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## CONFERENCE MEETS ONTARIO MARCH 6-7

DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL CON-  
DITIONS NEXT WEEK.

## PROGRAM ALMOST COMPLETE

Farmers and Business Men Meet  
With Specialists to Work Out  
Plan for Improvement.

At the general meeting of the committee chairman in Ontario Friday, February 22nd, the division chairman and committee members were named for the furthering of plans for the county agricultural conference which will be held in that city on March 6th and 7th. The names of the division chairmen selected follow under their respective committee chairmen:

Perishable Farm Products—Pete Tensen, Chairman—Apple division, A. A. Reed; prune, E. M. Greig; potato, J. L. Brown, and vegetable, L. R. Kinney.

Staple Farm Products, E. B. Conklin, chairman—Supply, C. H. Oxman, cash grain and feed crops, J. A. Lackey; seed crops, Jake Russell.

Animal Husbandry, I. W. Hope, chairman—Dairy division, O. E. Carman; poultry, A. B. Cain; livestock, C. E. Emison.

Suggestion State Conference.

The Malheur Economic Agricultural Conference is one of many being held in the various counties of the state at the suggestion of the state conference held recently in Corvallis. The plan of the conference is to analyze the past, present and future of the conditions surrounding the development or hindrance of agricultural enterprises throughout the county, as well as a plan for the future progress of the same.

Specialists to Speak.

On the program of the meeting scheduled in Ontario next week will be listed four men, each a specialist in his own line, who will address the gathering on their respective subjects of the livestock industry, horticulture, crops and marketing. The conference will be opened by a general assembly after which the different committees will retire to rooms provided for them where they will spend a day or a day and a half getting reports on their divisions. The meeting closes at the end of the next day by the committee of the whole hearing the results reached in the separate conferences and the adoption of resolutions affecting the future work.

Dr. H. MacPherson of the Oregon Agricultural College was in Vale Monday in the interests of the compilation of data for the different committees. He was accompanied by L. R. Breithaupt, county agent, from Ontario.

## WEAVER FOR COUNTY JUDGE

John F. Weaver of Ontario Out for  
Republican Nomination for  
County Office.

John F. Weaver entered the ranks of the contestants for the office of county judge last week when he made formal announcement of his candidacy for the republican nomination for that position. Mr. Weaver needs no introduction to the people of Malheur county, having been county commissioner during the term of Geo. W. McRieght as county judge, and preceding County Commissioner Deen. He is one of the older residents of the county and has lived for a good many years on his ranch near Ontario.

## FEW CASES OF MEASLES

School Children Who Have Colds  
Are Requested to Stay at Home.

(From Malheur Enterprise)  
A few cases of measles have been reported in Vale this week. Marion Harris, who is employed at the Vale Trading company, was quarantined for a few days with a light case of measles. A number of the school children who had severe colds have been sent to their homes at the request of Dr. P. M. Drake so as to prevent an epidemic.

## BIG BEND

L. A. Lewison Very Ill—Spring  
Work Well Under Way—Many  
Families Moving to Ranches.

Cecil Case moved to the Bernard place last week. Mr. Onkander will take possession of the place recently occupied by the Cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeMoe were in the Bend Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

L. A. Lewison is very ill. His daughter from Meridian was called Saturday. Mr. Lewison has been sick for some time but has been getting worse the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Walker made a trip to Parma Saturday.

Lois Wilson quit school Tuesday evening and went to work at Ashcraft's. Mrs. Ashcraft has been sick for some time.

Bill Conley, who is on the Purdy ranch, is having excellent luck lambing so far.

Scotts were dinner guests at Purdy's Sunday.

The upper room pupils went to Rimrock Friday. John Lewison took the pupils on a hayrack.

Many of the farmers have begun their spring work. Weed burning is now very popular in the Big Bend country.

Otis Ashcraft is now visiting his parents in the Bend.

Mrs. Lela Fleetwood was able to attend church last Sunday evening.

Two slides were given Saturday night by the Progressive Club at the school house. They were on the Yosemite Valley and mountains of Oregon. The latter showed many familiar mountains.

Lois Wilson returned home Sunday to spend the day with her parents.

Barnards intend to leave for their new home in Arena valley some time this week.

Roy Hailey and family moved to the Gibson place last week.

Fred Anderson and family moved to the old Cartwright place and Robert Barrett and family moved to the place recently occupied by Andersons.

Erl Marshal is spending the week end with Otis Ashcraft.

## FIRST HEARING IN SUIT AGAINST COUNTY MONDAY

LEGAL BATTLE BEGINS WITH  
OBJECTIONS OF DEMURRER  
IN \$50,000 SUIT.

Claims Facts Not Sufficient for  
Cause of Action Against  
Defendants.

March 3rd is the date set for the hearing of the arguments of the demurrer in the case of the \$50,000 damage suit against the county of Malheur and county officials reported in last week's issue. The point of the demurrer is that complaints do not state facts sufficient for cause of action against defendants. J. W. Galloway of Weiser is the attorney representing the plaintiff, with Robt. D. Lytle, district attorney, for the defendants.

This case will be remembered as the amount of money asked as damages for the lives of the two Weiser boys, Gerald Evans and Harold Lee, who were drowned November 23, 1922, while attempting to cross the bridge over the Snake river at Weiser. The bridge had been burned a short time previous to their crossing and when the truck which the boys were driving approached the burned area it crashed into the railing. The weakened timbers gave way under the force of the impact and the car, with the boys, was hurled into the river.

The deaths of the boys was given quite a bit of publicity at the time and it is possible that the case will attract as much attention if demurrer is not sustained next week.

EX-GOV. T. T. GEER

CALLED BY DEATH

Theodore T. Geer, former governor of Oregon, died Thursday evening at his home in Portland after an illness of many days, following a stroke of paralysis. Had he lived until March 12 he would have been 73 years of age. He was born in the Waldo hills of Marion county, this state.

Mr. Geer had the distinction of being the first native son to be elected governor of Oregon, and the added distinction of having received the Republican nomination for the office by acclamation, almost unheard of procedure under the assembly system.

## WITHDRAWS AS CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ROBT. D. LYTLE WILL NOT BE  
CANDIDATE.

Will Work to Support Geo. E.  
Davis, Who Is Entering State  
Senatorial Race.

With the withdrawal of Robt. D. Lytle as a candidate for nomination for re-election to the office of District Attorney for Malheur County the race for that office is now between four candidates, all seeking nomination on the republican ticket.

Mr. Lytle's reasons for withdrawing are given in the following letter:

To the Republican Voters of Malheur County:

You will have noticed in another column of this paper that I have withdrawn as a candidate for nomination for re-election to the office of District Attorney for Malheur County.

It is only after mature deliberation that I take this course, and in doing so I am actuated by motives both selfish and altruistic. When my present term expires, January 1, 1925, I will have devoted four years of my life to the service of the people of this County. During this period of time I have given unstintedly of all of the energies and powers within me in an endeavor to enforce the laws of the sovereign State of Oregon honestly, fairly and fearlessly; conducting my investigations without passion or prejudice and when such investigation ripened into a charge, if it did so ripen, prosecuting vigorously without regard to the position or standing of the person accused. I have investigated and prosecuted friend as well as stranger with the same thought in mind, that is, to bring to justice the wrongdoer, to protect property and life, and to maintain law and order. This has required labor in conjunction with the sheriff and his deputy at all hours of the day and night. The service has been given gladly because it was contemplated when I took my oath of office.

Much of this work has been occasioned by Prohibition enforcement and as I recall the conditions that prevailed January 1, 1921, and compare them with the conditions of today, I am convinced that the efforts of your officers have brought some good results, although there is much remaining to be done. It had been my intention to volunteer for another four years of service solely for the purpose of carrying on in person this Enforcement Program and had so declared myself to you. I feel quite assured that a fair majority of the sane, sober, fair minded voters of the Party would have endorsed my administration by nominating me in the May Primaries.

Two conditions have caused a reversal of that course. The first, is selfish. The salary is not commensurate with the amount of service required. A man can not be honest with himself and fail to perform to the fullest the requirements of the office. To give to the public work the time demanded it has become necessary to devote nearly every night to work in relation to private practice, the income from which your District Attorney must have in order to earn a respectable livelihood. Our private practice has become such that I can return a better income by devoting my entire attention to the affairs of our individual clients.

The other condition influencing me is that in the past thirty days much pressure has been brought to bear upon Judge Davis, with whom I am associated, to become a candidate for nomination at the Party Primaries for State Senator for this district. It is obvious that both members of the firm should not be candidates. It then became a question of which would be in a position to perform the greater service. The work of the District Attorney is a very important unit in the functioning of our form of government. On the other hand it is anticipated that there will be some matters highly important to Malheur County, the Senatorial District, and the State of Oregon brought before the next session of the Legislature. I consulted with some of our "Party" men and women whom I know to have the best interests of the District at heart and we decided that we would endeavor to send to the next Legislature from this District a man who

## VALE QUINTETS TAKE HONORS FROM NYSSA

TEAMS DISPLAY BRILLIANT  
WORK IN SWIFT GAME.

Fast Playing Marks Basketball  
Laurels Won by Locals on Home  
Floor Friday Evening.

(From Malheur Enterprise.)

The Vale basketball fans who have been disappointed this season because of the lack of games, were well pleased at Friday night at the Nyssa-Vale exhibition. Both games were marked by exceptional team work and effective guarding on the part of the locals.

In the girls' game from the toss up it was evident that the Valites did not intend to lose the first game on the new floor, and that they expected to retrieve the laurels they lost at Nyssa a month ago. They passed the ball under perfect control and the forwards received it for a basket at nearly every opportunity in the first half.

The exceptional work of the Vale guards and the nearly uncanny accuracy with which Helen Carey shot the baskets in the first two quarters made a one sided game during the first fifteen minutes of play, with a score of 21-3. But in the second half the Vale team failed to keep up the pace they started in the first half, while the visitors steamed up at both ends of the floor so that the third and fourth quarters were not marked by the former spectacular play.

But at no time was there any danger of Nyssa overcoming the lead which her opponents held, and the game terminated with a score of 23-14.

The team was Helen Carey and Katherine Boswell forwards, Leah Lumpee and Agnes Thebo centers, Myrtle Done, Margaret Humphrey and Rose Propst guards.

In the boys' game the same type of brilliant play was in evidence at all time, and those who were hopeful of finding marks of the new coach on the team were not disappointed. While the Vale team did not play as consistently as would have been expected from a squad which had had the usual number of games at the end of a season, still there were flashes of team work and basket shooting that would do credit to veterans in the game.

The two teams from Nyssa put up their usual strong competition, and proved themselves the good sports that they are reputed to be in Vale.

is big enough and broadminded enough to represent the entire district; who would stand for, and demand, and receive the recognition to which the District is entitled; a man who is sympathetic to the aims of the farmers and stockmen, and who can materially aid them in their effort toward organized operation; a man who is thoroughly acquainted with and competent to handle irrigation problems; and, lastly, a man who will stand absolutely firm against the assault, which will, in all probability, be made upon our present Prohibition and Narcotic Laws.

And so, that is why I have withdrawn from the District Attorney race and Judge Davis is entering the State Senatorial race. It was not easy for us to convince "Judge" that I should withdraw in order that he might be brought into a contest, but he is convinced and he is a candidate, and I trust you will give to him the hearty support to which he is justly entitled.

In conclusion let me say to those good citizens throughout the country who have stood back of me in my administration and in my fight for a better and cleaner condition and to those loyal friends who have given me so many kindly assurances of support in my anticipated campaign that even though I will retire from office next January my interest in law enforcement, and particularly Prohibition enforcement, will not cease. Too much of myself has gone into these years of work to permit me to stand idly by and see the results of that effort thrown away. It is to be hoped that we will be careful and elect a man to the office of District Attorney who will enforce ALL law because it is his wish as well as his duty.

Regardless of who is elected Prohibition will continue to be vigorously enforced in Malheur County; under the control and guidance of the District Attorney, I hope; without his co-operation, if necessary.

Sincerely,  
ROBT. D. LYTLE.

## ARCADIA

Rural Mail Car Turns Turtle When  
Rod Breaks—Catches Afire—  
Carrier Saves Mail.

Our mail man Stanley Milliken, had a very bad streak of luck Saturday morning, just north of Chan. Bullard's when the radius rod of his car broke. The car turned over and caught fire and was completely burned up. He saved the mail and one tire. He was unhurt except for a good shaking up.

Charlie Blaylock ran his car into the Emison wasteway one night last week. Ed Butler was awakened by his cries for help and went to his assistance. He was only slightly hurt and the car received very little damage.

Mrs. E. B. Butler Jr. has gone to The Dalles to be with her husband, who is sick there.

The Misses Annette Blodgett and Vera Thompson were visiting Miss Mildred Long Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller of Vale were visiting Roy Miller and family Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Hunt, who has been on the sick list, has almost recovered again.

Chester Lackey was out to his ranch on business Saturday.

Mrs. Earl Quinley and Mrs. Ed Wolfe of Nyssa were visiting Mrs. Jim Benall Friday.

Mrs. Emma Clark and the little Misses Bernice and Virginia Miller were calling at C. W. Barrett's home Sunday.

A short program was given in honor of Washington's birthday at the school house Friday morning.

## DEATH COMES SUDDENLY TO MRS. JAY L. HILL

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD AT  
NYSSA WEDNESDAY.

Many Friends From Vale Motored  
to Nyssa to Attend the  
Funeral.

The sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. J. L. Hill on Monday evening was a shock to everyone. A severe case of diphtheria, when she was a child, had left her with a weak heart and death was caused by acute dilation of the heart, following a treatment taken Monday evening, February 25th.

Mrs. Hill's maiden name was Della Lucille Clark. She was born at Nyssa, Oregon, October 23, 1896, and was married to Jay L. Hill at Ontario on September 23, 1922. Before her marriage Mrs. Hill was a graduate nurse. She and her husband have made their home in Vale for about a year. Mr. Hill being employed at the Vale Grain and Feed Store here.

Besides her husband she is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, of Nyssa, three sisters and a brother. A married sister who lives in California has come to Nyssa to be with her parents.

Funeral services were held at Nyssa Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in Nyssa cemetery. Many Vale friends attended the services.

## EX-BANKER IS PENNILESS

Gus F. Wildhaber Asks Court to  
Name Defense Attorney.

Gus F. Wildhaber, one-time president of the U. S. National bank of Vale, now is penniless, he told Federal Judge Bean Monday, and asked the court to name an attorney for him that he might fight the charges of the government in relation to his management of the affairs of the bank.

John F. Logan was named by the court, and his request that the trial, set for March 4, be postponed until April 2, that he might prepare the case, was granted.

The government charges the ex-banker with misapplication of funds of the institution. John S. Coke, United States attorney, and Allen A. Bynon, assistant, will represent the government.—Oregonian.

## FIVE DIE IN COLORADO FROM BOTULISM POISONING

Sterling, Colo.—With the death of Domini Cametto, 31, and Joe Notario, 5, at the Sterling hospital shortly before 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the death toll of persons

## JUDGE GEO. E. DAVIS FOR STATE SENATOR

FORMER JUDGE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT YIELDS TO  
URGING OF FRIENDS.

## ANNOUNCEMENT MAKES STIR

Has Good Record Behind Him—  
Practicing Law Since 1889—In  
This District Since 1898.

The biggest surprise in the political ring made by any candidate up to date was the one caused yesterday when Judge Geo. E. Davis of Vale announced his intention of becoming a candidate for the Republican nomination for the senatorial toga from this district for the state legislature.

Judge Davis was born in Bowling Green, Clay County, Indiana, and received his education in the Lancaster Academy and the Missouri State Normal. When 22 years old he was elected county superintendent of schools of Schuyler County. Practicing Law Since 1889.

After studying law for some time, he was admitted to the Missouri State Bar in 1889 and the next year came to Oregon where he was associated in Portland with H. B. Nicholas, one of the old time lawyers of the state. Eight years later he moved to Canyon City and after practicing law there six years was elected as judge of this judicial district in 1904. Judge Davis served in that capacity for six years and at the end of that time he and his family came to Vale where they have lived up to the present time. Prominent in Community Affairs.

Since the time of his election as judge of this judicial district in 1904 Judge Davis has been one of the leading characters in the history of this part of the state. As senior member of the law firm of Davis & Kster for the seven years ending last July, and also in the firm of Davis & Lytle since that date, he has been one of the prominent figures of the Malheur County Bar. Judge Davis has also been interested in local affairs, having held both the positions of mayor of the city of Vale and president of the Vale Commercial Club at different times.

Interested in Irrigation.  
Mr. Davis is keenly interested in irrigation legislation and kindred subjects relating to the improvement and betterment of the conditions in Malheur, Harney, and Grant Counties. The only other candidate in the field up to date is the present state senator, Charles W. Ellis, of Burns, also seeking the Republican nomination.

## FORFEITS BAIL, FLEES STATE

CHARGED ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF LIQUOR

Charles Shewmaker Forfeits Cash  
Bail \$350 When He Fails to  
Report for Trial.

When the case of the State of Oregon vs. Charles Shewmaker was called at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at Ontario, it was found that the defendant failed to answer roll call and that the cause of said failure was due to his having having departed rather hurriedly from the state.

On motion of the district attorney, Robert D. Lytle, his cash bail was declared forfeited and the official records for such sums show an increase now of \$350,000. Shewmaker was charged with illegal possession of liquor, three pint bottles having been found in his rooms.

stricken following the eating of poisoned sausage mounted to five. Camillio Dotters and John Notario, are in the hospital and doctors have abandoned all hopes for their recovery. Physicians have diagnosed the fatal malady as botulism poisoning.

All of the stricken are members of a prosperous Italian farming community in the Alwood-Merino district near here.