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WARM SPRINGS RESERVOIR TO BE BUILT

By Government and State Engineers.

LARGE TRACT TO BE WATERED

The government has withdrawn all lands under the Owyhee project and propose to water the lands with waters stored in the Warm Springs reservoir.

That is rather a startling announcement to the average reader, but the engineers have completed the preliminary surveys and will be able to cover all lands under the 2700 foot contour.

When the engineers made a thorough test of the site for a dam on Warm Springs creek they found it would be an easy and cheap proposition to build a dam and the intent was to use the waters to supplement those of the several ditches along the lower Malheur, but the interested people showed no interest. Then the Ontario-Nyssa people had the engineers make a survey to ascertain if it would be feasible to build a ditch and take the water to the lands under the Owyhee project. The survey was made and found feasible in every way and the engineers of the government have combined with state engineer Lewis and made it a joint state and government project and the government has given notice of the withdrawal of the lands under the project from entry.

State Engineer Lewis and Government Engineer Whistler were here last week after an inspection of the dam and ditch sites and expressed themselves as well pleased with them.

There are a few places where the ditch will have to be concreted, but there are no expensive cuts to be made. The diversion dam will be about the 2800 foot contour and where the ditch goes over the Cow Hollow divide the elevation is 2700 feet, allowing ample fall for the waters.

The dams will not be expensive and the waters will be taken under the railroad track, so that it will not interfere with the road.

The lands to be covered are among the richest of the county, lying back of Nyssa and will be of great benefit to the entire county.

The original idea of the Nyssa people was to irrigate the lands with water from the Owyhee, but the engineers did not make a favorable report for it.

The people of Nyssa and of Ontario are congratulating each other on the success of their undertaking and hope for a speedy completion of the project.

This does not mean that work will be started on this project at once and the work pushed until completed, but merely that the government engineer has examined the project, found it feasible and recommended it to the department. When funds are available it will be taken up.

THE ONTARIO COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLD MONTHLY MEET

The Ontario Commercial club met in regular session Monday evening.

Detailed reports were made of the expenses incurred in the booster excursions.

A communication from the Brogan commercial club was read and referred to a committee.

A motion was made and passed extending a vote of thanks to Mrs. L. Bell Lees and all other Ontario ladies who acted on the reception committees in the rest rooms.

President Lacky reported that the county court had made an appropriation to take an exhibit to Salem and after much discussion Mr. Lacky was given full power to make such an exhibit as he sees fit.

CAMP TENDER KILLED NEAR JORDAN VALLEY

Two Prospectors Suspected of the Crime.

IDAHO OFFICERS ARE WORKING

A camp tender employed by Simon Accarodagotia found Monday near the head of Cow Creek the body of Simon Balasteguer, a shepherd employed by the same man. The herder had been shot to death. Two brothers named Willemeger, who have mining claims on Cow Creek, are suspected of the shooting. The Willemegers live at Middleton. The point where Balasteguer met his death is in Owyhee county, Idaho, and the sheriff at Silver City has been notified.

It is said that the herder and the Willemegers quarreled Sunday afternoon, and that the miners chased him off their claim after beating him and taking his gun away from him. The quarrel now appears to have been renewed with fatal results.

Bolasteguer's brother is understood to live in Boise, operating a rooming house there.

GENERAL GALLIENI



General Gallieni, who is in command of the army and fortifications defending Paris.

RUSSIANS BOMBARD AUSTRIAN FORTRESS

Petrograd.—The official statement from the chief of general staff says that the Russians are bombarding the fortress of Przemysl, whose artillery has opened fire. The statement follows:

"The Austrian troops which attempted to check our advance in front of Baranow and Ranchow, in Galicia, were repulsed with heavy losses.

"Siege artillery is now bombarding the fortifications of Jaroslau.

"Fighting is going on against the garrison of Przemysl, who have repelled with artillery fire.

"The Russian troops crossing the forests are finding batteries abandoned by the Austrians."

London.—In a dispatch to the Times a correspondent at Petrograd says:

"A Saxon cavalry division which recently arrived in East Prussia from France has suffered heavy losses.

"Near Sandomir, Russian Poland, the Russians have again defeated the broken remnants of the second German landwehr corps under General Woirsch. Here evidently the Austrians had prepared to cross the Vistula river.

Wind Gives Farmer a Lift. Petersburg, Ind.—At Blackburn, three miles east of here, a storm wind lifted a load of hay on which Carl Cooper was riding off the wagon and carried it to a neighboring field. Cooper landed on the hay and was not injured.

THE MALHEUR COUNTY FAIR

The county fair was brought to a close Saturday with one of the best afternoon's entertainments ever provided by the association and the largest crowd they have ever had on a last day.

The fair was a great success from an educational standpoint, there was a splendid attendance in the buildings and around the pens and most of those there were asking questions and the exhibitors were kept busy answering them, explaining how they had made their success.

The weather man was unkind and gave some of the worst samples ever presented to this section. Their was rain for two days and wind for a third, so that the general attendance was cut down many thousands.

Financially the fair ran behind a few hundred dollars, which the business men of Ontario will make up. All the bills and premiums will be paid without any delay.

The teachers are entitled to much credit for their work during the fair. All the decorating in the main building was done by the schools and the teachers did practically all the clerical work.

The ladies, with Mrs. Lees in charge, provided a rest room that was well patronized and much appreciated and the ladies felt well repaid for their trouble by the many kind words expressed by the visitors.

Another year there will be more community exhibits and more community fairs for the selection of material for the county fair. These fairs take a little time and some work, but more information is gained by them than in any other way and they pay big dividends to every producer who has anything to do with them.

Another year there will be a different show of corn, because the exhibitors will select only such as will pass inspection. There are ears in the county that are perfect and would command big prizes for seed in any of the eastern states and these should be gathered and carefully looked after for next year's crop.

All sections of the county were well represented and they had an opportunity of finding out what particular line their section was especially adapted.

There will be a great exchanging of seed this fall by the farmers so that they can improve their crops another year.

The mining sections at South Mountain, Malheur and the Basin should be represented another year. Few people realize the wonderful mineral wealth of our county.

The amusements provided appealed to the crowds each day and seemed exactly suited to the occasion as there was a diversity that extended around the circle, giving something that each one could enjoy.

The winners in the races and other sports were:

Tuesday's Amusement Program.

The afternoon program Tuesday was an excellent one. At 1 o'clock there was an excellent hand concert, by the Vale cornet band. Tuesday was children's day and a number of events for prizes for boys and girls were successfully carried out.

The afternoon program was a good one, consisting of motorcycle and horse races, ulle races, buckaroo stunts by the Cheyenne riders, acrobatic feats by the De Garro troupe of artists, fancy roping, etc.

First event—Motorcycle race, five miles Olson, first; Tileston, second; Campbell, third. Time, 6:16.

Second event—2:30 pace, purse, \$175. Veda Sweet, (W. C. Hurd).....1 1 Marie (J. W. Swank).....2 3 Rambling Jim (G. P. Morgan).....3 2 Time: 2:31, 2:33.

Third event—Three eighths mile running. Dora D. (Elmer Dory).....1

Riley's horse.....2 Geo. Blanton's horse.....3

Fourth event—Boys' half mile race, purse, \$30. John Seward, first; McWilliam, second; Fitzgerald, third.

Fifth event—Wild mule race, purse, \$15. Millard Sage, first; Blain McGee, second; Charles Erdman, third.

The rain on Wednesday caused a postponement of the track events.

Thursday's Amusement Results. The Thursday amusement program was a splendid one. There was something doing every minute, and the big crowd was well pleased.

First event—2:40 trot. Bobbie Minor, W. C. Hurd, 4-1-1. Teddie Mack, J. H. Pence, 1-4-2. Marie, J. W. Swank, 2-3-3. Joan De Arc, S. E. Chapman, 3-2-4. Time 2:35-2:37-2:36.

Second event—Five mile motorcycle race. Beagle first; Tileston second; C. F. Wood third. Time 7:36.

Third event—Half mile running race. Dora D. Elmer Dory, first; Malne, C. Riley, second; Plume, Reaves, third. Time 1:54.

Fourth event—Five mile auto race. Townsend, first; Short, second; Cace, third. Time 8:05.

THE METHODISTS CONVENE AT PAYETTE

In Annual Conference--Appointments.

NEW MINISTER FOR ONTARIO

The Methodists held a conference meeting at Payette last week, and the next conference is to be held at Boise.

Among the appointments in this section the following were noticed: Rev. Johns goes to Mackay, Idaho and Rev. C. C. Platt, comes here from Kimberley, Idaho.

Rev. Deal remains at Fruitland. L. F. Vernon and Deaconess go to Homedale.

J. Wesley Miller remains at Nampa. Payette, G. W. Barnes, Vale, Jameson and Brogan, C. E. Helman.

Juntura, D. M. Shannon

On Monday evening there was a reception in the Methodist church for Rev. Platt and as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Johns, who left Tuesday evening for their new home, where they were stationed a few years ago.

Mr. Johns was quite popular here, doing good work both in and out of the church.

Rev. Platt will preach next Sunday.

MARSHAL VON DER GOLTZ



Field Marshal Von Der Goltz, military governor of Belgium territory occupied by the Germans.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Ex-Convict is Killed.

Hepner.—Walter Cason, aged 44, deputy sheriff of Morrow county and marshal of Ione, shot and instantly killed Charles Earheart, aged 46, an ex-convict from the Oregon penitentiary, in front of the Palace hotel, when the latter pulled a gun on the officer and cried "Your game's up; I am going to get you."

Earheart, who had been drinking, twice shot wide of his mark, and before he could turn a third barrel, Cason drew his revolver and with one shot in the breast, Earheart fell dead.

One Fatal Accident Reported in Week

Salem.—One fatal accident out of a total of 71 mishaps during the week was the record, according to Labor Commissioner Hoff. The fatal accident occurred near Summit, where James Hennessy was a victim of a bridge construction accident. Twenty-nine were injured in railroad accidents and 19 were hurt while employed in lumber mills or logging.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED TO DEBATE REMOVAL

Of County Seat From Vale to Ontario.

ALL MUD SLINGING IS BARRED

To the Vale Debate Committee:

In the last issue of the Malheur Enterprise you published a challenge to debate the question of the removal of the county seat from Vale to Ontario. Your challenge was addressed to the Ontario Commercial Club, but up to date the Ontario Commercial Club has not received your communication, and has no information of the same, except the published article in the Malheur Enterprise. Your communication not having been transmitted to this Association, we are in doubt as to whether you really intended to challenge this club to a public discussion, or whether you did not publish your pretended challenge for the purpose of conveying the impression to the voters of the county that you have issued a challenge, and at the same time keep this club waiting for a service of the challenge. In either event, gentlemen, we wish to say to you that it is the desire of the people who are asking for a removal of the county seat, to have a fair, free and honest discussion of the reasons for the removal of the county seat, and for these purposes we are willing to meet you in the discussion of the matter before the public. We want to say to you, however, that these discussions must be confined to a fair and honest discussion of the reasons why the county seat should, or should not be removed, and shall be entirely free from vilification, vituperation, "mud-slinging", or anything that will shock the decency or insult the intelligence of any audience in Malheur County.

The voters and taxpayers of this county want to know the FACTS. Up to the present time the only issue that you have made in this campaign is that the people of Ontario will not carry out their promise to the people that Ontario will build and donate to the county free of charge a new modern up-to-date court house and a block of ground for the same. Every thing else in your campaign is abuse and vilification. Now we are prepared to prove to the entire satisfaction of every voter in Malheur county, whether he is a friend of Ontario or not, that if the county seat shall be removed to Ontario the removal will not cost the taxpayers of this county one cent, and that the county will be presented with a new, modern, court house, the equal of any in the State of Oregon, outside of Portland.

We would like to also discuss with you the question of whether or not the expense of maintaining a county seat at Ontario instead of Vale would increase or diminish the burden of the taxpayer. Now, gentlemen if you want to discuss this question with the voters of this county, we will be glad to accommodate you.

Since you have seen fit to take the public into your confidence in the matter of this public discussion, we shall insist that you answer this communication through the public press of the county.

ONTARIO COMMERCIAL CLUB

SOME DRY LAND PRODUCTS THAT ARE PRIZE WINNERS

We have an alfalfa plant, grown by T. Walker, on the upper Dead Ox, that produced three seed crops this year.

Albert Ball, in the same locality, has alfalfa planted this year that shows a good seed crop, and last year's seedling that produced a hay crop and seed crop this year.

S. L. Ball has a fine stand of oats that are well filled.

Kaffir corn was also grown by these people that took the premium. Watermelons of unusual flavor were among their crops. Fruit trees planted eighteen months ago show a fine growth.

The short cut to success is hard work. A pleasant road, too, when you once get acquainted with it.