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VALE KNOCKS THE MALHEUR COUNTY FARMERS ALL TIME

Why do Vale people knock on display of Malheur county farm products at the fair? Because the fair is not located at Vale. Why did Vale fight the county taking over the fair last fall? Because it was not located at Vale. Why does Vale kick about the fair at Ontario this fall? Because they are in a county seat fight and want to create dissension among the taxpayers of the whole county and kick about something the taxpayers own themselves, although it is the biggest single thing the county has to advertise its resources and bring new settlers, and new money into the county, and it is of immense educational value to the farmers making the displays and visiting the fair, they knock and the Vale band takes its money.

Vale says all the farmers of Malheur county are kicking because Idaho got some of the prizes, and in same issue, their Brogan and Big Bend correspondents writes they were well pleased with the fair and the many prizes they got.

Vale says Idaho got all the prize money. We regret to call this a plain everyday lie.

Malheur county farmers got all the best hog and cattle prizes. Mr. Boomer of Idaho, had one herd of Holstein milk cows with no competition and got a prize.

Calro precinct of Malheur county got the blue ribbon and first prize for the best agricultural community display. Malheur county farmers got the big end of the premiums for plate displays for fruit.

Malheur county beemen got the prizes on honey.

Malheur county farmers and boys got the first prizes on corn. The county court of Malheur county has just paid the railway fare for two Malheur county boys to the state fair at Salem as a reward for raising the best corn.

Ontario is proud of all these things, are proud of what our farmers raise on our fertile soil, but Vale is not.

Not one cent of the money of the taxpayers of Malheur county went to Idaho people in prizes. They were paid by the gate receipts.

Idaho people who made displays are to be commended for coming over and helping out the Malheur county fair but their own admissions more than paid their prize money they took away.

Brogan, Calro and Big Bend and Moore's Hollow people made very fine displays and their stuff was taken to the state fair at Salem this fall and has taken prizes, thus advertising Malheur county to the world.

Why should Vale knock on the products of these prosperous communities?

HERE YOU ARE RIGBY IF YOU REALLY WANT TAX DODGERS

We learn from a reliable source that one man subscribing \$500.00 to the Vale fund to fight the county seat has an assessed valuation of \$350.00. That another man subscribing \$250.000 has an assessed valuation of \$250.00 "Yes tax dodgers." If these men are not tax dodgers Vale had better not hire many automobiles or buy much booze for the county seat campaign on the strength of these subscriptions.

After a man takes a day off and tries to follow his own advice he isn't surprised that other people never pay any attention to what he says.

MANY STRANGERS WORKING UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION

If a man does a dirty, dishonest act he always tries to hide it behind a cloak of honesty and patriotism.

Vale has raised some money, they say \$20,000.00 actually nearer \$5000.00, to start work on the Bully Creek project. As soon as the men there have voted at the county seat election the work will stop for want of funds and the workmen will fold their tents and steal away like the Arab in the silent night. It has been commonly reported ever since the county seat petition was filed that they were dicker-

ing with Brogan to pull off this deal. Brogan first demanded \$20,000.00. Then it was reported that \$10,000.00 was to turn the trick and finally it was decided that \$5,000.00 was all Vale could raise. They waited until the last minute that they could bring in the men and make them legal voters so as to get all men possible with their money. Of course part of the money has to be used to grease the pockets of the promoters of the scheme.

We wonder if Mr. Brogan remembers when one of the largest institutions in Vale refused him credit for groceries?

We wonder if Brogan remembers when a Vale banker wrote a letter east warning a prospective investor against Brogan and his scheme?

WHO GOT THE MONEY FOR THE WATERWORKS AT VALE

Vale blows about their magnificent water works costing \$110,000.00. Several reputable contractors in this line of work say \$30,000.00 would be a fair price for what the city got.

Who got the difference?

If Vale defeats Ontario in the county seat election they will call on the county to build them a court house costing, so they say \$150,000.00.

When Ontario is offering one free to the county that will take care of the county business for the next fifty years, who will get the difference between the \$150,000.00 and the \$25,000.00?

Vale spent \$110,000.00 for water works that don't furnish enough water to sprinkle the streets. WHO GOT THE MONEY?

A FEW VALE LIES ARE EXPOSED TO THE LIGHT

Vale says: Nothing less than a \$150,000.00 court house will do for Malheur county.

Vale says: The old stone court house costing \$5,000.00 now in use is good enough for Malheur county.

Vale says: The taxpayers of Malheur county paid the premiums this fall to Idaho farmers.

The county did not give one cent to the county fair this fall. The premiums were paid out of the gate receipts of the fair and every premium has been paid.

Vale says: "Ontario voters Rebel" on the election voting bonds to build a court house at Ontario.

Result of the bond election: 556 votes for the court house bonds; 8 votes against.

Vale says: Ontario cannot sell the court house bonds as they are illegal and Vale will enjoin the sale of the bonds.

The bonds are sold and the money is in the banks of Ontario ready to start the court house next day after the election.

Vale says: "The bond election in Ontario brings comfort to Vale."

One of the leaders of the Vale county seat fight said on the streets of Ontario the next day after the election that he was paralyzed when he heard the result.

Vale says: They gave Brogan \$20,000.00 to start work on Bully Creek.

Vale says: Their business men pays more taxes than Ontario business men.

Yet Vale says: That the removal of the county seat will ruin Vale financially.

know that if the county seat is moved to Ontario they will have to rustle to pay it back. No wonder they are fighting hard.

Vale brags about the wonderful trees and lawn they have grown in the court house yard. It has taken Vale twelve years to grow trees with the best of care, as large as are growing in a hundred places in Ontario in three years. They have had a constant fight to keep the lawn from going back to the original salt grass. The county has bought several gasoline engines to water this lawn. An ex-county official says they have spent \$5000.00 of the tax payers money to keep the court house lawn and trees alive.

The soil in the city of Vale and vicinity is so poor that the O. S. L. hauled dirt from Ontario to make the depot grounds.

Vale did not build the court house for the county. They built the walls and the county had to finish the job or it would never have been finished, and we are informed there is one man who labored on the walls who Vale has not paid to this day. Yes Vale is patriotic.

WILLIAM PLUGHOFF SPRINGS A NEW COUNTY DIVISION EFFECTING OUR FRIENDS NEAR THE BAKER COUNTY LINE

Wm. Plughoff in Huntington News. Ironside, Malheur City and the Mormon Basin section, in Malheur county, desire to be annexed to Baker county, according to interviews with prominent citizens of that section who have been in Huntington recently for supplies.

They inform the News man that they are entitled to the privilege on account of the distance to their present county seat, the mail service accorded that section from Huntington and Baker, the splendid condition of the roads from their homes to their trading towns—Huntington and Baker, and less expense for telephone service, and further remarked that they seldom visited the county seat of their home county unless summoned for court duty.

As this matter was called to the at-

tention of the News by the leading men of the precincts mentioned, and as the News will always be found fighting for the upbuilding of Baker county, we made it a point while in Ontario last Saturday to interview the prominent citizens regarding the matter, and every one approached on the subject stated that they would assist Ironside, Malheur City and the Basin country looking to the annexation, as they were entitled to the change on account of the environments and the close proximity to the Baker county seat and their trading points.

If the matter should materialize to such an extent that it should come to a vote, Ontario will be found shoulder to shoulder with Ironside, Malheur City and the Basin to assist the citizens in placing them in a county where they rightfully belong.

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YOU WANT TO SEE THE OLD PLACE BOOM. YOU WANT TO SEE IT DEVELOP MORE AND MORE INTO A LIVE WIRE COMMUNITY. YOU WANT TO SEE IT RECOGNIZED ALL OVER THE STATE AS A TOWN WITH A PUNCH. YOU REALIZE THAT THE MORE CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS WE HAVE THE BETTER OUR TOWN WILL BECOME. YOU ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN OUR CIVIC WELFARE. YOU HAVE GIVEN AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS YOUR EARNEST AND HEARTY SUPPORT.

Friends, we hope this is ALL TRUE of YOU. It is TRUE of US.

THIS PAPER HAS WORKED AND FOUGHT WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT FOR THE REAL, PRACTICAL BETTERMENT OF THIS FINE OLD PLACE. EVERY WORTHY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT HAS HAD OUR ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL AND OUR CONSTANT HELP. THIS PAPER HAS STOOD EMPHATICALLY FOR A BIGGER AND A BETTER COMMUNITY—FOR BETTER ROADS, FOR BETTER SCHOOLS, FOR BETTER FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION, FOR MANY OTHER BETTER PUBLIC NECESSITIES.

This paper thinks it has earned your RESPECT and deserves your SUPPORT. We ask you to read it. We ask you to enter into any fight it may undertake for your betterment. We ask you to interest your friends in our undertakings for the public welfare. We want your backing, both MORALLY and MATERIALLY.

If you are proud of your home town, don't you think you should CORDIALLY and CONSTANTLY support your HOME PAPER?

This paper supports YOU in your demands for civic betterments.

You should support IT.

THE KIND OF COURT HOUSE RIGBY WANTS TO BUILD YOU

John Rigby poses as an architect and an expert on court house construction.

Rigby says: "I built a court house for Whatcom county costing \$70,000.00 complete, using a poor stone. That building I think has long been replaced."

Rigby must be the man who is responsible for the cracked and dangerous condition of the walls of the present court house at Vale.

Rigby says he bid on several other court houses costing from \$50,000.00 to \$250,000.00 but did not get these contracts. No wonder that he did not after building a court house that had to be torn down.

No doubt there are hundreds of court houses built in heavy populated and wealthy counties all over the United States that cost big sums of money. That is no argument against the beautiful, commodious court house Ontario is offering you free of any charge whatever to the taxpayers.

Rigby's idea of the cost of court houses is as high as the bills which he has filed against Malheur county for printing done by his paper, the Enterprise.

The taxpayers have donated Rigby enough money. Let him go away back and sit down and keep quiet while the taxpayers settle their own affairs.

Vale says: They are responsible for the government taking up the Warm Springs project which will water land tributary to Nyssa.

The Gate City Journal says: "That Milton Hope of Vale followed the government engineer from Vale to Portland and from Portland to North Yakima and got him to try and use the water in a little project at Vale that several Vale citizens had \$20,000.00 tied up in," but the engineer turned it down.

Vale says: Ontario is debt ridden.

The records show Vale has a bonded indebtedness of over 20 per cent of her assessed valuation and Ontario has a bonded debt of five and two-fifths per cent of her assessed valuation. Ontario city tax rate is one-half the rate paid by Vale.

Vale says: The fair election cost Malheur county \$2500.00. The records say it cost \$1500.00.

Vale owns the only rapid fire lying machine in the world. The war press agents need it.

WHAT COUNTY FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR BY BANKS

The Vale banks are using the county funds they have on deposit to loan to Brogan on the Bully Creek project so that that city will get several hundred non-resident votes on the county seat. The Vale banks