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C. OF C. MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Consolidation of Schools Considered—Canvass of Districts To Determine Wishes of Districts

The regular meeting and luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday was attended by the largest gathering of businessmen of Vale the luncheon has seen in some time. William Francis Seeman, the chairman of the day, called the meeting to order requesting that the committee on the Farm Loans Association render its report. Robert D. Lytle stated that the committee had found that the matter must be held for the time being, until the Courts have passed on certain issues involved before application can be made.

The "clean-up-day" program was reported a successful issue, the businessmen, making arrangements with the committee, for whom C. C. Mueller spoke, to set next Friday as "clean-up-day".

Robert D. Lytle, of the Dry Creek crossing committee, was heard from, and stated that the committee had taken no definite action, as the Coun-

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MUST REGISTER FOR COMING PRIMARIES

Advises Received Naming Registrars For Purpose of Registering Voters not Now Registered

County Clerk A. M. Moody states that the following named Registrars have been designated to register all the voters not now registered, so that they may vote at the forthcoming primaries and the subsequent elections. Those who have not registered cannot cast their vote unless they register.

The list of Registrars appointed and at the various parts of Malheur County follows:

Precinct	Registrar
Applegate	P. M. Boals
Ardenia and Nyssa	J. Boydell
Beulah	Lena F. Tillotson
Big Bend	J. E. Holly
Bonita	D. A. Zehner
Brogan	J. M. Addington
Bully and Westfall	Lawrence Lamberson
Cairo, Fair and Ontario R. 1, 2, 3,	C. M. Stearns
Cord	L. L. Seward
Crowley	I. K. Venator
Harper	Charles J. Bush
Ironside	H. C. Elms
Jamieson	Rose Z. Pope
Jones and Juntura	David F. Graham
Jordan Valley and Juniper	J. E. McDonell
Malheur	C. H. Morfitt
Owyhee	Mrs. T. M. Lowe
Riverside	Dan McPherson
Rockville	Frank Mullinix
Snake River	H. G. Joseph
Watson	L. E. Palmer

The precincts of Grange, North and South Vale will register at the office of the County Clerk. Arrangements have not yet been completed for the registration of voters in the precincts of Basin, McDermitt, Rome and Skullsprings.

AMERICAN LEGION IS TO MEET ON TUESDAYS

Legion Memorial Fund Must Be Supported or the Monument Will Fail.

Additional contributions must be extended toward the memorial fund of the American Legion, according to the report of the monument committee, or they will not be able to erect the contemplated tablet at a cost of twelve hundred dollars, for up to date there is only three hundred and seventy-five dollars in the fund. An appeal is made to all those who, as yet have not responded to the call for this cause, to send in their donations at the earliest time. This monument is to be erected in memory of the boys who laid down their lives in the Great War.

Those who have contributed toward the fund, since the last report, are:

Vale Meat Company	\$5.00
A. Howard	1.00
L. McKinney	5.00

Total exclusive of Dance \$361.15. The meeting of the Julian Lowe Post No. 35 will be held on Tuesday night henceforth instead of on Monday night.

PROBLEMS FACING STRICKEN WORLD

Shall Chaos or Reconstruction in Europe Follow the Great World War?

MEN CHANGED BY BATTLE

Soldiers Have Learned What Can Be Accomplished by the Use of Force, Sternly and Efficiently Applied.

Article IX

By FRANK COMERFORD.
Making a soldier out of a civilian does more than change the clothes he wears. It changes the man. Men who had never owned a revolver or rifle, who had never even shot one off, who had never killed anything in their lives, were given firearms. They were drilled, taught to shoot, taught to kill. The education was thorough and scientific. They learned to look down the sight of a rifle, pick out a human heart for a target, fire and eagerly watch for the man to fall. They were trained to rush maddly at a wall of human beings and drive bayonets into men's heads and bowels. Many of these men a few years before would have fainted in a stockyard where cattle were being killed. For four years they have been in a human slaughterhouse, not only as spectators, but as part of the place. It suited those men. Many of them contracted the undertaker's point of view towards life, a fatalism without fear.

Experience in battle taught them the meaning of the word "force." They discovered that the individual was only important and efficient when he acted in concert with a great group. Everything depended upon team work. Men learned that a group of men working in harmony, with nerve and rifles with fixed bayonets, could do wonderful things. They could take an objective. In other words, take the thing they wanted and needed. When these men came back into civil life and took off khaki and put on overalls, the taking off of the khaki and the putting on of overalls did not erase from their minds this lesson the war had taught them.

This lesson has borne fruit. The men look at the employer as an enemy. The employer thinks of them as a commodity. Hatred is cordial. The men want something. They demand it. The employer refuses. Their objective is to get the thing they want and need. The war taught them there is a way, a weapon—Force. Today in Europe men reason, "If we can't get what we want, and need, we must take it. We have the force." Having grown habituated to suffering, accustomed to blood and death, they look with indifference on the question of danger of price. They saw that when nations could not agree they resorted to force. They discovered that victory generally went to the nation possessing the greatest force.

Threat of "Direct Action." In the labor movement of Europe we have this idea in what is called "direct action." "Direct action" is nothing more or less than applying war methods to peace conditions. It

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BASEBALL SEASON TO OPEN WITH VALE GAME

Seasons Schedule Of The Six-team League Is Arranged—Vale-Parma To Play Opening Day

The representative of the baseball clubs of the new six-team league recently formed and comprised of teams from Parma, Payette, Huntington, Weiser, Ontario and Vale, met in Payette Sunday March 21st, and arranged and agreed on the schedule of the games for the season and where they are to be played. The season comes in the 18th of April and closes on the 25th of July and the itinerary comprises 159 games that are to be played by all the teams combined.

Vale obtained one of the games to be played on the opening day, Parma coming here for a game on the 21st of April.

Considerable enthusiasm is displayed in the games to be played and while there is a shortage of players in some of the teams, there will be plenty of players on hand for the games. Ike Robinette states that several additional players can be used on the Vale team and those desiring to participate, should get out and get into practice as soon as they can, for the time is getting short.

The new suits ordered by the Vale team are expected to arrive sometime this week and some of those to wear them will probably be seen parading in them in the near future.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE THAT JUDGE TEST CONSPIRED WITH HIS SON IN PLOT TO GRAFT HALF OF MONEY DUE TAXPAYERS

Vale OREGON, *Sept 3* 1919

From *Elgin Tawnding Co.* Dr.

Address *Elgin Ave*

Account of *Tax Refund*

Amount, \$ *331.23*

Filed *Sept 3rd* 1919

J. H. Test

DATE NATURE OF CLAIM AMOUNT

To 1917 personal property tax paid across State on 1916 tax levy. \$20.18

Amount due on account of said tax based on 1917 tax levy. \$288.45

Balance refund due. \$231.73

STATE OF OREGON
County of *Malheur*

J. H. Test being duly sworn, say: that the within bill for *Tax Refund* was furnished to MALHEUR County, Oregon, at the instance of *J. H. Test*, and that the items shown thereon were not for the use or benefit of any individual person, but were solely for the use and benefit of MALHEUR County, that the prices charged therefor are reasonable and not in excess of the market value thereof, and that the same is wholly unpaid.

NOTE: This affidavit must be executed by a member of the firm or corporation who has full knowledge of the within account.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *3rd* day of *Sept* 1919.

J. H. Test
County Clerk

Tax Refund Claims Signed by J. H. Test, Illustration No. 1

No. of Claim and Warrant *5075*

From *Elgin Tawnding Co.*

Address *Elgin Ave*

Account of *Tax Refund*

Amount, \$ *331.23*

Filed *Sept 3rd* 1919

J. H. Test

It is hereby ordered that a Warrant on the *General* Fund be issued for \$ *231.73*

IN PAYMENT OF THIS ACCOUNT.

Dated this *23* day of *Sept* 1919.

J. T. Weaver County Commissioner.

J. H. Test County Commissioner.

Photographic Reproduction of Court Order, Illustration No. 2

May 2nd 1919

County Clerk
Malheur County ORO

Please deliver to J. H. Test

warrant issued in my name for rebate on 1917 taxes in case said warrant was returned by the County Court

Elgin Tawnding Co.
By Order of J. H. Test

Photographic Reproduction of Order For Warrant Said To Be In Judge E. H. Test's Hand Writing. Illustration No. 3

In order to show the people of Malheur County exactly how the matter of allowing the tax rebate claims in the fifty-fifty holdup case was handled and paid by the county court, the Malheur Enterprise employed one of the best photo-engravers in the Northwest to make the above photographic reproductions of the records.

No. 1 This illustration is a photographic reproduction of the face of a claim presented by J. H. (Harvey) Test for the Elgin Forwarding Company. Note the date this claim was presented was September 3, 1919. Also note that J. H. Test's name and signature appears on the affidavit prominently.

No. 2 This illustration is a photographic reproduction of the back, or filing side of this same claim. This shows how the various members of the Court must sign and approve claims before the Clerk is authorized to issue warrants.

The Enterprise submits these reproductions as positive evidence of the impossibility of Judge Test not knowing that Harvey was collecting these tax rebates. Considerable propaganda has been afloat, defending Judge Test and placing the blame in the son who had "pulled the wool over his father's eyes. On the contrary it looks to us that Judge Test has pulled his son into a grafting game, at least he was aware of the fifty-fifty collection graft.

No. 3 This illustration is a very interesting reproduction. In the first place the original except the signature is in pencil, making it extremely

difficult to reproduce the document. This order on the County Clerk you will note is Dated May 5, 1919, four months before the claim was presented for payment. Now this order was attached to the claim by the Clerk probably at the time of delivery of the warrant. The handwriting in the body of this order in the opinion of many responsible citizens of Malheur County is that of Judge E. H. Test. That it is his hand writing, we leave you to convince yourself. Compare this writing with the acknowledged signature of E. H. Test as County Judge reproduced in illustration No. 2. Note the peculiar style the name "J. H. Test" is written in the Judge's own signature. Also compare the writing of the body of this order with the acknowledged writing of J. H. Test shown in reproduction No. 1. It apparently is not the writing of J. H. (Harvey) Test now that of the Claimant. If you are not acquainted with Judge Test's handwriting, ask someone who is.

Now what does the proper interpretation of these records mean. We find an order dated May 5, apparently written in the handwriting of County Judge E. H. Test, and signed by the claimant to whom the rebate was due the order asking the clerk to give the warrant issued in the name of the claimant to J. H. Test. Then four months afterward we see that J. H. Test presents this claim and that the court promptly allows it.

In other words four months before

the presentation of this claim County Judge E. H. Test must have written this order in favor of his son. Why the long delay in presenting the claim? There were two reasons. The Test's were anxious to get as many victims under contract as possible before their graft was discovered. And second they had to kill enough time to run a bluff that J. H. Test was doing something difficult, superhuman, something that only a son of a county judge could do, in order to justify his fifty-fifty split. If this is not the proper explanation will Judge Test kindly tell the people where in such deductions are incorrect?

Repeatedly the Malheur Enterprise has asked Judge Test and anyone interested to make an explanation of this situation. No word of explanation whatever has been given. The Enterprise has also called to the attention of the public other practices by the County Court which did not think were the best policy for the public interest. At least the people should have been made acquainted with such questionable procedure.

The only reply to any of the questions asked by the Enterprise is an alleged statement by Judge Test, to the effect that he welcomed a grand jury investigation. While it is likely that the grand jury will investigate, it must be remembered that Judge Test has not been charged with any crime sufficient to secure a grand jury indictment. What District Attorney Swagler may bring out in evidence is not known, but it is not considered likely that any indict-

ment can be found. Judge Test is too clever to get himself in such a place as to face a prison term. But a clever man, who is able to accomplish about what he pleases without subjecting himself to the penalty of the criminal law, may or may not be the proper person to entrust with the money of the taxpayers. That of course depends upon how the public looks upon such matters.

There is a strange angle to this situation however that the Enterprise does not clearly understand. The Ontario Argus immediately came to the defense of Judge Test, admitted that the Tax Refund fifty-fifty split was bad policy, yet tried to justify the apparent facts that Judge Test helped Harvey enrich himself at the expense of the taxpayers. Judge Test has practically become the political editor of the Argus, and is trying to escape the condemnation of public opinion for his spurious action by trying to create a false impression that the Enterprise is seeking revenge against the Court.

Judge Test and the Argus are too cowardly to answer the direct charges and questions made by the Enterprise backed up by the public records. Therefore they are attempting to discredit the Enterprise by alleging petty reasons. The Enterprise has no personal, sectional, or political reason whatsoever for bringing the light of publicity on the affairs of the Court and the operations on the part of the Test's in their fifty-fifty tax rebate graft.

Judge Test is the business head of the County of Malheur and is in position to answer the charges.

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WARMSPRINGS WORKMEN BUSY

Oregon Short Line Bridge Gang Starts Work On Mill Ditch Crossing

A gang of men was put to work on the crossing of the mill ditch where it crosses the O. S. L. Brogan branch. The culvert will have concrete side walls and I-beam stringers to carry the track.

The work of installing the machinery in the Nevada Pumping Plant is progressing and will be completed in time to turn water through the Nevada ditch by April 15th.

The farmers ditch is being rapidly shaped up and water will be turned in about the first of next week.

A crew has started cleaning and shaping up the Willow Creek pump ditch and the Willow Creek gravity ditch.

The machinery for the Willow Creek Pump is on the way and passed through Chicago on March 24th.

The report from the reservoir March 27th showed 27,600 acre feet stored.

FARM BUREAU JORDAN VALLEY IS UNDER WAY

Jordan Valley Organizes Farm Bureau Squirrel Campaign Going Strong and Results Good

An earnest bunch of farmers of the Jordan Valley section, that rich little valley far to the south in Malheur County, gathered in the parlor of the Jordan Valley hotel on the evening of March 25 to hear of the work of the Farm Bureau and take up the campaign of a local Bureau.

After listening to a report of the Farm Bureau movement from its inception in the State of New York some years ago down through its spread to Oregon and to Malheur County and the progress made thus far in the county, as given by the Agricultural Agent, a motion was passed by acclamation that a local Bureau be formed forthwith.

A general discussion on projects and committees followed in which most of those present participated. The projects and committee elected were:

Chairman	James W. Parks
Secretary of Records	D. D. Joelyn
Soil Improvement & Irrigation	R. G. Quigley
Livestock Improvement	A. B. Azucena
Crop Improvement	W. S. Skinner
Pest & Disease Control	Geo. S. Parks

This community has already put out about 800 pounds of squirrel poison. Another shipment of 1000 pounds was sent to them on the 27th of March. The squirrels are a serious pest in that section but the poison is getting the best of them. At the Farm Bureau meeting the members went on record instructing their pest and disease committee to work to bring the compulsory rodent control law into action against this pest in addition to the pocket gophers.

On the trip into Jordan Valley, County Agent Breithaupt visited the Harper, Creston, Crowley, Cord, Rome and Ruby neighborhoods and came back by way of Adrian. The people of the Creston, Crowley and Cord communities are so far apart that it would be difficult for them to have Farm Bureaus but they should join the county organization in order to get the benefits of membership. In the Rome community considerable interest was manifested toward forming a local Bureau and it would be possible to have an organization at that point. The Ruby settlement will also likely wish to organize before many months. Organizations might be perfected at the Harper-Westfall section, at Ironside and at Juntura for the Juntura-Riverside-Beulah country.

The Farm Bureau campaign against the pocket gophers is getting under way. Through the pest

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TO HOLD INSTITUTE

April 26 is the date set by County Superintendent Mrs. Hurley for a local Teachers Institute and School Board Convention to be held in Ontario. All schools near enough for their instructors to attend the Institute will close for the day, and it is expected that all Board members will be present.

State Superintendent J. A. Church will be in attendance.