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NYSSA AND ONTARIO UNIONS ENTERTAINED BY COUNTY SEAT CHAPTER

MR. BLODGETT SPEAKER

Law Enforcement Was Theme Of Interesting Address Given At County Conventoin

(From the Malheur Enterprise)

Choosing "Law Enforcement" as his theme, District Attorney E. M. Blodgett gave the principal address at the county convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union held at the Christian Church here on Tuesday afternoon. Nyssa and Ontario were well represented. About sixty members and friends were present. Musical numbers and short talks added a great deal to the entertainment for the day, which was concluded with a lunch served by Vale ladies.

Problems Officers Face

In his talk, which has been very highly praised, Mr. Blodgett explained the problems that face city and county officers in carrying out law enforcement. He described the overwhelming difficulties often faced in attempting to secure conviction for violations of the liquor laws, when left to jurymen, who are not interested in strict obedience to the laws of their state. Mr. Blodgett praised officials of Malheur county, saying that they have been conscientious in performance of their respective duties.

Other numbers on the program included a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Perry, a violin solo by LaVerne Pruitt, scriptural reading by Mrs. Troxell, president of the Ontario chapter, and prayer by Rev. Mitchell of Fayette. Mrs. H. E. Hershey of Nyssa, president of the county association, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Foster, president of the Nyssa union, was also among the delegation from the Gate City.

The credit for the success of the meeting goes to every member of the Vale union, as each member performed the task assigned to her.

Dredge Man Gets 440 Volts

(From the Malheur Enterprise.)

George Robinson, dredge operator, sustained a severe electric shock when he attempted to experiment with an electric heater Saturday. The current of 440 volts passed thru an iron pole, into his hand and thru his body, rendering him unconscious. One of the crew rushed him to the doctor and it was discovered that the shock had dislocated the jaw bones. Robinson's recovery was rapid and he was back at work this week.

CRESTON

The exceptional cold weather makes farm work difficult.

Ezra Rogers and son Dave, Albert Clark and T. R. Beers motored to Vale Wednesday.

Word was received that Ray Travis formerly of Creston had the misfortune to get disabled while breaking horses. Guy Travis, who was visiting his brother is assisting with the spring work and his stay is indefinite.

brood sow on the E. Rogers ranch brought a litter of 12 nice Hampshire pigs.

Miss Martha Clark received the useful gift of a new high chair from her uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blaylock. Little Miss Clark also received some lovely hand made garments from her aunts who live in New Zealand.

E. Rogers and John Shumway were over night guests at the Charley McConnell ranch.

Ralph Scate got a load of straw from the Rogers ranch to prepare a mulch for a peanut crop.

A. V. Clark and Budd Rogers motored from the road camp near Riverside, to spend Easter Sunday in Creston.

Frank Shumway, Jr., is assisting Chas. Sutherland with his sheep.

T. R. Beers was taken suddenly ill Thursday with chills and fever. At this writing his condition is improving.

Frank Shumway was in Riverside Friday for a load of supplies.

OWYHEE

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lowe were Ontario visitors Saturday and were dinner guests in the John Wall home.

The County Council of the P. T. A. will meet at Valley View school house on Saturday April the 23rd. Dinner will be served by the ladies at 50 cents a plate. Rev. Pollard of LaGrande will be a speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bradley were Boise visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newby were guests from Vale in the Joe Minton home Sunday.

Guests in the T. T. Elliott home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Simmons, Mr. Simmons mother, his sister Irene and brother Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown were Sunday visitors in Mrs. Brown's mother's home in Vale.

Houston Dunaway, Rob't Kaylor and Harold Elliott left Thursday for an outing in the hills.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Dison of Vale formerly of the Colony on April-8th a daughter. The little Miss has been named Donna Fay.

T. M. Lowe was a business visitor in Vale Friday.

The Chas. Bradley family attended Easter services in Ontario Sunday.

Miss Sylvia Whipple has been helping in the Klingback home during the illness of Mrs. Klingback.

Little Mary Rust, daughter of Tom Rust cut her hand quite badly by falling on a fruit jar.

Several neighbors listened in on the radio in the T. T. Elliott home Saturday evening to a debate from Walla Walla between Whitman College and the College of Idaho. Miss Eulalia Shaffer, daughter of W. L. Shaffer of Kingman Colony was one of the debaters for the College of Idaho.

Miss Laura Huffman has been helping in the Silas Points family in the Big Bend during the illness of Mrs. Points.

Mrs. Ray Cantrall has been on the sick list the last week.

Fred Svelly from up near the Hole-in-the-Ground was a guest in the Wm. Peutz home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fisher entertained at dinner for Rev. Chapman of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Reberger and daughter Ruth of Nyssa, Mrs. Gorman and Mr. Bacon.

To Complete John Day Road Thru County

Surfacing of the last lap of the John Day highway in Malheur county thru Cow Valley and the Ironside country will be completed this year, if contracts are carried out.

Kibler & Bartlett, who are finishing up the Cow Valley stretch of 16.6 miles, are on the job and will wind up the work sometime in June. This part of the road will cost \$65,375.

The final piece of construction, the surfacing of the 19 mile stretch between Ironside and Unity, will be done by Joslin-McAllister, who were awarded the contract last fall on a bid of \$75,230. Specifications call for completion by October 31.

Contractors are on the ground and work will be underway as soon as roads dry out sufficiently.

TWO NEW GRANGES IN MALHEUR COUNTY

BIG BEND AND OREGON TRAIL ELECT OFFICERS AND ORGANIZE

Two new subordinate granges were organized in Malheur county last week, one in the Big Bend community to be known as the Big Bend grange, and the other in the district south of Nyssa, to be called the Oregon Trail grange.

The organization work was conducted by County Deputy P. F. Weikal of Ontario and State Deputy W. R. Gekeler of LaGrande. The two new granges added close to 80 members in this county and both have prospects for many more in the next few weeks.

Officers are: V. V. Hickox, master; Mrs. E. H. Brumbach, secretary; and Miss Esther Palmrose, lecturer. A meeting will be held on April 26 to outline regular work and to name committees.

Oregon Trail: Walter Marshall, master; K. Stam, lecturer; Miss Gladys Holmes, secretary. The meeting will be held on April 27 to take up active work.

NEWS OF COUNTY SEAT

Visiting Son—

Mrs. Sopha Amens enjoyed a very pleasant week end visiting her son who lives at Nyssa.

Mr. McElroy Home—

T. C. McElroy returned home Friday from the Baker hospital. He recently underwent an operation and is recovering steadily.

Sees Daughter—

Mrs. A. T. Tevebaugh spent Sunday at Apple Valley visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ervin Beeson, who moved there last fall from Vale.

At Meridian—

Joe Hamby came over from Eagle, Idaho, Tuesday to take his invalid father and his sister, Mrs. George Russell, to Meridian. They will visit relatives indefinitely.

Clean Baseball Uniforms—

Rainwater Jones is manifesting a lively interest in baseball activities. He wants to see all of the boys on the diamond looking their best, so he is cleaning baseball togs for all teams in the Idaho-Oregon league without charge.

Final Proof—

Ezra Rogers made proof on his homestead near Creston at the government land office here Wednesday. His witnesses were David Rogers and A. V. Clark. T. R. Beers also accompanied them to transact business. The Creston ranchers report five inches of snow Sunday and Monday. There was snow on the ground when they left early Wednesday morning.

To California—

Riley Horn, one of Malheur County's enthusiastic boosters, left the last of the week for Petaluma, California. He spent several weeks in the county looking over property interests but most of his time was spent in Vale, "where every line of business is picking up with development of the Vale irrigation project," as Mr. Horn said. He expects to return sometime in May.

Buys Residence—

Percy Purvis made the purchase of the former C. Smith property near the courthouse this week.

Member State Tax Commission—

Ralph Wirth, member of the state tax commission, spent Wednesday in Vale taking off transfers for equalization purposes. He returned to Salem Thursday.

Harper Building—

R. F. Nichols, local contractor who is building the Fairman building at Harper, was here several times this week. He reports that the building will soon be completed and ready for the store and hotel to open for business.

I. O. O. F. Meeting—

Eighteen visitors from Ontario were guests of the local I. O. O. F. lodge at a regular meeting Saturday night. There was also good attendance by membership. There isn't any doubt about what attracted the crowd as M. J. Slight mixed up one of his famous "Irish stews" for the evening's feed.

Painting Houses—

The Frank McKnight residence has been painted by Henry Rockenbrant this week. Painting has also been underway at the Robert D. Lytle home. A newly painted red roof adds much to the appearance of the residence.

County Club Work—

While here Thursday, County Agent Shovel said that club work is making nice progress in particularly rural school districts. Club work is underway at Annex, Oregon Trail, Wade, Big Bend and at Nyssa.

Clover Meeting—

Most of the clover growers of this community met Tuesday night with County Agent W. L. Shovel to discuss plans for the purchase of a power dusting machine to control clover mildew.

Visit Interior—

Andrew Graham, county assessor, accompanied Sheriff C. W. Glenn on a trip to interior towns last week. They visited Juntura, Beulah and Harper, "the busiest town in the county." The officials also made a trip to the Hole-in-the-Ground dam site.

Jordan Valley Ranchers Here—

A party of Jordan Valley ranchers made a trip to the county seat Wednesday. They made good time on their journey, making the trip in five hours, as the roads are in very good condition. T. T. Garlick, Geo. S. Parka and Simon Icaran were in the party.

Consider Telephone Improvements—

J. A. Davenport, manager of the Malheur Telephone Company, was here on one of his frequent visits from Ontario the early part of the week. He is considering the installation of new telephone lines along the streets, which will be improved and oiled this spring. Nothing definite about the work has been decided upon as yet.

COUNTY TRACK MEET IN VALE ON APRIL 29TH

INVITATIONS OUT TO ALL 52 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PARTICIPATE

CUP TROPHIES OFFERED

Annual Spring Event Attracts Hundreds Of School Children And Visitors

Invitations and circulars have been mailed to all schools inviting teams to participate in the annual Malheur County Track and Field Meet to be held in Vale on Friday, April 29. The meet will be conducted as usual with grade school entries and possible entries from the high schools of the county. Vale and Jordan Valley are interested in high school events but the other towns have not lined up as yet.

Frank E. Shaw, local school superintendent, will be manager of this year's meet. The executive board consists of Mrs. E. M. Crail, county superintendent, Loren Messenger, J. A. Russell, Charles Miller and Frank Ingham, superintendents of Nyssa, Jordan Valley, Ontario and Brogan high schools.

Offer Three Cups

Three beautiful silver loving cups will be offered at the meet again this year, one for the school winning the most points and one for the individual boy and girl making the most points.

Last year Eva Williams and Minnie Goodrich of Nyssa tied for the girls' honors and each was awarded a cup. Eric Mausling of Wade school won the boy's trophy. Ontario carried off school honors.

A tentative program of events has been sent to the schools and contains practically the same line-up as did the 1926 program. A program of high school events will be made up later, when it is definitely announced that high schools will take part.

WOMAN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

MRS. CLARA BENNETT OF PRAIRIE CITY SUSTAINS BAD HEAD CUT

Mrs. Clara Bennett of Prairie City was badly injured in an automobile accident Monday evening, when the car in which she was riding failed to make the curve at the railroad crossing near Vale on the John Day highway. The car was travelling at a high rate of speed and failing to make the curve, rolled off the grade and overturned.

Mr. Kelly and small son were the other occupants of the car but they escaped with only minor bruises. Mrs. Bennett sustained a bad cut on her head, requiring ten stitches, and was rendered unconscious. She was taken to the sanitarium where her wounds were dressed. On Tuesday the party returned to Prairie City. The automobile was wrecked beyond repair.

LAGRANDE SPEAKER FOR COUNTY P. T. A. MEETING

Of particular interest to Parent-Teacher workers in Malheur county is the program for the county meeting, to be held at Valley View on April 23, which follows:

Ten o'clock, music by Vale high school orchestra.

General discussion of the year's work, lead by the chairman of the different committees.

Dinner at noon.

One o'clock, music by the orchestra.

Address by Rev. Pollard of LaGrande, "The Education for Character."

General discussion of the address.

Final Proof—

George Y. Chester made final proof on his homestead claim near Ironside Wednesday at the land office. His witnesses were Frank and G. Y. Chester, Jr.

County School Superintendent, Mrs. E. M. Crail, visited Big Bend, Wade, Oregon Trail, Arcadia, Valley View, Cairo, Park and Pioneer schools this week.

CUPID QUITE SUCCESSFUL IN MALHEUR ROMANCES

The Department of Commerce Washington, D. C., announces that contrary to the popular trend, marriage and not divorce is on the increase in Malheur county. Something in the climate may effect this pleasing state in marital affairs. At any rate Malheur has one of the best records in the state for successful marriages.

Interesting data taken from the official report state that there were 46 marriages in 1926 and 39 in 1925. In 1926 there were 12 divorces and 13 in 1925. In Oregon during 1926 there were 7,085 marriages as compared with 6,989 in the preceding year. Divorces increased from 2,886 in 1925 to 3,086.

Cupid does not do such a bumper business in Malheur, but our county recorded more marriages last year than twelve others in the state.

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded.

Mrs. W. F. Howard et vir to Joseph F. Brumbach-Lots 2 and 3, Sec 19-21-47. 1-8-27. \$100.00. (Q. C. Deed).

Julia A. Moore to F. Cushing Moore-undivided 1/3rd interest in S 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, and Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 25-16-47; also in Lot 2, Sec. 30-16-48. 2-19-27. \$1.00.

Arthur C. Holly et ux to Gottfried Johanson et al-Lot 5, Block 1, Adrian. 3-29-27. \$100.00.

Arthur C. Holly et ux to Ben W. Millsap-2 acres in NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 26-21-46. 3-18-27. \$1.00.

Coast Land & Timber Co. to T. J. Caldwell-Lot 7, Block 11, Nyssa. 3-24-27. \$10.00.

H. D. Jackson, Receiver to M. C. Imber-W 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 36-16-47. 3-8-27. \$100.00.

Guy C. Stewart et ux to Geo. McDowell-undivided 1/2 interest in W 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, and SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 23-20-41. 4-7-27. \$2,250.00.

Wilmer D. Patch et ux to C. M. Hixon-N 1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 30-15-47; and NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 25-15-46. 4-4-27. \$10.00.

Lawrence Thyssen to Anna R. Williamson-Lots 11, 12, and 13, Block 66, Ontario. 4-11-27. \$1.00.

Anna R. Williamson et vir to Lawrence Thyssen-Lots 41 and 42, Block 6, Riverside Add. to Ontario. 4-11-27. \$1.00.

Sunshine Home for Aged People to Bessie B. Barnes-W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 15-16-46. 2-23-27. \$10.00.

Sheriff C. W. Glenn to State of Oregon-S 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 14-18-45. 3-14-27. \$3,818.07.

Daisy E. Hicks et vir to J. W. McClain-NE 1/4 Sec. 21-35-38; and SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 21-32-40. 4-12-27. \$1.00. (Q. C. Deed).

F. L. Featherston et ux to Harry M. Featherston-46 acres in SE 1/4 Sec. 22-18-45. 4-15-27. \$500.00.

G. J. Magenheimer et ux to Geo. E. Davis et al-Lot 9, Block 26, Brogan; NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 14; 39 acres in NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 25; and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 36-15-42. 6-15-26. \$1.00.

E. C. Jensen to Geo. E. Davis et al-N 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 23; S 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 25; W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 25; and SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 26-15-42; also 62 acres in E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 8; S 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 8; W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 9; and SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 16-16-43. 6-15-26. \$1.00.

Everett Hotchkiss et ux to Allen Wilcox-west half of Lots 3 and 4, Block 5, Vale. 10-29-25. \$1,250.00.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court.

State Land Board vs William R. TheSpain et ux. 4-13-27. Foreclosure of mortgage. \$850.00.

Geo. S. Parks, Receiver vs J. R. Blackaby et al. 4-13-27. To set aside chattel mortgage and assignment.

John A. Flock vs Augusta Flock. 4-14-27. Divorce.

MALHEUR COUNTY SEEKS NEW TRIAL IN BRIDGE CASE

Malheur county attorneys will file a motion for a new trial this week in the damage cases which resulted after the drowning of two youths whose car left the Weiser bridge several years ago. The action was brought by Mr. McMurren as administrator. It is the opinion of parties concerned here that if there had existed any right of action in Idaho against Washington county, the plaintiff never would have claimed that this was on Oregon bridge. Under the Idaho law suit could not be brought against Washington county.

TWO FIRMS GET VALE PROJECT HARPER STRETCH

OPENING OF BIDS ATTRACTS MANY VISITORS TO COUNTY SEAT TUESDAY

MOSCOW AND PORTLAND FIRMS

Vale Officials Expect The Work To Start About May First On The Canal

ing company approximated \$125,951 and were accepted. They submitted a bid of \$149,532.50 on the entire 7 1/2-mile stretch. A lower figure was made on the last schedule by the Newell people, who bid \$22,860.50, accepted by the government.

The work to be done by these two construction companies will cost the government approximately \$148,811.50, instead of the government estimate of \$201,000.

Many Bidders Here

The next lowest bid on the entire Harper stretch was made by Morrison-Knudson, which was \$159,196.70. A surprising feature was the large variation in bids as the highest was \$287,406, or \$138,594.50 larger than the bids accepted.

The opening of bids on the Vale project work brought a great many contractors and visitors to town. The streets were crowded with people. Widely separated firms were represented including Barnard Curtis, and Winston Bros., Minneapolis; Jetley Bros., Burns; McDonald, Sacramento; Ryberg & Cowley and Puckett, Boise; R. H. Stock, Aberdeen; Forbes, Caldwell; Utah Construction, Wheelwright, Ogden Wren & Greenough, Spokane; E. D. Corder, Harper; Nevada Construction and others.

JONES NOT GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

JURY ACQUITS FORREST JONES AFTER SHORT DELIBERATION IN BURNS COURT

A verdict of not guilty was brought in by the jury in the circuit court at Burns Saturday afternoon, acquitting Forrest Jones, Juntura stockman, of the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death last fall of John Carroll of Drewsey. The jury was out only a short time.

Maintaining that he had fired the fatal shot in self defense after he had been severely beaten about the head and fac by Carroll, Jones took the stand in his own defense Friday afternoon. He told a clear story. According to Jones and other defense witnesses, the quarrel which led to the shooting started September 19 at the Jarvis Smith poolhall at Drewsey.

It was testified that Jones bought several soft drinks and then suggested that Carroll buy. "I'll not buy but I'll fight you," Carroll was said to have replied. Both men went outside and there Carroll slapped Jones in the face. A fight followed. They were separated by Smith and Carroll offered to shake hands. It is asserted that Jones refused but Carroll forced the ceremony.

Jones said he walked to his automobile but was followed by Carroll. Believing him to be planning another attack, Jones told how he obtained a pistol from his car, turned and shot.

Among witnesses for Jones from this county were Judge H. Lee Noe of Vale, Wm. Jones, Mrs. Forrest Jones, C. W. Drinkwater, W. W. Miller, Dean Goodman, Tom Woodward, Henry Welcome, L. P. Deesble, M. Davis, James Westfall, Wm. Davis, John Gearheart, George D. Baker, W. A. Robertson, J. L. Sitz, Tom Cleveland.

JUNTURA

Mrs. Murphy is in Boise visiting her daughters, Mesdames Palmer and Tillotson.

Philip Coyne was in town from his sheep ranch near Beulah.

Mr. Wentz of Caldwell has several painting contracts in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Madden and son spent Easter with relatives in Nyssa and Ontario. They drove home Sunday.