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MALHEUR TO PAY LESS STATE TAX IN 1928

MATERIAL DECREASE IN PROPERTY VALUATIONS RESULT IN LOWER STATE TAX

VALUATION \$917,527 LESS

Six out of 36 Counties in State Will Pay Less in 1928

Malheur county is one of the six in the state that will pay less state taxes in 1928 than in 1927, owing to material decreases in property valuations this year. The assessed valuation in Malheur has decreased to \$12,247,243.83 or \$917,527 less than last year.

Had not Malheur's valuation decreased considerably, the county would have had to pay a higher proportion to the state this year than last, owing to the fact that the state ratio was fixed at 58 instead of 59 percent as it was in 1925 and 1926.

The other five counties that will pay less state tax in 1928 are Clatsop, Crook, Gilliam, Sherman and Wallowa.

BROGAN GLAD TO SEE JOHN DAY COMPLETED

Ecogan, the land where the delicious variety of apples is grown, and the town which was started with a view to being the metropolis of central Oregon, is pleased to know that the highway commission this week awarded a contract for surfacing the John Day highway between Brogan and Cow Valley. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kelley were here from Brogan to make a visit in Portland. The grade between Cow Valley and Brogan, as Mr. Kelley will explain, has been long completed and has been a splendid road, but with the increased traffic it is essential that surfacing material be applied. The surfacing job will require at least 15,000 cubic yards of broken stone and 10,500 cubic yards of embankment construction. The contract price for this six miles of work is \$35,825. The Brogan region is considered one of the best fruit-growing sections in that part of the state.—Oregonian.

MOVIE MAN SHOOT'S CATTLE HERD ENROUTE TO MALHEUR CITY

While in this section to get films of the rabbit drive and other interesting sights Eric Mayhill of Seattle representing the Fox Films and

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OWYHEE

Miss Evelyn DeBord of Payette, Idaho, who was home on vacation from the Normal school at Albion, spent Saturday night with her aunt Mrs. Fred Klingback and Sunday night at the home of Mrs. George Benton of Nyssa, another aunt.

Grandma Bontager has been quite ill the past week.

The Albert Larson family were Sunday guests in the L. T. Larson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harva Otis and daughter Emily and Mrs. A. G. Kingman were guests to dinner in the R. R. Overstreet home Friday evening.

Mrs. C. W. Aldridge, Mrs. F. T. Crawley and Harold Johnston of Ontario and Mrs. B. D. Stevens of Twin Falls were dinner guests in the Chas. Bradley home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Fry of Oregon Trail were Ontario visitors Saturday.

Mr. Banks and his assistants were closing up contracts for the railroad right of way Saturday.

Fred Klingback was an Ontario visitor Wednesday. John Wall of Creston who is spending several weeks at the Lowe home accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Currier of Kingman Colony were evening guests in the T. M. Lowe home Friday.

Mrs. Albert Rust who underwent an operation at the Holy Rosary hospital Friday is reported as doing as well as could be expected.

Bruce Walters was a guest last week in the Ray Cantrall home.

Eulalia Schafer left Friday for Buhl, Ida., to resume school duties.

Mrs. Chas. Bradley was taken quite seriously ill Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Patterson returned home Friday from a visit with relatives in Emmett.

Charles Garrison bought a registered Holstein bull from Glenn Holmes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher and son Paul were dinner guests in the Ham Brown home near Nyssa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beaumont entertained at dinner Thursday evening for the Harva Otis, Wm Toomb and Martin families and Mrs. Kingman.

Mrs. C. C. Cotton returned Tuesday from a visit in Horse Shoe Bend, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hickox were dinner guests in the Conrad Martin home Friday.

Jeanette Martin is staying in the George McLafferty home near Nyssa to attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moses entertained at dinner for the Geo. McLafferty family Sunday.

The J. D. Claybourn family and Mrs. M. A. Webb of Twin Falls are visiting in the C. C. Cotton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Martin entertained at dinner Sunday for the Otis, Wm. Toomb and Beaumont families and Mrs. A. G. Kingman.

Miss Krell arrived home Tuesday from Tacoma and resumed teaching in Owyhee.

News Reel company, got a "close up" of an interesting scene near Huntington. A drive of 500 head of cattle was being trailed over the hills to Malheur City, where they will feed this winter, going by way of the old Huntington-Malheur stage road. Mr. Mayhill was on the job with his camera shortly before sun-up and reports have obtained several excellent pictures. The cattle had been shipped to Huntington from Midvale, Idaho, to feed at Malheur for the winter.

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DEATH SUMMONS ANOTHER OLDTIMER

**DONALD MACDONALD DIES AT
OLD HOME IN BUTLER, PA.—
PIONEER SHEPHERD**

Word was received that Donald MacDonald, well known to many residents of this county, passed away in Butler, Pa., where he lived the past few years. He is survived by a brother, David MacDonald of Beulah and by other relatives, the MacDonald family of Boise, the Graham families of Vale and the Murrays at Beulah.

Over 40 years ago Mr. MacDonald left Scotland first spending a few years in the Pennsylvania oil fields. Finally, he took Horace Greeley's advice and came west. For years he was in the sheep business in Malheur with headquarters on the old High Nutt ranch on the North Fork of the Malheur. After a trip to Europe in 1906 he settled in Ontario, where a few years later, his wife died. She was buried in the east and Mr. MacDonald was never content to remain here after her death.

He was a member of the Mason lodge. He leaves a host of friends in this section.

THREE LOCAL TURKEY MEN GET \$10,000 FOR BIRDS

(From The Malheur Enterprise)

One of the largest individual turkey deals transacted in this locality took place recently when C. H. Bowman & Son of Payette purchased from three growers of the Vale section sufficient turkeys to make one carload. Seven hundred and eighty-two birds were grown and sold by Arthur Palmce, weighing 9387 pounds, for which he received a check in the sum of \$3536.46; E. E. Fretwell, 540 birds, weighing 6445 pounds, receiving a check for \$2346.37; D. J. Knottingham 502 birds, weighing 6070 pounds, for which he received a check in the amount of \$2397.53, making a total of \$10,280.36 for 1927 birds. These birds were shipped to New York City for the holiday market, the buyers report.

After this sale Mr. Palmer and Mr. Fretwell still had around 1000 birds to dispose of.

JORDAN VALLEY

J. S. Fenwick of Succor Creek and Miss Edith Scott of Jordan Valley were united in marriage Saturday December 31, at Ontario. Both young people were born and raised in the community and have a host of friends to wish them happiness.

The brides dress was her grandmother's, sent to her from England. The veil is handmade lace and a value of \$2000 was put on it by experts who have seen it. They will be at home to friends at the Fenwick ranch on Succor Creek.

J. B. Mc Cain moved most of his cattle to the Denny ranch Sunday, where Archie Nichols will feed them for a while.

Mrs. Emma Detrick returned to the Stanford home Monday after a weeks holiday at home.

Daniel Haylett and Miss Lulu Downing went to Wilder Sunday. Mr. Haylett returning home Tuesday.

The Sheaville postmaster reports that the Sheaville office more than doubled its last years Christmas record.

Lloyd Owings brought in a load of gas Monday with the stage team. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ditton were New Years guests of Mr and Mrs. John Baltzor.

E. F. Baltzor was a business visitor in town Monday.

Wm Clements made a business trip to Wilder to sell some hogs.

The Jordan Valley schools all enjoyed fine Christmas programs and holiday vacations.

Mrs. Herbert Baltzor and babies spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Haylett at Sheaville returning home Wednesday.

Neighborhood Christmas tree was sold at the Masonholder home on upper Cow Creek. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stanford and children, Mr and Mrs. J. A. Ditton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Haylett and family, Mr and Mrs. A. R. Ditton, Mrs. Herbert Baltzor and children Mrs Emma Detrick, Miss Lulu Downing, Aug Johnson, Neb Johnson N. E. Vanaller, Chas McIntyre.

Mrs. Emma Detrick spent vacation week with her home folks in Caldwell.

COUNTY BANKS PAY GOOD DIVIDENDS

**JORDAN VALLEY DIVIDENDS
NOW TOTAL 45 PER CENT—
NYSSA BANK 32½**

Reflecting very satisfactory liquidation of the Jordan Valley bank and Bank of Nyssa that closed their doors during the period of depression several years ago, David F. Graham, deputy superintendent in charge of the two banks, reports the payment of another 7½ percent dividend to the depositors of the Bank of Nyssa and another dividend of 5 per cent to Jordan Valley depositors.

During the liquidation of the Jordan Valley bank, the Federal Reserve and other preferred creditors have been paid off, and with the last dividend, 45 per cent will have been paid to depositors.

In the case of the Bank of Nyssa all preferred obligations have been paid and with the last cash dividend, 32½ per cent will have been returned to depositors. A sum sufficient to pay another 55 per cent was collected by Mr. Graham but went to preferred creditors.

Contrary to general impressions, the expense of liquidation in both banks has been much less than the gross income and other earnings during liquidation. Considering the financial condition of these two banks at the time they closed, the amounts returned to depositors is from three to four times as great as the banks would probably have paid if settlement had been perfected in another manner.

The last dividend checks will be paid next week, according to notice made by Mr. Graham on December 31.

Make \$14 Per Skinning Rabbits

Jamieson—(Special)—E. J. Crouch and Mr. Joslyn who have been poisoning and skinning rabbits near Jamieson have completed the ten-day trial period with quite marked success having killed and skinned something over 4000 rabbits in that length of time. Raymond Larson, County Agent and Roy Fugate, federal agent, were instrumental in getting these trappers to come here to illustrate the remunerative advantages of rabbit skinning as a winter occupation. The skins find a ready market at seven cents each. Mr. Crouch and Mr. Joslyn returned to their homes in Boise early this week.

EZRA MEEKER OBSERVES HIS 97TH BIRTHDAY

Ezra Meeker well known to Malheur county folk, who traveled the first Oregon Trail then routed thru Vale in 1852 by ox team at a two-mile-an hour speed, and has lived to make the trip by airplane at 102 miles an hour, celebrated his 97th birthday last Thursday.

Among the many felicitations he received was one signed by 36 United States senators and a number of officials of the Oregon Trail Memorial association, of which he is president, presented him with 97 silver dollars of the limited Oregon Trail coinage. "People of today are advancing intellectually, but they ride too much for their health," Meeker said. "I owe my own good condition to plenty of exercise, temperate eating and abstinence from alcohol."

IRONSIDE

Mr and Mrs. Frank Jones and the DeRoos ate Xmas dinner at the G. R. Dixon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd White and daughter left Wednesday for Grandview, Idaho, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hinton during the holidays.

Ben Rutherford went to Bully Creek after cattle Thursday.

Walter Laurance is helping Bill Woodcock put up ice. On account of the long stretch of cold weather the ice is very good.

Elmer Hunter and Hugh Richie of Westfall are in the community gathering stray cattle. They spent Monday and Tuesday nights at the C. Smith and Rose ranches.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boor spent Xmas in Fruitland with friends and relatives.

William Hart spent Saturday and Sunday with Fred Locoy.

Louis Rose and family of California formerly of Ironside are visiting relatives here this week.

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded
J. S. Fischer et ux to Oak Burris SE¼, S¼SW¼, NE¼NW¼, and SE¼NW¼ Sec. 26-20-46. 1, 5 27. \$1.00

Eugene Jenkins et ux to Cabel Hone et ux Lots 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 Block 5 Kellys 1st Add to Vale. 9, 24, 27. \$1.00.

Eugene Jenkins et ux to Cabel Hone et ux, Lots 29 and 30, Block 3, Hadleys 1st Add to Vale. 9, 24 27. \$1.00.

Ivan Muhlitz et ux to Henry C. Boyer N¼SE¼NE¼ Sec. 24-18-46. 12, 5, 1921. \$1.00.

F. J. Froman et ux to U S A Lots 2 and 3, Sec 15-25-44. 11, 29, 27. \$2,570.00.

John Palmer et als to U. S. A Lots 3, 4, and 6 Sec 18-26-44; Lots 5, 6, and 7, Sec. 13-26 43. 12 7, 27. \$13,680.00

Sheriff C W Glenn to R E Servoss Lots 8 9 10 and 11, Block 70 Greens Add to Nyssa. 12, 24, 27. \$40.00.

Leonard F Zimmerman et ux to Andrew O Bullard et ux 1 acre in NW¼SE¼ Sec 3-18-47; part of Lot 1, and all of Lots 5, 6 7 8 9 and 10 Block 200 Ontario. 12 24 27. \$500.00.

Thos. W. Tarr et al to Lucile E. Tarr SE¼SW¼ Sec. 17; E¼NW¼ NE¼SW¼ and N¼SE¼ Sec 20; SE¼NW¼, and N¼SW¼ Sec. 29; SE¼NE¼, and N¼SE¼ Sec. and N¼SE¼ Sec. 30; SE¼SW¼ Sec. 20; and NE¼NW¼ Sec. 29-24-46. 12, 30 27. \$1.00

C W Glenn to State of Oregon Lots 1 2 3 4 and 5 Block 148, Ontario. 12, 6, 27. \$2,200.00

Jessie P. Moore et vir to J. A. Smith N¼SE¼ Sec. 23; S¼SW¼, and NW¼SW¼ Sec. 24-16-42. 12 1666, 27. \$500.00

Mrs. Susan A. Robirts to James T. Robirts, Lots 4 and 4, Bloc 30, Eldredges Add. to Vale. 2, 18 1926 \$1.

James T. Robirts to Mrs Richard Galloway, Lots 4 and 5, Block 30, Eldredges Add to Vale. 12, 31 27. \$300.00.

Marriage Licenses Issued
Joseph Sylvester Fenwick and Edith Scott. 12 30 27.

WATSON

H. B. Syme spent the holidays with his daughter and family at Vale. During his absence Jack Palmer drove the stage.

A party of young folks gathered at the Harry Page home Friday night and enjoyed dancing and cards until a late hour.

Vivian Palmer is recovering nicely from an attack of pneumonia and is now able to be up. Kenneth Palmer has also just recovered from a sick spell.

Harry Page made a business trip to Hermiston Oregon and to Wapato, Washington.

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