

U. S. Reclamation Projects in Montana
 Offer unusual opportunities for homeseekers. The land is very cheap and can be purchased with small payments down and remaining payments scattered over twenty years. We extend to yourself and family and all your friends a most cordial invitation to be present on **Friday Afternoon, Feb. 3, 1922**, at the Majestic Theatre Ontario, Oregon, at 1:00 o'clock prompt, to a free moving picture lecture to be given by O. D. Tibbets, Traveling Agricultural Agent of the Great Northern Railroad. Everybody come and learn of the opportunities in the Milk River Valley Irrigation Project of Montana.
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FRUITLAND BENCH
FRUITLAND TEMPORARY SCHOOL
IS CONDEMNED AS DANGEROUS

Mass Meeting to Discuss Plans For Bond Election—Anton Pritzl
 —Other Bench Notes

A Community meeting at the High school auditorium Tuesday evening has been called to talk over the proposed bond issue of \$30,000 for a new High school building. This is the fourth time a proposition has been voted upon, only to be lost by a very few votes. As it is now the third and fifth grade rooms are being taught above the Fruitland drug store under most adverse conditions. It is thought that the building for school purposes is a fire trap because of lack of exits and the one for the fifth grade will be closed within a few days because of the construction of a new garage building by George Frank, which will go up against the drug store building thus closing the stairway. The sanitary conditions for these two rooms are very bad. Fruitland needs more school room and the Board of Education is powerless to act because there is no other building available for school use. The State Department of Education has the question of the existing conditions under advisement and if anything can be done to relieve the present situation it is proposed to do so.

A Large Dinner Party
 Mrs. Geo. Childs entertained to a duck dinner Thursday of this week honoring the birthday anniversaries of Mr. Childs and Ira Dalsell. The guests were seventeen in number. It proved to be a most delightful affair and all present enjoyed the sumptuous spread. Mrs. Ams and Mrs. Thompson made the two beautiful birthday cakes.
 Mrs. B. C. Blakesley invited fifteen neighbors and friends of her mother, Mrs. H. M. Lewis, on Wednesday to surprise her on her birthday. A dainty two course luncheon was served, and a happy time spent.

Anton Pritzl Passes
 Anton Pritzl the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pritzl, living two miles south of Fruitland, passed away Saturday afternoon at the Holy Rosary hospital, Ontario after an illness of three weeks following an operation for tonsils and adenoids. He had not been well for some time and it was thought the operation would relieve the trouble, but hemorrhages set in, and under his weakened condition pneumonia developed on Thursday, previous to his death. He leaves four sisters and seven brothers and a father and mother to mourn his death. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock at the Catholic church in Ontario, and the body laid to rest in the Ontario cemetery.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Maida Gargett, of Sumas, Wash., passed away at her home December 20th, aged 65 years. She was a former resident of this community.

Mrs. G. I. Hollenbeck and Mr. Hollenbeck entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hollenbeck at a dinner Monday, the occasion being Mrs. Hollenbeck's birthday.
 John Metzler preached his initial sermon Sunday at the Brethren church.
Surprise Largely Attended
 When Mrs. Wm. Hollenbeck returned to her home Monday evening there were gathered 48 there to remind her of her birthday anniversary. There were neighbors and friends, guests from Payette and New Plymouth, and it was a late hour when they departed. Music, games and a royal good time, followed by delicious refreshments, were enjoyed. Mrs. Ralph Johnson made a large birthday cake decorated with pink candles, and other gifts were received.
Grandma Amick Remembered
 Forty-two friends of Grandma Amick followed her home from church Sunday and greeted her with good wishes on her seventy-second birthday anniversary. There were sumptuous things to eat which were brought along by the guests and all spent an enjoyable time. Grandma Amick is still able to do her own work, and walks several miles calling on friends.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Henry Young, Minister, . . .
 Sunday, January 29th
 Sunday school 10 a. m.
 Preaching service at 11 a. m.
 Subject: Is the Bible Inspired?
 Mesdames Harrison and Fortner will sing, "Hark, Hark, My Soul."
 Epworth will meet at 6:45 p. m.
 Preaching service at 7:30.

OREGON SLOPE
OREGON SLOPE CLUB WOMEN
SEW FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

Chicken Dinner Served to Members
 —Miss Frost to Teach Near Brogan—Little Girl Catches Hand in Wringer—Other Items From the Slope

There will be Sunday school and preaching services Sunday at the usual time. Everybody welcome.
 John Howard and family were Sunday dinner guests of Jacob Jensen and wife.
 Mr. and Mrs. Mason Clough were guests Sunday of J. D. Conner and wife.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bly and daughter visited relatives in Ontario several days last week.
 Eugene Shay and Homer Maddux of Ontario spent the week end at the Miller ranch.
 Kenneth Jensen is on the sick list this week suffering with throat trouble.
 Twelve ladies of the Park Improvement club met at the home of Mrs. C. G. Heslop Wednesday for the purpose of sewing for some children in the community. The ladies combined business with pleasure and aside from making many garments for the youngsters, enjoyed a fine chicken dinner. The dresses and aprons not completed will be finished at the next regular meeting of the club. Those present to assist in the good work were; Mesdames S. J. Simpson, C. G. Heslop, P. M. Boals, C. A. Karst, O. C. Miller, C. C. Wilcox, E. Frost, Geo. Sullens, E. R. Tomlin and K. N. Osborn.

Mrs. W. P. Vincent has been on the sick list for the past few days.
 Gertrude Scow of Ontario, spent the week end with Lella Bartshe.
 Mrs. Johnstone and children and Mr. Frye of Nyssa, were dinner guests Tuesday at the P. M. Boals home.
 Milo Loveland left Wednesday for his home at Aberdeen, Idaho.
 Several from the Slope attended the poultry show at Payette last week, and report a fine display.
 Miss Maude Culp spent Monday with her uncle, J. D. Conner.
 Otto C. Miller is quite ill with tonsillitis.
 Miss Mildred Frost has accepted a position as teacher near Brogan, and left Saturday for that place.
 Little Mary Boals had the misfortune last week to catch her hand in the electric ringer. Dr. Weese of Ontario was summoned and pronounced no broken bones, although her hand was badly bruised.

Merna, Leona and Glenn Thomas sent Saturday with Charlotte and Max Brown.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Conner of Ontario, were guests Wednesday of J. D. Conner and wife.
 Lella Bartshe entertained at a charmingly informal dance and card party at her home Saturday evening in honor of her friend, Gertrude Skow of Ontario. At the close of an enjoyable evening dainty refreshments were served. Five couples were present.
 J. L. Brown, E. Frost S. J. Simpson L. L. and I. I. Culbertson were among the ranchers from Oregon Slope in attendance at the Dairy Loan meeting held at Ontario Wednesday evening.
 Bernard Frost was the guest of his sister Mrs. Stanley Brown of Ontario Thursday night.
 George Culp drove to Nyssa Friday with a load of furniture for Mr. Johnstone, returning Sunday.
 W. D. Graham of Payette, is spending the winter at the Otto Miller ranch.
 Gordon Boals is carrying his arm in a sling as a result of a badly sprained wrist, sustained while cranking a Ford last Thursday.

Misses Lena Haunts, Prudence Rabey and Lella Bartshe visited friends in Ontario Thursday evening.
 Mrs. S. J. Simpson and Mrs. K. N. Osborn were guests Saturday at the home of Mrs. Johnstone.
 A pleasant surprise was planned Monday evening by the young folks of the Slope in honor of Milo Loveland who is returning to his home in Aberdeen, after spending several months on the Slope. The affair was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jensen. Games were enjoyed throughout the evening after which refreshments were served.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arner Gorton and daughter, Audrey, spent the week end with the former's parents at Payette.
 Jesse Newton and family have moved into the property formerly occupied by the Penningtons.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilcox and Mrs. Henry Besoier were pleasantly entertained at dinner Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moss of Payette. Music was enjoyed later in the evening.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT
H. LEE NOE, SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR

Balance Taxes Uncollected, June 30, 1921	\$660,927.04		
Sheriff's Assessments Since June 30, 1921	65.16		
Penalty & Interest Collected since June 30, 1921	6,066.40		
Taxes Collected Since June 30, 1921		290,962.87	
Balance Taxes uncollected, Dec. 31, 1921.			870,229.33
		\$667,058.60	\$667,058.60

STATE OF OREGON)
 ss.
 County of (Malheur)
 I, H. Lee Noe, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Malheur County, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Dated at Vale, Oregon this 31st day of December 1921.
 H. LEE NOE, Sheriff and Tax Collector
 By Philip Schunr, Deputy

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF C. C. MUELLER, COUNTY TREASURER OF MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON
 Showing balance on hand July 1st, 1921, amounts received, disbursed and Balance on hand December 31st, 1921.

Account	July 1st 1921	Received	Disbursed	Balance December 1921
Cash Account	\$167,536.55	\$355,787.92	\$418,506.12	\$104,798.35
State Taxes	3925.12	74171.49	75635.54	2461.07
General Fund	60515.98	33806.71	73057.30	20365.39
County School	14958.62	13994.40	12455.71	16494.32
State School	1017.49	6050.87	4179.17	2889.19
County High School	5843.97	4791.77	6187.29	4448.45
Union High School	0.00	2209.26	2105.86	103.40
Elementary School	418.80	12082.55	313.95	12187.40
General Road	1639.32	30635.60	30632.50	1762.42
State Highway	11557.88	15.23	8650.22	2922.89
Library	1396.91	1971.13	1801.44	1566.60
City of Vale	0.00	7291.72	7217.45	74.27
City of Vale road fund	0.00	848.16	839.63	8.53
City of Ontario	0.00	9521.40	9101.26	420.14
City of Ontario road fund	0.00	1518.32	1452.07	66.25
City of Nyssa	0.00	2983.22	2959.48	23.74
City of Nyssa road fund	0.00	511.80	507.77	4.03
City of Jordan Valley	0.00	608.88	582.95	25.93
City of Jordan Valley Road fund	0.00	171.90	164.96	6.94
Juntura Road Fund	0.42	93.79	89.07	5.14
County Fair	0.00	984.53	984.53	0.00
Dog License	178.39	9.00	40.00	147.39
Indemnity	177.50	0.00	0.00	177.50
Estates of Deceased	1599.25	0.00	0.00	1599.25
Rodent Fund	92.05	908.41	241.82	1672.64
Motor License	2328.52	1928.55	4250.00	7.07
Sinking Fund	4758.63	691.14	0.00	5449.67
Dead Ox Flat Irr. Dist.	0.00	14.75	0.00	14.75
Owyhee Irr. Dist.	0.00	16.00	0.00	16.00
Payette - Ore. Slope Irr. District	0.00	20182.33	20182.33	0.00
Warm Springs Irrigation District	0.00	21221.71	18628.53	2593.18
Brogan Irr. Dist.	0.00	1170.15	1170.15	0.00
Slide Irr. Dist.	0.00	1416.10	1416.10	0.00
Malheur Drainage Dist.	26.98	7148.69	6087.57	1088.10
Nyssa - Arcadia Drainage District	0.00	6557.59	6526.46	20.93
Big Bend Drainage Dist.	0.93	0.00	0.00	0.93
Kingman Colony Drain.	0.00	1624.83	1624.83	0.00
Grove Drainage Dist.	0.00	122.15	122.15	0.00
Road District No. 1	78.69	6.78	64.12	21.35
Road District No. 2	8.50	0.62	0.00	9.12
Road District No. 3	79.28	0.00	0.00	79.28
Road District No. 4	13.44	0.03	0.00	13.47
Road District No. 5	0.00	18.78	16.25	2.53
Road District No. 6	316.65	0.72	127.44	189.93
Road District No. 7	12.01	0.00	0.00	12.01
Road District No. 8	731.65	0.73	716.01	16.37
Road District No. 9	365.28	0.72	366.00	0.00
Road District No. 10	27.84	0.00	21.50	6.34
Road District No. 11	12.38	0.00	0.00	12.38
Road District No. 12	156.54	0.00	0.00	156.54
Road District No. 13	46.49	15.42	37.20	24.71
Road District No. 14	1075.86	1.72	741.28	336.30
Road District No. 15	963.95	0.00	297.75	666.20
Road District No. 16	14.82	0.00	0.00	14.82
Road District No. 17	60.94	0.55	4.35	57.14
Road District No. 18	19.21	0.00	13.55	5.66
Road District No. 19	155.90	0.86	0.00	159.76
Road District No. 20	4.72	0.00	0.00	4.72
Road District No. 21	59.34	0.00	0.00	59.34
Brogan-Malheur Road	1907.30	0.00	169.95	1737.35
Columbia Highway	30454.32	0.00	30389.66	64.67
Watson Road	1162.10	0.00	457.32	704.78
John Day Highway	395.70	0.00	322.25	73.45
Market Road	15169.08	21754.34	21310.10	15613.32
School District No. 1	0.00	2416.68	2392.56	24.10
School District No. 2	0.00	378.54	378.56	0.00
School District No. 3	0.00	3614.94	3472.42	142.52
School District No. 4	0.00	667.56	659.48	8.08
School District No. 5	0.00	527.10	87.79	439.31
School District No. 6	0.00	920.03	913.39	6.64
School District No. 7	1.55	0.00	0.00	1.55
School District No. 8	0.00	20899.05	19690.68	1208.42
School District No. 9	0.00	176.94	175.94	1.00
School District No. 10	0.00	1039.05	996.50	42.55
School District No. 11	1.02	239.33	240.35	0.00
School District No. 12	0.00	1024.41	1022.60	1.81
School District No. 13	30.18	188.08	217.90	0.36
School District No. 14	0.00	376.25	308.57	67.68
School District No. 15	0.00	7606.71	7546.01	60.70
School District No. 16	469.19	0.00	0.00	469.19
School District No. 17	20.46	229.10	233.56	16.00
School District No. 18	89.32	564.60	692.61	61.31
School District No. 19	2.44	707.05	705.54	3.95
School District No. 20	408.82	407.35	422.67	25.50
School District No. 21	0.00	9401.13	8925.34	475.79
School District No. 22	2.28	369.62	367.30	4.70
School District No. 23	0.00	194.88	194.88	0.00
School District No. 24	0.00	364.91	327.10	37.81
School District No. 25	0.00	692.30	692.30	0.00
School District No. 26	0.00	776.53	464.18	312.35
School District No. 27	16.65	114.65	124.81	6.49
School District No. 28	0.00	393.43	375.48	17.95
School District No. 29	19.08	344.49	357.87	6.70
School District No. 30	3.33	374.24	369.17	5.40
School District No. 31	0.00	287.76	287.76	0.00
School District No. 32	0.00	282.14	278.95	3.19
School District No. 33	14.41	383.94	284.03	114.32
School District No. 34	12.50	0.00	0.00	12.50
School District No. 35	16.25	213.64	216.16	14.73
School District No. 36	3.54	770.01	787.93	8.62
School District No. 37	160.16	369.48	498.93	20.71
School District No. 38	0.00	135.67	135.67	0.00
School District No. 39	0.00	1564.48	1267.21	307.27
School District No. 40	13.51	33.51	44.94	2.08
School District No. 41	25.35	83.33	105.50	3.18
School District No. 42	0.00	369.90	363.47	6.43
School District No. 43	2.15	245.56	247.71	0.00
School District No. 44	62.82	307.97	368.70	2.09
School District No. 45	2.00	231.86	230.13	3.73
School District No. 46	12.87	240.00	203.14	49.73
School District No. 47	0.00	199.28	185.42	13.86
School District No. 48	111.23	528.50	621.97	17.76
School District No. 49	408.25	44.23	452.48	0.00
School District No. 50	34.58	898.25	879.33	18.50
School District No. 51	8.68	338.22	245.34	1.46
School District No. 52	109.87	0.00	0.00	109.87
School District No. 53	0.00	62.40	62.40	0.00
School District No. 54	0.00	1146.07	1128.82	17.25
School District No. 55	0.00	187.42	187.12	0.30
School District No. 56	94.80	146.65	216.47	24.98
School District No. 57	0.00	179.44	148.39	33.05
School District No. 58	0.00	41.16	30.80	10.36
School District No. 59	0.00	921.12	917.39	3.73
School District No. 60	24.10	241.42	24.10	241.42
School District No. 61	0.00	77.06	59.21	17.85
School District No. 62	2.85	253.15	255.00	0.00
School District No. 63	0.00	293.71	239.96	53.75
School District No. 64	21.89	117.87	139.76	0.00
School District No. 65	8.25	2.59	0.00	10.84
School District No. 66	0.00	150.55	141.28	9.27
School District No. 67	0.00	55.82	55.82	0.00
School District No. 68	0.00	57.96	0.00	57.96
School District No. 69	778.34	158.80	0.00	937.14
School District No. 70	359.21	0.00	0.00	359.21
School District No. 71	20.63	88.44	86.22	22.85
School District No. 72	0.00	494.75	494.75	0