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**JUDGE TEST IS SILENT ABOUT TAX SCANDAL**

**Records However Speak For Themselves—Show Improbability of Father Not Knowing Son's Actions**

**JUDGE FOR YOURSELF**

**Are People of County Going to Permit Officials to Enrich Family At Expense of Taxpayers**

A few weeks ago the Enterprise asked the question, "How and from whom did J. H. (Harvey) Test get the information enabling him to 'put over' his 50-50 graft in collecting personal property tax rebates due the taxpayers? We also asked why the court did not notify these people and why they permitted Harvey Test, son of Judge E. H. (Ed) Test, to deprive these taxpayers of half the money due them?"

No answers to these questions have been suggested. The Enterprise has given all parties concerned several weeks' time to make explanations. We sincerely hoped they would be explained.

In as much as Harvey Test never asked for or received any records from the assessor's office, but that

County Co. School State	H. S.	RD 10	SD 14	Gen Road	Total
1916	\$123.58	\$42.74	\$54.28	\$3.47	\$98.18
1917	69.30	28.87	35.80	2.31	49.67
	\$ 54.28	\$13.87	\$18.48	\$1.16	\$48.51
					\$172.10

Judge E. H. Test did get the complete records regarding these rebate claims some time last spring, soon after Judge Test took his oath of office, is it not only natural to assume that Harvey got this information from his father, the County Judge? If not, where?

Many people may believe that Harvey Test found the records which were in Judge Test's possession and proceeded to work out his 50-50 collection graft without his father's knowledge, however, an examination of the tax rebate bills allowed show many of them to have been sworn to by J. H. Test.

Could the father have checked these accounts which agree to the last cent with the Judge's own figures and not noticed that his son's name was signed to them?

Could Judge Test, who had been sufficiently interested in the personal property tax rebate to collect the records from the assessor's office, could he OK the payment of these rebate claims knowing no official word had been sent these parties, and not notice they were sworn to by his own son, J. H. Test?

There were a large number of these claims ordered paid on the same days and others passed on intermittently over a period of several months. Does the Judge pay no more attention to the county bills than that?

Now in checking these rebates Judge Test verified most of the claims personally. To many of these bills are attached slips of paper, apparently in Judge Test's own hand writing proving the correctness of these claims. This is rather a complicated computation and we herewith produce the following figures taken from a claim for \$172.10.

The first line (1916) shows the money collected. The second line (1917) shows the computation of the amounts that should have been collected, and the lower line the difference or the amounts due the taxpayer.

It does not seem possible that any two people on earth could have figured a large number of these claims and have every total agree to the cent. The lines were made in mills and tenths of mills yet every claim submitted by Harvey Test agrees exactly with the figures of Judge Test. Unless Harvey got the amounts as well as the names from his father's records could this absolute coincidence occur?

Of course if Harvey Test copied the list of names from his father's records without his father's knowledge he may also have copied the amounts. But why would Judge Test figure out these claims to the cent when he had just gone into office and never notified any of the parties that their money was ready for them?

Why was no notice sent except the notice by the son of the county judge who impressed these taxpayers with the need of signing away half of the money due them in order to get any? Why were they not told to simply present their claims and get all of their money? Since when has the county officially adopted the fifty-fifty skin flint policy?

Put yourself in Judge Test's position. Could you have paid these claims for various taxpayers presented over the name of your own son, and not have inquired as to what his connections were with these people? Would you not immediately find out what he was doing with these warrants totaling several thousand dollars? And what would you have done when you learned that by representing himself as your son he had secured contracts with these people authorizing him to keep fifty per cent of the money rightfully due them upon mere presentation of their bill to you? Would you have patted him on the back and said "My son, you are a clever boy, I'm proud of you. I have kept these people in ignorance of their rights, and you have seen a real opportunity to make yourself independent of your old Dad. Keep the good work up and I'll see that your bills are autowed promptly." Or would you have remembered your oath of office and your duty to the people you were serving?

The records show that J. H. (Harvey) Test did sign these bills, Judge Test is reported to have defiantly said "Let the Grand Jury Investigate." Still he has not personally asked District Attorney Swagler for an investigation. He remains silent. Does his silence mean admission of his knowledge of his son's actions?

Few of those living under the project have even gone to look upon the great work done and until they do so, it would be well to come to the office of the Malheur Enterprise or to the offices of project manager Batchelder and get the facts from the records and accept nothing bearing on the entire issue from no other source. The Enterprise is printing the news of the facts of the dam and it will be remembered that we are not living in the days of "Town Criers".

The warning of the State Engineer of a water shortage set forth in another part of this paper is very timely. Everyone in Oregon interested in irrigation realizes that the precipitation during this past winter has been below normal. The officials of the Warm Springs Irrigation District are fully advised of the facts and all information given out regarding the water supply available for 1920 has been based on this knowledge. In last week's Enterprise there was an article stating that it was estimated that there would be 65,000 acre feet of stored water in the Reservoir by June 1st, and the article went on to explain how this estimate was made and show how the supply of stored water was ample to furnish all the water required by all of the land that will be in cultivation in 1920. This study was made by John H. Lewis, former State Engineer and past Engineer-Manager of the Warm Springs Project, based on records of the U. S. Geological Survey.

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**WARMSPRINGS WATER TO SERVE ALL USERS**

**State Engineer's Report No Criticism For Conditions Under Warm Springs Project**

The Enterprise has in the past given to the public, all of the absolute and truthful facts of all matters, in detail, pertaining to the Warm Springs Irrigation Dam and the project generally. Various rumors are now extant, some of which are the most ribald unwarranted rumors, to the effect that the dam has broken and there is or will be no water in it; that there is no snow at all on the adjoining slopes and mountains, and that there will be no water for use this season, under the project.

It is said that "Curiosity Killed the Cat" and it is well to state right here, that if the many good and sincere people, who are interested enough to heed the many adverse current gossip and rumors, will make a sincere attempt to ascertain the facts as they exist, then the deadly and damnable rumor mongers will find they are merely wasting their time, and they will also find that the busy people of discernment are too busy doing something useful to even stop to listen.

The Enterprise, in continuation of its policy, advises all water users and any others, who are or may be interested in the status of facts and conditions of the big reservoir, to ascertain the undoubted facts, of the snow that shows on the mountains draining into the Malheur River, the perfect condition of the dam, the gauge reading of the actual amount of water that is stored in the reservoir and the conditions as they really are.

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**PROBLEMS FACING STRICKEN WORLD**

**Shall Chaos or Reconstruction in Europe Follow the Great World War?**

**GREAT NEED IS PRODUCTION**

**Men Must Be Given Inducement to Work and Guaranteed Fair Deal in the Distribution of the Result.**

**Article VI.**

**By FRANK COMERFORD.**

The world lives by two kinds of work, the work on the soil and the labor spent in making things. In this way we get the things we eat and wear. We have eaten up our surplus. The world's reserve is gone. We are literally living from hand to mouth. To overcome the food shortage we must put every inch of available ground into production. Only by doing this can we live and gradually get back the surplus which stood as a protection against crop failures.

Production is not automatic, it is the work of man. There is not anything complex about it. You can't use magic. To grow things men must plow and gather. The will to work is our greatest need. The land is available. God furnishes the sunshine and the rain. To get the plows, tractors and farm tools we must look to the industrial arm of life. Here again is the call for men. We are short of man power. Men were killed and crippled in the war. The men who survived the war must help do the work that would have been done by those who did not come back. In their present frame of mind they do not wish to work, at least under the old conditions obtaining before the war. It is necessary to furnish them with an inducement to work. There was little inducement for men to work before the war. The discontented are not kicking at work. Their objection goes to the unfairness shown in distributing the result. It isn't any secret. They are shouting it from the housetops of Europe, they demand a larger share of the things they produce, or they refuse to work. There is a good deal of human nature in it, too. It is only human nature to think of self. There isn't anything unnatural in the workman looking for reward. Willingness to work is largely based on the thought of working for oneself.

Five things are necessary to start and keep production going. In other words, to get the clothes, shoes, stockings, coat and comforts of life, to give the farmer the tools he needs for agricultural production, so that we may eat; to provide the transportation necessary to collection and distribution, to bring the city to the country and the country to the market we must do five essential things.

**Production's First Need.**

First, we must have plants, and I use the word in the most general sense. These plants must be equipped with machinery and tools, they must be ready for work.

Second, a plant is useless and stands idle unless we provide raw material, the thing furnished by nature that an end machine work into the finished product.

Third, we must have coal. Coal runs

**DRY-CREEK DYKE PLAN SEVERELY CRITICIZED**

**Watson Road Considered—Court Criticized For Not Allowing Any Funds For Road**

On Tuesday the regular luncheon and business meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chairman J. A. Byrne, and the chair requested Robert D. Lytle to report what action had been taken on the Farm Loans Association by the Committee comprised of himself, Julian A. Hurley and Leonard Cole, the latter of whom was also present and stated that they will meet in the next few days and will have something to report on the matter at the next meeting.

The Dry Creek crossing was discussed and it was decided that the sum set out to apply on the construction of the dyke, is inadequate in the sum allowed by the County Court. It was held that the plans should include good approaches and grades other than those contemplated and that brick should be employed in the construction of the dyke proper. M. N. Fegly, told of the abominable condition of the Watson road, stating that it is almost impassable one mile out of Vale and that it continues to get worse farther out, until at the distance of 13 miles, it is impassable. A. H. Chester, also told of present condition of the road. A committee consisting of Robert D. Lytle, R. N. Simmonds and Thomas B. Nordale, was appointed to wait on the Court, to show that not one cent of county money has gone into the Watson road, it having been fixed up after a manner, by the work and money of individuals who have the interests of the road at heart.

Secretary Arthur Means, read various letters from the Oregon Short Line officials bearing on the issues of the community in the various traffic problems and Wm. Francis Seaman reported on the new train schedule now in effect, whereby the delivery of the mails are expedited.

President Robinette, introduced a motion to see that the streets of Vale are swept and kept clean and that the same be done in a systematic and efficient manner. C. C. Mueller and Art Kessler were appointed as a committee to take one cleaning matter up with the city council, in an effort to have the work done on cooperative basis, and all business houses are to devote one day a week to be known as "clean-up-day."

The committee on streets was made permanent and resolutions were adopted and endorsed by the Chamber recommending the contemplated street improvement and that the individual members each should do his share in the good work by appearing before the council and proving to that body that the people as a whole are behind them in the matter of the paving.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Chairman Byrne appointing Wm. Francis Seaman at the next regular meeting of the body.

**ORDER NEW UNIFORMS**

**Baseball Clubs to Meet on Sunday—Payette To Be Mecca of Teams**

The delegates recently appointed at the meeting in Payette, to represent the various baseball clubs in the newly formed league, together with any others interested, are to meet at Payette on Sunday, March 28, to perfect the schedules and details, for the games to be played in Huntington, Weiser, Payette, Parma, Ontario and Vale, which cities comprise the league.

The Vale team report that they have ordered 18 new suits for the members each of which aspires to be a king of the diamond of America's greatest and most popular game and steps similar have been taken by the other clubs.

**CIRCLES TO ORGANIZE COUNTY COUNCIL P.T.A.**

**Will Organize County Council of Parent-Teacher—Many To Attend**

Saturday April 3 at three P. M. a meeting of the Parent-Teacher circles of the county has been called by District Vice President Mrs. Bruce R. Kester of Vale, in the Commercial Club rooms at Ontario to organize a County Council of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Every circle in the county and those interested in the Parent-Teacher work should have representatives or be present at the meeting. Matters particular to the work in this county will be taken up and the advantage of a county wide working organization will be shown. Former District Vice President Mrs. T. M. Lowe and other Speakers will be present.

**PIG CLUB LEADER WILL MAKE VISIT**

**Newly Appointed Boys and Girls Club Leader Holds First Official Meeting.**

The newly appointed Boys and Girls Club Leader, Miss Marie Welson, was officially introduced by Fay Clark Hurley, County Superintendent of Schools, to a number of the men and women of Vale at a meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce quarters on the night of March 25, and the projects as planned and presented by Miss Welson were enthusiastically received. J. A. Byrne, A. W. Reed and Saxon Humphrey of three of Vale's banks respectively, each stated that the banks will take care of the financial interests of the Pig and Corn Clubs that are to be promoted in the Vale district; there being one of the local clubs in the north part and one in the south part of the section.

The Boys and Girls Clubs formed in each of the communities of the county are each to elect their local leader, and these leaders are to meet with Miss Welson, the County Leader, at least six times each year, to report in detail, the work done, have their records checked, and to plan and promote such other new projects as it is desired to have the boys and girls work out.

L. J. Allen, Assistant State leader of the Boys and Girls Pig Clubs, will be in Vale and vicinity on the 5th of April and it is hoped that the Vale Pig Clubs, as well as the Corn Clubs can be organized and the leaders meet with Assistant State Leader Allen during his visit.

**CALL ANNUAL MEETING VALE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Every Person Interested in Library Should Be Present at Annual Meeting.**

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vale Public Library Thursday evening the Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Library was called for Monday evening, April 5. Every person in Vale who would like to see the Library grow should be present at the meeting for all who attend as nothing of its or not. Officers will be elected for the coming year and a campaign to raise funds to materially enlarge the Library facilities launched. Current business matters of the Library were taken care of and orders placed for a large number of new books both fiction and reference.

**JOHN DAY ROAD TO BE LOCATED**

**Senator Hurley Appears Before Commission in Interests of Eastern Oregon Roads**

The Oregon State Highway Commission at its meeting in Portland last Monday agreed upon the insistence of Senator Julian A. Hurley to immediately survey, inspect and locate the John Day Highway from Ironside to Prairie City, and from Ironside to connect with the link now being constructed out of Brogan.

The Ironside-Prairie City link is the only section of the John Day Highway that will bar thru traffic this summer and Senator Hurley is urging all of Eastern Oregon to get behind a movement to urge the early location and construction of this vital connection.

Inasmuch as the Eastern Oregon Land Company are constructing a number of miles for fence in the Cow Valley country it is their desire that the Highway be permanently located thru this section. If this is done in time they will build their fences accordingly and save the state any right of way troubles.

**To Rush Vale Bridge**

Senator Hurley also secured the promise of the Commission to rush the plans and construction of the Malheur River Bridge at Vale. This around the Vale Butte and directly connect with A street, an improvement that will be greatly appreciated by all people traveling in or out of Vale.

**Urges Jordan Valley Road**

The Commission again refused to designate the Jordan Valley road as part of the State Highway program, adhering to the policy of not taking on any new roads regardless of their merits. In reply to Senator Hurley's arguments favoring the adoption of the Jordan Valley-Nyssa road the Commission suggested that it be declared a market road, and promised to have the state engineers survey and locate the route if the County Court will take necessary steps to have it designated as a market road.

**PLEADS FOR MILLAGE TAX COMING ELECTION**

**O. A. C. Professor Asks Support of Millage Tax—Oregon Must Keep Up Standard**

Professor Sigurd H. Peterson of O. A. C. who is spending his vacation in a tour of Eastern Oregon, visited Vale Monday spoke at the high school, and shook hands with his friends. "In spite of the fact that this is my first visit to Vale" he said, "I feel pretty well acquainted thru the many fine students Vale and this county have sent to O. A. C. He expressed himself as greatly impressed with the progressive spirit of the community and with the condition of the schools.

During his talks here he called attention to the fact that O. A. C. has now enrolled 3378 regular students, 148 per cent greater than in 1913 when there were 1364 students. Then he pointed out that while the youth of Oregon had flocked to the college the income of that institution had only increased 3.8 per cent, that is while the enrollment had increased 148 per cent the income had only increased 3.8 per cent. The same condition he showed existed at the State University at Eugene where the enrollment increase is 152 per cent and the income only 3.8 per cent.

Even had there been no increase in the number of students the funds would have been insufficient this year. The colleges have managed to get along by using every available space, increasing the size of classes and holding early and late recitations, but next fall there must be more equipment, more room and more instructors or hundreds of Oregon boys and girls will have to be denied admission to these colleges.

To support their three big institutions, Oregon University, O. A. C. and Monmouth Normal, the voters are asked to authorize the small tax of 1.25 per thousand of assessed valuation. When this tax is passed Oregon will be spending \$70 less per student than the average institution spent before the war. "The standard of the state," said Professor Peterson in conclusion, "is the standard of its educational institutions. Let us by supporting the millage tax May 21 keep our educational standard what it has been, the highest in the country."

**CLUB LEADER ARRIVES TALKS OF WORK PLANS**

**New County Leader is Pleased to Learn of the Many State Champions**

Miss Mazie Wilson, the Boys' and Girls' Industrial Club Leader, arrived at Vale on Monday the 22nd of March and is very enthusiastic over the welcome extended her both in Ontario and Vale. She stated that she is very much impressed with the spirit that is displayed by the people of the county in all matters bearing on the work of the Farm Bureau and the very marked conception of all the work to be done looking toward the perfection of both branches of the bureau.

The country from which Miss Wilson comes is far more developed agriculturally, but she states that there is no reason why the culmination of the work now planned, should not show this section up to the standard of any and in the very near future. One of the remarkable things to her is the fact that the boys and girls of this county have supplied so many of the State Champions, who have won out against the entire state, without even the help of a county leader of the Boys' and Girls' Club, and that this is especially so, when it is taken into consideration that the winners are so scattered in different parts of the county and that the county is comparatively unpopulated.

Miss Wilson states that one boy, aged 14, in the county she just came from, started two years ago with one pig, for which he paid \$35, and that he is the proud possessor of over \$1,000 worth of pure bred stock at this time. It is her desire to have the children of this county working along these lines of usefulness and productiveness not counting the vast education they acquire that will be applicable at a later time in the life of each.

Miss Wilson will have her office in the court house and works in co-operation with County Agent Briehaupt and County Superintendent, Mrs. Hurley, who for years has worked almost single handed to keep alive and growing the club work.

**POISON DEPOT LOCATED**

Frank Hall, Committeeman on Pest and Disease Control, received his full quota of the poison for this section under the Farm Bureau, and requests that the public be informed that the poison is kept at the offices of the Boise-Payette Lumber Company, Vale, for distribution. Much poison has already been given out, but there is more to be had by those who wish it, and until the Farm Bureau has the offices in the Court House made ready, the lumber company offices will be the place for keeping the poison.

**MARGARET HUMPHREY TO REPRESENT VALE**

**Annual County Contest To Be Held in Ontario Saturday Night.**

Miss Margaret Humphrey with the selection, "Anne's Apology" from Ann of Green Gables, won first place in the local trout Monday evening and the chance to represent the Vale schools at the Annual County Declaratory Contest held in Ontario, Saturday, March 27.

Judges of the local trout were Mrs. C. C. Burrow and Mrs. Luther Fellows.

A large crowd assembled in the high school auditorium to hear the trout which consisted of splendidly rendered numbers by five girl contestants and musical selections.

A number of cars of local people will attend the annual contest in Ontario, Saturday evening and a good following of school students will go along to support their speaker. Miss Humphrey is determined to do her best to bring the loving cup back to Vale school this year.



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