

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters and tax-payers of the CITY OF ONTARIO, MALHEUR COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON, that a Council Meeting of the Common Council of said City will be held at the City Hall on the 12th day of October A. D. 1921 at the hour of 7:30 o'clock, p. m. for the purpose of discussing the Budget hereinafter set out with the Common Council.

The Total amount of money needed by the said City during the fiscal year beginning on January 1st, 1922 and ending on December 31st, 1922 is estimated in the following Budget which also shows the estimated revenues of the City from all sources other than municipal taxes.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			
PERSONAL SERVICE	Number	Salary per year	Total
1 Recorder	One	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
2 Treasurer	One	180.00	180.00
3 Attorney	One	300.00	300.00
4 Marshal	One	1,500.00	1,500.00
5 Police	Extra	4.00 per day	200.00
6 Chief, Fire Dept.	One	240.00	240.00
7 Firemen	Fifteen	Services rendered	1,000.00
8 Health Officer	One	60.00	60.00
9 Supt., Water System	One	1,500.00	1,500.00
10 Engineer, Water System	One	1,200.00	1,200.00
11 Accountant, Water System	One	900.00	900.00
12 Laborers, Water System	Extra	3.20 per day	350.00
13 Pound Master	One	Fees	200.00
14 Janitor, City Hall	One	300.00	300.00
15 Caretaker, Cemetery	One	500.00	500.00
16 Street Commissioner	One	1,200.00	1,200.00
17 Laborers, Streets	Extra	3.20 per day	2,000.00
18 Irrigator	One	750.00	750.00
19 Laborers, Sewers	Extra	3.20 per day	300.00
20 Sanitarian	One	Fees	100.00
21 Librarian, Public Library	One	720.00	720.00
22 Janitor, Public Library	One	240.00	240.00
23 Mayor	One	600.00	600.00
24 Councilmen	Six	5.00 each regular meeting attended	360.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$15,000.00</b>

MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES		TOTAL
1 Meals for City Jail Prisoners	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
2 Telephone, City Use	100.00	100.00
3 Supplies, Fire Dept.	60.00	60.00
4 Auto and Dray Service, Water System	600.00	600.00
5 Fuel, Water System	160.00	160.00
6 Freight and Express, Water System	100.00	100.00
7 Rent, Warehouse, Water System	120.00	120.00
8 Supplies, Water System	370.00	370.00
9 Fuel, City Hall	425.00	425.00
10 Supplies, City Hall	125.00	125.00
11 Supplies, Cemetery	50.00	50.00
12 Team Service for Street Commissioner	900.00	900.00
13 Supplies, Street Dept.	1,000.00	1,000.00
14 Clock service, Library	15.00	15.00
15 Fuel, Library	175.00	175.00
16 Telephone, Library	50.00	50.00
17 Stationery, Library	50.00	50.00
<b>18 Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,320.00</b>

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS		TOTAL
1 Repairs, City Jail	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
2 Meters and Tools, Water System	400.00	400.00
3 Repairs, Water System	300.00	300.00
4 Repairs, City Hall	100.00	100.00
5 Magazines and Books, Library	145.00	145.00
6 Repairs, Library	100.00	100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,425.00</b>

CONSTRUCTION		TOTAL
1 Opening of New Streets	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>

LIGHTS, WATER AND POWER		TOTAL
1 Electric Power, Water System	2,000.00	2,000.00
2 Water, irrigation of Cemetery	100.00	100.00
3 Lights, Streets and City Hall	3,500.00	3,500.00
4 Water, Hydrants and City Hall	3,300.00	3,300.00
5 Water, City Irrigation	600.00	600.00
6 Electric Power, Sewer	132.00	132.00
7 Lights, Library	75.00	75.00
8 Water, Library	30.00	30.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9 737.00</b>

INSURANCE		TOTAL
1 Insurance on the City Hall and Contents	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 160.00</b>

PRINTING		TOTAL
1 City Printing, all Departments	300.00	300.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>300.00</b>

INDEBTEDNESS		TOTAL
1 Interest on Bonded Indebtedness	15,200.00	15,200.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$15,200.00</b>

EMERGENCY		TOTAL
1 For all City Departments	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,000.00</b>

Total estimated amount of Money for all purposes during the year of A. D. 1922 \$50,742.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		TOTAL
1 From Water System	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
2 " Fines and Licenses	1,500.00	1,500.00
3 " Pound and Dogs	200.00	200.00
4 " Interest on Deposits	500.00	500.00
5 " Irrigation collections	1,000.00	1,000.00
6 " Cemetery	650.00	650.00
7 " Road Tax	4,500.00	4,500.00
8 " Delinquent Improvement Taxes	9,400.00	9,400.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$29,750.00</b>

To be raised by City Tax \$20,992.00  
Dated this 12th day of September A. D. 1921.  
W. H. DOOLITTLE, Mayor.

Attest: CLAY M. STEARNS, City Recorder.

**CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS GIVE HOPE OF REDUCING TAXATION**

Chairman W. W. Wood of School District Number 8 Presents Plan For Relief of Taxpayers and Betterment of Educational Facilities

Dear Sir: I read with much interest a recent article in your paper in regard to the passing of the country school. It seems to me that the matter should not be allowed to rest with that article, but should be taken up and thoroughly discussed by the newspapers and the people of the county. The leading educators of the United States have long been of the opinion that our public school system could be handled at a less cost, and better results obtained. This is done by uniting the small districts with the larger ones, and transporting the pupils to the common centers of education. Such a plan gives the country pupil every advantage that the city student enjoys. The same number of pupils can be handled with fewer buildings and a less number of teachers. This tends toward economy, and at the same time gives larger, better equipped and more enthusiastic schools, and better educational results are obtained. It is not a new idea in education although Oregon has been slow to adopt it. The middle Western states are rapidly adopting this system. Good roads and the automobile have annihilated distance until it is a comparatively easy matter to transport children a distance of ten miles to school. Even the auto is not necessary for moderate distances in the more populous communities. We have an excellent example in the splendid union school at Fruitland, Idaho, where the children are transported by means of covered wagons.

There is no good reason why Malheur County should not install such systems, and thereby make a distinct advance in modern educational lines, and save the taxpayers many a dollar. The towns of Ontario, Vale, Nyssa and Jordan Valley would make good educational centers. Let the small districts around those towns join the most convenient city district, and haul the children back and forth to the city schools. Ontario could easily handle the Cairo district, and the districts on Dead Ox Flat. Vale could handle the students who attend the White Settlement school, as well as other adjoining districts. Valley View could transport to either Nyssa or Ontario, and thereby save the cost of building a new school house.

As chairman of Dist. No. 8, I have been ask by a great many citizens in outside districts why the Ontario Board did not inaugurate a campaign for such consolidation. We have always been ready and willing to receive the surrounding districts, but have felt that the demand should come from within those districts. When such plans are proposed by a city board they are apt to be misunderstood. Many will think that we are merely trying to get them into the city district for the purpose of saddling them with additional tax burdens. This is an erroneous idea, but the subject will require considerable discussion and thought before some of the people can get away from that notion. It stands to reason that four or five strong, central districts could be run cheaper and better than three times that number of small, isolated districts. I am firmly of the opinion that by adopting such a system of union schools we could reduce the cost of education in Malheur County by nearly one-third, besides producing better results. Surely this subject is worthy of careful investigation and consideration.

In conclusion let me say a few words about school and other taxes. It will soon be time to vote on school budgets, and there is grave danger of making a mistake. The public knows that taxes are abnormally high, and are anxious to swat the cause if they can find it. Without giving the matter very deep thought, they are inclined to select any subject of taxation which is closest at hand, and most easily seen, and down it. Unfortunately this happens to be the school tax. For this reason many a good citizen is carrying a ballot up his sleeve with which to knife the school budget this fall.

Now in my opinion the real trouble does not rise out of school taxes. Those are about the only taxes for which we are getting real value received. The real trouble is, that during the last eight years we have voted to give away large sums of money for purposes that are not governmental. We have voted for every conceivable law and proposition that required expense and taxation. We have had the erroneous idea that anything which the state had to pay would be paid from some magical sources outside of the people who really constitute the state. This of course cannot be done, and now we are busy trying to foot the bills. Swarms of petty and obnoxious office holders are travelling around over the state trying to enforce all manner of foolish laws that the public does not need. One fellow will have you arrested if the tall light on your car is not burning. Another comes along and orders you to clean out the back yard by a certain date. A third notifies you to change the electric wiring on your house. A fourth is careful to see that the importer trout which you buy at the market is properly tagged. It is no longer a matter of your own business if you want to repair the old barn or woodshed, but the law says you must post some kind of a notice in regard to accidents. Weights and measures require the steady attention of another petty tyrant. I could mention a score of other useless laws and office holders. They never try to warn the public, but pussy-foot around to see if they cannot catch some honest, well meaning citizen, in a violation of some obscure law that he never knew existed, and plaster him with a fine. We are

regulated, licensed and taxed for everything we do, or don't do, until it is impossible for any citizen to know or obey all the laws. If we really want to economize let us begin by lopping off these useless offices, laws and commissions. While we are broke let us quit giving away money for fairs and other luxuries that we can get along without. It would be real economy to call a special session of the legislature to repeal four-fifths of the useless laws and offices. One imagines sometimes that we have one office holder for every half dozen of our citizens. It is not the school tax which is ruining us, but it is the costly experiments by the state and nation in business matters outside of government. We should insist that one state and national government functions for governmental purposes only. When we begin to economize along the lines above indicated we will begin to get relief from excessive taxation. Let us work along those lines for economy, and vote this fall to save our public schools.

Very truly yours,  
Wells W. Wood.  
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Christian Endeavor, 7:00 P. M. Preaching, 8:00 P. M. Subject: "The Supreme Conquest."  
White School House  
Sunday School, 2:30 P. M. Preaching, 3:30 P. M.  
I will be looking for you all next Sunday and will expect many new faces.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bible School, 10:00.  
Morning Worship, 11:00.  
Gospel Service for Men, 3:00  
Junior, B. Y. P. U.  
Bible Study Class  
Gospel Service  
Prayer Service, Wed. 8:00.

Mr. Shafer, father of Mrs. A. W. Plant, arrived Friday from Texas, having been summoned here by the serious illness of his daughter, who is now in the hospital.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mink have gone to Santa Rosa, Cal.  
Joe Carter was here from Juntura this week. He has been summoned for jury duty at Vale.  
Joe Bradbury moved his family Tuesday to the ranch he recently purchased near Fruitland.

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A good plan to go Sunday, to the meeting for men at 3 o'clock, at Baptist church. 41P

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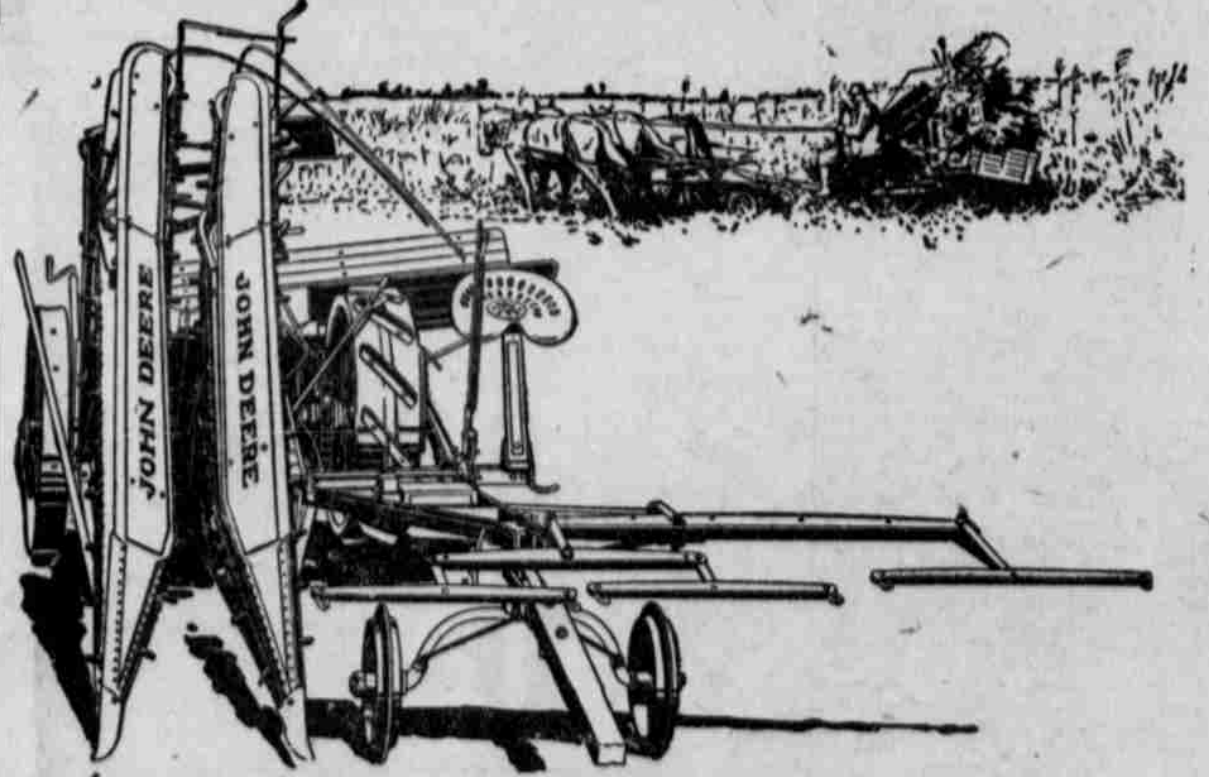
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| 2 yearlings,  | 30 tons of hay,             | Rake and other field tools. |
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| 1 brood sow,  | 400 to 500 boxes of apples, | Teams, wagon and harness,   |
| 4 milch cows, | 1000 bushels of grain,      | 25 turkeys,                 |
| 4 shoats.     | 400 White Leghorn chickens, |                             |

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