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## NEW LAND OPEN FOR SETTLERS

### Rich Lands Opened By Department Order Soon to Be Occupied By Homesteaders.

The Secretary of the Interior is removing the ban on a large amount of public land in Oregon much of which will soon be occupied by homesteaders. The Owyhee country is in a warm belt and grass starts there some weeks before other sections.

Lying along the river for many miles may be found bottom lands of great richness and depth of soil. While in many places the bottoms are narrow they often open up to a mile in width. The country surrounding is one of the best early grazing countries in Oregon and has for many years been the Mecca of cattlemen. Jordan Valley has been built on the values of this great country and that town is noted as one of the richest and best in Oregon. Its isolation from railroads is of little moment as regards its use as a cattle country, though it is expected and hoped by the inhabitants that the great railroad systems will not neglect so rich a country much longer.

It is supposed that the activity of the department in opening much of this land has been brought about by the certainty of congress passing the Ferris bill in some shape which will render withdrawal for power sites unnecessary.

There will be room and good land enough for one hundred families in the land opened the past month.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Vale, Oregon, March 27, 1916. Order of modification and restoration No. 203, Owyhee River, Oregon. Power Site Reserve No. 3.

By Departmental order of May 24, 1909, and Executive Order of July 2, 1910, all of the smallest legal subdivisions in Township 27 S., Range 41 E., Willamette Meridian, any portion of which lies within one-quarter mile of the Owyhee River, was withdrawn from all forms of entry as Power Site Reserve No. 3.

By Executive Order of February 15, 1916, certain of the withdrawn land was conforming to the survey and the remainder of the land in said township included in Power Site Reserve No. 3, was restored to the public domain, except the following described lands which are still withdrawn:

T. 27 S., R. 41 E., Sec. 25, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, S 1/2 of NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, SE 1/4; Sec. 35, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, E 1/2 of SE 1/4; Sec. 36, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NW 1/4, W 1/2 of SW 1/4.

The land restored to the public domain by said order of Modification and Restoration No. 203, where not otherwise reserved, withdrawn, or appropriated, shall, under the law applicable thereto, become subject to settlement at 9 o'clock A. M., on the 24th day of April, 1916, and to entry or other proper appropriation on the 22nd day of May, 1916.

This restoration is made in accordance with the provisions of the act of September 30, 1913 (38 Stat., 113), and subject to the regulations contained in Circular 324, of May 22, 1914 (34 L. D., 254), in so far as such regulations may apply.

Warning is hereby expressly given that no person will be permitted to gain or exercise any right whatever under any settlement begun prior to the date of settlement fixed herein, and subsequent to the reservation of the tracts involved, and all such settlement or occupancy is forbidden, and those settling in violation hereof are liable to be ejected.

Intending settlers are also warned to ascertain the status of the land, by inquiring at the local land office before making settlement thereon.

Persons having valid subsisting rights, initiated prior to the reservation, and who have maintained the same, will be allowed to complete such rights in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

THOS. JONES, Register.

Township Plats Received. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Vale, Oregon, March 28, 1916.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there has been received in this office, the approved plats of survey of the following named Townships:

T. 25 S., R. 41 E., W. M. Oregon; T. 25 S., R. 40 E.; T. 22 S., R. 39 E.; T. 25 S., R. 42 E.; T. 24 S., R.

### EX PLAINSMAN TO SPEAK

Phillipp Deschner, Gold Medal Man Dated for Sunday evening, April 9th, Christian Church.

For four years on the big O'Connor Ranch, down near the Mexico line, Phillip Deschner made good handling the cattle. He made good later on when he worked his way through college for he took all the gold medals against everything that New England could put against him and now he is making good on the platform with crowded houses and standing room taken.

He has had the ups and downs of an immigrant, for he came to America in the steerage. He was thrown out to battle with life in the far southwest and held his own with the best of them. Finally he fixed his eye on a high mark, quit the range, headed for college, worked his way through, taking gold medals and supporting his wife and mother, and now with the gifts of a Chautauqua speaker and the soul of a poet and the keen insight that comes from hard knocks, he is having his day of service.

The reason Phillip Deschner holds his crowd and sends them away to come back for more, lies in the deep love that the man has for his fellow man. Like Lincoln, he lived among the lowly and now with the wider outlook that the years have given he is marked as a man of rare platform gifts whom the crowd loves to honor.

Remember at the Christian church, 8 p. m., April 9.

J. S. WOODS FOR SHERIFF

In the announcement columns of the Enterprise this week appears the announcement of J. S. Woods, of this city, for the Republican nomination for Sheriff.

Mr. Woods has been in Malheur county for the past eight years, is a blacksmith by trade and has conducted a blacksmith business in Vale since coming to this county. He is a popular young man, of sterling integrity, is thoroughly competent to conduct the affairs of the office to which he aspires, and if nominated and elected he could be depended upon to administer the duties of the sheriff's office fairly and impartially.

He is well and favorably known among the stockmen and ranchers of the county, and his candidacy will meet a hearty welcome among the republicans generally.

### TO SURVEY DRAINAGE PROJECT

A preliminary survey of the Oak Creek drainage project of Southern Linn county has been authorized. W. M. Hall, drainage engineer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in connection with the Experiment Station of the Agricultural College, will undertake the work in the near future. The Oaks district extends from Albany to Sodaville and includes about 25,000 acres. Most of the land in this district has been under cultivation many years and it is expected that drainage will permit earlier and more thorough cultivation and add greatly to the productivity of these lands. The College Station will handle the soil and agricultural features of the survey.

39 E.; T. 21 S., R. 39 E.; T. 24 S., R. 42 E.; T. 23 S., R. 39 E.; T. 22 S., R. 41 E.; T. 22 S., R. 40 E.; T. 19 S., R. 38 E.

Said Plats will be officially filed at 9:00 o'clock A. M., April 29, 1916, on and after which said day we will be prepared to receive applications to enter land in said Townships.

Applications to enter land in above named Townships, may be filed after 9:00 o'clock A. M., April 9, 1916, in accordance with departmental circular No. 324, approved May 22, 1914, but no action can be taken on such applications by this office, until after the plats have been officially filed.

THOS. JONES, Register.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Vale, Oregon, March 27, 1916.

Notice is hereby given, that there has been received at this office the approved plat of survey of Township 27 South, Range 41 East, Willamette Meridian, which said plat will be officially filed at 9:00 o'clock A. M., on Friday, the 28th day of April, A. D., 1916, on and after which date we will be prepared to receive applications for entry of any and all lands in said Township, which have not been withdrawn by competent authority, or otherwise disposed of by the Government.

Applications to enter land in said Township may be filed after 9:00 o'clock A. M., April 8, 1916, in accordance with departmental circular No. 324, approved May 22, 1914, but no action can be taken on such applications by this office, until the plat of said Township has been officially filed.

THOS. JONES, Register.

## FIVE SQUARE INCHES OF SKULL WAS REMOVED

Having five square inches of one's skull removed by the surgeon's knife is not quite so serious as may appear at first thought for Geo. W. Warren, well known in Vale, who went to Portland some time ago for that operation, is reported doing well, and will move his residence to Aberdeen from the hospital the first of the month.

### New Home for The Enterprise

Having purchased the brick building known as the Oriano building from the First National Bank of Vale, the Enterprise changed quarters the first of this week, in order to secure larger and better accommodations for its plant.

The building, which is located just one block west of the former abode of the Enterprise, has undergone a complete change at the hands of carpenters, plasterers and painters. It was originally built for a newspaper office, having cement foundations set for the presses, and several large windows have been placed in the front to furnish light for the big Linotype.

The Enterprise now lays claim to the most efficiently and thoroughly equipped newspaper and job offices in the county, and invites all its patrons and subscribers to pay the new office a visit when in the city.

### Wright for Commissioner

Ed Wright, of Union county, candidate for Public Service Commissioner, paid the republicans of Vale a visit this week. Mr. Wright, has had large and long experience in public affairs, is a native Oregonian, honored by his community, and thoroughly capable and able to properly conduct the office if elected.

Mr. Wright, it is said, has made an excellent impression in Vale. "I have no prejudices in this matter," said Mr. Wright. "But propose equal and fair dealing as between the railroads and other public service corporations and the people. The commission was organized and created for that purpose and if elected I certainly shall do the best I can to forward that work."

It seems also that the terrible Turk is not so terrible as the fierce Cossack is fierce.

## Ontario Marshal On a Rampage

Walter Burgess, night marshal of Ontario, became mentally unbalanced last Saturday morning, when he broke into a Chinese restaurant, throwing dishes and creating a rough house. The chief of police was summoned, and quieted the marshal, but a little later the man again escaped, and broke into the home of a neighbor, after which he assaulted a townsman and was again taken home.

Burgess was discharged by the city, given a hearing and bound over to the grand jury. His reputation in Ontario has always been a good one, and the reason assigned for his temporary insanity was because of an abscess in one ear.

## CAPITALISTS VISIT AT VALE

D. M. Brogan, promoter of the Bully creek system, arrived in Vale March 24 with a party of capitalists from the east. After looking the situation over the party accompanied by Judge Geo. E. Davis left Sunday night for Kansas City and Philadelphia.

## JAMIESON COUPLE WERE MARRIED

Miss Gladys Struthers and Mr. Roy Hord, both of Jamieson, were married at that place Wednesday evening, March 29. The bride is a cousin of J. A. Gillette, of this city, and the groom is well known in Jamieson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rogers, from Vale, attended the wedding, returning to Vale the following day.

## SUPPLY OF SEEDS NOT EXHAUSTED

The 200 packages of N. J. Sinnott's garden seeds received by the Enterprise office last week have not all been given out yet. On account of moving the first of the week a number of requests were delayed a few days, but the seeds will be mailed promptly from now on.

Don't delay—just your name on a postal will bring the U. S. Government seeds to your postoffice.

There remain a lot of orators who haven't learned anything from the Gettysburg address.

A good many of those who are going to the devil are so slow about it, and worry their friends.

Congress is rushing preparedness plans, but a rush in congress is never so swift as it sounds, unless it be a rush for pork.

## POPULAR VALE COUPLE UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Arthur W. Glenn, Jr. and Miss Florence Moffett were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bohna this city, Sunday evening at 5:30. Rev. H. I. Hansen, of the Methodist church, officiated. A few of the near relatives of the couple were present at the ceremonies.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. W. F. Bohna, and is a very popular young lady, and the groom is a son of A. W. Glenn, a prominent citizen of Vale, and is employed at the Malheur Forwarding Company. The couple, after the usual tin-can serenade which was tendered Sunday evening by some thirty of their friends, left Monday afternoon for Boise. On their return they will occupy the residence of Chas. Riley in the north part of the city.

## School Meeting A Big Success

The first annual Malheur County School Board Convention met in Vale March 31st. A large number of directors and clerks of the various districts all over the county were in attendance. The remarks and program was interesting, especially those of Supt. Churchill. Following was the program of Friday:

- 10:45. Opening Remarks.
- 10:50. Standardization of Schools, R. J. Davis.
- 11:10. Playground Apparatus, C. E. Peck.
- 11:30. The Community and the School, J. W. McCulloch.
- 12:10. Noon intermission.
- 1:00. Business Relations between School Districts and the County Court, Judge McKnight.
- 1:25. The Duties of a School Clerk, Mrs. Ella L. Morey.
- 1:45. Manual Training in Rural and Village Schools, Supt. G. A. Ruring.
- 2:10. School Room Equipment, Mrs. Anna Wheeler.
- 2:30. The Value of Industrial Club Work, Mrs. Flora Lowe.
- 2:50. The Relation of Good Roads to Good Schools, W. Barclay Van Dyke.
- 3:10. The New Rural School, J. L. Pope.
- 3:35. Address, Supt. J. A. Churchill. Evening Program.
- 7:30. Music.
- Address, Supt. J. A. Churchill.

Mexico hasn't changed a great deal for many years, but there are other nations drifting back that way until Mexico may finally feel quite up to date.

### GETTING POTASH FROM BRINES

Experiments for Benefit of Farmer and Manufacturer.

The urgent need of a domestic supply of potash salts has greatly increased since the importations from Germany were stopped. During this time the price of high-grade potash has advanced from \$39 to about \$500 a ton. Meanwhile efforts to find commercially workable deposits of potash in this country have been eagerly and diligently made, both by private capitalists and public agencies. The United States Geological Survey, appreciating the needs of the manufacturers and farmers of this country, has endeavored both to find deposits of soluble potash salts and to discover practicable methods of extracting potash from rocks that carry relatively large proportions of potassium. Every clue that might yield valuable results has been followed up in a country-wide investigation, extending from New York to California. The Geological Survey, in its search for potash, has sunk several deep holes in the deserts of Nevada and is now drilling one in the panhandle of Texas.

The Geological Survey is also making some laboratory experiments designed to aid in discovering a cheap process of separating potassium salts from natural brines. In these experiments special attention has been given to the evaporation of brines rich in potassium. The results of some of the earlier work were published late in 1915 as Professional Paper 95-E.

More recent experiments have been made with the natural brine from Searles Lake, Cal., which contains the equivalent of nearly 12 per cent of potassium chloride in the solid salts. The results are given in a recent Survey publication, "Evaporation of Brine from Searles Lake, Cal.," by W. B. Hicks, issued as Professional Paper 98-A. This report shows the changes in the composition of the solution resulting from the evaporation of the brine, the composition of the crystals deposited from the hot solution during evaporation, and the composition of the crystals deposited when the solution was cooled. A copy of the report may be obtained free of charge by addressing the Director, United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

The data recorded indicate that carefully controlled fractional evaporation and crystallization, possibly combined with other treatment, promise much as a means of obtaining potassium from brines similar to that of Searles Lake. Further study of the behavior of the constituents of the brine under varying conditions may be made.

### COLUMBIA RIVER BAR

Great Work Near Completion.

The most important and probably most difficult harbor entrance improvement work undertaken on the North American continent is near successful consummation at the mouth of the Columbia River. This project, on which the Federal Government has already expended above fourteen million dollars, was for the elimination of the well-known Columbia River Bar.

### Permanent Channel Made.

Three years ago, when the South Jetty had been finished and its influence as a confining force to the currents in and out of the mouth of the river was fully felt, and as work progressed on the North Jetty, further confining these currents, a fixed and permanent condition of channel across the former Bar area was attained. This permanent channel has established itself in what is known as the south channel area for a width of 3,500 feet from the end of the South Jetty. Within this south channel area for three years there has been constant and rapid deepening by the natural forces of the river as confined by the jetties.

Accelerated by dredging in a limited range across the south channel area, a wonderful gain in depth was made last year. At the close of the dredge season in 1915 there was 35 feet depth for a thousand feet width. Throughout the most violent winter storms that the river has ever known the entire south channel area has gained in depth and the dredged channel has maintained itself at 35 feet depth and widened to 1,500 feet. These forces, working for three years with unvarying effects, enabled the engineers to compute with certainty a 40-foot depth mean lower low level channel by the close of the 1916 season.

### Extensive Resources Benefited.

In addition to the magnitude of the engineering problem overcome by this improvement work now being finished, the effect upon commerce is of the first order in importance. The Columbia Basin, which can with advantage market and buy most advantageously through the seaports on the river, has an area of about 250,000 square miles, and of this basin, under

## VALE GIRL WINNER IN CONTEST

### Miss Frances Hornbeck the Successful Contestant in Annual Declamatory Contest Held at Nyssa.

At the Presbyterian Church in Nyssa last Saturday night, the Malheur County Annual Declamatory Contest was held, and four contestants from Vale, Nyssa, Jefferson and Arcadia districts were entered and contested for the honors. Miss Frances Hornbeck, the Vale representative, succeeded in winning first place, to the great delight of the Vale delegation which was present.

The other three representatives were: Miss Edna Danielson, Nyssa; Miss Ruth Barrett, Arcadia; and Virgil Hales of Jefferson District, which is on Dead Ox Flat. The judges were: Miss Edith Baker, Weiser; Miss Anna Johnson, Payette; and Miss Grace Paul, Parma.

Every contestant had a well selected and well delivered theme, and musical selections were given between numbers.

### REPORT YOUR BABY'S SORE EYES, OR YOU MAY HAVE A BLIND BABY

Sore eyes contracted soon after birth cause twenty per cent of the total blindness in the United States.

It costs about thirty dollars a year to educate a normal child, while it requires about four hundred dollars to educate and care for a blind child. Proper treatment of baby's sore eyes prevents blindness.

Into the eyes of every new born child should be placed two or three drops of a two per cent solution of silver nitrate. This destroys the germs which produce inflammation and later, blindness.

Every reputable physician properly treats the eyes of the new born by this method. Remind your nurse or midwife that two or three drops of two per cent solution of silver nitrate should be placed in the eyes of the child at the time of birth.

If your infant's eyes become swollen and reddened within two weeks after birth, your nurse, midwife or physician in charge must at once report the condition either in person or in writing to the Health Officer or to a local qualified medical practitioner of the city, town or district in which the mother of the child resides.

Blindness in infants can be prevented by immediately reporting and having the eyes treated. Failure to report sore eyes of infants within two weeks of birth is punishable by a fine of \$25.00 to \$100.00 and imprisonment for thirty days.—Oregon State Board of Health.

### HEALTH NEWS

Issued by the United States Public Health Service.

Who would have thought that the tin can is a menace to the public health? The expert malaria investigators of the U. S. Public Health Service have found however that discarded tin cans containing rain water are breeding places for the mosquito which is the sole agent in spreading malaria. A hole in the bottom of the empty can might have resulted in the saving of a human life. Certainly it would have assisted in preventing a debilitating illness. Empty tin cans have no business about the premises anyway, but if we must so decorate our back yards, let's see to it that the can has a hole in the bottom.

When a married woman talks about Living Her Own Life, people begin to wonder who the other man is.

When you hear a woman talk of another woman, you wouldn't expect the two to kiss each other when they meet, unless you knew something of women.

present railway and river rate conditions, about 155,000 square miles now is absolutely tributary to the Columbia entrance.

### River Channel Excellent.

The Port of Portland in December, 1915, completed a 30-foot channel in the Willamette River from Portland to the Columbia River. In the dredged portions there is a minimum width of 300 feet but wherever the channel was crooked a width of not less than 600 feet was dredged.

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