

COUNTY COURT CUTS 1926 BUDGET

THIS YEAR'S RESOURCES LOWERED SO DRASTIC CUTS FOLLOW IN BUDGET.

COUNTY AGENT ABANDONED

Every County Office Feels the Axe in Big Cuts Made at Meeting of Levying Board.

From the Malheur Enterprise. After an interesting session Tuesday, the levying board and county court of Malheur county, consisting of Judge H. Lee Noe, Commissioners C. H. Oxman and J. D. Fairman, swung the official axe, cutting \$36,000 from the estimate submitted and proposed by the budget committee for expense of county government for 1926.

However, this reduction is only a part of the real slice, as \$50,000 was about the amount that had to be taken from the proposed budget, in order to comply with the requirements of the 6 per cent limitation law. Under this constitutional amendment, the budget cannot be raised more than 6 per cent over the budget of the preceding year.

County Agent Gone
One of the main topics of discussion since the proposed budget was published in November was the continuance of the county agent's office and boys and girls club leader. Many farmers of the county favored the office, but no way could be found clear to meet its expense. Consequently the allowance for the agricultural agent in its entirety and the allowance for boys and girls club work also failed to receive sanction. As advertised the county would have been called upon to appropriate \$2,795 to be matched by state funds.

County Court Cut
The county court was cut \$400, the compensation allowed to the commissioners being reduced from \$800 to \$600, traveling expense from \$250 to \$150, and office expense from \$250 to \$150.

Assessor and Treasurer
In the treasurer's office, the appropriation of \$200 for filling cabinet was done away with and nothing allowed. A cut of \$50 was also made in the amount allowed for miscellaneous expense in assessor's office, reducing \$300 to \$250.

School Superintendent
The office expenses and office help of the County School Superintendent was reduced from \$400 to \$200.

The amount for expense of the district attorney's office was decreased from \$1000 to \$650. The amount for expense of water master and deputies was cut from \$3250 to \$2950.

State Tax Big Item
The difference in the state tax, due to the increased ratio for Malheur county given by the state tax commission and consequently lower valuation rate on property is a big item of saving for the taxpayers of the county, but did not help the levying board in making the budget. However, state tax was reduced from \$106,562 to \$93,409 for the coming year.

Other Items Cut
Practically every other item over which the county court had control felt the pressure of the axe and was cut to its limit. The high school tuition fund was reduced from \$10,000 to \$9,730. Nothing was appropriated for co-

operation with state and government for employment of hunters, for coyotes and bobcats, while \$1000 was the amount advertised in the proposed budget.

For the examination of insane and care of, the \$300 advertised was cut to \$150.

Tuberculosis indemnity was cut from \$200 to \$100.

Drainage tax was reduced from \$800 to \$700.

General school tax was reduced from \$32,320 to \$30,090.

Market roads were cut from \$21,500 to \$20,000.

Market road maintenance was cut to nothing from an advertised appropriation of \$5000.

Library contract 3 mills was reduced \$100 from the appropriation as advertised of \$4200.

Nothing was appropriated for miscellaneous items not listed.

No Fair Appropriation
The fair appropriation was cut entirely out, making a reduction of \$1500 in one slice.

Courthouse expense was cut from \$1000 to \$800.

The appropriation for the Harper Juntura road totaling \$5000 was also cut entirely out.

General road appropriation was cut from \$60,000 to \$45,000.

The emergency fund was raised from \$2500 to \$2750.

The various cuts listed above make a total reduction in the budget for 1926 of \$49,597.53.

Estimated Receipts Cut
The levying board also pruned down the estimated receipts which were published in the proposed budget. The county clerk's fees were cut from \$8000 to \$6000, the interest on county money from \$3000 to \$2500, the penalty and interest on delinquent taxes from \$10,000 to \$9000 and cash on hand from \$10,000 to nothing. In all the estimated receipts were cut from \$40,600 to \$27,100.

\$27,100. The net budget for 1926 was left at \$275,590.17.

TAX LEVIES CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL NEW DISTRIBUTION IS

Owing to the fact that taxes on property lying in Malheur county have become delinquent since 1920, real estate valued at \$482,000 was taken off the tax roll, and will be sold today (December 19th). Consequently a whirlwind of work has fallen over the heads of Assessor A. M. Graham and Deputy Don M. Graham. New distributions must be made on the roll and the tax money for every school district, etc., must be again ascertained.

Until this new distribution has been made on the tax roll, the levies for 1926 cannot be made. The work will be completed in about two weeks, according to Assessor Graham.

Salem.—For the collection of approximately \$50,000 in delinquent state income taxes, the state tax commission is sending to the sheriffs of the state about 850 warrants authorizing the seizure of property if the taxes are not forthcoming. Under the law, this drastic action may be taken after the taxes have been delinquent sixty days.

Most of the surveyors who have been working on the Owyhee project since early in the fall completed winter work the last of the week. The crew remain working on topography in their territory that will also be through within a short time.

Protecting the Home
"We," says Grinnan Barrett, "don't stay at home in the evening because we are fond of the domestic hearth so much, but to prevent somebody from breaking in and robbing the house."
—Detroit News

OWYHEE PROJECT CITED BY MEAD

OWYHEE DEVELOPMENT ENTAILS HUGE OUTLAY OF INTEREST SAYS MEAD.

Elwood Mead, reclamation commissioner, used the Owyhee project as an illustration of the problem of farm settlement in an address before the interior department conference on reclamation a few nights ago.

Delay in settlement after development will cost a million dollars a year in interest on investment and maintenance, he said. Declaring that the development of farms had been "left to care for itself" and that this was a costly and wasteful policy, his reference to Owyhee was as follows:

"Take as an illustration, the Owyhee project, for which an appropriation has been made but on which construction has not yet begun. The reservoir and canals will cost \$17,000,000.

Depends on Development
"Return from that investment will depend on settlement and development of farms. If the money is worth 5 per cent the yearly interest on the investment would be \$850,000. To operate and maintain the canals will cost \$150,000 a year. Every year that settlement is postponed means a loss of a million dollars. To improve and equip farms in a meagre fashion will cost \$9,000,000.

If we provide the proper machinery and the proper direction, we can save in cost and time. If we leave settlement to real estate agents and give no help it will be 10 years before the project pays expenses. It will be a saving of money to appropriate \$5,000,000 for advances to settlers in farm development. If we do not we will lose more on delayed development."

He continued:

"There is no reason why our results should not be better than those of any foreign country except India. There is no reason why our projects should not be solvent.

Farmer Pays Bill
"To make them so we must recognize that it is the farmer who pays the bill; that irrigation requires intense culture; that the farmer must work with good tools and he must have good stock. It is no place for inexperience or poor farming.

Australia begins with the settler and the farm. In the new development now being financed Great Britain and Australia are each furnishing \$170,000,000 or \$340,000,000, to be spent wholly in settlement and farm development. This money will place 34,000 families on farms. Settlers must have had one year's experience in the country where the farm is located and not less than 1500 capital. The government will advance up to \$10,000 for each farm, and will give settlers from 20 to 36½ years to pay it back, with interest varying from 4 to 6 per cent."—Journal.

IRONSIDE
Chas. Lockner had the misfortune of breaking his leg when a horse fell on him at Chas. Boore's ranch. Dr. White was called from Malheur City and set the fractured leg.
Rex Marquis of Vale was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nichols Friday night. Mr. Marquis is buying stock cattle.
Bob Nichols of Vale is installing a pumping plant for Chas. Seaton.
Roy Smith, who has been working at the Lackey sawmill, went to Ontario to visit his family.
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Elms spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elms at Unity.
Chas. Morfitt went to Baker Friday to meet his son Ralph who is coming home to spend the holidays with his father.
Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Murray were Ironside visitors Sunday from Camp Creek.
Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Rose are giving a party Saturday night.
W. R. Lofton was an Ironside visitor from Unity Friday.
Mrs. Drummie was called to Twin Falls, Idaho, where her little daughter is ill.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith took a large shipment of dressed turkeys to Vale Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lofton and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lofton were in Ironside shopping Friday.

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

Record of Bloodshed
The Council of Blood, a court or guild in the Netherlands by the duke of Alva, in 1567, to suppress popular agitation against Philip II of Spain, put to death 1800 persons in less than three months.

JORDAN VALLEY

Rev. Parker has been holding meetings in Home and Danner vicinities the past week.

Bruno Gluch arrived home from a business visit to railroad points last week.

Fred Palmer and Dave Graham were visitors in Caldwell this week.

Ex-Governor West and Carl Deitering of Portland spent the week end at the Skinner home.

Mrs. Herbert Baltzer returned Tuesday from a two weeks visit to friends and relatives at Caldwell, Wilder and Nampa.

Mrs. Mary Chevally and Miss Miller were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt's Sunday.

W. J. Wolfe and daughter Enid of Cow Creek were shopping in Jordan Valley Thursday.

A. C. Wilson of Weiser is looking after interests here and visiting old neighbors. Mr. Wilson has purchased a place near Caldwell and will move there after Christmas.

Jas. McCain and Geo. Parks were among those who attended the sheriff's sale at Vale this week. The old Parks ranch near town and some town property was among that sold.

C. F. Fahin has been hauling hay from the Haylett ranch on Cow Creek the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McConnell were business visitors in Jordan Valley Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Chevally entertained a few friends at a quilting party last Tuesday. Those present were Mrs. Henry Tuckness, Mrs. Hogard and Mrs. Fahin.

Mrs. Jesse Strode of Mahogany Mt. spent last week as the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ditton.

Mrs. Mary Shepard was guest of honor at a social given by the Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. Carlton Fretwell.

Lee Strode and Ed Kopp of Rockville were Jordan Valley visitors Wednesday. Mr. Kopp is the proud possessor of a new coupe.

Mrs. Haylett and daughter Maxine were shopping in Jordan Valley Wednesday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ditton.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Wyatt are preparing to move to Caldwell.

The Jordan Valley Hotel has closed, and Sam Ross has moved to the Lambert ranch.

The program committee met Monday at the school house on Cow Creek to finish arranging their Christmas program.

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded
U. S. A. to Orval P. Caviness, S. 2½SW¼ Sec. 17; E½E½ Sec. 19; W¼ Sec. 20; NW¼NW¼ Sec. 29; and N¼NE¼ Sec. 30-16-40. 3/18/1922.

State of Oregon to Heirs of Henry Scott, E½ Sec. 16-36-48. 4/30/25. \$800.00.

Theresa Scott et al to E. A. Stauffer, EU Sec. 16-36-48. 9/4/25. \$10.00. (Q. C. Deed).

Ferdinand E. Reed to Drexel Real Estate Co., Lot 8 and part of Lot 7, Block 19, Vale. 12/8/25. \$1.00. (Q. C. Deed).

W. F. Lyman to Robt. D. Lytle, Lots 1 and 2, Block 31, Hope-Holland Add. to Vale. 12/7/25. \$5.00. (Q. C. Deed).

Malheur County to Frank M. Hanna, NE¼SW¼ Sec. 36-17-38. 11/25/25. \$27.79.

Sheriff H. Lee Noe to A. Gramse, Lots 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block 3, Terrace Heights Add. to Ontario. 4/8/1922. \$50.00.

A. Gramse et ux to Tula Bull, Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21, Block 3, Terrace Heights Add. to Ontario. 11/9/25. \$580.00.

U. S. A. to Geo. S. Jones, S½NE¼, NW¼NE¼, E½NW¼, N¼SE¼, and Lots 1, 2, and 3, Sec. 34-19-39; Lot 3, and SE¼NW¼ Sec. 3-20-39. 10/2/25.

A. L. Guerber et ux to H. J. Ward, Trustee, part of SE¼SW¼ Sec. 10-16-43. 12/7/25. \$10.00. (Trust Deed).

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to R. L. Munger, Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 18; and Lot 4, Sec. 7-30-47. 12/17/25. \$6,500.00.

U. S. A. to Geo. C. Lytle, S½NW¼, SW¼, and W½SE¼ Sec. 34-15-37. 10/17/1921.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court
James B. McCain vs Edith E. Denney et al. 12/14/25. Foreclosure of Mortgage. \$5,184.35.

In the Matter of the Malheur Drainage District. 12/14/25. Confirmation proceedings.

Pessie Ready vs Leland Ready. 12/4/25. Divorce and alimony.

State of Oregon vs Themis W. Penn et al. 12/14/25. Foreclosure of Mortgage. \$2,400.00.

Wm. E. Lees vs B. A. Harris et al. 12/16/25. Foreclosure of mortgage. \$2,067.95.

In the Matter of the Park Drainage District. 12/17/25. Confirmation proceedings.

Was Used to 'Em
An aged Scot on his deathbed said to the clergyman: "And what for should I be afraid to meet the King of Terrors? Hae I no lived wi the queen o' them for the last forty years?"—Boston Transcript.

BRAWN—BEAUTY—BRAINS

If appreciation of human excellence be correctly indicated by the material gains possible to its possessor, it can hardly be denied that the world still esteems the physical above the mental.

Brawn and beauty command financial rewards far beyond those accorded to mere brains. This refers, of course, to the personal earnings of the top-notchers, aside from any investment of capital.

We are willing to pay fabulous sums to those who entertain us, while dealing less generously with those who contribute to our instruction or our general well-being.

Compare the earnings of Gloria Swanson, Mary Pickford, Jack Dempsey and Babe Ruth with those of our eminent authors, scientists and engineers. While some authors receive handsome remuneration, they are those who can turn out a best selling novel, rather than writers of solid or instructive literature.

That the condition noted is becoming more and more marked may be illustrated by the shower of gold just now being heaped upon "Red" Grange, famed football star, who has received close to \$500,000 in less than a month since he left the University of Illinois to join the professional ranks.

This includes the unprecedented sum of \$300,000 for his first moving picture film; \$36,000 for one football game and an almost equal amount for other games; \$40,000 in one day for lending his name and endorsement to certain manufactured articles for advertising purposes. A rather ridiculous incident of commercialism is reported to the effect that he received a large sum for permitting his name to be used in connection with a tobacco advertisement, although he does not use the weed himself.

About the only conclusion to be drawn from all this is that people will spend their money for the things they want, and that in our present state of civilization brawn commands the highest price in the world's market, with beauty holding second place and brains running a rather poor third.

SIDELIGHTS

Hayley Morris, a divorced British millionaire, has married Miss Florence Roberts, his former housekeeper.

It is planned to ring the New Year in at midnight of December 31 by strokes of a special rubber mallet on the historic Liberty Bell, broadcasted by radio to all who desire to listen in. As is well known, the famous bell is cracked—appropriately, perhaps, in view of what our lawmakers have done to Liberty herself in recent years.

Inmates of the State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., have a newspaper, one department of which is devoted to road information, with a list of the roads that are good, rough, muddy and so on. The question naturally arises as to just what value this information may be to the subscribers, as they are in for several years and not going anywhere.

In a praying contest between the First Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York and the Franklin Avenue Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, the latter has apparently won out. Both congregations were praying for the services of Dr. Harris Elliot Kirk as pastor and he has decided to remain with his Baltimore flock, who are no doubt convinced of the efficacy of their supplications.

A London court will pass upon the validity of a will, written on an egg shell by a British sailor, containing only the words, "Mag everything I possess." The sailor owned considerable property and his legal heirs, excepting "Mag," suspect that they are victims of a shell game.

It is said that men's socks will be worn in fancy colors this winter, with ivory, helio, cocoa, wren, orchid, sarsaparilla, epinard green and sultana red predominating. The average male will be duly thankful, however, if he can only locate a pair in plain black, without any holes in them.

The movement in New York schools for more careful attention to exactness and elegance of expression in the English language will meet with the approval of all who appreciate the niceties of speech. Appropriately enough, the educator who will have charge of this better English campaign bears the good old English name of Gustav Straubenmuller.

An Arkansas boy who ran away from the farm to travel with a circus several years ago is now worth \$200,000. But lest this be construed as a suggestion that other boys do likewise, it may be explained that the farm, left to the boy by his father, is now a part of the famous Smackover oil field.

Telephone Patrons:

The new issue of the telephone directory will be out about January 1st. Any new listings, contemplated changes in numbers or advertisements must be in at once to be listed in the new directory.

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