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TOTAL TAX LEVY IS BELOW LAST YEAR

Milage Is Slightly Higher Because Of Big Drop In Assessed Valuation-State Tax Calls For 10.4 Mills

Malheur county taxes to be collected in 1922 will be close to \$20,000 less than they were in the past year, according to the levies which were officially made public this week.

The millage will be slightly higher, however, as the total assessed valuation of the county dropped nearly a million dollars last year, due to the heavy depreciation in the value and number of livestock in the county and the decreased value of merchandise stocks and some other classes of personal property which were affected by the slump in prices.

The big jolt in taxes this year, the same as last year, in the state tax. It was necessary to levy a tax of 10.4 mills in the county to raise the necessary \$158,000 asked for by state governments.

Table with 2 columns: Category (State, County, School, Sinking Fund, Library, High School, General Road, Market Road, City of Vale, City of Ontario, City of Nyssa, City of Jordan Valley, City of Juntura, Union High School No. 1) and Valuation (\$15,313,260.23)

The complete tax levies of the county are as follows: Total assessed valuation \$15,313,260.23. State 10.4, County 3.3, School 2.3, Sinking Fund 2 Mills, Library .3-16.5, High School 1.2, General Road 4, Market Road 1.6, City of Vale 33.2, City of Ontario 21.5, City of Nyssa 16.9, City of Jordan Valley 13.5, City of Juntura none, Union High School No. 1, comprising school districts Nos. 3, 17, 27, 53, 69, 6.1

DANCE NEW YEAR IN VERY LARGE CROWD AT DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT-GOOD TIME ENJOYED.

To the strains of a beautiful waltz the old year waned and 1922 arrived, at the Vale dance hall, on New Year's eve, and amid flying confetti dancers shouted joyous greetings.

POPULAR TWO GET LICENSE William Schweizer and Vera Hite of Owyhee Are to Be Made One.

William Schweizer and Miss Vera Hite, of the Owyhee country came to Vale Thursday and secured a license to wed from County Clerk Sackett. They are popular young people of the district south of Nyssa.

Slacker Is Denied Citizen's Papers

Petition for Naturalization Is Turned Down by Court With Prejudice.

With evidence before him that Leo Bamatter, of Ontario, had claimed exemption from the draft during the war on the grounds that he was an alien, Judge Dalton Biggs denied with prejudice the alien's petition to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States when the petition was presented on Wednesday.

Petitions for naturalization papers were allowed as follows: Peter C. Christensen, of Adrian; John Edward Joyce, of Westfall; Fritz Gustaf Berling, of Vale, and Murchison, of Folly Farm.

RAILROAD TO BE BUILT LIGHT RAIL TRACK FOR AUTO-MOBILE TRAINS IS CONSIDERED.

News comes from LaPine, Deschutes county, that an automobile railroad with light rails is to be built across Central Oregon and that the first unit of construction may be to connect with the Southern Pacific line at Oakridge in Lane county.

The LaPine Intermountain, a weekly paper, "scoops" all other papers in the state on this story. The story "broke" in that town at a meeting at which representatives of the capitalists who are said to be back of the project were present.

"According to statements made by members of the conference yesterday, the road will be of the 'light-rail' type of construction, and automobile trans will be operated over it. A series of conferences have been held at Portland and San Francisco during the past few months, getting the details of the new transportation system worked out, and a plan of financing perfected.

"There are nearly 22,000,000 acres of territory affected by the new deal, extending east to the state line southward. One hundred and six little towns and settlements will be supplied with transportation. The first unit of construction may be to connect with one of the four main lines now extending into this vast undeveloped empire, but no information has yet been given out as to whether it will be Klamath Falls, Crane, Oakridge or Bend. It is known, however, that engineers have been here the past few weeks and that indications point to a line from Crane to Oakridge as the first move.

"The plan of operation and the type of construction to be used by this company have been fully approved by some of the leading railroad men and engineers of the United States, and by these men it is considered the one hope for Central Oregon, enabling this vast area to communicate within itself and to touch the heavy transportation lines where the best service is offered. Representatives of the various interests included in the new project are now on the ground going over possible routes, and getting things in readiness to start construction as soon as weather permits."—Eugene Register.

WILL DISCUSS ATTENDANCE Semi-Monthly Meeting of Parent-Teachers Association to Be Held Tuesday.

The feature of the semi-monthly meeting of the Vale Parent-Teachers association which will be held next Tuesday evening at the school house will be a general discussion upon the attendance of the Vale schools. All phases of the meaning of "attendance" will be discussed.

RELATIVES AT ROCKVILLE. William Hicks, Deceased, Had Military Funeral at Jordan Valley by Legion Boys.

The funeral of William Hicks, murdered at Jordan Valley early in December, was conducted by the American Legion of that place and a military funeral was given the deceased.

LENGTHY DOCKET CONFRONTS COURT Twenty Eight Civil Suits And Number Of Criminal Cases To Be Disposed Of During January Term

One of the heaviest dockets in the history of the court confronts Judge Dalton Biggs at the opening of the January term of circuit court this week in Vale. Twenty-eight civil suits have already been set for trial and three criminal cases as well as the trials of any more criminal cases which may result from indictments by the grand jury this week.

The first trials will begin next Monday, January 9, upon which day the following cases have been set for trial:

- Oregon & Western Colonization company vs. Eastern Oregon Land company; W. W. Hinton & Edward Chenuit, co-partners, vs. United States National Bank of Vale; Bert Draper vs. W. P. Allen; Malheur Livestock & Land company vs. Mamie E. Hubbel; Malheur Livestock & Land Co., vs. Wallace E. Hubbel et al. Several civil and two criminal cases are set for Tuesday, January 10, as follows: Pacific Livestock Company vs. Malheur Livestock & Land Company; G. H. Ross vs. W. E. Adams; Ray Omart vs. Deseret Sheep Company et al; State of Oregon vs. Howard Samuel Pierce and State of Oregon vs. Arthur Hall. The last two named, criminal cases, are the trials of the two men captured in Salt Lake City and charged with the robbery of Wilson Brothers store at Nyssa. Other cases set for trial during the week continue as follows: Wednesday, January 11—V. Shradler vs. G. F. Wildhaber et al; George Frank vs. P. W. Grimes; Mae Murphy vs. School District No. 14; George England et al vs. George Frank and J. F. Doty; W. P. Allen vs. Malheur Livestock & Land Company. Thursday, January 12—Malheur Livestock & Land Company vs. Joe Boyer; Donald McLeod vs. J. S. Boyer. Friday, January 13—Louis Zaninetta vs. Lucretia Mansur; Malheur County vs. Otis Thayer; McNulty & Company vs. J. R. Fortier. Saturday, January 14—Weiser National Bank vs. Rutherford Bros. and R. N. Stanfield; C. W. Polk vs. J. S. Stark. Monday, January 16—Donald McLeod vs. O. S. L. R. Co. et al; Weiser National Bank vs. Malheur Livestock & Land Co. and R. N. Stanfield; Vincent Mendiola vs. Oregon Short Line R. R. Co.; Idaho Power Company vs. Randall Sage; Arthur M. Moody vs. Malheur Livestock & Land Company; Clemente Alday vs. Julien Larrabide. Tuesday, January 17—John Ebarrieta vs. Malheur Livestock & Land Co.; First National Bank of Pocatello vs. T. H. Moore; State of Oregon vs. Howard Camp.

MARRIED ON NEW YEAR SAND HOLLOW COUPLE QUIETLY MARRIED BY REV. MELTON SUNDAY EVENING.

New Year was the happiest day of all the year for two young people in our community. Sunday evening Miss Helen M. Smith and Elmer R. House were quietly married by Rev. Melton, and the year of new hopes and dreams was begun, hand in hand, by our young newlyweds.

FIRST HAT THROWN IN RING Marion County Legislator Announces Candidacy for Nomination for Governor.

The first hat has been publicly thrown into the ring for the coming gubernatorial fight for the republican nomination for governor of Oregon at the May primary elections by J. D. Lee, of Marion county. Mr. Lee is a member of the legislature from the capital county. His announcement to the press makes the usual campaign assertions of the particular genius and ability of the candidate for the particular office he seeks.

DECREE OF DIVORCE GRANTED Two Couples Given Separation by Judge Biggs in the Circuit Court.

Decrees of divorce were granted to Wallace Burns from Eva Burns and to Katie M. Mose from William Mose by Judge Dalton Biggs in the circuit court this week. The shooting took place in Banister's pool hall where several men were engaged in a card game. Darsey started to leave the hall but on reaching the door turned and commenced shooting at the party.

EDITORIAL THE GASOLINE TAX.

Portland, for the most part, is remaining discreetly quiet about the proposed tax on gasoline to finance its 1925 exposition. Even if the supreme court decides that a majority vote in favor of the measure was recorded in the senate and that the proposition will be submitted to the people in May, Portland would like the impression to go out to the state at large that the fair promoters do not favor such a tax but would accept it, under mild protest, as the only way left by an unfair bunch of "little brothers and sisters" for financing the fair.

It appears to us that there is a joker in the woodpile and it will be well for the state not to be deceived upon this proposition. A tax on gasoline is exactly what a lot of interests of Portland will accept with joy as it lets them out entirely.

In other words, a tax on gasoline would place the burden of financing the proposed exposition upon the people who would derive the least benefit.

It is an accepted fact that the railroads derive, possibly, the greatest direct financial returns from big expositions.

How much gasoline tax would the railroads pay? Their competitors, the motor trucks and passenger cars, would pay the bills for working up an immense trade for the railroads. The big property owners of Portland and the large financial interests would derive an immense amount of benefit from the exposition and would pay, under the gasoline tax, only a few dollars for passenger car consumption.

An unfortunate situation has arisen in Oregon over the attempt of some of the Multnomah delegation to force something down the throat of the state at large. The old-time feud between Portland and the state-at-large has broken out and the really big and just men of Portland regret it as much as does the rest of the state.

Portland cannot grow and prosper as it should without the undivided support of the state and neither can the state develop without the help of Portland. As aptly expressed in an editorial in the Oregon Journal, "It will be cheaper for Portland to pay for the exposition itself than permit it to widen the breach between the state and city."

WILL REGULATE JINNEYS NEW TRAFFIC LAW PLACES REGULATION IN HANDS OF COMMISSION.

The new automotive legislation is interpreted as affecting all corporations, person or companies owning, controlling, operating or managing any motor vehicle used in the business of transportation of persons or property for compensation over the public highways of the state, exception being made to such vehicles as operate exclusively within the limits of an incorporated city or town.

The public service commission, in its administration of the act, is authorized to supervise and regulate such features as rates, services and facilities from the standpoint of their reasonableness, safety and adequacy and to exercise jurisdiction in such matters affecting the relationship of such companies with the passenger and shipping public.

All companies or individuals subject to the act and engaged in the operation of this class of public transportation must first obtain from the Commission a certificate or permit setting forth the terms and conditions covering such operations, also to file a surety bond or liability insurance and good faith undertaking. The maximum license fee is fixed at \$10 per vehicle.

The necessary application blanks including a request for pertinent data, accompanied by copies of the law, are furnished by the Public Service Commission promptly upon request. The county clerks and county judges of the various counties have been supplied with copies of the new law for the information of the general public.

STIRS UP PAISLEY TOWN BOOTLEGGER STARTS FPACAS WITH GUN WHEN MONEY IS NOT FORTHCOMING.

A shooting affray at Paisley Monday evening (December 26) came near resulting fatally to Dick Banister and the serious wounding of Henry Hanam. The shooting was done by John Darsey of Burns and was the result of imbibing too freely of moonshine. Darsey was taken into custody and held awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Woodcock, who later brought him to Lakeview, where he is now held pending a hearing.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS TWO PROPOSITIONS Water Improvements Take Up Entire Time of Regular Monthly Meeting-Site To Be Chosen By Council

For three hours Thursday evening the city council debated over details of the proposed new improvements to the water system and the only definite action taken was the passage of a motion made by Councilman Nelson that the council as a whole investigate the various suggested sites for the new well and decide upon the one to be selected. The council is pretty well divided upon the site question. The present well is located in a city street and some of the councilmen think it would be better for the city to acquire a small tract of land for the new well and not place it in the street as was originally thought.

A proposition was presented by H. C. Nesbit which may change the plans for the improvement entirely. The council has always considered the price of a stand-pipe, or tank reservoir, as prohibitive and in its desire to keep the amount of pipe to be purchased as low as possible has necessarily limited the proposed sites for the well to available locations as near the present reservoir as possible.

The Columbia Trust Company of Portland, which agreed to purchase the issue of water bonds, has been trying to take the bonds up in small blocks at a time. The city has refused to accept any deal other than the original one made to take the entire issue of \$30,000 and has given the Portland financial concern until Saturday noon to either accept or reject the issue.

Harry Bealar, manager of the Home Packing Company, was elected a member of the council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bruce R. Kester to become city attorney.

HARNEY TAX MEETING MILD Few Taxpayers Present and Harmony Prevailed, According to County Paper.

The budget hearing meeting in Harney county, according to the Burns Times-Herald, was a harmonious affair and a contrast to the budget hearing in Malheur county. Only a few taxpayers were present and the recommendations they made were talked over with the county court and the budget committee and the advice of the officials was taken in all differences, as the taxpayers considered the officials in better position to judge the needs of the county.

A suggestion was made that a new law be passed at the next legislature allowing counties to convert the payments of all delinquent taxes to a retiring fund for bonded indebtedness. It is estimated by the Times-Herald that Harney county taxes will be a little lower than they were last year.

STOCK ASSESSMENT IS MADE Amount of \$100 a Share Levied Upon U. S. Bank Stock by Comptroller.

Orders have been received by Receiver John J. Brunholt, Jr., to levy and collect an assessment of \$75,000 from the stockholders of the United States National bank. Notices were sent to individual stockholders this week. The assessment is for \$100 a share.

MR. AND MRS. H. CRAM OF CRANE SPENT THE LAST OF THE WEEK IN THE CITY.

Darsey is a man of about 50 years of age and has been running a jitney during the past summer. He is a man of family, having a wife and daughter living at Burns, so it is stated.—Lakeview Examiner.

Cattle Rustler To Be Tried Jan. 17

Howard Camp, indicted on Charge of Stealing Range Stock Faces Five Indictments. Howard Camp, of Harper, will face five indictments when he goes on trial January 17 on the charge of rustling cattle.

Camp's arrest was one of spectacular incidents of the sheriff's office this year and harkened the memory of old timers back to the days when cattle rustling in Southeastern Oregon was prevalent.

A sheriff's posse under Deputy Sheriff Charles Glenn picked up the trail of Camp and his partner, Wilson, in the hills south of Vale and a horseback chase which lasted all day and into the night followed. An unusual feat of trailing was done by Deputy Glenn in following the two rustlers along a devious and winding trail through the dry hills and canyons in the rough country south of Vale. The arrest was made near Harper.

EXPERIMENTS ON PIGS ALFALFA AND WHEAT FARMERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY WILL COMBINE.

An experiment in co-operative pork production to determine if irrigation farmers and wheat farmers may not work together to the profit of both in growing pork is to be worked out this year in Umatilla county. The communities which will join hands in the work are Hermiston and Pendleton.

Pork production has gradually come to be neglected in this county since the days of high prices for wheat and the high price of feeders which prevailed during the war and the co-operative project, which will be under the joint leadership of Fred Bennion, county agent, and H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Hermiston station, will be made in an effort to see if the alfalfa growers and the wheat growers may not work together to their mutual advantage.

On the wheat ranches, it has been found that it is not profitable to keep hogs the year 'round. During the months when the porkers are pigs, the scheme of farming followed by the wheat men is such that the pigs can not be furnished with the kind of pasture which will put on the fastest gains at the lowest cost. The pigs can quite profitably be taken as feeders and run on wheat stubble after harvest and finished to advantage on the down and shattered grain which otherwise would be a waste.

BOUNTY LAW IN FORCE ENTERPRISE WAS IN ERROR LAST WEEK-ONLY SLIGHT CHANGE MADE.

Due to a mistaken opinion of the new coyote bounty law by both county officials and the editor of The Enterprise, an incorrect version of the law as it was finally signed by Governor Olcott was published in last week's issue of this paper and the paper desires to correct the information this week.

The coyote bounty law as introduced by Representative Gallagher contained a clause making it optional upon the separate county courts to pay these bounties. The law passed the house as introduced but was corrected in committee in the senate and this clause stricken from the law and it was signed by the governor as amended.

Under the new law Malheur county must pay bounties as in the past but the person presenting the pelt for bounty must make an affidavit that he or she actually captured or killed the animal for which bounty is sought within the county which is asked to pay the bounty and further state the precinct in which the animal was killed or caught and the date of such killing or taking which shall not be more than 60 days prior to the presentation for bounty. And the person making application for the bounty must have the supporting affidavit of two freeholders of the county as to the truthfulness of his or her statements.

Violating the act or making false affidavit is made a felony and the punishment is fixed by a jail sentence of from 30 days to one year, or a fine of from \$50 to \$500 or both.

A certified copy of the new law reached county officials just prior to the final meeting of the budget committee on Friday and it was necessary to incorporate an allowance in the budget for bounties. The budget committee, however, cut \$4000 from the original estimate for this expenditure as, in its opinion, fewer animals would be presented for bounty under the new law. Arthur Beam, a resident of Ironside, was registered at the Drexel hotel this week.

DAIRY COWS TO BE SECURED AT ONCE

M. G. Hope Heads Corporation Formed To Assist Farmers In Stocking The Acres With Dairy Herds

According to plans announced by M. G. Hope, president of the Vale Cream Products corporation, the new corporation for placing dairy cows on the project around Vale, a buyer will be sent into some region to secure a shipment of cows within a very short time.

The corporation has \$5700 of its capital stock already subscribed and the directors propose to use this money at once to secure the first shipment of cows. While the corporation was organized for the express purpose of re-financing its paper with the War Finance Corporation, the directors assert they see no reason for waiting until the federal agency has taken the time to pass upon the application of the corporation. The directors propose to utilize the money already raised and place cows upon the project as quickly as possible.

The articles of incorporation which were filed by Thos. B. Nordale, A. E. McGilivray, Lloyd Riches and Robt. D. Lytle, as incorporators a week ago with the corporation commission, received rapid and favorable action by that official. Notices of the first meeting and waivers received for the statutory length of time and the first meeting was called last Saturday afternoon. A minority of the stock was represented and the meeting was continued until Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A sufficient amount of the stock was represented at Monday's meeting and the following directors were elected: M. G. Hope, C. C. Mueller, Alf Chester, Harry Bealar and Leo Schmidt.

The directors met immediately upon the adjournment of the stockholders meeting and elected M. G. Hope as president and C. C. Mueller as secretary of the board.

Under the articles of incorporation the board of directors has power to adopt bylaws for governing the corporation.