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## COUNTY BONDS ARE SOLD AT PREMIUM

### Ontario National Bank Bids in Block of Road Bonds--Seven Bids Above Par Offered County

Malheur county received a nice premium on the block of \$130,000 of road bonds which were sold the first of this week to the Ontario National bank. The sum of \$2,737.80 above par value of the bonds was offered by the Ontario financial concern and its bid being the highest was accepted by the court.

The bids offered for the bonds indicate the high tone of the bond market and show the desirability of bonds of the character which the county just sold.

Following are the bids and amount of premium offered: Citizens Bank of Portland, \$1000; E. H. Rollins & Sons of Portland, \$1001; Clark-Kendall of Portland, \$1368; Lumberman's Trust company of Portland, \$1897; Ontario National bank, \$2737.80; Palmer Bond and Mortgage Company of Salt Lake, \$847; Ferris & Hargrave, of Spokane, \$556.

The sum of \$80,000 has been pledged by the county to the state highway commission for the county's part of road work which is already under way and that amount of the money received from the bond sale will be turned over to the commission.

The rest of the bond money, or \$50,000 was voted by the people at the election which authorized those bonds for road work from Nysa to Jordan Valley and that is where it will be spent, according to County Judge E. H. Test. That official asserted the county would proceed with the construction of the Nysa-Jordan Valley road this year.

## DOG LICENSE UPHELD

### SUPREME COURT DECISION MAY HAVE FAR REACHING EFFECT UPON TAXES.

Far reaching complications of the double taxation question are predicted by some Malheur county men because of the decision handed down this week by the Supreme Court making valid the dog license fee.

The law was upheld in the suit brought against its validity by Colonel E. Hofer of Salem, who now declares he is not through with the law but will place its repeal before the people at an election.

The dog license law has never been popular in Malheur county because the stockmen and particularly the sheepmen must maintain quite a band of dogs to assist in taking care of their stock and they have always contended they were being forced to pay a double taxation as the dogs are entered as personal property on the tax roll.

"If it is legitimate for the state to collect a license fee from dogs and at the same time levy taxes against them I see no reason why the same thing cannot be done with automobiles," said Ex-county Judge George W. McKnight. "In my opinion the decision of the supreme court makes that legal and there will be an awful howl go up over the state when that is done. I think the decision of the supreme court will have a very far reaching effect before its influence upon other taxation matters other than that of dogs has ceased."

County Assessor Andrew M. Graham is of the opinion that the decision makes it permissible to place automobiles upon the tax rolls for taxation and he is going to take the matter up at once with the State Tax commission and, unless stopped by that body, will assess automobiles this year.

County Clerk H. S. Sackett has not collected dog licenses since the first of the year because of the pending suit before the supreme court, but the decision upholding the law makes it necessary for all owners of dogs to pay their license fees again this year.

**FIVE ELKS ATTEND CEREMONY**  
Five Vale Elks, L. J. Hadley, F. E. Zutz, R. N. Simmonds, H. G. Kennard and Lloyd Riches, attended the ceremony in Weiser Wednesday evening when a class of twenty candidates were initiated into the order by the Nampa lodge.

The Eastern Stars held a regular business meeting one evening last week. Nothing of great importance was accomplished.

Stewart Hannah, who resides near Westfall, spent this week of court at Vale.

Mrs. I. B. Quisenberry returned the last of this week from Portland, where she has been for some time.

## Attempts to Side Step Agreement

### Highway Commission Says No Road Work in County During 1922.

Action was taken a few days ago by the state highway commission regarding the survey of the Central Oregon Highway west of the Vale-Burrelle section which indicates that the commission is trying to side-step the agreement made to the county court some time ago on the construction of the Old Oregon Trail.

County Judge Test has requested that the survey be made and the commission wrote to Judge Test this week asserting it did not see its way clear to do this, unless the county wanted to pay half of the cost, because the construction of the Old Oregon Trail would take all of Malheur county's share of state road money for 1922.

"This is contrary to the agreement made with the county when the Old Oregon Trail was definitely decided upon," said County Judge Test. "Chairman Booth himself made the statement to our delegation that the money for the Old Oregon Trail work had already been provided for. And the court interpreted this to mean that this work would not be charged against the 1922 share of road money which Malheur county has justly coming to it. I shall take the matter up immediately with the commission."

## TWELVE HORSES DROWNED

### Herd Breaks Through When Driven Across the Ice

Twelve valuable horses belonging to Rutherford Brothers of Malheur drowned in Reservoir No. 3 Saturday. The horses were driven by three men who were riding for Rutherford Brothers, and they supposed there was no danger in crossing the reservoir as it was frozen over and covered with snow. After venturing several yards on the thin ice it gave way and the horses went through the ice. Luckily the horsemen had only reached the brink of the reservoir or they probably would have lost their lives.

## STATE CHAMBER ACTIVE

### ORGANIZATION WOULD COMBINE ALL COLONIZATION WORK UNDER ONE HEAD.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce will continue its active work in colonizing and settling the unoccupied land of the state, and will bend every effort toward the merging of all land settlement agencies throughout the state during the coming year, according to an outline of the future policy of the organization made public at Portland this week.

The report, which is the outgrowth of the annual meeting of the organization on January 3, emphasizes the fact that the State Chamber, due to the active cooperation of the railroads serving this state, executive departments at Salem, and all state-wide organizations, has become established as the central medium through which prospective settlers are put in touch with the various districts of the state in which they desire to locate.

An important development in the State Chamber's plan of placing ex-soldiers on the land under the provisions of the Oregon bonus law, was announced in the report. Robert O. Case of the State Chamber, an ex-service man, has been appointed secretary of the State Land Committee of the American Legion, and will immediately take up the work of compiling data in regard to specific tracts of land available for soldier settlement.

Thomas A. Sweeney, chairman of the State Land Committee of the American Legion, in announcing the appointment of the secretary, declared that the committee would take up the active work of soldier settlement through the State Chamber.

"Oregon ex-soldiers who desire to use the bonus as a means of buying a home should address the American Legion State Land Committee, Oregon building, Portland," said Mr. Sweeney. "We expect to work closely with the State Chamber in this matter, as that organization has complete data on file relative to the various tracts of land ready for settlement."

Other matters taken up in the report include the announcement that a new department of Organization and Service, as recommended by the State Association of Commercial Secretaries, will be instituted by the State Chamber. The purpose of this department will be to give assistance to local commercial organizations throughout the state, and a field man will be employed who will devote his entire time to this work.

Mrs. Kate Long visited in Vale this week.

## NICHOLS TRIAL FOR MURDER SET JAN. 30

### Five Criminal Cases Are Disposed of This Week--One Trial and Conviction; Three Plead Guilty

Archie Nichols, buckaroo, indicted last week by the grand jury of murder in the first degree, will go on trial for his life in the circuit court of Malheur county before Judge Dalton Biggs, beginning Monday, January 30. District Attorney R. D. Lytle will prosecute the case and J. W. McCulloch, of Ontario, will defend Nichols.

Nichols is charged with shooting William Hicks at Jordan Valley several weeks during a brawl in which Hicks was fighting with Jim Mills in an old cellar. This is the third murder trial to be held before Judge Biggs during the last 18 months.

Five of the criminal cases on the docket for this term of court were disposed of this week, one by trial and conviction three by pleas of guilty and one by dismissal.

Howard Samuel Pierce was convicted of robbing Wilson Brothers store at Nyssa. He was prosecuted by District Attorney Lytle and represented in trial by Chas. K. Crandall. At the time Pierce was arrested in Salt Lake City, Arthur Hall was taken also and charged with participation in the crime. But at the time of trial the state was unable to locate the only witness who could connect Hall with the crime and the only way the state could connect in any way was simply evidence that Hall had some of the stolen goods in his possession at Salt Lake. It was necessary for the case against Hall to be dismissed.

Manual Montoya, indicted for larceny in a store; Edward McEvoy, indicted of larceny of a Ford; and Robert H. LeRoy, indicted for assault with a dangerous weapon, all pled guilty to the charges against them.

Four criminal cases remain to be tried and the first one, that of State vs. Howard Camp, will come up for trial Tuesday, January 17.

## INEFFECTIVE RABBIT POISONING

### Great Work Being Done By Mallett County.

The jack rabbits are being dealt with severely by the farmers of the Mallett district through an organized campaign going on there under the direction of Committeeman Folles, in cooperation with the county farm bureau. Rabbits are being poisoned by the hundreds and those leading the battle hope to put the pest to rout in such a manner as to cut the loss of hay in stacks this winter, to a minimum. Already the community has pooled orders to purchase 29 ounces of strychnine from the county agent at the special price made possible through the rodent control revolving fund, and they have secured an equal quantity of poison without cost from the Biological Survey donation to the farm bureau to assist communities which make cleanup campaigns. This work is also in progress in several other communities and a number of individuals are poisoning rabbits in various parts of the county with strychnine secured from the county agent.

## MAKE CAMPS UNIFORM

### WOULD ELIMINATE COMPETITION BETWEEN CITIES OF NORTHWEST.

At a meeting in Spokane early this week held by representatives of municipalities and commercial organizations throughout the northwest it was decided to start a campaign to make the auto tourist camps in the northwest as uniform as possible.

Such a plan, if carried out, will benefit the entire northwest, according to men who have given the subject considerable study. It will eliminate the competition between some of the cities that are supplying many fancy frills at their tourist camps in order to draw the tourist from the neighboring town. A uniform charge of 50 cents a night was decided upon at the meeting and it was decided that this money should represent service in the form of caretaker, lights and fuel.

The Enterprise proposed a plan like this months ago after an incamp had been made by the editor. Camps had been made by the editor. And at that time the city was urged to take steps to make the service at the Vale tourist camp conform with that of other camps in the northwest and charge for this service. The question of finances for keeping up the tourist camp has bothered the city officials and if the service is made uniform and a charge made, as other cities are going to do, the camp will take care of itself.

## B-r-r-r Says Vale This Winter Week

### First Really Cold Weather of Winter Grips Malheur County Now.

Old Man Winter blew his frosty breath upon the thermometers in Malheur county this week and the little red mercury scurried to cover in its round nest below.

The government thermometer registered five degrees below zero Wednesday morning. This is the first zero weather of the winter. It has lasted all week.

Only a small blanket of snow covers the low lands in the northern part of the county but back in the hills the snow increases until several feet cover the grounds in the mountains.

## LAND SUIT LONG DRAWN

### SUIT TO RECOVER DITCH STOCK TAKES UP EVENINGS OF COURT.

Every night this week the circuit court has been taken up with sessions of the suit brought by the Oregon & Western Colonization Company against the Eastern Oregon Land Company to recover 850 shares of ditch stock in the Ontario-Nyssa Ditch Company, commonly known as the Shoestring ditch. The suit began on Monday but it was apparent it could not be ended in time for other cases which were set for trial so it has been continued each evening of the week.

Thursday evening the contending parties asked for an adjournment to talk over the tangle and it was thought probable the case might be settled out of court.

According to the allegations of the plaintiff corporation, it delivered to the defendant 850 shares of ditch stock with the understanding that the defendants, would apply water to lands, improve the lands and sell them and pay the plaintiffs from the proceeds obtained from the sale of these lands.

Contrary to agreement, the plaintiff further avers, the defendants are not offering the lands for sale but are retaining them and using the ditch stock at the same time. The value of the stock is \$25 a share.

## LETTUCE MEETING SOON

### FARMERS INTERESTED IN HEAD LETTUCE GROWING WILL GATHER AT ONTARIO.

There will be a meeting to take up the growing of head lettuce at Ontario on Friday, January 20th, beginning at 10 a. m. Mr. E. R. Bennett, who is the Idaho specialist on this line of work, and Mr. R. H. Young and Mr. Lee Johnson, both practical growers of Canyon county, have been invited to speak on various divisions of the subject. The meeting will be held in the city hall and it is expected that the room will be packed with farmers who are interested in getting into the head lettuce game, as there is a great deal of interest in the proposition at present owing to the great success and large profits made during the past few years by head lettuce growers in different places in Idaho.

The meeting is being arranged by County Agent Brethaupt in cooperation with the county farm bureau department of truck and vegetable crops of which G. W. Lattig is the chairman. Invitations have been extended to growers from adjoining counties to be present and all farmers or others interested in the subject in Malheur county are invited. The program will deal mostly with production methods.

At a recent meeting on head lettuce growing held in Caldwell over one thousand persons were in attendance. It is estimated that sufficient acreage will be planted to make 1000 acres of the product next year to be shipped from southern Idaho and Malheur county. That the market for this is assured seems to be the opinion of those who have been in the game for some time, provided the growers specialize on quality and continue to hold the premium advantages they have gained on the eastern markets. There are a good many fancy points on growing head lettuce little understood by persons who have not had experience, a number of which will probably be brought out next Friday.

## BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS.

F. J. Wynne of Bend arrived in Vale this week to take over the Vale Cleaning Works, which he has leased from J. W. Dorsey, with an option to buy at the end of the lease. Mrs. Wynne accompanied her husband but their two children will remain in Bend until school is out.

E. Rogers and son Dave and Guy Travis were visitors from Creston this week.

## WANT JOHN DAY HIGHWAY BY 1925

### Grant County Judge Asks Help of Vale in Forcing Early Completion of This Trans-State Highway

County Judge Orin L. Patterson of Grant county, is asking that Vale get behind the completion of the John Day highway and assist Grant county in its efforts for the completion of this trans-state highway before 1925.

In a letter to Judge George E. Davis, of Vale, Judge Patterson says the units between Prairie City and the forest line on Dixie mountain have been surveyed and that crews are working on the survey from Cole's bridge to the Valade ranch and they hope to have these units under construction by next season. The Forest service is surveying the mountain unit from Huckleberry Flat to Unity.

In Malheur county the John Day highway is well under way. The first 26 miles out of Vale to Brogan will be completed early next season as all that remains to be done is graveling the stretch between Jamieson and Brogan.

The road has been graded from Brogan to Cow Valley and county officials believe the state highway department will see the justice of graveling this stretch next season because the costly grading work will be wasted before long unless a surface is put on the road. It is cutting up in stretches very badly this winter.

Conditions look favorable for the completion of this highway within a few years.

## DAIRY CLUBS PROGRESS

### BOYS AND GIRLS OF SEVERAL COMMUNITIES MAKING GOOD HEADWAY.

Seventy-three club members of Malheur county are keeping records on at least two dairy cows apiece. The records include the weight of the milk, the test of the milk and the amount of feed consumed. These club members are only acquiring that knowledge necessary to the successful dairyman but are rendering a very real service to Malheur county.

The farmer, the merchant and the banker with the help of the War Finance Corporation are interested in bringing dairy cows into this county. The boys and girls are doing their part by demonstrating the necessity and practicability of keeping records in order to determine if the cow is a paying proposition.

The communities of Oregon Slope, Nyssa, Big Bend, White Settlement and Vale have standing clubs in this project. The clubs in the Wade and Jefferson communities have not yet secured a leader, and the County Club agent is meeting with them once a month.

It will be interesting to watch the results obtained by these Junior dairymen. While a great many inducements will probably occur during the first two or three months due to the inexperience of the boys and girls, the results at the end of the project year will be fairly accurate index not only to the cow's producing ability but also as to whether she is a money maker or a boarder, as determined by the net income.

## CORDIT DEATH SELF-PLANNED

### New Plymouth Merchant Blows Off His Own Head With Shotgun.

New Plymouth--The body of Ira Cordit was found Thursday noon with the head blown off in a vacant cellar on the Harvey Wright place, two miles from French, a small community 15 miles from here. According to those intimately acquainted with him it is believed that Cordit ended his own life. He was the owner of the Cordit Mercantile store at French.

Cordit disappeared from his home on Tuesday, hatless, and carried a shotgun. His family, believing he was going to visit neighbors, did not question him. When he failed to put in an appearance on the following day it was supposed he was visiting nearby. Wednesday his relatives becoming alarmed at his absence, a search party was organized, which found the body after 24 hours' search.

The body was taken to Payette late Thursday by the coroner, H. F. Knight.

Surviving Cordit are his widow, a son in California, one in Nebraska and seven other children who live at home.

J. D. Fairman of Prpper was a business visitor in Vale one day this week.

## Train Hits Truck; Driver Injured

### Narrow Escape From Death Made by W. S. Keeley--Truck Demolished.

W. S. Keeley, an employe of the King Construction Company, narrowly escaped death Saturday morning when the truck which he was driving was wrecked by an early morning train. The driver was making his first trip that morning and the Diamond T was heavily loaded. The motor was not working in good order and the roads were frozen, causing the wheels of the truck to slip continually. Mr. Keeley's mind was on his truck alone, and so was unaware of the approaching train.

The truck was on the crossing near the Bulley Creek bridge when the train struck it, throwing it several feet into the ditch nearby. The driver was thrown clear of the truck, and then fell in the midst of the wreckage. He was not fatally injured, but the machine was damaged beyond repair.

The injured man was carried to the camp only a short distance away but his condition was quite serious so he was brought to the Vale hospital Sunday. On the doctor's examination, it was learned that besides being bruised badly, one leg was broken. Mr. Keeley is improving as rapidly as can be expected.

## PARENT TEACHERS MEETING

### P. T. A. Will Present Play In Next Six Weeks--Committee Appointed

The Parent Teachers meeting on Tuesday evening was well attended. The topic for the evening, "Attendance of Vale Schools," was ably discussed and very instructive to those who attended.

One decision of importance was made by the members of the society. They decided to present a play in the next six weeks, and a committee to select a desirable production was appointed.

## FIVE TRUE BILLS FOUND

### GRAND JURY REPORTS AT END OF BUSY WEEK'S SESSION.

Five indictments were returned by the grand jury which concluded its work and made its report last Friday afternoon.

One recommendation was made by the grand jury that the county court supply a fund of \$1,000 for the use of District Attorney in special investigation and prosecution of violators of the prohibition laws.

Vinil Schroeder was indicted for larceny of an animal.

Robert H. LeRoy was indicted for assault with a dangerous weapon. He shot a man in the foot at Ontario several weeks ago when an attempt was made to keep him from beating up his wife.

Edward McEvoy was indicted for larceny of the Weaver automobile in Ontario several weeks ago.

Manual Montoya, arrested for larceny in the Toggery Bill store in Ontario, was indicted.

And Archie Nichols was indicted for murder in the first degree.

## OLD FRONTIERSMAN IS DEAD

### J. C. Johnston Was An Old Resident of Malheur County.

John C. Johnston, who resided in Malheur county many years, passed quietly away at his home in Big Bend on January 7th. He was 76 years old and was born in Tennessee. He moved westward to Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, and then to Oregon, keeping abreast in the early settlement of the frontier, having made eight new homes out of the raw resources of the west. The last three years of his life have been shadowed by illness but his closing hours were made peacefully happy by the ministrations of loving relatives and friends.

He is survived by his faithful wife and eleven children, nine of whom were at his bedside during his last illness. To mourn his loss are his wife, Mrs. Maude Johnston, eight daughters, Mrs. Bertie Schultz and Mrs. Agnes Holly of Big Bend, Mrs. Cecil Boswell and Mrs. Della Bullock of Vale, Mrs. Bertha Gibson of Weiser, Mrs. Villa Kelley of Rupert, Mrs. Lulu Thomas of Roseburg, and Mrs. Grace Unruh of Salem, and three sons, Earl and Jesse Johnston of Big Bend and Guy Johnston of Ontario.

The funeral was held at the home of the deceased, with Rev. Williams officiating, and the body was tenderly laid to rest in the Rowell cemetery.

## IMPROVING RAPIDLY.

Word comes from Baker that Audrey Dale Fellows is improving quite rapidly from the effects of the serious operation performed a few days ago.

## CRESTON MAN IS CRUSHED TO DEATH

### Frightened Team Catches McDaniel Between Wagon and House and Crushes Life Out Instantly

A tragic accident was revealed Wednesday morning when the body of Dewey McDaniels was found, crushed and bruised beyond recognition almost on the old place owned by C. A. Stout, near Creston.

The young man had started out from Mr. Stout's home the previous morning with hayrack and team, expecting to be away all that day. When he reached the old place he stopped for some reason, and from appearances it is supposed the horses became frightened and ran in the direction of the house. McDaniels tried to stop them and was caught between the heavy hayrack and the house. Death was instantaneous.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout and Mrs. McDaniels became alarmed at the continued absence of the young man, and on Wednesday morning Mr. Stout started in search of him. When he reached the old place he found the team standing near the house and the body wedged between it and the hayrack. The horses had apparently not moved since the accident occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels' home was in Boise, but since last fall they have worked for C. A. Stout of Creston.

## CLUB'S PART IS DONE

### DESTINY OF DAIRY CORPORATION NOW RESTS IN HANDS OF DIRECTORS.

The Enterprise has been authorized by President L. P. Lumpee, of the Vale Ad Club, to publish a statement this week, setting forth what the Ad club attempted to do in the formation of the dairy cow corporation to show that the club has done everything it set out to do and can do and that the destinies of the corporation now rests in the hands of the directors of the corporation, duly elected by the stockholders.

"There seems to be an impression on the part of some people in Vale that the affairs of the corporation organized to assist the farmers of this vicinity to obtain dairy cows still rests in the hands of the Ad Club. This is incorrect, and I desire to right it," said President Lumpee.

"Some weeks ago the Ad Club was requested by farmers around Vale to assist in the formation of a corporation to finance them in securing dairy cows. The club undertook the work and some of its members put in many hours of valuable time on it. In the course of time capital stock to the amount of \$5700 was secured, the corporation was organized and at a meeting of the stockholders held a few days ago the following men were elected as directors of the corporation: M. G. Hope, C. C. Mueller, Alf Chester, Harry Beelar and Leo Schmidt. These directors elected as their officers, M. G. Hope as president and C. C. Mueller as secretary."

"The Ad Club has done everything that it can and the affairs are now by law in the hands of the directors mentioned above. The Ad Club is being criticized by some for an alleged slowness in pushing the dairy cow purchase. I am not holding any brief one way or the other on this criticism other than it is strongly directed at the Club. Any suggestion that people have to make should be made to the directors of the corporation and not to officers of the club."

## IDAHO CROPS WORTH \$67,318,900

### Output For 1921 Shows Good Comparison With 1920.

The value of Idaho's 16 important farm crops, based on an inventory of December 1, 1921, was \$67,318,900, according to a report issued Thursday by Julius H. Jacobson, agricultural statistician for the Idaho crop reporting service. This compares with \$96,807,177 for 1920, and \$187,680,610 for 1919. Production was, however, exceptionally good, no less than six crops exceeding previous records. These were wheat, oats, potatoes, hay, alkali clover seed and apples.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Young were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. DeArmond Friday evening and enjoyed a pleasant social time, and music.

P. L. Farber was registered at the Arlington hotel Saturday and returned to his home in Harper the following day.