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**TAXATION PROBLEMS**

While the average taxpayer is wondering when the high cost of government will follow that of living on the downward march, the county courts and the other administrative bodies are wondering how they are going to solve their problems.

There is little hope of reducing the cost of government in Oregon, or in any other state for that matter. Wages of men employed in public offices seldom or never go down. In most cases these wages should not be reduced, for the advances made in them during the war were mighty slight. In fact some were never raised.

But the wage problem is not the one that presents itself for solution in Malheur county. It is the difficulty presented by the six per cent tax limitation. In this county this constitutional provision is actually working to defeat the very object it was intended to attain. The reason for this is the growth in the general fund of the county resulting in an accumulation of money far in excess of the needs of the county.

If the county court were to eliminate an estimate for the general fund this year, and continued to spend from the fund already on hand, resulting in a marked decrease in the fund, next year it could raise only six per cent more than this year and thus perhaps not secure enough for the county budget. To avoid getting into such a difficulty like every other body so situated, the County Court just naturally proceeds to levy the constitutional limit.

On top of this trouble the County Court is compelled by law to levy five mills for roads; a very wise law, but as it works out this year, with an increased valuation, over that of last year it provides \$13,000 more for roads than the last year's levy. That \$13,000 must be included in the six per cent increase; which under the constitution the Court must not exceed. Therefore it is necessary for the court to cut some other fund to provide the road money.

And that is not all, there are many additional demands for county funds, new expenditures entirely which have staunch advocates among some of the taxpayers. What is to be done about them?

Last year the Court provided for the payment of \$5,000 for coyote and rabbit bounties. This sum proved entirely inadequate, for in one week the Court issued \$6,000 in county warrants after the fund was exhausted? It costs Malheur county pretty nearly \$10,000 per year to pay these bounties, and the number seems never to decrease.

Here it is apparent there is an opportunity for the coming legislature to do something for the good of the counties. Repeal that bounty law and substitute the professional trappers of the biological survey. Unless this is done along with other Eastern Oregon counties Malheur is going to suffer serious damage from excessive tax budgets.

**JACK ETHERIDGE**

The closing of the bond house of Morris Brothers in Portland and the flight of John P. Etheridge, erstwhile President of the institution, together with the discovery of his shortage, was indeed a shock to many Oregonians, outside of Portland, as well as those in the city.

The career of Etheridge in Portland, which paralleled that of one Heyman or Hirsch in Ontario, but so far exceeded that of Heyman as to make his performance here pikerlike by comparison proves that a clever crook can play his game in a city as well as in a small town. It proves too that guiltbliness is not the exclusive property of the country towns, when in reality the big towns furnish these proportion of suckers, quite as readily as the rural regions.

Indeed Etheridge's flight in Portland financial and social circles apparently is another convincing confirmation of Bob Fitzsimmons' dictum: "the bigger they are the harder they fall."

While we do not desire to rub salt into the wounds of the injured

Portlanders, for really the collapse of Morris Brothers is a serious injury to the rest of the state as well, it should be a reminder to our big sister that she too is "taken in," once in a while.

**EDWARD E. KIDDLE**

With all of Eastern Oregon, Malheur county mourns the loss of a true friend in the passing of Edward E. Kiddle. Mr. Kiddle was one of that type of men whose worth the people of Oregon and other states are recognizing as one of the commonwealth's greatest assets. He was a big man, doing a big work at great personal sacrifice.

There can be no doubt that his unlikely end was hastened by the arduous duties of Highway Commissioner which called for heavy demands on his strength, for Mr. Kiddle took his duties seriously, and conscientiously endeavored to fulfill every obligation to his office.

There was nothing prefatory about the service Ed Kiddle gave the people of Oregon, tho they paid him nothing for it. He strove to learn at first hand the needs of every section. In the few months he held the office he travelled over practically every highway in the state. Some of them he traversed many times, under all kinds of difficulties. He rode early and late to cover the ground personally with the engineers, and to confer with the interested men of every section. He tried to please, but never to temporize with any problem.

Mr. Kiddle brought to the Commission a highly trained business mind, a large fund of good "horse sense," as he himself called it, and he strove to install these elements into the administration of highway affairs.

Personally Ed Kiddle was a man beyond reproach, loved and respected by neighbors. He made for himself a name in Oregon of which his family may well be proud. He crowned his life work in service for his fellow men. He will be remembered long after men who have amassed greater material fortunes are forgotten. In his passing Eastern Oregon, and indeed the state at large has lost a noble citizen.

**ARCADIA**

**DEATH OF MRS. VANDERPOOL GREIVES FRIENDS IN ARCADIA**

New School Teachers Winning Favor With Pupils—Former Teacher Improving in Health—Other Arcadia Personal Items

Everyone in this community was deeply grieved by the sad news of the death of Mrs. Ella Vanderpool. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bullard. She was born at Vale Oregon September 22, 1896, and died at the Holy Rosary Hospital at Ontario, December 22, 1920. She married John Vanderpool, October 25, 1916 and since that time she had lived in the Owyhee neighborhood where she was highly respected by all who knew her. Beside her husband and little three year old son she leaves her father and mother, four sisters and one brother. It was Mrs. Vanderpool's request that if she died her mother, Mrs. Bullard should take her little son and care for him. She was buried at Ontario, December 23.

Jess Thompson and family, Mrs. R. B. Thompson and Mrs. Chas. Thompson and daughter visited at the C. W. Barrett home, Sunday evening.

John Long, of Nampa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Long this week.

Mrs. Jim Fleming is on the sick list.

Chas. Bullard and John Vanderpool went to Ontario and Payette on business Monday.

Friends from Ontario were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolf Saturday. The Misses Bonnie and Mary Matheny and Mrs. Ed Wolf and two little daughters visited with Mrs. Thorns Sunday.

Miss Irene Edwards spent Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards.

The new teachers are fast gaining the respect of the pupils. We are glad to report our former teacher, R. J. Davis, somewhat improving in health.

If in need of nurse call Mrs. Agnes Owens, Phone 129-W. 852-4-S Pd.

**MALHEUR COUNTY REAL ESTATE**

**TRANSFERS RECORDED**

**DEC. 18 TO DEC 25**  
Wm. E. Edwards et ux to Geo. Oscar Smith, NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 11-21-46, Dec. 6, 1920. \$1.00.  
Geo. Oscar Smith to G. C. Reed, N 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 11-21-46. Nov. 15, 1920. \$8,000.00  
Sarah E. Leavitt to Frank J. Leavitt, NE 1/4 Sec. 10-18-46. July 17, 1919. \$1.00.  
Tay Wade et vir to Violet M. Pickle, Lot 5, Blk. 31, Hope-Holland Add. to Vale. May 25, 1919. \$300.  
U. S. A. to Osman A. Richey, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 11-21-38. Mar. 25, 1919.  
Osman A. Richey et ux to Wm. H. Jeffreys, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 11-21-38. Oct. 28, 1920. \$1,000.00.  
Lot 1, Blk. 2; and Lots 4 and 5, Sarah A. Westfall to Otto Peets, Blk. 4, Westfall. Dec. 15, 1920. \$1.  
A. A. Wales et ux to Geo. McClain, Lots 8, 9, and 10, Blk. 39, Ontario. Aug. 14, 1920. \$1,750.00.  
J. L. Cole et ux to Eldora Cole Moudy, Lot 7, Blk. 16, Vale; and Lot 6, Blk. 24, Eldredge Add. to Vale. Dec. 15, 1920. \$10.00.  
Hope Bros. to J. W. Gilsan, Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Blk. 23, Vale. Dec. 14, 1920. \$10.00.  
Dewitt A. McFadden to Ida McFadden, SE 1/4, and SW 1/4 Sec. 22-16-44. Dec. 23, 1920. \$1.00.  
Samuel O. Hart et al to Mary B. Hart, Metes & Bounds in Westfall. August 27, 1919. \$1.00.  
Mary B. Hart to I. P. Hart, Metes & Bounds in Westfall, Dec. 20, 1920. \$3,500.00.  
F. D. McClaren to S. E. Gobart, SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 11-17-45. July 31, 1920. \$400.00.  
Hugh B. Logan to Standard Oil Co., Lots 49, 50, 51 & 52, Blk. 6, Riverside Add. to Ontario. Dec. 20, 1920. \$10.00.  
David H. Hamby et ux to Payette Oregon Slope Irrig. District, W 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 3; W 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 10-17-47. June 19, 1920. \$1.00.  
Otto G. Luehra et ux to Fred Blasser, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Blk. 83 Ontario. Dec. 9, 1920. \$100.00.

**Marriage Licenses Issued**

Chas. S. Harris and Dorothy N. Cleveland, Dec. 24, 1920.  
Alvin Ambrose and Pauline Blackman, Dec. 24, 1920.  
Wm. A. Morris and Lillian Hankins, Dec. 24, 1920.  
**Complaints Filed in Circuit Court**  
J. Boydell vs. A. M. Johnson, Dec. 20, 1920. Recovery on Contract. \$500.00.  
A. W. Warf vs. W. G. Cathey, Dec. 20, 1920. Recovery on Lease. \$450.  
United States Nat. Bank of Vale vs. Curly Eastly et al, Dec. 20, 1920. Recovery on Note. \$135.00.  
Simon Serravalle vs. John J. Ackerman, Dec. 23, 1920. Recovery on Note. \$200.00.  
Bert Draper vs. W. P. Allen, Dec. 23, 1920. Recovery of money. \$626.90.  
Cornelius Ryan vs. Mary Jane Janoy et al, Dec. 24, 1920. To Quiet Title.

**NOTICE MODIFICATION OF ALFALFA GUARANTEE REGULATIONS**

You are hereby authorized to release Hay for shipment which is located in the following sections in Malheur County which have heretofore been prevented by Quarantine regulations  
Sec. 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 34 35 36 T. 20 S. R. 46 E.  
Sec. 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 24 T. 16 S. R. 47 East.  
Sec. 28 29 30 31 32 33T. 15 S. R. 47 East.

The following form of certificate should be used by you in the release of this hay and a very rigid inspection must be made to make sure that hay in question contains no Weevil after same has been baled.

H. H. WEATHERSPOON,  
State Horticultural Commissioner.  
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Last publication, Jan. 13, 1921.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF OREGON.**

**IN BANKRUPTCY IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE HOWE, Bankrupt.**

NOTICE  
To the creditors of George Howe in the District aforesaid:  
Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of June, 1920, the said George Howe was adjudicated bankrupt, and the first meeting of the creditors of the said George Howe will be held in Ontario, Malheur County, Oregon, on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1921, at the hour of one o'clock P. M. at which time said creditors may attend and prove their claim, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may be necessary.  
CLAY M. STEARNS,  
Referee in Bankruptcy.  
First publication, Dec. 30, 1920.  
Last publication, Jan. 6, 1921.

LOST—Between Ontario and Payette, a blue and gray portiere. Finder please leave at Argus office. 852—4-pd.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Corner Idaho Ave. and 2nd St. N. W. (D. J. Gillanders, Pastor)  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Preaching, 11:00 A. M. Subject: "Three Great Losses."  
Christian Endeavor, 8:30, P. M. Preaching, 7:30 P. M. Subject: "Influence and Example."  
Preaching every night next week at 7:30 P. M. Do not miss the above services. They are for you.  
Strangers and visitors will find a welcome. Ours is a people's church. Come!  
Begin the New Year right, by attending all the services next week. Husbands come with your wives and children. Lead, not follow.

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**Dr. R. MOON, Chiropractic**  
Ontario, Oregon

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**Dr. R. A. Moon,**  
CHIROPRACTOR

Ontario; Oregon

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