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THE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW?

What is the motive that is spurring a small group to institute the recall of County Judge E. H. Test and County Commissioner Frank M. Vines?

Why is it that they cannot bring forth a candidate to succeed these officials?

What is their game?

What ulterior object do they wish to attain?

These are mighty pertinent questions. When men put up money to bring about a result it is timely that the impelling motive be examined; there must be something behind the scheme, for no one in Malheur county has ever accused the men who are active in this work as being so public spirited and so zealous of the public good that they would actually invest cash for its promotion. Even the proponents of the recall would not claim that for themselves.

Someone's bull must have been gored. Whose was it; and if they who would recall the present officials win, what is the price they are to demand of the successors?

Admittedly there is no public clamor for a recall, and has not been, and the men who stir up strife do not do so for pleasure. There is some object to be obtained.

The men behind the recall movement are practical men. They will recognize that the public has a right to examine their motives, to look behind the scenes to learn why it is being used as an instrument to revenge a private grudge, and this is what the recall really amounts to.

At some time or other everyone of the men who is busying himself in this movement has found some pet scheme blocked by the County Court.

At least one man is seeking revenge for a grudge of years standing, so the Argus is told, and is furnishing an example of gross ingratitude.

Taken all in all the attempt to bring the names of two men like E. H. Test and Frank M. Vines into disrepute is a sordid affair, one that should bring to shame the perpetrators.

MALHEUR COUNTY'S SCHOOLS

Coming from the authoritative source of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction the comparative

statements showing the position of Malheur county's schools as compared with those of other counties in the state cannot be doubted. The comparative statement, too, refutes emphatically the oft repeated statements that our schools are extravagantly administered.

It should be particularly noted that in every instance where percentage of attendance, and other factors showing the use of which the schools are put by the people Malheur county is high in the list; while in every feature relating to schools the county is away down on the list.

For example, there are only three counties in the state which pay their teachers less than they receive in Malheur county. There are only three in which the cost per pupil is lower than it is here.

When it is further considered that as compared with the other states in the Union Oregon is twenty-third in comparative expense, it must be admitted that for the education of their children the people of Malheur county are getting results at a way below the average cost.

In this connection the only criticism that we have heard of late is that concerning teachers salaries. This has long been a moot question, but all of the authorities high in the business of government are agreed that cheap teachers means inefficient teachers. Inefficient teachers mean inadequately trained children. Inadequately trained children mean men and women handicapped in the battle of life.

By all means we are certain that the people of Malheur county desire for their children an adequate education and a fair chance for success in the struggle that is before every young man and woman. Success is not easily attained at the best, and the boys and girls of Malheur county, are we believe entitled to an even break with their fellows in other counties and other states.

APPRECIATE YOUR HOME TOWN

"Right now Ontario is better off than nine tenths of the towns its size in this intermountain country," said C. S. Watson, formerly of Ontario but now a resident of Salt Lake from which point of vantage he is looking after his interests which are scattered all the way from Utah to Ontario and vary from farming lands, business buildings and mining properties.

During the course of the past ten months since he left Ontario it has been necessary for him to visit all over the intermountain country and he is therefore qualified to judge.

Visitors to Ontario constantly make such declarations and while some may do so to flatter our pride, yet the statement made so often must have a measure of truth. It is certain that many of us do not appreciate how really fortunate we are in this section. Even though we are facing real problems, the basis of our prosperity is laid deep and business here is holding its own. We ought to appreciate this fact.

FIGHT THE WEEVIL

The havoc which the alfalfa weevil has brought in many fields of the county has at last demonstrated that it is a menace that cannot be ignored.

By some of the men who have considered the problem from many angles the coming of the weevil is viewed almost as a blessing; for they argue, that it will compel the abandonment of alfalfa, as the sole reliance of the rancher.

While this may be true, still alfalfa will never be abandoned as a leading crop. It would be a calamity to have all the alfalfa fields devastated, for upon alfalfa will be built the dairy and hog raising industries which will take up the slack left by the curtailment of stock raising which has already manifested itself.

If all the fields of alfalfa in the county could be abandoned for a few years perhaps the pest could be thus curtailed—but it is foolish to anticipate such a condition, and that being true it rests with the ranchers to adopt the next best method.

The county is fortunate that it has the opportunity of getting the advice of the specialists of the department of agriculture through the county agent. By this service it is possible that many times the cost of the entire service will be saved to the county in combating this menace alone.

To get revenge for their private grudges a group of self-seeking politicians are going to make the taxpayers of Malheur county dig up \$2,000 in real money to hold an election. What do you think of that Mr. Tax Payer? Are you willing to be used as a tool for private ends and then made to foot the bill too?

IRONSIDE NEWS

Mr. Taylor, Field Superintendent of Eastern Oregon Land Co., from Ontario, was in this vicinity the past week looking after business.

Wm. Tureman came in from Malheur River Saturday going to Vale.

Mr. Chester was an Ironside visitor from Malheur river Saturday.

Gus Reed passed through Ironside, Saturday going to Brogan, for a load of stock salt for the Burnt River Mercantile Co.

C. Smith and John Smith of Brogan went on a fishing trip to the Malheur river Monday. They reported a poor catch.

W. W. Howard from Bonita is building fence for Ralph Harvey.

Don Platt and wife, returned to Ontario from their homestead near Ironside.

Percy and Ollie Locey and mother from Weiser visited at the home of Mrs. S. D. Duncan and C. T. Locey, the first of the week returning home Thursday.

James Weaver and Earl from Bonita were Ironside visitors Saturday.

Earnest and Fred Locey made a business trip to Hereford, Saturday. Alva Lawrence and wife of Unity came to Ironside Saturday to visit Mrs. Lawrence's mother, Mrs. Will Lofton.

Mrs. Chas. Boor was visiting her parents at Fruitland the past week. Ironside and Hereford ball teams met at Ironside and played a very interesting base ball game. The score was 9 to 15 in favor of Hereford.

Mervin Duncan returned home from school, after spending the winter in Baker.

Mrs. Ed Beam entertained a few friends at her home in honor of her daughter, Vivian, it being her birthday. The afternoon was spent in games and light refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawrence attended the dance at Brogan Saturday night and reported a good time.

Nora Lathrope and brother Monte made a trip to Wheaton creek Sat-

urday, attending a dance while there.

Mrs. C. Smith of Vale is visiting at the home of J. P. Smith. She expects to stay here for a month on account of so much whooping cough at Vale.

Mrs. C. D. Houser of Richland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Elms. She expects to leave for Unity Sunday where she will visit relatives there before returning to her home. Mrs. H. C. Elms will return home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd White and W. L. Thompson came from Unity Sunday to attend the ball game.

Mr. Alexander came in from Malheur river Monday.

Ed Rose and Sumner Smith are smoothing the roads after the heavy rains.

Monte Crews has taken a contract to build several miles of fence for S. M. Molthan and Son.

Fred Lawrence and Arthur Beam went to Flog to do some fencing on Mr. Lawrence's homestead.

Mrs. E. J. Beam went to Vale the

first of the week to have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lofton took Mr. Lofton's mother to Payette Tuesday on land business.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams were guests at the home of W. R. Lofton's from Unity.

Mr. Means made a business trip through Ironside from Vale Tuesday, going to Malheur River.

Ralph Harvey went to Brogan this week to ride after his cattle. Orville Nichols will drive stage during his absence.

Zelda and Elmer Rose from Baker have returned to their home here after spending the winter in Baker at school.

Mrs. Edith Robinson of Malheur was in Ironside on business Friday. Ralph Beam attended the dance at Bridgeport Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lawrence went to Caldwell Friday.

Orville Nichols went to Vale Friday for a load of freight for his father, A. E. Nichols.

REED REPORTS CODDLING IS OUT ON TREES NEAR BROGAN

A. A. Reed, chairman of the farm bureau horticulture committee reports that coddling moth emerged at Brogan as early as the middle of May. This report is confirmed by orchardists who watch such matters in other parts of the county. The nights of May 24 and 25 were very favorable for the moths to be laying eggs. While all of the moths had not emerged at that time by any means, it is probable that the apple growers who neglect to apply the first cover spray in time to catch the worms from eggs laid by these early moths will suffer considerable damage of fruit.

It will probably require at least two weeks time for these eggs to hatch at this season of the year, and if the weather is cool, longer. With average conditions, the first cover spray will need to be applied this year so as to be finished by June 9th or 10th.



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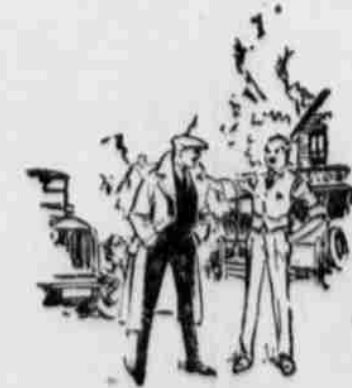
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