

## TO THE VOTERS OF MALHEUR COUNTY.

It is generally conceded that the office of assessor is a hard position to fill to the general satisfaction of the public.

Why is it? Is it because we are not able to find as capable men for that office as for the other offices of the county?

Dear reader, may I venture an answer? Our present system of taxation may be responsible, let us see. It being the duty of the assessor to assess all the taxable property in the county, he finds he has a very difficult problem to solve. A just assessment on the live stock industry, under our present system of taxation, which has a tendency to breed distrust, one stock man with another, until it has almost become a custom to give in less stock than they really have, in order that they will not pay more than their share of taxes, one with another, with never a thought that they are defrauding the farmer, the business man, and others whose property is on record, who would be dodging if only they could.

If we had a system of taxation that would place absolute confidence in the tax payer that every mother's son of us had to come through on the square with the assessor, it would be quite a relief to the real owners.

No man is more capable of judging values than the owner himself, a property than the owner himself, a man himself through the mails or in person at the county seat, subject to surrender of property by sale to the county or state at his own valuation, with his neighbor's eye on him. I would suspect his judgment would be very good. In this way the cost of assessing the county would be very light.

Oregon has a law providing that unimproved lands shall stand the same valuation as improved lands adjoining. I believe that the supporters of this law had in mind at the time of its adoption the large road grants, and other non-resident land speculators, who insist on holding their lands from market and the settler awaiting the time when the citizens of Malheur county, through their desperate efforts, many of whom have sweat blood to maintain an existence in the beginning of the county's history, have attained the stage of development that will net them a

handsome sum for their holdings.

These lands have been a sore eye to our county and have retarded development, and have shirked their duty when public subscriptions were to be raised for schools, churches, roads, bridges, and all kinds of public enterprises that go to build up a wealthy county.

Had this law been passed twenty years ago and enforced to the letter, Malheur's most fertile valleys would not resemble a checker board today.

We have another class of improved or partly improved land owners who are actual residents, many of whom have made a start with little else than plenty of pluck and confidence in the country. I deem it the duty of every citizen, including the assessor, to take care of this fellow until he gets on his feet, he will transform the haunts of the rabbit into blooming fields.

The laws of Oregon provide for the assessment of mortgage notes. The writer believes the law is right in theory only. There is no legitimate excuse for the money lender to escape taxation. In the northwest when he demands eight and ten per cent, which is hard to beat in any other line of business. To assess mortgage notes is not practical. Why? Because ninety per cent of the business of the northwest is done on borrowed capital. The enormous amount of development in the state demands all available money, even at these exorbitant rates of interest. To tax these people means the calling of their money in when due and placing it elsewhere, which would leave the most of us in a bad fix. Until the law is made universal by all states or the nation, it is a failure and should be repealed.

Must we let these money lenders go Scot free and pay no taxes at all? No, we must and can get at them in another way. We have a money market quoted so much every day, say four or five per cent. We are paying twice that amount because our laws are not right. When our state and nation enact rural credit laws through the efforts of the borrowing public that will enable them to bond their holdings and float same on the money markets of the world, and with the national income tax, not until then will we have justice

and equitable taxation between the money and industrial classes. Other countries, more remote from the money markets of the world, have thrown off the yoke, why not Oregon?

I sincerely believe if an assessor ever receives any reward other than his salary it will be when our posterity looks back upon our system of taxation with ridicule and erects an edifice in memory of the martyred assessor.

You perhaps wonder why I aspire to this position with all its perplexities.

A good soldier is ever ready for the fray, in that case we have a fair sized army of aspirants to this office. I would like to be captain of this squad and if you see fit to give me my commission I will see that they serve Malheur county with credit.

This article will be about the extent of my campaign before the primary. To visit you in person would be to give you but one bright side of myself. In the past twenty three years, I have made many acquaintances throughout the county. They can give you both sides from a disinterested standpoint. I believe in the newspaper as the most economical, fairest and thorough way to reach all the people.

I enjoy visiting especially with the ladies, my time is valuable, so is yours. We are in a progressive age. Extending the glad hand before election appeals to me about the same as the cheap cigar.

I have always believed the office should seek the man. As none have ever found me, I began to think I was out of style, so I have taken advantage of this glorious primary law where everyone can run. Herein I have made a declaration of principles for which I stand, and upon which I alone solicit your support in the coming elections.

Guy Johnston.

Big Bend precinct, March 4, 1916.

## NYSSA HAS SOME DOINGS OF INTEREST

The city council has decided not to purchase the Wilson ditch, which runs through the city.

### Artisan Lodge Instituted

A local Artisan lodge was instituted Wednesday night at the opera house by Supreme Organizer Bennett and Supreme Medical Director Eshelman. Twenty-five members were present to sign the roll and there are several more who were unable to be in attendance. After the lodge was successfully launched, sumptuous refreshments were served and the members engaged in a season of social recreation. Officers were elected as follows:

Master Artisan, L. Hill; past master Artisan, Wm. Vogts; superintendent, Mary Green; inspector, Emma Garrigus; secretary, Cecil Caldwell; treasurer, Martha Vogts; senior conductor, Myrtle Kelly; junior conductor, Lyman A. Green; master of ceremonies, George Steinkamp; instructor, Sadie Riggs; warden, Frank Lynch. Finance committee—H. F. Brown, Sidney Burbidge, Carl Tittle.

### Ferrell-Bussell

At Vale on February 24, 1916, at the Arlington Hotel occurred the wedding of Miss Edith Ferrell and W. O. Bussell, both of the Owyhee. Rev. B. F. Farmer pronounced the words that made the happy young couple one.

A meeting of the library association was held at the council rooms Mon-

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## HOMEDALE PEOPLE GETTING BUSY

day evening and a permanent organization formed.

Horace Burbridge has added prestige to the Nyssa Meat Market by adding a delivery car to his equipment.

A. M. Johnson who lives out toward the Owyhee, is reported to be doing some good work on the roads in his vicinity by dragging and otherwise putting them in good shape. Those who have to travel over the road are loud in praise of his public spiritedness.

The O. S. L. bridge and fence gang were in Nyssa and vicinity this week fixing up the fences and doing general repair work along the line.

A basket social will be held at the Owyhee school house on the 19th of March, the proceeds of the social to be given to the work of the Owyhee Industrial club. This is a good work. Help it along.

H. Walters is having great luck lambing in sheds on his ranch. He feeds the ewes corn silage, hay and oats and the lambs are the equal or superior to range lambs. They are the finest bunch the writer has seen for a long time.

## DEAD OX FLAT

A farmers' union has been organized on the South Jacobsen Gulch and meetings are being held for the present at the home of A. Sutton on the first and second Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m.

Mr. Rainey has been away most of the time since moving his family on to his homestead, gathering corn and preparing for another crop on an irrigated place near Weiser.

Jewey Rice is away on a leave of absence, lambing for Doubleday.

All the hay that was for sale between Payette and Weiser on the Oregon side was bought up last fall by the sheep men and several large bands of sheep are being wintered on the lower flat.

Snow on Dead Ox Flat was from 30 to 40 inches deep and in drifted places much deeper. All who seeded land last fall feel sure of a good crop this year if the unforeseen does not happen again, for surely there is plenty of water going into the ground. There is plenty of snow yet and it is melting slowly.

Frank Lunger of Weiser visited his father-in-law, Levi Crull last week. Mr. Crull returned to Weiser with him last Saturday.

Guy Morgan has moved to an irrigated tract near Ontario for the season.

In spite of the heavy snows this winter the horses left on the range are looking quite well.

A young son of Mr. Rainey, who has been suffering with inflammatory rheumatism for some time, went recently to visit his brother-in-law, Chas. Wyman, at Sumpter, and it is reported his health is improving.

Since the bridge across the Malheur river went out the people who were wont to go to Ontario are now transacting the most of their business in Payette.

returns last year and in a few years will be able to support the state penitentiary. A large number of hogs are being raised at the farm, 50 head of brood sows being retained for this season's breeding.

### Homedale to Have Electric Lights

The Homedale and Fargo sections are soon to enjoy the conveniences of electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes. The first of the year the power company completed their line to Wilder and last week the matter of extending the line to Homedale was taken up with a representative of the company, who agreed to build to this point if a certain amount of business was secured.

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