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## WOOL GROWERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

**E. C. WARNER OF PILOT ROCK ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR ENSUING YEAR.**

Pendleton.—E. E. Warner, Pilot Rock, was unanimously elected president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association at the business session of the convention Saturday. He succeeded Fred Falconer of Pendleton, president for three years, who refused to let his name go before the convention.

Ernest Johnson of Wallowa was elected first vice president, Robert Thompson of Heppner, second vice president, and James Murth of Condon, third vice president. The secretary, who will be a full time employe of the association is to be hired and appointed by the executive committee. The committee appointments will also be announced in a few days, Warner said.

The convention came to a close Saturday night with the annual banquet attended by 200 persons. The place of the convention next year will be fixed by the executive committee.

## SCHOOL TAX LEVIES COMPLETE THIS WEEK

This week the tax levies for the 82 school districts in the county were determined by Assessor Andrew H. Graham and deputies in his office. As was stated last week the general tax was placed at 17.8 mills without including 1 mill high school tax. This makes a slight increase of 1.4 mills over taxes last year. The reason for this is due to the fact that real estate valued at nearly half a million dollars was foreclosed and taken off the assessment roll.

City levies show a similar small increase in millage, Vale having 91.8 mills, Ontario 66.5 mills and Nyssa 63.2 mills.

The levies for school districts follow: No. 1, 19 mills; No. 2, 13; No. 3, 29; No. 4, 6.1; No. 5, 1.5; No. 6, 11; No. 8, 18.8; No. 9, 0; No. 10, 1.1; No. 11, 6; No. 12, 6.4; No. 13, 12; No. 14, 13; No. 15, 26.3; No. 16, 7; No. 17, 32; No. 18, 6.2; No. 23, 2.6; No. 24, 2.7; No. 26, 2.2; No. 27, 2.6; No. 28, 6; No. 29, 10; No. 30, 8.1; No. 31, 12; No. 32, 9; No. 33, 1.1; No. 36, 5; No. 39, 19; No. 40, 8.6; No. 43, 7.3; No. 45, 10; No. 46, 7.5; No. 47, 13; No. 49, 5.6; No. 50, 5.5; No. 51, 3.7; No. 53, 3.4; No. 55, 4.8; No. 57, 6.5; No. 58, 7.7; No. 60, 8; No. 61, 5.4; No. 63, 1.1; No. 64, 2.8; No. 65, 30; No. 66, 2.6; No. 67, 6; No. 68, 10; No. 69, 2.3; No. 70, 9; No. 71, 7.1; No. 73, 20; No. 75, 31; No. 77, 35; No. 78, 13.3; No. 79, 9.6; No. 80, 9.2; No. 81, 10.3; No. 82, 10.3.

## BIG COW OUTFIT PASSING IN GRANT CO.

The big cow outfit is an institution that is passing. It is quite noticeable in Grant county, and many ranchers are turning their attention to other things. Many of them are interested in dairy herds. The highways and quick and cheap transportation has made this possible. They also raise a few turkeys, some poultry, a few hogs, a few hundred sheep and a few cattle. The old time range is gone. A great portion of it has been turned over to and for the culture of brush under the alias of conservation and timber culture. And this may be all for the best. We are not competent to pass judgment, but it is conspicuously evident that the conditions are rapidly undergoing a change.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

## WILL THE GROUND HOG SEE HIS SHADOW CANDLEMAS DAY

Candlemas Day, February 2, has for many centuries been associated with weather predictions. But by some curious trait of human nature, these predictions always went by contraries. It is so of the picturesque old tale about the groundhog, how he comes out of his hole Candlemas day, and looks around for his shadow. If the sun is bright and cheery, things don't look right to him, and he goes back to sleep six weeks more. But if the sun is clouded so he cannot see his shadow, then he stays out and prepares for an early spring.

Thus this ancient philosophy, running back into the ages, conveys the feeling that things are not what they seem, and that one must acquire the faculty of looking under the surface indications. It often works out that way here in Vale.

But the question is, will the groundhog see his shadow next Tuesday, or is winter nearly over?

## Owyhee Items

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russel and little daughter Florence were week end visitors in the Oce Schweizer home.

Miss Georgia Rust spent Sunday visiting friends in Apple Valley.

Mrs. Gladys DeGoede and son John were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown of Nyssa, Monday, leaving next morning for their home at Coalville, Utah after a prolonged visit with relatives in Owyhee.

Messrs. Wm. Peutz and Fred Snively were business visitors in Nampa Monday.

Misses Everett and Stewart were over night visitors in the Klingback home Wednesday.

The O. K. K. met Thursday with Mrs. Wm. Peutz. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Adah Schweizer when the officers for the year will be elected.

Mrs. Overstreet and son Robt. and Miss Dottie Cantrall were Sunday callers at the Lowe home.

Vicente Mendiola ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klingback Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oce Schweizer and family were Ontario visitors Saturday where Miss Margaret paid a visit to the dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peutz were Payette visitors Wednesday.

Vicente Mendiola brought his sheep to the home ranch Friday where he will start lambing in a few days.

Isaiah N. Clark, a well known pioneer of Owyhee died in Cheko, Cal., of cancer of the liver. His five children were with him at the last. I his young days he was a scout in the Indian wars of aEastern Oregon, and later in his life was a prospector for gold in Mormon Basin and Malheur City.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bradley were Ontario visitors Saturday, where Mrs. Bradley had some dental work done.

Chisty Minton left Monday for their farm near Boise to assist his brother with farm work.

The commissioners of the road district met Friday afternoon at the home of J. B. Smith with County Commissioner Miller.

The Mike O'Brian bridge over the Owyhee canal was found unsafe for traffic and work on a new one will begin Monday.

Mrs. T. M. Lowe and Mrs. Miller accompanied their husbands and visited with Mrs. Smith during the meeting.

E. M. Greig of Ontario was a caller in the Joe Minton home Friday.

W. M. Beam of Oregon Trail district has had a relapse of flu and has been quite ill the last few days.

The Walter Pinkston family and Wm. Snider family were Thursday evening callers at Claude Smith's. The radio played an important part in entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvon McGinnis entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slippy and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Judd of Kingman Colony were evening callers in the Frank Milehr home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slippy had a rather serious accident when their car collided with another car in the turn on the highway about two miles from Ontario. Mrs. Slippy and the children were thrown out of the car and the little boy was cut above the eye making it necessary to take seven stitches to close the wound. Both cars were badly damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walters have gone to Hot Lake where Mr. Walters will undergo an operation.

## CHARLESTON AT COLLEGE DYING NATURAL DEATH

O. A. C.—The "Charleston" is dying a natural death on the O. A. C. campus.

Where once the more conservative dancer was in constant danger of having his shins barked by the flying heels of "Charlestons," he is now able to advance across the dance floor with the comparative safety of old. Buildings no longer rock and sway with the thump of hundreds of feet in perfect beat but rest peacefully on their foundations, as all self-respecting buildings should.

Like other extreme dances, the Charleston has been only a passing fancy to be enjoyed only while its "kick" lasted. The "kick" came in soem instances from the fact that it was just a little bit unconservative, while in some colleges and universities it came from the fact that authorities banned it, therefore it was something to be done.

In parts of Chinese Turkestan women are so numerous, due to the emigration of the men, that the marriage ceremony by the mullah and the bill of divorcement are given at the same time.

## CENTRAL OREGON HI-WAY ORGANIZED

**NEW ROAD ASSOCIATION COMPLETED IN BURNS LAST SUNDAY.**

## MALHEUR SENDS DELEGATES

Purvis, Fairman, Gallagher and Fraser Represent County at Road Meeting Last Week End.

There was a strong deputation at the meeting held in Burns Saturday Sunday, when organization of the Central Oregon Highway association was completed. There were representatives from Malheur, Deschutes and Harney counties.

"We do not want a local improvement from Bend to Burns, but a highway straight through from Vale to Bend and so across the state." That was the prevailing sentiment at the meeting and was forcibly stated so by particularly the Deschutes county delegation present.

**Malheur Representatives**  
There were four delegates present from Malheur county, namely, J. D. Fairman, Harper, who represented the county court; Dan Gallagher, Juntura; Percy Purvis, who was sent as a delegate of the Vale Commercial Club; and E. A. Fraser, representing the Ontario Commercial Club.

The principal delegates from Deschutes county were Senator Jay H. Upton, R. H. DeArmond and Ralph Hamilton.

**New Officers Elected**  
The first meeting was held on Saturday night, when, after an informal discussion, a draft of organization was made. A representative was chosen from each county to draw plans for organization.

On Sunday morning the second meeting was called, when organization was completed and officers elected. Archie McGowan, Burns, is the new president, Jay H. Upton, Bend, vice-president for Deschutes county; J. D. Fairman, Harper, vice-president for Malheur county. Vice-presidents for Lane and Linn counties will be elected by their respective boards of trade.

The management of the association is vested in three directors from each county, one of whom is to be the vice-president. The directors for Malheur are Dan Gallagher, Juntura, and Geo. K. Aiken, Ontario.

**Why the New Road**  
It was shown by the official report of the Oregon Road Department officials at Ashland that last summer there was a daily average of 250 cars, who registered and inquired if there was not some way by which they could come through Central Oregon enroute to Spokane and the park, without going by way of Portland and the Columbia River highway. All of them had to be told there was no road.

All of the county courts and other boards from Eugene to Snake River are joining in a campaign for the immediate survey of the Central Oregon highway. This is a most important project for all of them, for Malheur county in particular. Every speaker from Deschutes dwelt on the fact, that they wanted a through road from Vale to Bend and on across the state. If they could not get this, they stated, they were not interested in the project.

## To Push Campaign

It was unanimously agreed that a large representation from the county must go before the state highway commission to push the project through as rapidly as possible. Plans are already underway for the meeting before the commission.

## FARMS APPROACHING ECONOMIC EQUALITY

"Following a prolonged period of extreme depression, American agriculture again finds itself on a basis approaching economic equality with other industries, occupations and professions, as measured by the all-controlling standard of comparative price levels. Our zeal to proceed upon the theory that this readjustment will be permanent is tempered by memories of previous experience, by study of precedents, and by observation of present trends such as have caused agricultural distress in the past. While reaffirming our confidence in the ultimate stability of this basic industry, we consider it proper and timely to call attention to some of these trends."—Opening Statement of Declarations by American Farm Congress Round Table Conference.

## INCOME REPORTS ARE FORTHCOMING

**ONLY PARTNERSHIP AND FIDUCIARY RETURNS MUST BE MADE AT ONCE.**

## REDUCED RATES ARE EXPECTED

Blanks Await Action on Revenue Bill Which Will Probably Reduce Individual Rates.

Comparatively few in Malheur county need worry about income tax, but of this minority, some have already received partnership and fiduciary blanks from Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, Portland. Those who filed such returns last year are the fortunate ones.

Forms for the use of employers or individuals in reporting payment of salary, wages, rent or interest of \$1000, or more, to an unmarried person, or \$2500, or more, to a married person, are now available and may be obtained upon request at Collector Huntley's office. All reports covering payment of such amounts must be forwarded by the employer or individual direct to the commissioner of internal revenue, Washington, D. C., so as to reach that office not later than March 15th.

The blanks herein enumerated are the only income tax forms being distributed at this time.

**Await Action of Congress**  
Individual income tax returns cannot be furnished taxpayers at this time for the reason that the new revenue bill now before Congress, and assured of passage, undoubtedly will provide for reduced tax rates, as well as increased exemptions. Pending final enactment of the new revenue bill by Congress, the Portland office has been instructed to withhold the distribution of all individual income tax blanks.

Just as soon as authority has been received from Washington, the necessary blank forms will be mailed without delay to every taxpayer who filed a return of income for 1924, during the year 1925, and to all others who have made requests for these blanks.

## Want Partnership Reports

"Although partnership and fiduciary returns may be filed at any time on or before March 15," explains Collector Huntley, "it is suggested that taxpayers required to file these reports do so now and avoid the rush that certainly will prevail during the closing days of the filing period. Taxpayers desiring assistance in preparing partnership and fiduciary returns may get some information from the Portland office."

## Eastern Oregon Resources Are Not Advertised

The people of Oregon are guilty of hiding light under a bushel, according to Arthur Foster, manager of the Land Settlement department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce who was the principal speaker at the district convention of Eastern Oregon Chambers held in Baker Wednesday, to which Vale was invited to attend.

"With the greatest resources in the world we do not advertise our advantages abroad as we should," Mr. Foster declared. "If California had some of the resources we have they would be heralded to all parts of the nation. The counties of Eastern Oregon could support populations of five or six times what they have today."

Mr. Foster told of the work of the Land Settlement department of the Portland Chamber which in less than three years has induced 1200 families to settle on the land in this state. The newcomers have invested over \$4,000,000, he said. Last year the department interviewed more than 65,000 people at the Portland tourist auto camp alone and offices were also maintained in Ashland and Ontario.

The land settlement work is financed out of a \$300,000 fund raised by the business men of Portland to develop Oregon, Mr. Foster said. It is carried on through three departments, publicity, land settlement and marketing.

"We try to help the newcomers succeed," the speaker said. "We do not want people to come here to fail. We tell them the bad features

## County Statistics

**Real Estate Transfers Recorded**  
Sheriff C. W. Glenn to H. B. Cockrum, Trustee, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 11-18-47. 12/19/25. \$87.14.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to Union Central Life Insurance Co., E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 22; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 15; and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 14-16-46. 11/30/25. \$74-5.88. (Certificate of Sale.)

Malheur County to D. H. French, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 29-31-41. 7/20/25. \$19.86.

D. H. French et ux to W. C. Smoot SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 29-31-41. 12/28/25. \$1.00.

Marvin Yoakum et ux to P. A. Martin, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 9-17-46. 12/15/25. \$335.00.

Ray Saunders to John W. Plymale,  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 5-16-45. 7/5/1921. \$25.00.

Hubbard Walters et ux to Manhattan Co., SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 3; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 10; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 9; and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 10-21-46. 1/7/26. \$10.00.

Bankers Discount Corporation to Manhattan Co., SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 3; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 10; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 9; and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 10-21-46. 12/4/25. \$10.00.

Charles W. White to Louise A. White, Lot 2, Sec. 27; Lot 8, Sec. 28; Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 34; and Lots 1, 2, and 3, Sec. 33-18-47. 1/18/26. \$800.00.

Dora Dunlop et vir to Sarah A. Payne, Lot 16 and north 4.30 feet of Lot 17, Block 127, Ontario. 7/20/25. \$700.00.

Wm. E. Lees et ux to E. A. Fraser, Lots 11 and 12, Block 40, Ontario. 1/19/26. \$1.00.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to Robt. Lytle, Lot 7, Block 7, Kees's Add. to Vale. 1/23/26. \$53.43.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to State of Oregon, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16-30-45; W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16-30-46; and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16-31-45. 1/23/26. \$960.68.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to State of Oregon, 34 acres in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 20-18-45. 1/23/26. \$3,046.69.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to State of Oregon, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16-31-42; N- E $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16-30-45; and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16-30-46. 1/23/26. \$1,075.65.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to State of Oregon, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 3-19-43. 1/23/26. \$4,207.98.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to State of Oregon, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lot 1, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 19; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 20-17-47. 1/23/26. \$952.22.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to State of Oregon, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16-18-45. 1/23/26. \$2,506.90.

## Marriage Licenses Issued

Dennis Toomb and Rose Haskett. 1/19/26.

Fred Victor Nelson and Edna Miller. 1/20/26.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court  
Ontario National Bank vs. Chas. R. Seguinte. 1/21/26. Recovery on note. \$500.00.

Oregon & Western Colonization Co. vs Frank B. Scott. 1/23/26. Foreclosure of mortgage. \$13,650.95.

Federal Reserve Bank vs Robt. H. Vickers et al. 1/23/26. To quiet title.

## CENTRAL OREGON ASKS COUNTY DELEGATES

**STRONG REPRESENTATION IS REQUESTED TO MEET WITH STATE HI-WAY COMMISSION.**

A formal request has been made of the county courts of Malheur and Deschutes counties to each appoint a representative to meet with a delegate from the Harney county court at the next meeting of the highway commission, following the respective sessions of the courts in February. Archie McGowan, president of the Central Oregon Highway association has also been elected to attend this meeting.

A good representation is solicited from commercial clubs of Vale, Ontario, Albany, Bend, Burns and Eugene as the future of this road project will be greatly influenced. The importance of road boosters was stressed at the recent meeting held in Burns, particularly at the time when the designation of the road is before the state highway commission.

of the state as well as the good. In several communities we have disinterested appraisal committees to help post the newcomer on land values. We do not want the buyers to be burdened with a load of debt. We want them to succeed. In this we have been very successful. Out of the families we have located we have not yet had a complaint so we feel that we are on the right track."

## COUNTY P. T. A. MEET TO BE HELD IN NYSSA

**PRESS NOTES OF ACTIVITIES OF P. T. A. CIRCLES OF MALHEUR COUNTY.**

The spring meeting of the County Council will be held in Nyssa, Saturday, April 3.

In order to complete necessary arrangements for this meeting a meeting of the executive board will be held in Ontario the afternoon of February 20. All county officers and all presidents of local circles are members of the executive committee. It is the earnest desire of Mrs. Greening county president, that every member of the executive committee be present.

For all those interested in parent teacher work, February 17 should be a Red-Letter day, for on that day twenty-nine years ago the first Congress of Mothers met at Washington, D. C. The State Congress suggests that in the February meeting our local circles do something to commemorate this day. It might be well for us to review the work accomplished during these years, so that in our plans for the future we may be guided by past experience.

The regular monthly meeting of the Kingman Colony P. T. A. was held January 8, at the home of the president, Mrs. Morgan. At this meeting the committee which had charge of installing the lights in the schoolhouse reported that after paying for wiring and the fixtures they had \$16.75 to return to the P. T. A. An interesting program followed the business meeting. Miss Wade read a paper explaining the Educational Bill; Miss Hoffman read an article on hot lunches, and Mrs. Maurice Judd read a paper on child feeding. The next meeting will be held in the evening at the schoolhouse, and the general subject for discussion will be the laws affecting parent teacher work.

The regular meeting of the Ontario Circle was held January 15. The Education Committee reported the completion of plans for the reading contest and named Miss Mary Welch and Mrs. Irwin Troxell as leaders. The health committee will soon put on a milk drinking campaign among children, and are planning to give a health program in the near future. The assembly voted to ask Supt. Baird of Boise to address the February meeting. At the close of the business meeting an interesting and instructive program was given. Miss Lucile Biggs played a piano solo and Mrs. Chas. Miller sang. A paper, "Legislation Concerning Child Labor Laws," prepared by Mr. W. M. Walker was read by Supt. Chas. Miller. Mr. Bruce Kester discussed the various other laws affecting the welfare of children, among them the Juvenile Court law, the Child Welfare Commission, the Widows' Pension Law, the laws regarding adoption, and the criminal laws concerning juvenile delinquency. Mrs. Bruce Kester gave her report from the State Congress of Parents and Teachers and, in line with the subject of the evening, declared it to be the wish of the state organization that each circle decide for itself whether or not it should indorse legislative measures and not blindly follow the state or national Congress.

## BURNS FAILS TO GET DAILY TRAIN SERVICE

**CIRCUMSTANCES AROSE MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE. SUPT. OF UNION PACIFIC WIRES.**

Burns.—A telegram dated at Salt Lake last Saturday stated that the daily train service announced earlier in the week to take effect on last Monday between Burns and Ontario would not be inaugurated. It was a blow! Just after the paper had gone to press announcing the new schedule and congratulating the people of Burns, even before it was in the mails, this unexpected telegram was received and so far there is no satisfactory explanation forthcoming. The telegram addressed to the manager of this paper read:

"My letter January 14th. Circumstances have arisen which make it impossible to extend train service between Crane and Burns trains 371 and 372 effective January 18. Will advise further when definite conclusions are reached."

The wire was sent by Superintendent Pierce of the Union Pacific.