

KESTER ENTERS RACE FOR SEAT IN LEGISLATURE

PRESENT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASPIRES TO SEAT IN LOWER HOUSE; MORTON AND SMITH MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

In Malheur county politics, the surprise of the week was the announcement of Bruce R. Kester, present district attorney, for representative in the legislature.

Mr. Kester is completing a single term as district attorney. It is very generally agreed that he has made a good officer and that his qualifications for state representative are as praiseworthy.

Twenty-two years of public life in Malheur county began with opening of the land office in Vale in July 1910, when Mr. Kester came to the county as its first register. He has practiced law in the county seat and in Ontario since leaving the land office.

C. H. Oxman, representative of the past two terms, has made no statement to the press. Smith enters race. E. Otis Smith of Ontario made a formal statement last week to the effect that he would enter the race for district attorney.

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Other candidates, who have announced themselves to date, are Senator J. D. Billingsley, republican, for re-election to the senate; J. Edwin Johnson, republican, for re-election as county engineer; J. D. Fairman, republican, for re-election as county commissioner; Mrs. Victoria Schweitzer, republican, for county school superintendent; Charles E. Powell and Ray Emmott, republican candidates for sheriff; and E. H. Brumbach, democrat, for county commissioner.

Morton Eyes Assessorship. Murray Morton of Ontario, deputy assessor for R. M. Carlisle, tossed his hat into the ring last week by stating that he would run for county assessor on the democratic ticket.

It is rumored that Assessor Andrew M. Graham will seek the republican nomination and reelection. Other candidates, who have announced themselves to date, are Senator J. D. Billingsley, republican, for re-election to the senate; J. Edwin Johnson, republican, for re-election as county engineer; J. D. Fairman, republican, for re-election as county commissioner; Mrs. Victoria Schweitzer, republican, for county school superintendent; Charles E. Powell and Ray Emmott, republican candidates for sheriff; and E. H. Brumbach, democrat, for county commissioner.

CLUB LAUNCHES MOVE FOR OWYHEE DAM CELEBRATION

At a regular meeting of the Nyssa Commercial club last night, Ed. Wilson presided as chairman for C. L. McCoy, who could not be present. A committee of three, Ernest C. Wilson, Donald M. Graham and Sidney Burbridge, was appointed to discuss the continuance of free picture shows with Nat Leigh, theatre owner.

Another interesting suggestion was that Nyssa stage a celebration upon the completion of the Owyhee Dam. The dam will be completed sometime this summer. The suggestion met with unanimous approval.

Mr. Wilson urged that all club members and their wives attend the meeting of Big Bend grange next Tuesday night, when the grange will give a special program for the Nyssa Commercial club.

Dorothy Boden made the junior class honor roll with her usual straight 100 grades. By mistake her name was omitted from the list published last week.

Thomas Proposes 50 Per Cent Cut In Forest Grazing Fee

Grazing fees on national forests this year and next may be reduced to just half what they were last year under the terms of a resolution introduced in the senate Wednesday by Senator John Thomas of Idaho.

The resolution follows a series of conferences the senator had with Secretary Hyde, at which he successfully tried to persuade the secretary to make this concession to the livestock industry.

Incident to his action, Senator Thomas said: "The secretary does not seem to realize the seriousness of the situation in which the farmers and stockmen of the west find themselves. They have been continually losing. Grazing fees now exact 800 thousand dollars a year more from stockmen than in the years before the new scale went into effect, but where grazing fees have increased wool has dropped from 34 to 14 cents, and lambs from \$17 to \$4 and \$4.50. There is no justice in maintaining last year's fees."

Senator Thomas will ask the agricultural committee to take early action on his resolution. In a dispatch from Washington today, Chairman Nye of the senate public lands committee stated that grazing proposals would come up for hearing in March. He doubts the possibility of passing any grazing bill, primarily because the issue is highly controversial and because sentiment is divided between east and west.

MISHAPS COME IN TWOS FOR MRS. HOLMES. It has been "thumos up" for Mrs. H. D. Holmes the last few days. First, she almost severed the end of the index finger of her right hand with a knife. Then Monday wash day rolled around and all went well till the ringing. The machine caught Mrs. Holmes' left hand and painfully injured the thumb. However, both injuries are healing nicely and no ill effects are expected.

WATSON RANCHER FRACTURES LEG WHEN HORSE FALLS

Still another mishap can be blamed on ice by horse and man. John Smith of Watson suffered a broken leg when his horse fell with him last week. Only one bone was fractured so Smith is recovering very nicely. He accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Glen Frizzell from Vale Sunday and is spending the week with them.

Smith farms with Bud Mattingly, father of Mrs. Frizzell at Watson. Slips on the ice have caused an unusually large toll of accidents this winter. In several instances horses have fallen with riders.

TWO HELD ON DRUG CHARGE

EDGAR WILKS OF ONTARIO IS CHARGED WITH SALE OF NARCOTICS TO IVAN WELLS OF VALE.

Edgar Wilks, Ontario jeweler, waived a preliminary hearing when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Percy Purvis in Vale Wednesday on a charge of selling narcotics. He was bound over to the grand jury and released on \$500 bond.

Wilks was arrested by Sheriff C. W. Glenn after the alleged sale of a package of morphine to Ivan Wells of Vale. Delivery was made by the driver of the Vale-Ontario stage Mrs. Ed. Romph, who received the package said to be two pins for delivery to Mr. Wells. After Wells received the package, he was arrested by Sheriff Glenn.

A search of the Wilks jewelry shop followed but no drugs were found. However, officers reported that they found a supply of tablets, about 20 grains, on Wilks' person.

SHEA COMPLETES CONCRETE LINING IN TUNNEL NO. 5

J. F. Shea company has completed concreting in the full 2.1 mile sector of Tunnel No. 5, or through one-half the distance of Tunnel No. 5 which runs from Tunnel Canyon to the Succor creek division of the Owyhee irrigation project. S. S. Magoffin company is excavating on the lower half of Tunnel No. 5.

Shea has now begun the lining of Tunnel No. 1, recently holed through, with concrete.

LIBERTY THEATRE WILL SHOW COLOR MOVIE FOR CHARITY

The new technicolor screen success, "The Run Around," will be presented at the Liberty Theatre next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 8, 9 and 10, for charity. Proceeds are slated for the treasury of the Community Welfare committee that is now at low ebb. Every man, woman and child is urged to attend the charity movie.

DANCEHALL MAN HELD

Rames Brown, who operated the Riverside dance pavilion at Vale last summer, faces a charge of arson at St. Anthony, Idaho. He is charged with an attempt to burn a dancehall operated by competitors of his. The attempt was not successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gossett of Nampa were guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Thompson.

APPLE VALLEY FARMER SUCGUMBS AFTER OPERATION

WM. C. MORRIS DIES MONDAY AT ONTARIO HOSPITAL; FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD IN PARMA TODAY.

William C. Morris, 60, for many years a resident of Apple Valley, died Monday at the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario after a losing battle against appendicitis and complications. He submitted to an operation about ten days ago and seemed to rally. Complications later developed and caused his death.

Mr. Morris became seriously ill while at work at a mine near Huntington. He was well known in Nyssa, having been a frequent visitor here during the years he lived at Apple Valley. Last fall the family moved to Parma.

Funeral services were held in Parma today with Dr. F. Boone of the College of Idaho officiating. Mr. Morris is survived by his widow, a daughter Edna, formerly a teacher in the Nyssa schools, and several other daughters and three sons Paul, Wayne and Harry Morris.

GEO. GOOING DIES

Rev. Josie J. Blokland received word of the death of Geo. Goosing, 78, at the home of his son Troy Goosing in Apple Valley yesterday morning. Mr. Goosing died of a heart attack which followed a long period of ill health.

SHEEPMEN SURE OF BIG INCREASE IN SPRING LAMB CROP

No depression hit the lamb crop. According to reports coming from the many lambing camps around Nyssa, twins are arriving as rapidly as singles. The December reports 180 per cent increase to date. Ralph Jones, who buys hay from Charles Marshall, is betting that he will have more twin arrivals than single.

Although the weather has been cold, it has been favorable for lambing. Wet weather is the worry of sheepmen at this season of the year.

BOY SCOUTS GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

With Ernest C. Wilson and Arthur H. Boydell, committee men, present, the Boy Scouts gave demonstrations of their work at the regular meeting at the church basement Monday night. Although Lloyd Wilson was not old enough to take the Scout oath until January 27, he was ready for the tender foot test on his birthday. He took the test Monday night. Lonnie Parkinson, Arthur Boydell and Warren Larsen gave demonstrations. Howard Larsen exemplified the test in earning a civics merit badge.

Howard Larsen, Sr., scoutmaster, reports that the troop is doing excellent work. Sixteen boys are now enrolled. George Reberger is the recently appointed assistant scoutmaster. Donald M. Graham is the third member of the troop committee.

COLLEGE OF IDAHO GETS \$5000 FROM CARNEGIE ESTATE

College of Idaho (Special)—Word has been received by College of Idaho authorities of a \$5000 award from the Carnegie Foundation, the money to be used in the purchase of books and supplies for Strahorn library. The money is to be received in two payments, half the sum is to be advanced for use this year, the remainder to follow during the year of 1932-33.

Dr. W. M. Randall, special investigator of the Carnegie board, visited Strahorn library last November while on a tour of western colleges in the interest of the Foundation fund. The College of Idaho is one of four colleges in the northwest states to receive grants on the strength of Dr. Randall's report to the Carnegie board.

Mrs. M. C. Handley of Walla Walla is visiting her daughters Mrs. Neil G. Dimmick and Mrs. Frank Lathen. Mr. Handley accompanied his wife here but went on to Oklahoma City on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Graham went to Vale Monday to see Mrs. David P. Graham, who has been ill the past two weeks. She is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Henderson of Owyhee Dam took their son David to the Ontario hospital yesterday. He has been ill of influenza and will undergo treatment in the hospital a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Van Zelf and daughters Grace and Elizabeth visited the Nick Smit family in Arcadia Tuesday.

Nyssa Legion Post To Get Charter No. 97

Nyssa Post of the American Legion is established. The application for a charter has been unanimously accepted by the Department of Oregon, according to announcement made at Monday night's regular meeting. Nyssa Post is Number 97. Leo D. Hollenberg, president in the absence of C. L. McCoy, post commander. For its first public activity, the Legion is planning a dance to be given in February.

CHANGE PLAY AT UNION TOURNEY

COUNTY COMPETITION IS ELIMINATED TO MAKE LESS GAMES FOR EASTERN OREGON HOOP CONTENDERS.

The Eastern Oregon basketball tournament will be held in Union March 3, 4 and 5. This year there will be no county tournaments to decide who will go to the eastern Oregon tournament. There will be two teams from each county from the Class "A" group and one team from the Class "B" group.

This change was made in order to let the winning team which goes to Salem have a better chance at the state title. Last year and previous years the teams that represented eastern Oregon were at a disadvantage because in order to get to Salem they had to play more games than any other team in the state meet. This year the board for eastern Oregon planned to do away with the county tournaments and work on the new plan.

The Union tournament is held in Union each year to decide the championship team of Eastern Oregon that will represent this section of the state in April. The tournament is held in Union because the Union gymnasium has a better floor than any other in this section. Union is also more centrally located for all teams.

UPLAND EMPIRE CHAMBERS MAY ORGANIZE UNIT

The advisability of organizing a Snake river valley chamber of commerce was discussed at length at a banquet given in Nampa Monday night by the Nampa chamber of commerce for delegations from Ontario, Nyssa, Caldwell, Parma, Nampa and other towns of the valley. The proposition found favor.

Such an organization would stimulate cooperative advertising of the Snake river valley and would iron out many problems, it was said. It was announced that the agricultural booklet advertising and exploiting southwest Idaho and southeastern Oregon will be ready for distribution by the chambers of commerce about March 1.

The I. O. N. Cut-off was a topic of universal interest. Speaking for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, W. J. Pinney touched on the advisability of waiting until roads in central Oregon are completed. He also expressed doubt as to whether the cut-off would be built over the present cut-off route, stating that a highway that would connect with the Central Oregon highway was favored by some.

Delegates from Malheur county were C. L. McCoy, president of the Nyssa club, Attorney E. M. Blodgett, Frank T. Morgan and A. L. Barker of Nyssa, Mr. Pinney and J. A. Davenport of Ontario.

REV. R. BRYMER CLOSURES CHURCH MEETINGS HERE

Rev. Robert Brymer of Spokane closed several weeks' evangelistic meetings here Sunday, making his farewell address at the morning service at the Methodist community church. The meetings were very successful and the source of much good, reported Rev. Josie J. Blokland, resident pastor.

Rev. Brymer left Sunday for the Sweet and Montour, Ida. circuit.

Mrs. Glen Holmes entertained guests for three tables of pinocch at her country residence last Saturday night. Prize for high score went to Mrs. Nell G. Dimmick.

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CONGRESS WILL SEND MORGAN TO IMPORTANT CONFAB

OWYHEE OFFICIAL WILL BE DELEGATE OF OREGON RECLAMATION CONGRESS AT WATER USERS CONFERENCE IN SALT LAKE.

Another honor has come the way of Frank T. Morgan, secretary of the Owyhee irrigation district. He has been named delegate of the Oregon Reclamation Congress to the Water Users conference of eleven western states in Salt Lake City on February 8, 9, and 10, of the coming week. Mr. Morgan will attend the conference.

He was appointed a delegate by Judge Robert E. Sawyer of Bend, president of the congress.

With Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, in attendance the conference will consider the proposed reclamation moratorium bill. The bill provides 100 per cent moratorium on 1931 payments by settlers on government irrigation projects, with 50 per cent reduction in payments to fall due in December 1932. Coupled with this, the plan provides that repayments to the treasury on two reclamation loans shall not begin until 1933. This bill is said to be acceptable to the bureau of reclamation. It would relieve the bureau of repaying the \$2,000,000 in 1932.

Other legislation of importance to irrigation states will be discussed.

AUDIT REVEALS WHERE TAXES GO IN THIS COUNTY

In submitting the annual audit of the county, Geo. B. Middleton made an interesting report of where tax money is spent. The summary reveals that funds are apportioned as follows: state purposes 9.91 per cent, general county purposes 9.93 per cent, county fixed charge and road funds 18.09 per cent, education 31.37 per cent, cities and towns 40.63 per cent.

"Disregarding taxes receivable," says Mr. Middleton's report, "the total amount of which changed very slightly, the county's financial condition improved in the amount of \$4,333.87 during 1931 as compared with a decline of \$30,899.81 in the year 1930."

Mr. Middleton stated that the improvement was due to a \$42,000 decrease in the county's bonded indebtedness.

Tax collections in 1931 showed a very slight increase in delinquencies. The delinquency in 1931 was 30.5 per cent; in 1930, 26.5 per cent.

MRS. BRAINARD DIES AT SON'S HOME IN UTAH

Nyssa friends received word of the death of Mrs. J. D. Brainard at the home of her son Paul Brainard in Salt Lake City Tuesday after a month's illness. Funeral services will be held in Payette, Mrs. Brainard's old home, Friday afternoon from the Methodist church. She was past 70 years of age.

Paul Brainard was a teacher in the Nyssa schools some years ago. At that time Mrs. Brainard made the acquaintance of a number of people here. They remember her as a charming and lovable matron.

Mrs. Brainard is survived by three sons Paul of Salt Lake, Dean and Maurice of California.

GIRL SCOUTS PLAN WASHINGTON EVENT FOR FEBRUARY 22nd

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the Girl Scouts of Nyssa will give a patriotic entertainment at the Parish hall February 22. It will consist of two short plays, a flag drill and musical numbers. A small admission charge will be made for troop benefit.

INCOME TAX MAN IS DUE IN COUNTY SOON

To assist taxpayers in preparing their federal income tax returns for the year 1931, a deputy collector will be in Ontario February 20 to 22, and in Vale February 23. The report for last year is due March 15.

O. F. Bacon returned to Boise Monday after his usual week end visit in Nyssa. Miss Crete Marie Foster accompanied Mr. Bacon as far as Nampa where she attends the Nazarene college.

Rev. Josie J. Blokland went to Boise today to attend the last two days meeting of the district conference of the Methodist church.

GROUNDHOG SEES SHADOW; BUNDLES UP FOR MORE SNOW

When the groundhog peeped from his hole Tuesday morning to determine whether spring would arrive early or late, a bright sun sent him scampering back. He saw his shadow. That means there will be six weeks more winter, if the peer among weather prophets is correct.

The sun on groundhog day was a deceitful sun. Bright beams were accompanied by a cold and wintry wind. An old timer, who claims he knows as much about the weather as the groundhog, stated Tuesday that he anticipates a mild and early spring. "We should have an early spring," he said, "we've had winter weather since November."

MORTON SUCCEEDS LINDLEY IN BANK

ESTES L. MORTON, WELL KNOWN BANKER OF MALHEUR COUNTY, RECEIVES APPOINTMENT TO COMPLETE LIQUIDATION HERE.

Estes L. Morton, banker in the county since 1919, was appointed deputy in charge of the Malheur County Bank of Nyssa by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, to succeed J. C. Lindley, who has been transferred to Marshfield. Morton began his new duties here Monday.

Mr. Morton's banking experience includes a period of ten years in the Harper bank. During that time he was instrumental and worked hand in hand with J. D. Fairman in the effort to secure construction of the Vale irrigation project. They aided in organization of the Vale-Owyhee Land Settlement association and made the first land sales on the Harper unit.

After leaving Harper a few years ago, Mr. Morton entered the First National Bank of Ontario and later the Ontario National Bank. This is his first connection with the state banking department. Mr. Morton will move to Nyssa as soon as he finds a desirable residence.

Mr. Lindley was transferred to the Bank of Southwestern Oregon at Marshfield. He and Mrs. Lindley and children, with Mrs. M. Space and daughter Lorraine, left Sunday for Marshfield. The Lindleys had resided here since last May.

COUNTY SOLD 32 TRACTS AT SALE IN VALE SATURDAY

January was no dull month in county land sale business. At Saturday's tax sale, 32 tracts brought \$4200. The tracts comprised 3912 acres. In addition Commissioner J. D. Fairman, who has charge of land sales for the county court, sold seven tracts under the Warm Springs irrigation project for \$1015.

TODAY WAS COLDEST DAY OF NEW YEAR

It may not have been colder this morning than any day of 1931, but it was the coldest day of the New Year without doubt. Thermometers in Nyssa registered 9 below zero. It was cold, but slightly warmer in the afternoon when a flurry of snow suggested that maybe the groundhog was right.

Shippers and Railroads Rap Freight Rate Changes

(By Arthur Geary)

Railroads and many livestock shippers have expressed dissatisfaction with the new livestock freight rates. By petition just filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission trunk line carriers within the Mountain-Pacific group claim that the new livestock rates will decrease their revenues "not less than \$900,000 annually exclusive of losses which will accrue to the various short-line connections." The petition of the carriers obviously is intended as a basis for appeal to the courts for immediate injunction unless the Commission issues an order vacating the new rates.

The objections of the shippers are varied. The shippers of straight carloads of cattle are penalized under the new cents-per-hundred-pound rates by having to pay for the actual weight shipped rather than on a per-car basis. For many years all rates into the markets of the Mountain-Pacific territory have been so many dollars a car. Admittedly, the cost to the railroad company of moving a heavy carload of cattle is very little greater than the cost of moving a lighter load, because the tare weight of the empty car both going and coming furnishes the principal portion of the weight hauled. However, the railroads serving the Northwest, in an effort to get more revenue, joined with the interior packers intent upon "bottling up" livestock and demanded that the Commission replace the dollar-per-

COUNTY COURT APPOINTS ROAD SUPERVISORS

HARVEY HATCH GETS APPOINTMENT FOR BIG BEND DISTRICT AT REQUEST OF DELEGATION; TWO PETITIONS ARE RECEIVED BY COURT.

Road supervisors were appointed at the February session of the Malheur county court in Vale yesterday, according to Judge David F. Graham. A wage schedule for 1932 work was also adopted as follows: foreman \$3, labor \$2.25, 2-horse team \$1.25, 4-horse team \$2.25, 6-horse team \$3, carpenters \$4.

At the request of a delegation from Big Bend, Harvey Hatch was appointed road supervisor for that district.

Other supervisors appointed, follow: M. M. Greeling, Owyhee; Judge Graham, Vale; Cleve Cammann, Westfall; Geo. A. Harper, McDermitt; Elmer Powell, Malheur; A. A. Crawford, Weiser; Oscar Presley, Brogan; Bud Mattingly, Watson; Donald McKennie, Beulah; A. H. Turner, Oregon Slope; Andrew Cunningham, Rockville; Gus Hill, Harper; J. D. Fairman, Harper; Jim McEwen, Riverside; Ora E. Clark, Ontario.

No road supervisor was appointed for the Nyssa road district as the court will await the recommendation of the Nyssa Commercial club.

Trail Wagon Gopher Control. The court received a petition asking for the establishment of a gopher control district in the Oregon Trail community near Nyssa.

A petition, signed by a large number of Harper residents, was presented in protest of the proposed union high school at Vale.

TILLERS OPEN MEAT MARKET IN CASH STORE

William and V. Tiller, proprietors of the B. and B. Cash Grocery in the Blackman building, opened a meat shop in connection with their grocery today. New equipment includes a refrigeration plant and up-to-date meat counter. The shop is located in the rear of the room. The new market is the second in the community.

RESUME SCHOOL MONDAY AFTER SICK VACATION

After two days vacation on account of the influenza epidemic and the regular week end holidays, school was resumed again here Monday with attendance near the 100 per cent mark. Most of the students who had been ill were back in school.

Miss Inez Johnson was the only member of the faculty who was not able to return to her duties Monday. She was obliged to spend another week at home on account of a severe cold. She is now feeling much improved. Mrs. Merritt M. Greeling, Jr., has been substituting for Miss Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Voogs and daughters of Arcadia were visiting friends here Monday.