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Vote for Ontario and Receive a New Court House Free Vote for Vale and Be Taxed for a new \$200,000 Court House

HOW HARPER DID NOT GET HER BRIDGE

She Would Not Support the Vale Bunch in the fight

TO KEEP THE COUNTY SEAT

Vale has handed Westfall and Harper the proverbial lemon often, and the last one they tossed these good communities was on the Harper bridge this fall. There is not a man in Vale who had the nerve to sign his name to a pretended explanation of the deal so they signed the article "Taxpayers."

The county court had advertised that they would let a contract for a bridge at Harper in September. They certainly had a legal right to do this or they would not have done so.

When the county seat petition came up a business man in Vale called up a business man in Harper and asked him how he stood on the county seat and was informed the Harper man stood for Ontario.

Then you cannot have your bridge and if necessary Vale will enjoin the county court to stop it says the Vale business man.

The bridge contract was to be let, and was not let because of this threat. The people of Harper and Westfall are not made of the kind of stuff you can bluff by such sand bagging methods. We will be glad to furnish names and further particulars if Vale wants them.

Vale gave it to her where the Turkey got the ax.

REBEKAHS HOLD A DISTRICT CONVENTION

President of the Assembly Instructs in Work.

HOLD NEXT MEETING AT VALE

The sixth annual convention of District No. 26, convened in the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday, September 29th, p. m. with Mrs. Kate Lando, of Marshfield, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon in attendance.

The Chairman, Mrs. Wheeler of Vale called the meeting to order, and on roll call the following lodges were found to be represented: Golden Rule, No. 64, Vale, Ore.; Yellow Rose, No. 202, Nyssa, Ore.; Beatrice, No. 82, Ontario, Ore.; and Lady Mary, No. 224, Condon, Penn.

The afternoon session was devoted to business and instruction in the lodge work by the president.

The question box, conducted by the president proved very helpful and instructive.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. Draper, Ontario, Chairman; Mrs. Duncan, Nyssa, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Wheeler, Vale, Secretary; Mrs. Lyells, Ontario, Marshall; Miss Glenn, Vale, Conductor; Mrs. Clara Morton, Ontario, Chaplain; Mrs. Hadley, Vale, Inside Guard; Mrs. Clossen, Nyssa, Outside Guard.

Executive Committee: Mrs. Dunlap, Vale; Mrs. Edna Boyd, Ontario; Mrs. Duncan, Nyssa.

The evening session was devoted to the initiatory degree, finished and topped by a splendid feed.

The next convention will be held at Vale.

He who plows can produce anything, including health and happiness.

WILL BUILD WEST OF RIVERSIDE AT ONCE

Is the Latest Information in Railroad Circles

SOON REACH HARNEY VALLEY

Clay Luce, a resident of Riverside, who has been here during the past week on business is authority for the statement that a contract has been let and work will positively begin this month upon a continuation of the Oregon & Eastern railroad west for a distance of 40 miles.

Mr. Luce says he is positive of this; that a private car containing officials of the railroad was at Riverside two days last week in which were included General Manager O'Brien of the O. W. R. & N. and also Chief Engineer Stradley of the Short Line. They went over the ground while there and also came out this way from Riverside some distance. Arrangements were made to lay additional trackage at Riverside to care for sidings for construction material and it was no secret that contractors were to begin placing their camps out along the line of the extension work without delay.—Burns Times Herald.

The above confirms what has been reported here. There is some more work to be done on three of the big steel bridges and when this is completed and roadbed ballasted, trains can be operated without further trouble as far as Riverside, then the contractors will get busy with the grade from Riverside to the Harney valley.

There is little heavy work to be done between Riverside and the valley and it should not take many months to go through and have trains running.

With the rails laid to the valley the great interior of Oregon would then be accessible to the world and a period of development would be started.

WHY DOESN'T HE PAY TAXES LIKE A MAN?

A Land Speculator Backing Vale in County Seat Fight

WILL VOTE FOR HIGHER TAXES

B. F. Combs wrote a lengthy letter to the Enterprise last week. Combs says he wants to deed his land to the county assessor if he will pay the taxes on it on a value of \$2.50 per acre, and gives this as a reason why he will vote for Vale for the county seat.

Vale says all the big real estate men and grafters are working for Ontario for the county seat. You can have Combs, we don't want him. Those kind of men don't build up a country and make his neighbor's land worth any more. He says: "We have some 25,000 acres which we are offering at less than 25 per cent of the present assessed valuation." He must be homesick to get back to Arkansas. We suggest that now Vale has raised a jackpot to colonize non-resident voters on the Bully Creek project until after election that they raise another pot to buy Combs.

Such men are a worst pest than the sage ticks and the jack rabbits.

Mary had a little lamb With a fleecy white coat, Vale has nothing left at all, Ontario has got her goat.

The above is the proposition you are going to be called upon to vote on the third of November. Ontario has the money ready to start work on a new Court House to be given to the County, in case you decide to locate your County Seat at Ontario. If Ontario does not complete this building and turn it over to the County free of debt, then the county seat election would be void and the county seat remain at the present location, in Vale.

In case the tax payers decide to keep the county seat at Vale then it will be necessary for you to tax yourselves and build a new Court House at Vale to cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Vale cannot help you because her indebtedness is now over the limit. This is the kind of Court House the Vale people say you need and they are telling you now so you will know what to expect if you leave the county seat at Vale.

The present Court House would be condemned if located in any city. There are no vaults to care for the records in the assessor's office, the treasurer's office or the sheriff's office. Most of the records remaining on the counters, where they would soon be destroyed by a fire that is likely to start at any time, as the old building is heated with stoves.

When you go to Vale look at the old building, see those cracks in the walls over the windows, some of the capstones are cracked. Take your knife and run the blade into the mortar seams and see how rotten the mortar is. Go into the offices and see how crowded they are and how the record books are left lying around. Then figure what it will cost to replace those records when they are destroyed, and where you and every other property owner in the county would be.

When you have made the examination we are sure you will say that the proposition of Ontario to donate a court house to the county at this time is a most liberal one and you will vote for it.

THE GRANGERS CORN CARNIVAL NOVEMBER 11 AND 12

Committee to Commence Measuring and Weighing October 20.

THE DECORATIONS ARE GOING TO BE BY THE GRANGE LADIES

The Pomona Grange Committee who have the Corn Contest in charge have decided to hold the first Corn Carnival of Malheur County in Ontario, November 11 and 12.

The Ontario Commercial Club are doing all they can to make this Carnival a success and when it is known that Mr. E. B. Conklin has charge of the entertainment Committee we know we will be entertained and the Boulevard Grange with the assistance of successful decorators of Ontario will make the hall "A thing of Beauty and a Joy forever." The real corn contest commenced last spring and will close by the awards made by a corn expert and the measuring, gathering and weighing will be in charge of the Pomona Grange Corn Committee, assisted by the Malheur County farm director, Mr. W. R. Shinn.

For the benefit of those in this contest will state that October 20th is the date set for commencing measuring and weighing the Corn in contest in the Big Bend Country and will continue until all is finished in the County. Two bushels of corn from each acre is donated to the grange and will be sold at the Carnival on November 12th at 2 p. m., at auction. This will be a splendid chance to get good seed corn and help the cause.

Many supplementary premiums are offered for the best 10 ears of both white and yellow corn grown by boys or girls under 16 years of age, also for best single ear of any color. If sufficient tickets can be sold a special train will start from Adrian at 8:30 and leave Ontario, 10 p. m., November 11th, Wednesday.

A full list of extra premiums will be furnished soon.

GRANGE COMMITTEE.

1. This is a one acre contest, awards are to be given on the product of an acre of ground which must be in as compact a form as possible.

2. The following score will be used in making awards: Quality 40 per cent; Quantity 40 per cent; written report 20 per cent.

3. a. The ground will be measured and the crop harvested under the supervision of a committee appointed for that purpose. Further particulars will be given before harvest.

b. In young orchards no corn is to be grown in tree rows or nearer than three and one-half (3½) feet to the tree row. In measuring the land a strip 3½ feet in width will be deducted for each tree row.

4. Each contestant shall exhibit two bushels of corn from his tract as a sample of his produce. This is to become the property of the Pomona Grange to assist in paying expenses.

Further information regarding the contest can be obtained from any member of the Committee or from the County Agriculturist, W. R. Shinn, Ontario.

For the contest the county has been divided into five districts, viz: Cairo, Nyssa, Big Bend, Vale, Willow Creek and Dead Ox Flat. A grand sweepstakes prize of \$100 is offered for the best acre of corn in the entire county, while the best acre in each of the respective districts will receive \$50 first, \$25 second and \$15 third. In the Nyssa district the second and third prize will be \$30 and \$20, the Malheur County Bank having donated ten dollars to be used for that purpose.

All awards will be made by a disinterested corn expert from Idaho. Each acre exhibited will donate two bushels of corn to the Pomona Grange. This selected, prize-winning corn will then be sold at public auction Thursday afternoon, November 11, the proceeds being used to pay expenses. This sale will offer a great opportunity for Malheur county farmers to get seed from the best corn grown in the county.

SOME EASY MONEY GRABBERS AT VALE

Peddling Blue Sky to Poor Widows in the East

BIG RAKE OFF FOR PROMOTER

Vale has a bunch of easy money grabbers who are the most prominent people in the county seat election. They are not satisfied with making money out of taxpayers funds kept on deposit at the county seat, but they are flooding the east with literature setting forth Vale's magnificent oil wells. They get the name of some poor widow who has saved a little money by toll and frugality, and keep after her with follow up letters until they get her money.

They have employed one of the biggest "blue sky" stock sellers to peddle their worthless stock in the east. This big promoter poses as an official of some little railroad down east that don't exist any where except on paper.

Vale don't dare offer stock for sale in their "wild cat" oil wells in Malheur county. People would laugh at them.

Ontario drilled an oilwell but the money was furnished by her enterprising citizens, and business men and did not ask for a dollar outside of Ontario. They did not try to sell a lot of stock in other states to unliberal people who could ill afford to lose it, in order to get a rake off for promotion like Vale is doing. Many states have passed laws against such kind of work but there are a few left where people who live by the sweat of the other man's brow can sell oil stock in "wild cat" wells. Their king pin promoter is keeping 25 per cent of what the stock sells for as his, the Vale promoters are holding out 25 per cent and possibly 50 per cent is all that goes to the actual development of the well.

SOME ILLOGICAL TALK FROM A REVEREND

Admirer of the Present Seat of County Government

EVEN A PREACHER SLOPS OVER

The Reverend gentleman at Vale who is protesting so loudly against the "satanic influences" that are asking for a vote on county seat relocation because a removal of the county seat from Vale would mean "our destruction" is the same gentleman who at the Pioneers Picnic at Vale recently, stated to an old pioneer that the reason he was opposed to the removal of the county seat was that Ontario was not in the center of the county. His Reverence at that time stated that if an attempt should be made to remove the county seat to the center of the county he would not object in the least. As near as we can figure it Watson post office is about the center of the county. According to the gentleman's own statement he would not object to the removal of the county seat from Vale to Watson, but he does object to the removal from Vale to Ontario, and assigns as his reason therefor that it would mean Vale's destruction. We hope that the "Dear Brothers and Sisters" of the county will be able to understand the reasoning of this gentleman. We can't.

IMPORTING ILLEGAL VOTERS TO DEFEAT

The Will of the Majority of the Taxpayers.

BULLY CREEK WORK STARTED

To the voters and taxpayers who have lived some time in Malheur county and pride themselves a being decent law-abiding industrious citizens:

What do you think of a city that will raise money like Vale is doing to colonize a lot of voters on the Bully Creek project until after election? Does Vale expect to hold the support and respect of the decent citizens of Malheur county by bringing into the county several hundred voters to work on the Bully Creek project just before election.

We ask the Vale Enterprise for your information to publish a list of the names of the laborers on the Bully Creek project so that you may see if they are bona fide residents of Malheur county.

They don't dare do it. Oregon has led all states in the Union to secure a fair and pure ballot.

Now the state's proud name is to be dragged in the dust so that Vale may get votes at the county seat election.

The citizens of the county will rebuke such work at the polls in November.

GRANGE TO DISCUSS THE NEW MEASURES

Meetings to be Held in Hall Wednesday Evenings.

THE PUBLIC INVITED TO JOIN

Beginning next Wednesday evening and each succeeding Wednesday evening until election a series of public meetings will be held at the Boulevard Grange hall for the purpose of discussing the proposed amendments to the constitution to be voted on November 3. It is hoped that every one in the community, grangers and those not members, will avail themselves of this opportunity of meeting with their neighbors to exchange ideas on these most important measures, some of which are perhaps the most important and in many respects the most radical that have yet been referred to the voters of the state.

At the first meeting, next Wednesday, the first ten amendments, referred to the people by the legislature, and the first two initiative measures will be the ones under discussion. All are requested to familiarize themselves with these measures and to be ready to take part in the discussion. While it is hoped that those having the meetings in charge will be able to secure competent leaders the principal object is to bring out the opinions of the residents of this section as to what will be the effects of the measures.

Mrs. Linnie Carl of Portland will speak in the Grange hall at Cairo, Sunday Oct. 11, at 2:30.

Mrs. Carl comes highly recommended and no one should miss the pleasure of hearing her lecture, "In the Shadow Who is Who?" Good music will also be a feature.—Come.

Good roads broaden our sympathy, lessen distance and increase our usefulness.