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## SHOTS WOUND R. W. SWAGLER

District Attorney Shot by Man Who Blames Him For Non-Indictment.

District Attorney R. W. Swagler received three gun shot wounds from a gun in the hands of John Hanlon of Jordan Valley on the stairs of the court house Tuesday morning about 10.30. The grand jury was in session in the court room at the time of the shooting and a number of people were in the court house. Attorney Swagler had been talking with William Jones banker of Juntura at the foot of the stairs and being in a hurry ran up stairs, approaching the top he was confronted by Hanlon who opened fire with a 32 automatic revolver. Three shots were fired all of which hit the district attorney, one entered the inside muscles of the left leg, one hit the right side and glanced downward coming out thru the hip while the third badly shattered his right wrist.

At the time the third shot was fired Swagler fell backward from the seventh step where he was caught by Mr. Jones and other by standers and carried into the County Clerk's office where Dr. Brown made an examination and cared for the wounds.

Sheriff Lee Noe was sitting in his office and hearing the shots stepped out to the hall, where he saw Hanlon with the gun in his hands, "Did You Do That", he inquired of Hanlon, "Yes" the assailant answered and handed the sheriff his gun. He was immediately placed under arrest. Other witnesses to the affair were Bob Terry of Owyhee and Commissioner Frank Vines. There were also other people in the lobby at the time the shooting took place.

Mr. Swagler was removed from the court house to the Drexel hotel where the wounds were dressed. Mrs. Swagler and daughter Ione were called from Ontario and came up with Erbie Hayes immediately after the shooting. Doctors Weise and Payne were also called. The wounds were found to be very painful but not serious. The wound in the wrist being the most serious. At the present time Mr. Swagler is resting easily and expects to be able to return to his home soon.

### Blamed for Non-Indictment

The motive for the shooting dates back to a theft case during last July, when Hanlon claims to have been robbed of \$450.00. He swore out a complaint against a party by the name of Ambrose who was tried in justice court at Jordan Valley and found not guilty. Hanlon then sought to have the case brought into the circuit court and conferred with District Attorney Swagler during the county fair at Ontario, but due to insufficiency of evidence was advised to drop the case or take up a new clew as nothing pointed to the guilt of Ambrose except that Hanlon claimed to have been robbed while staying there. Hanlon then took the matter up with State Officials and Swagler finally decided to bring the case before the grand jury and Sheriff Lee Noe summoned witnesses for the January session. When it became apparent that

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## MUST IRRIGATE NEW LANDS IF POSSIBLE

Busy Year Ahead for Chamber of Commerce—Irrigation of Great Interest

At the regular meeting of the Vale Chamber of Commerce last Monday evening plans were laid for much activity for the coming year. Among the important matters the discussion developed was the problem of the city water system; securing state cooperation in road building; the irrigation of the Owyhee and Bully creek bench lands; and the securing of effective publicity for Vale and Malheur county.

President A. W. Reed pointed out the necessity of every one taking an active interest in the Chamber of Commerce this year. G. F. Wildhaber had a unanimous discussion to the effect that the surplus water from the Warm Springs dam should be used for the watering of the bench lands, and any additional costs and legal questions must be disposed of in order to bring this about. The oratorical object is to get as much land irrigated in the Malheur basin as possible from the Malheur River water.

## SOUTH SENDS NEW FIGHTERS NORTH.



SEN EDWARD J. GAY CONG. CARLOS BEE

Two new southern faces made their appearance in Congress. The upper is Senator Edward J. Gay of Louisiana, who succeeds the late Robert Broussard. Lower is Carlos Bee of San Antonio, Tex., a brother-in-law of Postmaster General Harrison and of the historic military family of Bee, from South Carolina. His uncle, General Bernard Bee gave General Jackson the nickname of "Stonewall."

## ENGINEER WILEY SPEAKS AT LUNCHEON

Engineer Wiley Shows Low Cost of Warm Springs Project Compared to Others at Luncheon

The feature of the last Tuesday Businessmen's luncheon was the talk of Engineer A. J. Wiley, chief engineer of the Warm Springs Project and the foremost reclamation engineer in the Northwest. Mr. Wiley compared the cost of water storage under various projects stating that the Arrow Rock dam cost four and three quarters millions which makes a cost of about \$24 per acre foot of storage while the Warm Springs dam will cost about \$317,000 and will store 170,000 acre feet at a cost of only two dollars per acre foot of storage. He stated that the Warm Springs project contemplated the delivery of 3 acre feet of water and could amply supply 40,000 acres.

He also announced that Secretary Lane had recommended the construction of the Owyhee project and through the Government would build that in the reconstruction program.

Project Engineer J. H. Lewis and Shattuck Edinger Company told of the progress of the construction work. C. C. Mueller urged that more interest be taken in the monthly market and sales day, and C. M. Robinette told that a meeting would soon be called to organize the work for the third Annual Chautauque assembly.

Was Caviness was called upon to review the irrigation development situation and fortold the actual realization in the Warm Springs construction of what had been golden dreams for years.

T. W. Claggett invited Vale to send a delegation to the meeting in Ontario that night to consider ways and means to secure government construction of the Owyhee project.

Chairman Currey appointed J. P. Dunaway as chairman for the luncheon next Tuesday.

Trotzky is Director Bolsheviki war minister, has been proclaimed director and has arrested Nicolai Lenin on a charge of forming a coalition with the Mensheviks (radical minority), according to a Moscow dispatch received Thursday by the Gothenburg Gazette.

Germany needed none of her well-known dyes to make the flag that she finally hoisted.

## GRAND JURY TURNS IN EIGHT INDICTMENTS

January Grand Jury Returns Eight True Bills—Many Cases for Circuit Court.

The Grand Jury for the January term of the circuit Court filed their report Wednesday evening after being in session three days and reported eight true bills and two not true bills. It is understood that several of the true bills are in regard to use of water and another is the charge against John Hanlon for the shooting of District Attorney Swagler, altho the indictments have been made public. The grand jury consisted of Saxon Humphrey foreman, J. Branson, Ward Canfield, Dan Murphy, Allen D. Kyte, C. O. Powell and A. A. Wright.

Among the cases that will come before Judge Dalton Biggs the present term are J. B. Duncan Vs C. J. Kelly set for January 14. Samuel J. Bean vs R. N. Stanfield set for January 13. T. H. Beverly vs P. O. Duncan set for January 13. P. S. Butler vs E. L. Gibson et al set for Wednesday the 15. M. N. Fegley vs Charles A. Hackney set for January 13. Ed C. Warner vs W. H. Thompson set for January 17. J. M. Smith vs N. C. Kries set for January 14. A. A. Bilyeu vs Dick Teisen set for January 15.

### County Court Meets.

The first meeting of the new county court was held the past week, commissioners Frank M. Vines and John Weaver meeting with Judge E. H. Test. Bills were allowed and other routine matters disposed of and the new members of the court acquainted themselves with many of the county needs and conditions.

### Children Make Offering

The children of the Methodist Sunday School raised something over \$6.00 for the Armenian and Syrian relief work as a result of an offering given in lieu of a Christmas candy treat for themselves.

### Dies at Ranch

Wm. Southern a young man about twenty years of age died at the W. E. Boyd ranch Wednesday of this week of influenza. He was buried Thursday afternoon in the Vale cemetery with a short burial service.

## BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS

Elects Officers and Prepares Program Next Tuesday in Memory of Justice Moore and Webster

At the annual meeting of the Malheur County Bar Association last Monday the officers for the ensuing year were elected; Former Circuit Judge Geo. Davis, president, H. C. Eastham, Vice President; W. W. Wood, Secretary, Bruce R. Kester, treasurer.

A memorial meeting of the association was set for Tuesday, next the 14th, to pay respect to the late distinguished jurists, Frank A. Moore, of the Oregon Supreme Court, and Ex-Judge, Lionel R. Webster who have answered the last and great call.

The committee on arrangements for the memorial meeting is composed of Geo. W. Hayes, W. H. Brooke and H. C. Eastham.

The program for the meeting follows:

C. M. Crandall, presiding; Eulogies on Judge Moore, by Geo. E. Davis and J. W. McCulloch;

Cornet solo by C. B. Tapp, Eulogies on Judge Webster, by Geo. W. Hayes, and Judge Dalton Biggs.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the Circuit Court room, and the public, generally, is cordially invited to attend.

## NEW OFFICE UNDERWAY

O. W. Colonization Company Sales Offices Rapidly Approaching Completion

Workman have been busy the past few days tearing out the partitions in the Hope building and getting the rooms in shape for the new sales offices of the Oregon and western colonization company. J. W. Dorsey is moving his cleaning and pressing establishment to the north half of the building.

The sales office will be in charge of B. F. Johnson who will arrive in Vale the latter part of the month. The company at present have their sales force busy in Willamett Valley and western Oregon interesting farmers and dairymen in the merits of Malheur Valley.

## WILEY IS PLEASED WITH WORK DONE

Construction Camp Will Work Toward River—Engineers Visit Dam Site.

Project Manager John H. Lewis, Chief Engineer A. J. Wiley and C. H. Smith engineer of the Ontario Drainage district made a trip to the Warm Springs dam site near Riverside this week and report progress there as very satisfactory, and showings excellent. The crew which now numbers 150 men are busy scrapping the sides for abutments and foundation of the dam. Engineer Wiley expressed complete satisfaction in regard to the work. Engineer Smith expects as soon as actual work on the dam is begun to be employed as engineer for the District to supervise construction of the dam.

### To Move Camp

The ditch camp is expecting to move soon to the extended Gellerman-Froman ditches and will work from there towards the river in order to be in shape to deliver water to the present ditches the coming year.

### Reports to Directors

Engineer Lewis made a report at the Directors meeting Tuesday showing the cost of moving soft rock and dirt from the ditches already dug to be about 64 cents per yard. This is considered a very reasonable cost under the present conditions of weather labor etc. At this meeting the Board also passed a resolution instructing Engineer Lewis to survey all irrigatable area under the project and cross section all existing ditches in order to have a basis of value for the present ditches.

The biggest problems now confronting the district is hospital arrangements. Contractors and directors are working out a plan to take care of all sickness and possible accidents which may occur in the camps.

### Election Tuesday

In the election of Directors for January 14 the following have filed petitions and their names will appear on the ballot. In district number 1 candidates are George McLaughlin and J. O. Tomson; in district number two, R. H. DeArmond, and J. H. Russell; in district number three C. W. Mallett and Rex Marquis.

### Other Elections

The other irrigation districts in the county will also hold elections on next Tuesday and candidates in the Big Bend District in which three are to be elected at large are; E. H. Brumback, Jessie Johnson and John Boswell. In the Willow-Alder district three directors are to be elected at large the candidates being I. W. Hope, W. J. Pinney and John Boswell. The Owyhee district will also elect three directors.

## TO AID HUNTINGTON RED CROSS CANTEEN

Will Help Huntington Canteen Work—Calls in all Knitting Work.

Tuesday afternoon a meeting of members of the executive committee was called to consult with Mr and Mrs C. F. Babb of Huntington and Mrs. Patterson of Baker who were touring.

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## ALABAMA BLOSSOM BUDS AT CAPITAL



An Alabama blossom is budding into Washington social affairs. It is the beautiful Eugenia Bankhead, daughter of Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama, who has just made her debut there. Her sister, Tululah Bankhead, is in the movies.

## SPLENDID SHOWING DURING ROLL CALL

County as Whole Makes Good Showing in Membership Drive—Vale Chapter has over 1300 names.

As a whole Malheur county made a splendid showing in the roll call drive for Red Cross membership. On account of weather and health conditions the time for closing the drive was extended two weeks so that final reports from all parts of the county are not yet filed. Chairman of the Vale territory Mrs. R. E. Weant announces that work here has been practically completed and reports sent in show 1325 members enrolled. Ontario's chairman Mrs. W. J. Pinney reports that territory will come close to its allotment of 1900 when all reports are in.

Chairman and helpers in the campaign were particularly impressed with the 100 per cent spirit of the auxiliaries over the county. In many places workers made their territory on horseback in bitter cold weather to sell the tiny mercy buttons. The school teachers at Ironside and Miss Moore at Mooreville were mentioned especially in this manner, as were workers in other remote sections of the county whose territory is sparsely settled and hard to cover.

Leaders of the drive express their appreciation for the enthusiasm of workers and the hearty response of citizens.

- Brogan—Mrs Bert England.....156
- Jordan Valley—Mrs Jones.....103
- Riverside—Mrs Van Wypgarden.....56
- Creston—Mrs. E. Rogers.....23
- Malheur City—Mrs. G. Bodfish.....71
- Crowley—J. M. Orell.....27
- Mooreville—Mrs. Moore.....21
- Bonita—D. A. Zehner.....8
- Ironside—Mary Looney.....96
- Beulah—Mrs. E. W. Tilletson.....93
- McDermitt—Mrs. Joe Bankieffer.....15
- Cake—Mrs. Ferguson.....42
- Jamieson—Mrs. Ivan Oakes.....106
- Juntura—Mrs. Hopkins.....110
- Harper—Chas. Bush.....10
- Westfall—J. A. Fairman.....100
- Rome—Mrs. Casey.....15
- Grange.....32
- Vale.....401

Vale and Grange were covered by local workers under direction of chairman Mrs. R. E. Weant.

## NEW COUNCIL ACTS

City Appointments Conferred and New Council is Organized—Faces Many Problems.

Thursday the new mayor and city council met for their first business session and took up the consideration of managing and financing the city's affairs. H. C. Eastham was appointed city attorney; I. B. Quisenberry, water commissioner; Dr. F. J. Brown, city physician and health officer; while the place of city engineer was left unfilled until some need exists.

C. W. Nelson was elected president of the council, and George Huntington Currey was appointed to fill the vacancy due to the failure of H. E. Young to accept a place on the council.

Mayor Wildhaber appointed the following board of health, which is composed of the mayor, the marshal, the city physician, one councilman, C. W. Nelson, and one citizen, H. R. Dunlop.

Treasurer Bruce R. Kester presented the required bond which was accepted. The water situation and city finances present very difficult problems and the interest and cooperation of the general public is demanded in order to solve them and get the city on a business like basis.

## TWO IN ONE FAMILY DIE

Brother and Sister are Influenza Victims During Course of Few Days

Miss Rosa Hart daughter of Mrs. Hart of this city died at the family home Monday January 6 of influenza and Tuesday night just before midnight her brother Ed Hart died of the same illness. Both are well known here being members of an old family. Mr. Hart had been working on the Warm Springs construction work before taking ill. The sister was buried Tuesday and the brother Thursday afternoon in the Vale cemetery, with short services at the graves. The sympathy of friends is extended the bereaved family in the loss of their children.



## ROOSEVELT'S DEATH SHOCKS ALL WORLD

Former President Dies in Sleep—Five Convicted in Chicago—Latest News Summary.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States and one of the most picturesque and forceful figures ever known in America public life, died at his home at Sagamore Hill at 10 o'clock January 7.

The former president is reported to have died in his sleep from embolism—a blood clot affecting the passage of blood through the heart—superinduced by a number of maladies from which he recently had been a sufferer.

During the past 18 months the former president had been treated by the foremost surgeons and medical men of the country.

It is thought that the death of his youngest son, Quentin, who was killed in France a few months ago during a battle in the air with German battle pilots, affected the former president deeply and hastened his end.

For upward of 30 years Colonel Roosevelt was in the public eye in one role or another, and he was perhaps the best-known man of his day. A man of tremendous personality, his magnetism won him a host of followers who stuck to him through the ups and downs of his long and historic political career.

### Five Found Guilty

Victor L. Berger, congressman-elect from Milwaukee and editor of the Milwaukee Leader, Adolph Germer, editor secretary of the Socialist, official publication of the Socialist party, William F. Krusk, national secretary of the Young People's Socialist League; Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, Socialist writer and lecturer, former director of the literature department of the Socialist party and author of "The Price We Pay," "Why We Should Fight" and other anti-war pamphlets; were found guilty in Federal Judge Landis' court Wednesday at Chicago.

After five hours and five minutes the jury returned a verdict of guilty on charges of violation of the Espionage law, by deliverance of public speeches and circulation of literature to cause disloyalty among the military and naval forces of the U. S.

### Revolt Nears Crisis

Decision to use military forces to end the Spartan agitations was reached at a council of war held in Berlin by the central council of soldiers and workmen Tuesday night, according to a Berlin dispatch reaching Copenhagen by way of Frankfurt early this week.

### Major Bell Dies

Major Gen. J. Franklin Bell, commander of the department of the east, died Wednesday at the Presbyterian hospital in New York City. His death was due to heart disease.

### RETURNS FROM CONFERENCE

State Teachers Meet At Portland to Discuss School Problems for Coming Year.

County School Superintendent Miss Fay Clerk returned the first of the week from Portland and Salem where she attended the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers Association. A C. Hampton superintendent of La Grande Schools was chosen president for 1919.

A number of important legislative measures were considered and adopted by the assembly, on presentation by George W. Hug, Chairman of the legislative committee, among them being the support of the Hoke Smith federal education bill, now before congress, appropriating more than \$888,000, annually, for the support of the public schools of Oregon.

At Salem Miss Clark assisted with work at the State Superintendent's office.

## COUNTY TO PUSH OWYHEE PROJECT

Nyssa-Ontario-Vale To Boost Owyhee Project Government Appropriation Expected

A special meeting was called by the Commercial Club and held in the City hall at Ontario it was decided last Tuesday evening to organize a county movement to push the construction of the Owyhee project and secure government assistance as soon as possible. A large number from Nyssa and vicinity, Ontario and Vale were present and after discussing the general situation it was decided that a permanent organization should be formed and immediate steps be taken to get the proper measures through congress that would provide the U. S. Reclamation Service with available funds for the Owyhee project.

It was also planned that everything possible should be done to keep the project in favor at Washington and a telegram was sent from the meeting by W. J. Pinney to Representative P. J. Gallagher urging him to secure resolutions of endorsements from the Oregon Reconstruction congress held this week in Portland. Senator J. A. Hurley and Atty. R. D. Lytle were also in attendance at the Portland conference and will assist Pat in putting it over.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Judge Dalton Biggs; J. Boydell, E. W. Claggett; J. R. Blackaby; W. J. Pinney, and Judge E. H. Test. It was decided to appoint a committee of fifteen, five each from Ontario, Nyssa and Vale to perfect a permanent Owyhee Project Promotion Organization and to gather information as to possible means of securing action. President George K. Aiken of the Ontario Commercial Club appointed as the five men to represent Ontario, E. H. Test, T. W. Claggett, J. W. Pinney, J. R. Blackaby and Cliff Boyer. The Nyssa delegation selected H. Walters, S. D. Goshert, Dr. Sarasin, Langley Brooks and Chas. Thompson. The Vale committee was appointed by George Huntington Currey and consists of Geo. W. McKnight, C. C. Mueller, A. W. Reed, G. F. Wildhaber, and Mr. Currey.

Judge E. H. Test was selected to act as temporary chairman and to call the committee together at an early date.

### Soldiers' Insurance

Soldiers must mail premium within 21 days from date of discharge to continue war risk insurance.

Insurance may be continued for five years. Within that period arrangements will be made to transfer it to other governmental insurance at peace-time rates, which will not exceed rates charged by private companies.

During period of five years ex-soldier or sailor's dependents will receive precisely same security against accident or death in civil life of soldier that they would have received had he remained in the service.

The Red Cross considers it vital that every discharged soldier continue his governmental insurance.

## FLU REMAINS SAME NEW CASES REPORTED

New Cases are Reported During Week—Total Number Maintains About Same.

Influenza continues to make its inroads upon the health of the people of this section. The weeks reports show several new cases and three deaths, two of which occurred in Vale and one several miles above Vale on a ranch. The number of new cases reported during the week about equalizes the number of patients who recovered sufficiently to be out again keeping the number of cases about the same as it has been the past three weeks.

Altho there is no marked increase of the disease it is well for the public to keep in mind the general health rules requested by the state health board and lend all cooperation possible to prevent increase of the disease and to stamp out the epidemic.

At a recent meeting of the State Board ruled that Spanish influenza came under the quarantinable diseases in Oregon and requested that the quarantine measures not only be observed by those ill but by any persons who were in contact with the patients. The health board advises a quarantine during the illness and for a period after the fever leaves the patient, avoidance of crowds and the covering of coughs and sneezes.