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HIGH COST OF VOTING.

At this time when the high cost of taxation is interesting the people of Malheur county more than it ever did before, it might be well for the people to look into the matter of the cost of holding primary elections for the nomination of candidates.

In the recent primary election there were only 1265 votes cast, as follows: Republican 725, democratic 515, progressive 25. The cost of the election was \$2,000, the expense consisting of the following items:

Ballots and election notices... \$222.50

Election officers, returning boxes, etc... 1067.35

Delivering supplies... 275.00

Supplies and incidentals... 415.15

Total... \$2000.00

The average cost of recording each vote was \$1.55, and this despite the fact that there was not a serious contest for a single county office in Malheur county, and very few on the state tickets.

Practically the same expense was incurred for each of the three parties represented on the ballots, hence the fewer votes cast by each party the higher the cost of recording each.

Three precincts held no election, Jones, Harper and McDermitt, yet the county paid the expense of printing three sets of ballots, buying the other election supplies, delivering and returning the ballot boxes, just the same as if an election had been held, and the average cost per precinct was about \$60.

At Skullspring, where only 10 votes were cast by all parties, it cost the county \$6. per vote, and the same ratio held good in the other small precincts.

Everybody is in favor of the "let the people rule" policy of government, but the taxpayers would certainly prefer to let them rule at less than \$1.55 a vote.

Under the old convention system there was no expense to the county in putting a ticket in the field, and politicians took the precaution not to bunch their candidates in one town or community, no matter how large its vote, but under our present primary nominations, the communities with the heavy vote can take every office and the more sparsely settled communities have no representation.

A perfected primary election system is no doubt better than the old convention system, but the one Oregon is working under at the present time certainly lacks much of being a perfect system. It is cumbersome, weak and unnecessarily expensive, and the politician has just as good an opportunity to manipulate the primary as he formerly did with the convention.

It disorganizes parties and every politician makes his own platform, adopting catch-phrases to catch votes, with no organization behind him to guarantee the fulfillment of any pledge or to be responsible for his platform. It is every fellow for himself, catch as catch can, and the taxpayers foot the bills.

We realize that it is very unpopular at the present day and date to antagonize anything that is a part of "let the people rule," but the present Oregon primary system would better be called "let the people pay," for the politician can still rule with as much dexterity and more ease than he did under the old convention system, while the convention costs the people nothing and the primary increases taxes at the rate of \$1.55 per vote in Malheur county.

Under the convention system if the voters of a precinct did not care to take part in the nomination of candidates, they simply lost their representation in the convention and nobody was out anything, but at the recent primary, when three precincts refused to take part in the nominations, the taxpayers were required to dig up \$180. for the privilege of offering them an opportunity to take part.

The primary law, with its clap trap combination to "let the people rule," should be fixed so it would not cost the price of a day's work to let each man vote, or it should be abolished.

R. F. Outcault: "Poor old Mrs. Justice. It's a good thing she is blind-folded so she can't see the things that are pulled off in her name."

CRITICISM

No president confronted by a situation of doubt and peril escapes criticism, says the Washington Star. One might go further and say that no president escapes criticism, be the seas on which he sails the ship of state ever so tranquil. And, insofar as that criticism is honest, this condition is well enough. Criticism, even of an adverse nature, is apt to bring out the best in man, and is frequently helpful in showing something he might not have observed himself.

A correspondent of the New York American quotes Roosevelt as saying on his way home from South America that he will run again only on the Progressive platform, accepted by the Republicans. If the report is true says a Vale standpatter it isn't hard to figure out that he isn't going to run.

It is so natural to abuse the opposition that it was not surprising that Oswald G. Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post, who spoke at the Kansas newspaper conference at Lawrence this week, took a good many falls out of William R. Hearst, of the New York American, and his style of journalism. In this he, of course, had the sympathy of all his hearers.

You think, perhaps, that following the fire department is a small town trick, but a Chicago paper relates that it was necessary to close the alarm office there the fire fans who hung around all day in order to get a line on fires they hoped to see. These fans became so numerous they interfered with the service, and also confirm our theory that much of the jays live in large cities, large cities being more populous.

Vale's lady voters say the militants shouldn't hack up the British art galleries, even though many of the grand old masters are overestimated a good deal.

The wheat prospect is enough to make trans shun Oregon, and the situation has other advantages which are easily apparent.

Newspaper articles that are thrown on the screens in the moving picture theaters indicate that there is a lot of hash slingers in the newspaper business.

This probably is about the first time in the world that a section hand ever bluffed so big a guy as Uncle Sam.

AUTOMOBILE TIRES AT FACTORY PRICES

Table with columns: Tire, Tube, Price. Lists various tire sizes and their corresponding prices.

All other sizes in stock. Non-Skid tires 15 per cent additional, red tubes ten per cent above gray. All new, clean, fresh, guaranteed tires. Best standard and independent makes. Buy direct from us and save money. 5 per cent discount if payment in full accompanies each order. C.O.D. on 10 per cent deposit. Allowing examination.

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These tires bear the greatest known mileage guarantee, yet are sold at a price even less than tires of ordinary guarantee. This guarantee covers punctures, blow-outs and general wear. Guarantee covers 7,500 miles service against everything except abuse. These tires are intended for most severe service.

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All other sizes. Non-Skida 20 per cent extra. 5 per cent discount if payment in full accompanies order and if two are so ordered, shipping charges will be paid by us. C.O.D. on 15 per cent of amount of order. Our output is limited, so we suggest early ordering. We sell direct only, giving purchaser the advantage of all middlemen's profits.

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NON-PUNCTURE TIRE FACTORY Dayton, Ohio

"I have also grown old enough to appreciate that a house is an improvement over a tent: one can't stay young forever, y'understand," - Rufus Hoskins.

Following a quarrel with his wife a Jamieson man resolved never to say another word. And he didn't until his mule kicked him.

MALHEUR ENTERPRISE

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For a limited time only, six pairs of our finest 35c value Guaranteed Hosiery any color with written guarantee and a pair of our well known Men's Paradise Garters for one dollar, and 10c for postage, etc. You know these hose; they stood the test when all others failed. They give real foot comfort. They have no seams to rip. They never become loose and baggy as the shape is knit in, not pressed in. They are guaranteed for fitness, for style, for superiority of material and workmanship, absolutely stainless and to wear six months without holes, or a new pair free.

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MIAMI PUBLISHING COMPANY Dayton, Ohio

If men are really honest 95 per cent of them will admit that women are more economical and better managers than men.

Moving picture syndicates are denouncing our war policy in bitter terms.

PRACTICAL TALKS BY GOVERNMENT FARM EXPERTS

No. V. - How to Deepen Soil - Imported Meats. Girls' Canning Clubs.

The girls' canning clubs, unique organizations started by the United States department of agriculture among rural girls, have reached a membership of over 33,000. The work is under the control of the farmers' co-operative demonstration division of the bureau of plant industry, which has issued the following statement on the subject:

"The club label will always bear the motto 'To Make the Best Better.' Every girl who joins a club is urged to put forth her best efforts to learn and to become skillful. It is a good thing to know about the soil, plants and nature. It is an accomplishment also to learn the arts of cooking and house-keeping. A girl who does this work well for a year will take a decided step toward self improvement and efficiency.

"Fresh vegetables should not be sold unless a profit can be made, and here is where the home canner will come to the rescue. The canned products will usually command a fair price, and they can be kept until the market is ready for them. Care should be taken to see that only first class products are put on the market, because the reputation of the clubs and of the individual members is at stake. Perfect cleanliness and an honest pack are absolutely necessary. There will be no difficulty in creating a strong demand for all of the products if the motto and purposes of the clubs are strictly followed.

"In case no winter cover crop is used the level land should be disked or harrowed two or three times during the winter, provided it is dry enough. Give good drainage to all parts of the field, and any cultivation done after the deep fall breaking should be shallow, not more than three or four inches deep.

"Generally the plow may be set down eight, ten or twelve inches with impunity. Double plowing—that is, to break at the usual depth and then follow in the same furrow with a narrower plow or a subsoil plow and go down as deep as desired—is better than shallow plowing, though a little more expensive than the use of the disk plow and not so effective. Many trials made on a great variety of soils show that the cost of plowing ten inches deep is on an average about 50 per cent more than ordinary breaking, and in double plowing the initial cost averages \$1.25 per acre.

"No principle in agriculture has been more thoroughly demonstrated than the value of a deep and thoroughly prepared seed bed. The Romans plowed, on an average, nine inches deep, always three times for a crop and in some land nine times. They did not call three inches plowing, only 'scarifying.' The Flemish farmers were the first to follow the better lines of agriculture after the dark ages. They devoted their efforts to three main points—the frequent deep pulverization of the soil, the accumulation of manure and the destruction of weeds.

"On the sugar plantations of Louisiana the average depth of plowing is from twelve to fifteen inches, and on the Eua plantation in Hawaii the average depth of plowing is thirty inches. These plantations produce the largest crops of sugar cane to the acre in the world.

"Experiments made by the farmers' co-operative demonstration agents of the department developed that a thoroughly pulverized seed bed filled with humus has the following advantages: It provides more food because it increases chemical action and multiplies bacterial life in the larger body of soil. It stores more moisture and loses the moisture less rapidly on account of its lower strata and the presence of more humus. It increases the number of roots that a plant growth will throw out and allows them to root deeper and find permanent moisture, and it obviates the necessity of terracing because it holds the water in suspension.

"Humus enables the soil to store more moisture, increases its temperature, makes it more porous, furnishes plant food, stimulates chemical action and fosters bacterial life."

Inspection of Imported Meats. Section 545 of the new tariff law provides that meat and meat food products imported into the United States shall be subject to the regulations made by the secretary of agriculture and when duly admitted shall be deemed and treated as domestic meats within the meaning of the federal meat inspection and pure food laws.

The regulations of the secretary of agriculture, effective Oct. 4, require that imported meats be accompanied by a certificate issued by the proper authorities of the foreign country, showing that the meat was from healthy animals, verified by an ante-mortem and a post-mortem veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter, and that the meat is sound, healthful, fit for human food and contains no harmful or prohibited ingredients. In addition to this, before admission to the United States a careful inspection at port of entry is made of the meats by inspectors of the bureau of animal industry, which bureau conducts the federal meat inspection service.

Milk Easily Contaminated. Milk quickly becomes contaminated when exposed to the air or when placed in unclean vessels, according to dairy experts of the department of agriculture. Milk must be kept cool to prevent the bacteria already in it from multiplying to a point where it is undesirable. Producers and dealers have done their duty if they give the consumer a bottle of clean, cold, unadulterated milk, free from the bacteria which cause disease. The consumer must then do his part if he wants clean, wholesome milk for himself and his family. Milk dipped from a can or drawn from the faucet of a can may be a source of danger and should be avoided where it is possible to get bottles of milk, according to the specialists of the department of agriculture.

Huerta still has time to drink himself to death before Villa can reach the capital. Indians don't seem very clanish. Look at the way Senator Owen hopped Huerta.

After a man has fried a few hamands he thinks he is qualified to tell his wife a few things about cooking. A Vale man refers to himself as a volcanologist, as he has made a thorough study of the manners of his wife. A man who has been married ten years and has no tight fence around his yard has to bear a lot of silly jokes.

PUBLIC DIRECTORY

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Circuit Court for Malheur county meets in Vale, the county seat, on the second Monday in January; on the fourth Monday in April; and on the first Tuesday in September for regular sessions. Hon. Dalton Biggs, Circuit Judge; W. H. Brooke, District Attorney; John P. Houston, Clerk.

COUNTY COURT The County Court for Malheur county meets for regular session in Vale every other month commencing with January. The sessions begin on the first Wednesday of those months.

CHURCHES St. Patrick's Church—Rev. Thomas J. Brady, pastor. Mass every first, second and third Sunday of every month, at 10 a. m. sharp. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., and rosary, sermon and benediction in the evening at 7:30. All classes are invited to assist. Strangers shown every courtesy.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. C. E. Helman, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Endeavor 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings 8 p. m. Christian—Bible School at 10 a. m. Frank Mulkey, supt. Mrs. T. Nelson Asst. Supt. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society Sunday evening at 6:30. Francis L. Cook, pastor.

Episcopal—Regular monthly services, morning and evening, on the third Sunday in every month. Rev. Owen F. Jones, rector.

LODGES Vale No. 142 A. F. & A. M. Meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Odd Fellows hall, J. P. Dunaway, Sec. Golden Chain Chapter of Eastern Star. Meets on first and third Fridays in I. O. O. F. building. Miss Elma Raymond, sec. Vale Lodge No. 100, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday in I. O. O. F. hall, I. W. Hope, Sec. Encampment meets on every second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. G. Wheeler, sec. Advance Lodge No. 105, K. of P. Meets every 2d and 4th Monday. C. A. Gilham, K. of R. and S. Vale Camp, No. 5496, Modern Woodmen of America. A. E. Schmidt, clerk. Meets second and fourth Fridays.

Progressive Camp, No. 817, Woodmen of the World, W. S. Parks, sec. Meets on second and fourth Fridays in each month in I. O. O. F. Bldg. Angelus Circle, No. 670, Women of Woodcraft. Meets the last Wednesday of each month. Mrs. R. E. Wentz, sec. Vale Assembly No. 450, United Artists; meets second and fourth Mondays.

SOCIETIES Mendelssohn Glee Club; C. B. Smith, director; meets for practice every Tuesday night. Knights of the Triangle; for boys between ages of 14 and 21; meets inclusive; meets at Chamber of Commerce rooms every Friday evening. Charles Crandall, president; James Cook, vice-president; Carsten Mueller, Secretary; Millard Nelson, treasurer; Clyde Ellis, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. Cook, Rev. Helman and C. C. Mueller, advisory committee, with the boy officers.

BOOSTER CLUBS Chamber of Commerce of Vale. George E. Davis, president; Leo H. Schmidt, vice-president; C. C. Mueller, R. E. Wentz, T. W. Davidson, G. W. McKnight and Leonard Cole, directors; Harry Osborne, acting secretary. Club meets every Monday evening in Chamber of Commerce club rooms. Visitors cordially welcomed. Civic Improvement Club meets on the second Thursday of every month. Mrs. R. E. Wentz, president. Mrs. C. C. Mueller, secretary. Mrs. R. W. Eames, treasurer.

PUBLIC LIBRARY Vale's Public Library and Free Reading Room located in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. It is open to all between the hours of 7:45 to 9:30 p. m. on Tuesdays, 8 to 4 and 7:45 to 9:30 p. m. on Saturdays. It is under the supervision of the Ladies Civic Improvement Club.

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