



TAXES TO BE LOWER FOR THE YEAR 1923

CUT OF \$20,000 MADE IN BUDGET AT MEETING

COUNTY AGENT STAYS

USUAL FIGHT OVER EXTENSION WORK TAKES TIME—DEPUTIES RAISED.

The budget committee's report asks the county court to levy \$335,000 in round figures for all state and county purposes for 1923. This is something like \$20,000 under the levy for 1922. The report was completed and signed by the committee at the close of a two-days' session Thursday afternoon. It will be considered by the county court some time before the first of the month, at which time the official levies for next year will be made.

For general expenditures, taxes will be about \$30,000 less next year than they were this year in Malheur county. But there is a new item of \$10,000 which had to be put into the budget this year to retire road bonds, which cuts the saving to \$20,000. The big savings comes in the state tax but there is also a saving of \$10,000 in general and special county expenditures.

The budget as originally published provides for an appropriation of \$160,000 for state taxes. This was based upon the state tax of 1922, which was \$153,000. The county court held that the state tax was exorbitant for Malheur county and sent District Attorney Lytle to appear before the state tax commission with evidence to prove this. Mr. Lytle was successful enough in pleading the case of this county to get the state tax for 1923 reduced to \$149,000.

As heretofore, the big fight of the budget meeting centered around the appropriation for the county agricultural agent and county club leader. Delegations of farmers, members of commercial organizations, the Parent Teachers' Association and business men of the county appeared and argued that the continuation of this educational work was essential to the county.

"It is an imposition that every year many people of this county have to leave their work and come from distant parts of the county to fight for this appropriation," said Mr. Claggett, of Ontario. "I request that hereafter the county court determine this matter upon the merits of the work and not listen to the clamor of a few taxpayers."

The argument of most of those in the county, not farmers who have asked for the continuation of this work were aptly summed up by R. W. Swangler, who said he was for the work because most of the successful farmers of the county were for it.

After some little time of heated arguments the budget board voted to continue the work of these two offices.

The amount of salaries to be paid the deputies in the various county offices precipitated another verbal fight in the meeting. Last year these salaries were cut 10 per cent and requests were made by heads departments and by others that these salaries be returned to the old figure which was \$125 a month for all chief deputies excepting the sheriff's tax deputy, who received \$150 a month. The matter was not settled until just before adjournment on Thursday when the salaries of the sheriff's field deputy, chief deputy clerk and chief deputy assessor were placed at \$125 a month and the salary of the tax deputy left at \$135 a month.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to cut out the appropriation of \$50,000 for the maintenance of the 4000 miles of county roads and the various bridges in the county.

At the conclusion of the budget hearing Judge E. H. Test stated that in his opinion, the budget did not allow enough money to maintain the county on a cash basis next year; that most of the bills had to be paid as they were provided for by law and that, in all probability, Malheur county would be back on a warrant basis before the year was over.

Arrived Friday—

The Misses Bernice Hope and Mazie Hope are home for the holidays, having arrived from Cheney and Nyssa, respectively, Friday afternoon.

To Visit in Parma—

John Hunt, small son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hunt, left Thursday for Parma, where he will spend the holidays with his grandparents.

Everybody Come.

This means you!

And the place Vale wants to see you on Saturday evening is at the new community hall.

Bring the kiddies!

Because Santa Claus will be there with plenty of surprise packages for every little tot in the city.

Bring everybody!

There's going to be entertainment that will make you laugh and entertainment that will make you think.

All your neighbors will be there.

How about you?

WANTS \$10,000 DAMAGES

ONTARIO WOMAN FILES SUIT AGAINST OWNERS OF MOORE HOTEL.

Personal damages to the extent of \$10,000 was asked in a suit which was filed in the circuit court of Malheur county this week by Mrs. Iva Tyler against T. H. and Theodore Moore. All of the parties live in Ontario. The defendants are the owners of the Moore hotel.

According to the allegations of the complaint, Mrs. Ivers was run over by an auto driven by an employee of the hotel men. She alleges the employee was a Korean and a man of inferior intelligence and should never have been allowed to drive an automobile upon public streets. The accident is alleged to have happened in Ontario.

STOLEN CAR RECOVERED

G. H. DAVIS RECOVERS AUTO AFTER EXCITING AND SPECTACULAR CHASE.

Nyssa, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special)—A party of Nyssaites captured a bold, bad auto thief Tuesday evening after a most exciting chase, beginning at Nyssa and ending at a farm home in the Roswell neighborhood. The party was composed of Marshal Reberger, G. H. Davis, owner of the stolen car, F. E. Young and Skinner Tensen, who acted as chauffeur. F. E. Young was the bright particular star of the constellation and covered himself with glory by capturing the thief single handed after an exciting chase of two miles on foot through barb wire fences and over fields.

The car was taken from the Davis home two miles northwest of Nyssa about 6:30 p. m. The theft was discovered shortly after and a posse organized and the chase begun. Fortunately the car was equipped with vacuum tread tires and could easily be traced. The chase led south through Adrian and across the river into the Roswell country and the car was located at a farm house. The thief soon emerged from the house and upon being questioned started to run, whereupon Fred got into action, with the result stated above. The captured man was brought back to Nyssa and placed in the city bastille to meditate upon the fact that the way of the transgressor is hard.

INSTALLATION ON JAN. 2

NEW OFFICERS OF REBEKAH LODGE WILL TAKE PLACES DURING PUBLIC EVENT.

Officers of Golden Rule Lodge No. 64, the Vale Rebekeh lodge, will be installed at the lodge hall on the evening of January 2. After the installation, refreshments will be served.

The officers are: Noble grand, Minnie Fegly; vice grand, Daisy Johnson; past grand, Mable Slaghts; secretary, Lucy Johnson; treasurer, Lillie B. Hope.

Orchard Management Big Factor.

Some Oregon orchardists make money out of their orchards and some don't. Many factors—soils, location, varieties, markets and others—determine the profits, and management is a bout the most important of all.

All phases of management from cultivation to disposal of the crop—spraying, picking, thinning, grading, packing—will be considered in short courses at O. A. C. January 2-27.

Vegetable gardening for profit under Oregon conditions, and study of Oregon plants and plant diseases will also be given treatment over the same period.

Go to Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess F. Ford left Vale Thursday afternoon for Portland, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ford's relatives.

INTEREST SHOULD BE PAID BY STATE

BUDGET BOARD ASK LEGISLATURE TO FORBEAR AGAINST BOUNTY LAW

OTHER RESOLUTIONS WOULD DO AWAY WITH ALL SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

The fight entered into this week by The Enterprise against legislation proposed by Governor-elect Pierce to stop the state guarantee of irrigation bond interest was backed up by the budget committee of Malheur county which passed resolutions opposed to any such action.

The resolution was directed to the legislature and the governor. It called attention to the agricultural condition at the present time and stated the fact that it would mean wholesale bankruptcy for farmers on state guaranteed irrigation districts were they forced to assume a heavy interest charge the coming year. The resolution asked that the state guarantee be continued for the time intended under the law on those projects now operating under this plan.

Individual members of the budget committee which is composed of County Judge E. H. Test, Commissioners Dean and Vines, H. C. Boyer, William Jones and A. A. Gutteridge, were unanimous in this matter.

Further resolutions the legislature will be asked by the budget committee to repeal the law providing for bounties on predatory animals.

Other resolutions ask the legislature to repeal the predatory animal bounty law; to include Malheur county in any possible state conducted campaign against alfalfa weevil; to repeal the law creating the offices of watermasters in the various districts of the state; and to pass laws prohibiting any special elections.

The bounty law is costing Malheur county many thousands of dollars every year and is not accomplishing its object as the number of coyotes killed each year is increasing by big leaps. The county court of Malheur is determined to go before the legislature this year with evidence and fight this law off the statutes if it is possible.

Governor-elect Pierce has said he would ask the legislature for an appropriation to fight the alfalfa weevil in Baker county. Inasmuch as Malheur county grows more alfalfa than any other county in the state the court believes that any such state campaign should include this county also, and is asking for it.

CRESTON

Guy Travis is working at the Shumway home.

The Creston school was closed one day this week on account of sickness.

David Rogers spent the week end at Riverside.

Frank Shumway was called home last week on account of his son Walter being ill. Walter is much better at this writing.

Ralph Shumway is out of school at present being confined at home.

Hot lunches have been provided the school children during the cold weather.

T. R. Beers is suffering from an injured arm, having been thrown from his horse this week.

Mr. Barks was a Creston visitor one day this week.

FIREMEN MAKE MERRY

HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET AND SPEND EVENING IN MERRY-MAKING.

Nyssa, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Sixteen members of the Nyssa Volunteer Fire Department held the annual meeting of this organization Monday evening and celebrated the occasion with a big duck dinner. The ducks had been captured the day before by a hunting party and as the hunt was very successful the boys had a whole roast duck apiece, which they proceeded to devour to the last scrap. The banquet was served at the Silver-Grill. Following is the menu:

Roast Duck with Dressing.
Mashed Potatoes. Brown Gravy.
Pickles. Salad.
Cranberries. Pie.
Coffee.

Mr. Anna Cleveland, who has been visiting with Mrs. J. Kercher, returned to her home in Jamieson the first of the week.

EDITORIAL

IS HE A FRIEND?

(By the Editor.)

At the outset of this article permit me to say that I dislike very much to criticize Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce this early in the game. I did not support him, as my readers well know, and some may think I will jump at every opportunity to discredit him or his actions. But my intentions are not to do so. Mr. Pierce has heralded himself as the farmers' friend and was elected on a platform of promises to reduce the farmers' taxes and increase the income from their business. I am with him in both of these and will do what I can to help.

But is Mr. Pierce a friend of the farmers of Malheur county? He told them so at Cairo last Friday in no uncertain terms. But within a few hours he told the people of Portland—the city people he made so much fun of at Cairo—he was against any further state guarantee of interest of irrigation districts and would ask the legislature to repeal the existing law to that effect.

While professing to be the friend of the farmers of Malheur county Mr. Pierce has deliberately kicked them and kicked them while they are down. And he has also delivered a blow to farmers of Crook, Klamath, Josephine and other counties in the state where irrigation districts are enjoying state guarantee of interest.

Mr. Pierce cannot plead ignorance of what will happen to thousands of farmers in Oregon if this payment of interest by the state is stopped at this time. At his own request officers and members of the Irrigation Congress met with him last week at Baker to consider this very question. Sound, substantial farmers and stockmen from all over the state plainly told Mr. Pierce that disaster to thousands of farmers would follow the stoppage of this interest.

Yet this self-appointed friend of the down-trodden farmers says, in effect, to the city people of Portland, "I will save you \$1,000,000 in taxes. Let the farmers take care of themselves."

Mr. Pierce is probably reasoning that if the farmers cannot pay irrigation bond interest now they never can pay it. In normal agricultural times his reasoning would be sound, but any farmer in the state knows it is false reasoning now. It will mean disaster to thousands of farmers in Oregon. And it will also mean added tax burden upon other farmers and rural business men.

"Don't pay any attention to what he is saying. He is alright," said a capitalist friend of Mr. Pierce to me after meeting at Cairo last Friday.

I am beginning to think this friend knows Mr. Pierce better than his farmer friends know him.

ENCOURAGE FIELD MEET

COUNTY P.-T. A. WANTS THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY IN COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

The following resolutions were adopted at the recent meeting of the county council at Warren district near Nyssa.

1. Resolved, That we, the Malheur County Parent-Teachers association endorse the work of the county agricultural agent, and the boys and girls club leader and request the county court to include these items in the budget.

2. Resolved, That we as members of the P.-T. A. use our influence to encourage the rural and city schools of this county to participate in the county field and track meet held in May.

3. Resolved, That the P.-T. A. recommend that the circles furnish the American Legion Weekly to the schools of the district.

4. Resolved, That a county press chairman be appointed, and that each circle shall appoint a press correspondent to furnish items of P.-T. A. activity to the county press chairman for publication in the P.-T. A. Magazines, in Portland papers, and local papers, also to make a report of this meeting at once.

5. Resolved, That the county P.-T. A. express its regret for the absence of their beloved president, Mrs. Earl Dean, occasioned by her present illness and hopes for a speedy return to health.

Will Be Home for Christmas—

The Misses Margaret Cleveland, Nellie Thompson and La Vera Moe will arrive today from Eugene to spend the holidays with their parents.

Returns Home—

Mrs. Anna Cleveland, who has been visiting with Mrs. J. Kercher, returned to her home in Jamieson the first of the week.

FARM AGENT WOULD IMPROVE ALL CROPS

TESTS PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR ARE NUMEROUS

PROGRESS REPORTED

FARMERS BELIEVE MARKETING WORK MOST VALUABLE OF ALL DONE.

Exhaustive tests of practically every variety of farm product grown in Malheur county for the purpose of perfecting possible varieties better adapted to the soil and climate of this district will be done next year by County Agent L. R. Breithaupt, according to his annual report which was presented to the farm bureau meeting at Cairo last Friday. The plans for this work outline hundreds of tests of varieties of grains, hay and other agricultural and livestock products. These tests are outlined in the following extract from the report:

"Complete tests of 39 varieties of winter wheat and two varieties of winter barley; make test of ten to twenty varieties of spring wheat and extend tests of Federation Spring wheat to all wheat growing communities in the county; expand the use of Trebi barley to new communities; start five to ten demonstrations of Grimm alfalfa to be common; repeat test of promising soy bean varieties and extend demonstrations to five or ten communities; conduct five to ten red clover seed demonstrations to show possibility of increased profits by taking first crop of the second year for seed instead of for hay, as now practiced; making study of the clover midge in relation to time of clover blooming; hold demonstration meetings in all clover seed growing communities to familiarize growers with buckhorn, and other noxious weeds, and methods of eradicating them; make field test of alsike clover for seed purposes under different soil conditions on Warm Springs project; continue tests of Strawberry and Ladino clover and test out other new seed crops; start tests of pasture plants on both high grade and alkaline soils; make five to ten tests of Groot strain of Reid yellow dent corn vs. other local strains; expand local production of certified seed potatoes to five or ten new communities and test out whole tubers vs. cut seed for seed production; conduct potato seed certification and roguing demonstrations; hold lettuce production meetings during winter and make soil management tests for head lettuce land, comparing barnyard manure, green pasture, and bare fallow in effect on yield and quality of the crop; make further tests of fall cauliflower in three to five new communities, and conduct a variety of tests of onions; start three to five crop rotations demonstration farms under irrigation of good bench land on a four-year plan of grain-clover (1); clover (2); cultivated crops."

Other work now under way or planned for next year by Mr. Breithaupt includes assisting in soil improvement and irrigation; holding livestock and poultry demonstrations; continue the campaign for poisoning rabbits, squirrels, coyote and other crop pests; assist in fruit production and the eradication of codling moth, and various other farm activities which have been helped in the past by this office.

Mr. Breithaupt's report covered the work of his department for the past two years and, in the opinion of many members of the farm bureau, showed valuable work for agricultural development of the county. The report attributed credit to whatever has been accomplished to the farm bureau, the county court, newspapers of the county, and the commercial, parent-teacher and other organizations within the county that have assisted.

"The work is essentially educational," continued the report, "conducted by special methods under unusual circumstances, and for this reason it is exceedingly difficult to measure the results in terms of cash value immediately accruing to the county because of it. It is far more difficult to estimate the ultimate economic benefits. However, sufficient direct cash returns can be attributed thereto to offset the cost many times."

That part of the report dealing with co-operative marketing in the county claimed the closest interest of the farmers who listened to the report. This work began with an educational campaign in 1921 to teach the fundamental principles of successful co-operative marketing

ROAD CAUSED DAMAGES

WILLIAM LEES ASSERTS COUNTY INJURED HIS PROPERTY \$4000 WORTH.

When the county built the Adrian-Owyhee section of the Nyssa-Jordan Valley market road it did damages to property owned by W. E. Lees of Ontario to the tune of \$4000, according to a complaint filed in the circuit court of Malheur county this week by the plaintiff's attorney. Damages to that amount are asked of the county to appease the plaintiff of the injury he alleges he sustained.

The land in question is along the bank of the Owyhee river and a deep fill was placed across it for the road. According to District Attorney Lytle a right-of-way deed to the land was secured by the county from a Mr. Cantrell at the time the road was built. The county did not obtain an abstract of title to the land and it has later developed that the land does not belong to Cantrell but to Mr. Lees.

TO COLLECT LIABILITY

SUIT FILED IN FEDERAL COURT BY RECEIVER OF DEFUNCT NATIONAL BANK.

Suit was filed in the federal court in Portland by Ralph A. Holte, receiver of the United States National bank, against William Allen and John Norwood to collect directors' liabilities totalling \$21,500. Both of the defendants were directors of the bank which closed its doors over a year ago.

CROWLEY

Joe Winters has been bidding his many friends in this vicinity goodbye as he expects to leave shortly for Idaho.

Frank Davis was a Crowley visitor Thursday.

Dave Rogers of Creston was here one day this week.

Cliff Jordan returned Thursday after a business trip to the lower county.

Frank Shumway was called home Thursday on account of the serious illness of his son Walter.

The Crowley school children are expecting to give a Christmas program on December 22nd.

Mrs. Crosby and daughter of Rome passed through Crowley this week.

and has been carried on until it is estimated that many thousands of additional dollars have found their way into the pockets of Malheur county farmers in the two years.

"The exact amount of additional cash which has been received by the farmers of Malheur county because of this movement is difficult to determine accurately because of the complexity of the problem and the expense involved in assembling dependable data," says Mr. Breithaupt. "There is no question, however, that the benefits amount to many thousands of dollars. Aside from the extra cash received by the farmers there is considerable advantage to the members in being able to spend their time on useful work on the farm, whereas, without such marketing facilities they would be called upon frequently to spend much valuable time searching for some means of disposing of their product. When viewed with the fact that farming at best pays very narrow margins of profit and frequently none whatever, even small gains through efficient marketing are of extreme importance in maintaining or expanding the industry, which, by the way, is the only primary industry of any consequence in the county. These benefits would increase greatly from year to year as the farmers more generally take advantage of the superior facilities offered for marketing farm products through properly organized and well managed co-operative marketing associations."

DREXEL HOTEL IS LEASED BY SMITH

VALE BUSINESS MAN WILL BECOME "MINE HOST"

IMPROVE DINING ROOM

CIGAR AND BILLIARD HALL TO BE MOVED INTO THE HOTEL BUILDING.

The property and hotel equipment of the Drexel hotel in this city has been leased by James A. Smith and will be conducted by the new proprietor beginning the first of the year.

The Drexel hotel property is considered one of the best hotel properties in a city the size of Vale in Eastern Oregon. It is a three-story stone building and contains 58 guest rooms, many of them with individual bath. The ground floor contains a spacious lobby, a lunch room and a dining room outside of the part of this floor which is rented to the Vale National bank and the Vale branch of the Federal Reserve bank. The property is owned by G. Porter, who conducted the hostelry up to last August. Mr. Porter is now operating a hotel at Lethbridge, Alta., which is one of a string of hotels owned in Canada by his father and himself.

Mr. Smith needs no introduction to the people of Malheur county. He has owned and conducted a billiard hall and cigar store in Vale for a number of years and is one of the popular young business men of this section.

While all of his plans are not fully made, Mr. Smith has announced that he will continue to operate the dining room in the hotel. He expects to make some changes in this feature of the hotel and says that the dining room will be greatly improved and that he will endeavor to make it a credit to the county. His cigar store will be moved into the lobby of the hotel and he expects to renovate the dining room and lunch room so that he will have space enough for at least part of his billiard hall equipment.

A. J. Zettle has been conducting the Drexel hotel since Mr. Porter left Vale a few months ago. He has already returned to his old home at Lethbridge.

LODGES ENTERTAINED

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS GUESTS OF PARMA LODGES THURSDAY EVENING.

Nyssa, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Gate City Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 214 and Yellow Rose Rebekeh Lodge No. 202 were royally entertained by the I. O. O. F. and Rebekeh lodges of Parma last Thursday evening at Parma. The occasion was a reception for Bro. Mitchell, the grand master of Idaho. Mitchell delivered a splendid talk on Odd Fellowship one that was appreciated by all present.

Sister Ross, past president of the Rebekeh assembly, in behalf of the members of the Parma order, then presented Bro. Mitchell with a fine leather brief case. Those who attended from Nyssa were:

Mr. and Mrs. William Beam, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newbill, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Cook, Mrs. J. R. Hunter, Mrs. Sam Blaylock, Mrs. C. W. Reberger, Mrs. Frank Stubbs and Miss McClure.

Bridge Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Lytle entertained at a bridge dinner given in honor of the birthday anniversary of John P. Houston. A very charming table was arranged with candles, flowers and a huge birthday cake. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. John P. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Iva E. Oakes of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burrow, A. J. Means of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lytle. After dinner bridge was played with Mrs. Oakes winning high honors.

Returns From Portland—

Tommy Boston returned Wednesday from Portland, where he had been visiting for the past week. Basil Boston, who accompanied him to Portland, will continue to San Francisco, stopping over in Eugene to visit with his sister, Miss Pauline Boston, of the University.

Motors to Ontario—

Mrs. George Hart and Children and John Hart made a business trip to Ontario the last of this week.

Leaves for Juntura—

Gilbert Masterson left Friday for Juntura for a visit with his parents.