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VOTE FOR THE GREAT- EST GOOD TO THE GREATEST NUMBER.

In considering how to cast their
ballots on the county seat question
voters should carefully consider
the effect that the removal of the
seat of county government from
Vale to Ontario would have upon
a majority of the people of the
county. Would the effect be ben-
eficial to the majority, or would
it be harmful? This is the
principle upon which our theory
of government is founded—the
greatest good to the greatest num-
ber. Anyone who is not willing
to abide by that test either has
some selfish interest which he is
trying to foster at the expense of
the majority, or he is not in har-
mony without American system
of government.

Applying this principle to the
county seat question we cannot
escape the conviction that the
county seat should be moved to
Ontario. It is estimated by those
thoroughly familiar with condi-
tions that three-fourths of the
taxpayers of the county are com-
pelled to pass through Ontario
in order to reach Vale, while
only one-fourth would have to
pass through Vale (while on
their way to Ontario. If this es-
timate is even approximately cor-
rect the conscientious voter who
desires to cast his ballot in the
interest of the majority must nec-
essarily favor Ontario.

Vale people have made a plea
for sympathy because the removal
of the county seat would tend to
injure their town commercially.
Instead they should thank the
taxpayers for allowing them to
retain the county seat as long as
they have, and it can be no in-
justice for the county to deprive
them of their special privilege
whenever it is to the interest of
the county as a whole to do
so. The county can give and
the county can take away, and
it shows a lack of gratitude for
past favors for Vale to be scolding
now because there is a prospect
that the voters may, for their own
advantage, remove the county
seat to Ontario. There is a nat-
ural disposition on the part of
many to listen to the cry of dis-
tress in a case of this kind, but
there is an old saying that we
should be just before we are gen-
erous, and if justice to the major-
ity of the people of the county
requires that the county seat be
located at Ontario, there is where
it should be located, regardless
of the fact that a few real estate
speculators may suffer a loss.

When we note the many con-
flicting statements that have been
spread broadcast during the cam-
paign now drawing to a close we
are inclined to believe the wise
man of old when he said that all
men are liars.

Theirs to Mold Lives.

Mothers and maidens, believe me,
the whole course and character of
your lovers' lives is in your hands;
what you would have them be they
shall be, if you not only desire to
have them so, but deserve to have
them so; for they are but mirrors in
which you will see yourselves imaged.
If you are frivolous, they will be so
also; if you have no understanding
of the scope of their duty, they also
will forget it; they will listen—they
can listen—to no other interpretation
of it than that uttered from your lips.
—Ruskin.

Musical Query.

Another thing we don't understand
about a grand opera orchestra is why
all the fiddlers finish at the same time
when they are playing different tunes.
—Dallas News.

The Saloon and Crime

Though the close association
of crime with alcohol cannot be
controverted, yet it is well to have
some up-to-date facts regarding
it. Here they are:

Dr. Rock Slyster of Waupum,
Wis., who has spent much of his
professional career as prison physi-
cian and superintendent of an
asylum for the criminal insane.
He has investigated some 1700
cases. Out of the number of
cases in which he was to prove
the statement of the prisoners
from outside sources of informa-
tion which were absolutely reli-
able, he has this to say:

36.8 per cent were sons of
drunken fathers.

40.4 per cent were addicted to
the use of alcohol under the age
of 15 years.

52.5 per cent had habitually
drank to excess.

64.9 per cent habitues of sal-
oons, cheap shows or street loaf-
ers. Incidentally the doctor says:
"Of the attractions the saloon was
the best drawing card."

9.6 per cent were total abstin-
ers.

**Mr. Taxpayer, how do
you like the looks of this.**

**How much of the Cost
did you pay?**

**A record of crime commit-
ted here in Malheur County
during the years of 1912-13
and up to October 1, 1914.**

**The men were intoxicated
in each case when the crime
was committed.**

One man robbed a cash regis-
ter, sentenced to six months in
jail.

One man fined \$25, disorderly
conduct.

Three men passed bogus checks,
went to pen.

One man stole horse and buggy,
sent to pen.

One man threatened to kill his
wife, the home was broken up.

One man drunk and disorderly,
sent to jail six months.

Two men robbed a man of \$125,
sent to the pen.

One man committed highway
robbery, sent to the pen.

One man burned a barn, sent
to the pen.

One man assaulted a girl, with
intent to commit rape, sent to the
pen.

Five men committed the crime
of simple larceny. Were duly
punished.

Two men guilty of vagrancy,
six months in jail.

One man put under bonds for
abusing his wife.

Three men had delirium trem-
ens, put in jail until they sobered
up.