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JORDAN VALLEY DISTRICTS HIT

School Districts Have Been Deprived By County of Tax Money Due Them:

That the present County Court is either ignorant of the laws of the State of Oregon prescribing limitations upon their actions in administering the affairs of the public, or that they hold no regard for the law is evident from a partial investigation into the methods being employed.

Outside of the fact that the court permitted Harvey Test, son of County Judge E. H. Test, to deprive many taxpayers of fifty percent of the money due them from the County in the form of personal property tax rebates, the Enterprise has called the attention of the public to the fact that the court admitted the authority is not clear that they forced the Treasurer to charge these rebates against the various school and road districts of the county.

If they were right in that position, in which they admit "the authority is not clear" then certainly they should credit and pay the various political subdivisions for money received from the sale of real property after the county has foreclosed and purchased it foretaxes. When the county buys these tax deeds after foreclosure for non payment of taxes, the various funds for which taxes are due are simply charged off the books; the county owns the property and the tax districts stand their share of the loss.

Now when these lands are sold the law clearly states in Section 3713 of Lord's Oregon Laws "the proceeds of any sale of any property acquired by tax county by tax deed be justly apportioned to the various funds existing at the date of the sale in the territory in which such property is located, according to the tax levies of the year last in process of collection."

But the County Judge issued orders to the Tax Clerk to disregard this law and to place all of the money in the general fund of the county. Last June 21, \$7996.00 were turned into the General Fund of the county from such land sales. The land foreclosed and sold for taxes lay largely in School Districts Nos. 3, 69 and 78 and in Road Districts 7 and 19.

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THE BEES ARE BUZZING

Preliminary Survey of Local Political Field Shows Candidates For Most Positions

(By The Sage of the Brush) The bees are beginning to sip honey, that is those of the local political hives at least are beginning to store up the nectar of politics, votes, the sweetest food for candidates. The Republican swarm seems to be collecting faster than the Democratic, and so far there seems to be little competition for any particular blossom. However the campaign is just opening and there is ample time for others who may be disposed to enter.

For State Senator from Harney, Grant and Malheur counties, Senator Julien A. Hurley who is running on his record has been challenged by Charles W. Ellis who is anxious to make a record. So far as known no others are likely to enter this race for the Republican Nomination and to date the Senatorship does not seem to attract any of the Democrats. Ellis is not as well known throughout the district as Hurley and will likely have to make a strenuous campaign to offset this handicap.

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I'll Say So

Cemeteries are for the Living, Not the Dead—A Well Kept Grave is a Promise of Future Life

(By Jist Hunt)

To the dead, the grave and the cemetery mean nothing, but to the living they mean much. "As ye give, so shall ye receive" and likewise as we remember those who have "gone before" are we likely to be remembered on the day of judgment. A well kept grave in a beautiful cemetery is a potential testimony to the inner spirituality of the people who have been the caretakers.

Did you ever stroll thru a cemetery where the trees cast shade on the yielding grass, where the fragrance of pretty flowers floated on the zephyrs, and the marble shafts standing guard over many sacred mounds of earth, point above where the people you are looking for now live in peace? Can you remember what that impressed you most? Was it not, that here in this community there must live a fine type of people?

Now do you see why the cemetery belongs to the living? Memory of the departed is thru all history the strongest tie to the faith of a future life.

Are the cemeteries in your town such as you can point to them with pride, or are you ashamed to drive visitors out past these sacred places? If you are, are you ashamed you must be partly guilty for this neglect. You can hire contractors to build streets, landscape gardeners to beautify city parks, teachers to train your children, brains to run your business, and muscles to do your labor, and preachers to pray for you, but you cannot delegate anyone to stand someday for you before God Almighty. There are some little personal obligations which properly performed in the right spirit will help our standing in that day.

One of these duties surely is the care of our cemeteries, at least I'll Say So. What do you Say?

FIGHTS EXTRADITION SHERIFF MUST RETURN

Habeas Corpus Prevents Sheriff From Returning Shettler Here For Trial Of Accused Theft

Sheriff H. Lee Noe went to Twin Falls the first of the week to bring back E. L. Shettler who is under arrest there for the theft of some \$4,000 in tools stolen from the Western Pacific Oil and Gas Co. at their well here, but was compelled to return without his man because the extradition proceedings were not heard, the accused being held to answer on habeas corpus proceedings which he demanded and hearing of which is to take place Friday the 19th, at which time Sheriff Noe is to return for Shettler and bring him here for trial for the crime of which he is accused.

APPOINT FAIR BOARD RESUME BOUNTIES

Court Appoints Fair Board—Summary of Action Taken In March Term of Court

At the March term the County Court appointed V. V. Hickox, V. T. Herrett and E. M. Dean as the County Fair Board for Malheur County, for terms of three, two and one year respectively. Fay Clark Hurley was named as an advisory member. In filling the position of Bee Inspector, J. G. Hale was appointed for the present year with fees stated at \$3.00 per day when engaged in the duties of the office. An appropriation of \$500 was made to carry on the work of the Boys and Girls Clubs in Malheur County in cooperation with the state and federal governments. The County Clerk was ordered to resume the payment of bounties on coyotes and bob cats. Mc Connell Brothers were allowed

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BASEBALL CLUBS MEET NEW LEAGUE IS FORMED

Six-Team League To Play One Weekly Game Using Home Talent Exclusively.

Delegates representing many towns convened on March 17, at Payette, 12 different teams being represented and as a result, a league composed of teams to be formed in six towns is to be created and it is expected that good baseball will be in vogue during the coming season.

President Graff of the Payette Chamber of Commerce was elected president of the newly formed six-team league which is composed of Huntington, Payette, Weiser, Parma, Ontario and Vale. Robert D. Lytle, of Vale attended the meeting in the interests of Vale and when called on, proposed that the league be composed of teams employing only such talent as each town in the league has within its own boundaries, the proposal carried and no team will be permitted to use other than home talent exclusively.

When the meeting was first called to order it was learned that there were two factions in attendance, one desiring two games each week and the privilege of hiring a portion of their players and another faction who stood for only one game a week and the use of the home talent only and after the proposal carried to employ home talent exclusively, the faction who wanted two games each week and to hire some of their players withdrew from the convention in a body and the home talent faction was left to proceed with the organization of a league comprised of the above named cities.

Schedules and all details are to be arranged at a meeting to be called on the 28th of March in Payette.

FARM LOANS BOOSTED TEACHER SHORTAGE

Farm Loan Association Action Taken—Shortage of Teachers in Local Schools Explained.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, J. Elmer Johnson presiding in the chair, the meeting was called to order and W. J. Finney, who was a visitor was asked to state what further ideas he had formulated in the matter of the contemplated and much needed Farm Loan Association. He was followed by J. A. Byrne, who stated where the banks stood on the matter, Robert D. Lytle suggesting that the matter in its entirety be carried on direct cooperation with H. C. Epstham, who has in the past been doing all possible looking toward the early institution of a farm loan association here. Many of the ranchers and farmers approached in the matter have signified their intention of boosting for the organization. Julien Hurley made a motion which carried, that the Chamber of Commerce go on record as referring the matter to Mr. Eastham for his cooperation and chairman Johnson appointed Julien Hurley, Robert D. Lytle and Leonard Cole, as a committee for that purpose.

Harry Tambyn reported on the prospective paving and submitted a list of the various pavings and paving materials, a total of 35,700 yards of street paving and 13,340 lineal feet of curbing. Further prices and cost estimates are to be solicited, Robert D. Lytle reported on the action taken by the residents in the matter of paving District No. 1.

Kod and Gun Club matters were inquired into by William Francis Seeman, who sought information in detail on the objects and purposes for which the club was organized and as to what was to be done in matters relating to game and fish. Frank J. Brown made a clear statement of the objects of the club. H. E. Young reported that the baseball club now has on hand \$235, which was made possible thru the generosity of the business men of Vale. More money is yet to come in. A. W. Reed talked on the shortage of teachers in the local schools, stating among other things, that regardless of the fact 30 to 40 per cent more salary is paid to the teachers here there is still a serious shortage and Julien Hurley reported that many of the teachers who were accepted this season fell below the standards and the grades necessary to pass in their examinations, but that they were nevertheless passed on account of this grave shortage of teachers.

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PROBLEMS FACING STRICKEN WORLD

Article V.

By FRANK COMERFORD.

The signing of the armistice ended the fighting. The signing of the peace treaty brought peace, but neither of these acts restored devastated Europe. The great job ahead is the work of reconstruction, and when I write the word "reconstruction" I have not in mind the mere rebuilding of the war-stricken areas of France, Belgium, Italy, Poland and Russia. Gigantic and important as this task is, necessary as it is, it is only a small part of the work of real reconstruction. Hundreds of thousands of square miles make up the actual war zone, the ground mangled over the territory under shell fire. Millions of acres of land that once yielded food in response to the touch of the plow have for the past four years been tilled by high explosives.

Belgium was literally looted, pillaged and ravished. Almost the entire state was violated. Nearly one-eighth of France, her industrial section, was crushed. Buildings were destroyed, factories dismantled. Sixty thousand square miles in Poland were laid waste. Italy suffered terribly. The ground is filled with high explosives, undischarged mines and shells. Every day since the work of recovery and restoration began men working in this zone have been blown to pieces. Billions of feet of barbed wire and millions of tons of metal make a dangerous wilderness out of what was once a highly productive area.

Cities and villages are jungles of twisted, broken, torn wood, iron, brick and stone. I have walked through these villages and have stood stunned by the completeness of the destruction. The streets are uneven and lumpy with brick and stone and plaster and glass, aisles of wreckage. Roofless houses with walls gutted and torn, heaps and piles of broken building material; jagged, ragged pianos, masses of debris meet the eye. Had I not known of the war and come upon one of these unsightly, shapeless masses of material, I should have thought nature had entered into a mad conspiracy, combining and concentrating all of the powers of a cyclone, a tornado and an earthquake, and spilled their fury on these mangled, dead villages.

Sights to Wring the Heart.

Picture the refugees returning to these villages—coming back home. What the sight must have meant to them. I have seen them, their faces gray as the gray ruins, standing in the midst of their destroyed homes. I have seen them picking their way over piles of stone and brick through great openings made in the broken walls. I saw in their eyes homesickness, a hurt of heart I never shall forget. Old men and old women and little bare-legged children; now and again a boy with a worn, soiled uniform, some limping on crutches, others wearing an empty sleeve. One thought surged through my mind until it almost sickened me—War. The land of the war zone must be reclaimed. These acres are needed now more than they were before the war. The world's food supply is low. Hundreds of miles of trenches must be filled up. Trees must be planted, the ground must be cleaned of shells, cleared of barbed wire; villages, cities, must be rebuilt; sewer systems must be installed. The

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GOPHERS AND GROUND SQUIRRELS POISONED

War Declared on Pocket Gophers and Ground Squirrels by Pest-Disease Control Committee.

The week of March 15th to 20th has marked the opening of the Farm Bureau campaign on pocket gophers and ground squirrels. County Agent Briethaupt and Biologist Horn have been busy preparing poison and conducting demonstrations on its use. These demonstrations were arranged according to the following schedule:

- Adrain, Wednesday 10 a. m.
Nyssa, Wednesday 2 p. m.
Riverdale, Thursday 10 a. m.
Oregon Slope, Friday 2 p. m.
Vale, Friday 2 p. m.
Cairo, Saturday 2 p. m.

Mr. Horn explains and demonstrates the use of a probe in locating gopher runways, how to place the poison in the runways, and also demonstrates how to prepare the poison. He shows the approved way of placing the gopher traps.

Two kinds of poison are being prepared for the use of land owners. The first kind is wheat, prepared after the government formula. This is cheap and especially easy to use, as it keeps well, but may not prove as satisfactory as the more perishable baits prepared from carrots, parsnips or sweet potatoes. For convenience in preparing these latter baits, "units" of prepared poison

FARM BUREAU MEETS ASK GOPHER BOUNTIES

Executive Meeting County Farm Bureau Urges Ditch Companies To Pay Royalty On Gophers

The executives of the Farm Bureau held their regular meeting on March 11, and considerable headway was made. The election of Miss Mazie Wilson was ratified and she is to commence her duties as club leader on the 22nd of March. The Boys and Girls Club is thereby made an official branch of the Farm Bureau and as Miss Wilson is to work in cooperation with County Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Fay Clark Hurley, the work of this club is brought in direct touch with the Board of Executives of the Malheur County Farm Bureau.

County Farm Agent Briethaupt is to have an office in Ontario to facilitate the business of that section but his main office of the Farm Bureau will be maintained in the County Court House at Vale and both such offices are to be designated as Malheur County Farm Bureau Offices. After much discussion the bureau went on record that the Farm Agent be instructed to get all of the literature possible to obtain, bearing on the different irrigation projects now in operation or under construction in the United States, so that further collaboration of various contemplated changes and methods of application in certain matters pertaining to this section and its problems may be had.

The Farm Bureau also went on record that the Ditch Companies of Malheur County be urged to give a bounty of 25 cents on gophers.

Jordan Valley To Organize

Arrangements have been made in Jordan Valley to organize the Farm Bureau there on next Thursday, March 25th, and from all indications the meeting is to be a success. County Farm Agent Briethaupt, will be in attendance to assist in the organization and do all things possible looking toward the bureau to be maintained there.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSN. THRIFT CAMPAIGN ON

Parent-Teacher Association and Students Institute Nation-Wide Thrift Campaign

Tuesday March 23, the Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 2:30 in the High School auditorium. Mr. H. C. Eastham and Mr. C. M. Crandall will address the meeting on the subject of thrift. There will also be entertainment numbers by the school. The Parent-Teacher Association is helping in the nation-wide campaign for thrift and has arranged this meeting so that the students as well as parents and teachers may attend the program. Everyone interested in the schools or in the campaign that is being carried on should be present at this meeting. All members of the association are particularly urged to be present.

STUDENTS READY FOR FOURTEENTH CONTEST

Annual School Declaratory Contest Nears—Local Trout Set for Monday.

March 27th at Ontario will be held the fourteenth annual Malheur County Declaratory Contest in which many schools of the county will take part and vie for the possession of the silver loving cup awarded the victorious school. This cup is now in possession of Nyssa schools having been won last year by Paul Trueblood, and Professor Conklin's pupils are united in their determination to bring the cup back to Nyssa this year, thus giving their school a good chance for a third winning which means permanent possession of the loving cup.

The local preliminary tryout for the Annual Contest will be held in the Vale High School auditorium, Monday night March 22, at eight o'clock. The admission is ten cents to cover any expenses of the contestant. The public is invited and urged to be in attendance at the local tryout, Monday evening when the following numbers will be heard; Music—Ellis Orchestra, Peach Pie—Ruby Donaldson, The Traying Well—Mildred Lawrence, Piano Solo—Miss Stella Van Riper, The Bear Story—Verda Doolittle, Song—Eighth Grade, Anne's Apology (Anne of Green Gables)—Margaret Humphrey, Two Views of Oregon Weather—Hester Ellis.

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DAM WILL SUPPLY ALL WATER NECESSARY

Dam Will Supply More Water Than Will Be Needed According To Estimates

By the first of June, it is estimated that 65,000 acre feet of water will be available in the Warm Springs reservoir to supplement the low season flow of Malheur River for use on land within the boundaries of the district.

This is more than needed to furnish a full water supply for all lands now partially irrigated from Malheur River, together with all new lands which it is estimated will be ready for water this season.

This estimate of water supply is based upon the actual storage of 25,000 acre feet of water during January and February, and an estimate that March, April and May will yield 40,000 acre feet for storage purposes. This is believed to be a very conservative estimate as the lowest recorded yield during ten years for which actual records are available at the dam site is 48,000 acre feet.

Reservoir losses should not exceed 2000 acre feet, and 30,000 acre feet will supply lands heretofore irrigated, leaving 33,000 acre feet for new lands. This is without question more than will be called for 1920 irrigation season.

The estimates above are based on the actual stages of the water flow for a period of ten years according to the records in the offices of the Warm Springs Irrigation District.

LEGION DANCE MAKES MONUMENT FUND GROW

St. Patrick's Dance Helps Swell Funds—Contributions Still Slowly Coming In

The dance held on Saint Patrick's night at the Bungalow Hall by the Julian Lowe Post No. 35, of the American Legion proved a decided success from every standpoint and especially for all who attended. There were many near by towns represented at the affair and everyone had an enjoyable evening of dancing to the terpsichorean strains of the orchestra. The funds of the Monument committee were consequently swelled to the extent of about \$75.00 above all expenses. The warriors evening of fun and recreation was ably managed by the Post's dance committee consisting of Harry Tambyn, Oscar Daley and Mert Moody who conducted the affair to a successful issue. Many of the adjoining towns are yet to be heard from in the matter of the sale of the tickets they sent out for sale and the committee hopes to learn that more money is forthcoming.

Contributions are still coming in to A. M. Grubbs, Chairman of the memorial committee very slowly, with many sections in the county yet to be heard from. The fund stands as follows:

- Previously reported in the past issues of the Enterprise..... \$161.25
B. H. Ellis..... 5.00
Ike Robinette..... 2.50
E. B. Nelson..... 5.00
C. B. Tapp..... 1.00
Mrs. M. A. Ellis..... 1.00
W. F. Dingman..... 1.00
A Friend..... 1.00
Vale Trading Company..... 20.00
A. E. McGillivray..... 5.00
Brogan School..... 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lowe..... 100.00
Mr. Dave Palmer..... 5.00
Mr. T. T. Nelson..... 10.00
St. Patrick's Dance..... 75.00
Total to date..... \$406.25

TRAINS SERVICE MAILED CHANGED

Passenger and Mail Service Is Advanced Twenty-Three Hours—Station Agent Leaves

The Enterprise is in receipt of a dispatch from the Oregon Short Line, in which the change of schedule and leaving time of train number 371 is held to connect with main line train number 4, and in conformity with the wishes of the residents of Vale and all interior points west and on the branch line. Train number 371 will be held until 10:30 A. M. to make the connection and as number 4 on the main line is usually on time, this change in the service is conducive to the best interests of the communities west of Vale, as the delay of 45 minutes in the leaving time of train number 371 will work no particular hardship on anyone.

This change permits of district connection for all passengers and for mail from the Coast and from Portland, and probably the greatest benefit is in the mail delivery. Mails that arrive in Ontario on the main line at 6:30 P. M. will as usual lay in Ontario until number 371 leaves at 10:30 next morning, but the mails that come in on number 4 on the main line will reach Vale on the morning train instead of on the afternoon train and the gain in the time of mail delivery increases along the line until reaching Burns it is delivered about 23 hours earlier than under the old schedule.

The Oregon Short line officials deem it inadvisable and impracticable and not conducive to the best interests of the communities west of Vale to hold train number 371 later than 10:30 A. M. when the main line train is late, which latter is nearly always on time.

This improvement has been kept before the public by the Malheur Enterprise and now that it has come to a successful issue, other needed improvements in the service will from time to time be instituted to the end of meeting the needs of the county and all of its residents.

ROBBER LEAVES NO CLUE

Hardware Store Also Drug Store In Ontario Robbed and Valuable Goods Taken

Much interest is manifested in the recent robbery of two stores in Ontario on the night of March 14th, when the McDowell Hardware Store and the Watson Drug Store were broken into and quite a big haul was made by robbers who up to this time are unknown. Sheriff H. Lee Noe, is following up the clues left by the following:

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