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DEPOT SOON TO BE BUILT

City Council and Railroad Engineer Meet to Dispose of Matter

R. R. WANTS GUARANTEE

Company Not Yet Decided Whether Depot Will be Built on West or East Side of Main St.

The Vale City Council is ready to guarantee that main street will be opened and straightened provided the railroad agree to give enough ground for a road around the depot to connect with the street North of the tracks. Engineer Ashton of the railroad attended the meeting with maps which were carefully examined and a long discussion ensued as to which street should be kept open. Finally Main street was definitely decided upon and the guarantee was offered on condition that the railroad promises to build within a certain time.

LARGE PLANTS FOR THIS CITY

Woolen Mill and Scouring Plant May be Expected Here in Short Time

SHEEPMEN TO AID WORK

Those Who Will Establish Plants Coming to Wool Growers Convention

That a woolen mill and sheep scouring plant will be erected here within a short time is more than a probability. The men who intend to establish the plants will attend the woolgrowers convention at Ontario on the 15th of the present month and will be brought to Vale which is conceded to be the very best site for a scouring plant owing to the presence of the hot water springs.

George McKnight, president of the State wool growers association, when asked about the matter says that the plant will almost certainly be constructed here and the sheepmen of Malheur and Harney counties will support the movement to the limit as the success of the undertaking will mean a tremendous advantage to all concerned. He also said that half a million sheep can be scoured here and the advantage to be gained may be gauged from the fact that the wool now must be all shipped East in the dirt, which causes a shrinkage of three fourths. "There are three pounds of dirt for each one pound of wool," said Mr. McKnight, "and all this dirt must be shipped East, after which it is shipped back at the sheepman's expense in the shape of blankets etc., instead of having the money spent that way given to local people in wages."

P. O. RECEIPTS MAKE BIG JUMP

The business transacted in the Vale post office during Nov. exceeded the volume for November 1908 by more than 40 per cent according to Postmaster Boswell. The summary of the business for the past month is as follows: Received 419 sacks of ordinary mail. Received 133 locked pouches of first class mail. Dispatched 290 sacks of ordinary mail. Dispatched 131 locked pouches of first class mail. Separated 41485 pieces of transit mail for other offices. Recorded 511 transit registers for other offices. Delivered 32212 pieces of mail to patrons of the Vale P. O. Dispatched 21415 pieces of mail deposited in this office. Issued 315 money orders, received for same \$2358.84. Stamp sales for the month \$300.19. Beautiful books of poems and novels of the world's best writers, full leather bound, limp covers, in gilt. On display at The Drexel Drug Co.

WILL FIGHT NEAR BEER

Prosecuting Attorney McCulloch says that Beverage Called Soft is Hard and Will Have Hard Time

CHEMICALLY ANALYZED

Said by Authorities to Contain 3 1-2 to 4 1-2 per cent of Alcohol and to Manufacture Jags

Are the days of near beer doomed in the regions where Prohibition holds sway? J. W. McCulloch, prosecuting attorney for Malheur, Grant and Harney counties, seems to think they are and on next January he will exhaust the whole armory of the law, if necessary, to bring down the curtain on the only existing substitutes for the real thing that was dear to the heart of him who imbibed not wisely but too well. "Can we prove that near beer violates the regulations?" said Mr. McCulloch when in Vale last Thursday. "Well, I guess so. In the first place we know that men who drink near beer have succeeded in cultivating some most enviable jags and surely there must be something in it—in the near beer, I mean. Can we prove anything directly by a chemical analysis? Well, listen; we have had near beer analyzed and the analysis has demonstrated that it contains from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 per cent alcohol."

NEW TEACHER FOR SCHOOLS

Alterations Will be Made in the Arrangement of Grades and Teachers Next Monday

A new teacher will be added to the staff of the Vale schools next Monday to handle the increasing number of pupils. Miss Ford of Bully Creek has received the appointment and Principal Seeley will arrange for a substitute to take that lady's place in the school formerly taught by her. New arrangements will be made in the classes and teachers also. Miss Mulkey will have the seventh and eighth grades, Miss Platt will teach fifth and sixth, Mrs. Jacobs and Miss Ford will preaide over second, third and fourth, and Miss Raymond will have charge of the first and primers. There will also be a and b classes which are sub divisions of the others. Principal Seeley, who teaches the high school says that the number of pupils is now approximately 200 and constantly increasing. The class of Mrs. Jacobs now contains 60 children.

R. R. RECEIPTS SHOW BIG GAIN

Last Month's Freight Nearly Doubles That of Nov. '08 and Passenger Traffic 50 per cent Larger

The freight receipts for November, 1909 on the local railroad nearly doubled the receipts for November 1908 and the passenger traffic for last month exceeded that of the preceding November by 50 per cent. The number of pounds of freight for Nov. 1908 was 1,641,329. For last month it was 2,517,022. The freight charges Nov. 1908 were \$6,350.15. For last month they were \$11,773.74. The ticket sales Nov. 1908 amounted to \$1,029. For last month they amounted to \$1,473. Twenty three carloads of freight were received Nov. 1908. Thirty seven came in 1909. In Nov. 1908 one immigrant car came. Last month the number was 5. No immigrant families came in November last year. Eleven came last month. The cash remittances sent by Agent R. B. Hoyt for November 1908 amounted to 7,685.31. Last month the sum of 12,874.75 was remitted.

Big Fight Arranged
Tex Rickard and Gleason have obtained the privilege of staging the J. J. J. Johnson fight on July 4. The amount given is \$101,000 and the big half of the moving picture receipts. The fight may take place near San Francisco or in Utah.

WOOL GROWERS SOON TO MEET

Excursion Trains Will be Run From Vale to Ontario on 15 and 16 to attend Wool Growers Meeting

The Wool growers of Malheur and Harney counties will meet in convention at Ontario on the 15th day of the present month, and matters of prime importance will be brought up for discussion. On the following day a fine stock exhibit, as well as an exhibit of poultry and pet stock, will be made and on both days special trains will leave Vale about 8:30 a. m., on which special excursion rates will be obtainable. On the sixteenth a big free dinner will be part of the program as will be the formal opening of the Snake River Bridge. Ex-governor Gooding and Senator Borah, of Idaho, will address the wool growers on the evening of the fifteenth and a banquet will wind up the proceedings of the day. At the convention the question of the leasing of the public domain will be taken up and discussed. It seems sure to sheepmen that they will succeed in having some grazing law enacted by the coming congress and as Malheur and Harney counties occupy almost the entire public domain of Oregon. It is considered necessary that the sheepmen of these counties should all attend.

HAS FAITH IN THE OIL FIELD

Prominent Civil Engineer Who Worked in Florence Fields Visits Local Ones

LOST MINE RECOVERED

Prospectors Preparing for Spring Rush Into Remote Idaho Region

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 29.—Prospectors throughout Idaho are preparing for a Spring rush to the Bruneau country, a somewhat isolated district, where one of the famous "lost mines" of the West has just been relocated. For 30 years there has been a tradition of a sheepherder who came to civilization with samples of quartz yellow with free gold and told his friends of a great ledge from which the samples were taken. Starting back alone, he disappeared and was never heard of again. The finding of a skeleton recently in the region where the shepherd ranged caused a revival of the story and a renewed search for the storied ledge. The search is said to have been successful. D. A. Bourne, one of the pioneer discoverers, has returned from the Bruneau and gives details of the developments there. He says the ore carries values as high as \$80,000 to the ton. The smallest return from a random sample was \$86 a ton and there is in sight on the surface ore of the value of \$175,000. It can be quarried like building stone the prospector declares.

MAN SHOT DEAD AT JORDAN VALLEY

Frank Clarke was shot and killed by Lewis Franklin in the Jordan Valley Hotel last Thursday evening about 6:30 o'clock.

The killing is said to have been done in self defense and only after Clarke had attempted to kill Franklin. According to the reports Clarke butted into a conversation in which Franklin and some other men were engaged and resented the efforts of the others to get rid of him when he became a nuisance. He went away stating that he would get Franklin and soon afterwards returned to the hotel where Franklin was dining. As the latter left the dining room Clarke fired, the bullet grazing Franklin's breast. Franklin then pulled a gun and shot his assailant fatally through the neck. Clarke had lived for 20 years in Jordan Valley and was peacefully inclined except when under the influence of drink. Franklin is a new arrival. Sheriff Bob Odell was summoned to the scene and left immediately afterwards by auto. He will probably place Franklin under arrest.

One Day Deposit \$150,000

An idea as to the banking business transacted in Vale may be gained by the fact that the sum of \$150,000 was deposited in the U. S. Bank on one day last week—Nov. 24. The depositors were mostly small ones and the list was consequently a long one.

NATIONAL WOOLGROWERS WILL MEET AT OGDEN

The woolgrowers have been summoned to meet at Ogden, Utah, by the National President on January 6, 7 and 8. The principal subjects to be taken up are traffic and land conservation.

R. R. TO BURNS WILL BE BUILT

Engineer in Charge of Construction for O. S. L. Says Preparations Are Now Being Made

TO BUILD IN CITY SOON

Track From Ontario Will be Made to run Straight Through Heart of Town towards Burns

"We are now getting our engineer force ready and preparing the notes and other necessary preliminaries and just as soon as we shall have them completed we will begin the work of construction on the railroad between Vale and Burns." Such are the unmistakable terms used last Wednesday morning to a reporter for the Malheur Enterprise by no less a person than David H. Ashton, engineer in charge of construction for the Oregon Short Line. "It would be impossible at the present time" continued Mr. Ashton "to give definitely the date upon which we shall be ready to begin work but it is certain that the tracks and yards through the city will be built within three months. The only matter to be settled is securing of the right-of-way through the townsite. Mr. Ashton at the present time is in charge of the construction work on the line from Huntington to Lewistown which will soon be completed to Homestead.

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HIGH LINE TO COME UP

Commissioners Meet Next Monday to Hear Views on Question of Forming District

Commissioners Mallet and Scott will sit in the County Court house next Monday, December 6, and will ascertain the views of those concerned on the question of forming a new district under the Owyhee high line ditch. It is expected that a tremendous opposition to the idea has been developed. Hostility is said to have been created by the doubt felt as to the ability of the projectors to carry out the work successfully.

THREE GREENS WED IN VALE ONE DAY

No less than three people bearing the name of Green were married in Vale last Thursday morning, and in one house by one Judge. The bride and bridegroom who were joined by Judge Richardson first were both Greens but bore no blood relationship. A few hours after the first marriage another took place in which the bride's name was also Green. She was Cora B. Green and was married to Justice Kandle.

CROWD EXPECTED ROOMS WANTED

Mayor Mulkey expects some hundreds of strangers to come to Vale on Monday to attend the High Line ditch district hearing and suggests through the Malheur Enterprise, should the hotels be unable to accommodate them all, that people having vacant rooms might leave their names at the hotels and so direct the visitors to where they can find lodgings.

STORES MAY OR MAY NOT CLOSE

City Council Refuses to Take Any Action in the Matter of Sunday Observance.

PETITION DEALT WITH

Protracted Discussion Shows Majority of Fathers Inclined To Make Merchants Keep At Grind

The petition signed by the business people of Vale some considerable time ago asking the council to enact an ordinance making it unlawful to conduct business in Vale on Sundays was resurrected at the meeting last Monday evening but again laid on the table to await the presence of a full council. Before being re-committed to Limbo the petition caused a very considerable discussion, during which it became evident that the majority of the members of the council were opposed to a day of rest. "Why do they not close voluntarily?" asked Mr. Moffitt. "They have all signed it." A merchant who was present stated that combined voluntary closing is proven by experience to be impossible. "Let the merchants who are here agree to close," he said, "and the new man comes and keeps open." Another member of the council suggested that the petition was intended to affect the closure of the soft drink places. "You cannot close hotels, drug stores, etc.," said Mayor Mulkey. "A mighty hard thing to do," said Dr. Taylor. "It would surely cause hard feelings." Judge Wilson interpolated the opinion that the matter is ultra vires. Lawrence and Taylor argued that the farmers must have stores in which they may purchase supplies on Sundays. "How do Baker City, Boise and other places where a Sunday law is in force get along?" asked Moffitt. "Oh, well," said Lawrence, "it would be all right after a time, but Vale isn't broken in yet." Another merchant at this point butted in with the statement that the people they were talking about never showed up in the city on Sunday anyhow. "I only know one rancher that buys anything on Sunday," he said. "Enact a closing law," said Moffitt, "and the new conditions will not be noticed in six months." "They got used to early closing," suggested Business Man No. 1. "Why should they not get accustomed to Sunday closing?" But the Fathers were as adamant: "Tis a move to close the soft drink places," said Mr. Lawrence. "It would be a nuisance to close the banks," suggested Dr. Taylor, apparently as a reward for the support of Mr. Lawrence. At this point every member of the council appeared to have borne home to him the disastrous results to be expected from the closing of pleasure resorts, and what might be called a howl of terror and indignation arose. "Nothing doing. No, sirree," seemed to be the unanimous sentiment although it was, of course, couched in language that was a little bit more chaste and worthy of the dignified body that gave it utterance. "Close the pleasure resorts!" cried Mayor Mulkey. "You cannot close the drug stores. Think of the fortunes the druggists would make out of ice drinks in Summer!" The council did think of it with awe, and Mr. Lawrence again begged that the question be postponed until the full council is present. Dr. Taylor again agreed. "The first time saloons were closed here," said the Mayor, "a very considerable number of men could be seen laboring under the influence of the forbidden juice on Sundays." That ended it. The excuse for the presence of the full council prevailed and back to the archives went the petition.

CITY NEARLY OUT OF DEBT

And the Fathers Contemplate Inaugurating a Riot of Cement Sidewalk Building

NO ACCOUNT OF FUNDS

Months, Almost Years, Pass by and Even Members of the Council know not City's Wealth or Poverty

"We are practically out of debt, and within two months we shall begin the construction of cement walks right down to the depot on main st., and along Fourteenth street. We shall be fully cleared of debt next summer although we owed more than \$3000 three years ago." These words are a sort of a condensed and unified expression of the opinions of some members of the Vale city council last Monday evening after adjournment. The speakers appeared to feel by no means a small amount of pride in their Rockefellerian achievements and it was nothing less than a shame when some ordinary store-keeping citizen asked them a question as to when the last financial report of the council had been issued. The nearest any member of the council could go to answering was to say: "Sometime last year." The city fund is divided into several funds and of course to gather the accounts of all the funds together and give one grand total would be altogether too Herculean a task. Especially would this be so when the City's finances involved such huge amounts as Vale's municipal treasury usually holds. Anyhow there was no accounting, they said, and those walks will be built. A city council is not expected to know anything about a city's filthy lucre, anyhow. They did not exactly say so, but— One member did take a flying shot and commit himself to the statement that the City's indebtedness did not reach one thousand dollars. He may be right. Who knows? \$6000 IN SEED FOR 40 ACRES

Mart Hansen raised \$6000 worth of alfalfa seed this year on 40 acres of ground. The net profit from the seed amounts to \$125 per acre. In addition he raised one crop of hay which produced 3 tons to the acre.

Church Services

Judge William K. Lowery will speak in the Methodist church Sunday evening Dec. 12. His theme will be "An experiment in Ejector making." The usual services will be held morning and evening.

Building Residence

David Ashton, constructing engineer for the Oregon Short Line has begun the building of a residence at the corner of B and Smith streets. Baylis and company are the contractors and the building must be finished within 30 days. The home will be used as a residence by Mr. Ashton during the work of extending the railroad up the Malheur valley.

Curtiss Company a Success

The Curtiss Dramatic Company which has been appearing at the Grand Opera House during the past week has afforded a very great amount of pleasure to crowded houses every night. Mr. Curtiss himself and some of the members of the caste are very clever while of none can it be said that he or she failed to portray the character allotted very well.

City Treasurer Will Quit

W. J. Douglas will hand in his resignation as city treasurer at the meeting of the city council next Thursday. The salary attached to the office is \$100 a year. On his resignation Mr. Douglas will present a report on the finances of the city covering his term of office.

Monday Church Service

There will be an Episcopal service on Monday, 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist Church, by the Rev. J. Neilson Barry, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Baker City.

Bank Examiner Here

C. S. Loveland, National Bank Examiner, arrived today in Vale on the usual tour of inspection.

ARE RAISING BETTER BREED

Cattle and Horses of Malheur County Undergo a Tremendous Evolution

BLOODS REPLACE DUBS

Many Men Are Now Importing the Best That Money Can Buy and Expect Big Results

Beginning with the summer just passed a remarkable evolution began in the horses and cattle of Malheur county and its neighboring districts and the improvement which is expected to make itself manifest in the near future will be very large, according to Charles Thebaud, one of the most expert cattle and horse men in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Thebaud himself has just returned from New Plymouth where he succeeded in purchasing some of the best blooded cattle and horses in the market. He obtained cattle of the best description from Illinois and some splendid horses of the French Coach breed. Several other men, amongst them High Brothers, have also imported fine stock and others in districts further away from Vale have done likewise. The movement received its only real impetus last summer but it is increasing in momentum as the time goes on.

CITY MEN FAIL IN DITCH WORK

Know Nothing About Conditions in West But Think They Know It All

VIVID EXAMPLE GIVEN

Successors of Canyon Canal Co. up to their Necks in Trouble and State Aid Is Sought

That men who have lived their lives in the East should be satisfied to supply the necessary money and let men who know the conditions in the West do the work, has once more received a striking illustration by the appeal for relief and damage just made by the water users under the Canyon Canal to the state land board of Idaho.

The water users have asked that the Trowbridge and Niver Company, the successors of the Canyon Canal Company, be compelled to live up to the terms of their contract with the state of Idaho, which contract is said to have been violated. It is alleged that the construction work already completed is inferior, that the capacity of the Canal is insufficient and that by reason of the delay on the part of the company the lands under the project have depreciated \$500,000 in value within a period of five months. Loss of crops, discouragement of settlement and the restriction of improvements were charged to the failure of the company to proceed with the work.

Chairman R. B. Wilson of the Water Users Committee of five, which was accompanied by a delegation of 30 or more Emmet citizens and settlers, presented a resolution to the board last Saturday asking its members to secure the necessary relief.

Several of the men affected have given expression to the conviction that the builders, not being familiar with the conditions prevailing in the irrigable lands, should have been content to supply the money and to let the actual work be performed by those who have made irrigation a profession. It seemed also to be the consensus of opinion that work performed directly by Eastern capitalists may be compared with that accomplished by either State or Federal Government, neither ever affords the satisfaction found in work done by men or companies who devote all their time and efforts to a study of the question and who convert the knowledge so obtained into results that always prove beneficial. One member of the delegation summed the matter up as follows:

"Let the land owners and the ditch builders who understand the work get together and work together. That is the only method by which the West can be reclaimed satisfactorily."

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