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THE BALLOTS ARE DIFFERENT

Official and Sample Ballots Not Identical.

The attention of voters is called to the new method of printing the ballots. The former method at primary elections has been to print the names of candidates alphabetically on the official ballot and when a large number were running for an office for which one was to be elected, it was considered an advantage to be first on the ballot, giving a candidate, whose name began with a letter well down the alphabet, the worst of it. The 1915 legislature passed an act requiring the names on the official ballot to be rotated, when there are five or more candidates for the same office, as many times in each precinct as there are candidates. Thus each candidate will appear at the head of the list in every precinct. The sample ballot, is of course not rotated.

The Malheur Enterprise, being equipped with a linotype and excellent facilities for such work has kept the money for this work in the county which otherwise might have been sent into a neighboring state.

The rotation entails an enormous amount of labor and constant care. The rotation would be practically impossible with hand set type.

SENATOR STEWART A VISITOR IN VALE.

Senator Loring V. Stewart, of Grant county, has been in Vale the past week having been a witness in the case of Blackwell vs. the O. S. L. R. Co., for damages to cattle in shipping.

Senator Stewart is a good roads enthusiast and is hopeful of success in getting the road from Vale and Ontario via Unity through the John Day country to meet the Columbia Highway.

"Nothing," said Senator Stewart, "will develop our country and improve our condition as much as a first class road across the country. With the improved motor trucks now built and their great efficiency, a good road is about as convenient as a railroad. This road will prove a splendid feeder to the railroads, will bring an isolated section of country in close touch with the world and give the touring public one of the most beautiful scenic routes in the west."

POLITICAL PUNCTUATIONS

Gaily the butchering of gladiators goes gressomely forward. The delights and joys of destroying each others character, where that can be done, seem to be great. Stepping outside their own limited sphere of action, when invective, innuendo and insinuation fails to move a doubting suffragist some of our noble gladiators attack the candidate for some other office.

It's one of the beauties of the primary laws. There seems to be no power to direct or control and party lines become obliterated in a mad attempt to do the other fellow.

As for expense, the corrupt practice act keeps the money spending proclivities of a conscientious candidate down but has no more effect than the prohibition law does on a bootlegger, on the other kind.

Blessed as is Malheur county with none but experts in their several lines aspiring to office (their word for it anyway) there is no possibility of the county suffering from the ultimate result.

Oregon is to be congratulated on demonstrating to the country the peculiar workings of the present system and the rest of the country ought to come to her assistance and help pay the bill, which is large.

While not all people are generous, the motion for a vote of thanks usually carries.

TOO LITTLE ATTENTION IS PAID SUBJECT OF TAXATION

Fred Palmer, prominent business man from Jordan Valley and well known throughout the Northwest, was in Vale the past week on business.

Mr. Palmer said, in regard to taxation: "It is very certain that the average citizen pays too little attention to taxation. When taxes are low he pays none at all and when they suddenly rise and begin to hurt his pocket, he very properly begins an investigation. As a general thing the first question is the necessity for the first tax. If the necessity exists and the money is properly spent, the country getting a reasonable value for each dollar paid in, the taxpayer is satisfied. Results are what he demands and I think such demand is just."

Mr. Palmer finds a strange inconsistency in the school district assessment in his section. District No. 3 has increased 40 per cent and district No. 53 adjoining has fallen about 50 per cent.

JAMES KYLE FOR COMMISSIONER

James Kyle, citizen of Umatilla County and Mayor of Stanfield, today announces himself as candidate for the position of Commissioner of the Public Service Commission, on another page of the Enterprise.

Mr. Kyle is a man of affairs thoroughly conversant with the railroad business and well able to handle the office to which he aspires. He brings an unprejudiced mind and innate desire to deal fairly with both the public and the public utilities of the state, to the position and thus promises if elected.

His succinct slogan is: Oregon needs capital; Encourage it, but should it show tendencies toward oppression, regulate it."

With these views and ability to carry them out should make Mr. Kyle a first class commissioner. He comes from the most populous county in Eastern Oregon and expects a rousing home vote.

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES OF WEEK

In the Circuit Court for the week the case of State vs. Morris Powell which resulted in a mistrial last term, occupied some time resulting in a verdict of acquittal. Hurley and Hayes for Powell. Brooke for the State.

H. Y. Blackwell vs. Oregon Short Line R. R., for damages to stock in transit and delay in loading at Juntura resulted in a verdict for Blackwell of something over \$900. Rand and Gallagher for Blackwell and Thompson, of Salt Lake with Lees of Ontario for the railroad.

In the case of Howery vs. Wade for the collection of a note in payment for a stallion; Wade brought in a counter claim for \$1282 paid on a former note resulting in a verdict for the defendant. McCulloch and Wood for Wade and Hurley and Barbee for Howery.

GRAVELED ROADS FOR MALHEUR

Preparations are being made to gravel some of Malheur county's roads. H. W. Ireland, agent for the Coast Flume company, has been in Vale the past two weeks setting up a new grader and will erect the machinery purchased of that company for the purpose of sizing and crushing gravel off the roads.

The machinery is being erected on a gravel bar about two miles east of Vale. A rock breaker has been purchased from Wells Bros., contractor on the Bully creek dam, where they will no longer need a breaker.

Thus the county will be prepared to enter into construction of a highway immediately upon conclusion of the surveys which the state may make across the county.

It is the real nice appearing man who tricks us. We don't trust the other kind.

A circular advises people to "plant nut trees." As if we hadn't enough of those fellows already.

No, the man who leads a double life isn't the one who does two men's work.

CAPTAIN GOWAN ON A VISIT TO MALHEUR COUNTY.

A. W. Gowan, the Harney county candidate for the joint senatorship of Grant, Malheur and Harney counties seems hopeful of success at the coming primaries. Capt. Gowan says: "Prospects are fine in our county for the coming season as compared with the past, but we need some simple legislation which will enable the farmer to get in on the same basis as other industrials when they desire money. Long time and low rates are to be strived for to the best of our legislative ability and experience. I have been many years watching the slow development of Harney and Malheur and have hoped that something in the way of reasonable assistance to irrigation, drainage and rural credits might come about. Private enterprise has gone about as far as possible and now it is necessary for the people to co-operate at the polls as well as elsewhere in their interest."

By co-operating in the selection of experience and knowledge to represent them in their legislative assembly and then co-operating in using the laws given them to their advantage and soon both Harney, Grant and Malheur will forge to the front where their magnificent resources warrant them in being.

"If elected," continued the Captain, "I will give the best of an extended experience and my entire attention to the wants of my constituency."

FIRST BAND CONCERT SUNDAY

The concert given by the Vale Concert Band Sunday afternoon, under the direction of C. M. Crandall, was well attended and appreciated. The repertoire consisted of a number of solos, sacred selections, which were executed in an excellent manner.

The court house lawn was well occupied, and in the absence of seating room, a number of autos were parked around the shade trees. Everyone reported themselves well pleased with the concert.

Generally speaking, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting are the duller reading.

A girl can't help the fact that she is bow-legged, but she can wear longer skirts.

Only a few girls are so good looking that slouchy clothes are becoming to them.

DISTRICT BONDS SELL AT GOOD FIGURE.

The Teel Irrigation District has succeeded in disposing of their bonds amounting to \$1,100,000 to the same firm that took the bonds of the Suttle Lake District some time ago and it is expected that the Paradise Irrigation District will dispose of their issue amounting to \$2,759,510 to the same parties.

The party taking the bond is a large contractor from Vancouver, B. C., and is able to dispose of the bonds to English and Canadian investors who wish to place their money in the United States.

It is thus seen that there is no difficulty to be experienced in handling irrigation bonds under the right conditions. The Warm Springs project hopes to be able to get the government to help them as that project is well known to be the most feasible in the west.

FIRE DESTROYS A VALE HOME

The house of J. M. McKinney burned to the ground Monday morning early. The destruction was complete and the large family were left with neither food for breakfast nor clothes.

Frank Glenn was instrumental in taking up a collection of \$100.00 and the Ladies Civic Club hastily provided clothes.

REX CONTRACTS UNIVERSAL

Manager Quisenberry, of the Rex, announces that beginning with next week, a return will be made to the Universal service, with a four reel nightly program, two features a week and a brand new serial story. A representative of the Universal company was in the city last week, and made the new contract with Vale's movie show.

There are invalids who seem to enjoy being sick and having people wait on them.

If you don't succeed, the chances are it is because of something else besides lack of advice.

BUSINESS AT U. S. LAND OFFICE RAPIDLY INCREASING

"April of 1916 leads April, 1915, about 4,000 acres." Said Thos. Jones, Register of the Vale Land Office.

Thus is indicated in the local land office the fact that attention is being turned to the possibilities of Malheur county as furnishing opportunity to get land.

When the stock homestead act becomes a law it is expected that there will be a rush for the higher lands where springs and grass abound.

SHOE FINISHING MACHINE AT MCKAY'S STORE

Wm. McKay, of McKay's Variety Store, is the owner of a patented machine for the finishing of shoe soles, which was shipped to the store a short time ago. With the use of the new machine, Mr McKay can turn out a neater job, in a shorter time, and he invites the public to come in and look it over.

DANCE BY CIVIC CLUB

The benefit dance given by the Ladies Civic Club jointly with the Vale band proved a social and financial success.

A large crowd was in attendance and all enjoyed the excellent music of the band.

W. P. KEADY ON POTASH

W. P. Keady, one of the old pioneers of Oregon and who is now candidate for presidential elector at large, on the republican ticket, made Vale a visit Thursday accompanied by H. L. Emerson, of Los Angeles. Mr. Keady is very much in favor of Hughes for president and thinks he is sure to win. "Roosevelt," said Mr. Keady, "will support Hughes and Hughes will accept the nomination should it come to him unsolicited. He is pursuing the only course he can with dignity. The position of president of the United States is too great for any man to turn down."

Mr. Keady and his guest will look into the potassium prospects of the Watson country and hope to find the deposits as represented. Should these deposits prove to have commercial value in paying percentage it is expected that something will be done toward development in the near future.

A woman never realizes how many steps are required to keep house until she sprains an ankle.

IRRIGATION OF LANDS WILL STOP MUCH LITIGATION

Wm. Jones, the Juntura banker and stockman, was in town the past week attending on the circuit court and other business. Mr. Jones reports prospects good in his section for the coming season. In discussion of the proposed construction of the Warm Springs dam Mr. Jones said: "Adjudication of water rights is best accomplished with water. Give us all plenty of water and what the state water board thinks about it won't worry us much. I hear rumors of proposed legal proceedings and have seen enough money spent in useless quarrels over what water we now have to have built that dam. The old troubles will all be forgotten and the new one will never arrive if that dam is constructed. The adjudication now expected will likely be unsatisfactory to some of the litigants but that dissatisfaction will disappear with plenty of water for every one at the head gates."

SUNSET OIL WELL WILL START

Dr. Richard Cartwright, of Salem, was in town last week making preparations to start up the Sunset Oil well. Mr. Cartwright expects to return from Salem in a few days and take active charge of the work at the well.

"We are confident that we have a commercial well at the Sunset," said Mr. Cartwright, "and we hope to demonstrate this to the good people of Vale before fall. There is unquestionably a big oil field in this country and we hope and think we have some of it. Of course it takes money and time to develop, but patience and steady work will bring us all through."

COMMITTEE VISITS COURT

In the budget published last fall was contained an item of \$12,000 for new steel cells with a woman's ward and juvenile department.

There were no protests against this item but it was carried in the final budget under the head of miscellaneous items.

A certain proportion of this amount has been paid in to the tax collector and is in the hands of the treasurer. Thursday a committee of citizens and taxpayers called on the county commissioners to ascertain when construction would begin on this much needed improvement.

New cells are a necessity. While it is true that one objecting to the sanitary condition of these cells might easily keep away from them, it yet remains a fact that even a criminal has some rights which the general public are bound to respect. The sheriff, during the heat of the afternoon and evening, much dislikes to confine prisoners in the poorly ventilated and hot steel cells as they are now constituted, yet he becomes directly responsible for the escape and is censured when a break occurs.

With a desperate criminal determined to get away, there is no building in the country that will hold them except a specially constructed reinforced concrete wall during the day and steel cells at night. Both of these should be well ventilated and sanitary. The modern laws of humanity demand that even a criminal suffering for his misdeeds should have fair treatment.

The commissioners will advise further with the committee.

SEN. SHAFORTH FOR SUFFRAGE

Senator Shafroth, in defending woman's suffrage in the Senate the other day said:

Is Woman Suffrage Expedient? Mr. President, the statement is made that even if every woman should exercise the suffrage, "the votes of the thoughtful and conscientious would almost certainly be largely outweighed by the votes of the disreputable, the ignorant, the thoughtless, the purchased, and the coerced." In that declaration the assumption is made either that the disreputable and ignorant women are in the majority or that the good women will not vote, both of which I most emphatically deny.

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PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED

Association for Propagation of Game.

The organization of an association for the propagation and preservation of the fish and game of Malheur county, mentioned in the last issue of the Enterprise, is meeting with favor in every section of the county, and the new organization bids fair to bring together the largest membership of anything in that line yet undertaken in this territory.

The membership fee has been placed at \$1.00, the prevailing opinion being that the unusually large membership would produce a sufficient fund, even at this small amount, to meet the necessary expenses of the organization.

The report of the membership committee indicated that practically every section of the county will join the club and assist in the work of replenishing the streams, fields and forests with fish and game, and protecting it during the closed season.

Chairman V. B. Staples being absent at the early part of the meeting, George F. Carter was selected as temporary presiding officer. Secretary George J. Singer read the report handed in by the committee on permanent organization, the following list of names being recommended as permanent officers of the association: President, J. E. Roberts; vice-presidents, George J. Singer and F. B. Glenn; secretary, H. H. Williams; treasurer, V. B. Staples. The report was accepted and the committee discharged and the election of permanent officers followed, with the result that the officers selected by the committee were elected in the order named.

H. H. Williams reported for the membership committee, showing that many names had been sent in for membership and many more would be added as soon as the organization was completed, the constitution and by-laws adopted, and a definite plan of action adopted.

The committee on by-laws was continued on the work and instructed in many of the matters to be incorporated. H. H. Williams was added as a member of the committee, and a report asked for at the next regular meeting of the association, which will be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms next Monday night.

M. E. Thayer, former president of the Rod and Gun Club, and Ernie Hayes, secretary, volunteered to turn over the property of the old organization, together with the money in the treasury. Those who had paid a \$3.00 membership fee into the treasury of the old organization were admitted to membership in the new without membership fee.

The Interior Warehouse & Grain company reported having on hand some \$16 of money deposited by George F. Carter last winter to buy grain for the game birds. Mr. Carter raised money among the people of Vale last winter to furnish grain for the quail and pheasants in the valley, some of which was reported without feed during the severe weather. Much grain was furnished and the birds plentifully fed. The money remaining was turned into the treasury of the new organization.

OIL PROSPECTS ARE EXCELLENT

We understand that J. C. Turney has delivered his casing at the oil well on Dog Mountain and that the company will immediately set about placing it and cutting off the water.

Mr. Turney is confident that they have a well as soon as the water is cased off. The gentleman has been steadily at work on the financial matters connected with this well for a long time and it is to be hoped that they will make a successful showing within a few months.

HOLLIS BILL IS OPPOSED

What Myron T. Herrick thinks of the Hollis Rural Credit Bill now before Congress:

The Hollis bill is a defective, useless, and dangerous measure. It is full of flaws, inconsistencies, loopholes, jokers, and meaningless verbiage, besides lacking indispensable clauses, while it flagrantly violates basic principles by substituting the

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