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RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION SOON TO BEGIN

SHEEP SUFFER ONLY A LITTLE

Reports That Stock Was Dying by Hundreds Proven to be Exaggerated

M'KNIGHT DENIES IT

Sheepmen Resent The Stories of Large Losses Published in Some Papers

That sheep and stock generally suffered no great hardships during the recent severe weather is the gist of the statements made by several sheepmen and stockmen in those parts of Idaho and Oregon contiguous to Vale. Some newspapers in Boise and elsewhere published sensational accounts of losses that were never incurred but such stories brought out from stock men contradiction and statements that proved the losses, if they existed at all, to be very small. Tales of very severe loss in the Minidoko district were whispered around during the week but they have been shown not to have been well founded.

George McKnight, President of the Woolgrowers Association of the State of Oregon, when seen last Tuesday by an Enterprise man, stated that no losses had occurred to his knowledge, unless one takes into account the loss of some old stock a percentage of which is lost every year. He did not, however, wish to be quoted as saying that no losses will occur as he does not know what might be the consequence of a continuation of the bad weather. At the time the stories of the alleged losses were circulated there was no foundation for them whatever the future might bring forth.

Marriage License

A marriage license was obtained last Tuesday by Vincent Harland of Malheur county and Miss Blanche Honey of Idaho.

OIL SAND NOT SO DEEP HERE

That the oil will be found at a much less depth near Vale than at Ontario is the opinion of Alonzo Fisher an expert oil man who has spent most of his life operating in the Coalinga, Bakersfield and other oil regions.

He believes the sand dips towards Ontario and that the belt runs in a Northwest - Southeast direction. In Ontario he figures that oil cannot be expected at a depth of less than 4000 feet. That oil will be found here in great quantities he does not in the least doubt. The field has all the ear marks of being a great producer in his opinion and he says that work alone is needed to bring in the wells.

Eight-sixty Wins Watch

The person holding the number, 860, won the watch given away at New Years by O. W. Propst.

COUNTY WILL HAVE LARGE MAP MADE

Paul Jones, County Surveyor, while in Vale this week stated that he is now working on the production of a large map of the county. The scale of the map will be half an inch to a mile. All the county roads, railroads etc. will be shown.

WEATHER COLDEST IN TWENTY-TWO YEARS

The weather experienced in Vale recently is the most severe that has visited this section for twenty-two years, according to A. B. McPherson. Twenty-two years ago Mr. McPherson taught school in this neighborhood and to-day he tells some yarns about the effect of the climate, that should be taken cum grano salis were it not for the fact that we have his own word for the truth of the statement that he is the most veracious man in Malheur County.

Coyote Scalp Burned

The ceremony of burning coyote scalps was performed last Thursday. There were 223 of them and several sets trophies.

WAGERS THAT OIL IS HERE

Five Hundred Dollars Posted to Prove Knockers Have No Ground to Stand on

DAVIDSON PUTS UP MONEY

Sends Coin Through Enterprise to Portland to Prove Courage of Convictions

Money talks, and T. W. Davidson the Vale Oil man spoke volumes to prove his conviction that he has oil when he posted \$500 last Thursday morning as an even bet that he can produce the goods.

The direct cause of the bet was a statement made by a Portland man that there is no oil in Eastern Oregon. This man is Tom Yerger. Some time ago Mr. Yerger was staked in on some oil ground by J. E. Reed at his own request, but when the time came to put up the nominal sum charged he pulled out with the statement that there is no oil here. These facts were communicated to Mr. Davidson, and the latter, knowing the futility of empty words when it comes to convincing the sceptical, drew a check on the U. S. National Bank of Vale, and in the presence of a representative of the Malheur Enterprise enclosed it in an envelope addressed to Reed. The letter accompanying it directed Reed to bet the money against an equal amount that the Vale Oil field has the goods. More than that, the letter also contained the offer that Yerger should select one man, Davidson a second, and the two should select a third, all to make an investigation, which investigation should be carried out at Davidson's own expense.

The Enterprise man was then handed the letter and by him it was mailed. It now remains to be shown whether the knockers will talk now or remain silent for all time.

BRILLIANT LIGHTS FOR VALE DEPOT

The railroad officials have decided to place large arc lights on the new depot so that the structure will be brilliantly illuminated. The matter has already been taken up with the Electric Light Company so that no difficulties may be experienced when everything else is ready.

Four To Become Citizens

Cornelius William De Boer, Fred Koopman, Peter Stam and Emil John have placed their applications for their final papers as citizens of the United States and the matter will come up at the coming session of circuit court.

MISS LILA GRIFFITH IS NEVADA BRIDE

Miss Lila Griffith, a popular young lady of Vale became a Nevada bride in Elko, Nevada, and several of her friends at Vale were remembered when the invitations were being sent. The groom was Robert Critchley who lives at Elko.

GRAND MASQUERADE FOR THE FOURTEENTH

A grand masquerade ball will be given by the Vale band in Hunt and Carey's hall on next Friday, January 14, and a rattling good time is assured to all. Some of the costumes to be worn are expected to be pesches, while others will be brilliant and pretty. The best music ever heard is promised as well as the keeping of good order on the floor so that the dancers may enjoy a royal time. Every needed preparation is being made so that everything will go with a swing during the evening.

Hope Receives No Answer

No answer has been received from the railroad officials to the communication sent by M. G. Hope, in which he stated that he will refuse to donate his property on main street for the purpose of having that thoroughfare straightened, unless the company abandons its attempt to have all the streets mentioned by them, closed.

GET EVIDENCE FOR THE STATE

Some Vale People to be Witnesses Against Binger Hermann in Coming Trial

Several local people, some of them from the city of Vale, will be witnesses for the state in the case of Ex-Congressman Binger Hermann who will be tried at Portland on the tenth on the charge of land fraud. T. E. Hammersley, deputy United States Marshal, came to Vale in the early part of the week and subpoenaed the witnesses, amongst whom are B. W. Mulkey, County Clerk, S. L. Payne, Assessor and Finley McDonald.

The marshal also subpoenaed Drewsey people. Hermann was formerly Commissioner of the General Land office.

POWDER THROWN FROM HEIGHT WITHOUT RISK

A remarkable experiment was witnessed last week near the city when a box of the most powerful powder known was thrown from the roof of a railroad car to the earth to prove that no such shock could cause it to explode. The test was made by C. Johnson who came in charge of a car of powder recently for the Willow River Company. The explosive is known as "Trojan" and is advertised to be the least dangerous and the most effective. Other advantages it presents are the fact that it causes no sickness or headache to those using it, and it does not freeze.

The experiment, while regarded askance by several was quite safe. Mr. Johnson says a cap alone can set it off.

T. T. Nelsen says for finest linoleums.

COMPANY ASKS CONTRACT BID

What the extension of the railroad to the west into the Burns Country will soon be in full swing is now certain beyond the shadow of a doubt.

This vitally important intelligence has come through the fact that the Railroad Company has already requested some contractors to present bids for the work of construction. The rumor to this effect prevailed during the past week, but nothing definite was known until the return of D. H. Ashton, the construction engineer, to Vale on Thursday when he was seen by an Enterprise man and the question was put to him directly. Mr. Ashton manifested a strong disinclination to speak, but he finally admitted that he knew one man who had been asked to present a bid. Similar proposals may have been made to others but he did not know of them, or he did not feel at liberty to mention the fact. However, he and his family have now come to settle in Vale where he has had a new residence built and this fact alone is freighted with the greatest possible significance.

One statement Mr. Ashton did commit himself to was to the effect that nothing remained now to cause a delay in commencing the work of construction but the obtaining of a right of way from the settlers in the territory through which the road will run.

As readers of the Enterprise will remember, Mr. Ashton stated some time ago that some two thousand men will be employed on the construction work. He says that the work will be exceedingly heavy in some places.

Twenty-three Below
According to the thermometer of H. P. Osborne, the temperature fell to 23 below zero last Monday morning.

RAID JORDAN VALLEY GAMES

Several Prominent Citizens of Interior Town Arrested on Charge of Gambling.

Several prominent citizens of Jordan Valley, including J. A. Schass, proprietor of the largest hotel in that town; were arrested last Tuesday on the charge of gambling, complaints having been issued by prosecuting attorney McCulloch after a careful investigation of the conditions. A special deputy, C. M. McCoy, was dispatched to Jordan Valley to execute the warrants and eight men were immediately placed under arrest by him. In all, more than twenty complaints were filed, the evidence having shown, it is alleged, that a very large number of people had made a regular profession of poker, faro and other games in violation of the law. It is expected the prisoners who were started off after their arrest for Vale, will be brought up before the Circuit Court for trial next week.

The prisoners came to Vale and when they appeared before Justice of the Peace Zachary Wilson yesterday they were bound over in the sum of \$500 each. The names of those arrested are J. A. Schass, Orin Acton, A. Byrd, Joe Silvie, "Tom," a Jap, Lee Hung, and L. Place.

Schass is charged with permitting gambling in his building, Acton, with running a chukaluk game and Franklin for conducting a 21 game.

Lee Hung the Chinese prisoner says he has been gambling at Jordan Valley for four years and that he has lost about one thousand dollars.

Have inquiries for good ranch property, Vale Realty and Investment Co.

PREPARES FOR CUP CONTEST

Vale Will Be the Scene in March of the Test of Skill Between Schools

MISS MULKEY BEGINS BATTLE

Will Have Charge of the Vale Forces in the Battle on Home Territory

Miss Mulkey, in her capacity as chief of the grammar grades, has begun the work of preparing the pupils of the Vale schools for the contest which will take place here in March for the possession of the Coveted Silver Cup. She has no doubt whatever that her young champions will cover themselves with glory as they have in the past, but she intends to leave no stone unturned to bring about the crushing defeat of all comers. Several schools in the county have signified their intention of taking part and the children of Westfall, Ontario, Nyssa and the other towns will troop into Vale full of confidence.

Principal Seeley has surrendered the reins of office, so far as the cup contest is concerned, to Miss Mulkey and that lady is now sending out enquiries to the different schools. It is expected that special trains will be run from Ontario and Nyssa while conveyances of all kinds will be brought into requisition for the young invaders of Westfall and other places.

Gave New Years Dinner

The dinner given on New Years by the ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church was eminently successful from every point of view. Very large numbers attended and all were highly pleased with the fine manger in which everything had been arranged.

Linoleums, Rugs and Carpets at T. T. Nelson's

TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR

The tax levies were fixed by the county court last Thursday as follows: For general county purposes 7.8-10. Mills. Tax for county schools 2.6 mills. There are 2,400 pupils, at \$7 per capita. For county road purposes 4 mills. For state purposes 2.5 mills. For school libraries 1-10 mills.

WESTFALL IS IN THE LEAD

Miss Gladys Woodward Ahead in Great Piano Contest by 2,400 Votes

Miss Gladys Woodward of Westfall is now in the lead in the great contest for the \$425. piano offered to the ladies of Malheur county by the Malheur Enterprise. Vale's leading contestant, Miss Margaret Glenn, is, however, second, and only four yearly subscriptions are required to place her on an equal footing with the champion of Westfall. Such an improvement in position could be effected in less than half a day, in an hour for that matter, so the slight lead of Westfall's young lady really means only very little, when one remembers the potent possibilities of such a Miss Margaret.

At last accounts from Miss Angie Lyells, Ontario's chances looked exceedingly bright, but no word has been received from that young lady for some days. One of the best known citizens of Ontario, who knows Miss Lyells, when seen in Vale the other day, was spoken to about the matter and he just said:

"That's all right, Miss Lyells is winning in more senses than one."

Miss Constance Wilson is said to be working quietly but effectively in spite of the call made upon her time by her school tasks. She wants to win, but, alas, so do the others and the fight is to the bitter end. The fact that Vale's votes will be divided should not matter, as the advantage of working in the home town will surely count for a great deal.

PETITIONS DISMISSED

Settlers Under the Proposed Boise-Owyhee Districts Bow to Inevitable

TO FORM ONE DISTRICT

Court Sits Only One Minute and Claggett Asks For Dismissal of Petitions

Acting on the instructions of W. H. Brooke, attorney for the settlers under the Boise-Owyhee ditch lines, T. W. Claggett asked last Monday for the dismissal of the petitions for the formation of the two districts, and Judge Richardson and Commissioner Mallett dismissed them accordingly. Mr. Claggett stated after the adjournment of court that another petition will now be presented in favor of including both of the proposed districts in one. He believes, however, that some difficulties will be experienced also by the new petitions as the settlers under the Owyhee ditch line seem to be opposed, at least to some extent, to the new proposal. No further adjournment of the hearing could have been made as the period of four weeks, allowed by statute for such adjournments, had come to an end. A strong effort will be made to have the new petition succeed and it is hoped by the great majority that the opposition will be overcome and that a project of such tremendous importance will finally become an accomplished fact.

Strike Near Nome

According to the Seattle Times of recent date a gold strike of importance has been made near Candle, Seward Peninsula. It is said that seventeen claims have already been proven to hold pay which ranges from ten cents to one dollar a pan.

Wanted, homesteads and desert relinquishments, Vale Realty and Investment Co.

K. P. BANQUET ON THIRTEENTH

A grand initiation service followed by a banquet in the restaurant is part of the program drawn up by the Vale Knights of Pythias for January 13. The Ontario Knights have been invited and they are expected to come in a body to aid in making the occasion a splendid success. The local lodge is building up to magnificent proportions at the present time and is composed of the very best material in the country. The hall has been leased for another year at the end of which period, it is expected, arrangements for the erection of their own building will have been concluded.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR VALE HOT WATER CO.

At a meeting of the incorporators of the Vale Hot Water Company, which was held this week, organization was effected and the following officers were elected: President, T. W. Halliday; Vice President, M. G. Hope; Secretary, Tom Jones; Treasurer, I. W. Hope.

WILL BORE FOR OIL NEAR BURNS

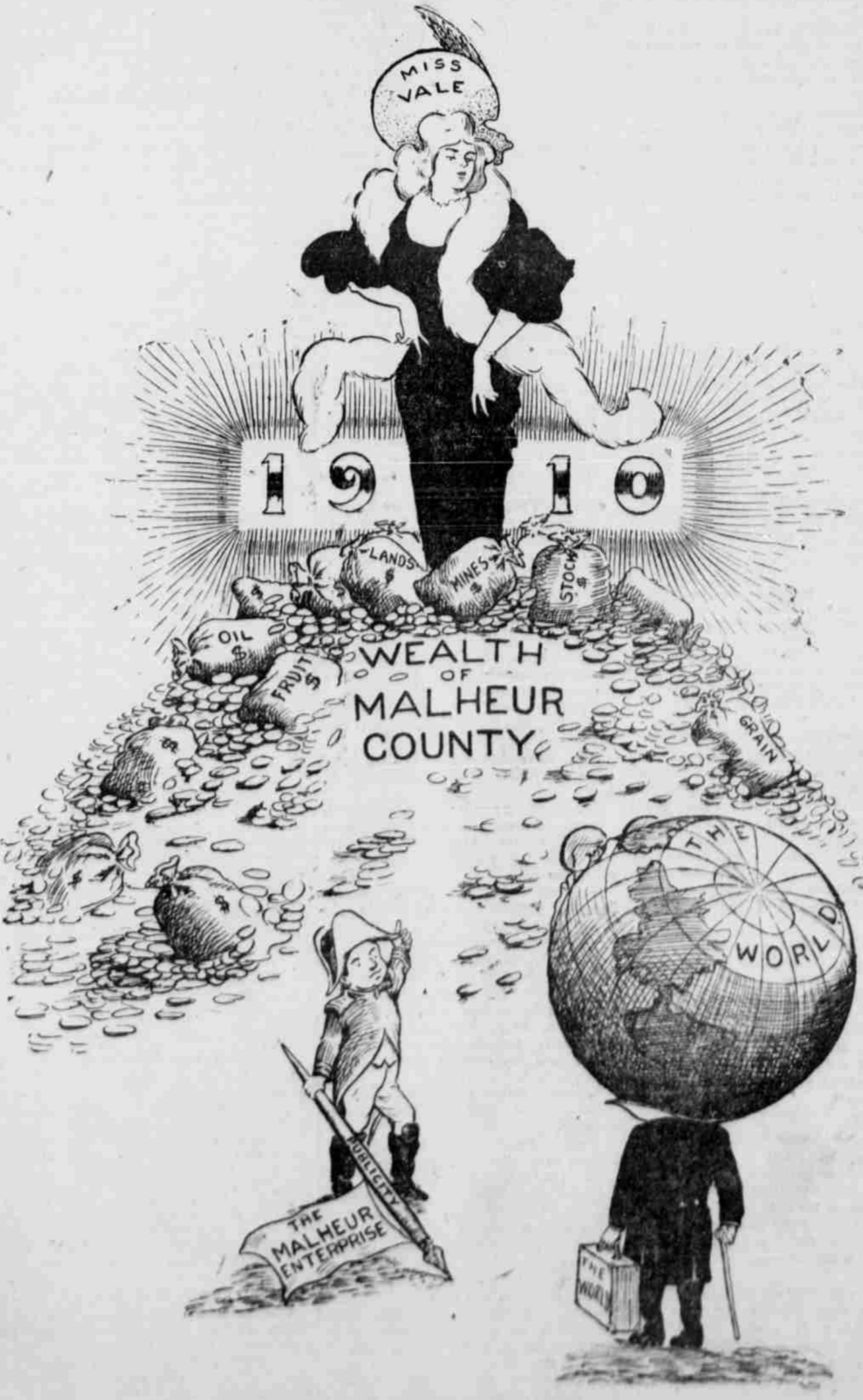
The district around Burns is about to receive a thorough prospecting for oil by local people, S. M. Talbot, who was an operator in the Virginia oil fields passed through Vale this week on the way to Burns where he will drill next Spring for the Harney Valley Oil and Gas Company.

SEELEY WILL STAY TO END OF TERM

Principal Seeley of the Vale schools returned in time to take up his work at the close of the holidays. He says it is a fact that he contemplates a change in location but that he will remain here, anyhow, until the end of the term.

Gets Phone Right-Of-Way

W. D. Baker was granted a right-of-way for the telephone lines over the county roads by the county court last Thursday, with certain restrictions.



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