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INCREASE LEVY BUT PERMIT VALUATION TO REMAIN LOW

ALL KINDS OF IDEAS DISCUSSED FOR EDUCATION OF LISTENERS.

ASSESSOR RESENTS REMARKS

R. B. Wood Tells Assembly that Valuations Were Made in Accordance With Number of Votes Not Valuation—Committee Named.

Playing true to advanced notice the meeting of taxpayers called by the county court to meet at Vale last Friday afternoon was a sizzler. Before this it resolved itself into a class political economy for the purposes of hearing all the theories advanced from Adam Smith's time down to that of the notorious U'Ren.

Of course the meeting settled no question. That was impossible, but gave an excellent opportunity for the exploitation of theories and the airing of grievances. One enthusiast, who admitted that he was out of order, "just the same as the rest of the speakers," declared that he wanted to see the Australian system established, and for the edification of the audience gave an interesting talk on that system of tax collection and placing of valuations.

Mr. Oxman lucidly argued that as means of "making the people think" the valuation be permitted to remain low and a high levy be made to raise needed funds.

R. B. Wood said that it was not the valuations that caused the trouble of the inequalities evident in the district. He declared that land operated that of his own, of the same kind and character, with the same development, raising the same crops in equal quantities was assessed at half that of his. In closing he stated that, to him, it appeared that the valuations had been made according to the number of votes that the taxpayer could deliver.

This closing fling was delivered directly at Assessor Hill who glowered at his accuser.

Mr. Gibson of Nyssa also cited a number of inequalities, or rather alluded to them and urged that the method of equalization proceed to correct the differences. Thomas Kaut of Jordan Valley told of the differences experienced by the people of that section during the past few years. He told of the great increase in valuations made in that section and

"I do not know, by comparison with other sections of the county whether we were too low before or whether we are too high now, but there is something wrong somewhere it should be corrected."

Mr. Sullivan combated the motion to raise the full valuation because, he said, "this would mean a mass of loading more bonded indebtedness, which the land owners would finally have to pay. He called attention to the cost of a proposed road and declared that no one would know how much it would cost. This was a rise from John Rigby, chairman of the meeting who told Sullivan that the cost of the dam had been accurately made by the best engineers available and did not in any manner be affected by the valuation placed on the land. A side issue the meeting indulged in a discussion of the economic and legal right of the board of equalization to assess mortgages. Fine spun arguments on double taxation and the ethics of banking were introduced as a side line.

A proposal that a survey of the county be made and an accurate valuation be placed on all property was kindly received by some, but rebuffed by others for further pur-

pose Geo. W. McKnight explained to the meeting that the board should be guided by the wishes of the people and declared that it made no difference what the valuation would be the amount of money to be raised would be the same since the needs of the various departments had been made. Members of the audience applauded the suggestion of

MALHEUR COUNTY JURY ACQUITS SEAWARDS

Cattle Larceny Cases Disposed of on Tuesday—Last Week Fitchett and O'Connell Cleared.

Advises have been received in Ontario of the acquittal of Frank, Ben and Wm. Seaward of this city on the charge of cattle larceny by the jury which heard their case at Burns. The verdict of not guilty was returned on Tuesday. Last week similar verdicts were returned in the cases against Clarence Fitchett and C. D. O'Connell of Westfall.

The case of Fred Campbell who was charged in the same indictments returned against Seaward Bros., was pending when the letter written by J. H. Seaward of this city was mailed.

Among the Ontario attorneys who defended the actions in these various cases were J. H. McCulloch, W. W. Wood, P. J. Gallagher and R. W. Swagler.

These cases were followed with a great deal of interest in all sections of Malheur and Harney counties and the indictments were followed by rumors of all kinds which told of alleged organized efforts to rustle cattle in both counties.

U. S. SENATOR TO SPEAK IN ONTARIO

Democratic Committee to Have Chamberlain Here on November 2 for Rally.

Senator Geo. W. Chamberlain, senator from this state will be the big speaker of the campaign in Malheur county for the democratic party. Chairman J. R. Blackaby of the local central committee received advises this week that Senator Chamberlain would be scheduled to address a meeting here on November 2.

The only other development in the democratic campaign this week was the call for a meeting of the Woodrow Wilson club to be held Friday evening at the Commercial club rooms.

NICK BOOST FROM DEMOCRAT FOR REPUBLICAN DEMOCRAT

The Juntura Times in an editorial last week pays V. B. Staples the republican candidate for county clerk the following compliment, which coming from a democratic paper is a veritable boost for Mr. Staples. The Times says:

Virgil B. Staples, the republican nominee for county clerk was in town last week and visited with the friends and voters around town. We should like to draw attention to the fact that we have known Virg. for over 20 years having first met him in Burns that number of years ago, and we have had occasion to meet with him off and on ever since in business and in social life and we should like to go on record as being of the opinion that if his opponent on the democratic is as good a man for the office as we believe Virgil to be, we are going to vote for him; but we do not believe it is hardly possible. We have been democratic in our politics all our life and have generally voted the ticket straight up but if ever we felt like switching and making an exception, it is in Virgil's favor, the only fault we have against him is that he is a republican and not a democrat. He is a likeable fellow and a thoroughly capable one, who would fill the office with credit to the county and to the people who elected him.—Juntura Times.

Mr. Fish of Dead Ox flat that the board proceed to do its duty as it saw fit.

After a general discussion of a committee was appointed to examine the tax roll to determine inequalities and to prepare a report to give the public. This report will be prepared early next week.

CITY CLEAN-UP IS ORDERED BY COUNCIL

SPEEDY ACTION TAKEN BY CITY FATHERS TO FORESTALL EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID.

SANITARY INSPECTOR NAMED

All Alleys Must Be Cleaned and All Carbage Properly Covered and Disposed Of—Sewer Connection Ordinances Ordered.

Determined to do everything in the power of the city to combat the threatened epidemic of typhoid the city council met in special session Wednesday evening and ordered a general clean up of the entire city. A resolution was also passed creating the office of sanitary inspector giving the mayor power to name that official. After consultation with City Marshal Harry Farmer, Mayor Homan named Emory Hill to that position and had him sworn in as a special officer.

Review Health Ordinance.

The council had before it for consideration the health ordinance which was read by City Recorder C. M. Stearns, the provisions of which were found sufficiently broad to give the council ample power to compel sanitary conditions thruout the city. An order prepared by City Health Officer Dr. H. H. Whitney to notify all persons maintaining nuisances was also read and given the approval of the council.

According to the plan outlined the sanitary inspector will visit all portions of the city and on finding conditions injurious to the public health will serve a copy of the notice on the property holder. Then if the nuisance is not abated action will be taken to enforce the penalty which is sufficiently severe to make the malefactor rue the day he permitted such a condition to exist.

Will Compel Sewer Connections.

The council also instructed the city recorder to have prepared an ordinance defining the sewerage districts of the city and ordering all persons within the several districts to connect with existing sewers. This ordinance will be presented for passage at the next regular meeting.

In speaking of the action taken by the council Mayor Homan said: "The city council owes it to itself to do everything possible to protect the health of the city. There are now a dozen to a dozen and a half cases of typhoid in the city, more than we have ever had here and while it may not be an epidemic it has a nice start toward one. The city health officer and the physicians of the city are working on the matter endeavoring to determine the cause. They will continue to work but in the meantime the council should do everything in its power to assist them and to combat the spread of the disease."

"The trouble is that some people, and they are not numerous, seem to have no regard for sanitary conditions," said Councilman A. E. Fraser. "Perhaps it is because they do not think about these things and if their attention is called to it they will clean up. If they will not do it voluntarily, the city will have to compel action. The calling of this meeting before the papers are printed, and with the co-operation of the newspapers which has been given should furnish sufficient notice to the people of conditions and permit them time to examine their premises and get cleaned up before the inspector visits them."

In outlining the plan of action Mayor Homan instructed Marshal Farmer to have the inspector keep an accurate list of all the premises he visits and the persons he notifies so that the officials will know what is being done, and if the tenant or property owner does not comply with the order given action suitable in each case can be started. The council is determined that no person be permitted to ignore the health regulations, expects the co-operation of all citizens in the effort to protect the health of the city.

INCIPIENT EPIDEMIC THREATENS ONTARIO

EIGHTEEN CASES REPORTED TO EXIST IN CITY—PRESENT SUFFERERS IN RAGER.

SAMPLES TO BE ANALYZED

As Matter of Precaution Physicians Advise Boiling of Water at Least Until Report Is Received.

An incipient epidemic of typhoid fever, as yet in a mild form is prevailing in Ontario. Unofficially the number of cases reported is given at 18. Of course a number of those who are sick have not reached the stage where the diagnosis of their ailment can be determined.

Cause Not Determined.

What is causing the trouble has not been determined by City Health Officer Dr. H. H. Whitney or any of the physicians of the city. In view of the fact that most of the cases are in one locality tends to indicate that it is not to be found in the city water, however, to be certain samples have been sent the state bacteriologist for analysis and his report is awaited with interest.

The physicians feel morally certain that a large portion of the trouble is due to the existence of open toilets and unsanitary conditions in portions of the city. Acting on this belief, and to further protect the health a general cleanup was ordered.

Advise Boiling of Water.

The second piece of advise given by the health department is that of boiling all water used for drinking purposes. This should be done as a matter of precaution until a definite report on the city water can be secured. To many of those who sought advise the physicians urged the use of vaccination with the typhoid serum. Many citizens have acted on this advise and the little needles of the physicians have been much in use this week.

Among those who are reported ill with typhoid are Mrs. C. S. Watson and daughter, Dorothy Prinzing, Luis Krossin, four members of the Sterling family, Miss Hoffman at the hospital. There are also a number of other cases under suspicion being watched until accurate diagnosis can be made.

BIG DEAL MADE IN LIVESTOCK COMPANY

Montie B. Gwinn Purchases Interest of P. O'Brien in Malheur Livestock Company.

For a sum, said to reach into six figures, Montie B. Gwinn of Boise, this week purchased the O'Brien interests in the Malheur Live Stock company. In the deal was not only a large bunch of cattle but some of the finest range land in this section of the state.

The sale represents one of the largest clean ups made in the live stock business in this section for some time. Whether or not Mr. Gwinn will come to Ontario to handle the affairs of the company is not known, but the business of the firm will require his frequent visits to this city where he is well known.

AGED RELATIVE OF LOCAL

MAILMAN CALLED BY DEATH

O. F. Neece, carrier of the local rural route received word last week of the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Neece, at her home in Marcelline, Missouri. Mrs. Neece reached the great age of 100 years, eight months and 19 days. Remarkable as it may seem she retained vigor of health and a clear memory of events to her last illness. Among the historic times she witnessed and remembered were the Mexican and Civil wars and controversies which preceded them both. In the Civil war she lost three sons.

EX-SENATOR C. W. FULTON TO ADDRESS G. O. P. RALLY

KITTITAS HOLDINGS BOUGHT BY ANDERSON

Local Sheepman Goes to Ellensburg to Take Over McClelland Holdings for \$50,000.

Harry Anderson of Ontario will leave the city next week for Ellensburg, Washington, to take possession of the McClelland range and holdings in Kittitas county. The deal was recently completed by Mr. Anderson on a trip to Washington. The price paid, it is said was \$50,000 cash. The property will be turned over to Mr. Anderson on November 1.

The McClelland range and sheep band run on it is one of the largest sheep holdings in Washington. The land, part of the old Northern Pacific grant runs from Kittitas station, east of Ellensburg down to the Columbia river. All the land in the big holding is fenced and thoroly equipped to take care of 20,000 sheep.

After the sale was made Mr. McClelland repented and offered Mr. Anderson a handsome check to call the deal off. However, Mr. Anderson had sold his holding here last spring with the intention of retiring from business but found idleness no pleasure and decided to get back into the game. He was highly pleased with his purchase and determined to overlook immediate profit and retain the new purchase, which he says is unsurpassed by any sheep range he has ever seen.

BIG INVESTOR SEES HOLDINGS IN OREGON

Twelve Sections of Range Land Sold on Trip from Redmond to Ontario.

Accompanied by Ira E. Wight of St. Louis, W. P. Davidson of St. Paul, president of the Oregon-Western Colonization company reached Ontario last Saturday from an extensive trip over the holdings of his company in this section. A. W. Trow, local agent of the company met the eastern men at Redmond and piloted them over the various sections of the land during which they inspected the property under the Warm Springs project.

While no definite announcement was made it is possible, that since the bids for the Warm Springs bonds did not meet with the approval of the directors that Mr. Davidson will, as in the case of the Shoestring ditch, make an offer whereby work can proceed.

That the visitors were favorably impressed with what they saw was evident from an interview with Mr. Wight who was making his first visit in the West.

"This is a great country," said Mr. Wight, "it is a veritable garden spot, and some day will be one of the richest portions of the country. As a cattle and grain region it will have a big development in the near future, I am sure."

"This development will not be long in coming. There will be a demand for land in the near future and with all its advantages I am certain that there will be marked improvement here soon."

While enroute from Redmond to Ontario the representatives of the company sold 12 sections of the range holdings to owners who will run stock.

Messrs. Davidson and Wight left Saturday evening for their homes in the east.

E. M. GREGG SELLS RANCH ON OWYHEE

The first deal in ranch property recorded in some time, in this section was recently consummated by E. M. Gregg, who sold a tract of 60 acres on the Owyhee to E. M. Dean of Nyssa.

AT VALE NEXT WEDNESDAY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN WILL BE OPENED.

SPECIAL TRAIN FROM ONTARIO

Date of Ontario Rally Not Yet Set—Committee Hopes to Bring Senator Borah Here.

C. W. Fulton, ex-member of the United States senate from Oregon will open the republican campaign in Malheur county at Vale next Wednesday evening. On the following evening he will address a rally at Nyssa.

Final arrangements for these meetings were made last week by the speakers' committee of the county committee in a meeting at Vale Tuesday evening. At this meeting too, the schedule adopted for school house meetings was approved and arrangements made for getting out a big crowd at the Vale gathering.

In order that everyone in Ontario may have an opportunity to go a special train will be run to Vale and the band will meet the train at Vale and a big procession will precede the meeting. A regular "blow in the bottle" old time rally is in store for all who attend the Vale session.

Senator Fulton is known as one of the best campaign orators in the west an eloquent talker and a man of wide acquaintance with public questions, whose address will well be worth the hearing.

Still After Borah.

The committee in charge of the Ontario meeting is still bending its efforts toward securing Senator W. E. Borah for an address here. Efforts to reach him at Boise Wednesday failed because he did not reach Boise until just before the mass meeting at that place.

The train going up will leave Ontario at 7 and return at 10 p. m. The fare will be 65 cents for round trip.

LOCAL MASONS VISIT WITH NYSSA LODGE

To pay a fraternal visit four auto loads of Ontario Masons journeyed to Nyssa Monday evening to attend the session of Golden Rule lodge No. 147 A. F. & A. M. Two things resulted. The first was a complete surprise to the Nyssa lodge, and the second impromptu banquet given for the visitors. Neither surprise was anticipated by those who received it, and that added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

During the evening the Nyssa lodge conferred two first degrees in a manner that brought forth words of commendation from the visitors and reflected great credit upon the Nyssa organization. The lecture was ably delivered by W. E. Newton of Ontario.

Those who made the trip from Ontario were: Ray Wilson, W. E. Newton, W. A. Falkerson, W. W. Lofson, John Dennison, Frank Weaver, R. S. Rutherford, George B. Keegan, Dan Purcell, Clinton Trow, Joe Sholes and G. K. Akiva.

DEATH CLAIMS FORMER RESIDENT OF ONTARIO

Frank A. Davidson, formerly of Ontario, died at Cardston, Alberta, September 26, at the age of 37 years, after a four days illness with pneumonia. His body was brought back to his home in Spokane and buried in Greenwood cemetery on October first.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davidson two sisters, Mrs. Anna Glasecock and Mrs. Josie Rothwell of Spokane and two brothers, James of Manson, Wn., and Theo. of Chewelah, Wn.

BROGAN HOTEL SOLD BY C. R. EMBISON

C. R. Embison of this city on Friday of last week completed the details of a deal whereby the Brogan hotel was sold under an assignment. The figure in the transaction was not made public but was satisfactory to the local interests.