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ORGANIZING WATER USERS

Into District--The Road Land Agents Want Land Irrigated Now.

The meeting at Vale on Monday to take action toward organizing irrigation districts was well attended by people from all the interested sections.

There was much work of a preliminary nature that had not been attended to and an adjournment of two weeks was requested to enable the engineers to get everything in shape.

On Tuesday there was a meeting at Nyssa attended by most of those who went to Vale.

The road lands were represented by C. E. S. Wood, John T. Whistler, Thomas W. Claggett, and Frank Rivier.

The district committee has secured the services of Brooke and McCulloch to look after the legal features, but have not selected an engineer.

The representatives of the road lands stated they were in favor of getting water on the lands, not that they expected to pay for it, but it would enable them to sell the land, and the better the irrigation plant the more the land would sell for, they are in favor of the best possible plant, and the most favorable contract.

In order that all might be satisfied it was decided to have one engineer from the owners of the road lands, one from the districts and one representing the High Line Company, to go

over the ground and plans, and in case of disagreement, then the state engineer be called in to decide the point.

The proposition was thoroughly discussed and many features brought out, it was found that the number of acres to be irrigated was only about 100,000, not 200,000 as generally talked, the latter figures covered all the lands on Dead Ox Flat and those already under water.

It was also talked of making but one district of the lands in Oregon, rather than the two, as now proposed, the expense of one district would be much less than two.

General satisfaction was expressed at the progress made, and all predict there will be but little delay in getting the proposition under way.

All the plans and specifications are ready and the engineers will examine these at once and go over the ground to see that everything is right.

The attorneys for the different interests are to get together and decide on the best form of contract, one that will be equally fair to both sides.

It will probably take at least thirty days to get matters in proper shape and the County Court will be asked to postpone action from time to time until everything is right.

The Stock Business

The shippers who have been sending stuff to the Portland market report heavy losses on recent shipments, running about \$200 to the car.

The local shippers have had all of the Portland game they care for and will try another market. Apparently the only satisfactory plan is to sell the stuff before shipping. If the dealers hold together it will not be long before buyers would come here.

BUYS 500 CATTLE. W. R. Acton, of Jordan Valley, has been here several days this week taking over about 500 head of mixed cattle from Dick Dearmond. He will trail them to his home range.

The Ontario cattle are acknowledged the best to be had, the cattle men having taken much pains in breeding up their herds.

Mr. Acton says the range in his section is not much crowded but the sheep men are coming in from the adjoining states.

Hogs and Alfalfa. Kansas began the growing of alfalfa in 1879 and if more had taken it up at that time, it is estimated that the state would be much richer today. Hogs marketed in the Missouri packing centers that never

corn. How much better opportunities in this

growing hogs on alfalfa than other foods than corn in the middle west, where they do not thrive so well as

here.

Mr. W. T. Moody left Thursday for Springs to spend the

New Time Card.

The new schedule of the O. S. L. local trains is as follows:

Westbound, 9:16 a. m. and 7:24 p. m.

Eastbound, 8:48 a. m. and 5:39 p. m.

There was no change in the running of the through trains, they are still late.

Tell the Editor.

Many persons feel offended because their comings and goings are not mentioned while those of others are, and wonder what the matter can be. The explanation of the matter is that the editor means to be impartial, but some escape mention. He cannot be everywhere at one and the same time. The likes and dislikes of an editor have nothing to do with it, and while it is not pretended that the editor is more than human, he knows that the success of his journal depends on his fairness and impartiality to all. It is the best way always when a notice is desired to mention it to the editor, or communicate through the postoffice. No one feels worse about any seeming neglect or partial performance of duty than the editor himself.

Snow Storm.

The snow storm this week is said to be the worst seen here in ten years. Snow fell to a depth of eight inches, but the warm wind soon cut it down. The snow will be of much benefit to the range and dry farms and insures good crops for next year. The storm was general throughout the west and was marked with low temperatures through the middle west.

Local News.

Use Wilson & Duffy's Rational Cold Cure.

Eight day clocks at C. C. Payne's at prices that make them sell.

The great prescription No. 1, for coughs, at Wilson-Duffy Drug Do.

Hot coffee and sandwiches served at the Bakery from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. each day.

The ideal Xmas gift is jewelry. Go to C. C. Payne's, where you will find a well assorted up to date stock.

New and second hand goods bought and sold. We can save you money. Second door north of Argus office.

The Crescent barber shop and bath rooms, conducted by F. W. Mogan should have your patronage. Give him a call.

Wanted, bids for leveling 60 or 80 acres of land, by contract, two miles from town. See F. B. Naylor, or phone 107 red.

Visitors to the fair are cordially invited to make our store their headquarters while enjoying the two-days festivities. Rader Bros. & Lampkin.

Mrs. Verdie VanPatten and Miss Ethyl VanPatten, who were in Ontario some time, increased the membership of the Artisans lodge by over thirty.

The pool and billiard tables at the Pastime are always in good condition. We carry a line of first class candies, imported and domestic cigars and tobaccos. Come in and see us.

The Eastern Oregon Hardware Company is going out of the crockery business and are selling all their stock at the rate of \$10 worth of crockery for \$7.50. They need the room for their hardware stock.

J. A. Reed made a hurried trip to Boise the first of the week to get the situation of the clam and oyster market. Johnny returned loaded to the guard with the best Christmas delicacies to be obtained for "The Mist."

There is some talk of the Owyhee ditch company issuing more stock. The stockholders at the lower end of the ditch are opposed to the proposition. The ditch is at present rated a good one, with two thousand more shares out it might be different.

Farley's Burned

Undertaking Parlors at Baker City a Complete Loss.

A fire on Sunday morning totally destroyed the office and undertaking parlors of Farley & Co., at Baker City.

The fire was probably caused by an over heated stove. Manager Barton, of the Farley Undertaking Parlors, had come down early, built a fire and stepped out for a few minutes. The stove was near the desk and it is thought that from overheating the desk caught and the flames spread to the rear of the building.

The flames had gained sufficient headway to break the glass in the windows before the alarm was turned in, this gave the flames a draft and they spread with great rapidity.

Farley & Co. lose about \$2000 covered by insurance.

Mr Farley went to Baker City soon as notified of the fire.

Wilson-Duffy Drug Co. All kinds of drugs.

Read the Argus.

New Plymouth.

From our Staff Correspondent.

Prof. Strong has just returned from Caldwell, there he transacted some important business.

Messrs. Blodgett and Kingman, of Nyst, were in New Plymouth Sunday, visiting at the Sheldon home.

Mr. Johnsa drove to Caldwell Saturday and returned Sunday.

There is to be a moving picture show opened here on Saturday evening. For the present performances will be given on Wednesday and Saturday.

Ebbie Hylton has pneumonia, but is thought to be improving.

Mr. Myers, wife and daughter, have just returned from Nebraska, after a month's visit.

Miss May Miller, intermediate teacher, has been ill for a few days.

Fred Harper is building an excellent residence on his ranch near town.

New Plymouth is growing quite rapidly, has three general stores, hardware store, one of the finest opera houses in the valley, town is lighted with electric lights. BRIMSTONE.

Bonafel Suicides.

Frank Bonafel committed suicide at his home at Westfall, last Sunday. He was well known in this section and always seemed to enjoy life, and no cause for his rash act can be ascertained. He was buried at Westfall on Monday.

Band Reorganized.

The Ontario Encores band has been reorganized under the leadership of J. H. Souer, and at present consists of 15 members. Rehearsals are being held three times a week, and on December 15 and 16 the band will furnish music for the wool growers meet and the bridge opening. The Vale band will be here on the above date to assist in the musical line.

A New Unit.

Mrs. Tonninges, teacher in the second grade, was explaining to her pupils the meaning of the word unit on Monday. She showed a lead pencil, a flower and an apple to the little ones, and told them that they were units. She then peeled the apple and held it up to the gaze of the tots and asked what it was. There was silence for a moment and then a youngster in the back seat held up his hand. "Well, what is it, Fred?" Mrs. Tonninges asked. "A skinned unit," the little fellow replied.

Christmas Giving.

This is the time of year when most everyone is beginning to brace himself against the pull which will soon be made for Christmas gifts. As the years roll around the hammer used to make the people hell out for Christmas has been growing larger and in consequence very few are able to escape from donating in some way or other. Giving is an excellent habit, whether confined to Christmas or not, if properly directed. A gift, if forced, is a bad thing. It shrinks the heart and does no good to the beneficiary. A gift, however, when it is the evidence of a grateful and loving heart not only makes the recipient glad, but also broadens the soul of the giver. Never give anything unless you want to. Such are no gifts at all. The generous giver is to be envied while the person who gives because he thinks he has to is to be pitied.

Local News.

A Zimmerman is in Boise on business.

The great Prescription No. 1 for coughs, at Wilson-Duffy Drug Co.

Mr. J. H. Stoner, who has been seriously ill the past ten days, is convalescing.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen. A complete line at C. C. Payne's Jewelry store.

Imported decorated china, the finest ever exhibited in Ontario for the price. Rader Bros. & Lampkin.

Remember, with each \$1 purchase at C. C. Payne's you get a chance on a beautiful \$40 diamond ring.

Any physician that knows the Wilson-Duffy Drug Co., will not hesitate to trust his patient's medicine to us for preparation.

Talk about furs and cloaks. The display at Rader Bros. & Lampkins is the finest ever exhibited in Ontario and are being sold at right prices.

E. W. Brown, of the Malheur Mercantile Company, stepped through the top of a keg and got a severe shaking up. Just how he escaped breaking a bone cannot be explained.

Blue Prints of any Township in the Burns Land District, showing names of entrymen, kinds of entry, dates, etc., and topography. Price \$1.00. J. C. Turney, Burns, Oregon.

The actual work of taking the census will begin on April 15, 1910. In cities of more than 5000 the enumeration is supposed to be taken in two weeks, while a month will allow the outlying or country districts.

J. R. Gregg can now attach the word Hon. just before his cognomen, having been elected councilman from the east side at the city election held Monday. Surely Jake will make good—but if he gets his neck bowed, look out.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farre expect to leave next Saturday for a month's visit with relatives and friends in Grant county and other parts of eastern Oregon. This is the first leave of absence Register Farre has taken in about three years.—Harney County News.

Coroner's Jury

Brings in Verdict of Justifiable Homicide at Jordan Valley.

The coroner's jury empaneled to investigate the shooting of Clark by Franklin, at Jordan Valley, on Thursday last, returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

The evidence introduced was substantially as reported in the Argus last week.

Clark was armed with a 25-20 Winchester rifle and Franklin had a 45 Colt. The bullet struck Clark in the left side of the neck and came out on the opposite side.

R. M. Duncan acted as prosecuting attorney, R. vonGilsse as coroner and the following jury: R. L. Mungler, J. A. Wrotan, H. Scott, G. B. Glover, Jap Duncan, and Wm. Parks.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES.

Via Oregon Short Line. Tickets on sale December 18th, 23d, 24th, 25th, and 31st, 1909, and January 1st 1910; limit, January 3d, 1910. See agents for further particulars.

THE BRIDGE COMPLETED

The Live Stock Show--Street Parade and Band Concerts.

The bridge and approaches are completed and the roads leading to the bridge need but little more work to have them in first class condition. The extensive travel over this new highway testifies to the great need for it and the appreciation of the people for the efforts extended by the bridge commissioners and citizens in their efforts to supply a public necessity.

Prof. Conklin has been a busy man for the past two weeks, he has charge of the exhibits for the two-day celebration next Wednesday and Thursday, and has made a thorough canvas of the surrounding country to secure a good representation here.

At every turn he has met with the hearty co-operation of the people and the results will be seen at the exhibition.

The people of the Idaho bench will be present with a good display and it is to be hoped those on this side of the river will take as much interest and make the best possible exhibit.

The wool growers are looking forward to the meeting with a great deal of pleasure. Many subjects will be discussed of interest to the wool growers and the officers will report on the success of their efforts to get needed changes in the railroad rates and legislation.

Monte Gwinn was in Ontario this week and expressed himself as well pleased with the program planned.

Several novel features will be presented to the visitors. The Ontario and Vale bands will furnish the music and the high school will take care of the sports.

All visitors will be made to feel at home. Come and bring the family.

Monday was the date set for holding the city election but no opposition developed and the citizens ticket was elected.

It seems to be the general impression that Mayor Trow will have the hearty support of the entire council in giving Ontario a business administration.

Many improvements in the streets and sidewalks are needed and the many vacant lots, owned by persons who will not sell or improve them, should be kept clear of trash and weeds.

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Factories Needed.

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Advertised Letters

Following is a list of the letters remaining uncalled for in the Ontario office for the week ending December 4:

Ladies — Howard, Mrs S R; Morris, Mrs. Josie; Motherly, Gertrude M; Montgomery, Cora; Moudy, Flora; Rhea, Bette, S.

Gentlemen — Anderson, Reg; Green, A; Howard, Newell; Lindsey, Wm; Lucken, J A; Marquis, Fred; Mayume, K G; Moag, Edward; McKelvey, Claud; Montgomery, A M; Morehouse, B E; Murphy, Prof J E; Rush, W H 2; Riggs Land Co; Smith, Joe; Vickers, Jesse; Vickers, Jennie.

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The Western Idaho Press Club was in session at Weiser on Saturday and Sunday last.

The association includes the counties of Canyon, Ada, Boise, Owyhee, Washington, in Idaho, and Malheur county, Oregon.

Meetings are held quarterly for the transaction of general business and the discussion of subjects of especial interest to the interest to the craft.

The Weiser Commercial Club tendered an elaborate dinner and the use of their rooms for the sessions.

After the business was disposed of papers were presented from James H. Wallis on The Pure Food Law, and A. E. Gibson on The Farmer and the Press. A. A. Brown gave an interesting talk on foreign newspapers. The next meeting will be held at Ontario on March 5th and 6th, 1910.

Local News.

T. W. Halliday, our popular county treasurer, was a visitor in Ontario Thursday.

Use Wilson & Duffy's Rational Cold Cure.

County Commissioner Mallott was a business visitor to Ontario this week.

County Commissioner W. J. Scott, of Willow Creek, was in the city this week.

The Joy Club met at the home of Miss Platt on Wednesday evening. There were about 20 present who had a joyful time playing whist. Miss Edna Robinson was awarded first and Miss Emma Clark consolation prizes for the ladies, and Mr. Baty and Mr. Taggart similar honors for the gentlemen.

The person who has been stealing the Argus coal the past two weeks, can secure the pipe which he dropped into our bin when he was purloining our black diamonds, by calling at the Argus office. It is now on display in the big front window at our office, and the beauty of it is that we know who the pipe belongs to.