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**Most Prosperous Year**

THE year just drawing to a close was the most prosperous of all years in agriculture, according to the report just issued by the Secretary. The value of farm products is \$8,750,000,000, a gain of \$869,000,000 over 1908. The value has nearly doubled in ten years. In that time the total value was \$70,000,000,000.

The most striking fact in the world's agriculture is the value of the corn crop for 1909, which is about \$1,720,000,000. It nearly equals the value of the clothing and personal adornments of 76,000,000 people according to the census of 1900.

The cotton crop comes second, and the lint and seed of this crop are worth about \$850,000,000 to the farmer.

Third in value is wheat, worth about \$725,000,000 at the farm and this largely exceeds all previous values.

The hay crop is valued at \$665,000,000; oats at \$400,000,000; potatoes at \$212,000,000; and tobacco at nearly \$100,000,000. Beet and cane sugar and molasses and syrup, from farm and factory, will reach the total of about \$95,000,000. The barley crop is worth \$38,000,000, flaxseed \$36,000,000, and 1,000,000,000 pounds of rice \$25,000,000.

In addition to this the forage yield of the forests which sufficed for nearly 7,700,000 sheep, 1,000,000 cattle, 90,000 horses and 15,000 cows was utilized by more than 27,000 individuals and concerns, besides furnishing free grazing for milch cows and work horses of settlers, prospectors and travellers.

**The Proposed New District**

AS matters look now the formation of the proposed new irrigation districts, at Kingman Colony and between the Owyhee and Malheur Rivers, seems to be further off than ever. The number of protests filed is said to be very considerable and certainly the arguments used by some of the protestants are convincing. The letter of Colonel Wood in this issue of the Malheur Enterprise explains more clearly, perhaps, than anything else the very grave dangers arising from the formation of districts under certain circumstances. Without a doubt the unlimited power of directors to assess may be exercised in a manner that would convert prosperity into poverty, and this one, single fact should act as a potent reason for delay. Indeed, until such a danger can be altogether eliminated, it is difficult to understand why any landholders could desire the formation of the district. On the other hand the water users probably know what they are doing, or it may be that their trust in human nature in the shape of district directors and capitalistic ditch builders, is confiding, but either the formation of a district is business or it is not. If it is a business transaction it goes without saying that it should be entered into in a business like manner, not in the spirit which is found only amongst the ultra innocent or the super saintly.

Messrs Trowbridge and Niver no doubt are men who carry out their projects in perfect good faith, but is there one landholder in the proposed new district who would voluntarily assign his interests to them without receiving some security for its return? Surely such trusting water users must be as scarce as good men were in Sodom and Gomorrah; why then would any man in his senses run the danger threatening from the power to assess his property without limitation?

**That Electric Light**

THERE are times when Vale people feel like saying hard things about the Vale Light and Water Company and some have suggested that the Malheur Enterprise take up the question and voice the dis-satisfaction which is from time to time more or less generally felt.

As the paper of the people the Enterprise has felt that a public complaint ought to be made, but when the matter is carefully examined and certain conditions, including the recent bad weather, are taken into consideration it is a question whether or not it would be just to blame the company too strongly. This paper has offered as much as anyone because of the failure of the power to run its presses, but on the other hand no one has learned by sad experience to understand more fully the treachery of machinery than a newspaper man. The manager of the electric company says that new machinery is about to be installed by him and that better things may be expected in future. As there is no reason to doubt this it would seem to be a superfluous bit of sermonizing to cast blame. Of course, the complaints made by several people to the Enterprise cannot be overlooked altogether. The wishes of the citizens should be respected by every paper aiming to be a representative organ, but when both sides of the question are carefully examined it certainly appears that the ends of justice can best be served by merely speaking of the matter and drawing attention to it without indulging in any vituperation.

**Jobbing Newspapers**

There is a certain kind of a gentleman who believes it the one of humor to job a newspaper man to get something published that he knows not to be a fact. This humorist is of the provincial, vacuous kind, but he does not know it, and very often the injury done a paper by him cannot be brought home to the action of his anatomy which in others is occupied by gray matter.

**DEEDS RECORDED**

State of Oregon to Randolph Sage—\$400—S 1/2 of S E 1/4 and S 1/2 of S W 1/4, section 16 tp 41 S Range 40, containing 160 acres.  
Same to Same—\$200—land in same section, containing 80 acres.  
State of Oregon to E. M. Sage—\$200—80 acres, Range 39.  
State of Oregon to Thomas Scott—\$176.75—Lot 1 Sec 19 tp 41 S, Range 40.  
Thomas Scott to Randall Sage—\$2,500—80 acres and lot in tp 41.  
N. J. Minton to George Strode—\$275—Lots at Nyssa.  
W. H. Waldron to L. E. Verbeck—\$150—78 acres Range 46.  
C. A. Beck to Thomas Dixon, 40 acres Range 47, also 3 shares in Owyhee ditch.  
Thomas Dixon to Annie, Frank and Harry C. Mansell, 48 acres Range 47.  
Wm. F. Yaryam to Robt. Vengilise—\$700—Lot in Nyssa.  
C. O. Thomas to Joseph H. Tague—\$2,000—80 acres, Range 44, and 20 shares of stock in the Gillerman-Forman ditch.  
Amanda F. Rinehart to T. O. Tipton, \$150—Lot 1, Block 5, Vale.  
W. A. Teutsch to Nyssa Improvement Co., \$500; Lots 5 and 6, Block 27, Teutsch Addition, Nyssa.  
Samuel S. Brewer to S. A. Coulter, \$950; Lot 2, Block 26, Ontario.  
Daniel B. Tuttle to S. A. Brewer, \$350; Lots 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, and 20, Block 251, Ontario.  
N. W. Bower to Arthur W. Ward, \$250; Lot 3, Block 2, Emison Addition, Nyssa.  
John Arthur to Humboldt Gold Mines Co., 80 acres, Range 41.  
Martha J. Thomas to Charles Wesley Nelson, \$500; 2 acres; S Range 45.  
O. J. Ramsey to N. J. Minton, \$600; Lots 1, 2 and 8, Block 15, Nyssa.  
N. J. Minton to Ira M. Rutledge, \$15,200; 89.22 acres, South Range 46.  
James H. Riggsby to N. J. Minton, 2 Lots, Nyssa.  
Nyssa Improvement Co. to N. J. Minton, \$1,700; Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Teutsch Addition, Nyssa.  
John E. Warren to Lester E. Smith, \$1,700; E 1/2 of N 1/2, of N E 1/4, of N E 1/4, of Sec 29, tp 15, S Range, 47.  
W. B. Hoxie to Walter Alford, \$375; Lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 23, Taylor Addition, Nyssa.  
Mrs. E. Stout to J. W. Vanderford, N 1/2 of N W 1/4 Sec 11, tp 18, S Range 47.  
L. J. Hadley to J. H. Coffman, \$225; Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block 8, Hadley's 2nd Addition, Vale.  
Homer J. Tipton to R. M. Humphrey, \$300; W 1/2, Lots 7 and 8, Block 10, Vale.  
Ben. C. Speichinger to W. H. Brooke, \$300; Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 134, Ontario.  
John W. Graff and Finley Mackenzie to George Matteson, \$1,000; water right for part of Succor Creek; also land in tp 3 N Range, 6 W Boise Meridian.  
Clarence O. Thomas to J. L. Cole, \$175; Lots 7 and 8, Block 13, Eldridge Addition, Vale.  
J. L. Cole to Mary Osborn, Lots 7 and 8, Eldridge Addition, Vale.  
J. C. Blood to Charles R. Emison, \$750; Lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 36, Ontario.  
George L. Groeg to Charles H. Spicer, \$3,000; E 1/2, S W 1/4 of S E 1/4, Sec 31, tp 15, Range 47.  
Floyd Garrison to R. E. Weant, \$1,060; Lots 9, 10, 27 and 28, Block 5, Hadley's 2nd Addition, Vale.  
Frank G. Stauffer to C. R. Peterson, property in tp 24, S Range 37.  
C. O. Thomas to R. M. Humphrey, \$8,700; Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 13, Eldridge Addition, Vale.  
S. A. Coulter to A. W. Trow, \$150; Lot 2, Block 26, Ontario.  
George L. Phillips to Arthur McCarty, \$225; Lots 6 and 7, Block 2, Nyssa.  
Otto Beyer to Charles H. Davidson, N W 1/4 and N 1/2 of S W 1/4, Sec 13, tp 22, S Range 46.  
George P. Green to Roy P. Crockett, W. B. Hoxie to George S. Parks, \$125; Lot 7, Block 8, Nyssa.  
George S. Parks to Robert vanGillse, \$800; Lot 7, Block 8, Nyssa.  
John M. Krogh to Nettie M. Krogh, property in tp 20, S Range 46.  
William G. Vogts to W. W. Beem, \$2,000; S 1/2 of N E 1/4, of S E 1/4 of Sec 30, tp 19, S Range 47.  
Walter Alford to J. J. Sarazin, half interest in Lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 3, Taylor's Addition, Nyssa.  
John F. Stephen to Theron R. Beers, \$3,000; W 1/2 of S W 1/4, Sec 12, and S 1/2 of S E 1/4, Sec 11, tp 24, S Range 38.  
Desert Land Entry—Clara Albia McCann of Westfall Oregon, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 15 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 14 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 23 Tp 16 S R 39 E W M.  
Desert Land Entry—Theron R. Beers, of Riverside, Ore, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 12 E 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 13 Tp 24 S R 38 E W M.  
Desert Land Entry—Chas. E. Flynn, Vale Ore, N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 5 SE 1/4 Sec 6 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 7 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 8 Tp 17 S R 4 E W M.  
Desert Land Entry—Jesse Hamstreet of Brogan, Ore, S 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 5 Tp 16 S R 43 E W M.  
Fredrick A. Kribs to Malheur Live Stock and Land Co.—all Sec 16 Tp 17 S R 37.  
Ben. M. Richardson to Mary V. Richardson—\$600—all west 1/2 of lots 3 & 4 Block 3.  
Herman Robde all of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec 36 Tp 19 S R 46 containing 40 acres.  
N. J. Minton to James H. Ribby lots 3, 4, 5, block 1 Teutsch's add Nyssa.  
L. J. Hadley to Rosamond G. Eskridge—\$700—lots 3, 4, 5, Block 7 Hadley's 3rd add.  
Ruth Share to Effie L. Minton—\$1200—W 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec 9 Tp 21 S R 46 and E 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec 8 Tp 21 S R 46, cont. 160 acres.  
W. P. Rinehart to H. S. Wood—\$300—1-8 interest in SW 1/4 Sec 29 Tp 20 Range 45.

**MAN NAMED CASEBEER BUYS GOSLING'S SALOON**  
It looks like a joke, but it is an absolute fact that a man named Casebeer has become the owner of a soft drink saloon in Vale.  
The matter came up at last Thursday's meeting of the City Council when Messrs. Casebeer and Vaughn made the request that the license fee paid by Mr. Gosling be placed to their credit and the license be continued in their names.



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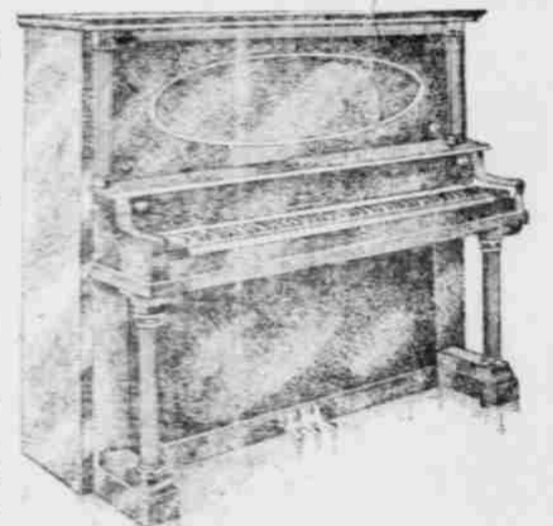
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The Malheur Enterprise offers the people of this vicinity this prize as a means of establishing themselves in this country. The Enterprise wants to reach every home in Malheur and Harney Counties, and it also wants to send thousands of its copies to the more densely populated States so that it can do its share to draw from those congested districts and help populate the two counties whose resources have not begun to be developed—Malheur and Harney. The Malheur Enterprise offers its patrons the greatest publicity contest ever attempted in Vale.

**Read the Conditions of the Contest**

How Ballots Are Secured	Value Of Special Ballots	Price	Votes
In all cases where ballots are issued subscriptions must be paid or prepaid. The full amount of money must be sent direct by mail, paid to local collectors, or brought to this office. The paper will be delivered by mail or by carriers, as requested.	For every 6 months subscription	\$1.00	250
	" " 1 year	2.00	600
	" " 2 "	4.00	1500
	" " 4 "	8.00	5000

**Who May Enter This Great Contest**

Any woman is eligible, provided conditions set forth below are complied with: Candidates must reside in the district or territory designated. No candidate will be permitted to transfer votes to another after receiving them for herself. No employee of the MALHEUR ENTERPRISE or member of an employee's family will be eligible as a candidate. In case of a tie, prizes of equal value will be given each of the contestants tied. Standing of contestants will be published from time to time.

THE PIANO WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME 3 DAYS AFTER EXPIRATION OF CONTEST, FEB. 22, 1910.

**Contest Opens Dec. 11, 1909.**  
**Contest Closes Feb. 22, 1910.**

For further information address or call CONTEST DEPARTMENT OF

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