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NEW GRAND JURY CHOSEN IN ACTION

Return Two "True Bills" Against Burglar Bill Graham of Ontario

NUIGENT CASE ON TRIAL

Special Venire Make Quick Work of Choosing of Jury--Next Regular Term of Court April 22nd--Present Session of Court Expected to End Tonight

Jan. A. Lackey, foreman; D. F. Graham, Perry Hayden, C. W. Knowles, James Nurse, J. O. Moudy and John O. Thompson were selected on Thursday morning as members of the grand jury for the remainder of the present term of circuit court and for the next regular term to be held, beginning April 22nd.

After receiving instructions from Circuit Judge Dalton Biggs as to manner of procedure, and as to the exact time of reporting for duty, one week previous to the next regular term, the grand jury retired to the jury room to take up their work.

All the jurors were then excused from further duty, except C. O. Thomas and Mr. Van Curtis, who were retained to serve in case of sickness of any of the members of the grand jury. These two were also instructed to report at the court house April 15th, one week before the next regular term.

The grand jury on Thursday afternoon returned two "true bills" against Bill Graham, one for larceny from the Martin Hardware store and the other for larceny from the Toggery, both robberies having taken place in Ontario. Graham is now in the county jail and his trial will follow Nugent's.

With a special venire, consisting of Ontario residents, a jury was quickly chosen yesterday (Friday) morning for the second trial of the H. E. Nugent case. Nugent was on trial last week when the Enterprise went to press, the jury having on last Saturday failed to return a verdict as eleven stood for conviction and one for acquittal after an all night session. The defendant was indicted for criminal relation with his thirteen year old daughter.

RAILROAD WORK ON IDAHO N. STOPS

W. L. and E. H. Wattis and Division Engineer Smith, of the Utah Construction company, left yesterday, for a trip over the Idaho Northern extension, says last week's Emmett Examiner. It is stated that the men will be called in because of the heavy snow and work will not be resumed until weather conditions permit.

RAILROAD ACTIVITY ON ORE-EASTERN CONTINUES--ROAD WASH OUTS FEARED

Local railroad construction headquarters have been busy the past week sending out more supplies, provisions, and outfits to the numerous railroad camps already established in the Malheur canyon. Work, west of town, in the big gorge is progressing rapidly, wagon roads for the hauling of heavy machinery are being rushed to completion. Contractor Creer, of the Wasatch Company, which has a camp at Mile Post 50, was in town a few days ago. He had been called to Nampa to consult with higher officials. While here Mr. Creer reported work progressing in the canyon rapidly and roads being pushed as fast as possible. Fear of high water was causing more or less trouble among the construction men as the temporary roads might be washed out. There was 17 inches of snow in the canyon, but most of it as already melted and no damage is yet reported.

VALE CITIZENS SIGN BOND AND MAIN LINE OF ORE-EASTERN IS ASSURED

With the signing and sending of the \$10,000 bond to Manager Bancroft of the Oregon Short Line, whereby Vale citizens guarantee to secure and purchase the right-of-way from this city to the mouth of the Malheur Canyon within the next thirty days, Vale is assured of becoming the one great important railroad headquarters of the Northwest. In the connecting point of the Oregon Eastern and Oregon Short Line, as well as being the

HILL TO MAKE BREAK FOR COAST PITTSBURG & GILMORE TO BUILD ROAD

Headed for Vale by Way of Salmon River, Pin Road and Over Dead Ox Flat

That early spring will divulge still greater railroad activity in this section than has been anticipated has just leaked out within the past day or two through the reported authorization of the construction of the Pittsburg & Gilmore railroad down the Salmon river canyon to the junction of the Little Salmon and on to Meadows, where it joins the P. & I. N., running from Meadows to Weiser, and which is said to be controlled by the Chicago & Northern.

The route laid out by the survey, in order to reach the coast, crosses the Snake river at Weiser, passes

along the lower bench land of the Dead Ox Flat in order to make its connection at Vale to pass over the joint road of the Harriman and Hill system through the Malheur canyon, and on across Central Oregon to Coos Bay.

It has been learned today from one who is in a position to know, that the Pittsburg & Gilmore is headed for the Coast and that the Hill people are to get busy in the spring. For several years the Chicago & Northwestern and the Hill interests have been working in close harmony, and now that the Pittsburg & Gilmore has authorized construction on main line down the Salmon river, bent on getting to the Coast, there is nothing more natural than to believe Hill will not be found far behind Harriman.

By building its road down the Sal-

mon river to the Snake and on through the Malheur canyon, Hill has then plenty of room to invade the Harriman territory at either or both of the coast terminal points at Coos Bay or San Francisco.

The Pittsburg & Gilmore road, from Armstead, Mont., to Salmon, Idaho, is completed, and the grading from Salmon to Shoup, located at the eastern end of the Salmon river canyon, is completed.

The report that the Chicago & Northwestern and Hill interests are in co-operation with the Pittsburg & Gilmore railroad is verified by Herbert

G. Wells, of Maney Bros. & Wells, the prominent and well known railroad contractors.

Maney Bros. & Wells are among the large railroad contractors of the west, with headquarters at St. Louis and Oklahoma City. They also have a branch office in Boise, in which Herbert G. Wells is the local representative in looking after the construction work in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. Mr. Wells built the extension of the Pacific Idaho Northern, known as the "Pin" road, of which Colonel E. M. Heigho is president, from Evergreen to New Meadows, and he has been telling his friends confidentially in a quiet way the past year that the Pittsburg & Gilmore is a Hill road. He has some connection with the Northwestern, as most of the engineering and construction has been identified with the

Chicago & Northwestern Back of P. & G.--Hill Back of Move Say R. R. Men

Northwestern and the specifications of construction are identical with those of the Northwestern road. It is also reported that the Pittsburg Gilmore road also has a survey from Weiser along the Snake river headed on a direct water grade to Pasco, Wash., where it will continue its down hill run to Portland over the North Bank railroad.

With this large network of lines of two great competing railroads, the future of the intermountain section looks brighter than ever before. Go to T. T. Nelsen's for furniture.

MALHEUR CO. HOLDS WORLD SCHOOL RECORD

And Shuts Out Challenge to Oregon Sent in by State of Washington

ALL ENTER HIGH SCHOOL

Malheur County Records Show That 100 Per Cent of Eighth Grade Graduates Enter High School--Sherman County Ties Alderman Promises Aid

As the result of receiving the statistics from this county, Oregon is again able to claim the world's record in showing a greater percentage of eighth grade graduates entering high school.

Superintendent S. S. Bush of Yakima county, Washington, is the first to take up Oregon's challenge to the world, made to show a greater percentage of eighth grade graduates entering high school. Oregon's exhibit set forth Lane and Linn counties' records of 81 per cent. Superintendent Bush shows 91.2 per cent for Yakima county.

Records received since Oregon's challenge was made, however, place this state far in the lead again, as in Malheur and Sherman counties every eighth grade graduate of last year has been checked up and found in high school this year, making 100 per cent for those two counties. Three other Oregon counties have also been found which excel Yakima's record.

These are Union with 93 per cent, Benton with 92 and Wallow with 92. If numbers were considered and not individual scholars, many Oregon counties would show more than 100 per cent, for newcomers into the state are starting eighth grade graduates into high schools. State Superintendent Alderman declares Oregon still has the world's record and that he is determined to get the best possible course outlined for these flourishing high schools.

LOCAL LIGHT FIRM DOES GOOD STUNT

Manager Boyd, of the local light plant, yesterday installed a 400 candle power arc light in front of the Vale Light & Water Co. office. It not only helps light the street but draws attention to the fact that the company is in business here and has "light juice" to sell. It always pays to advertise your business.

COUNTY COURT MAKES APPOINTMENTS

ROAD DISTRICT SUPERVISORS ARE NAMED

New District is Created in the Northern Part of the County -- Following is List of Men Appointed by County Commissioners--Many Old Ones Retained

On account of the large territory which has heretofore been covered by some of the different road supervisors, the county court at its recent session created a new district in the north part of the county, placing Bonita and Ironside together and leaving only Mormon Basin and Malheur in the old.

The appointments were made as follows:--District No. 1, Rex Marquis; No. 2, W. L. Gibson; No. 3, Felix Barkley; 4 Edward Mullen; 5 C. C. Kilburn; M. C. Logan; 7, G. W. Sharp; 8 Alfred Wilkinson; 9 A Venator; 10, D. N. Turner; 11, J. E. Lacey; 12, D. K. Worsham; 13 J. G. White; 14, T. Chas Frichard.

BURNS MAN TAKES CHARGE OF LOCAL STAGE OFFICE

Frank Gowan, of Burns, arrived in town a few days ago to take charge of the local Burns stage office during the two week's absence of Agent C. B. Smith, who is to leave in a day or two for the interior. Mr. Gowan and A. Meresse of the Enterprise attended the same college about eight years and had not seen each other since then.

REGISTRATION OFFICERS ARE ALL SELECTED

County Clerk Frank Morfitt opened the registration book for this city on January 1st and already a number of voters have registered. Books for other precincts are now being prepared and will be sent out soon.

Following is the list of registration officers selected for the different precincts of the county. The books will be sent to them within a few days when they can be opened:--Jordan Valey, C. C. Robinson; Nyssa, Robert VanGillse; Ontario, G. L. King; Vale, County Clerk; Westfall, A. M. Moody; Summit, R. H. Wilkinson; Juniper, William Cowgill; Three Forks, J. M. Lamb; Red Butte, R. J. Ivers; Barren Valley, L. L. Seaward; Big Bend, D. L. Miller; Grange, M. F. Hall; Skull Springs, S. Gould; Star, Edwin Armstrong; Juntura, John U. Hoffman; Crowley, Ira K. Venator; Castle Rock, Dan Gilkey; Carlie, A. E. Nichols; Malheur, Goe. H. Bodfish; Bonita, Anson Powell; Bully, J. G. Lamberson; Harper, Robert Bixby; Basin, L. H. Hockley; Jamieson, L. J. Pope; Cario, J. M. Butler; Arcadia, J. J. Fleming; Brogan, Dick T. Breedlove; Snake River, W. G. Thomas; Owyhee, N. B. Matthiessen.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSES RAISE SCHOOL LEVY

Brogan Leads With Special School Levy of Fifteen Mills--Ontario Next With Eleven Mills--Vale Follows With Tax of Ten Mills

The Special levies for the different school districts of the county have been placed as follows, Brogan showing the largest with a levy of 15 mills, Ontario coming next with an 11 mill levy and Vale with a 10 mill levy, all due to the beautiful and costly school buildings that have been erected during the past year. Riverside district--No. 55--comes in with 11 mills, and Nyssa--No. 26--with a 6 mill special levy:--School District No. 1, fifteen mills; No. 2 two and three-tenths mills; No. 3 two and five-tenths mills; No. 4 three and two-tenths mills; 8, eleven mills; 11, five mills; 13 three mills; 2, four mills; 24, one and four-tenths mills; 26, six mills; 27 two mills; 28 one mill; 33 three mills; 31, three mills; 33 one mill; 34 five mills; 36, .012 of a mill; 38 three mill; 41 five mills; 42 one mill; 43, three and three-tenths mills; 45, two mills; 46, one mill; 47, four mill; 48 five mills; 49, three mills; 50 one mill; 51, eight-tenths of a mill; 52, twenty-five hundredths of a mill; 53 two and four-tenths; 54 five mills; 55 eleven mills; 56 five mills; 57, three mills 58, two and one-tenth mills 59, five mills.

VALUATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS

In Malheur County as Assessed by the Board of State Tax Commissioners --Railroad Lines \$1,459,152 --Telephones \$32,199 Telegraph \$4,601

The valuation of public service corporations in Malheur county as assessed by the Board of Tax Commissioners was received the past week by County Clerk Morfitt. The list will be of special interest to the people of this county and is given as follows:-- Twelve and fifty-two hundredths miles of main line O. S. L. at 60,060 per mile, \$751,950; Brogan branch, 23.74 miles at \$15,400 per mile, \$365,596; Vale branch, 13.59 miles at \$24,640 per mile, \$334,858; Pullman company operating on main line of O. S. L. 12.52 miles \$6,748. The American Express company property is valued as follows:--On the Vale branch 13.59 miles, \$2,030; on the main line \$5,534. The property of the Western Union Telegraph company in Malheur county is assessed at \$4,601 for the 77.60 miles. The Nyssa-Owyhee Independent Telephone of 174 miles, \$2,278. The Ontario Independent Telephone consisting of 266 miles, \$7,578. The Malheur Home Telephone, 296 miles \$12,536. (Continued on last page)

COUNTY FRUIT INSPECTOR JOB GOES TO LACKEY

Appointment of Stock Inspector is Put off to Special Term of County Court to be Held Next Month--Sailer Bid is Accepted

James A. Lackey, of Ontario, was appointed county fruit inspector for 1912 by the county board of commissioners at their regular session held last week. Among other business transacted was the acceptance of the Andrew Sailer bid of \$450 for the installing of new mortgage indexes for the county, work to commence at once. The appointment of stock inspector was continued until the special term to be held in February. J. A. Brooks, of Jordan Valley, was a Vale visitor the past week during circuit court. F. A. Miller, of Riverview, spent the past week in the city, having been called here to serve on the jury. Let the Enterprise do it!

OIL DRILL DROPPED AT THE SUNSET

D. M. Hunt of La Grande Has Completed Erection of Drrick and J. A. C. Freund of Bakersfield, Cal., Takes Management in North Vale Field

The big drill at the Sunset Oil & Gas Co's derrick in the North Vale oil field was dropped the past week and active operations are now on in the drilling of another hole in this section in the search for an oil gusher. It is good news to learn that J. A. C. Freund, recently of the Bakersfield oil district, has taken charge of the drilling at the Sunset, for a man of his experience must know what is to be found in this oil field. Mr. Hunt, who has been erecting the derrick, left on last Tuesday for his home in LaGrande. Mr. Hunt had already built three derricks in this field for T. W. Davidson the oil man, and also had charge of the Eastern Oregon oil well, having drilled that hole to the depth of 1100 feet, when Davidson purchased all the interests in the machinery from Mr. Hunt and his associates.

BEN STARLING "NOT GUILTY" STEALING COW

Is Verdict Returned by Jury After Three Day's Trial in Circuit Court ACTION IN CIVIL CASES Numerous Suits Are Settled and Dismissed--Set for Hearing--Court Expected to Adjourn To-day for Term

On Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock the jury in the case of the State of Oregon versus Ben Starling returned a verdict of "not guilty" on the charge of larceny of a cow from the Pacific Live Stock Co. The jury was out only five hours after having heard the case for nearly three days. During the lengthy trial many people from Westfall were in the city as witnesses, while others were drawn to town out of curiosity to hear the details of the case. The law firm of Hayes & Crandall, of this city, represented the defendant, while District Attorney McCulloch for the state

GRANGERS TALK OVER SINGLE TAX

At Session of Malheur County Pomona Held at Nyssa Yesterday Under Auspices of the Owyhee Grange--J. E. Johnson Represents Local Grange

J. Edwin Johnson left on Thursday afternoon's train for Nyssa as a representative of the Utopian Grange to the Malheur County Pomona which met in the Gate City Friday. Sessions were held all day, when representatives of all the different granges of the county, took part in the discussions. The single tax question came up and was generally discussed. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Owyhee Grange. On account of the lack of accommodations in the Owyhee district for the many visitors, it had been previously agreed to hold the Pomona meeting in Nyssa. was aided by Attorney John L. Band of Baker. (Continued on Page 4)

ELECTRIC RAILWAY ROUTE MAPPED BY MAINLANDS WILL TAP THIS SECTION

According to most reliable information comes the news today that the Mainland electric power interests, supposed to be backed by J. Pierpont Morgan, and better known lately as the Southern Idaho Light, Heat and Power Company, are rushing plans for pushing to completion this summer the electric railway extension of the Boise & Interurban from Caldwell, and that surveyors will be in the field within thirty days. This line will tap all the richest section of Malheur county and will eventually weave a regular net work of electric railway roads in the intermountain country. Leaving Cadwell the route mapped out goes along the Roswell bench, across the Snake river into the rich Kingman Colony district in this county through Nyssa and east of Arcadia, turning west up the Malheur Valley in order to tap the fertile country around Vale and on up the Willow River valley from whence it will cut-off through Moores Hollow to Weiser.

MAYOR HARRY FLYNN'S SUCCESSOR MUST ALSO BE A PROGRESSIVE

With the announcement today that Mayor Harry Flynn would not be a candidate for re-election, as head of the city government, is recalled to mind the many improvements that have been made under his most progressive administration. Much credit is due Mayor Flynn, in fact much more than his fellow citizens are prone to bestow upon him, for the manner in which he has ruled the past year as chief executive of the thriving city of Vale. It was through his untiring efforts that the water and sewer systems were rushed to early completion, giving this city the best water on earth and also placing the town in a perfect sanitary condition. Further, Mayor Flynn took the initiative in the many civic improvements undertaken during past twelve months. Several miles of cement walks and crossings were put in, many miles of streets were improved graded and gravelled; a city jail was erected; two parks were improved; a public sanitary fountain was installed; the fire department was equipped with splendid apparatus, the city was generally cleaned up and beautified; and now the new city charter is being completed for its acceptance at the coming election. Mayor Flynn has at all times displayed his seal of civic pride and his sterling qualities of progressiveness. The pace has been set and the city of Vale, to continue its march of progress and growth, requires another wide awake executive. Mayor Flynn's successor will have to be up and doing.