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WM. HANLEY IN ONTARIO

Enthusiastic Over Interior Country

ESPECIALLY TOWN OF JUNTURA

Mr. Hanley While Here Spoke of Many Matters Pertaining to Eastern Oregon Development.

William Hanley, the sage of Oregon, dropped into Ontario Sunday afternoon from the Harney country with Col. C. E. S. Wood and Attorney McCulloch. We tried to find out what Mr. Hanley came for, but did not succeed.

He was quite eloquent when asked about Juntura, the town he and Billy Jones are building out on the new railroad and stated it was going ahead rapidly.

Since the taking over of the Oregon and Eastern by the Oregon and Washington from the Short Line people it is naturally expected that all the construction work will now be done from the west and under the supervision of the Portland crowd, as it is well known that much jealousy exists between the two offices. It is generally expected that the rails will be laid and the bridges built to Riverside at once, after the annual meeting. The construction from the west end is expected to start about the same time.

In a few years railroad competition will be done away with and all companies will be able to operate trains under joint trackage agreement, doing away with double lines covering territory that can be supplied by one. This seems to be the logical way to settle the railroad rate war.

The stock ranges of central Oregon are better today than they have been since the early seventies and there are less cattle on the range than at that time. Many settlers are coming in, the Catlow is filling up fast and other valleys are doing nearly as well.

Mr. Hill was very well pleased with what he saw on his trip across the state and at Ontario and will soon be back to go over it more thoroughly. Mr. Hill is going to be a good friend to Oregon.

Mr. Hanley believes that the bill passed by the last legislature which provides for demonstration work in the several counties of the state as the most important piece of legislation ever enacted in the state looking to the development and settlement of eastern Oregon. He takes the position that it is only by development that railroads are possible, and the home-seeker is only attracted by the success of others.

There are nearly six million acres of government lands in Malheur county and when it is found that less than one per cent of that amount is in present cultivation it will be seen there is a wide field for work. The law is very simple and can be developed to suit conditions. The county court can set aside money from the general fund to cover the expense of the work and the state will provide an equal amount and under some conditions the government will also assist in the expense.

This is of interest to every taxpayer as it means the cultivation of more acreage and the dividing of the expenses of keeping up the county among many more.

There are thousands of acres here capable of producing good crops, under modern methods of cultivation, that are now open to location and many of the farms that are now in cultivation are capable of producing double the revenue for their owners.

Idaho State Chautauque

Boise, Idaho, June 18-28. Reduced rates via Oregon Short Line. Tickets on sale from Idaho and Oregon points June 17th to 21st, inclusive, and 25th to 28th inclusive. Limit, June 30th. See agents for rates and further particulars.

WOOL STILL COMING IN FROM INTERIOR POINTS

The wool crop is still coming in to the warehouses here and Mr. Johnson estimates that about one half of the clip has been sold to date.

Frank Ambrose, better known as Buffalo Frank, has been here looking after his wool and that belonging to some of the other sheepmen. He is the largest individual sheepman in this section and says he is well pleased with the prices paid, when the unsettled condition is considered.

The warehouse men have been busy carrying the wool since the sales days, but the houses and sheds seem to be as full as ever, clips arriving about as fast as sent out. There are a number of lots out yet, but it is thought that all will be in before the next sales day.

DRY LAND ALFALFA MAKES AN EXCEPTIONAL GROWTH

A. B. Macpherson was on the Dead Ox Flat a few days ago and picked up some alfalfa and flax grown with out irrigation. The alfalfa was planted five weeks ago and is over a foot long with a root about the same length.

The flax is very sturdy and healthy in appearance, indicating that good flax and alfalfa is being raised in that section without irrigation.

KILLED BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF RIFLE

Villa Lee Butler of Arcadia is Shot in Attempt to Unload Gun.

Villa Lee Butler, the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Butler, Sr., and a member of the last graduating class of the Ontario high school, was accidentally shot Tuesday afternoon, while trying to extract the cartridges from a heavy rifle, and died a few minutes later at her home near Arcadia, about eight miles south of town.

For some days the fact of the rifle being in the house and loaded had bothered the girl, and she had made the statement that if some one did not remove the cartridges she would do it herself. On the morning of the fatal accident she went with her father in their auto up into the orchard after cherries. On her return, finding her mother tired and not well, she insisted that she should lie down, while she finished the work. Consenting to do this, her mother went into the front room, while Villa busied herself about the kitchen and a little later she was heard to go into the bathroom. She tidied up the bath room and, evidently, seeing the rifle, determined to remove the cartridges, for an explosion was heard. Her mother, thinking the gasoline tank had exploded, rushed out of doors, but her father and brother, Cody, being more familiar with the sound of firearms, hurried into the house, and after a short search, found her lying with the rifle in a pool of blood and barely conscious, being even then so weak that she could not speak coherently.

The distracted parents bravely went to work to apply first aid while Cody sent in an emergency call for physicians and summoned aid from the neighbors. Three physicians responded, Drs. Payne and Prinzing, from Ontario and Dr. Sarazan from Nyssa. It was quickly seen that nothing could be done for the injured girl.

Apparently in taking out the cartridge, she had leaned over the rifle and instead of inserting her hand in the hand hole had placed her finger in the guard and not having sufficient leverage to pull easily, had braced the muzzle against her shoulder and in pushing the guard back her fingers had touched the trigger, sending the heavy bullet through her body, the missile entering her left breast, barely missing the heart and came out at the back. So great was the force that it went through the ceiling and out of the roof of the house. Villa was the idol of her parents and great favorite among her friends, and the funeral was held Thursday from the Methodist church.

All Ready for the Big Celebration

Fourth of July Committee Prepares An Excellent Program Which Insures Good Attendance.

The several committees in charge of the proper celebration of the Fourth of July here met on Tuesday evening and made their reports.

The speaker of the day will be Walter Pierce, of Pendleton, who is recognized as among the strongest speakers of the state. His talks are for the masses and no matter what the subject chosen, he has the happy faculty of enlivening it and making it intensely interesting.

The baseball game and motor races will be pulled off at the fair grounds, where an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged and it is also understood that the Ontario ball team will be so strengthened as to make it a very close and exciting match and the prize offered is sufficient to make all the players get in and drill from this on to be in first class condition and practice up on team playing.

Those motor races are going to be exciting, one of the wheels is capable of sixty to seventy miles an hour. Then comes the races on the street at 4.30 p. m. and the fat man and other sports will be given an opportunity of showing what they can do.

THE FIRST TRAIN RUN ONTARIO TO HOMEDALE

Another Big Section of Country is Opened Up and Made Directly Tributary To this City by the New Railway Line

The first train over the Ontario Homedale run was started last Thursday, the first ticket was purchased, note that, purchased, by the Ontario Argus and the second by L. Adam. At Nyssa we picked up one passenger and some freight.

G. H. Oram was in charge of the train and crew and equipment was the regular train run to Vale.

The heavy rails and first class road-bed enabled them to make good time. The first stop was made at Kingman, where a freight car was dropped on the siding. There are no buildings there but the people of the Kingman Kolony section will get their freight there. At present there are only a few hundred acres of the Kolony in cultivation seen from the train, but there are several thousand that will be producing in a few years.

At Adrian, Rube McCreary's town, located near the Miller ferry and across the river from Riverview, no stop was made, but this is expected to make quite an important station as it will be the railroad point for the Big Bend section on the east side of the river, being several miles nearer than Parma.

For the country in the Big Bend on the west side of the river they have provided a siding on the Napton place, near the big draw. Mr. Napton is the only resident of this section at present, but the lands are rich and will attract the attention of actual settlers.

The depot at Homedale is located nearly a mile from the Mussel ferry and a half mile from the present town site, the Y is located farther east and the track is laid for about three miles. The new town is springing up over a large area, a two story brick school house is completed also a brick store, two stories and another is started and there are also a small hotel and frame store buildings with a few dwellings, most of the people living in tents until they can have houses erected. Five car loads of lumber were hauled up for the yard there, run by G. H. Van Wyngarden and son, who are also contractors and busy with several buildings.

The lower pumping station of the Gem district is located near the outlet of Succor creek and is furnished with log water for lands around Homedale,

The fireworks committee has ordered a large collection of stuff from Chicago and they will keep the air full of fire for several hours.

Ice water and seats are to be provided on Main street and rest rooms will be open for the visitors.

Two bands of music will keep things lively all day and there will be some good singing before and after the speaking.

Special train service will be provided for the visitors to get home in the evening. A train will go to Vale, also to Weiser and Parma, so that the visitors can see the entire list of attractions and then go home in the cool evening.

There is plenty of shade in the park for your picnic party and seats will be provided. It being the object of the committee to give the people all latitude to enjoy themselves.

Ontario is in better shape to entertain visitors than ever before and we expect to have a record crowd here on the Fourth.

but as yet few of the settlers are taking advantage of it.

This is the trading point for a large territory, most of which has been going to Caldwell and Boise, but will now come to Ontario in part, especially the wool, and the lumber for that section will be supplied by the Empire Lumber company, of this place. In time many of our merchants will be jobbing to the Homedale merchants because rates are lower from here than from Boise.

Many of the Homedale residents are looking forward to the time when it will be a junction point with a railroad north and south.

The regular train service started Wednesday on the arrival of the train from Vale, making Nyssa about 5 p. m. and returning reach Ontario about 9 p. m.

RAGGED PLAYING LOSES GAME FOR ONTARIO

Home Team Bids Fair to Be Champion "Never Was" of League.

With good support Alexander would have won his game from Vale last Sunday. He struck out ten men, walked two and allowed seven scattering hits.

Farrel was unable to throw bases and the visitors had no trouble to take them. Ontario could not hit Barret, but he showed weakness in the sixth inning and was replaced by Woodward in the seventh. Woodward allowed three hits in the eighth inning Alexander, the second man up, started the fireworks with a single to left field, R. Smith went to first and Alexander to second on the third baseman's errors. Both men scored on J. Maneman's two banger. Goldsmith singled, sending Maneman to third. Maneman was called out on a very questionable decision at home on a steal on a short throw by the catcher to short, and Jones fanned out J. Maneman played a good game at short.

The score was 9 to 2. Ontario plays at Vale next Sunday.

DREAMLAND INSTALLS BIG ELECTRIC SUCTION FAN

As the warm weather approaches the people are thinking of their pleasure and planning for their outings.

Those who are compelled to stay at home are also figuring and they have discovered that the Dreamland is the only well ventilated room in the city. Manager Dorman has installed thirty inch suction fan over the stage and this keeps a current of fresh, cool air passing through the house at all times. The patrons appreciate this attention to detail, in looking after their comfort and the house is well filled each evening. The show on Saturday and Sunday evenings packed the house with well pleased patrons.

WM. LANGHOUT RECEIVES BROKEN LEG IN AUTO ACCIDENT

William Langhout received a broken leg and his wife was badly bruised on Tuesday night. They were returning from Nampa, where they had been visiting friends, when near Notus the car in which they were riding hit something and skidded into bridge, upsetting and smashing up the car.

SEWER DISTRICT TO BE ORGANIZED AND

Arrangements Will be Made to Complete Work to South End of Town

The work on the sewer outlet has been held up a few days this week waiting for the sewer pipe. If the ground continues as at present it will require about ten days to complete the work to the corporate line and it is also far enough advanced to determine that the cost of the work is going to be well within the estimate set by the engineer. When the character of the ground is considered this was a very difficult piece of work to estimate on.

Now that the sewer has about reached the limit to be dug by the money raised from the sale of bonds the people are getting busy arranging for the completion of the work to the big sloughs at the south end of the city. The plan about decided upon for this work is to organize a sewer district and use the Bancroft act as a basis. With this it is not necessary to hold an election, the council can declare certain lands in the district and the cost of the system will be assessed against all the lots equally. This sewer then belongs to the citizens of the district and it will be practically impossible to enlarge the district or take in any lots after the district is once organized.

It is estimated that the cost per lot will run about \$5.00 and that a lateral run up Washington or California avenue to Oregon street will be over two feet below the sewer which is at present serving that section. To have a basement drained is worth as much as the lot, as in time it will be about impossible to rent a store room that has not a good dry basement.

Ontario has been fortunate in the past in not having any fever or other epidemics here, but this good luck will not continue always, unless the proper measures are taken to care for the sewerage and drainage of the city. The time has gone by when open closets and cess pools should be permitted within the city, as they cost too many lives and too much sickness.

CONDUCTOR MILLER IS GIVEN RUN FROM NAMPA TO EMMETT

Conductor Miller, who has been on the Vale run for several years, has been transferred to the Nampa and Emmett run, making the change Monday. George Oram is the new man on the Vale and Brogan train and he will also make the run from Ontario to Homedale.

EXHIBITS TO BE MORE VARIED

At Fair this Year Than Ever

EXHIBITORS MUCH INTERESTED

Agriculture and Horticulture Will Be Features Also Livestock, Poultry and Dairying.

The managers of the Malheur County fair have not been saying much about what they were doing to make the fair this year better than any of the previous ones, but occasionally we hear where they are busy along certain lines.

The cows, hogs and chickens are going to be given special attention because so many of the people in this section are interested in them, but there are others. The fruit and farm exhibits in charge of James Lackey and he seems specially fitted for the position as he is county fruit inspector and knows the people who are interested in perfect fruit and good farm products of all kinds and he has been working with them to have larger and better stuff to show at the fair this year than ever before.

The farmers and fruit men started in at the commencement of the season to get their exhibit ready. They planted the seed with especial care and have been cultivating and nursing it all season. The fruit men saw that their trees were all thoroughly sprayed and pruned and they are careful to see that the fruit is thinned down so that large specimens of perfect fruit will be produced. This is the kind of farming and fruit raising that pays and it is here that the fair is educating the men to raise only the best at no more expense than what inferior stuff will cost. No lines are being neglected and no portion of the county is being overlooked.

Miss Amy Odell taught school out in the western part of the county and she started her pupils out right, with the result that they are going to have something worth while to exhibit from their section.

Dorus Meyer and Herschel Brown are preparing an interesting exhibit for the fair. They are going to make a demonstration in wireless telegraphy and show some of the wonderful things that this unknown power can accomplish. Scientists now claim that it is possible to do anything with wireless and that the world is on the verge of wonderful changes as the result of the scientists being able to use the ether waves.

Education is going to be the keynote for the county fair this year, but do not think that other lines of amusement are to be neglected.

THE SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN IMPORTANT DECISIONS

The supreme court handed down three decisions last week on cases of from this county, which are of general interest. The Hart will case was decided in favor of the heirs under the first will, the other two wills being thrown out. The estate is valued at about \$20,000, has been in litigation for over two years and to the supreme court twice. McCulloch & Eckhardt appeared for the heirs and Rand for the contestants.

In the case of the United States National bank at Vale vs. Chas. Thebaud, lower court confirmed in setting aside a deed given by Thebaud to his wife and gave the bank judgment for the amount claimed. McCulloch & Eckhardt appeared for the bank.

Another case was that involving the Ontario garage and a mortgage given by A. N. Ford to the First National bank at Vale, the mortgage was declared void and the lower court reversed. McCulloch & Eckhardt appeared for E. M. Greig, the trustee.