

MALHEUR PROBLEMS FACE LEGISLATURE, SESSION NEARING

BILL WOULD PROVIDE THAT
STATE WAIVE IRRIGATION
INTEREST CLAIMS

SEEK WARMSPRINGS RELIEF

Reorganization Hinging Upon Pro-
posed Bill If Bondholders Will
Cooperate With Districts

To Senator J. D. Billingsley and Representative-elect C. H. Oxman are entrusted with interests of Malheur county "when the boys get together to trade this for that and that for this" at the 1929 session of the state legislature which meets January 14 at Salem.

Of major interest to Malheur county will be the bill recommended by the Oregon Reclamation congress to amend the reclamation act by providing that the state waive its claims for interest advanced on irrigation districts bonds, provided that the bondholders of distressed districts accept a plan of reorganization that will assure the future success of the projects. Malheur county districts owe \$95,015.20 for interest payments advanced by the state, segregated as follows: Warmsprings \$89,171.49, Jordan Valley \$5,462.14, Payette Slope, \$381.57.

Among other measures affecting reclamation will be a bill to simplify the procedure for foreclosing delinquent taxes, and changing the present law so that penalty and interest on delinquent taxes shall accrue to the district instead of to the county.

Proposed taxation legislation will center around the recommendations of the property tax relief commission, with a proposed income tax predominating the deliberations.

Three schemes have been offered for revision of motor vehicle licenses. Each contemplates addition of one cent to the tax on gasoline, making the total tax 4 cents a gallon, to make up for revenue lost through license reduction.

The property tax relief commission's program includes: centralized control of assessments by the state tax commission; excise tax on banks and corporations; taxation on intangibles; repeal of the market road tax of one mill and elementary school tax of two mills; consideration of cabinet form government; optional managerial government for counties and use of county's 25 per cent share of motor vehicle revenues to pay road bonds instead of levying taxes for this purpose; provision for a full time tax commission.

County Assessor Weds on New Year

"Starting the New Year right" brings announcement of the marriage of County Assessor-elect Andrew M. Graham and Mrs. Geneva Byrne at a quiet wedding at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday night. Rev. Edgar A. Pollock performed the ceremony. The bride has been a deputy in the office of the county clerk for several years. In the fall election Mr. Graham was re-elected to serve his third successive term as assessor of Malheur county. The couple will continue to reside in Vale.

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded
Mattie Snyder Manhart et vir to
Mart V. Hart—Lots 4 and 5 Block
236, Ontario, 11, 17, 28. \$10.00.

John T. Myers et ux to Manuel
Todhunter SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34 and S $\frac{1}{2}$
SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35-13-42. Lot 1 Sec.
3-14-42 Also SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35-13-42. Lots 1 and 2 and
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 2-14-42 and Lot 4
and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW Sec. 1-14-42. 10, 25,
28. \$10.00.

Marion B. Myers Jr., to Manuel
Todhunter, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 23,
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4 in Twp 13, Lot
1 Sec. 4, and Lot 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3 Twp 14 a lin Range
42 E. W. M. 10, 26, 28. \$10.00.

M. B. Myers et ux to Manuel Tod-
hunter, S $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 35 Twp 13 R. 42 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35-13-42, Except NE $\frac{1}{4}$
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 35-13-
42. \$10.00.

M. B. Myers et ux to Manuel Tod-
hunter NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35-13-42 also S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 2 Sec. 3 and
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and old 4
Sec. 2-14-42. 10, 25, 28. \$10.00.

Marion B. Myers to Manuel Tod-
hunter, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ e. Sec. 34 Twp 13 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2
and Lot 3 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, 14
all in Range 42 E. W. M. \$10.00.

Clayton Davidson Bryan W. Gas-
ton, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 23-17-46. 12, 26,
28. \$465.00.

Martha Amidon to J. A. Koopman,
metes and bounds in Sec. 30-18-47.
12, 17, 28. \$3,500.

Jason Hallock et ux to Wm. E.
Lees, Lots 9 and 10 Block 15, Ontario
12, 18, 28. \$2,500.

John Norwood et ux to H. S. Sac-
kett, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.
29-16-47. 11, 24, 28. \$1.00. (Q. C. D.)

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to James Mor-
rison, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9-27-43. Also
Lots 50 and 51 Sec. 6 Lots 1, 10, 11
and 23 Sec. 7 Twp 27 all in Range 43
E. W. M. 1, 2, 29. \$8,583.97.

J. A. Tuckness et ux to John A.
Oliver, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
Sec. 11-29-44. 12, 29, 28. \$10.00.

Lottie M. Wolf et vir to Harry B.
Cockrum, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22-20-46. 12, 31, 28. \$10.

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to Ennamal-
ber Holding Co. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29-
18-47. 12, 24, 28. \$4,455.96.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Earl James Metsker and Edith
Hosey. 12, 31, 28.

Andrew McDonald Graham and
Geneva Byrne. 1, 2, 29.

1928 HUNTING LICENSES EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31 SAYS GAME WARDEN

Along with the passing of the
old year, 1928 hunting licenses
expired, says Malheur County
Game Warden Charles McClees.
This is good duck hunting weather
and the state game depart-
ment is anticipating a few calls
for 1929 certificates. Sportsmen
are urged to comply with the
law as offenders will be "picked
up."

Mr. McClees is interested in
State Game Warden Clifford's
recent announcement that the
department is considering the
purchase of a buffalo herd to be
released in Harney, Lake and
Malheur counties.

WARMSPRINGS GETS RESERVOIR REPAYMENT

CONFEREES APPROVE ITEM
FOR FINAL PAYMENT FOR ONE-
HALF RESERVOIR INTEREST

VALE ITEM NOT CERTAIN

Oregon Congressman Still Fighting
For Vale Project Construction
Appropriation

(From the Malheur Enterprise)

Washington D. C., Jan. 3.—Confer-
ence committee has not yet reported
and will not for a day or two. Un-
official understanding that commit-
tee this morning determined to elim-
inate construction item and allow
\$230,000 for final payment Warm-
springs district. Frederick Steiwer.

Washington D. C., Jan. 4.—Yester-
day senate and house conferees
agreed on modification of my amend-
ment which had been included in the
senate bill. Provided an appropriation
of \$230,000 to take care of
Warmsprings storage proposal. This
is very much better than the propo-
sal offered by the house but not
up to expectations. Charles L. Mc-
Nary.

Washington D. C., Jan. 3.—I am in-
formed conferees unofficially agreed
today on \$230,000 in Vale matter R.
R. Butler.

The above telegrams give the pri-
mary status of the Vale project ap-
propriation matter. The Warm-
springs has been provided for and
restoration of the Vale construction
item is still sought.

When the appropriation was first
decided upon by the house committee
Congressman Cramton, who is chair-
man of the conferees committee, was
under the impression that Malheur
county had doubled the assessment
on Vale district lands. On January
3, Assessor Graham wired at the re-
quest of Senator Steiwer, certifying
that the unimproved lands in the
Vale district were assessed at \$2.50
per acre, the figure that prevailed
the last 10 years, and that district
lands were on an equality with simi-
lar lands outside of the district.

The telegram quoted the Oregon law
prohibiting increased assessment
prior to the availability of water.
The conferees have not yet re-
ported the bill and it is hoped that
this information may remove Con-
gressman Cramton's last objection.
Every objection heretofore raised
has been disproven by facts. If he
item is not reinstated it is evident
that the objection is based upon some
cause, other than those included
in public statements.

Since the appropriation trouble
arose, the following facts have been
disclosed:
That 90 per cent of excess land in
the Vale project is under contract.
That approximately 90 per cent
of non excess lands are under con-
tract.
That of the lands not contracted,
12 owners of 1660 acres cannot be
found; 400 acres are requesting with-
drawal; 1000 acres are in probate
or litigation; 200 acres are owned
by the county and title has just been
acquired. On January 2 the county
judge was authorized to enter into
an excess contract; that only 2-10
acres are held by 10 owners who are
in a position to, but have not signed
the contracts.

Inquiry has been made of the land
companies and others and they em-
phatically state that they have not
made a commission charge of \$20
or any other sum for selling land.
This rumor may have originated
from a suggestion made at a Port-
land conference in 1927, and since
that time both of the land companies
have signed very specific contracts.
Criticism of failure of the district
and state to cooperate in the matter
of settlement, is answered by refer-
ence to a conference held in Vale in
1927 with George C. Kreutzer, di-
rector of reclamation economics. It
was determined that no effort should
be made toward settlement until dur-
ing the year prior to the availability
of water. At the time Mr. Kreutzer
complimented the Vale officials on
the high percentage of district lands
under contract and stated that no
other project could equal the record
made.

George W. McKnight, Oregon di-
rector of the Idaho Turkey Growers
association, has been advised that
members of the association who
marketed their produce in the
Christmas pool will receive a divi-
dend of approximately 2 or 2½ cent
per pound.

Work Starting On Vale-Harper Highway Stretch

W. C. Williams, resident engineer
of the state highway department,
and his crew are here to supervise
construction of the 15.5 mile link of
the Central Oregon highway from
the Burrell ranch near town to Har-
per. The work was let to W. H.
Puckett company, Vale project con-
tractor of Boise, on a bid of \$102-
225.50. Work will start at once.

Virtually all of the right of way
has been secured. The new road will
open up lands of the new Vale ir-
rigation project, homestead tracts and
several highly cultivated farm tracts.
It will eventually connect with the
proposed Yellowstone Cut-off to
California.

Retail Credit Incorporated

Maheur County has a new corpora-
tion, the Retail Credit Association,
organization papers for which were
signed Wednesday.

The corporation is the successor of
the Retail Credit Men's association of
Vale and Ontario, whose operations
have expanded until the unincorporated
association was inadequate for the
needs of the merchant members.

Officers and membership of the
new corporation will be the same and
the mutual, non-profit features will
be maintained. The president is R.
W. Jones of Ontario. A. H. Chester
of Vale is the vice-president, W. H.
Laxson of Ontario secretary-treas-
urer. These officials, with E. G.
Cleveland of Vale, H. L. Peterson,
Andy Robinson and Don Masterson
of Ontario, are the directors.

Owyhee Power Improvements In

Owyhee — (Special)—The Idaho
Power company started work Mon-
day on the installation of a new elec-
tric stove in the Kingman Kolony
school building. The stove has been
purchased by the Kingman Kolony
Parent-Teachers. The association is
also sponsoring hot lunches and have
hired Mrs. McGee to help the teach-
ers in cooking and serving.

Electric lights are also being in-
stalled in the three Elliott homes in
the Kolony.

Mr. and Mrs. Oce Schweizer enter-
tained with a New Year dinner for
27 relatives and friends.

Miss Elizabeth Krell and Betty
Schweizer returned Friday from a
two weeks vacation with Miss Krells
relatives in Tacoma, Washington.

Laura Huffman returned to school
at Payette Sunday after spending the
Christmas vacation at home.

Walter Peutz of Payette, spent the
week end with his cousin, Werner
Peutz.

The Chas. Bradley family were
Boise visitors Wednesday, bringing
Alto home after her visit with her
sister.

There will be a joint meeting of
the Owyhee Parent Teacher Associa-
tion and the Owyhee Community
club at the home of Mrs. S. D. Bige-
low on Friday, January 11, at 2
o'clock.

S. D. Bigelow and Hugh Glenn
purchased hay from Jake Van Twisk
of Oregon Trail to be used while on
the government road work.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Overstreet of
Boise spent several days last week
in the R. R. Overstreet home.

The Fred Klingback family returned
Friday from a weeks visit with
Mrs. Klingbacks relatives in Walla
Walla. They found about a foot of
snow in the hills and snow plows
diligently removing it from the high-
ways. The trees covered with snow
were worth a trip themselves. The
roads were quite slick in places and
evidences of too fast driving were
seen several times.

Stopping at the scene of one acci-
dent where one car had jammed into
another the found some of their
neighbors Mrs. Albert Rust and
daughter Phyllis who were return-
ing from a visit at Salem and Port-
land with Mr. John Rust. In en-
deavoring to slow up for a narrow
bridge, as it was apparent the other
car had no intention. Mr. Rust ap-
plied the brakes as a last resort
causing his car to turn across the
road and the other car hit their car
damaging it so badly it would not
run. Mrs. Rust and daughter came
home with the Klingbacks and Mr.
Rust stayed to have his car repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Thomason and
son Jess, who is a senior at Moscow
University this year, and Mrs. Thom-
ason's niece Mrs. Johnson and daugh-
ter all of Emmett, were making New
Year calls in the neighborhood and
called at the Lowe home Wednesday.
The Archie Cantrall family were
dinner guests in the J. P. McGinnis
home Sunday.

Harper Building Activity Grows

Harper—(Special)—E. L. Swanson
and family returned Saturday from
Homedale after a holiday visit with
home folks.

Cassie Becker left Saturday for
Lewiston Normal.

Evan Allstrom is building a house
for Alfred Henson about two miles
from town.

J. D. Fairman bought his wife a
new Ford coach for a Christmas pres-
ent.

Pink Becker bought the residence
formerly occupied by Will Roth for
his daughters. Their mother is
keeping house for them. He has
contracted with Frank Kime to build
an addition on the house and Warren
Gill is doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hughson and
family spent the holidays at their
home in Portland. He reports much
rain and said he was glad to get
back to Harper and see the sunshine.
Mona Becker is visiting for a few
days at the home of her uncle Val
Becker in Westfall.

Medlin and Small shipped a car
load of hogs Friday to Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hinkle of
Portland are spending the holidays
in the home of her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. S. R. Copeland.

The date for the American Legion
dance, which is to be held at Westfal,
has been set for January 19. Supper
will be served at midnight and the
Legion promises a good time. The
Wilbert orchestra will furnish the
music. The proceeds will go to help
pay the pledge for the Harper church
and the improvement of the West-
fall cemetery.

Miss Matilda Lewellen and her
niece Rose Worleg spent the holidays
with Miss Lewellen's parents at
Brogan.

Joe Rorer left Sunday for Nyssa
after spending the holidays with
friends here.

John Medlin took Mrs. Medlin to
Payette Monday evening where she
will remain and take treatments for
a few days.

Mrs. Jack Kolberg gave a surprise
party Monday evening for her son
Richard, the event being his tenth
birthday. Dainty refreshments were
served by charming Mary Elaine
Kolberg and Mary Sweetland. Guests
were Dick Sweetland, Frank and
Jack Medlin, Eugene Powell, Merle
Km, Quentin Wright, Sargent Shira,
Buddy Hucker, Kent Meredith, David
and Charles Hughson.

Frank Dempsey went to Caldwell
Sunday on business.

Following is the school honor roll
of last month: Ruby Dempsey, Bob
Evans, Evelyn Fuchs, Floyd Fuchs,
Mildred Swanson, Dick Sweetland.
Lower room: Lucile Hucker, Mary
Elaine and Richard Kolberg, Arlene
Morton, Arietta May Small and
Quentin Wright.

The Womens Civic club met with
Mrs. Frank Martin Thursday. The
club has planned to give a play
which will be mentioned at a later
date, to raise money for the building
of the church. Following the busi-
ness meeting a miscellaneous shower
was given Mrs. Robert Hill after
which a delightful lunch was served
by the hostess. The next meeting
will be held January 17, at the Hill
home.

Merle Pullian of Boise is visiting
Harry Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marchek spent
the holidays with his parents at
Homedale.

Hazel Lee left Monday for Weiser
to resume her school duties.

Warren Gill is building two new
houses n Harper. One is to rent the
other is to be for his own use.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Hill of New
Plymouth, are visiting relatives here
and Westfall.

John Medlin is building a new ice
house. Dave Kime and Warren Gill
have contracts for filling ice houses
for John Medlin, Mrs. J. D. Fairman
and Jack Welch.

Miss Anne Wilbert after spending
her vacation in the H. E. Wilbert
home returned Sunday to resume her
teaching near Westfall.

Inez Carter returned Monday from
Jonesboro where she has been spend-
ing a few days with her sister Mrs.
W. H. Townsend.

Estes Morton and family were
Sunday afternoon guests in the Rup-
ert Brannock home in Westfall.

Carl Juanquist returned Sunday
evening from Portland.

Harry Littlefield and L. P. Jensen
from Skullsprings were in town
Tuesday.

William G. Morgan left Tuesday
for Denver, Colorado, on business.

J. D. Fairman is having an exten-
sion built on his garage for hous-
ing his truck.

Novelty Device

It is hardly an employment to a dis-
play of arms side by side on one
shelf, as a husband's and a wife's, or
the private and official arms of a head
of a college.

Pneumonia Takes Westfall Infant

Westfall—(Special)—Sympathy of
the community is extended to Mrs.
Lucy Fitchett and Henry Fitchett
whose infant daughter Alice Almedia
died from pneumonia. A brief illness
developed and death came before the
seriousness of her sickness was fully
realized. She was born August 27,
1928. Funeral services were held
from the home of her grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, of near
Ontario, Rev. A. O. Broyles officiat-
ing. Burial was made in the Onta-
rio cemetery. Many beautiful
floral offerings were received.

Clint Hill and wife have returned
to this section from New Plymouth.
They are working for Dick Seitt.

Steve Woodward returned to school
after a holiday visit here with his
parents.

Oliver Sandy has moved his cattle
to Herbert Corral's ranch where he
purchased hay.

Mrs. Henry went to Wallowa to
visit with her sister Mrs. John Ham-
mack.

Joe Lamberson is staying at the
Henry Westfall home and is now
attending Ontario high school.

After spending the holidays at
her home in Vale, Miss Katherine
Boswell returned to resume teaching.

Jamieson P.-T.A. Serving Lunches

Jamieson—(Special)—School stud-
ents are much pleased with the hot
lunches provided by the P. T. A.

Mrs. E. E. Bush of Westfall spent
a few days early in the week with
her daughter Mrs. Austin Presley.

Mrs. Geo. Baggas and her daugh-
ter Rachel returned Wednesday after
spending the holidays in Jerome, Ida.

Kenneth and Everett Micheal
who have been attending school at
Hereford entered school here Wed-
nesday.

Miss Herman returned Tuesday
evening from her Christmas vaca-
tion. While away Miss Herman at-
tended the state teachers institute in
Portland as a delegate from Mal-
heur county.

Charles Kidwall and family, Frank
Hubbard and Mr. Bowman from St.
Anthony, Idaho, spent Friday after-
noon at the Micheal home. Mrs. Kid-
wall is Mr. Micheal's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cleveland and
Mr. Micheal were Ontario visitors
Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Cleveland and Mrs.
Robert Browning gave a party in the
old community hall, which was well
attended by the younger people Sat-
urday night.

Robert Browning went to Harper
Sunday afternoon.

Leonard Cole was in town Sunday.



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