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## \$290,433.79 LEVIED FOR COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES. NO PUBLICITY GIVEN

Enterprise Publishes Budget as Fixed By Court—District Schools Denied Proper Supervision

In November of last year the County Court, being forced under the law, published a proposed budget of county expenses for the year 1920. On December 18, 1919 this budget was revised and the amounts so determined became the basis of taxation in Malheur County for the present year. However no report of the change made, no reason for making any such changes has ever been issued to the people by the Court.

There is very little irregularity about these changes, but when the taxpayers are asked to dig up \$290,433.79 hard earned coin for the Court to play with, are they not at least entitled to know what is going to be done with their money?

In our campaign to bring the light of publicity on the affairs of the Malheur County Court, with the hope of breaking the spell of secrecy and mystery that has heretofore been attached to the official transactions of our public servants, the Malheur Enterprise has at considerable expense prepared the following comparative table showing in the first column the amounts and items listed in the published Budget; and in the second column the amounts as fixed by the Court on December 18 and no mention made thereof. In the third column are listed all increases of the "Fixed amounts" over the "published

amounts"; while in the fourth column amounts under the "published amounts". The totals are particularly interesting.

Without commenting on the other items changed from the published budget, we wish to call attention to one small decrease, which looks to us like pinch penny meanness. We refer to the items under the School Superintendent's expense. The Superintendent asked for only \$350 to visit the schools in Malheur county, sixty some odd requiring several thousand miles of travel to reach them all, yet the Court reduced this item to \$200.00. However this court is forcing the country districts to pay over \$16,000 toward the upkeep of the highschools in the towns, which may be legal but certainly the county districts are entitled to some little consideration. The Court allows itself \$800.00 traveling expense, we suppose to enjoy the good roads they are planning on building.

If economy is so urgent, why the necessity of the item for \$500.00 special attorney fees? Or inasmuch as \$1000 was doctored from the published bounty item, it perhaps could stand an additional \$150. loss. Then there are such questionable items as "Miscellaneous Expense" and "Tax Rebates". Also \$512.95 was added to the \$3600 for the upkeep of the Ontario Library, which is no doubt a worthy cause but surely not more important than supervision of our district schools.

Items	Amounts Published	Amounts Fixed	Amounts Increased	Amounts Decreased
<b>COUNTY COURT EXPENSES</b>				
County Judge	1,800.00	1,800.00		
2 Commissioners	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Traveling Expenses	400.00	400.00		
Office Expenses	400.00	400.00		
Attorney Fees	500.00	500.00		
<b>SHERIFF'S OFFICE EXPENSES</b>				
Sheriff	2,500.00	2,500.00		
2 Deputies	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Special Deputy Hire	500.00	500.00		
Traveling Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Collection of Taxes	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Office Supplies	500.00	500.00		
County Jail, prisoners keep	750.00	750.00		
Automobile, Sheriff's Office	2,000.00			2,000.00
<b>CLERK'S OFFICE EXPENSES</b>				
Clerk	2,200.00	2,200.00		
1 Deputy	1,200.00	1,200.00		
2 Stenographers	2,100.00	2,100.00		
Office Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00		
<b>ASSESSOR'S OFFICE EXPENSES</b>				
Assessor	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Deputy	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Field Deputies	2,100.00	2,100.00		
Office Expenses	300.00	300.00		
<b>TREASURER'S OFFICE EXPENSES</b>				
Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Office Expenses	750.00	750.00		
<b>SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE EXPENSES</b>				
Superintendent	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Traveling Expenses	350.00	350.00		
Office Help	200.00	200.00		
Supplies	400.00	400.00		
<b>Other Items</b>				
Special Levy Items	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Interest on \$100,000 bonds	7,300.00	7,300.00		
County Fair Appropriation	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Agricultural Advisor	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Court House Improvements	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Current Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Care of Poor	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	500.00		
Inspection of Rabbits	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Tax Rebates	10,000.00	10,000.00		
County Poor Farm	1,000.00	1,000.00		
District Drainage Tax	500.00	500.00		
State Chamber of Commerce	500.00	500.00		
State Tax	42,000.00	42,000.00		
Total County and State Tax	\$278,599.97	\$290,433.79	\$11,833.82	\$11,833.82

## MACHINERY IN PLACE FOR GRINDING FLOUR

The Vale Milling and Elevator Company have now entirely completed their plant and will be ready to start grinding grain within the next few days, the machinery all being in place and the wheels have been turning the last few days to limber it up and get all in readiness for the milling of flour. Warren Armstrong, the new mill manager, told of some of the many obstacles he had to surmount in the construction of this modern plant and today it stands as another of the enterprises that Vale from time to time is to have as the city grows. The mill has on hand, 31,000 bushels of wheat, 350,000 pounds of barley, 100,000 pounds of rice, and 140,000 pounds of white and yellow corn, the total value of which is estimated at \$100,000.

## COUNTY LEADER CHOSEN

Club Leader Employed for Year—Field Worker Visits Various Schools

Miss Mazie Wilson of Walla Walla was employed at a salary of \$1800 as County Leader of the Boys and Girls Industrial Club work in Malheur County this year, at the meeting of County Farm Bureau Executive Committee, County Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Hurley and State Leader of Industrial Club Work, H. C. Seymour, in Ontario this week.

The new leader with offices in the County Court House will have charge of all club work in the county and works under direction of County Farm Bureau Agent, L. R. Briethaupt and County Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Hurley.

Field Worker Speaks  
N. C. Marie, field worker in the  
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## LOCAL C. C. MEMBERS TAKE ROAD ACTION

John Day Highway To Be Opened—Malheur Bridge At Vale Also Considered

At the regular luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday with R. N. Cole presiding as Chairman the various discussions were as spirited as usual and the Chamber went on record unanimously in deciding that it is high time that something definite to be done in the matter of delayed mail service and bad railroad connections. The discussion was started by John P. Houston, and George Huntington Curry told of the recent visit paid the Enterprise by the trainmaster of the Oregon Short Line, as a result of which Secretary Means was instructed to immediately communicate with the Railway Mail Service, the action of Vale Chamber of Commerce.

A motion made by H. E. Young was carried, turning over to the base ball club of Vale, \$600.00 from last year's balance, to be applied to the general fund, to be applied to the ball club needs. Mr. Young reported that the base ball club now has \$160.00 on hand and that they expect to reach the \$200.00 mark this week.

Rod and Gun club matters were considered and it was reported that young trout fry and also birds have been requested of the State game warden.

Julien Hurley talked on the John Day Highway and also on the location and construction of the Malheur bridge in Vale and made a motion that a committee be appointed to work to the end that the John Day Highway be opened thru Portland by opening that portion of it between Ironside and Prairie City and after the proposition was further discussed by O. E. Carman, Arthur Means and George Huntington Curry, a committee was appointed, consisting of Julien Hurley, Robert D. Lytle and Arthur Means, they being instructed to communicate with James Stewart of Corvallis, Oregon, who is a booster for the completion of the John Day Highway, and also that the various civic and commercial organizations in Fossil, Condon, Prairie City, Canyon City and Portland be approached and their cooperation solicited.

Before the luncheon and meeting adjourned Chairman Cole Appointed Edwin Johnson to serve as the Chairman of the next meeting.

## PROBLEMS FACING STRICKEN WORLD

Returning Soldier Feels He Has at Least Earned a Better Chance Than He Has Hitherto Been Granted.

### Article III.

(Continued From Last Week)

Fair Hearing must be Granted. Calling these people bolsheviks doesn't silence them nor solve the problem. Such tactics irritate and deepen the unrest. Their grievance must be given a fair, patient hearing. Their attitude of mind must be reckoned with if we hope to get back to normal living. I have heard some say that these people must be given to understand that they must work or starve. No law or government in the world is powerful enough to compel people to work. This is particularly true of the people today. To think of using force is foolish, suicidal.

We have had enough of force during the last four years and the further we get away from the idea of beating one another into submission the better off we all shall be. The present unrest is positively dangerous. It isn't like any unrest we have ever had before. It is the restlessness of human beings who have been face to face with death. We need a lot of calmness and common sense. By kind conference we must try to understand each other and by just compromise help each other. Of one thing I am sure, and that is, if an effort is made to use blind, brute force on the working people of the world, the present unrest will be set in motion, a whirlwind will break upon the world.

The plain, open road back to happiness is co-operation. If we stop for a moment and realize what we have been through, and the changes that have come upon us while we were going through it, we will find getting together easy. Unrest blocks the road. It fetters the will to work. We must face the truth, and the sooner we do, the better. The world is broke. The war has bankrupted Europe. One thing, and one thing only, will bring us back to sane, normal living. It is work. Sympathy and understanding will do more to secure peace, stimulate work than defiance, challenge and threats. A normal world is one in which men live and work together in peace, where all men have a chance to be happy. This means an interest in work, a joy in working—living to work, rather than working to live. Men must have food, clean wholesome food, and enough of it to do their work without exhaustion. Men must have clothes. Not only the quantity and quality necessary to protect their bodies from the weather, but clothes that satisfy the normal instinct for appearing clean and neat. Decent clothes sustain self-respect. Men without them are less normal and moral.

### All Need a Playtime.

There must be a time between the end of the day and the beginning of sleep in which men can know and enjoy their families. The man who is so used up by his day's work that he falls asleep at his supper table isn't playing fair with his wife and children, and his employer isn't playing fair with him. All men are boys, even after they have gray hair. This quality is probably the finest and best in them. They need a playtime, a recreation time. They lose something and the world loses more when they do not get it. It is not enough that bodies are fed, minds must not be starved. Light is the right of every human being with eyes. Education is light. The human race must have light. Some of men were intended to live in darkness. Children are entitled to a school time.

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## Held at Twin Falls.

Oil Well Loot Discovered—Prisoner Fights Extradition From Idaho

Sheriff Lee Noe is awaiting papers from Governor Olcott upon receipt of which he will bring back E. L. Shettler who is held at Twin Falls on the charge of grand larceny for the theft of tools and rigging and other things of a portable nature from the Western Pacific Oil and Gas Company's properties here. In the cache located at Twin Falls is many articles stolen from various parts of Oregon and Idaho. W. D. Meyer, manager of the Western Pacific company, has identified property to the value of \$3,500, that Shettler is accused of having hauled away from Vale in a truck and hidden in the loot just discovered.

The extradition which the prisoner is fighting is to be heard in the office of the Governor of Idaho at Boise some time next Monday and Sheriff Noe expects to leave Vale some time today or tomorrow to return Shettler here to answer for that which it is charged he stole from the local firm.

## LOCAL ELKS FEAST VISITING BROTHERS

Large Gathering of Prominent Men at Elks Banquet—Former Governor Attends.

Vale is proud of the tendered to former Governor Hawley of Idaho, who together with Eugene Brasie, came from Boise to attend the Elks' "get together" meeting and the big banquet at the Drexel Hotel last Saturday evening, at which many prominent men of Vale and the surrounding section were entertained by the Elks who reside hereabouts.

Governor Hawley spoke at length on the various good points of Elkdom and told of the many early struggles of Boise Lodge B. P. O. E. In his masterly address he called the attention of those assembled to certain things that were new and of decided interest to the Elks as well as the guests, about 25 of the latter, representing nearly every business in Vale, who were outspoken in their praise of the unequalled good things in abundance that were served by the proprietor Ben Porter who reverted to the days of yore when he was an excellent chef and as the official chef for the occasion he donned the white coat, apron and cap or turban or whatever it is called and got to work. As one of the guests was heard to remark: "It was some feed," and was so good that fourteen applications for membership were made from the number of the guests present and who were not Elks, with more promised.

Mr. Brasie also spoke for a time, telling those not Elks why they should be and why the Elks are breaking a more or less established precedent in putting on a drive in this county to increase the membership.

The banquet broke up at midnight and Elks as well as their guests went happily home.

Governor Hawley told the "Bills" that he was very agreeably surprised at the "Pop" shown by them, that he enjoyed the affair very much and that he hoped to visit Vale again in the near future.

The function was very ably presided over by Judge George E. Hayes. The success of the banquet demonstrates the truth of the old adage, "that the way to a man's heart is thru his stomach."

## WARMSRING TUNNEL FINALLY COMPLETED

Boring Finished, Now Concreting of Big Tunnel Started—Three Weeks Will Complete.

The 1000-foot tunnel on the Canyon-Sand Hollow ditch of the Warm Springs Irrigation project is now completely bored through the hill, the corps of men doing the tunneling finished the job on Wednesday, March 9, and returned to Vale. The concrete work on the walls of the tunnel is now under way and it is expected that it will be finished in about three weeks.

This work was undertaken by Trent Johnson, who contracted to do the work and he deserves great credit not only in his foresight for planning the tunnel but also in the way the construction has been rushed.

Water is running in the dam steadily and every day shows a consequent raise of water level therein contrary to a report falsely circulated that there was a decrease of water in the dam and Charles E. Bacheider, secretary, is enthusiastic over the gradual filling of the dam, which should fill much faster as soon as the snows in the hills begin to melt.

### Agreement Ratified.

At the special election held on March 6 to determine whether the district should enter into an agreement with State of Oregon to guarantee the interest on the \$200,000 bonds issued to make the project possible, there was only a few ballots cast but when those cast were counted they were all, without exception, unanimously in favor of adopting the agreement.

The Board of Directors of the Warm Springs project have requested the State Commission to make the necessary examination and draw up the agreement.

## SEEKS REELECTION AS STATE SENATOR

State Senator is Recognized as Eastern Oregon Leader in Road and Irrigation Matters.

When asked for a statement regarding his candidacy for reelection to the State Senate from Malheur and Grant counties, Julien A. Hurley simply replied: "I have worked to the best of my ability for the interests of my district and as my record is public the people can judge for themselves whether they wish me to serve a second term." This statement caused the Enterprise to scan the records of the two regular and one special sessions of the legislature since Hurley has been in the Senate, and to review in brief some of the measures he introduced.

In the first place because of his aid in the committee to have the John Day Highway made as one of the thru east and west highways across the state, and because after the road program had been presented to the Senate of his successful fight on the floor to have the Central Oregon, or the Bend-Urn-Vale Highway incorporated into the State Program, and later secured the consent of the Oregon Commission to extend the Highway Trail route from Huntington to Ontario, he has been known as a friend of all the Eastern Oregon cross state roads. He later helped Malheur County secure a working agreement with the Highway Commission for the construction of many important links of the Oregon Trail and the John Day Highway, and is now urging the early completion of the John Day route from Ironside to Prairie City which is the only link now barring thru travel. During the past special session Hurley won a hard fight in the senate to secure the passage of the Bill designating the Nyssa-Jordan Valley road as part of the state highway system which would have become a law had not Governor Olcott vetoed the bill. He also hopes to work out a practical plan to finance the Central Oregon road from Vale and Ontario if the four per cent bond limitation is passed by the people.

Also as chairman of the Senate Irrigation Committee Senator Hurley has taken a leading part in preparing the legislation that made possible the financing of the Warm Springs and other irrigation districts. He has secured the passage, in both the 1917 and 1919 sessions, of Memorial to Congress favoring the construction of the Warm Springs Irrigation project.

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## YOUR CO-OPERATION

Suggestions and Support are Solicited to Help Make The "Enterprise" a True Representative of Vale, and Malheur County. Send a Subscription to Friends Whom You Wish to Welcome to This Country. The Enterprise is Absolutely Independent, Treats Everyone With the Same Fairness, is Always Progressive, and Urges Your Activity in the Development of Malheur County's Great Possibilities. It is Your Paper and is Working to Develop Your Community. Let all the Malheur Towns and Settlements Work Together for a More Prosperous and Better County.

## JORDAN VALLEY AND BROGAN WANT BUREAU BONITA ORGANIZES

Bonita Joins Ranks—Residents Jordan Valley Get In Harness—Brogan to Follow

The Progressive Farm Bureau of Bonita was organized with a charter membership of 25 at a meeting held on March 10th, at the residence of J. F. Phelan in Bonita. A sumptuous dinner served by the ladies of the neighborhood, after which a general discussion of the Farm Bureau took place and great interest was manifested. They adopted projects as follows: Buying and Marketing, J. F. Phelan, Committeeman, Community Betterment, Walt W. Caviness, committeeman; Pest and Disease Control, J. H. Hammack, committeeman, Crop Improvement, W. H. Allenbaugh, committeeman, Live Stock Improvement, Lark Bilyeu, committeeman, Soil Improvement and Irrigation, J. B. Jones, committeeman, Crop Records, Edgar Wood, committeeman, Rural Home Improvement, Mrs. Geo. Lees, Committeewoman.

J. L. Hammack was chosen chairman and Edgar Wood secretary. County Agent Breithaupt states that he is very much pleased with the spirit displayed and the success of the meeting and further states that this should be taken as an example for other communities, as the members of this branch of the county Farm Bureau reside at great distances from each other.

### Jordan Valley Takes Action

Jordan Valley is now busy organizing the Farm Bureau and expects to be ready for concerted action on the 25th of March at which final action is to be had. They are to be praised for their good work in the south part of the county.

### Organization At Brogan

As a preliminary conference of the citizens of the Brogan neighborhood held at the community hall, the matter of organizing a community bureau was discussed and those present expressed themselves as being in favor of the institution of a branch of the farm bureau there, promising to take the matter up with all their neighbors and hold a meeting in the near future.

## LEGION TO DANCE ON ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT

Support Of Public Necessary To Assure Successful Erection Bronze Memorial

The Julian Lowe Post No. 35 of the American Legion are to give a big dance at the Bungalow Hall on the night of St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, and all attending are promised an enjoyable time, besides they will participate in helping the Legion to raise the necessary funds to erect the contemplated bronze tablet in the County Court House yard. The contributions to the cause are not coming in as fast as is desired, but the Legion's committee for the collection of the funds are sure that many good people who wish to support the perpetual commemoration of those who so nobly sacrificed themselves on Flander's Fields, have simply put the matter aside in the rush of daily events and they request that everyone send their contribution to A. M. Grubbs, Chairman Memorial Committee.

Everyone is invited to attend the forthcoming dance on St. Patrick's day so that the sum derived in that way, together with funds yet to be sent in and the amount now on hand will total enough to insure the success of the erection of a monument that will be in keeping with the prosperity of the community.

New contributions are as follows:  
C. H. Oxman ..... \$20.00  
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Weant ..... 5.00  
O. E. Carman, ..... 5.00  
Jim Rogers ..... 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall ..... 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rose ..... 5.00  
Total Previously reported ..... \$16.00  
Total ..... \$161.25

### American Legion Meeting

The regular Monday meeting of the American Legion will be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Monday evening March 15 at eight o'clock. Every member is urged to be present as important business will be taken up regarding Legion affairs.

