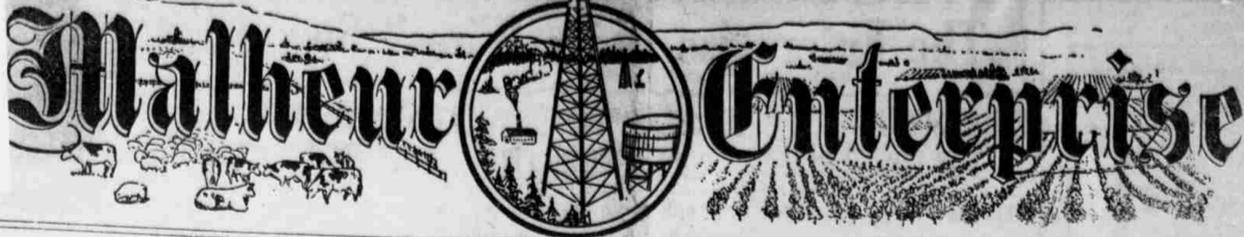


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LOCAL R. R. YARDS IN SHAPE FOR DIVISION

Ballasting of Miles of New Sidetracks and Levelling of the Immense Railroad Yards Show That Vale Will Play Important Part in Trans-Oregon Line

Largest Railroad Yards Along Harriman System in the Intermountain Country Will be Finished Here on Tomorrow--Presents Beautiful Sight

Tracklaying Machine now Working Beyond Mile Post 20 in the Malheur Canyon--Mile Post 36 to be Reached Within Six Weeks

One mile of steel is now being laid per day at the front on the Oregon Eastern railroad, 20 miles west of this city, and mile post 36 will be reached within six weeks when laying of track in the Malheur canyon will be stopped until next Spring.

CIRCUIT COURT TERM COMES TO AN END

List of Cases Passed Upon During the Last Week of September Term--Some are Settled, Others are Continued to Later Dates by Judge Biggs

J. J. Gleason against T. A. Denison and Chas. C. Cranmer for recovery on note was on trial Thursday of last week before a jury which returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$225. A motion to set aside judgment and verdict was overruled. Appeal made and sixty days given for filing bill of exceptions. Julian Hurley was the attorney for the plaintiff.

Oscar Westfall versus D. H. Kerfoot, recovery of money; set for hearing of motions and demurrer November 2nd, 1912.

"VALE COUNTRY IS TRULY WONDERFUL"

"No section of the Northwest has better prospects than the Vale country," said Charles H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, while in this city on Monday. "The trip up the Malheur valley as far as this city convinced me that it will rival all other sections, fruit or agricultural, that are now famous. The soil of the Malheur valley is certainly rich and the crops are wonderful, indicating that anything will grow in this new country."

Mr. Shields made this statement after having visited the Yakima valley, the Hood River country, the Rogue River valley and other sections which have become famous fruit sections, and he made no exceptions for he at once saw the nature of the soil, the climate and possibilities of the great Malheur valley. He was still more surprised when told that 100,000 acres surrounding Vale could be brought under a high state of cultivation with the bringing of water on the land.

"Think of it," said he, "one hundred thousand acres. It is wonderful when you come to think that other famous sections are either handicapped by the small size of the valleys or character of the soil. The Yakima valley has not more than 10,000 or 12,000 acres, while here the surrounding small valleys are even larger than the Yakima valley. In the Medford country, which is a most ideal pear country, a large part of the land must be blasted out in order to bring the "hardpan" to a state possible for cultivation. At Hood River many a section is so rocky that it must also be blasted before trees can be planted. Here the soil is rich, only wants your irrigation projects to make the most fertile spot in the Northwest."

How to Win That Beautiful Piano

Grandest Offer Ever Made to Secure Free Votes--Get the Enterprise and Clip the 1500 Vote Coupon Each Week

Owing to the great struggle which is on between candidates for the winning of the new piano being offered by the Malheur Enterprise and the Vale Trading Company, we have concluded to offer a large number of votes to the readers of the Malheur Enterprise.

In every issue from this on will be found a coupon worth 1,500 votes. It is a big increase over the previous offer and the easiest possible way of securing votes for yourself or your favorite. So be sure and get a copy of the Malheur Enterprise every week and save the valuable coupon. Remember, too, that by subscribing for a year in advance you not only are given 1000 votes but you can clip every week a coupon appearing in all the issues from now until December 24th when the contest will draw to a close. Subscribe today for the Enterprise and see your votes increase.

ALSO SEEKS FORECLOSURE OF "DEMOCRAT"

Mrs. Lees Files Cross-Complaint Asking Court to Satisfy Mortgage and Appoint Competent Newspaper Man as Receiver of Ontario Democrat

A cross complaint was filed in the circuit court during the past week, asking that the newspaper plant of the Malheur Publishing Company, which publishes the Ontario Democrat, be foreclosed and placed in the hands of a competent newspaper man as receiver pending the foreclosure proceedings.

This complaint is filed by L. Belle Lees against C. C. Dodge, Estelle Dodge, J. R. Gregg and J. E. Roberts and the Malheur Publishing Company. From the papers filed it is learned that the plaintiff prays for a decree.

TITLE ABSTRACT CO. CHANGES OWNERS

C. C. Mueller on last Saturday sold the Title Abstract Company of this city to Attorney Robert M. Duncan who took charge of the business on Monday of this week. Frank Napton will remain in the office for some time until the new owner becomes acquainted with the work. Mr. Mueller will continue in the insurance business. He is also interested in the meat business with R. E. Weant, the firm providing meat for many of the railroad construction camps in the canyon.

VALE BANKS ARE VERY PROSPEROUS

The last statements called show the banks of Vale to be enjoying a rapid growth. For the February call the totals of the two banks amounted to \$602,191.74 as against \$654,231.17 for the September 4 call. In February the individual deposits were \$226,000.14 while the last statement showed that they had swollen to \$435,900.30.

R.R. SURVEYORS WORKING IN CASCADE MTS.

Several Parties Along the McKenzie River--Act Mysteriously

KEEN RIVALRY EXISTS Hill and Harriman Interests are Represented--Two Surveys Being Made for Railroad Across Cascade Mountains Along the Pass of the McKenzie River

Portland, Sept. 23: Extensive engineering parties representing the Harriman and the Hill railroad interests, are engaged in surveying a line up the McKenzie river eastward from Eugene, with the evident intention of establishing a route across the Cascade mountains connecting with the Central Oregon railroads.

Such is the authentic news received here, the informant being U. G. Eddy, an Eastern gentleman who has just returned from a fishing trip along the McKenzie. There are several parties of surveyors, numbering in all probably about 75 men. The present most easterly camp, apparently, is situated at a small place some 30 miles east of Eugene. Other camps are established near Waltersville, 15 miles further west. Two surveys are being worked out, each following the immediate valley of the McKenzie river.

The parties have been on the ground but a few weeks, and from the thoroughness of their equipment and the apparent semi-permanency of the camps, there seems excellent reason

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Carey Given Life Sentence

Imprisonment in the state penitentiary for life, the only penalty possible under the statutes of Oregon when a defendant has been convicted of murder in the second degree, was the sentence imposed upon Asa Carey by Circuit Judge Dalton Biggs on Friday of last week.

May 10th, Carey while on a drunken debauchery for the purpose of taunting Marshal Westfall of the little town of Westfall, who had been appointed to the office formerly held by Carey, killed Officer Westfall. He was convicted of murder in the circuit court a few days before his sentence.

THEBAUD RANCH IS SOLD TO NEW YORKER

One of the biggest realty deals made in this section for some time was made the past week when Chas. W. Thebaud and wife sold their 360-acre ranch, one and a half miles south of town to Albert E. Jones of Buffalo, N. Y. The Thebaud ranch is one of the best in the valley and is under a high state of cultivation with splendid alfalfa and grain fields, besides good pasturage for the thoroughbred stock.

BIG CABLE ARRIVES FOR NEW OIL WELL

Two thousand feet of 2 1/2 inch Manilla drilling cable together with a large amount of bull rope and calf line arrived in this city on Wednesday from the east and will be freighted out at once to the holdings of the Central Oregon Oil & Gas Company south of

ALFALFA SEED TO BRING BIG RETURNS TO RANCHERS

Threshing of alfalfa seed started this week and this far there is every promise of a large crop. Seed growers state that the seed will be as good as that of last year, although the quantity may be somewhat less as some of the ranchers cut their alfalfa for hay just after the first early frost.

J. W. Lynd states that he will have a good crop this year but how it will actually turn out can only be told after threshing. L. E. Hill is threshing this week and his crop is fair. Mart Hansen, the king of alfalfa seed growers, is certain of another big crop this year, so is C. O. Thomas, Bud Robbins and others. The threshing crew will be on the Thomas ranch today.

Last year the alfalfa seed netted thousands of dollars to the ranchers of the Vale country and it sounds good to all to hear the news of another big seed year.

DAILY TRAINS FOR WILLOW VALLEY

Daily train service except Sundays to Jamieson, Brogan and other Willow River valley points from this city was resumed on Monday. This change from the tri-weekly schedule was the result of an order from the railroad commission ordering the railroad company to give the Willow River valley better train service.

New complaints filed in the circuit court the past few days are those of the Vale Trading Co. versus E. E. Elliott, and the Interior Warehouse & Grain Co. versus Esther E. Elliott, both suits are for the recovery of money.

Earl Neely is now working in the Drexel drug store.

OIL STRIKE IS EXPECTED IN INTERIOR

Vale Man Who saw Samples From S Field, Confident it was Real Oil

NEW RIG BEING BUILT Central Oregon Oil & Gas Company Will Begin Drilling Within a Week or two--Expects to Strike Oil Before the First of the Year

"There is every reason to believe that oil will be struck in paying quantities in the Burns country before the first of the year," said Contractor A. J. McDonald on Tuesday on his return to this city when interviewed by an Enterprise reporter.

"The samples of oil taken from the Red S field will were the finest that I have ever seen. It is certainly the real stuff and I am of the opinion that J. C. Turney and his associates who are now erecting a derrick and installing an oil drilling rig a few miles from the Red S field near the Malheur lake, will find oil in paying commercial quantities. The rig will be ready for drilling operations in about twelve more days."

Mr. McDonald had been in Burns since early last Spring where he went to erect the modern \$25,000 public school building that the firm of Bayles & McDonald have just completed. He will remain in this city until the first of the coming month when he expects to leave for St. Anthony with a number of local carpenters to aid in the building of a large school house the firm is erecting in that city. The building operations there are in charge of Mr. C. E. Bayles, the other member of the firm. The St. Anthony school house must be completed by December 1st.

Here Is One For Vale's City Council

Member of Civic Club Wants to Know Why Certain Things are not Done--Council's Duty to Clean the Streets

Editor Enterprise:--In the late number of your paper you have an editorial stating that the Civic Improvement Club should take under their supervision the cleaning of the street and also of emptying of waste cans. If the Club had installed those cans we would do all in our power to induce the public to use them.

The council had them put in. Why not the council empty them? And why not a street cleaning gang?

The council spends money on other things, why not on that? Why does not the council enforce the ordinance for the building of sidewalks so that our children will not have to wade in the mud to get to school? Why? (Signed) A Club Member.

PLATTING OF NEW TOWNSITE IS STARTED

Town of Juntura Will Consist of 240 Acres Divided Into Lots and 400 Acres Cut up into Five-Acre Tracts--Railroad to Reach Juntura Next May or June

The new townsite of Juntura, 60 miles west of this city, is being surveyed this week according to District Attorney J. W. McCulloch, who returned a few days ago from Juntura where he had met "Bill" Hanley of Burns, and Col. C. E. S. Wood of Portland, his associates in the property, which is destined to become one of the most important centers in

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MALHEUR COUNTY SLIGHTED SAYS BEN SELLING

Injustice Done through Diversion of Reclamation Fund Makes Deep Impression

Vale and other sections of Malheur county were visited the fore part of this week by Ben Selling, of Portland, Progressive Republican nominee for United States Senator. On this trip Mr. Selling was adding to his general knowledge of conditions in Eastern Oregon, particularly its needs as to national legislation, and while here on Monday met a large number of voters of this city.

He was greatly impressed, while in this section, with the rank injustice done through the diversion of Oregon's share of the reclamation fund to other states. He gave his promise that, if elected, he will lose no time in seeing that Oregon receives its proper portion of the reclamation fund.

"Eastern Oregon is an empire in itself and the possibilities of its development are almost unbounded," said Mr. Selling in this city Monday. "In order fully to appreciate the immensity of the area of this section of the state it is essential for one to obtain firsthand information of the country. (Continued on Page 6)

MILE POST 20 BUSY BASE OF RAILROAD OPERATIONS

Steam Shovel and Ballast Train Crews are Being Moved to Little Valley in the Malheur Canyon Where is Located Large Gravel Bar

Base of Operations of Construction Crews Moved From Mile Posts Eight and Ten to Mile Post 20 Where Water Tank and 3000 Feet Siding is Built

Tracklayers are Laying One Mile per day and Ballast Crews are Following Close--Will lay Steel up to the First Steel Bridge at Mile Post 36

Mile post 20, in what is known as Little Valley, in the Malheur canyon is to be the busiest scene of operation along the Oregon Eastern railroad construction work during the next six weeks. At that point is now being located the construction camps which have been maintained at the Hope siding at Mile post 8 and also the gravel camp at Mile post 10 where the big steam shovel was taking gravel out of the Malheur river bed.

At Mile post 20 a 3000-foot siding has been laid and the steam shovel will be placed on the large gravel bar nearby. This will be the future base of operations for the ballast trains as a large water tank has also been erected at that point. Next week the tracklayers will be laying rails at the rate of one mile per day and the ballast train will follow within a few feet of the steel train.

The rails will be laid as far as Mile post 36, just this side of the 2600-foot tunnel, and up to the two large steel bridges being built between Mile posts 36 and 37. However the Harper siding, on Mile post 30, will be made the winter terminal for the hauling of supplies into the canyon until tracklaying can again be resumed early next Spring.

NEWCOMERS IN WILLOW VALLEY ARE REWARDED

Virgin Soil Yields Immense Crops -- Fifty-five Acres Produce 7000 Bushels of Fine Potatoes--Oats Average 74 Bushels and Barley Over 64 per Acre

Newcomers to the Willow River valley are feeling jubilant over the crops that are being harvested in that section of Malheur county. G. M. Cole, who came to the Brogan country last Spring from Nebraska, is one of those new settlers rejoicing over having found "the garden spot".

Mr. Cole on Wednesday, while in this city, stated that from 55 acres he had planted to potatoes he would get a crop of 7000 bushels. The oats sown on sod land averaged 74 bushels to the acre, and the first crop of barley, which was grown without irrigation, averaged 64 7-10 bushels to the acre. On this trip to town Mr. Cole had a wagon load of watermelons grown on his ranch. No better melons were ever grown anywhere. In size and flavor, they excelled anything ever seen here, proving conclusively that the Willow River country is a veritable garden spot.

Mr. Cole is representing a number of Omaha, Nebr., people he came here to see what the soil would produce and has found out that the word that had been scattered abroad concerning this most fertile valley was true.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Reich and Mrs. Edwards came down from Harper Thursday and in the afternoon went on to see the exhibit at the county fair.