

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE MALHEUR COUNTY BANK

NYSSA, OREGON

At the Close of Business February 28, 1928.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$428,000.87
Overdrafts	402.70
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	13,500.00
Other Real Estate	14,000.00
Warrants	3,491.73
U. S. Treasury Bonds	\$ 50,000.00
Cash and due from Banks	\$120,682.15
Total Cash Reserve	170,682.15
	\$630,077.45

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	52,562.33
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Deposits	552,515.12
	\$630,077.45

Securities Pledged or Surety Bonds Furnished for Deposits, NONE

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

H. J. Ward, President	John Ray, Vice President
J. P. Dunaway, Cashier	
O. G. Bauer, Assistant Cashier	H. A. Diven, Assistant Cashier
J. F. Reece	J. J. Sarazin
	G. L. Phillips

The service of this bank has been developed from experience and intimate knowledge of the needs of our depositors. We desire to render always a little MORE service—a little BETTER service than you expect.

VALE WELCOMES YOU

Another day, and the time has arrived when Vale will again entertain with the annual Fourth of July celebration. Monday will see the opening of a three day program, so complete, so varied and so well planned and prepared that it is safe to say that our visitors will again have the time of their lives.

Your coming to Vale is not alone your pleasure but the delight of the citizens of the Fourth of July Town of eastern Oregon, who will do their best to make the eleventh annual event the greatest community show ever. Along with entertainment, Vale offers to you hospitality that we hope will make you feel at home and glad that you came.

The latch string of welcome is yours and your every want will be supplied for the asking.

WELCOME, FRIENDS, THE CITY IS YOURS.

MAKE IT HARD FOR THE CRIMINAL

There is a whole lot of talk about the crime wave and how to reduce crime. A few practical suggestions have been made, but most of the publicity is given to proposals which would favor and pamper the criminal at the expense of the law-abiding citizen.

If we want to stop crime, the surest way to make it unpopular is to make it more unpleasant for the criminal.

A law to deny the private citizen the right to buy and own a pistol or revolver merely gives the criminal a safer field in which to operate. We already have regulatory laws regarding the sale of revolvers and the carrying of concealed weapons. These laws, in the past have been effective when enforced.

The average man has no business carrying a concealed weapon. If he has occasion, he can get a permit to do so. The crook has no business being a crook, but if he is a crook, still he has no business carrying a concealed weapon.

Therefore, if he is arrested in the act of lawbreaking and later convicted, he should be subjected to the penalty the law imposes. If he uses a gun in commission of a crime, why not double the penalty?

This would punish the criminal who uses a gun unlawfully, rather than the private citizen who under the Constitution has a right to own and possess guns.

In other words, enforce our present laws, double the penalty for criminals where they use dangerous weapons, and uphold the law-abiding citizen in his constitutional rights.

HOME TOWN DEVELOPMENT

The national income of the American people in 1928 will be not much below \$100,000,000,000. A big reservoir into which to dip. A single town can only obtain a very tiny share of the vast total, but any town's share can be increased by intelligent effort along such lines as the following:—

First, by making the home town a more interesting and attractive place to live in, so people want to stay there. It can have better schools, for instance, if the parents co-operate with the teachers. It can improve physical appearance, if its people will use their hoes, spades, lawn mowers. It can be more interesting, if its people can organize to play baseball, tennis, dance, or join in club life. And so on through many possibilities for social and physical gains.

Second, by business progress. How can we make our share of the country's \$100,000,000,000, somewhat bigger? Somewhere there is a demand for things we can produce. Opportunities are lying around loose everywhere, waiting for someone to pick them up. But to find them takes alertness and energy. Let's be the folks who are going to grasp some of them during 1928!

BILLIONS OF PENNIES

What becomes of the pennies? Who uses them nowadays, in these times of high prices? Why are they coined? These questions are asked frequently by people to whom a nickel is the least denominator in the economic problem. The answer is not far to seek. Millions of pennies are spent daily in the purchase of newspapers. That is one use to which the little brown coin is put. And Uncle Sam does a large business in retail stamp selling at one and two cents each. But there is another use that calls for an immense volume of this

form of money. According to a report issued by the General Vending Corporation, which maintains slot machines all over the country for the sale of chewing gum, candy and other small package goods, no less than three and a half billion pennies passed through its machines in 1927. It is now estimated by the Treasury Department, not is made in this connection, that about 4,721,287,900 pennies are in circulation. Hence in view of the various functions of the penny in daily trade, it is obvious that the same coins pass through the machine slot more than once during the year. It would seem, therefore, that pennies are the most actively circulating mediums of exchange in this country. Those who a few years ago protested that the placing of the head of Abraham Lincoln on the penny was not in keeping with his place in the hearts of the people, may be comforted by the assurance which these figures give that the little Lincoln coin is not a negligible quantity of American specie.

FAITH IN PEOPLE

The great men who founded our government believed in the wisdom of the common run of people. We are often told that "you can't fool all the people all the time," but it is remarked that that was said before the new ways of getting rich were discovered.

Presidential year is a kind of grand Examination Day, when the American people show whether or not they have made good on a trust that was placed in them. In a few weeks we nominate candidates for president, and later those for congress. If mistakes are made in those nominations or the elections that follow, we have not accomplished the things the fathers said we could do.

Our people have grown far more intelligent since those old days. They are brighter and quicker. They have developed from hard working pioneers who were rather slow witted, into the most advanced scientific and technical people in the world.

But while making that gain, we have forgotten something about civic obligations. Half our people won't take the trouble to share in making their government, by voting this year at these elections. If the fathers could have looked ahead and seen that, would they have said we should have universal suffrage?

Of course if conditions get too bad, the people become angry, and throw out their unsatisfactory officials. But they always tolerate a lot of incompetence and inefficiency, which affects us here in Oregon and everywhere else.

Our people should have too much pride in their country, too much ambition for better things, to ever neglect the duty of voting which the fathers asked us to assume and trusted us to attend to faithfully.

Claimed the young people are neglecting physical culture, but anyway here in Vale they are willing to dance until 3 a. m. in the good cause.

After lamenting about the passing of the good old days, many of our folks go home and complain because the workmen have not put in the modern improvements right.

Millions of people who object to the way the country is governed, forgot to vote at this year's primaries.

America is called the most prosperous country on earth, but you would never know it when passing the collection plate in church.

The modern idea of parental obligation is to provide the children with clothes, and then turn them into the street headed for public or Sunday school.

The scientists are trying to find out the secret of life but when they find it they better not tell it to their wives.

America is called the most prosperous nation, but people talk awful poor when you go around with a subscription paper.

Claimed that people do not value their homes any more, but anyway they are considered a good place to sleep and get breakfast in.

Many towns complain that they are not on the map, but they are all on the tax books of the state and nation.

Abraham Lincoln claimed you couldn't fool all the people all the time, but that was before the new methods of getting rich were discovered.

It is claimed the present generation does not know how to write, and anyway a considerable number seem unable to write a check for last month's bills.

Many a chap who thought he loved at first sight has been entirely cured when he took another look.

A writer asks what has become of the old fashioned cook? She started a fire with gasoline.

After all nothing on earth can move as rapidly as a thoroughly idle rumor.

The more dishwater a wedding ring sees the longer it seems to last.

No telling what you could hear every day with the energy you spend talking about nothing.

Folks that get divorced inside of a year after getting married ought at least to be fair enough to give back the wedding presents.

The reason why money talks is that there is a woman's head on most coins.

"Dead men tell no tales," consequently many an attractive widow is able to marry again.

Some girls are now being operated on to correct bow-legs. In the old days before short skirts this wasn't regarded as so serious an ailment.

All a girl has to do to get a reputation as a beauty is to shoot her sweetheart or sue the most prominent man in town for breach of promise. The reporters always do the rest.

It seems to us that they may carry this thing too far. Now some Englishman has written a poem about the transatlantic flier.

The old fashioned lazy girl who did not get up until breakfast was ready has been superseded by the modern energetic miss who doesn't get in until breakfast is ready.

It wouldn't be so hard to outlaw war. The trouble would be keeping it outlawed.

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