



# Malheur Enterprise



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## COURT TASK OVER

### Circuit Court Concludes the Work Placed Before it by Grand Jury and Adjourns Friday.

## WHEELER IS ACQUITTED

### First Jury in Case Fails to Agree and Special Venire Drawn --Verdict For Acquittal

Following is a list of the criminal cases tried by the circuit court, with the results of each and the sentences imposed:

Frank Lucy, larceny in a store, guilty of petit larceny, 90 days in jail and fine of \$25.00.

Wm. McKenzie, petit larceny, guilty, fine of \$50.00.

G. H. Spencer, living in and about a house of ill fame, the Ontario hotel, guilty, 2 to 15 years in penitentiary.

Eva Johnson and Myrtle Smith, statutory charge, not guilty.

Chas. Hamblet, lewd cohabitation, lead not guilty and case carried over.

Edith Smith and Sam Wirt, selling liquor without license, dismissed.

Earl E. Cox, larceny of two foals, guilty, one to ten years in penitentiary.

Lloyd Cox and H. D. Page, larceny of two foals, not guilty.

Chas. S. Wheeler, larceny of two oldings, not guilty.

Florence O'Connor and May Russell, selling liquor contrary to law, guilty, fine of \$150.00 each.

W. F. Granholm, living about a bady house, not guilty.

Walter Meldrum, burglary not in a dwelling, guilty, 2 to 5 years in penitentiary.

Chas. Nutt, larceny of a calf, plead guilty, one to ten years in penitentiary. Paroled.

## SPECIAL VENIRE WHEELER CASE

The following special venire was drawn Wednesday for the trial of the Wheeler case, after the first jury had failed to agree:

Harry Waggoner, John Martin, Chas. Carter, T. H. Moore, Frank Welch, W. J. Pinney, W. J. Mink, J. H. Farley, John Hunt, John Deiss, Harry Farmer, H. C. Whitworth, J. A. Jaquish, A. A. Fraser, Chas. Emerson, Frank Rader, D. P. Dearborn, W. W. Letson, G. E. Eldredge, J. O. Moudy, Frank M. Vines, John Rigby, Taylor Johnson, J. E. Lawrence.

Sickness doesn't amount to much as a cure for the tobacco habit, unless one stays sick.

## DEATH OF MAUDE M. CAVINESS

Maude M. Caviness passed away at her home near Bonita, January 16, 1915. She was the only daughter of W. P. Caviness, and was born at Pendleton, Oregon, Oct. 14, 1880; had lived in Malheur county for about nine years.

She leaves to mourn her loss her father and mother, two uncles and an aunt, Mrs. W. J. Wanen, of Portland, John Caviness, of La Grande, and W. W. Caviness, of Vale, as well as numerous friends wherever she was known.

"Little Maude," as she was always called, was loved and will be greatly missed in the home, and also in Vale, where she had been a frequent visitor. She was a long and patient sufferer, and had been in Portland for the past few months, where she went for treatment, but finding she was not improving, returned home to be with her loved ones in the last few days of her life. She had been at home about two weeks.

She was laid to rest at the Ironside cemetery at twelve o'clock Tuesday.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We sincerely wish to thank, and express our heartfelt appreciation, to our friends and neighbors for the words of consolation and kindness in our recent bereavement of a beloved daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Caviness, Bonita, Or., Jan. 23, 1915.

## SCHOOL NOTES BY THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT.

The following set of rules governing the County Oratorical Contest was formulated Saturday by the County Committee provided for in the original set of rules, which have been lost for about two years. The committee tried to incorporate most of the old regulations as they were remembered, and also added a few suggestions that were thought would favor the rural schools. It is hoped that many of the schools outside the towns of Vale, Ontario and Nyssa will send contestants to Vale this year. The original idea was to make this contest an all-county contest, but for the past few years it has resolved itself into a triangular affair in which the three schools only took part. A number of rural schools have signified their intention to send contestants this year and some of the smaller towns are also making such plans. The executive committee for this year consists of the County School Superintendent, G. A. R-ring, E. G. Bailey, A. H. Voegelien and Will J. Roberts.

## RULES GOVERNING THE MALHEUR COUNTY DECLAMATORY CONTEST.

- All contests shall be held under the auspices and direction of an executive committee, consisting of the county superintendent, the city superintendents of the three largest schools of the county and one teacher appointed annually by the county superintendent.
- The county superintendent shall be ex-officio chairman of the committee and shall preside at the contests.
- One contest shall be held annually on the last Saturday of March, in rotation, in Vale, Nyssa and Ontario.
- Contestants must be sixth, seventh or eighth grade pupils, and any school district in Malheur county, having pupils eligible under these may enter one contestant.
- Each school shall pay the expenses of its representative. For the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of contests, and to arouse an interest in declamatory work, it is recommended that try-out contests be held to select a contestant and an alternate.
- The time for delivery of a declamation shall not exceed eleven minutes.
- The audience shall not applaud or manifest its approval or disapproval of any speaker.
- Any school wishing to enter a candidate shall report to the county superintendent not less than one week prior to the contest, the number of the district, the name and grade of the pupil, and the title of the selection to be spoken.
- Contestants shall appear upon the program by number, and the order of speaking shall be determined by lot. Pre-nomination must be taken to keep the identity of the speakers from the judges.
- The judges shall be selected as follows: The superintendent of the school where the contest is to be held shall select three persons from a list of names selected by the remaining members of the executive committee, each of whom shall submit two names not later than March 1. The judges shall be residents of Malheur county.
- The following scale shall be used in marking:
 

Interpretation	40
Naturalness	30
Elocution	15
Memory	15
- An agreement of two of the judges shall be sufficient to render a decision. In case two of them cannot agree, the decision shall be rendered in favor of the one having the highest total of the three judges.
- The trophy, a silver cup, shall remain in custody of the winning school until the next contest.
- The school entertaining the contest shall arrange the program, providing such numbers as will give variety to the entertainment. They shall be entitled to the proceeds after paying expenses. The price of admission shall not exceed 25 cents.
- Districts having a four-year high school may be represented only once by any one pupil. In all other districts contestants may enter again provided they are eligible under these rules and did not win the cup in former contests.
- The following people were successful in passing the recent teachers examinations:
 

Elare Glover, Jordan Valley; Robt. J. Carleton, Sheaville; Grace Daly, Watson; Sardes Prewitt, Vale; Betzy
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## Department Appoints New Land Receiver

A telegram from Washington, D. C., announcing the appointment of M. N. Fegly as receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Vale, was received by C. C. Mueller of this city Monday. This appointment has been expected since the announcement some time ago that Thos. Jones, the present receiver, and M. N. Fegly had been decided upon for the appointments to the land office positions. Mr. Guild, the old receiver, has been trying to let go for months, and will be glad to learn that someone is coming to his relief. Mr. Fegly and his wife will take up their residence in Vale immediately, no doubt and Mr. Fegly will probably dispose of his newspaper plant at Jordan Valley. The Jordan Valley Express is one of the best paying small newspaper propositions in the county, and a man who is both a printer and publisher can secure a neat income from the paper, as he could reduce the expense of the publication to the minimum.

## DREWSEY HAS NEWSPAPER

Ed. L. Beede, an old-time printer and newspaper man, has taken over the Drewsey News, and will continue the publication as the Pioneer Sun. Ed. has been out of harness for some twenty years, but the first number of his new paper indicates that he has not lost his grip. The people of that section of Harney county are to be congratulated upon getting the old timer back into the work, for he will be a wide awake booster for that country when he gets his pen hand limbered to the work.

## MALHEUR COUNTY SCHOOL CHILDREN NUMBER 2368

Malheur County has 2368 children between the ages of 6 and 20 years and 1491, or 63 per cent of them attend school, according to a recent census bulletin. The data contained in the report relates to the year 1910 and has only recently been made public. Distribution, by age groups and the number attending school is as follows: Total number attending school, age 6 to 9, 719; age 10 to 14, 725; age 15 to 17, 430; age 18 to 20, 494. Number attending school, age 6 to 9, 480; age 10 to 14, 600; age 15 to 17, 284; age 18 to 20, 118.

Taylor, Ontario; Merryellen Hon, Nyssa; Opal Crouch, Bonita; Virginia Forbes, Brogan; Glenn M. Darnell, Parma; Mrs. Alice Robinson, Vale; Nona Austin, Ontario; Amy Odell, Ontario; Hazel Mulkey, Vale; Edna Von Readen, Ontario; Margaret Cupp, Weiser; Mayte Seitz, Westfall; L. L. Jellison, Weiser; Rhoda Sasser, Vale; Nellie B. Weir, Weiser; Katie Cahill, Payette; F. G. Clemon, Ontario; Earl B. Nedry, Nyssa; Lucy Barnett Fox, Ontario; Frances W. Currey, Ontario; Mabel Orcutt, Westfall; Elmer Hartley, Crowley.

Mr. Roberts, teacher in district No. 33, has called for several more stars for his standardization card. About the only star yet to be gained by this district, is the one indicating sufficient playground apparatus. Plans are being made whereby this can be provided soon.

Mr. N. C. Maris, Field Industrial Worker from the state department, will be in Malheur county for about ten days during the month of March. Schools wishing to take up the Industrial Club work will please send in written requests for visits from Mr. Maris. As his time will be limited it will not be possible for him to visit all the schools in the county, and schools asking for this work will be considered first in planning the ten days visit. Address all requests to the County Superintendent's office.

Five teachers writing for teachers certificates in Malheur county failed to pass the examination. The questions given in December were more difficult in some respects than those given in June, and the papers were graded more closely. As the state standard is raised, our teachers will be required to take the work of preparation for examinations more seriously.

The teacher and pupils in district No. 49 are making curtains for their school house. The girls in this district have been serving for some time.

Neither can a man greatly enjoy a period of leisure if he has to devote it to searching for another job.

## SCHOOLS TO SPEAK

### Action Taken to Induce More Schools to Participate in Declamation Contest This Year

## VALE WILL ENTERTAIN

### New Rules and Regulations Adopted by Committee and Rural Schools to Compete

In the county school superintendent's school notes this week will be seen the names of committeemen and the new rules adopted for the Malheur County Declamatory Contest for this year. The Enterprise is pleased to note that the contest is to be conducted upon a broader plain this year. Students from the rural schools and those of the smaller towns are to be urged to enter the contest, and instead of having one contestant from each of the three larger schools at Nyssa, Ontario and Vale, as heretofore, every district in the county will be represented, if county school superintendent's office can induce them to take the necessary interest.

The best talent of the nation has come from the farms, and there is no reason why the farming communities of Malheur county should not produce oratorical talent that will win the honors of this contest.

Vale will entertain the contestants this year, the contest being held on the last Saturday in March. The people at the county seat never do anything by halves, and they invite and urge the people in every school district in the county to send a representative to the next contest to make a try for the silver cup. Vale will prepare a program for the entertainment of the contestants and visitors that will make your visit to the county seat a pleasure long to be remembered, whether you capture the prize or not. The Enterprise will keep the people of the county posted upon the progress of preparations, and will give the program to be furnished by the Vale people as soon as it is completed.

## DRY RANCHER WANTS SETTLERS

(By Morris McCarty.)  
By the side of the Malheur river you will find a dryland homesteader, who has traveled over the United States and Canada in search of a location he might call his own, where he could build a snug little home. He has grown tired of roaming, and he sees this thing of "Come West" being a thing of the past. He is in his mind the time when all young men and women who wish to own a portion of this rich Oregon land must actually get busy and secure some for themselves, as it is fast dwindling away.

The writer dwells beside the old Malheur, where there is lots of fuel to burn, as there is on each section of land in the country. Now is the time to secure a home at a very low figure. Come to the land of sunshine and wealth, where young and old can find a home. Don't miss this chance, for the busy capitalists are now sinking holes in this rich formation, and as they are drilling with all their speed and power to strike the right spot to find an oil gusher which will return their money in a very short time, with a large interest added—here, where the vast herds of sheep and cattle now roam, there is a rich oil to be found finally.

The government has also surveyed several great irrigation projects, to water the bench lands of this country, a few of them have been completed and have proved to be a paying proposition. To those who care to buy deeded land, now is the time, for you can see all about there has been a big change in the value of land wherever the water has been put. So please remember, gentle reader, that this story may sound awfully big to you, after you invest your capital and find that it doubles, you will recall these few words which you read from the Enterprise, written by a dry rancher.

A man runs for office, and says he will abide by the decision of the people. He is defeated, and then says he will raise havoc with his enemies.

## Pomona Grange Discusses the Corn Problem

A car of corn shipped into the county means several hundred dollars shipped out. This point was emphasized in the report of the Corn committee at the meeting of the Malheur County Pomona Grange held Saturday at the Boulevard Grange hall, when all of the members were urged to prepare for the corn growing contest which will be held again the coming year. Nor is this simply a plea to patronize home industries, it being brought out that the sheepmen who have tried the home produced corn declare it better than that shipped in from the old corn-district. Particularly is this the case for the sheepmen who wish to have corn for feed on the desert, they preferring to have the corn ground or crushed with the cob, a process which the freight rates from the corn belt make impracticable. Moreover, in this dry climate there is no danger of getting musty corn, a fault found with so many ears of corn received from the sections in the rainbelt. There is, then, only one thing against the home grown product, there is not enough of it, and that can easily be remedied.

"Corn! Corn! Corn!" that will be the slogan of the grange until this section has been thoroughly tried out for that, the greatest of crops. One hundred and twenty-one bushels of corn to the acre is the record now. What will it be when this section has a thoroughly acclimated and developed seed and the management has been carefully worked out by the practical farmers of this section?

"BEATING THE TELEPHONE TRUST" was the topic of A. P. Davis, of Union county, who explained in some detail how the farmers and merchants of his county had solved the telephone problem by uniting and building a telephone line of their own. The line is a success in every way, and while the Public Utilities Commission compels them to charge \$12 a year they pay themselves back six, and still have a sufficient amount left to provide for a depreciation in the plant.

The gopher committee reported that an effort is being made to have a bill passed at the present session of the legislature making it possible to organize districts for the control of the pest.

In the discussion of "THE LOCAL EFFECTS OF THE NEW BANKING LAW," Mr. Cockerum explained how the new banking law safeguards the entire country, forming reserves that will serve as reservoirs, absolutely preventing the recurrence of panics and stringencies at times when great amounts of money are required to move the crops, and yet the new law offers no opportunity for inflation. This, according to Mr. Cockerum, is the best piece of legislation for the country passed in many years.

From an agricultural point of view Mr. A. G. Kingman's address on "THE LESSONS FROM THE CORN GROWING CONTEST" proved to be one of the finest messages delivered to this section in a long time. Mr. Kingman skillfully analyzed the results, both from an economic and an agricultural standpoint, and prophetically looked into the future and showed what a few years of successful corn growing would mean to this section, making for prosperity and stability.

A lot of stenographers spell like those fast writers in the moving pictures. No offense! No offense!

## NEW BOOKS FOR VALE LIBRARY

The Vale Public Library has just received from the trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy the following books on Christian Science by Mrs. Eddy:

- Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.
- Miscellaneous Writings.
- The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany.
- Unity of God.
- Retrospection and Introspection.
- Pulpit and Press.
- Christian Healing and the People's Idea of God.
- Rudimental Divine Science.
- No and Yes.
- Messages to the Mother Church, also The Life of Mary Baker Eddy by Sibyl Wilbur.

These books have been presented without cost to the library, and are to be placed at the disposal of the reading public as soon as they have been catalogued.

## INVESTIGATES THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Ray L. Lisie, of Seattle, assistant government veterinarian, arrived in the city a few days ago from a trip to Montana, where he went to investigate a report of the dreaded foot and mouth disease.

He has visited several interior points in Malheur county since his return, investigating reports of scab, and states that he has found it to exist among the sheep at one or two points. These will be thoroughly cared for as soon as the weather will permit.

## NEW FEEDSTORE AT RIVERTON

Jas. Morfitt and Gene High, of this city, have formed a co-partnership for the purpose of conducting a feed store at the new town of Riverton, at the end of the construction work on the Oregon Eastern railroad.

Both will move with their families to the new town as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed.

## NEW GRAND JURY CHOSEN

Following is the grand jury for the next term of circuit court:

Thomas J. Goodyear, Jordan Valley; W. S. Lawrence, Vale; John Nordwood, Jamieson; George L. Phillips, Nyssa; J. H. Forbes, Nyssa; J. D. Fahy, Westfall; Charles Pritchard, Brogan.

## BIG BEND COUPLE MARRIED

On the evening of January 9th, 1915, at the residence of John Holly, the brother of the bride, the Rev. O. F. Wisner, D. D., officiating, Mr. Frank A. Miller and Miss Romilda Holly, both of Big Bend community.

## CRAWFORD IS 3RD VICE-PRES.

Through an inadvertence notice was omitted in our report last week of the fact that A. M. Crawford, of Salem, was elected third vice president of the Irrigation Congress, held at Portland, January 7, 8 and 9.

## NEW COMPLAINTS ARE FILED

Edward Edge, Jr. vs D. K. Worsham, Thos. H. O'Neill, Jan. 13, Foreclosure of Miners Lien.

Josephine Gohrer et vi vs Weiser Land Co., Jan. 15, Foreclosure Mtg \$29,779.44.

## BOB BEACH BUYS TRANSFER LINE

Bob Beach has bought the Vale Transfer business from Mr. Mowery, taking charge yesterday, and assuming the business from January 1st.

Mr. Beach is one of the well known, reliable and popular draymen of the city, and will be welcomed as proprietor of the line.

## NEW TAILOR SHOP

In this issue will be seen the advertisement of J. O. Johnson, who recently established a tailor shop with cleaning and repairing department in this city.

## LEGISLATE AT SALEM

### Enterprise Correspondent at State Capital Kept Busy During Week With Doings of Senators

## LITTLE WORK IS DONE

### One Hundred and Two Bills in House and Forty-Nine Before Senate.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—To the Enterprise: Just as in previous sessions, the first week of the twenty-eighth session passed with very little accomplished aside from organization. In the senate, with Senator W. Lair Thompson, of Lake county, as presiding officer, the legislative wheels appear to be running smoothly, but in the house, as a result of dissatisfaction over Speaker Ben Selling's committee appointments and an antagonistic spirit which arose against the Multnomah county delegation, a well-defined mutiny against the house organization developed. A few hotheads even talked of deposing the speaker, nullifying his committee appointments and substituting others nominated from the floor of the house.

While much of the first week of the session was taken up with organization, inauguration of the Governor and useless oratory over clerkships, when the legislature did get down to law-making a number of the important questions to come before the session appeared in the shape of bills. These included measures to amend the tax laws, consolidate departments of the state government for economy, to make effective the prohibition amendment and revision of the game laws.

The economy spirit manifested itself in the senate when that body voted to eliminate appropriations for the state accountability board and the state immigration commission and by authorizing the suspension of the decennial census, effecting an approximate saving of \$170,000.

At the close of the first week the house had 102 bills before it and the senate 49. All passed second reading.

While there is no universal agreement on the prohibition question, it is certain that a measure will be passed strictly in accordance with the provisions of the constitutional amendment adopted by the people at the November election. Two prohibitory bills now are pending in the house. The Committee of One Hundred's bill was the first measure introduced in that body. It has been referred to the committee on alcoholic liquor. D. C. Lewis, of St. Johns, is the author of another measure now in the hands of the same committee.

Rigid regulations for commission merchants are prescribed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Blanchard, of Josephine county.

The bill providing for the creation of a state horticultural commission, prepared by the state horticultural society, was introduced in the house by Representative Vawter, of Jackson.

Three bills striking at imported eggs were introduced in the house by Representative Allen, of Marion county.

Miss Marian B. Towne's first bill to be presented to the house was introduced Friday. The only woman in the legislature has a measure to punish conspiracy, the present laws, she says, having nothing to cover the point.

Senator Smith of Coos and Curry introduced a bill for a new tax law. It changes the date for which assessments should be made from March 1 to January 1, and provides that the first payment shall become due on November 1, of the year in which the assessment is made and the second payment shall become due April 1 of the following year. No penalties are provided.

Senator Barrett, of Umatilla, also introduced a tax bill in the upper house, and members of the Multnomah county delegation have another measure in course of preparation. It probably will be introduced in the lower house within a few days. These measures are similar in some particulars, but differ in other essential provisions. Both provide for semi-annual payments. The Multnomah county bill allows a discount for all payments in excess of 50 per cent made at the first period, while the Barrett bill does not. The Multnomah county bill attaches a penalty of 12 per cent per annum against delinquent payments, while the Barrett penalty is fixed at the rate of only 8 per cent. The payments dates also differ.

Indications are that Senator Dinkick's bill to abolish the Oregon naval militia is going to have easy sailing in the senate.