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GENERAL TAX LEVY FOR MALHEUR IS 19.9 MILLS

1927 TAXES SHOW SLIGHT INCREASE DUE TO FORECLOSURE SALES

CITY MILLAGE HIGHER

Town Levies Are Affected By Tax Foreclosures And Reduced Valuation On Rolls

Taxes for the year 1927 show a slight increase generally over Malheur county, according to findings of the county court and the report of Assessor Andrew H. Graham. Last year the general tax including high school was 18.8 mills and this year the two amount to 19.9 mills. The increase of 1.1 mills is caused through tax foreclosure of lands and by reducing the valuation, but the actual amount of money to be raised is less than it was last year.

City Levies

City levies show a similar increase in millage on account of foreclosures and consequent reduction of the valuation. The increase in city levies was greater in Ontario this year, with Vale second and Nyssa third.

A segregation of the Vale millage shows 47.7 city tax, 18.8 general tax, 1.8 roads, 27.8 special school tax—amounting to 96.1 mills. The increase is due to foreclosures in the town and not to the slight increase in actual money to be raised which amounts to \$712.50 for city and \$323.48 for special school tax.

Ontario's millage was likewise affected by foreclosures, raising it from 66.5 mills last year to 73.6 mills for 1927.

Nyssa will pay 66.3 mills this year and Jordan Valley 72.8 mills.

Road And School

The general tax for the county is affected by a very slight increase in special road taxes which will amount to 1.8 mills, while it was 1.7 mills last year.

All the school districts in the county show a slight increase in millage.

Moneys to be raised by taxation in Malheur county this year are \$88,598.90, state tax; 67,140.33, county; 30,278.97, school; 3,949.43, library; 11,979.94, sinking; 21,458.58, market roads; 24,091.53, general roads and 10,414.97 for high school.

Nyssa W. C. T. U. Capital Hosts

(From the Malheur Enterprise.)

The Vale union of the W. C. T. U. was well represented at the county conference held in Nyssa on Tuesday, held at the Methodist church. An inspiring talk was given by Mr. Messinger, superintendent of Nyssa schools, dealing with the education and rearing of young people. Vale delegates say it was very fine. Musical numbers on the program were also enjoyed, as was refreshments served at the close of the afternoon by the Nyssa union. They were voted capitols hosts.

Visitors from here were Mesdames W. L. Posey, I. W. Hope, Ed. Charles, A. W. Griggs, George Eldredge and Sopha Amens.

FARMERS' PETITION SAYS PHEASANTS ARE MENACE

A number of Vale farmers have circulated a petition seeking control of pheasants in this district of Malheur county. The petition requests the state game commission to look into the situation as the pheasants are becoming a menace to the farmers. It further states that something must be done, or the farmers will have to use methods of their own. General sentiment in town is in sympathy with the farmers. It has been said that the farmers should be allowed to kill pheasants the year around, as it is upon their fields that the game birds thrive.

WELL KNOWN JORDAN VALLEY COUPLE GET LICENSE

On Tuesday the clerk's office issued a marriage license to Gerald Averill Palmer and Joyce Margaret Baxter of Jordan Valley. Mr. Palmer recently returned from Salem, where he has been working in a state office. Both young people are well known throughout the Jordan Valley section of the county.

OWYHEE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tombs have moved to the C. C. Hunt ranch where Mr. Tombs will work for Mr. Hunt.

We are glad to report that George Huffman, who is still in the hospital at Ontario, is much improved and expected home soon.

The Owyhee P. T. A. met at the school house Friday P. M. A very beneficial talk on health by the P. T. A. County Council chairman of Health, Mrs. M. M. Greeling was much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. A. Stewart and daughter Myrtle of Ontario were week end guests in the Chas. Bradley home. Miss Alta Bradley accompanied them home.

Duncan Freazer moved his sheep to the Chas. Bradley ranch last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kligback and family were dinner guests in the Frank DeBord home in Payette Saturday. They also called in Ontario and Vale enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schweizer and daughters Evelyn and Nellie Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Oney Ramsey and Mrs. Ruth Share of Caldwell, Idaho were Sunday guests in the Geo. Schweizer home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Overstreet and son Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Judd and son were dinner guests in the Frank Morgan home Sunday.

The special meeting of the book club at Mrs. F. Morgans was well attended. Special guests of the club were Mrs. H. Ward and Mrs. J. P. Dunaway of Nyssa and Mrs. Hickox.

Mrs. C. C. Cotton entertained at cards in honor of her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Horse Shoe Bend on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Chas. Fisher moved to the Ed Skinner sheep camp Saturday where she will be employed as cook. Mrs. Herbert Stewart was a school visitor Friday. Miss Pauline accompanied her home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Smith went to Payette Friday taking a load of turkeys to market.

Miss Ethel Wagner of Ontario is a week end guest of Wanda Hite.

Mr. O. R. Hite and Mr. Jess Kygar having reached the ripe old age of fifty years on Saturday last, their relatives and friends deemed it fitting to hold a party in their honor, but the gentlemen proved that they were not so aged after all when it came to showing the young folks how they danced in the long, long ago. About sixty were present and had such a good time that they didn't go home until morning. The music was furnished by Mr. J. P. McGinnis and Claude Smith.

Mrs. M. M. Maxwell and Mrs. H. Ward of Nyssa attended Sunday school in the Kolony Sunday.

Owing to the resignation of Mrs. Judd as superintendent of the Sunday school, Mrs. Kligback was elected to fill her place.

FEW CASES TRIED AT JANUARY TERM

(From the Malheur Enterprise.)
The January term of court came to a close Thursday with dismissal of the jury, after jurors were drawn for the next term. The session was unusually brief.

Perkins Grover of Huntington, who plead guilty to a charge of operating a distillery, was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary. Grover is the first offender that has been sent from Malheur county since the penalty for this offense became a prison term. Harry Reed plead guilty to the same charge Friday and was also sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Ed. Riggins was tried on a liquor charge and was found guilty by the jury Wednesday.

Ivan Wells plead guilty to a violation of the liquor laws and was sentenced to serve four months in the county jail and fined \$100.

In the case of Galo Mendieta vs. Fred Castro, for recovery on contract for the sale of 139 horses, a verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff. Mendieta recovered \$2,530 and interest on his money.

The case State vs. Harry Reed and A. McWilliams, larceny, was continued over to the April term of court.

The case C. F. Smith vs. Wiley Frakes, appeal from justice court, was dismissed.

M. C. Sells vs. George Hart, recovery on note, defendant defaulted. Several cases on the law docket will be tried next week.

LUPER RECOMMENDS IRRIGATION CHANGE

STATE ENGINEER MAKES RELIEF RECOMMENDATION TO LEGISLATURE

Salem—Recommendation for the reorganization of the "sick" irrigation districts and for changes that would empower the state engineer and the securities commission to exercise a more effective supervision over reclamation projects are contained in a report to the legislature, made by Rhea Luper, state engineer. Any Plan of reorganization he says, must be acceptable to both bondholders and settlers, but the state must not be called upon to assume the liabilities of irrigation districts. Like the Oregon Irrigation congress, Luper recommends creation of an irrigation department to assist the colonization of all projects.

"There are 44 active districts in the state," says Luper, "of which 29 have issued bonds which have been certified by the secretary of state. Of these probably 13 are in a sound condition and able to work out their own problems. Nine with bond issues totaling \$1,711,000 could be worked out without loss to the creditors if taken over by some strong financial agency with a guarantee to the settlers that they would be protected against the payment of more than their proportionate share of the cost of the indebtedness. Of these districts eight are probably insolvent, and will require financial reorganization involving loss to creditors."

Income Experts To Take Field

Beginning Tuesday, February 1, and continuing until Tuesday, March 15, the last day for filing federal income tax returns, deputies from the office of Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, will visit the principal cities and towns of the state for the purpose of assisting taxpayers to prepare their returns and compute their taxes.

Deputy collectors will be in Vale on February 12-14. Ontario, February 15-17. Burns, February 9-10. Huntington, February 18-19.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR MALHEUR LEGISLATORS

In Tuesday's report of the Oregon legislature, senate and house committees were named. Senator Geo. E. Davis is chairman of Irrigation and Drainage, a member of the Engrossed bills, Judiciary, Public buildings and institutions and Public lands committees.

Representative J. D. Billingsley is a member of the following committees: Automobiles and roads, Irrigation and drainage, Livestock and Mining.

MALHEUR ITEMS IN REPORT STATE GAME COMMISSION

There were several items of interest to Malheur county in the report from the state game commission received this week. There were less arrests for violations of the game laws in 1926 than there were in 1925 but fines were much larger. There were 11 arrests with fines at \$500 in 1926 and 16 arrests with fines \$300 in 1925.

In 1925 153 bounties were paid on wildcats in Malheur amounting to approximately \$450. In 1926 one bounty was paid on a wolf in the sum of \$25. Wildcat bounty was discontinued November 1, 1925. Cougar bounty at the present time is also \$25.

BILL WOULD GIVE VETS TILL 1931 TO ASK STATE AID

Representative Olson from Multnomah county Tuesday introduced a bill providing that applications for bonus or loan by ex-service men of Oregon may be made up to June 30, 1931.

The bill provides that any person who has received a cash bonus under the veterans' state aid act and who at the said time desired to loan instead of cash bonus due accepted the latter by reason of misapprehension as to his right to elect a loan may, upon refunding the cash bonus received by him, with interest thereon from the date of receiving at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, obtain the loan if otherwise qualified.—Oregon Journal.

During November, 1926, there were only forty-one hours of sunshine in London.

HARNEY AND GRANT WANT THE HERRICK RAILWAY BUILT

LEGISLATURE TO BE ASKED TO ACT IN HERRICK CASE

COMMON CARRIER IS AIN

Senator Davis And Representative McGowan Will Ask Memorial To Oregon Men At Washington

George E. Davis, senator for Grant and Malheur counties, and Archie McGowan, Burns, representative of Harney and Grant counties, will request the Oregon legislature to adopt a memorial to the Oregon congressional delegation urging them to insist upon a "common carrier" clause in the contract between Fred Herrick and the forest service.

The "common carrier" privilege is important to development of the John Day country. It is pointed out that Burns and Grant counties are dissatisfied with the repeated extensions of time the forest service has given Herrick. If the original contract had been carried out, logs would now be rolling out of Bear valley over a railroad into Burns.

Timber, a millsite and logging roads have been secured but nothing can be done until Herrick completes his road from Burns to Bear valley and turns it over as a common carrier.

Want Action

Herrick, said L. Waldenberg of John Day, in an article in the Oregonian, bought government timber in Bear valley at \$2.80 per thousand.

When Herrick received the contract, James W. Girard resigned from the forest and later Frank Klobucher resigned. With Herrick these two former forest officers organized the Malheur railroad. This was followed by a telegram to the Burns committee from the forest service to eliminate the common carrier clause. During 1924 Chief Forester Greeley was advised that Herrick was doing nothing. After 1925 the forest service directed that Herrick would have to do a certain amount of work every three months or be fined \$50,000. If Herrick was ever fined, Grant county never received its share of the money, asserts Waldenberg.

Extensions Made To Herrick

Extensions were made to Herrick and he was finally given until September 15, 1926, to complete the grade to Seneca. It was not completed. He was given until December 15, 1926, to complete the railroad, but it is not yet completed. He was given until January 1, 1927, to log. There is no logging. He was given until March 1, 1927, to complete his sawmill at Burns. There was not a spadeful of dirt turned.

Aside from Herrick's slowness in building the road and keeping his contract, what concerns Harney and Grant counties most is the prospect of having the common carrier clause deleted by the contract. This clause is necessary if other timber men are to operate and get their product into Burns.

E. W. Barnes, who worked for years to have the timber developed, is now at Washington, D. C., and is there to demand investigation in the name of Grant county. To back up Barnes and see that the common carrier clause is retained, the legislature will be asked to adopt a memorial during the coming week.

CHANGE IN PIONEER AND VETERANS GAME LICENSE

A recent change was made affecting free hunting and fishing licenses for pioneers and war veterans of Oregon, in that after the first of the year it became necessary to make the application to the state game commission. In the past the licenses were issued from the county clerk's office.

The Art of glass-making was practised as long ago as 2500 B. C. by inhabitants of the Euphrates Valley, who sold their products, mainly beads and weights made from glass paste, in Egypt. So well pleased were the Egyptians that they soon imported the glass-makers themselves.

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to J. C. Bartlett-Lots 28 to 32, inclusive, Block 5, Villa Park Add. to Ontario. 1-8-27. \$4,770.88.

L. Gerlinger et ux to Geo. T. Gerlinger-W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 16-31-41. 6-8-25. \$10.00.

Geo. T. Gerlinger et ux to Lamar Tooze-SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 16-31-41. 12-27-26. \$1.00. (Q. C. Deed).

Lamar Tooze et ux to Geo. Gerlinger et ux-SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 16-31-41. 12-30-26. \$1.00. (Q. C. Deed).

William Peutz et al to Lou DeGoede et al-E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32-20-46. 3-20-1923. \$1.00.

Geo. W. Hart et ux to Edward Hart-Lot 10, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31-20-41; Lot 1, Sec. 1-21-40; and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36-20-40. 1-10-27. \$10.00. (Q. C. Deed).

Geo. W. Lattig to Geo. W. Culp-E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23-16-47. 1-8-27. \$1.00. (Q. C. Deed).

Geo. W. Lattig to Geo. W. Culp-E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23-16-47. 1-8-27. \$1.00. (Q. C. Deed).

Ray Johnston et ux to State of Oregon-SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2-22-46. 12-28-26. \$3,000.00.

John W. Welch et ux to Wm. H. Woodworth-E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35-17-41. 1-3-27. \$1,000.00.

Elsie Boyer to Laura Lathrop-SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25-13-38. 11-13-26. \$10.00.

Barney B. Goul et ux to Mary F. Goul-E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11-16-47. 1-11-27. \$10.00.

Malheur County to Lewis Hyde-Lots 18 and 19, Block 3, Riverside Add. to Ontario. 11-3-26. \$39.74.

Barney B. Goul et ux to Charley I. Barker et al-Lot 1, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11; and north 35 acres of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10-16-47. 1-11-27. \$10.00.

W. J. Palanuk et ux to Melvin Hansen-S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9; and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10-17-46. 10-21-25. \$10.00.

Alex Lochead et ux to Loraine J. Kinney-south 15 feet of Lot 16, all of Lot 17, and north 10 feet of Lot 18, Block 25, Ontario. 1-10-27. \$2,800.00.

U. S. A. to James C. Jones-E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 35-19-39; Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 2-20-39. 10-2-25.

Catherine Williams et vir to The Sunshine Home for the Aged-N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15-16-46. 11-20-26. \$10.00.

Winnifred M. Poorman et vir to Dessie May Flaherty-Lots 16 and 17, and north half of Lot 18, Block 121, Ontario. 3-18-25. \$1,500.00.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Gerald Averill Palmer and Joyce Margaret Baxter. 1-11-27.

Complaints Filed In Circuit Court.

J. C. Gordon vs Frank Shumway et ux. 1-15-27. Foreclosure of Mortgage. \$7,156.59.

OREGON ATTRACTING ATTENTION OF MANY

Far from each other and from Oregon are some of the lands to which the fame and appeal of the Beaver State has spread. A single mail delivery in the Land Settlement Department of the State Chambers of Commerce brought letters from Hankow, China, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Zealand.

The Hankow inquiry came from an American prominent in the business affairs here who anticipates locating in Oregon during the coming year. He said he preferred to be near a small city.

Desiring to get away from the winters of Nova Scotia is the resident of Charlottetown, on Prince Edward Island who wishes to bring his large family to Oregon. He inquires concerning cattle raising, dairying, fruit orchards and poultry.

J. J. McGill who came to Oregon three years ago and settled on a farm near Junction City is so enthusiastic over his home that he writes frequently to the department to furnish names of his former neighbors whom he wishes to seek new homes out here.

A New Year inventory of settlers arriving during 1926 in the Grants Pass district has revealed seventeen farm families not previously reported to the Land Settlement Department. These new farmers made an investment of over \$55,000 purchasing about 200 acres of land.

A late feminine fad in Paris is the tinting of the finger nails in bands of three colors.

FRANK M'KNIGHT AT STATE WOOL MEETING

INCREASE IN GRAZING FEES APPEALED AND PRICE FORECASTS CONDEMNED

Frank McKnight, prominent sheep man of the county, represented Vale at the 30th annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers association which adjourned in Pendleton Saturday. Mr. McKnight returned home Monday.

At election of officers, K. G. Warner of Pendleton was re-elected president; Ernest Johnson, Walla, first vice-president; Wm. T. Mahoney, Heppner, second vice-president; Ben Taylor, Mitchell, third vice-president; and Jay H. Dobbin, Enterprise, national committeeman to go to national convention at Butte on January 24 and 25.

Resolutions to be submitted to Secretary of Agriculture Jardine on his western visit were passed, setting forth why the association thinks the forest grazing fees should not be raised in this state. Approval was given the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill and congress was urged not to stand for any tinkering with it.

Resolutions also were passed urging the association to study a plan for the orderly marketing of wool to prevent price fluctuation. A transient livestock tax bill to replace the law found unconstitutional in this state was indorsed and will be presented for passage in the state legislature at its present session. An appropriation of \$15,000 was asked of the state for the biennium to be used by the Oregon experiment station in an effort to find ways and means of ridding the flocks from the ravages of disease to lambs and breeding ewes.

An appropriation of \$345,000 also was asked to be used by the state livestock sanitary board in cooperation with the work of the biological survey. Congress was urged to appropriate an additional \$2,500,000 to further aid in rodent control and predatory animal work in the 11 western states, and the secretary was ordered to get in touch with Oregon's delegation in congress for this purpose. The practice of the department of agriculture issuing predictions on the future price of wool and livestock was condemned as harmful. Further creation of parks or game reserves restricting grazing also was condemned.

GIRLS HAVE CHANCE TO WIN SCHOLARSHIP

Nyssa high-school girls are to be given an opportunity to win a university scholarship through competition in a national meat story contest, according to formal announcement of the event which has just been sent out to home economics teachers by the National Live Stock and Meat Board. Several scholarships are being offered, it is said. It is the fourth annual contest to be sponsored by this institution of research and education.

To compete, a student must write a story or theme on some phase of the subject of meat or the live-stock industry. The stories are to be judged by a committee of home economics authorities. Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the bureau of home economics, United States Department of Agriculture, who has been chairman of the judging committee for the three previous contests, will again serve in this capacity, it is said.

The Board gives as the reason for this annual competition for scholarships a desire to stimulate a greater interest in the study of home economics, a subject which is considered of great importance to the coming generations of housewives. It is pointed out that today education is playing a most important part in the solution of the housewife's many problems. More than 10,000 girls competed last year, it is said, and the contest directors express the belief that even more will enroll for the present contest which will come to a close on March 15.

The contest has been most successful due to the fact that teachers have found it especially valuable as a class project, says the Board's statement.

In Tombstone, Arizona, the only newspaper printed is called the Epitaph.

Blacksmith artists in China make landscapes and flowers out of the same metal that goes into wagon tires and horseshoes.