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Grading of Vale-Dog Mt. Division to Be Completed in Fall of 1913 Chief Carl Stradley Tells of Progress on the Oregon-Eastern Railroad

ANOTHER SUB CONTRACT LET ON OR-EASTERN

Heleon Bros. Are Throwing Grade this Side Mouth of Malheur Gorge

WORK ON FULL FORCE

Excavation Work on Heavy Cut at Mile Post 15 Shows Rapid Progress--Grading Crews Are within Sight of Low and Are Making Good Headway

That railroad work on the Oregon Eastern, the new trans-Oregon line of the Harriman system being built from Vale west and headed for Coos Bay, is being pushed as fast as possible now that the good weather has set in, as prophesied and exclusively given out at different times by The Enterprise, is verified again this week through the letting of another sub-contract to the Heleon Brothers Construction Co. by the Utah Construction Company for 3 1/2 miles of graded grading from the Hurley contract to the mouth of the Malheur canyon. Work started Wednesday, one of the camps being located at the upper end of the Glenn ranch and another at the Osborn Grove. The Heleon Brothers claim that they will have their contract completed in thirty days.

Jerry Hurley's crews are making good headway on their four-mile contract. They are coming this way from Tom Boston's place and have one mile of grade nearly completed and will take up the other three miles right away. The Goldsmith outfits

ORE-EASTERN RY. BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Carpenters Finished Large Warehouse Last Friday--To Return Here After Completion of Richfield Job--More Buildings For Local Yards

Bob Nichols left on last Saturday for Richfield, Idaho, with the Oregon Short Line carpenters who have been erecting the offices, bunkhouses, and warehouse for the construction engineers of the Oregon Eastern railroad now building from this city. It is understood that the crew will have three months, work at Richfield on the construction of similar buildings as have been erected here. Upon the completion of that job they will return here to erect more warehouses in the local yards. The big warehouses have been receiving a coat of paint and the group of new buildings present a neat appearance.

WELL KNOWN STOCKMAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED AT HOME NEAR BEULAH

Jesse Thompson, one of the best known and most prosperous ranchers of the Agency Valley, accidentally killed himself at his home, near Beulah, on last Monday. His body was found by his brother Elias on that afternoon. Jesse Thompson was alone at the time of the accident, and it is thought that while preparing to go on a hunting trip that on reaching for his rifle which had been placed on a pile of lumber in the barn the gun became entangled in some hay machinery, causing the accidental discharge of the loaded gun. The bullet entered the back of his head near the base of the brain. Jesse Thompson was one of the pioneer homesteaders of the Agency

\$50,000 SPENT IN IMPROVING LOCAL YARDS

Water System Now Being Installed for Fire Protection, Irrigation

WORK STILL CONTINUES

Parks on Each Side of New Passenger Depot Will be Sown to Grass and Shrubs Planted as Soon as Fences can be Erected Around Them

Fifty thousand dollars have been spent during the last twelve months in the improvement of the Vale railroad yards and the work still continues. This week Assistant Engineer Morris has charge of a gang of laborers putting in the water system to the new freight depot and to the new buildings of the construction department of the Oregon Eastern railroad. As soon as this system for fire protection and irrigation is completed, the fences will be put around the park plots on each side of the new passenger depot, and grass will be sown, for the purpose of beautifying

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MAN WHO RAN FOR CITY MARSHAL LOSES \$1,642.00

According to a notice sent out from Medford, L. L. Noonchester, who was a candidate for city marshal at the Vale city election the fore part of this month, has lost \$1,642.00, and is offering a \$500 reward for the recovery of the money.

Mr. Noonchester with his wife and two children, left Vale about two weeks ago for Medford to visit relatives and where he expected to enter the timber business. Mrs. Noonchester had the money, all of which was in a large wallet, in the shape of seven \$100 gold certificates; ten \$50 bills, four \$5 gold pieces, ten \$10 bills, eight \$10 and twenty \$5 pieces, while the remaining \$42 was in a small pocket book inside the wallet. The loss took place on last Sunday morning in the business section of the town but no other information can be learned.

Ferd B. Zutz, the popular candidate for county assessor of Malheur county, left Friday on horseback on a visit to the voters all through the county. Ferd says he will be the next county assessor.

J. J. Thomason, of Huntington, was in town yesterday to prove up on his homestead in the southern part of Baker county. He was pleased to see the progressive and busy atmosphere of Vale. His witnesses were T. C. Bagley and John Stork.

Construction work on the Oregon Eastern railroad in the Malheur Canyon, 15 miles west of this city, is progressing most satisfactorily. All crews at the various camps are working most advantageously on all of the heaviest cuts and tunnels and a splendid showing has been made since work started the first of the year. These were the statements made Saturday to an Enterprise representative by Assistant General Manager Carl Stradley of the Oregon Short Line, who also as Chief Engineer of that division of the Harriman system, has direct supervision of the construction of the Oregon Eastern, the new trans-Oregon line being constructed from Vale.

Chief Stradley accompanied by Construction Engineer Osborn, had just returned from a trip to the Malheur canyon, and because movements were going on in such satisfactory condition and further because they had progressed so fast, was very willing to enlighten Enterprise readers on the railroad situation. On account of lack of time, however, Chief Stradley only visited the large camp of the Utah Construction company at mile post 15, where one hundred men, scores of teams and much machinery are excavating the heaviest cut in the entire canyon, running about 1600 feet in length and 68 feet deep.

Concerning the work at mile post 39 where crews have started boring the 2600-foot tunnel Chief Stradley stated that it was the one biggest undertaking of the Malheur canyon and that it would take a year to complete the job from portal to portal. Small crews only can be worked on each end of this long tunnel and the progress is slow on account of the rocky formation of the high mountain. Many times tunnel work can be hurried by starting crews from a shaft sunk from the top of the mountain to the middle thus enabling two crews to begin operations in each direction from the middle but here this is out of the question on account of the height of the mountain. It is also impossible to build a temporary roadbed around the rocky cliff of other work, such as the grading of roadbed either this side or beyond this tunnel must wait until further progress.

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VALE AGAIN LEADS IN SCHOLARSHIP



EULA HULL

Vale's representative and winner of the Fifth Annual Contest of the Declaratory Association of the Malheur County public schools which took place in this city on March 9th against the schools of Ontario, Nyssa, Boulevard and Mallett. The above cut also shows the beautiful silver cup trophy awarded to Miss Hull by the association. This beautiful prize has now been won three times by the Vale schools, indicating the superior scholarship of the local schools.

REACH FRISCO FOR 1915 EXPO SAYS LOVETT

Railroad Branches of Harriman System to be Completed

"BUSINESS IS BETTER"

Harriman System Will Build to Keep up With the General Development of the Territory It Serves -- Oregon-Eastern Included--Lovett Pleased

"For the first time in many months there is a general improvement in business throughout the West and prospects are bright for a continued movement upward," said Chairman Lovett, of the Harriman railroads, a few days ago on his arrival at Omaha from an inspection of the system.

"This movement is in general business, as well as among the railroads," he said, "one cannot prosper without the other feeling the same forward movement. There is general prosperity in the air out West, just now, this probably is induced by the rains and snows, which are heavy enough to insure first-class crops from New Orleans to San Francisco and back to Omaha.

"As for railroad building this year, both the Union Pacific and Short Line have several short branches under construction. There are several such in Nebraska, Colorado, Idaho and Oregon. In fact, the Harriman system will build to keep up with the general development of the territory it serves."

"As for double-tracking, this will continue as planned and will be completed before 1915. Yes, that applies to the Southern Pacific, between Ogden and San Francisco, as well as the Union Pacific from Omaha to Ogden. The entire stretch from the Missouri river to the coast at San Francisco is our aim in time for the Exposition."

EVERGREEN TREES PLANTED IN VALE

A. H. Topelt, of Doty, Wash, made lots of Vale residents feel good the past week when he sent a shipment of young fir and cedar trees for planting. The shipment was sent to his father, Julius Topelt, who is a well-known homesteader of the Willow Creek valley. Grandpa Topelt received the young evergreens on Thursday and distributed them among his many friends whom he thought would care for them and see that they get a fair start.

Ben Jones of Creston, and E. A. Leavitt of Juntura were in town on business Thursday.

jury on the charge of horse stealing. He was well out of the state when the warrant for his arrest was placed in Sheriff Kerfoot's hands but he took up the trail and followed until succeeded in landing his man. Culp's trial will be held next April, and he is now being held in the county jail.

HORSE THIEF BROUGHT BACK TO FACE TRIAL

Sheriff Kerfoot Traces His Man Through Three States and Finally Lands Culp at Eureka, Cal.--Was Indicted Last January

Sheriff D. H. Kerfoot returned Saturday from Eureka, Cal., with A. A. Culp, who he arrested at that place on the charge of horse stealing after tracing his man for a long distance through Idaho, Nevada and northern California. Culp was indicted at the January term of Malheur county circuit court by the grand

VIRGINIA OUTLAWS WOUND BROTHER-IN-LAW OF VALE RESIDENT

I. B. Quisenberry, of this city, who formerly lived at Hillsville, Va. the scene of a courtroom tragedy Thursday of last week, is a brother-in-law of Dexter Goad, the surviving Clerk of the Court, who was wounded by the outlaws, when Judge Massie, Sheriff Webb and District Attorney Foster were slain.

Mr. Quisenberry, upon reading the news of the triple assassination on last Saturday, told an Enterprise representative that he was personally acquainted with all the principals of the affray, having lived among them all of his life until he came to Oregon a few years ago. He had gone to school with them and is outspoken

in praise of the victims of the Allen brothers and just as outspoken in condemnation of the outlaws.

"I know all of those men personally. The Allens were always in trouble and when not fighting neighbors, they fought among themselves. Easterners call Oregon the wild and woolly West but it is not in it with some parts of the east, especially where the Allens have been circulating. I came from Hillsville, Va., and on one occasion they shot each other almost to death. The Allens are outlaws and opposed to allowing justice to prevail in court or elsewhere.

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Construction Work on Bully Creek Project Slated to Begin May 1st .: Eastern Capitalists Coming

Assurance is given in this issue that the Bully Creek Project is progressing satisfactorily. The necessary legal matters are now practically adjusted. The alignment of the main canal will be completed this week and a careful survey of the farms on Bully Creek proper has just been completed.

A topographical survey of lands which have been contracted for water will be commenced shortly. Land is being contracted for daily and it is practically certain that by May 1st sufficient land will be signed to warrant commencement of construction. Non-resident holders are beginning to see that in order to make their holdings of any value they must contract for water.

Of the seventy-five thousand acres under the system, not more than thirty-thousand acres can be supplied with water. Owners who are directly under the canal and fail to obtain a contract (particularly non-

resident owners) may find their holdings of but little value, while the company is not only willing and anxious to have land contracted which is most available and easily served there by lessening the construction charges and length of laterals. It is beyond their power to increase the amount of water and clearly their duty to protect the land contracted, and to enter into no more contracts than they can certainly supply.

The doubt expressed by some of the owners as to the value of the lands is not warranted by the facts. It seems almost useless to reiterate that the land is worthless without water, and that in no place, nor under any properly completed system is the land worth less than \$125 to \$200 per acre whether the water has cost 50 or 100 dollars per acre.

Mr. Brogan will be in Vale on or about April 1st and will bring with him representatives of parties interested and also parties who are looking for favorable land investments. He has put in a busy winter discussing the advantages of this section and has personally performed a great service to the community in placing directly before many Eastern people the opportunities for profitable investment offered in various ways in Eastern Oregon, particularly Malheur County.

Success crowning his efforts in this Enterprise, he will have the distinction of putting two great systems in operation in this vicinity.

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MAKING OF A "CITY BEAUTIFUL"

STAPLES TO TAKE CHARGE P.O. APRIL 1ST.

New Postmaster To Become Familiar With Routine of Business--Will Start Postal Bank Upon Taking Official Charge of the Office

Vergil B. Staples, recently appointed postmaster to succeed John Boswell of the local postoffice, will take charge of that office on April 1st. He has received his official appointment from President Taft and all of the red tape preliminaries have been arranged satisfactorily.

Upon his going into office, Postmaster Staples will also start the new postal bank, which was ordered started by the department at Washington some weeks ago, but delayed on account of the interference by the change of postmasters.

Mr. Staples, when seen by an Enterprise reporter a few days ago, stated that he expected to go into the office about the first of next week to become familiar with the routine of business but that he would not take official charge until the first of next month.

Dr. Hoopie reports the birth of a 12-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts of Westfall on Wednesday morning.

HOW ABOUT IT LADIES--DID YOU SAY CIVIC PRIDE?

Rose Day promises to be one long remembered in Payette. The ladies of the Portia Club having charge of this movement have ordered 1063 rose bushes to be planted in Payette on that day, says the Payette Enterprise. While the date has not been definitely decided upon you are urged to watch the bulletin board on the Compton corner for further information. The ladies have ordered sufficient roses for the four large flower beds in the city park and will plant them. These rose beds will be encircled with pansies, the club flower. From a small beginning Rose Day has grown to wonderful proportions and with the planting of over one thousand rose bushes Payette promises to indeed become the "City Beautiful."

Ontario, March 18.--Monday, April 1, will be Rose day in Ontario. Mayor Trow has issued a proclamation setting aside that date as the time for planting roses in Ontario and several thousand roses will be planted here on that day. At a recent meeting of the Ontario Commercial club the matter of beautifying the city was considered and it was decided to have a rose planting day this spring and a committee was appointed to formulate plans and arrange for Rose day. Every citizen is urged to join in the city beautiful movement and already a large number of orders have been sent in. The Commercial club has arranged with a local nurseryman to furnish roses at a reduced price.

\$150,000 OF TAXES MONEY NOW COLLECTED

Short Line Turns Over \$32,500 on March 11th--Rebate Days on Taxes Are Over--Taxes Delinquent After First Monday In April

The tax office of this county is making no more rebates on the payment of taxes, Friday of last week having been the last day of the three cent rebate. Monday of last week was the record day for the largest amount of tax money paid to date, the Oregon Short Line on that date having paid over \$32,500 to the sheriff's office.

Deputy Clerk John Houston, in charge of the tax department, estimates that about \$150,000 of the \$255,000 of tax money to be collected have already been paid in.

One half of the taxes may be paid on or before the first Monday in April and the remainder on or before the first Monday in October. Taxes are delinquent after the first Monday in April unless the first half is paid, and the second half becomes delinquent after the first Monday in October. A penalty of 10 per cent on the full amount of said delinquent taxes, together with interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the first Monday in April must be added.

J. R. Smith, a recent arrival from Chicago is in Vale looking over the country with a view to purchasing here.