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YOUNG MAN IS ELECTROCUTED

While Moving a Hay Derrick Under Power Line.

FORGOT ALL ABOUT DANGER

G. I. Dingham was electrocuted here Monday while moving a hay derrick, dying a few hours after the accident. Dingham and several others had been stacking hay west of the city, near the high power lines and were moving the derrick to start another stack nearer the power line, two teams hauling the derrick, when the boom struck the power line. Dingham was caddy the fork, connected to the boom with a cable and the boom was bound with a steel rod. Fortunately the automatic clutch threw the power off when the line grounded and saved the others from injury. One of the teams was knocked down and the driver started to unhitch them, but got a shock before the power stopped. Another man started to help the unfortunate man who was under the fork, but the electricity forced him away. Dingham was badly burned, his hands and arms and feet and lower limbs being charred and other parts of his body being badly burned. He is a young married man. There was a danger sign on a post not over thirty feet from where the accident happened.

A VALE LADY HAS A DREAM AND RUSHES INTO PRINT

A lady contributor to the "Enterprise" points with great pride to the fact that after ten years of work, and much expense, a lawn and some shade trees have finally been grown around the old court house at Vale, at the expense of the county. This simply shows that the building stands upon poor and worthless soil, and is another good argument for moving the court house to a more desirable location. The taxpayers of the county will naturally wonder how many hundreds of dollars of their money have gone into this lawn. Then again the old building contrasts with this beautiful lawn just like tobacco juice on the bosom of a dress shirt. It will be all right, though, after Vale has persuaded the taxpayers of the county to erect a new two hundred thousand dollar court house on the site of the old one. We are always glad to be shown the beautiful things which the taxpayers money has purchased for the benefit of Vale.

WHICH ONE IS TRYING TO LEAD YOU FROM THE TRUTH?

Rev. Cook, in a communication to the Enterprise, claims that the removal of the county seat will utterly ruin Vale. Many of the other contributors and articles voice the same sentiment. Then there is the other side, wherein they claim to have thousands and hundreds of thousands of acres of rich lands surrounding their town, all provided with water by proposed projects and that Vale is destined to be the greatest center of agricultural improvement in Oregon. Some of these people are evidently wandering from the truth.

Eighty per cent of the people of Malheur County want their county seat located at Ontario, ten per cent favor Vale and the other ten per cent are not particular.

Secretary Bryan is supposed to be earnestly examining the head of the Hon. Roger Sullivan, looking for a good place to bury the hatchet.

DEMOCRATS AGREE ON REVENUE BILL

Emergency Measure to Raise \$105,000,000 Submitted to Congress.

Washington.—An emergency revenue bill to provide \$105,000,000, taxing beer, wines, gasoline, sleeping car and parlor car tickets, insurance, telegraph and telephone messages, amusements and a variety of documents, was agreed on by the democratic members of the house ways and means committee. Stamp tax provisions of the bill and the tax on tobacco dealers, brokers, bankers and amusements will continue in effect until December 31, 1915. The remainder of the bill will be in force until repealed. Bankers are to be taxed \$2 on each \$1000 of capital, surplus and undivided profits. Proprietors of theaters, music and concert halls in cities of 15,000 population or over are to pay \$100 each. Proprietors of bowling alleys or billiard rooms, \$5 for each alley or table. Tobacco dealers and manufacturers are to be taxed the same as in 1898. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness are taxed 5 cents for each \$100 involved, and freight and express receipts 1 cent each, with a mandatory provision that the shippers must pay this tax. Telephone messages are to

PRINCE ALBRECHT



Prince Albrecht, who is leading one of the German armies now fighting against the allies in France.

be taxed 1 cent on all tolls of 15 cents or more, and telegrams 1 cent a message. Life insurance policies are to be taxed 8 cents on each \$100, and fire, marine, casualty, fidelity and guaranty insurance policies 1/2 cent each on each dollar. Because of constitutional questions, the committee eliminated altogether foreign bills of exchange, charter agreements, manifest and foreign bills of lading and also struck out all reference to stamp tax on checks, bills of exchange, drafts and deposit certificates and postoffice money orders, and on leases.

THE VALE ENTERPRISE AND NYSSA JOURNAL DIFFER

The Vale Enterprise claims all the credit for the favorable report on the building of the Warm Spring reservoir is due Vale boosters. The Nyssa Journal claims the credit is due to Nyssa men and that Milt Hope, a Vale man, tried to have this water used exclusively by the short ditches along the Malheur, to improve their service, and cut the Owyhee land holders out. The Nyssa Journal has always enjoyed the reputation of being a reliable publication, but we have never heard of the same charge being made against the Vale Enterprise.

COURT HOUSE BONDS MEET WITH NO OPPOSITION HERE

Thousands of Circulars and Newspapers Opposing the Bonds Circulated Here By Vale People Fail to Make Converts.

ALL OF THE ONTARIO PEOPLE INVITE YOU TO COME HERE

An election was held here Tuesday to determine if it was the wish of the majority of the people of Ontario to present the county with a completed court house and grounds in case the people of the county decide on election day to have their county seat located at Ontario and the results showed that the Ontario people are a unit on the proposition. There was no question about the measure carrying and so there was a very small vote, only 574, less than half of the people voting. There were eight votes cast against the measure by persons who are not identified with the interests of Ontario. It is certainly gratifying to our people to know how all of them are working in harmony and it should assure the voters of the county that it is the universal desire of the Ontario people to have them come here to transact their county business. The question as decided by the voters provide thirty thousand dollars with which to purchase a site and erect a building suited for the needs of the county for many years and will save the county just that much money in case they decide to come here, as it will be necessary to have a new court house erected in the near future or extensive repairs made on the old building which is cracking and show-

ing signs of going to pieces. The present building has but one small vault and many of the valuable papers, books and maps are left exposed to any fire that may start in the building from the stoves or jail. A suitable site for the building will be secured this week and the complete plans and specifications for it are now on file in the recorders office where they may be seen by any one. The money received from the sale of the bonds is on deposit and there is no possibility of the defamers of the honor and integrity of our citizens having an injunction issued to stop the work, when the people make their decision on election day. The money provided is sufficient to completely finish and equip the building so that the county will not be at a dollars expense in the removal and will save the price of a new building, as the present indebtedness of Vale is beyond the limit set by bonding houses and they can not possibly raise the money necessary to replace the present court house. There were two other measures voted on, all being carried by a practically unanimous vote, although there were several Valeites here and the town has been flooded with papers and circulars trying to mislead the people.

COLONIZING VOTERS TO DEFEAT WILL OF TAX PAYERS

In this issue of the Argus appears a letter from A. Granger of Vale in which he takes exceptions to the actions of the Vale banks and business men lending D. M. Brogan \$20,000.00 to begin work again on the Bully creek project. Mr. Granger seems to think that the loan was made to Brogan as a business investment. It perhaps was, but not the kind of business investment that Mr. Granger thinks it was. The loan was not made to Mr. Brogan by the Vale people because they thought it was a good loan. It was made because the Vale bunch wanted Brogan to get a lot of voters into the county before the November election. They do not expect to ever get their money back. They know too much for that. What they do expect, is that enough outside votes can be brought into the county and voted at the November election to defeat the will of the taxpayers of the county, and who perhaps have been here only a few days will be colonized and voted in large numbers (just as large as the \$20,000 will pay for) with the intent and purpose of defeating the will of the people of Malheur county. If this was not the intent and purpose of putting up the \$20,000, then why was it put up. If the Vale people had wanted to lend Brogan this money as a business investment they would have made it long ago for Brogan has been waiting these many years. The report is that Brogan is to have lots of money by November. Then why not wait until November. What is the rush? The rush is to get the outside votes here before November 3, illegal voters of course, and vote enough of them to turn the election. Talk about the Corrupt Practice Act. Can you beat it? The Vale howl about the corrupt practice act reminds one of the cry of "Stop Thief."

WHAT THE CATTLE AND SHEEP MEN ARE DOING

D. P. Logan shipped 2 cars of extra good steers from Brogan Wednesday for the eastern market. They were a well bred lot and should top the market for their grade. Bob Stanfield has bought 20,000 lambs in the Walla Walla country and will ship them east in 4 few weeks. Chas. Becker shipped out some beef cattle Wednesday. There were four car loads of four year olds, about the best ever shipped from here. J. R. Cox picked up 15 cars of cattle for the Alaska market in the John Day country and the train was wrecked before reaching Baker with a small loss. Charles Emison went to Juntura Wednesday to pick up some sheep for feeding. Dick Dearmond and Frank Vines were down from their ranches Tuesday on cattle business. A shipment of 13 cars of cattle from Burnt river, Willow creek and John Day went out to Portland yesterday. The shippers were Morfitt, Laughlin, Elliott and Trowbridge. The Tonningsen brothers have been in the city this week from the sheep range. The rains were hardly sufficient to make the range good, but there is some grass and the sheep are doing well. They have some dry ewes they will ship about the 20th. Edgar and Charley Chapman were in the city this week from the Alvord ranch on Stein mountains, where they have been for several months. Frank Clerf was here this week, having come in with a shipment of cattle that he turned over to Baker Ball. Burns has a complete packing plant for hogs and cattle in operation.

GERMANS RUSH MEN INTO EAST PRUSSIA

One Corps a Day Added to Army in Preparation For Great Battle.

London.—"Germany is reinforcing her army in East Prussia at the rate of one army corps a day," says a dispatch from Petrograd to Lloyd's News Agency. "The reinforcements are being carried by 250 trains on all four available railways. Other troops are being hurried from Berlin and Schenkelmuhl to Baltic ports and thence by sea to East Prussia. "All this is in preparation for the great battle to be fought along the whole western line. "At least 800,000 German troops are now gathered in an effort to balance the Austrian failures. The armies are already in touch and the grand battle is bound to come soon." The Petrograd correspondent of the Evening News says the fall of the town of Chyrow has completely isolated the Austrian fortified position of Przemysl, so far as railway communication is concerned. Chyrow is 20 miles south of Przemysl. According to these same sources of information the Germans have thrown three army corps into the Cracow district, in preparation for the Russian attack which, it is expected, will not be delayed much longer.

GENERAL RENNENKAMPF



General Rennenkampf, Commander of the Russian army operating on the German frontier.

GERMANS GAIN AT CENTER

French Bring New Force Up West Bank of Meuse. Berlin.—The following official statement on the situation in Northern France was received from the headquarters of the German general staff: "The enemy are using their railroads in a general attack on the extreme end of the right flank of the German army. "At Bapaume (in Pas de Calais, 14 miles southeast of Arras) an advanced French division was repulsed by a smaller German force. "In the center of the battle front we have made slight gains. "The forts under bombardment south of Verdun have withdrawn their fire and our artillery is now engaged with forces which the enemy brought up on the west bank of the Meuse. "Elsewhere, the situation remains unchanged. "Kamp des Renains, near St. Mihiel, which was taken by the Bavarians, is one of the barrier forts south of Verdun." Luxembourg Paid in Part for Damages. Copenhagen.—It is reported here that Germany has already paid to the grand duchy of Luxembourg \$250,000 as partial compensation for the damage resulting from the violation of its neutrality. In spite of the censors something that sounds like news keeps coming from Europe.

TAX RIDDEN ONTARIO AND HER NEIGHBOR

Some Truths About Their Debts and Taxes.

LOOK FROM DIFFERENT ANGLE

It seems to be worrying the good people of Vale about the wonderful bonded indebtedness of the city of Ontario and in order to set them right we looked up the figures and found that the present bonded indebtedness of Ontario is five and three-fifths per cent of her assessed value, without the additions taken in recently. With those included it will be about 4 per cent of the assessed value. In order to compare this with other places we looked up the bonded indebtedness of the city of Vale and find that it amounts to over 20 per cent of her assessed valuation, or five per cent over what is considered safety, by the bonding houses. That is bond houses would not today consider additional Vale bonds at any price. The limit of municipal indebtedness of Ontario, provided by the new charter is fifteen per cent. At the rate the present court house is falling to pieces it will be but a short time before there will have to be another built, in fact one is needed now to properly house the officials and care for the documents therein deposited. Vale can never do anything toward building another court house, because she is today in debt for more than the legal limit. By a removal of the county seat to Ontario the county is saved the price of a court house at once. Then there is the saving to the county in mileage for the attendants at court and the individual saving in time and expense for the people who have to travel to Vale to transact business with the county. During the last three years the city tax of Vale has been a little over double that of Ontario, averaging over twenty mills. This is not mud, just a clean statement of facts. SOME INSIDE HISTORY ABOUT ALLEGED BOOSTING The raising of a few thousand dollars in Vale to start work on the Bully Creek project and have a lot of men on hand at election time is heralded by the Vale Enterprise as a act of great public benefit. It is but a few years since they were knocking this same promoter and doing everything in their power to cripple him with the Brogan project. The right of way out of Vale was held up to \$400 an acre and when the matter was finally taken to court the Vale appraisers stood in and the deal was carried through. The few thousand dollars paid Brogan at this time will not compensate him for the wrongs done in the past. We are hearing some things about the Nyssa cut off again. The time this was first sprung on the public was when the Vale people were trying to hold up the railroad people for right of way out of their town and these holdups stopped the building of the road several months, until the cut off story was sprung and the Valeites were given to understand that their town would be cut off if a right of way was not provided at a fair valuation. WHAT VALE IS TRYING TO DO The people are to be given the choice of having a court house built at Ontario for them without a dollars expense to the county or building a \$200,000 court house at Vale at the expense of the taxpayers. The Vale people have placed the price on the kind of building they consider necessary for the county to build.