

OREGON ENGINEER PRODS POLICIES

GOVT., NOT STATE, SHOULD FINANCE SETTLERS, DECLARES LUPER.

WANTS FEDERAL SETTLEMENT

Rhea Luper Calls Attention to Unnecessary Delay of Vale, Owyhee and Baker Projects.

State Engineer Rhea Luper appeared before the reclamation bureau's conference Tuesday and put Oregon on record as opposing the reclamation policies proposed by Secretary Work, notably the provision for state guarantee of settlement on the proposed projects. Speaking before officials of both interior and agricultural department, Mr. Luper declared that Oregon does not believe the state should assume the obligation of financing settlers and that the proposition is entirely unreasonable.

Federal Control Urged

"I do not believe it is a sound policy to have project built by one department of the government and colonized by another," he said. "I feel that such a plan would lead to much confusion. Each state would have a colonization of its own, and the reclamation service which constructed the project and expended thereby the greater part of the money for reclamation, would lose control over the essential feature necessary to make the project a success."

Mr. Luper expressed the belief that not more than two of the 23 projects constructed in Oregon would have been unsuccessful had they been undertaken by the federal government under a department plan such as the last congress provided.

He called particular attention to the delay on construction of the Vale, Owyhee and Baker projects.

COUNTY AGENT'S OFFICE WILL CLOSE DEC. 31ST

L. R. BREITHAUP EXPRESSES WORD OF APPRECIATION IN CLOSING HIS OFFICE.

The county agent's office of Malheur county will close on December 31st, as a result of the recent action of the county court eliminating the expense item from the budget for 1926. No more requests for farm information, coyote and other poisons will be filled as the office in Ontario is being cleared preparatory to closing.

Should arrangements be made by the farmers of the county to raise \$2200 from some source the office may be continued with an agricultural agent who will also conduct club work but not inspection work. If this amount is transmitted in the usual manner by the county court to the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college, the service may continue.

Preparatory to closing December 31st, L. R. Breithaupt, county agent, says, "We wish to express our appreciation for the splendid support and cooperation we have received during the past six years from citizens throughout the county. The strong showing in support of the work made recently before the budget committee is especially gratifying. The employees of this office will not lack for employment. Our only regret is that the agricultural service which has been established may be partly or entirely disrupted. Should it be continued, however, we ask that the hearty cooperation of all be given to whoever may be in charge."

CORD RANCHER IS GUN SHOT VICTIM

JOE TIPTON DIED TUESDAY NIGHT AS RESULT OF BULLET WOUND.

Joe Tipton, middle-aged rancher of Cord, Malheur county, died Tuesday night as the result of a bullet wound in the head, supposedly a suicide victim. Sheriff C. W. Glenn was notified immediately after his death, but few of the details could be transmitted over the telephone as some of the lines were down between Cord and Vale.

As near as can be learned, Mr. Tipton shot himself last Thursday and it was at first believed he would recover. However, his condition changed for the worse and Tuesday night he passed away. Despondency over domestic affairs is believed to have been his motive for suicide.

Wednesday Sheriff Glenn and a coroner's jury left for the scene of the tragedy. As yet they have not returned.

Indian Skeleton Found in County Taken to College

The gift last week of an Indian skeleton, together with all the paraphernalia that usually is buried with an Indian warrior, was made by William Schnabel, pioneer and student of early Idaho history, to the College of Idaho Museum.

It was while on a special trip taken by Mr. Schnabel into the Succor Creek Canyon, Malheur County, last summer for that purpose that discovery of the skeleton was made. This section, Mr. Schnabel says, is noted for its peculiarities, as the country is deeply cut by small, rugged valleys and was a natural haunt for the tribes of Indians which formerly roamed there.

According to Mr. Schnabel, the grave was found without difficulty. Unearthed with the body were a number of arrow shafts, a bow of unusually fine workmanship and quality and the top of an old-fashioned sheet iron kettle, bits of buckskin and a piece of canvas in which the body had apparently been wrapped.

The canvas and the kettle top indicated that the Indian had been buried since white men invaded the northwest, but the fact that there was no further evidence of the coming of the white man led Mr. Schnabel to the belief that the grave was an old one.

It was his belief that the brave, apparently an elderly man, was buried in the Hudson Bay company period and that both kettle top and canvas come from an early visitor's camp.

In excavating the body Mr. Schnabel uncovered three scorpions of the blue species, a rattlesnake and two lizards, all comfortably hibernated there for the winter. The body was facing the east, indicating that the brave was of more than ordinary importance. Several small things were uncovered with the body, which the discoverer believes to have been scalp locks taken by the Indian warrior in battle and buried with him.

Evidence of the brave's age is borne by the teeth, which were nearly worn away in the lower jaw.

CODY MUST HANG HIGH COURT SAYS

SENTENCE PASSED IN CIRCUIT COURT LAST DECEMBER IS AFFIRMED.

Date for Execution Not Yet Set by Supreme Court—Decision Was Announced Tuesday.

Salem.—Archie Cody, slayer of Sheriff Austin Goodman of Harney county, must hang, the supreme court of Oregon ruled Tuesday, affirming the sentence passed by the lower court. No other information was contained in the public announcement and evidently the date



ARCH CODY

on which he will hang has not as yet been set.

Sentenced Last December

About a year ago Cody was given a verdict of guilty at a special session of the circuit court held here. No recommendations were given and he was sentenced to hang last February, with the result that in the early part of the month an appeal was taken. District Attorney E. M. Blodgett appeared on behalf of the state early in October, with the result that the decision in the circuit court was sustained.

According to evidence brought out in both trials, Cody shot and fatally wounded Sheriff Goodman of Harney county last August near Follyfarm, just over the Harney county line in Malheur, when the sheriff had come to arrest him for issuing worthless checks. Cody claimed he shot in self defense and the point on which the case for a time hung was the establishment of the one firing the first bullet. However it was proven that the sheriff's bullet was the result of an accidental discharge as he fell mortally wounded.

Attorney E. D. Lytle, the then district attorney, prosecuted the case and secured conviction in the circuit court.

FARMERS TURNING TO DIVERSITY

DAIRY PROGRESS SHOWN BY FEDERAL FIGURES FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.

MILK COW SHOWS INCREASE

Comparative Values in Farm Property in 1920 and 1925 Shown in Federal Census Report.

Washington (Special to the Enterprise) The 1925 farm census for Malheur county, Oregon, compiled by the department of commerce, indicates one hundred per cent increase in the dairy cattle industry and almost as good an increase in the pork growing industry. There is a good increase since 1920 in the mule growing industry. Decreases are shown in the beef cattle business and in horse raising.

Few More Farms

Compared with 1330 farms listed January 1st, 1925, there were 1,322 on January 1st, 1920, an increase of 8 new farms. However this small increase shows better conditions than in many other counties as in some there has been a decrease in these statistics. There were 1,075 owners in 1920 and but 986 this year. Farm tenants, however, show an increase of 91 during the past five years, climbing from 213 in 1920 to 304. In 1920 Malheur county had 465,851 acres of farm land and this year 484,800, again a noteworthy increase.

Land Figures

Comparative figures are not given on the following:
Crop land (1924) 107,630 acres, harvested, 66,153; crop failure, 26,136; fallow or idle, 15,341.
Pasture (1924) 349,847 acres; plowable, 11,360; woodland, 173; other, 338,314.
Woodland not pastured, 381.
All other land, 26,942.

Values Up and Down

The combined value of farm buildings and land dropped about eleven million dollars, largely responsible to the great decrease in land value alone. This figure is slight, however, compared to other counties of the state where the decrease reached a billion dollars or more. There is about two-hundred thousand dollars depreciation in buildings.

Farm Values

Figures on farm values follow:
Land and buildings combined, 1925, \$13,787,710; 1920, \$19,062,114; decrease \$5,274,404.
Land alone (1925) \$11,910,716; 1920, \$17,362,674; decrease \$5,451,958.

The 1925 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

GRADING COMPLETED ON JOHN DAY ROAD

CONTRACTORS FINISH WORK ON LITTLE LOST VALLEY STRETCH.

This week saw completion of the Malheur county unit of the John Day highway. The entire stretch runs from the foot of the Brogan hill, through Cow Valley and Little Lost Valley to Unity Beam creek section. Two weeks ago the first section was completed and this week saw completion of the Little Lost Valley stretch. On Thursday the last of the road crews moved out of Little Lost Valley.

H. C. Boyer contracted the first stretch and the work was subcontracted by Tom Craig, Brown, Drummie and Toller and the contractors on Little Lost valley and it was in this stretch that the most difficult road building was encountered. However, the contractors have turned over a splendidly graded road.

The surfacing on the stretch from Unity through Malheur county will be done in 1926. This will complete one of the finest road projects in Oregon, a road that opens a new country to long needed development.

STATE TEACHERS MEETING TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND

Details of the program for the Oregon State Teachers' Association as prepared by Miss Cornelia J. Spencer of Portland, President, Dean E. D. Ressler of the Oregon Agricultural College, Secretary, and the heads of the various departments of the association, are now almost complete and the entire program will soon be ready for publication according to announcement by E. F. Carleton of Eugene, chairman of committee on information.

The meeting will be held in Portland, and Supt. Frank E. Shaw expects to attend.

Monday was the shortest day of all the year. Now they are getting a little longer and it won't be long until spring is here.

NEWS OF THE VALE COUNTRY

Holiday Visit—

Miss Eileen Moe returned home Wednesday evening to open the holidays with relatives here. The Tuesday following New Year's day she will return to the Holy Rosary Hospital at Ontario where she is taking nurse's training.

Baker Visitor—

Wm. Linsey of Baker is here to spend the holidays, having arrived last Friday.

Mrs. Nordale Away—

Mrs. Thos. B. Nordale left Thursday for Payette where she will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sterling until after Christmas.

Christmas Dance—

The Novelty Four orchestra will give a dance Christmas night at the Community hall. Old time and modern dances will be given to please both the older and younger set of Vale.

Return Home—

Tommy and Basil Boston arrived in the city Monday from Butte, Montana, to spend the remainder of the winter with relatives here and in Ontario. The newcomers made the trip by auto.

At Kennard Home—

Mrs. R. D. Shearer of Walla Walla and Miss Charlotte Woodward were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kennard on Sunday.

Guest Leaves—

Miss Cora Lee of Emmett returned to her home Saturday afternoon, after spending a pleasant week with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McLaughlin.

Sunday Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thayer enjoyed a pleasant Sunday visit in Ontario.

On Excursion Trip—

Several local people took advantage of the excursion rates to Los Angeles and will spend the coming two weeks in sunny California. Among those who left this week are Mrs. A. H. Chester, J. D. King and Jack Doland.

Allen Wilcox Away—

On Christmas day Allen Wilcox left for Seattle and the coast to visit relatives and friends for a week or ten days. During his absence John Boswell, Sr., will be in charge of the Vale drug store.

In Boise—

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Johnson drove to Boise Monday and spent the day there on a business and pleasure visit.

See Dairy Cattle—

Percy Purvis and O. E. Carman spent Sunday in New Plymouth and neighboring towns looking over prospective buys in dairy cattle.

From Riverside—

J. C. Yost, Riverside rancher, is here convalescing from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Chas. Crandall Home—

Chas. K. Crandall arrived in Vale the early part of the week to spend the holidays with his father, C. M. Crandall. Charles has been practicing law in Portland since early in the fall.

Eye Injured—

Eldon Ricker was the victim of a slight injury this week, when a small particle of dried weed lodged in his eye, cutting the eyeball. Four stitches were taken in the injured member.

College Students Home—

Tom Miller and John Boswell, Jr., are home to spend the holidays. Both are students at the University of Oregon.

Monmouth Normal Students—

Miss Opal Ivers who is a student at Monmouth Normal arrived home for the holidays on Saturday afternoon. Miss Dollie Lawrence, also a student at the college, reached Vale Wednesday to spend vacation. The early part of the week she spent in Baker visiting her father J. E. Lawrence.

Joyce Holte Home—

Mrs. R. A. Holte and her daughter Joyce returned from Hot Lake sanitarium Monday night. Joyce spent ten weeks at the sanitarium and was indeed glad to return home.

Aberdeen Guest—

Miss Peggy Bailey of Aberdeen, Washington, arrived in the city Saturday to spend the holidays with friends here. She is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Zut.

In Boise—

A party consisting of Mesdames Robt. D. Lytle, C. C. Burrow, Geo. E. Davis and Roy DeArmond drove to Boise Saturday and spent a pleasant day visiting. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boak were also Boise visitors Saturday.

DAVIS & LYTLE MOVE TO NEW LOCATION THIS WEEK

Davis & Lytle, local law firm, were swept in the turmoil of moving from former headquarters to the First National Bank building this week. On Thursday the last of a large, law library, furniture and office equipment was installed in the new location. The interior of the former banking room has been nicely partitioned and has been completely renovated for the convenience of its new occupants. It makes a very attractive office location and has the advantage of being located on the ground floor.

OLD TIME SPEEDERS

None will deny that the traffic problem, especially in our larger cities, is becoming extremely acute. Added to the congestion, which appears unavoidable, is the menace of the inattentive driver and the willful speeder.

But we should not imagine that similar problems did not concern city dwellers of the past. In an editorial which appeared in the New York Mirror in the year 1934, the reckless Broadway bus drivers were severely criticized for their disregard of life and limb. It said: "The inconvenience and danger of this is no less felt by those who ride than by those who walk. It has not only become dangerous to cross Broadway on foot, but persons who venture or trust themselves inside one of these carriages run the risk of having their brains turned by the rapidity of the motion."

Not only was fear expressed for the safety of pedestrians, but the writer of that editorial appears to have believed that too rapid speed would scramble the very brains inside one's cranium.

What would he have thought of the recent feat of driving an airplane at the rate of five miles a minute?

BRIEFLY TOLD

James R. Lowry of Davenport, Ia., found \$5,000 in bonds between the leaves of a Bible given him by his aunt.

Women members of a London church went on a strike because one of the congregation said they "looked like chorus girls."

George Edwards, a farmer of Mattoon, Ill., declares that he found a rabbit living in a large turnip from which the center had been eaten out.

Horace Fisher of Oxford, Eng., was struck so hard by a flying partridge that one of his ribs was broken.

Michael Goldsmith of Chicago boasted to his wife that he had a girl in 60 towns, so she secured a divorce.

A young gorilla was recently transported from Amsterdam to London by airplane and appeared to enjoy the trip.

Two rams on the Frazier ranch near Cheyenne, Wyo., fought a duel which resulted fatally to both.

Frank Gray, former member of the British parliament, became a tramp for three months before writing a book on sociology.

James Curtis of Sterling, Ill., was given a verdict for \$75 against L. C. Martin, whose dog bit Curtis.

Rev. H. D. Allan of Huddersfield, Eng., was acquitted on a charge of theft, when he proved that he was subject to fits.

Neighbors complained of saxophone playing by Harry Edwards of Chicago and the court told him to do his practicing in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson of Hammond, Ind., dashed through the flames three times and saved their four children from their burning home.

Thomas Buck, retired British banker 102 years old, advises: "Eat plain food, get plenty of exercise and don't worry over trifles."

Music of an Evanston, Ill., church organ was brought to a sudden stop when a white cat got into the "works."

Crows carried away three balls in one afternoon from a golf course at Nice.

The parrot brought from South Africa by the Prince of Wales strangled to death on its food.

After the death of George Lewitt at Elgin, Ill., his dog refused food and died on the day of his master's funeral.

Dr. R. C. MacDonald of Glasgow asserts that persons with low temperatures and slow pulses are the most intelligent.

James Kelly of St. Paul hit a policeman and asked to be sent to jail to get away from his wife.

Mrs. Jack London, who made several ocean voyages in small boats with her famous husband, will shortly cruise in the Mediterranean in a 45-foot sloop.

Monkeys are being trained to do useful work in the cocoon groves of Pattini province, Siam.

An ocean liner being built at Philadelphia will have a monster soda fountain as a part of its equipment.

In London, John Black secured a divorce from his wife, Violet, when she eloped with a man named Green, yet all the parties are white.

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