

ROAD BONDS CARRY IN HARNEY COUNTY

\$200,000 BOND ISSUE GOES OVER AT SPECIAL ELECTION IN NEIGHBOR COUNTY.

BURNS-DREWSEY LINK SURE

\$35,000 Included for Construction of Road to Drewsey, Which Goes To Malheur County Line.

Returns from a special election held in Harney county on Saturday indicate that the \$200,000 road bonds carried by a substantial majority. The bonds were opposed by two of the large landholding corporations and by other voters as well. The bond issue, now that it carried, will provide for the construction of certain roads, among them the road to Drewsey and to the Malheur county line, which it has been proposed will in time connect with the Central Oregon highway, when it is completed through this county.

Road to Drewsey

Little interest was manifested in the Harney county road program until the early part of October when the Good Roads Club endorsed \$35,000 for the building of the road from Burns to Juntura and up the Malheur canyon to Vale on the route which will likely become the Central Oregon highway, thereby increasing their bond issue to the \$200,000 mark. The road program met with favor in Malheur county, although officials promised nothing definite regarding construction of this unit of the highway, as the county is not financially able to promise definite action at the present time. However, it is believed that the road will be finished through Malheur county as soon as finances permit. In the meantime the road must be designated by the State highway commission, which step will no doubt be perfected by the Good Roads club of Burns, when the commission meets early next year.

The Central Oregon highway has been constructed to a point about twelve miles out of Vale.

Important Tourist Route

The building of a market road on a water grade up the Malheur canyon to connection with the Harney county line and with the Burns-Otis market road is considered an important link in connecting this country with the east and also as aid toward the travel through to western Oregon for tourists and those looking for investments.

EDUCATORS TO TALK ON SCHOOL FINANCE

MEETING OF PRINCIPALS AND SUPT'S TO BE HELD AT EUGENE SATURDAY.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Public school finance, considered one of the most difficult of school problems, will be the main topic discussed when county superintendents, city superintendents, high school principals and school board members of the state attend an educational program at the University Saturday, December 5.

Addresses are to be given by: Dr. James H. Gilbert, acting dean of the college and head of the economics department, on "Sound Principles of Taxation in Relation to the Problems of School Finance," Dr. Homer P. Rainey, professor of education, on "Distribution of School Funds"; Charles A. Rice, acting superintendent of the Portland public schools, on "Financing the City School District"; J. E. Myers, county school superintendent of Crook county, on the "County Unit Plan of School Finance."

MARKET OPENED FOR WILD RANGE HORSES

Baker.—A market for range horses, the kind that are allowed to winter themselves or die in the attempt, has been opened in Portland according to advices received here the past few days.

The Adams brothers packing company are offering from \$3 to \$5 per head f. o. b. Baker.

From a humane standpoint the killing of horses for fertilization is far preferable to allowing them to die on the hills from starvation as they did last winter all over the intermountain country.

SMALL MILL GOING UP ON RAINBOW MINE

Baker.—A ten-stamp mill for temporary use and to treat several hundred tons of ore is under construction on the old Rainbow mine in Mormon Basin district and it is ex-

pected to be in operation in about 20 days.

In the meantime a force of miners have been put on and there is every prospect that new developments will be made that will insure a permanent operation of the property.

OWYHEE

Harry Evans, C. F. (Potato) Smith and Geo. Vogt left Monday morning for Blackfoot, Idaho to resort their seed potatoes. They will be gone a week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alvon McGinnis, Mrs. Gorman and Mr. Bacon, Sunday.

J. W. Kygar and family have moved into the Lou DeGoede house and Lynn Kygar and family will occupy the J. W. Kygar place this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowe entertained Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gresling at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hennis entertained at a big pre-Christmas dinner Sunday. Their guests were Louis Garrison, Homer Green, Arnold Vincent, Viva Caywood, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans and children.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Kerr entertained the Wm. Snyders Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Bradley is suffering from a siege of lagrippe.

Miss Evelyn Everett accompanied Miss DeBord home to Payette for the week end.

Miss Georgia Rust spent the week end in Ontario as the guest of Miss Pauline Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe accompanied by Mrs. Overstreet, Maurice Judd and Mrs. M. M. Gresling attended the county budget meeting in Vale Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Evans and family took supper with the George Vogt's in Caldwell Sunday night.

Omar Hite spent the week end helping his father build a new fence on the McEwen farm.

Klingbacks, Lowes and Bigelows have just finished unloading their car of kindling wood.

Margaret Klingback is quite a lot improved from her sick spell.

Miss Mildred DeBord spent Friday with Mrs. Evans and helped her make preparations for the P. T. A. box supper for Friday night.

Ray Cantrall has hauled sagebrush for a week now. No zero times this winter at his home.

The P. T. A. held a very enjoyable meeting at Mrs. Ben Kerr's Thursday night.

Al Bailey left for Enumclan, Wash Friday to spend the holidays with his mother Mrs. Harry Osborne.

ONTARIO

Mrs. Reedy visited in Boise this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Griffen went to Boise Friday to see "Blossom Time."

Frank C. Oxman, Sr., shipped a lot of mules Tuesday from Ontario, part go to Grand Island and part to Denver to be sold to the Mexican government.

Mrs. R. W. Swagler entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club this week.

Miss Edith Bloomstrum entertained the Noche "500" Club Friday evening.

Kerby Cordell of Durkee, Oregon, was in Ontario loading stock all day Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Penniwell have opened up a new restaurant and have named it "The Bluebird."

Frank Oxman has purchased the beautiful bungalow home formerly owned by Arnold J. Ackerman and will take possession December 21st.

The Star Novelty Orchestra gave a dance at the Opera House Wednesday evening.

All the stores are adding clerical help due to the Christmas rush now on.

Miss Little has accepted the position of Chief Operator at the telephone office.

Lela Oxman has been successful in writing a song, which will be published in sheet form soon and broadcast over radio.

Mike Newman visited in Boise Monday. He returned Tuesday and will work for Orren Boyer.

Mr. Heltsman is building a bungalow to be completed February 1st.

Mr. Plant is building a modern home on Main street to be completed soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson spent Sunday with friends in Payette.

Sterling Newman, of Twin Falls visited in Ontario this week.

Earl Weaver drove to Caldwell Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Staples visited at the home of Thos. Jones in Boise over the week end.

F. C. Oxman Jr. left Friday with a large train load of lambs for Omaha, Nebraska, where they will be sold on the market.

TAXPAYERS MEET AT VALE THURSDAY

CROWD OF INTERESTED FARMERS FAVOR CONTINUANCE OF EXTENSION SERVICE.

FARM AGENT THE MAIN TOPIC

Public Hearing Attracts Many to Budget Hearing to Express Views On County Extension Work.

From the Malheur Enterprise.

A large crowd of interested taxpayers met at the courthouse Thursday at the annual taxpayers meeting to make recommendations to the county court on the budget estimates for the coming year. At the morning session, organization of the meeting was perfected by the selection of Judge H. Lee Noe as chairman.

The chief topic of interest was the desirability of continuing the office of county agent. It seems that in order to make the budget for next year's expense, come within the six per cent limitation, according to state law, the budget as it was published early in November must be reduced around \$36,000. This necessitates drastic cuts and it is understood that expense of county government must be decreased at every possible angle. However, as yet no definite action has been taken.

Farm Bureau Represented

Favoring the continuance of county extension work and proposing cuts elsewhere in the budget, a large number of farmers from particularly the section between Ontario and Big Bend and several from Brogan, gathered at the courthouse Thursday to present their views. Arden A. Reed, Brogan, president of the Farm Bureau, acted as chief spokesman. He was supported by a number of speakers from various sections of the county, who described the benefits received from extension work. County Agent L. R. Breithaupt also gave a few statistics on expense of the office.

Representation Well Taken

The representation at the budget meeting was well taken, by the county court, says Judge H. Lee Noe, but the county has reached the place where necessity governs its course and the only alternative is to reduce the budget.

The county court only has control of about \$90,000 in items, for the reason that other items are controlled by state legislature. Out of this \$90,000 a \$36,000 cut must be made to comply with the state law.

Road money has already been cut and notice has been sent to the various road committees of the county.

Budget Not Final

The budget for next year cannot be made final until the state levy has been received. On account of increased ratio and consequently lowered state tax, the county court hopes to get by on about the same amount of state tax as last year, also taking into consideration the six per cent.

As soon as the state levy is received, the levying board or county court will meet, prune the budget down to the six per cent limitation and make the tax levy for 1926.

EDUCATORS DISCUSS SCHOOL PROBLEMS

CONFERENCE HELD TO CONSIDER PROBLEM OF SCHOOL FINANCES.

University of Oregon.—Taxpayers are dissatisfied with the maldistribution of government costs more than with the high taxes, Dr. Jas. H. Gilbert, head of the department of economics, told a conference of school superintendents and principals at the school of education last week-end.

More than 60 school authorities from all parts of the state attended to consider the problem of school finances.

The county unit plan of school administration, in which the schools are administered by one central body rather than by small districts, has proved a success in Crook county, where it has been functioning for several years, J. E. Myers, county superintendent of Crook county, said. More efficient service is secured through larger area of control, Myers explained.

Dr. Homer P. Rainey, professor of education at the university, told the conference that school funds are distributed on a better basis than formerly.

Important Thing

It doesn't matter how old you are but how you are old.

Secretary Work's Report Discusses Oregon Projects

The reasons construction work is not under way at the present time on the Vale, Owyhee and Baker reclamation projects are briefly told in the annual report of Secretary of the Interior Work. A copy of the report as transmitted to the President Tuesday, was received at the Malheur Enterprise office this week. Regarding the Vale project, the Secretary said: "For the Vale project in Oregon, congress appropriated \$500,000 to commence construction, which will ultimately cost \$3,600,000. A proviso in the act stipulated that the State of Oregon should assume the settlement of the project. The governor has advised us that he is without authority to enter into a contract of this character. Other legal complications on water-right questions have arisen in the Vale project that may delay construction pending a final court decision."

It is interesting to know, however, that Governor Pierce of Oregon advised the Secretary some time ago that he would use his influence in the passing of a bill through the Oregon legislature providing a guarantee of settlement by the state.

Regarding the neighbor reclamation project Secretary Work said: "For the Owyhee project in Oregon, congress has appropriated \$351,000. Its final cost is estimated to be \$18,000,000. The greater part of the land is in private ownership and a considerable part held in large tracts. Time is being consumed in making the necessary physical and economic investigations to comply with the law. These have not been completed."

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded

Edward Hannon to Alice Hannon, undivided 1/2 interest in SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4, and NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 26; NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 35; SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 25; SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 26; SE 1/4 NW 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4, and NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 35-15-41. 10/22/24. \$500.00.

Alice Hannon et vir to John P. Hannon, undivided 1/2 interest in SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4, and NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 26; NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 35; SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 25; SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 26; SE 1/4 NW 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4, and NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 35-15-41. 11/28/25. \$550.00.

Walter Jacobsen et ux to Peter Rowrick et ux, Lots 7 and 8, Block 4, Eldredges Add. to Vale. 10/9/25. \$10.00.

John S. Barbee et ux to Daisy E. Hicks, NE 1/4 Sec. 21-35-38; and SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 21-32-40. 11/21/1923. \$1.00.

Farmers & Stockgrowers Bank to Geo. M. Hope, Lot 7, Block 25, Eldredges Add. to Vale. 11/20/25. \$10.00.

P. M. Binkley et ux to Gordon Hall, Lot 4, Block 70, Greens Add. to Nysa. 11/30/25. \$1.00.

H. R. Caldwell et ux to Hanna M. McAfee, Lots 40 and 41, Block 4, Riverside Add. to Ontario. 3/31/1921. \$450.00.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to Oregon & Western Colon. Co., part of SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 15-18-47. 11/30/25. \$1,656.04.

C. R. Emison, Trustee to N. M. Davis, part of Sec. 34-17-47; and part of Lot 1, Sec. 3-18-47. 4/3/1923. \$1.00.

Chas. Parrott, Jr., et ux to R. L. Wolcott, Lots 4 and 5, Block 42, Brogan. 11/21/25. \$1.00.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court
J. B. Colt Co. vs S. K. Skinner et ux. 11/30/25. Recovery on note. \$346.00.

Isaac J. Powers vs Julia M. Powers. 12/1/25. Divorce.

DeTweede Northwestern & Pacific Hypotheekbank vs J. R. Burrill. 12/4/25. Recovery of money. \$1,500.00

STATE GRANGE MEETING TO BE HELD IN BAKER

Baker.—It has been definitely decided to hold the next State Grange Convention in Baker during the first week in June, 1926, according to Mrs. Minnie Bond, state lecturer.

Mrs. Bond will endeavor to secure a National Grange member to lecture during the convention, but no definite arrangements have been made as yet.

"People in western Oregon are looking forward with interest to the meeting in Baker," Mrs. Bond said.

Scratching Polish

Abrasive particles in brass polish scratch and the polish should never be used on nickel trimmings. Also when cleaning a car with sponge or channels the strokes should be in straight lines, not circles.

Record of Bloodshed

The Council of Blood, a court organized in the Netherlands by the duke of Alva, in 1567, to suppress popular agitation against Philip II of Spain, put to death 1,800 persons in less than three months.

The reformer's idea of a good time is to keep someone from having it.

Next to a blind man, one with a stiff neck misses the most nowadays.

Going to work is commendable, but working after one gets there is more so.

Sometimes a man wins a woman's hand only to find that it is mostly thumb.

While the weather bureau has its faults, it is not responsible for all the hot air.

This year's boll weevil strike reduced the price of cotton about ten cents a pound.

About the only thing that can be made without any material is the back of an evening gown.

An exchange records that a deaf prisoner was given a hearing, but we doubt whether he heard it.

That "proud descendant of a Huguenot first family" appears to have descended with a vengeance.

Some are not satisfied in getting in on the ground floor unless they can have access to the cellar also.

The fez has been banned among the Turks, who will no longer imitate our Shriners in the matter of headgear.

Bootleggers will not view the row between General Andrews and the Anti-Saloon League with any great alarm.

An editor asks what has become of the "youth movement." If he had a few in his family he would have his answer.

No course in letter writing has ever taught a college student to write home without hinting for money.

An exchange tells of a man who is such a hypocrite that he eats cloves to make his friends think he has had a drink.

The growing movement on the part of the churches to end all wars might be appreciably advanced if they would end war among themselves.

Mohammedans of Morocco usually divorce a wife after living with her four or five years, thus displaying greater patience than some Americans.

What better present could you send to your friends or relatives than The Malheur Enterprise—it would make them happy Christmas and remind them of your thoughtfulness the whole new year through.

THE OLD-TIME CHRISTMAS

Old-timers caught in the holiday rush and gazing at the wonderfully alluring panorama of the shop windows often fall into a reminiscent mood and re-live the Christmases of the long ago. Who does not fondly recall the magic of Christmas in his childhood?

Most of the presents were home-made. Perhaps grandma furnished mittens, knitted by oil lamp after you had been tucked in bed—thick warm mittens with a long cord that extended up through coat sleeves and around the neck to prevent loss. Aunt Saphronia gave you a basket of Christmas cookies, shaped like animals and stars and covered with delicious colored sugar.

Uncle Tom gave you a watch, and his generosity appalled you even if it was the old turnip that he had discarded. You can imagine the reaction you would get if you tried giving a 1925 boy a second-hand timepiece.

Most of the presents were useful, in the old days, including a reefer overcoat and a new pair of shoes. As for "boughten" presents, they were limited to "The Erie Train Boy," by Alger, Henty's "With Clive in India," a New Testament, a sled, a pair of skates and that most wonderful of all old-time toys, tin monkey that climbed a string.

At that, Christmas of long ago represented proportionately as big an outlay as now, comparing earnings in the two periods.

But the gift itself was secondary to the spirit of the giver. Somehow every grown-up can't help believing the Christmas dinners of those days were superior. The Christmas eve entertainment at the church was as enjoyable as the modern movie. And the ride in a cutter over the deep snow beat the auto-trip of 1925.

FAKE WILSON MEMORIAL

That drives and movements staged by slick promoters for personal gain sometimes catch big suckers was shown in the recent collapse of a plan to establish a Wilson Memorial University, in honor of the World War President.

Although many of the leading men of the nation, including senators, governors and generals, had allowed their names to be used as patrons of the enterprise, without investigating its real character, most of them have resigned from any connection with it during the past few weeks.

It developed that the idea had originated with one A. Milton Petty, an obscure government clerk, and A. Winslow Lowell, a professional drive promoter, working on a commission basis.

So long as people of life continue to fall for promiscuous schemes of this sort, so long will a horde of smooth fakirs find easy pickings.

Noting the statement of Dr. McFarland of the Federal Council of Churches to the effect that America retains the moral leadership of the world, the Houston Post-Ditch observes that "if this country is leading the world in morals may the good Lord have mercy on the rest of the world."