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Malheur County Circuit

Court For Murder Of Geo.

George Howard must pay the

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Holiday Trade Heavy In Vale HOWARD MUST HANG

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# Narrowly Escape Death In Accident CAUSE IS SEEN FOR CITY TO BE SAVED **IMPROVEMENT GOS**

County And State Will Pay Entire Cost Of The Improvement On A Street Through To Steel Bridge.

Through the offer of County Judge Test the city of Vale will be saved by wrecked by the eleven o'clock close to \$1000 on the improvement of A street, from the city limits to its intrsection with Glenn street. near the new bridge across the Mal-

heur river. This stretch of new improvement is necessitated to connect the new Central Oregon highway through the city with the John Day highway. The state highway department or

iginally offered to pay 40 per cenof the cost of the improvemen providing the county paid 40 p. cent and the city 20 per cent, Valhad no public money to use on this work and the county offered to ad vance the city's back portion and ac cept it in three annual payments The first of the week Judge Test received information from the high way commission that it had recon sidered the proposition and would assume 50 per cent of the cost o the work. Judge Test decided that the commission should not be more magnanimous than the county cour and he anounced that he would fnvor the county's paying the remain ing 50 per cent, thereby relieving the city of Vale of any expense whatever for the improvement. It i considered very probable that Commissioners Vine and Dean will con

cur with Judge Test in this action "The city administration appreciates fully the kind offer of Judge Test and in due time will extend it official thanks to him and the county court," said Mayor A. E. McGilli vray, when informed of the saving which Vale will have. "The original offer of the court to advance the city's share and defer full payment: for three years was very fair but this one is a good deal hetter."

Contractor Cross plans to start grading work on A street just in time to have it completed and ready for the graveling crew when it reaches the city limits. If the work was done earlier the principal business street of the city would be torn up and mudy when it might be better to be in use.



WEDDING PERFORMED AT THE BOISE EPISCOPAL CHURCH TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Morning Train From Ontario Wrecks Car at Crossing in Vale-No One is Seriously Injured

Legion Christmas Party

The old Legion Hall was the

Wednesday evening. Members of the

Lupion, the Auxiliary, and their

ice crowd attended. The Hall was

ily decorated in evergreen.

The committee arranged a very en

eraining evening, and everything

games were played that were

interesting. Dancing was also

sture of the entertainment. Af-

spending a most enjoyable eve-

refreshments were served by

L. R. Schroeder, chairman of

ussi ied by L. R. Schroeder.

Social Afternoon

went off in fine order. Several con-

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Contes, their tie daughter Elizabeth and an aunt fir. Clup, narrowly escaped death **Twelve Months.** Vednesday morning when the car in which they were riding was bad-

It is encouraging to the landown- ally about and I am going to break ers of the Malheur valley to know down traditions this once. rein coming from Ontario at the that their water and drainage costs raming just east of the station. The family had started out to are going to be less than the water probably the same as mine: and the day with friends in the costs alone under many projects, and ountry and had reached the rail- they fully appreciate the fact that to me?" road crossing, where the side tracks the business men of Vale made pos-

yere lined with freight cars, maksible the experiments last summer ing it impossible to see the coming train. Mr. Coates who was driving which showed the way to save a did not hear a sound of the approaching train, he asserts, and the facts are evidenced by a letter re- will depend entirely upon you as car was almost on the track before the langer was known. One of the from one of the larger land owners termining factor for success in most tars struck the machine on the front in the valley, which is herewith pub- business enterprises and for happi- wishes of the taxpayers at the budwh el, knocked it off and spun the lished:

automobile around. Each succeeding Mr. Editor: "The first of the year personal equation. such struck the machine, and by the is inventory time when business in the train had passed it was houses take stock and see what they ilies our friends and ourselves happy aly wrecked. Luckily no one in have done the past year. Why should and contented and it is you and 1, the car was seriously injured, but not a community take stock and see in the majority of cases, who make Mrs. Culp received several bad what it has done? In this connec- ourselves prosperous.

tion I want to say that the Vale business men have hit the ball in "dumps" during the past few

Socia Events of Week 1921.

n connection with some experimen- selves to the reality that we must tal work on reclaiming alkalied cepe of a merry Christmas party land. The result of this was that same results as we did two years work twice as hard to obtain the the Oregon Agricultual College sent ago. And it depends entirely upon Prof. Johnston to Vale. He se- you and and me whether we remain means that the county has youd the friends were invited guests, and a lected a ten-acre tract for this in the "dumps" or emerge smiling work. In draining the land prepar- and prosperous.

atory to his exprimental work he The Malheur river valley and Vale found a new way, so far as this val- are right upon the verge and you presented for bounty has been on ley is concerned, of building drain- and I must realize the seriousness of the steady increase from year to age ditches. This new way of mak- the situation. If we cease struggling year. ing the ditches will save the valley now we will slip back to where Vale \$500,000, we are told by a man com- will be the old time trading point petent to estimate. If anyone doubts and the Warmsprings irrigation disvalley which should be drained as the situation is not so serious but shown by the cooperative report on that a fighting personal element can to rid the district of the pesta Auxiliary committee. The com- the district and multiply the acreage make the necesary strides forward mittee who planned the evening confound in other districts; then let this project and a thriving city of

Brown and Dr. H. W. Steelhammer, him take the same acreage and mul- Vale. And it is up to you and to tiply by our drainage cost by using me to be that fighting personal the sluicing method. He will find element.

Yours very truly,

A Resident."

One afternoon last week several \$500,000 is a low estimate of the members of the chorus who pre- saving. "Furthermore, Mr. Johnston's work

sented the Cantata Christmas night showed that the worst land in the met at the home of Mrs. H. E. Young to practice special parts, Af- valley can be reclaimed and in a ter working on the musicale, Mrs. shorter time than was thought by Young served dainty refreshments many of us. "Not content, the business men have

and a pleasant social afternoon was just raised better than \$5000 and are incorporating to bring in dairy Program at Sand Hollow

Program at Sand Hollow Rev. and Mrs. Melton attended the in the valley able to take care of ENCE ELLIOTT SAY FOG program at Sand Hollow school- dairy cows and who wants them, can



papers since the beginning to ef **Records Show Malheur Has** Correspondent Says Busi- face the personal pronoun in edi-

VALE, OREGON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1921

ness Men Have Accomp- torial writing and I am not the lished Much In The Past one to question the correctness of these ethics. But I have something I want to talk to you person

The repeal of the coyote bounty We are upon the threshold of new year and your thoughts are "What will the new year mean

"Will it bring me more success and happiness than I enjoyed last year?'

I want to tell you at the outset vast sum in drainage work. The that the answers to these questions ceived this week by the Enterprise well as upon me because of the de-

If you and I who make our fam-

A lot of us have gotten into the months. Business came too easy for

"Last spring the business men us during the war years and we are raised \$1000 to defray the expenses having a hard time to readjust our-

inishing perceptibly, as the number



CONDUCTED OVER NOWTH HALF OF COUNTY

I. S. Gabrielson, of the U. S. Bi- afternoon ogical Survey in charge of rodent control work, was present in the county early in the week to consult with County Agent Breithau] in regard to rabbit poisoning which these COLLIDE IN FOG

One Firm Has Biggest Business in Five Years and Others Show Heavy Sales

Young Man Convicted In The Christmas business just closed Paid Close To One Hundin Vale was an agreeable surprise red Thousand Pollars to most of the merchants of this For Bounties Since 1917. city in the fact that / it was much larger than was expected by any of them

death penalty for the atrocious mur-One store, the Vale branch of the der of George R. Sweeney on Sep-Alexander company, has the envitember 1, 1920, according to the able position of having done 20 per decision handed down by the sucent more business during the month. preme court this week. of December than in other like month The higher court upheld Judge

Biggs in all his rulings and Justice Other stores show large totals for the month and marked gains over McBride, in writing the decision, what was reasonably expected for said: "the final result in the lower this year. court was fully justified."

The sales at all of the business George Howard committed what houses show that the people have s considered one of the most cold spent little money for cheap luxuries blooded murders of southeastern Ore" but on the other hand of the more gon when he killed George Sweeney, expensive, substantial and useful artraveling tailor salesman of Vale, for ticles. An most of the merchants the possession of an old automobile had a larger percentage of cash busworth only a few hundred dollars. iness than in previous years. Sweeney was entired to demonstrate

Transients in Vale during the holthe car to Howard and a short disiday weeks complimented many of tance from Vale was struck over the merchants upon the attractive- the head with a wrench by Howness of their window and store disard. The body was thrown into the plays and remarked that they were tonneau of the car, covered with a unusually well displayed even for a robe and brought back into Vale, city, many times the size of Vale. where Howard secured a large trunk, There was a marked contrast these He stuffed the body of his victim attractive places for trade and one into the trunk and carried it around or two in the city where no effort in the car for almost two days hefor attractiveness was made. fore he sunk it in the Owyhee river

#### at Watson, within a stone's throw of Social Events of Week where he worked and lived for sev eral weeks. When Howard's work

#### Friday Bridge

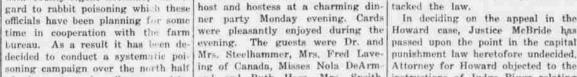
ended at Watson and it was neces-Mrs. Earl Neeley entertained the sary for him to leave for employ-Friday Bridge Club at a delightful ment, the murderer fished out the Chistmas party last week. Decora- body one dark night, carried it to a garden several hundred yards distions suiting the time of year were county, the bounty law has been a used throughout the living room. tant and buried it,

Sheriff H. Lee Noe unravelled the let him check over the acreag of the trict nothing but grazing land. But Southeastern Oregon and some oth- the centerpieces on the various ta- case and with the assistance of District Attorney Swagler, secured baskets were used as favors. There a confession from Howard. The case was tried in the January term of were three tables of bridge and Mrs. the circuit court before Judge Biggs. Leslie Hope, Ms. Vernon Herrett, Mrs. J. F. Miller, Mrs. T. T. Nelson with the new district attorney, Robert D. Lytle prosecuting it, and Mrs. John P. Houston were the

Howard must be returned to Mal-SEPTEMBER CAMPAIGN TO BE invited guests to the occasion, besides the club members. Mrs. Speith heur county for resentance but it is won high honors in clubs and Mrs. probable this will not be done until the constitutionality of the capital Houston high honors for guests. The was very pleasantly punishment law has been passed upon by the supreme court as attorneys spent for Elvie D. Kirby and John Rathie,

Dinner Party Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lumpee were

convicted murderers of Sheriff Til Taylor of Umatilla county, have attacked the law. In deciding on the appeal in the



law by the legislature this month and its enactment into law by Governor Olcott's signature will save Malheur county a vast sum of mon-

ey within the next few years. The news has been received with joy by for the past five years. taxpayers whose burdens have been

ecoming heavier and heavier. The new law makes it optional

upon the counties to pay these bounties and the county court of Malheur in conformity with the apparent ness in family and social life is the get meeting a short time ago, will not pay any bounties from now on.

The sum of \$18,000 was estimated in the budget for this expenditure during the coming year and this sum will be saved the taxpayers, and in all probability a larger sum as the hunters and trappers have brought

in more and more polts for bounties as the months passed by The county paid out over \$5,000 in the month of November alone. The records of the county show that the sum of \$71,869 has been

paid out on bounties for predetory animals since January 1, 1917. Thi bounty on over 20,000 coystes and the pests do not seem to be dim-

In the opinion of many in the failure in exterminating covotes in Vases of holly and mistletoe formed er means will have to be resorted to bles. Poinsettoes and little red nut

our Friday afternoon. Miss Hel- be supplied. It means that thousands on Fmith is teaching in that commu- of dollars in cream checks are going

Thaver were married at the Episcopal church in Boise Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The beautifui ring ceremony was used.

The bride was dressed in a charming afternoon gown of navy blue and carried a bridal bouquet of rosebuds.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayer are two of the most popular young people of this community and their marriage inute: is a pleasant occurance to friends

in Vale and Ontario. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Rose and has lived in Vale over seventeen years. The last four

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years and until recently whe has worked in the United States National' bank. Mr. Thayer has lived in this community since childhood. Last year he and his parents moved to their ranch near Ontario. The newly married couple enjoyed

a short honeymoon in Boire and returned the last of the week to their new home near Ontario.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS

State Lawmakers Meet at Salem to Start Portland Fair Program On Its Way

The special session of the state legislature convened by the governor, after a week of struggle, adjourned Saturday night at 6:30 o'clock, with the principal object of its meeting week. still unattained, it would seem from the press reports. The question of the press reports. The question of Mr. and Mrs. Vernor Herris a constitutional majority in the up- tored to Ontario on business the per house is the stumbling block and first of the week. it is thought that the courts will be called upon to settle this disputed Georgia, and J. H. Russell were the point before the people will be al-lowed to vote upon the measure in sell, Christmas.

May of this year. Iay of this year. A vacancy caused by the death of in the community Monday and rea member of the upper chamber has placed the result in doubt, the vote being very close in the senate—14 to being very close in the senate-14 to 15. It is claimed that a legal ma-in the city the first of the work, hav-weight of the work of the work, hav-weight of the work of t

jority is 16. The assembly has sent to the gov-

ernor the two fair proposals over h Firther hid which amends the week. which the fight was waged. The one gaualine tax law of 1921, increases O. W. Logan spent several days got sented again they discovered paxpayers there in the neight should is a proposed constitutional amond-, the sax from one to two cents per here on business.

ment creating arcommission of 15 gallon, and gives during the four- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ellis of Em- ence Elliott's car. The cars were years and promines to continue the liai Lewis, who has spent the busy day here Tuesday. members to conduct the 1925 exposi- year period the total sum of three mett visited in the city Saturday badly jarred and jammed. Mr. Scott drain indefinitely as witness the rabe last few months working near Vale. tion at Portland and providing for million dollars, the sum required and Sunday. the financing of the same by a tax from the state to finance the exposi- B. H. Small of Jamieson was a a little but nothing of a serious na- county for 1922 amounting to \$29,- his home in La Grande. He re-

on gasoline. The other is known as tion-

Miss Valida Innes Rose and Hugh nity and she has only three pupils to be coming into this valley inside at present, but that was only an in- of the next year. centive for each to do his best. The "If this community, thru the busi- is invited to come with full baskets prop am was one of the finest he ness men, keep hitting the ball as and enjoy the day.

ever attended, so reports Rev. Mel- they have the past year, this will be and music. The children also had a

Mrs.

the

Chri mas tree and enjoyed the usual Christmas treat of candy and

Cantata Well Taken

The Cantata presented at the have just completed a ditch averaging around 12 feet deep and almost Chritian church Christmas night, under the direction of F. A. Luse, \$200, figuring man and team at \$5 was well taken. A large and appreciative audience attended.

The Christmas programs given at the Mathodist and Christian churches an acre for the land drained. When the children enjoyed the Yuletide eve.

## State Teachers' Association

dent of Malheur county, left the at Yakima cost from \$50 to \$60 an itter i the State Teachers' Associa- the Warmsprings district able to is home spending the vacation with tion meeting held there this week, construct drainage systems at a very his parents,

pected a number of teachers of this nothing, whereas the maintenance parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cone. pooled orders accompanied by the costs elsewhere is quite an item. county will attend.

H. E. Neshitt of Weatherby spent one day with friends in Vale this a short visit in his old home at Vale.

Bud Rogers spent several days in Mr. High has been in Rawlins, Wyoming for the past ten months. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Herrett mo-

home in Ontario Wednesday. Mrs. Hickman and her daughter Sunday.

Thursday in Vale.

visitor Friday.

HORNS NEEDED HERE last day of the year with a big din- erative work or which perfect the Norman Keifer.

THE EDITOR.

BIG BEND

ENCE ELLIOTT SAY FOG

ner at the schoolhouse. Everybody essential organization. The plan which will be put into effect is substantially an arrange-Mr. Felix Harris and family and ment by which the Biological sur-

ton, and was over an hour long, one of the most prosperous sections Mr. Godwin and family spent Sun- vey will furnish an experienced rabcons ting of recitations, readings in the Northwest in a few years. dey with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wil- bit poisoner in the person of E. B. Mr. and Mrs. Al Ewing enterworked in Klamath and other coun-

As an example of how cheaply tained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. ties on rabbit poisoning carapaigns, drainage ditches can be constructed, Purdy and family and Mrs. Nellie to supervise the preparation and dis-Messers, Russell, Hadley and Carman T. Jacobs, tribution of the poison and keep Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fleetwood things moving along the various entertained a number of friends and communities by moving from one to

one mile long at a cost of around relatives Christmas day. the other during the rabbit poisoning Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Faubion were per day. This is about eight cents host and hostess to a number of to the community farm bureau on pooled orders assembled by the ro-

a lineal foot of ditch and about \$2 friends Christmas day. Tom and Jim Welsh, from Cald- dent control committeemen, at cost the Mathedist and Christian churches in Vale were also well attended and the Malheur Drainage district, which days with their parents, Mr. and control revolving fund made avail-ful Christmas dinner party. The in the Balkeur Drainage district, which is the Balkeur Drainage district which an treat and Santa Claus on Christmas ran somewhere around \$60 an acre, Mrs. Thos. Welsh. the saving is apparent.

son.

Mrs. E. Crail, school superinten- acre and government systems built Bend to spend the holidays.

Chat Purdy, who is working for without any financial loss to the Mrs. Melton. first of the week for Portland to acre. Not only are the farmers of the U. S. R. S. at Emmett, Idaho, county. This poison will be handled by

the county agent who will d. tribute A very interesting meeting has been small cost but the maintenance on Mr. William Cone, principal of it to the farm bureau organizations and Mrs. A. E. Douglas one eve arranged for this year and it is ex- these systems will be practically the Star high school, is visiting his in lots of ten ounces or more on

Mr. Wilson, from Nampa, took cash. For such order the Biologi-

Mr. Wilson is a fine singer.

holding a revival at the Arena Val- ganizations cooperating in the or- ent. The living room was prettily childen builden in husband and ley rehoolhouse beginning Monday ganized campaign. This will bring decorated in Christmas colors. A father who survive the departed ones. Mrs. Frank Jones spent a day in night. Everyone is invited to at the cost of the poison to well under pleasant evening was enjoyed play-

Vale this week and returned to her tend. one dollar an ounce, and it the ing cards. Eddie, the small son of Mr. and same time put its distribution on Mr. and Mrs. M. Strout of Brogan Mrs. Ed Gibson, living near Ar- an organized and effective basis. were in the community Saturday and cadia, is seriously ill from blood Owing to financial stringency and On Christmas a nice, big turkey tette including Mrs. IL E. Young, poisoning,, but was reported better domand for economy on the part of arrived for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hayes Mrs. Baraeley, Mr. Frank Luso and

Michael Needahm of Juntura spent today.

W. L. Spence was a business vis- Bend Monday morning. Mr. Dan the county court the past two years party the following day. Mr. and the Visto cometery. Bradford started to Ontario, accom- had to be discontinued, sithough itor the last of the wek.

W, D. Fany of Brogan transacted of Adrian they heard quite a crash, a very moderate expense compared

hats and cushions. When they all in Harney county which has cost the that their Ford had run into Clar- of \$200,000 during the past few

ture resulted.

000.

of the county in all communities ond and Ruth Hess, Mrs. Speith, instructions of Judge Biggs relating Big Bend is going to celebrate the which are organized for doing coop- Carston Mueller, John Boswell and to the right of the jury to recom-

Sunday School Party

of the jurors," and argued that this Miss Evalyn Hyde's and Miss Marright was an arbitrary one in the garet Cleveland's Sunday School power of the jury and did not reclasses spent a jolly evening at the juire cicumstances. Justice McBride home of the latter Wednesday held that the jury should consider all Seargent of Malheur who has night. The youngsters played gamecircumstances in connection with the and told ghost stories, and then made case and that it was unthinkable popcorn balls and candy. that a jury would not so consider these circumstances.

Dinner Party

Mrs. John Hardwick entertained several guests at dinner Christmas. Coves were laid for six. Guest: were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hayes, Miss

season. Strichnine will be furnished Flora Smith and Mrs. Mary Dodge. MOTHER AND TWO YEAR OLD

Christman day was saddened if in the Boyer family. The little two able to the farm bureau by the rooms and tables were prettily decyear old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Miss Forrest, principal of the Big county court nearly two years ago oated in Christmas colors. The af-Records show that practically all Bend school, who attended the ex- by means of which the farmers have ternoon was pleasantly spent and Boyer died that afternoon, after a drainage work costs over \$30 per aminations in Vale, returned to the already been saved many thousands music enjoyed. Guests were Mr. and few works illness, and on Monday of dollars in the cost of poisons M s. A. E. Douglas and Rev. and Mrs. Boyer passed away., Her death was probably due to worry and selfneglect while caring for the chil-

Bert High returned last week for at the schoolhouse Christmas eve, amount of poison free of cost so tend school were honor guests at the long as the supply lasts, provided home of Mrs. R. N. Beach Monday their atmost to make the borden of Rev. Williams and Mr. Wilson are the orders are from legitin are or- evening. Twelve guests were pres-

Dinner Party

ing. Music was rendered by a quartaxpayers, the custom of furnishing sent form a sister at Princville, and Mr. Hon Mulkey. Mrs. Boyer and For horns were needed in the rabbit poison free as practed by Mrs. Hayes was hostens at a dinner her little son were laid to rest in

Mrs. John E. Johnson and Mr. and Carl Boppart and Pete Small of panied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas some excellent work has been done Mrs. J. J. Dickerson were the guests. Mrs. Rogers Entertains

on Chistman day. TO LA GRANDE

C. R. Hall was a business visitor

from Nyme Saturday.

IN BOISE G. B. Porter left the last of the week to celebrate the remainder of

The funeral service was held at

ternos, with Rev. Melton officiat

J. M. Denti of Payette was in town Tuesday.

Michael Joyce of Juntura spent a

Ed Oakes and wife of Ironside got one car and his hands cut quite bit bounty item allowed in that enjoyed a pleasant Christman at wer visitors the first of the week-

turned to Vale Wednesday

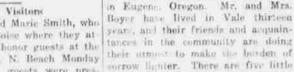
W. D. Fany of Brogan transacted of Adrian they nearly parts a class, to the bounty system now in logue cral friends at dinner and at cards Ms. J. D. Rogers entertained sev- the holidays in Hoise.

ning last week. Honor Visitors

HOME FROM RAWLINS, WYO, an active part in the entertainment cal Survey will furnish an equal are home from Boise where they at years, and their friends and acquain-

were entertained at the home of Mr. part of the winter.

Emma E. Boyer was 32 years old, having been born September 9, 1889, Misses Leah and Marie Smith, who Boyer have lived in Vale thirteen



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Herrets dren that have been ill the greater

Dinner Guesta Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McGillivray

mend life imprisonment, "if circumstances justified this in the minds

TWO DEATHS IN FAMIL

SON DIE-MUCH SICK-

NESS IN FAMILY