TO REACH COUNTRY BOYS

Statewide Campaign June 2 to 9 to Raise Funds for State Work—Ontario Asked to Give \$250 For Work.

To bring the work of the Y. M. C. A. within the reach of the boys of the rural communities is the object of a campaign which is to be staged from June 2 to June 9. As the first step in meeting the expense of this enlarged program a drive for funds will be held in which Malheur county is asked to contribute \$400. Of this amount Vale is to subscribe \$250; Ontario the same amount and Nyasa \$100.

W. P. Walters, district secretary for Eastern Oregon was in Ontario Tuesday to confer with a local committee of which Dr. E. S. Fortner is chairman, and presented the plan of action to the committee at a meeting held in the Commercial club rooms.

According to the plans outlined the Y thru the district secretary will establish organizations of boys in various communities where no Y buildings are by no means of leadership developed carry on most of the work done in the larger institutions. This is part of the effort being made to bring to the boys of the smaller towns and the country the benefits of directed recreation. The workers will co-operate with the Boy Scouts, the church clubs and other organizations which have for their purpose the betterment of boy life, and turning idle hours into hours of useful recreation.

The local committee is preparing for its campaign and will call on Ontarians next Monday to assist in carrying forward this work, which it is hoped will result in the formation of a county Y. M. C. A. in this county.

Mrs. Laura Young arrived Tuesday from Jersey City to attend the wedding of her son, J. Arthur Young, which took place last Wednesday.

Mrs. Arthur M. Moody of Vale spent Wednesday in Ontario to attend the marriage of her sister, Evelyn Brown.

There is still snow at Payette Lake, says Frank Rader and E. C. Van Vatten who returned from there Sunday evening after arranging for the erection of summer cottages. L. Adam who went up with them remained to take charge of the construction work planned by them.

FRIENDS OF GOOD ROADS NEEDED NOW

ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER MALHEUR COUNTY IS IN CLASS OF PROGRESSIVE SECTIONS OF STATE

CHARTER CHANGES IMPORTANT

Beside State Measures Ontario Citizens will Ballot on Change of Charter to Provide Means of Collecting Delinquent Taxes.

Every man and woman who wants good roads in Malheur county should get out and vote next Tuesday, and vote for the bonds.

It is certain that the enemies of good roads, and tho they are few, they will be present in all their force, for they are against the movement to put Malheur county on the good road map.

There has been no particular campaign for good roads, for no one anticipated much opposition, but—and this is usually the case, over confidence may defeat the bonds unless friends of the good roads get busy right now.

Down from Juntura comes the word that the folks up there are going to vote against the bonds solidly; for Juntura is not on the road program at this time.

Opponents of the bonds figure that there will be a small vote out and thus they expect to win. It is up to the Good Road boosters, to get to the polls and get their friends there too or Malheur county citizens will pay bad road taxes on tires, cars and dispositions that will swamp what good roads would cost.

Beside the various state measures which are to be voted upon the voters of Ontario will have an additional city ballot to cast. This ballot presents a change in the present city charter to provide means whereby the city can collect taxes due for local improvements from non-resident property owners who have refused to pay their share of many local betterments. This is an important measure so far as Ontario is concerned and should be approved.

ALL MALHEUR COUNTY TO RECIEVE HONORS

Gathering Saturday Night to Mark Spirit With Which Liberty Loans Were Met—Lieut. R. B. Kuykendall to Deliver Flag Address.

Saturday evening, Lieut. R. B. Kuykendall of the 347th Field Artillery will present to Malheur County the Honor Flag bestowed upon it by the State Liberty Loan Committee in recognition of its record in the Liberty Loan drives. The presentation will take place in the City Park at 7:30 p. m.

The celebration program will not be long, nor will it be formal. It will be marked by simplicity, being a gathering fitting recognition of the honor given the county by the State committee in sending Lieut. Kuykendall all the way from Portland to present the flag.

Will Deliver Address.

Lieut. Kuykendall who was the first Oregonian to return from the army of occupation will bring with him many war trophies and will deliver an address befitting the occasion.

AFTERNOON PONY TO START SCHEDULE RUN ON SUNDAY

Back to the days before the war, will be the train schedule for ponies on the main line. By this service Ontario will have a pony going East during the afternoon, at 3:15 and one returning from Boise reaching here at 6:20. No. 6 will also change time arriving here at 5:15 instead of 5:25; while the Crane train will leave at 9:45 instead of 10 o'clock.

The annual party for the children will be given this afternoon by the members of the Women's club at the home of Mrs. S. D. Dorman.

TRAIN WRECK CAUSED BY SPREADING RAILS ON CURVE

The weight of a car of wool picked up at Riverside spread the rails under the East bound Crane train nine miles East of Riverside yesterday morning wrecking the train. Conductor W. C. Pinney was the only one injured, he suffered two badly smashed fingers when his hand was caught in the express car door.

The fourteen men passengers, and Mrs. Bert Wheelon of Burns and her two children were taken on the engine to Juntura where Mr. Pinney's injuries were cared for. The train was put on the track later and reached Ontario at 9 p. m.

WILLOW WOOD FARM COMMANDS BIG PRICE

Hillsboro Man Buys G. W. Haw's Place on Willow Creek for 75,000—Western Oregonians Seek Property Here.

That Malheur county ranches are in demand at handsome figures is evidenced by the following account of a deal which appeared in Sunday's Oregonian:

As proof that the demand for farms is on the increase and that there is still heavier demand on the way, there is noted among the larger sales of the week a transfer of a 480-acre farm at Jamieson, Malheur county, Oregon, from G. W. Haw of Jamieson to Alfred L. Guerber of Hillsboro. The consideration was around \$75,000, and was practically a cash deal.

This is the famous Willow Wood stock ranch. It was homesteaded some 40 years ago and has an old water right and a splendid irrigation system. Two hundred and sixty acres of this farm is in alfalfa and the remainder in diversified crops. It is one of the best producing farms in eastern Oregon.

Mr. Guerber expects to raise cattle as a principal industry, as there is unlimited range adjoining. The sale was made by W. S. Badley, Yeon building, Portland.

There is much activity in irrigated lands in that locality and many sales are being made to eastern people at good prices.

RECEPTION GIVEN TUESDAY FOR REV. S. R. STEELE

To honor Rev. S. R. Steele and Mrs. Steele the recently installed pastor of the Congregational church a reception was given by the members of the congregation at the church Tuesday evening. W. F. Homan presided at the program which was the prelude of the social gathering. On behalf of the other churches and the city Rev. W. J. Luscombe welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Steele. Short talks were also made by Rev. C. H. Blom and Rev. W. F. Cochran, Rev. Steele responded. The musical numbers included vocal solo by Henry Casiday accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Peterson, piano numbers by Miss Charlotte Claggett, Misses Ruth Homan, Margaret Blackaby and Alice Dorman, and a vocal solo by Miss Ruth McCulloch.

Helmet Awarded A. W. Nichols, To Be Recalled For W. P. Allan

MASONS GATHER TO HEAR ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER

H. M. Settlemeir, grand master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. paid Malheur county members of the fraternity an official visit last Thursday and was the guest of honor at a banquet given by Acacia Lodge No. 118 of this city that evening.

The gathering was attended not only by Ontario Masons but by a large delegation from Vale and several members of the Nyasa lodge. No degree work was performed during the evening which was given over entirely to hearing the Grand Master's address and the banquet which followed.

Word has been received by D. F. Conway that his son, James, has received his discharge from the service and is now in Portland. James expects to soon be in Ontario.

OWYHEE DIRECTORS AWAIT FEDERAL AID

PROPOSITION MADE BY ENGINEER E. C. HOPSON HELD IN ABEYANCE FOLLOWING MEETING LAST THURSDAY EVENING

WERE FAVORABLY DISPOSED

Business Men on Hearing Outline of Proposition Favorably Impressed—District Not Now in Position to Undertake Proposal.

Declining at this time to enter into a contract with E. C. Hopson of Portland for designing a new plan for the construction of the Owyhee Irrigation system, the directors of the company last Friday determined to await action by congress on the reconstruction program which it is hoped will include the building of the Owyhee system.

At a meeting of the Commercial club last Thursday evening, following the dinner, Mr. Hopson outlined his proposed plan and was cross questioned minutely by practically all of the men present, including several of the Owyhee directors and business men of both Nyasa and Vale. So impressed were they with his proposition that a resolution was unanimously adopted declaring: "It is the sense of the meeting that the directors of the Owyhee Project would be justified in considering the proposition presented by Mr. Hopson."

Mr. Hopson said in answer to questions that all he desired was that in case the directors entered into a contract with him, and later accepted his plans, that should his company not be the successful bidder for the work that he be paid the usual fee for the plans prepared and remunerated for the expense of field work.

It was on this basis that the resolution was presented and adopted. However when the details were considered at a meeting at Nyasa on the following day the directors determined that they could not thus tie themselves and that it was advisable to await the action of Congress on the reconstruction program.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FAIR STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Malheur County Agricultural association has been called for Saturday afternoon at the City Hall. The time set is two o'clock. At this meeting beside the election of members of the board of directors for the coming year, plans for the annual fair will be discussed.

MEETING CALLED TO PLAN ORGANIZATION OF BALL TEAM

At the City Hall Monday evening there will be a meeting of base ball enthusiasts to consider plans for the organization of a ball team to represent Ontario this summer. A number of players have been lined up already and it is believed a creditable aggregation can be secured. The meeting is called for 7:30 p. m.

Because the officials of the Victory Loan Drive in Juntura did not report their returns in the Victory Loan W. P. Allen of that community came very close to losing the Hun helmet, which was due him for his subscription to the last loan.

Not only did Mr. Allen have this narrow escape but J. R. Blackaby, county chairman of the drive, had the unpleasant duty of recalling the helmet which he had already sent to A. W. Nichols, Ironside, on the strength of his \$6,000 subscription. This subscription made Mr. Nichols the winner of the second helmet according to the data on hand with the county chairman up to Monday of this week—then came the report from Juntura.

According to this latest advice from Juntura Mr. Allen is as heavy a total purchaser of Liberty bonds as there is in the county. He is the owner of as many as Mr. Turnbull, they each having purchased about \$25,000 worth in the last four drives.