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DAIRYMEN COMING

Owners of Large Dairy Interests Locate Here

MAY BUY LOCAL DAIRIES

If Deal Goes Through, 40 Cows will be Added and Large Business be Established.

Charles Muttart and his father, L. W. Muttart, of Auburn, Wash., who recently secured homesteads in this county through the assistance of Johnson & Tregaskis, the enterprising young real estate men of this city, are practicing dairy men owning large herds of excellent dairy stock at Auburn.

REDUCED STAGE FARE.

Thos. Selby of the firm of Cole & Selby proprietors of the Juntura-Burns stage line, was in Vale several days the past week in the interest of the firm.

They have reduced the auto stage fare from Juntura to Burns to \$5, and Mr. Selby was putting up placards all along the line, advertising the new rate, as many through passengers have been paying a high rate for auto service from Ontario to Burns, not knowing the liberal rate offered by the auto stage.

LAND OFFICE MAKES RECORD

Homesteaders are still rushing the United States land office at Vale. As will be seen by the report of the work of the local land office in this number, the rush of applicants for Malheur county homesteads is still on, seven-teen more filings having been made during the past week.

BUILDS BIG FARM HOUSE.

J. A. Draper came in from Drewsey Thursday, on his way home to Ontario, after an absence of several months. He has been building a farm house for S. S. Williams, just across the river from Drewsey. The new house is an eight room structure, and was built at an expense of \$3,000. Mr. Williams has a ranch of 1200 acres, and is cultivating a large portion of it.

NEW AUTO LIVERY

O. W. Propst has re-established his auto livery in Vale, and has purchased a new 1915 five passenger Ford for use in this work.

RABIES QUARANTINE.

The Oregon state authorities have at last discovered that there has been rabies in the Eastern Oregon counties, and a quarantine against rabies has been established in these counties, including Malheur.

OIL WELL IS DRIVING

Alaska Well Sinking Drill 15 Feet Daily.

The well of the Alaska company, under the direction of James Frost, is gaining depth. The average for the past six days has been about 15 feet per day.

Agriculturist For All the County

It is announced that Malheur county is to have a new county agriculturist, and that Mr. Shinn, who has been drawing the salary in that line for the past year, will move to Washington.

It is to be hoped that a man can be secured who will devote his attention to the needs of the entire county, and will not align himself with one particular portion of the county against another portion. A man is wanted who will not locate an office in the Commercial Club rooms of some town and devote his time to boosting for the town and knocking other towns and communities.

The taxpayers are willing to pay for a man who is competent and will assist the farmers of the county, but they want no more town boosters. We have plenty of them already, and they will work without a salary.

OLD FASHIONED MINSTRELS.

The Rex Theatre staged an old fashioned negro minstrel company Thursday night, with the old time funny men, the old style singers and dancers, and we might add, many of the old bewhiskered jokes.

The show was all right, all right, in many respects, and the colored gentlemen and coffee colored ladies did their elegant best to make a good show, succeeding fairly well in nearly every part. There were good singers and real, down South dancers of the old buck and wing variety.

WANT ENGINEER ABOLISHED

St. Helens.—A petition containing approximately 1200 names of taxpayers was presented to the county court here asking for the abolition of the office of county road engineer. The petitions were circulated in practically every part of the county except in St. Helens. The greatest number of names were signed by residents of Clatskanie, Rainier and Scappoose. These petitions were initiated by the Columbia county taxpayers' league, the principal allegation being that the office of county road engineer is unnecessary and a useless expense.

NEW ROAD PLANNED.

Klamath Falls.—A road connecting Ashland with Klamath county scenes of interest such as Crater lake and Upper Klamath lake, and with Klamath Falls for commercial advantages to both communities is being advocated by the Ashland commercial club, and representatives have been here conferring with local people to ascertain what aid may be secured from Klamath.

WHEAT SENT BY MAIL.

Baker.—A stream of 50-pound packages of wheat is going through here on their way from La Grande to Burns. Several carloads are on the way and more are expected. The Sawyer-Clark company is loading the wheat at Island City, near La Grande, and it is going to different parties at the interior city. It will travel 136 miles by rail and nearly 100 miles by stage, but is in the 100-mile parcel post zone.

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BIG TRADERS DAY

New Features to be Added and Bargains Offered by Vale's Business Men.

McKnight Bros. Buy Fine Colt

McKnight Brothers bought a fine stallion Wednesday from Gray Bros. of Spokane, the deal being made through C. B. Smith of the Cole & Smith Livery barn of this city.

BUILDING NEW PORCH.

Judge Davis is having a new porch built to the front of his residence, which will add materially to the comfort of his home during the coming heated season.

LOOKING FOR A HOME.

F. C. Ketchum and wife arrived in many respects, and the colored gentlemen and coffee colored ladies did their elegant best to make a good show, succeeding fairly well in nearly every part. There were good singers and real, down South dancers of the old buck and wing variety.

HUNTING FOR MALHEUR LANDS.

Mr. F. Fritz, of Portland, was in town Thursday, looking the country over under the guidance of I. W. Hope. Mr. Fritz is desirous of securing some large acreage.

A NEW MOVING PICTURE

The big K. of P. six reel motion picture, which was staged at a cost of \$300,000, is to be given at the "Rex" Theatre, Wednesday, April 20th, by Advance Lodge No. 105, Knights of Pythias of Vale. 350 tickets have been secured and will be given out by members of the order to friends of members, and those interested in Pythias.

SHOULD CHANGE ITS NAME

Since the Ontario Democrat has been sold to republicans, it has been suggested by prominent democrats that it would be more honorable and less misleading if the name were changed.

NEW SECRETARY.

The Vale Chamber of Commerce has secured the services of Mr. John Rigby as Corresponding Secretary, and he is now on the job, which is a guarantee that all who are seeking after information from the Vale and Malheur county region will be furnished with the desired information without delay.

GRAND JURY.

The grand jury for the April term of circuit court will meet at Vale next Monday, April 19th, and circuit court will convene the following Monday.

COOL WEATHER, BUT NO FROST.

The sudden drop in temperature the early part of the week gave promise of a dangerous frost, but a steady breeze and cloudy nights are reported from orchardists all along the valley, and no frosts resulted.

LAND OFFICE CLOSED.

The United States land office at Vale was closed all day Thursday in honor of the anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, in accordance with the proclamation of President Wilson.

BOY LOSES PART OF BRAIN.

The Argus reports that Roscoe Conklin, an Ontario school boy, was hit in the head with a discus at the track meet last Friday, taken to the hospital and pieces of the skull and a teaspoonful of brains removed.

MOVING TO BURNS.

Dan Eno and wife took their departure for Burns the latter part of last week where they will make their future home.

COMPLETES APRIL TERM OF COURT

Judge Biggs completed the April term of circuit court for Harney county on Thursday of last week and returned from Burns.

VISITING IN KANSAS.

Miss Bessie Hope has gone to Norton, Kansas, for a few weeks visit with her grandparents.

KNEER-BAYLES.

Roxy Kneer and Miss Mary Bayles, both of this city, were married Wednesday, Rev. F. L. Cook officiating.

JOHN BUNNY DYING

Vale movie fans will be as sorrowful in reading the following dispatch as if the subject were a personal friend, for everyone knows and likes John Bunny as the funny man of the picture world.

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Columbia Oil Is Working Steadily

Doolin Miles, of the Columbia well, was in town the past week securing supplies and states that the Columbia is in fine formation, and sinking rapidly proceeding.

PUMPING PLANT INSTALLED.

The old Lackey ranch adjoining Nyssa, now owned by Ed. Test and E. M. Greig, has had a pumping plant installed recently, and will be put under cultivation this season.

TWO CARLOADS OF AUTOS.

Two carloads of automobiles have been sold in the Burns country this spring, and still the demand increases.

HOLDUP WAS IN BAKER COUNTY

The holdup of the Mormon Basin stage, an account of which appeared in the Enterprise, together with the names of those held for the commission of the crime, occurred on the Baker county side of the line.

SQUARE DEAL GIVEN.

Washington.—Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador here, has thanked the American government for the "square deal," as he expressed it, shown to the converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, now interned at the Norfolk navy-yard.

POTASH THEORY CONFIRMED.

The beds of potash discovered in the Rockville section of Malheur county were traced from the original discovery in Death Valley, and are said to be of a greater extent than any yet found.

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BROGAN COMMENCEMENT PLAY.

Next Saturday, April 24th, the Brogan High School will present its Commencement Play at Brogan Inn, entitled "Hans Von Smash." At the same date the primary room will present "The Ruggle as Dinner Party."

K. P. GROWS RAPIDLY

The Knights of Pythias have added 60 members during the special dispensation which closes the 23rd of this month.

LOCAL KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Add 60 New Braves.

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