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CANYON COUNTY ASKS FOR REFUND

City of Emmett Was Overpaid in Road Taxes in 1911 and 1912

The serenity of the council meeting was disturbed Monday evening by the reading of a communication from L. C. Knowlton, auditor of Canyon county, setting forth that in the years 1911 and 1912 the city of Emmett received more of the road tax apportionment than it was entitled to; that the amount was \$208.81; that in 1914 it should have been paid \$66.19 more than it received, and that the city now owes old Canyon the balance of \$142.62. Mr. Knowlton's letter follows:

"In making apportionment to cities and villages of county road taxes levied during the years 1911 and 1912, I find your city was paid 25 per cent of county bridge taxes in addition to the 25 per cent of county road taxes, which over-payment is as follows:

1911	\$123.92
1912	84.89
	\$208.81
Credit on apportionment of taxes of 1914	66.19
Amount due	\$142.62

"I find apportionments were properly made for all other years. Kindly check up above amounts and communicate with me if you desire further information concerning same. Inasmuch as the other towns in Canyon county were proportionately overpaid, I am desirous of getting an adjustment with all of them by July 1, and ask that above amount be remitted by your city or that you signify your willingness for us to transfer the debit to Gem county in our settlement with them of their proportionate share of these over-payments recovered."

"L. C. KNOWLTON."

It appears that other towns were also overpaid, Caldwell alone receiving \$625 more than was due, and the refund to Gem county will amount to considerable. The error was overlooked by VanDeusen in the audit of Canyon county's books, and was discovered by City Clerk Dunlap of Caldwell. The matter was referred to the city attorney for investigation.

A petition was received from Bowers & Sinclair, owners of the property opposite the I. O. F. building, praying for permission to reroof their building with fire proof material and make other repairs. The petition was granted on condition that the old outbuildings be removed.

Wm. Ames filed a protest against being included in the sprinkling of Park street between Wardwell and McKinley, and his name was ordered stricken from the assessment roll.

John Burger entered a protest against the change of the sidewalk grade in front of his property on Main street between Wardwell and McKinley.

Two ordinances were introduced, but action was deferred on both until more information could be secured in regard to their provisions. One ordinance provides for the licensing of motor trucks and drays and the regulation of motorcycles and autos in the city limits. If the measure passes every motor driven vehicle must keep its cut-out closed. Traffic regulations as to speed, keeping on right side of street and speed limit, are included in its provisions. The other ordinance is to amend the fire limits by adding more territory.

Caught Big Trout

Probably the biggest trout ever caught in the Payette river by local fishermen was being proudly exhibited around town Monday by Guy B. Mains. It measured a fraction over 20 inches in length and weighed 3 1/2 pounds. Mr. Mains told a thrilling story of how he succeeded in landing the big one after 25 minutes of strenuous exertion. The big trout fought like a demon, now taking wild leaps out of the water, then diving to its lowest depths; time after time it was brought nearly to shore only to again break away with almost lightning speed and making the reel sing like a Mauser bullet. His is a wonderful story, vividly and interestingly told. But in steps Harry Shellworth, who was in the party, and declares

How Chicago Tribune Sees First

- G. O. P. Ballot
- William E. Borah, Idaho..... 8
- Theodore E. Burton, Ohio..... 105
- Martin G. Brumbaugh, Pennsylvania..... 20
- Albert B. Cummins, Iowa..... 87
- T. Coleman Du Pont, Delaware..... 6
- Charles W. Fairbanks, Indiana..... 86
- Henry Ford, Michigan..... 30
- Herbert S. Hadley, Missouri..... 8
- Charles E. Hughes, New York..... 116
- Philander C. Knox, Pennsylvania..... 50
- R. M. La Follette, Wisconsin..... 35
- Samuel W. McCall, Massachusetts..... 12
- Theodore Roosevelt, New York..... 88
- Elihu Root, New York..... 139
- Lawrence Y. Sherman, Illinois..... 95
- John W. Weeks, Massachusetts..... 93
- Necessary to choice..... 403

that Mains didn't catch it; that he himself caught it and Mains pilfered it out of his creel and palmed it off as his (Mains) own catch. Shellworth himself is no slouch when it comes to descriptive powers, and he tells a story that fires the blood and makes one's hair stand out like a porcupine's quills. In fact, his account sounds as thrilling and as plausible as Mr. Mains'. But here comes Ed Hayes and Elmer Holverson—men of unquestioned veracity, who stoutly declare that Larry Phelan told them that Mains and Shellworth went in cahoots and bought the trout from Phelan; that when they reached town, Mains and Shellworth had a row as to the division of the spoils, the former demanding the hind quarters, which Shellworth also wanted, and that Mains, by a clever coup de etat, secured possession of the fish and paraded it as a trophy of his own skill. And now, gentlemen of the jury, we leave the case with you.

Not an Artesian Well
A well being sunk at the D. F. Bott ranch near Letha is giving lots of trouble on account of quicksand. Particles were in town last night for 3-inch pipe to case the well and endeavor to shut out the sand. It was reported that an artesian flow several feet high had been encountered, but the report proved erroneous.

Drainage Company Incorporates
The Moulton Drainage Ditch company has just received incorporation papers. The capital stock is \$10,000, and the directors are: A. A. Richards, A. J. Malmstrom, J. H. Cronk, C. T. Moulton and L. L. Alsager. Mr. Malmstrom is president and Mr. Cronk, secretary-treasurer. The object of the corporation is to operate a waste ditch from Westlake Fruit farm west till it empties into the slough.

To Build Schoolhouse
Bonds in the amount of \$1000 are to be issued by School District No. 15—lower end of bench—for the purpose of erecting a school building and providing necessary furniture and equipment. Bids for the bonds, which are to run 10 years, will be opened July 13. John C. Newman is clerk of the board.

Son Is Victim of Poison
Mrs. Henry Love was called to Caldwell yesterday by the sudden death of her son, Calvin Cochran. The young man died in the Caldwell hospital after drinking a quantity of chloroform. Whether the poison was taken by accident or suicidal intent will never be known. A month ago he was married to Margaret Perry. He was taken to the hospital Tuesday for treatment for a nervous breakdown. He was 26 years old.

Dr. Rose Elected President
Dr. R. E. Rose and Clinton Titus went to Boise Monday to attend the annual meeting of the State Dental association. They returned Tuesday evening. Dr. Rose was elected president of the association.

Dewey Palace to Open
The Dewey Palace hotel at Nampa has been leased to T. N. Kerr, a traveling salesman, and will be re-named to the public September 1, it is announced.

Pastor for Christian Church.
E. E. Coulter of Moore, Mont., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Emmett Christian church. He will hold services Sunday.

PLATFORM CONVENTIONS THIS MONTH

Law Requires Political Parties to Meet in Boise on June 27

A meeting of the executive committee was held in Boise Tuesday evening, for the purpose of determining what action could properly be taken in connection with the platform convention of the party which the election laws of the state have declared shall be held on the last Thursday in June, which will be June 27, in Boise.

The executive committee decided to call the attention of the various county central committees to the following paragraph of the election laws, and urge that its provisions be observed so that the platform convention of the party to be held in Boise, on Tuesday, June 27, shall have present a full representation from all the counties of the state:

"The county central committees of each county shall meet on the second Tuesday of June, prior to the primary election, and elect delegates belonging to the same political party to attend a state platform convention of such party to be held at the time and place herein provided (Boise). The number of delegates to be elected by such county central committee shall be a number equal to three times the number of state representatives to be elected from such county at the general election for that year. No proxies shall be allowed in such convention, but the members of the delegation from such county in actual attendance shall be entitled to cast the full vote of such delegation arising in such convention."

Under the law as quoted above, the representation in the Republican convention will aggregate 306. Gem county will be entitled to five delegates, and, of course, the same would be true of the other parties' conventions.

BONES OF MISSING MAN FOUND

Body of C. D. Bucknum's Father Discovered After 18 Years

Last Thursday's dispatches tell the story of the finding of the remains of C. D. Bucknum's father, who disappeared in 1898 and no trace of him had been found until last week. The account follows:

"The finding of the bleached bones of a man in the Mohawk valley of Oregon on Monday, May 22, clears up the mystery surrounding the disappearance, in 1898, of J. R. Bucknum, a wealthy lumberman of Harrisburg, Ore. J. R. Bucknum was the father of C. D. Bucknum, present coroner of Gem county, Idaho. He left his home in November, 1898, on a hunting trip. His companion, C. L. Morris, returned a few weeks later, saying that Bucknum had been lost. Hunters in the Mohawk valley on May 22, last, found the body and also a number of cartridges, a few coins and a purse. The identification was made complete when a son of the man identified the purse. At the time of his disappearance Bucknum owned several lumber mills on the Willamette river. Expeditions sent out to hunt for him returned without success. After many legal fights, his wife obtained a large share of the property, but over two years ago after worrying for years over his disappearance.

The surviving children are: H. F. Bucknum of Santa Rosa, Cal.; C. D. Bucknum of Emmett, Ida.; Mrs. E. W. Sutton of San Rafael, Cal.; Miss Alma Bucknum of Springfield, Ore.; L. Bucknum of San Rafael, Cal.; E. E. Bucknum of San Rafael and Miss Leona Bucknum, also of San Rafael.

C. L. Morris, who was with Bucknum on the ill-fated hunting trip, was present at the brief ceremony which marked the lumberman's interment.

Mad Dog Infects Hogs
J. W. Tyler, the well known breeder of Poland China hogs, lost two of his animals from the effects of being bitten by a mad dog, and a calf belonging to A. A. Richards, which had also been bitten by the same dog, died a few days ago. The mischief was done three weeks ago, when the dog passed through that neighborhood. Mr. Tyler's loss is a pig and one of his best brood sows. The animals died last Tuesday. None of the other members of his herd were infected.

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DRAINAGE CASE BEING HEARD

Boundaries of District and Assessment of Benefits Points At Issue

The district court at Caldwell is this week engrossed with the legal battle over the creation of Drainage District No. 1 in this valley. Except for confirmation by the court of the proceedings, organization of this district has been completed. Apportionment of benefits has been made by the commissioners and their helpers. The apportionment and the boundaries of the district are the chief points at issue.

Territory included in the district as now formed lies along the Payette river lowlands in Canyon county and extends over into Gem. It is planned to drain the water-logged lands extending much of the way between Emmett and New Plymouth. Ten thousand acres are included.

Among the interests against which the costs of the district would be taxed according to the proposed apportionment, are both Canyon and Gem counties and at least three irrigation companies or districts. The levies against the counties are supposed to cover the lands in the public highways.

The chief objection to the apportionment is being made by irrigation concerns, one of which is faced with an assessment of \$20,000. The irrigation companies set up the claims that they own no lands and that, since such a charge against them would have to be collected as a blanket assessment over all the lands they serve, injustice would be done the shareholders who live remote from the drainage district. About a dozen of landholders have also filed legal objections to the apportionments, most of them claiming that they will not receive as much benefit as they are asked to pay for.

Recently the Ada county district court ruled in favor of irrigation companies in a similar case from the Boise valley, and it is generally believed established a precedent that will have much weight in this case.

Boundaries Not Changed

Walter Nusbaum, one of the Drainage directors, returned today from attending court in Caldwell. He states that Judge Bryan held that grounds for a change of boundaries were insufficient and that the present district will stand. Owing to not being prepared for trial, the hearing on the assessment has been postponed to June 21.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

Resolution Endorsing Co. M. Passed—No Celebration on the Fourth

The Commercial Club Tuesday evening had as visitors Major Jeffreys and Lieutenant Garber of the Idaho National Guard, who were present to set forth the advantages of a strong company here and urge the support of Emmett people. Captain Miles, of Co. M., was also one of the speakers along the same lines. It was stated that if the company could be increased to 65 that it would be entitled to an appropriation of \$5000 per year; that unless that number were reached by July 1, when state guards become national guards, the company would have to disband. The following resolution was adopted:

"The Emmett Commercial Club hereby resolves to lend hearty support to Co. M., to co-operate with its officers, to urge its eligible members and others to enlist in said company and in all possible ways endeavor to make our local company one of which Emmett justly may be proud."

A vote of thanks was extended to H. W. Titus for his services in repairing the billiard and pool tables.

The matter of holding a Fourth of July celebration was brought up and after considerable discussion was voted down.

D. W. Davis Here
D. W. Davis of American Falls, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, is in town today and will make a public address at Pleasure Club hall tonight. On his present trip through the state Mr. Davis has been very well received and is pleased with his prospects, although he feels that interest will be greater

in the state candidates after the nominations for president are announced. Mr. Davis is standing for a business like administration of the state affairs, and believes that an immediate and lasting reduction in taxation can be effected by proper handling of the state resources. As a land owner and farmer he is especially interested in aiding the man on the land, one of his announced policies being the conversion of school bonds held by the state into cash for farm loans.

Oil Tanks for Emmett

The Continental Oil company has decided to make this city a distributing point and will install oil tanks here within a short time. William Bills, the traveling salesman of the company for many years, has been succeeded in this territory by J. L. Cochran in order to reduce Mr. Bills' territory. The two gentlemen were in town yesterday.

I. O. O. F. Memorial Day

Sunday, June 11, has been designated as Memorial Day for all I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges in the United States. The day will be observed here. Members are requested to meet promptly at 9 o'clock in the morning at the hall, bringing as many flowers as possible.

Officers Elected

The semi-annual election of officers of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges was held this week. The Odd Fellows elected H. T. Davis, noble grand, and R. G. Newcomer, vice grand. Rebekahs elected Pearl Wilton, N. G.; Geraldine Laravee, V. G.; Ruth Peterson, secretary; Frances Landers, financial secretary; Edna Landers, treasurer.

Log Drive In.

The log drive of the Michigan-Idaho Lumber company, aggregating about 2 million feet, is safely in the storage ponds at the sawmill. Its arrival was eagerly awaited by the s. m. The main body of the drive began arriving Friday and was completed, yesterday.

BORN.

On Friday, to Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Ocker, of Sweet, a son.
On Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Bates, a son.
On Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parrish, at Baker City, Ore., a daughter.

A Pleasing Concert

The concert given by Emmett's band, under the direction of D. E. Smithson, pleased a large crowd, and plainly showed that the people are hungry for music. The program was varied to suit all tastes and was well rendered.

Bakery Closes

The Palm bakery was sold at Sheriff's sale yesterday to the Falk Mercantile company of Boise. The debts of the concern aside from the Falk claim, amount to about \$1000.

The proposed 200 million dollar motor car building combination, including Willys-Overland, Chalmers, Hudson and Durant companies, will invade Henry Ford's field with a cheap motor car, and one of the greatest commercial wars in the history of the country is impending, according to Wall Street reports.

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HOW FRUIT SITUATION LOOKS

Peach, Apple and Grape Crops Will Be Larger Than Anticipated

Reports of the condition of the fruit in this section being so varied, The Index man, accompanied by T. E. Hance, W. H. Appel and Wm. Kilby, made a partial canvas of the South Slope orchards Sunday morning.

The best that can be said is that there will be more peaches, apples and grapes than was expected immediately after the freeze, and that there will be enough peaches to supply the local demand. The pear crop is problematical, but indications are that it will be as large as last year.

The Henry Obermeyer and Irving O. Brown orchards will have a lot of peaches on the upper half. Many trees are carrying almost all they can stand. The Hartley orchard does not show up as well as was at first expected it would, and the crop will be quite light. Still the trees in the upper end will all have a few. Houston Hitt reports that the home orchard will have quite a nice lot of peaches. H. B. Baker and Harvey DeClark report a few.

Apples are scattering. Trees in Obermeyer orchard next to the house are full, several trees are loaded heavily. A few prune trees there are also full. T. E. Hance's Pearmain and Delicious trees will have a good crop for their age. Several trees in Mae Sharpe's orchard south of town, in the flat, are well filled and, according to Tom Hance, are worth spraying.

Will Tucker has the best showing of pears to be found in this section. This applies to the Anjous only. The trees are young, but they are carrying all they should. The Howells are barren. There are a few pears in the Hartley orchard.

Grape vines are sending out new blooms. In the Obermeyer vineyards, some of the old blossoms escaped the frost, while new blooms are setting quite plentifully. He estimates his crop of Concord at 40 per cent.

On the East Slope J. A. Hiatt has a full crop of peaches in a portion of his orchard, which is especially favorably located.

A peculiarity of C. W. Cook's peach orchard is that none of the trees bloomed this year. Maybe they had a hunch.

Two new prune orchards on the South slope that present a fine appearance are those of J. C. Allmon and A. P. Peterson. There are 10 acres in each. The trees are thrifty, uniform and well cultivated. Jason Keely has charge of the Allmon tract.

One of the prettiest and best kept orchards in the valley is that of Will Tucker's. His trees are so uniform that one would suspect Bill (who is a barber by trade) had not only clipped and shaved them, but had also manicured them and trimmed their corns.