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Vote for Ontario and Receive a New Court House Free Vote for Vale and be Taxed for a new \$200,000 Court House

HERE IS A BOND THAT SETTLES THE QUESTION AS TO WHAT ONTARIO CAN AND WILL DO REGARDING A COURT HOUSE

Leading Business Men Sign an Obligation Binding Themselves to See That the
New Court House is Built Free of all Cost to Malheur County.

LOOK OVER THE LIST AND SEE THE NAMES OF ONTARIO'S LEADING BUSINESS MEN BEHIND IT

What More Could Ontario Do to Show Her Good Faith to Every Voter in the County, That She Can and Will Do
Everything that She Has Pledged and Obligated Herself to the Voters of Malheur County.

ON THIS BOND, LOOK OVER THOSE NAMES, THEN VOTE FOR ONTARIO AND SAVE THE TAXPAYERS COST OF NEW BUILDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That We, the undersigned, J. R. Babby, A. L. Cockrum, W. H. Doolittle, David Wilson, H. C. Whitworth, H. C. Boyer, E. A. Fraser, H. H. Whitney, A. L. Sproul, C. R. Emison, A. W. Trow, W. E. Lees, R. O. Payne, W. T. Lampkin, M. E. Bain, J. T. McNulty, H. Crombe, M. E. Newton, Jas. A. Lackey, L. O. McCoy, W. J. Weese, R. W. Kidd, H. L. Poorman, H. L. Peterson, W. W. Letson, Harry B. Van-Petten, A. J. Glover, J. R. Gregg, Thos. F. Goward, Jacob King, G. L. King, A. M. Lackey, W. F. Homan, F. E. Everhart, Ray Wilson, J. Mooren and S. F. Taylor, being each and all residents and taxpayers of Malheur County and State hereinafter named, are held and firmly bound to Malheur County, a municipal corporation, of the State of Oregon, in a sum of money as may hereafter be found necessary to carry out each, and all of the promises, covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, for the payment of which said sum of money, well and truly to be made, and ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents:

Bonded with our seals and dated this 19th day of October, 1914.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the question of the removal of the county seat of Malheur County, Oregon, from the city of Vale, Oregon, to the city of Ontario, Oregon, has been duly submitted to the voters of said county by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, and said question is to be voted upon by the voters of said county at the next General Election to be held on November 3rd, 1914; and whereas, the said City of Ontario, Oregon, and her citizens promise to agree to and with said Malheur County, Oregon, and with the public at large in said County, that if said County seat of Malheur County, Oregon, is removed to The City of Ontario, Oregon, as a result of said election, the said City of Ontario, and her citizens, will give and donate to Malheur County, Oregon, free of any and all charge, the court house hereinafter described, together with a suitable and conveniently situated tract of land in said city 256 feet long by 250 feet wide as a site for said building, and will also without cost or expense to said county remove all the records, furniture, jail and fixtures from the present court house of said county and properly install the same in said new court house building; and whereas, the said City of Ontario, Oregon, and her citizens have caused to be prepared by Messrs Tourtellotte & Hummel, architects, of Idaho, pictures, plans, specifications and drawings of said proposed court house, and have published the same in the newspapers of said county, and caused the same to be circulated among the people generally of said county, and a copy of which said pictures, plans, specifications and drawings are filed with the county clerk of Malheur County, Oregon, together with this bond and undertaking:

And whereas, the obligors herein, desire to guarantee Malheur County, Oregon, and the public at large of said county, that the aforesaid promises and covenants of The City of Ontario, Oregon, and her citizens, will be well and faithfully carried out without any expense to Malheur County or the voters thereof;

Therefore, we, the above named obligors, in consideration of the benefits and of the benefits that will flow to the city of Ontario and to the people of said county, by increased business and enhancement of our property interests in said city, do hereby jointly and severally undertake, promise and agree to and with Malheur County, Oregon, and the public at large in said county, that if the county seat of said County shall be removed from Vale, Oregon, to Ontario as a result of the election to be held on said question on November 3rd, 1914, that said city of Ontario, Oregon, and her citizens upon being definitely and finally determined that said removal is to be made, shall immediately and at their own expense procure said court house site in said city, Oregon, and diligently construct, build and finish in a good and workmanlike manner thereon a new court house building in accordance with said pictures, plans, specifications and drawings as prepared by said architects and now on file with this bond with the county clerk of said county, and will thereupon deed and convey said site and said court house by proper deed free of all incumbrances to Malheur County, Oregon, without any cost and without cost to said County but as a donation thereto, and will upon the completion of said building remove all of the records, files, furniture and fixtures and jail from the old court house building at Vale, Oregon, to the new court house building at Ontario, Oregon and properly install the same in said new court house building, ready for the use and occupancy of the county officials of said county, all without any cost or expense to said county but entirely at the expense of Ontario and her citizens; and if said City of Ontario, Oregon, and her citizens, shall upon removal thereto of the county seat well and truly keep and perform all of the promises coven-

ants and conditions set forth in this undertaking and incumbent upon said city of Ontario to be kept and performed, then this obligation shall be void and of no effect; but otherwise said obligation shall remain and be in full force and effect in law, and Malheur County, Oregon, shall have a good and lawful right to recover off and from the obligors herein all cost, expense, loss and damage to which said county may or shall be put by reason of the failure or neglect of the City of Ontario, Oregon, and her citizens, to well and truly keep and perform all of the promises, covenants and conditions set forth in this bond and incumbent upon said city to be kept and performed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first above written.

All signatures witnessed by
W. W. Wood
C. W. Platt

E. A. Van Petten (Seal)
J. R. Blackabl (Seal)
A. L. Cockrum (Seal)
W. H. Doolittle (Seal)
David Wilson (Seal)
H. C. Whitworth (Seal)
H. C. Boyer (Seal)
E. A. Fraser (Seal)
H. H. Whitney (Seal)
A. L. Sproul (Seal)
C. R. Emison (Seal)
A. W. Trow (Seal)
W. E. Lees (Seal)
R. O. Payne (Seal)
W. T. Lampkin (Seal)
M. E. Bain (Seal)
J. T. McNulty (Seal)
H. Withycombe (Seal)
M. E. Newton (Seal)
Jas. A. Lackey (Seal)
L. O. McCoy (Seal)
W. J. Weese (Seal)
R. W. Jones (Seal)
J. P. Kidd (Seal)
H. L. Poorman (Seal)
H. L. Peterson (Seal)
W. W. Letson (Seal)
Harry B. Grauel (Seal)
E. A. Van Petten (Seal)
A. J. Glover (Seal)
J. R. Gregg (Seal)
Thos. Coward (Seal)
J. Prinzing (Seal)
G. L. King (Seal)
A. M. Lackey (Seal)
W. F. Homan (Seal)
F. E. Everhart (Seal)
Ray Wilson (Seal)
T. H. Moore (Seal)
S. F. Taylor (Seal)

Filed October 20th, 1914.
John P. Houston, Clerk.
By A. Moody, Deputy.

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF MALHEUR.

I, John P. Houston, County Clerk and Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Bond has been by me compared with the original, and that it is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original Bond as the same appears on file at my office and in my office and in my custody.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 20th day of October, 1914.

JOHN P. HOUSTON,
Clerk.
By A. Moody,
Deputy.

The issue is squarely made, and the fact is generally conceded that the taxpayers and voters of Malheur county will by their votes on November 3, decide whether or not they will vote for Ontario, and receive a new court house free, or vote for Vale and be taxed for a \$200,000 court house.

All other questions and controversies in this campaign have been eliminated. At the beginning of the campaign Vale made the claim and tried to convince the voters that the town of Ontario would not and could not build and donate to Malheur county a new court house. They said that the people of Ontario would not vote to bond the town to build a court house. They said that if bonds were voted that Ontario could not sell them, as no one would buy the bonds. They said if an attempted sale was made, that the town would be enjoined from issuing the bonds because the same were illegal. They said that if the court house proposed by Ontario was started that it would never be completed by Ontario, and that the taxpayers of the county would eventually have to complete it. They made all these and many other arguments, but these have been settled.

The people of Ontario did almost unanimously vote bonds to build a court house. No objection was made to offering the bonds for sale, and the bonds were sold for cash, and that cash is now on hand ready to be applied to building a court house the next morning after the election. As a further guaranty that the people of Ontario will do as they have promised to do, a number of the leading citizens of Ontario have made and filed with the County Clerk of Malheur county a good and sufficient bond, guaranteeing that all the pledges made by Ontario shall be fulfilled. Therefore we can truthfully say that all questions and controversies raised by the Vale people have been settled, except the question of "Shall you vote for Ontario and receive a new court house free, or vote for Vale and be taxed for a new \$200,000 court house." Malheur county will have a new court house. It must have a new court house. Which shall it be, a new court house free to the taxpayers, or one paid for by the taxpayers to the tune of \$200,000.

Again we say: VOTE FOR ONTARIO AND RECEIVE A NEW COURT HOUSE FREE OR VOTE FOR VALE AND BE TAXED FOR A NEW \$200,000 COURT HOUSE.

A DOCUMENT FILED AT VALE IN 1901 HAS QUITE A BEARING ON PRESENT SITUATION. Does Not Bear Out the Contention of the Vale People In Several Respects of Much Importance.

The Vale Enterprise and the circulars issued by the Vale Chamber of Commerce under title of "Taxpayers League", among other things, makes the statement that: VALE CITIZENS ERECTED THE PRESENT COURT HOUSE. THE COST OF THE BUILDING, ready for furniture and office fixtures, WAS \$12,500, ALL DONATED BY "GENEROUS VALE CITIZENS". The falsity of these statements made by the Taxpayers League, headed by M. G. Hope of Vale, is best proven by the petition, which is on file in the County Clerk's office at Vale, and which is signed by M. G. Hope, I. W. Hope and other bankers and interested citizens of Vale, who are conspicuous as the champions of Vale in the county seat fight. This petition recites that the "generous Vale citizens" who had promised to donate a court house to the county, in consideration of the people of the county, leaving the county seat at Vale, put up some stone walls, claimed by them to have cost \$5,000, and after leaving them in that shape for several years, had the temerity to request the county to finish the building, at a cost of \$3,000, as estimated by them, and the county was thereby compelled to build what the Vale citizens had promised the county they would donate to it. As the "generous Vale citizens" only spent \$5,000.00 in labor and material on the stone wall shell, according to their own figures, then the county must have been mulcted for the balance of the cost, as claimed by these same Vale citizens, to the extent of \$7,000.00, for the furnishing of the building alone. Here is a copy of the petition, filed with the County Clerk of Malheur County on May 11th 1901, signed by some of the same men who have sent out the above-quoted statement broadcast throughout the county, to create the impression that Vale citizens have been usually charitable to the county, and at the same time to make it appear that the present courthouse is worth several times more than it actually is:

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, your petitioners respectfully represent that the committee heretofore chosen by the citizens of Malheur County to solicit funds and expend the same for the erection and building of a court house upon the county property on the court house square in the town of Vale; said committee reports as follows:

That said building has been erected to the height of 30 feet, with a stone wall 18 inches thick, and 60x80, with door casing and window casing in both stories, together with the joists for each floor; and nearly enough studding for all the partitions, in place, at an expenditure of about \$5,000.

The committee has used all of its ready means which was subscribed for that purpose; there may be a few dollars more provided these subscriptions are fully paid; whatever that sum may be. It is the purpose of the committee to present that to the county for the purpose of defraying the expenses of completing the building. The contractor has been fully paid, and there is no indebtedness against the building at the present time.

Therefore, we your petitioners, respectfully ask that your honorable body at once make provisions for the completion of the same; at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. And we urge as a further reason, that if the walls are left as they now stand, wholly unprotected, in a short time their value will be greatly depreciated.

Hoping that you will take immediate action on this, we remain, yours,
[Signed]
M. G. Hope, I. W. Hope, W. W. Caviness, F. M. Vines, J. S. Edwards, and many other Vale citizens.

This document is not an invention for campaign purposes, but is part of the County Records and can be found in the County Clerk's office under filing date of May 11th, 1901.

Should the welfare of eighty per cent of the people be considered or that of twenty per cent.	Do you prefer the old court house at Vale or a modern building at Ontario with ample vault room to protect your records.
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