

THIS IS A WHITE MAN'S COUNTRY

Vale Uses Cheap Foreign
Labor for Improvements

ONTARIO USES WHITE LABOR

From all indications the year 1915 will eclipse all previous building and improvement years for Ontario. David Wilson is now planning another beautiful block to be erected next summer. T. H. Moore, who is now finishing two good store rooms north of the Carter house will make extensive improvements next year. He plans to cover all his real estate holdings in the city with substantial buildings. Boyer Bros. & Co., will build a three-story modern business building on their corner South of the First National Bank. They will also raise there present store room another story and build it all back to the alley and make it the best store room in Snake River valley. Adam & Co., will cover their lots on Main street with at least a two story building. J. R. Blackaby will cover his main street holdings with a substantial business building. Alex Lochead will build a modern apartment house of large proportions on the corner he recently purchased in the Hobson block. Walter Glenn will erect a modern two story and basement rooming house of brick construction on his lots near the old opera house. The Ontario National Bank people have under consideration the enlargement of the Carter House so it will be three stories high and extended to the alley doubling its present size. In addition to these business houses there will be at least a hundred substantial dwellings erected in the city. These will vary in price from a few hundred dollars for the modest bungalows to thousands for the more pretentious homes. In addition to the above private buildings in the city, Ontario contemplates a complete water system when completed will put soft Snake river water in every home in Ontario. This work alone will employ a large force of men for a whole year. We wish the laboring men all over the county to take notice of the above statements, as Ontario will furnish enough labor next year to ac-

commodate them all. Scores of carpenters, cement men, bricklayers, plasterers, painters, etc., will be needed as well as hundreds of common laborers. It is the policy of the city of Ontario and Ontario business men to employ none but white labor. In contrast to this Vale now has a hoard of dagoes at work on the Bully Creek Project above Vale. They can employ them for less wages than the white man and besides they will do what Vale wants them to do, cast a dirty illegitimate ballot for Vale for the county seat. Mr. Laboring man you should ponder well before you vote on the county seat question. Should Vale win it means nothing to you. There will be nothing doing in the way of improvement. Should Ontario win it will mean work enough for every tradesman and common laborer in the county. You homesteaders all over the county should think well before you vote. Most of you need employment a portion of each year. If Ontario wins you will be able to get it. If Vale wins you will get it in the neck for if they employ any laboring men they will employ dagoes because they can get them a few cents cheaper.

To the Voters

I have not been able to meet many of you personally, so take this means of informing you that I am again a candidate for representative in the Harney-Malheur district. You sent me to Salem to represent you in the 1913 General Assembly, and I would act again as I acted then, i.e., vote on each measure to the best of my understanding and according to judgment and conscience. I have no great lot of promises out and will agree to only one thing; that is to do my best for the district and state. Whether you vote for me or not, I shall request you to vote for No. 306 on the ballot, that number covers a constitutional amendment that will permit the state to aid worthy reclamation projects, thus bettering the conditions of the citizens of such projects and adding immeasurably to the taxable value of the state. So many voters will be tired of marking on amendments that they may overlook something of importance; don't overlook No. 306; every man and woman in Eastern Oregon should vote for it.

W. F. HOMAN.

Considering the number of expensive projectiles fired without effect, Europe may well begin to grumble over the high cost of murder. Bumper chops without market facilities have sent more farmers staggering down the back alleys of agriculture than all the pests and droughts that have ever cursed the nation.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Two hundred acres of timber land are said to have burned over in the Siuslaw forests.

The First Baptist church, Independent, and the Immanuel Baptist church at Baker, have decided to merge. Joint property is valued at \$13,000.

Taxes in Oregon which are declared delinquent on September 1 will suffer a penalty of 10 per cent if it is declared at Salem.

Fifty thousand steelhead trout were placed in the streams in the vicinity of Dufur. They were obtained from the Bonneville hatchery.

Ban has been placed on all unmuzzled dogs by the Ashland city council and \$10 will be required to get dogs out of pound.

Cows and hogs and even rabbits are said to have died in considerable numbers in Pleasant Valley, presumably as a result of the severe heat.

Walter Simpson, homesteader 25 miles south of Burns was instantly killed when a bucket fell on him while he was at the bottom of a well.

The auto of C. J. Pugh was caught by the tide and carried out to sea at Cannon Beach. Mr. Pugh had a narrow escape. He leaped out of the car just in time.

The Hammond Lumber company of Astoria may be affected by a threat of the Hindu employes to quit work to return to India to join in a revolution against Great Britain.

Prizes aggregating \$600 will be given at band concerts at Gresham, bands from Multnomah county and eastern part of Clackamas county to take part.

On a warrant from Coos Bay section charging him with a recent bank robbery Walter S. Peaslee was arrested at Valley station, by Sheriff W. L. Woodard and Deputy Kelling.

Miss Anna Quick, daughter of the city recorder of St. Helens, is acting in her father's absence, and she declares she will give liquor offenders the limit when passing sentence.

Portland, Ore., was chosen as the city for the 1916 convention of the supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias, at the concluding session of the Pythian convention at Winnipeg, Canada.

The John Day valley is experiencing a grasshopper storm. They start mostly in the foothills of the mountains and descend, taking all of the vegetation clean as they advance.

State Printer Harris has completed the printing of the second edition of the 1913 session laws, this being necessary because the first edition of 480 was exhausted. This time 800 copies were printed.

Preparations are being made to have this year's Pacific International stock show at North Portland to eclipse all previous records in importance. The show will be held December 7-14 at the stockyards.

Parties from the Umpqua say that there has been a fair run of salmon up to the present this season. The fishermen held a meeting there recently and raised the price of salmon sold to the canneries to 3 1/2c per pound.

McKees Flat, 12 miles west of Condon, is infested with grasshoppers as bad as they were in Kansas many years ago. Farmers fear a total destruction by grasshoppers next year. The same condition is reported on Pine Creek, leading to Condon.

At a meeting of the Lane County Farmers' Protective association in Eugene several thousand Bob White quail will be asked for from the state game farm, to eat bugs that are ravaging the bean and corn crops in this county.

Seventy accidents, one fatal, were reported to Labor Commissioner G. P. Hoff during the past week. E. H. Baker of Dee, was the victim of a railroad train at Dee and there were more accidents in railroad work than in any other.

Grape growers about Hermiston are all rejoicing. The crop there has always been a good one, but this year it promises to even beat anything yet. Flame Tokays, Muscats, Thompson Seedling, Worden and Concord vines are all carrying every pound possible of fine big bunches.

That there is a strong sentiment in Roseburg toward bonding the city for \$500,000 to aid the construction of a railroad to the coast is shown by the fact that 750 voters signed the initiative petitions authorizing an election on the proposed amendment. Only 150 signatures were required.

With about 20 orchardists of the valley as members, the Hood River Fruitgrowers' Exchange has been formally organized and papers of incorporation have been sent for filing to the secretary of state. A contract of affiliation has been signed with the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, of Portland.

Grasshoppers are playing havoc with the crops at the farm of the state insane asylum. Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent, has reported to the state board of control that the pests virtually have destroyed the potato crop and that they are damaging other crops. He says the insects are of the Kansas variety.

740 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT STATE UNIVERSITY

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.—(Special)—Seven hundred and forty students have registered in the University of Oregon since college opened September 14. This number marks an increase of 50 over the registration of this time last year.

The figures mentioned above include only the students enrolled for resident work in the College of Arts and Sciences. Besides these 740 resident students there must be added 83 students in the medical department at Portland, 230 in the law department, 145 correspondence study students, 98 students in the music department, 523 students in the extension classes and 160 in the summer school. This gives a total of 1979 and shows that the grand increase in enrollment for the University since this date last year is over twenty and a half per cent; both on the campus and outside an increase is noted in every item.

Malheur county sends five to the university. They are: Earl Blackaby, Larue Blackaby, Sterling Spellman and Teresa Cox, of Ontario; and Chas. Crandall, of Vale.

EIGHT DIVISIONS IN FRANCE

Earl Kitchener Takes Country into Confidence in Speech.

London.—Speaking in the house of lords Field Marshal Earl Kitchener revealed the strength of the British expeditionary force in France and described what he believed must be done to assure a successful issue of the conflict. A steady flow of reinforcements was required, he said.

There were already in France, he said, more than six divisions of British infantry and two divisions of cavalry which were being maintained at their full strength. Further regular divisions and additional cavalry were being organized from units drawn from over-seas garrisons which were now being occupied by territorials and volunteers. A division of territorials already had left for Egypt, a brigade had gone to Malta and a garrison force to Gibraltar.

UNIVERSAL 8 HOUR LAW A MENACE TO THE STATE

A universal eight-hour law such as the one proposed by those who are responsible for placing on the ballot in the coming election amendment 320 and 321 is manifestly unfair to the state of Oregon and dangerous in its subsequent development. Under a stringent eight hour law such as is proposed, it will cost the average farmer and business man fifty per cent more to produce the same results as are being produced now at the present cost. This fifty per cent extra will unquestionably have to be added to the cost of Oregon's products and in competition with the products of neighboring states not handicapped by such drastic legislation, the products of the state of Oregon will cut a sorry figure in the markets of the northwest when the price is considered. Legislation such as this, is not for the individual state to pass, but should be handled nationally placing all states on the same basis as far as hours of labor are concerned. Economically the passage of the proposed eight-hour law would work a tremendous hardship on the future development of Oregon and it should be defeated decisively on November third, and it will be defeated if those who are opposed to it will not manifest indifference on election day but will go to the polls and vote no on 321.

AUTO IS A PEW EMPTIER.

Woman Pastor Says Automobiles Keep Folk From Church.

Noblesville, Ind.—In a sermon delivered at a union meeting on the courthouse lawn the Rev. Gertrude Reimler, pastor of the Friends' church, attributed the small attendance at churches in the summer to the automobile.

"The people, it seems to me," she said, "would rather spin over the country in their machines, regardless of the danger and dust, than to attend church and hear the gospel expounded. As a result we preachers usually speak to empty pews on hot days, while at least two-thirds of the population of the country is whirling through the rural districts, propelled by gasoline power, with no object in view except pleasure."

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ONTARIO, OREGON

NEW PLYMOUTH MAKING MANY NEW IMPROVEMENTS

Some fine building improvements are being made at New Plymouth, in town and in the nearby country. Roy White, the hardware dealer here, is building a strictly modern 6-room bungalow in town, at a cost of about \$2500. The house is of pretty design and will have almost every known convenience on the interior. John A. and Arnold Ackerman are doing the carpenter work and James F. Driscoll just finished the plastering.

The Catholic Society is having built in New Plymouth a new parish house to cost about \$1300. It is being built just east of the Catholic church, and will be of the bungalow type and modern in every way. John A. and Arnold Achman are doing the carpenter work.

Rev. Father Vanderberg, who has been in charge of the parish here and at Payette, leaves soon for Philadelphia, where he will locate. It is understood Rev. Father Fleck of Sleepy Eye, Minn., will be Father Vanderberg's successor.

James Johnson is building a large modern dairy barn, 20x80 feet, on his ranch a mile northwest of New Plymouth. It will accommodate 40 dairy cows, has cement floor and gutters, swinging stanchions, etc., and will cost about \$1200.

Lynch & Phillips this fall will build on their ranch a mile southeast of New Plymouth, a dairy barn 70 feet long, with accommodations for 20 cows. This barn will be built so it can easily be enlarged when necessary. Lynch & Phillips are now milking 12 cows, but several more will become fresh soon. They have 41 head of dairy stock, including heifers and calves. They recently sold 80 hogs with an average weight of 219 pounds, at \$7.16 per hundred or \$1252.88. They now have on the ranch 176 hogs, including the little pigs.

G. W. Swinderman of Sweet bought the E. B. Tremain barber shop, and took possession a few days ago. Mr. Tremain has gone to Boise to locate.

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ILLITERACY AMONG OREGON RURAL POPULATION

The need of more and better rural schools in Oregon is made manifest by conditions revealed in a recent census report showing the per centage of illiterates among the native white farming class of this state. The figures show that the per centage of illiteracy in the rural districts of Oregon is three times as large as that in the cities and villages of the state. Oregon has 10,504 illiterates and 7,133 of them live on the farms. There are 5,942 boys and men and 2,091 girls and women on the farms of this state that can neither read nor write.

VOTE NO OR LOOK FOR HIGHER TAXES

The amount of taxes collected from the people of Oregon this year will total \$24,000,000. The net value of the crops produced this year is estimated at \$80,000,000. If the farmers of the state are not alive to the situation, November 3, and get out the vote against the proposed \$1500 taxation exemption their pleas against high taxation in the future will be deserving of little consideration. The farmer, if the exemption passes, may expect an increase of from 30 to 50 per cent in taxation as soon as the law becomes operative.