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WESTWARD THE STAR OF EMPIRE MOVES

OREGON EASTERN HAS REACHED HARNEY COUNTY—ROAD TO EVENTUALLY BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO ONTARIO.

With Ontario as its junction, the Oregon & Eastern railroad has extended its line some 100 miles west into Harney county. The road eventually is destined to become a unit of one of the great transcontinental lines, the goals evidently to be Portland and San Francisco. Conclusions may be drawn that in the course of time the Oregon & Eastern will be of special benefit to Ontario in the way of installing machine shops here and other division accessories.

West of Vale the railroad has wedged through canyons, bored through hills, and with an easy grade, has glided into one of the famous valleys of central Oregon. In crossing the line into Harney county last week, the road has reached one of the largest, undeveloped domains of great possibilities in the great northwest.

Residents of the Burns country are enthusiastic over the approach of the new railway. The Times-Herald says:

"Trains are actually running in Harney county. This is the word received the fore part of this week from the construction camps of the Oregon & Eastern. To the many pioneer residents of this section who have been waiting for years and years this is a most welcome announcement for the New Year and 1915 will go down in history as giving us a starter at least toward direct connection with outside markets and the incentive for future rapid development of this big territory. The track has been laid and trains are operated to Chris Denean's place which is one mile this side of the county line."

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

An auto stage line has been established between Jordan Valley and McDermitt. Cars leave Jordan Valley on Tuesdays, returning on Thursdays.

The aldermen of Caldwell are planning on spending \$125,000 on improvements to streets and drainage.

A special from Mountain Home, says:

"One of the big sheep deals of the season is reported here by which Fred McCabe of Buhl disposed of a band of 7500 to the Whitson brothers. The sheep sold for \$10.75 per head, which is said to be the top-notch price for so large a number. McCabe is still interested in sheep and has a large band wintering in Oregon."

A special to the Boise Statesman from Caldwell says:

"Furnam Dustnam, aged 17, accidentally shot and killed himself Sunday afternoon at his parents' home about two miles from Caldwell. The young fellow was going hunting and stooped down to crawl under a fence when the gun went off, shooting him through the lungs. Death was almost instantaneous."

Geo. Berlin of the Caldwell Wagon Works is constructing what he calls an auto-trailer, and the work is being done for Charles Seebree. The trailer will be 4X9 feet, mounted on auto wheels and axle, neatly and compactly built, and it is to be attached to the rear of an Overland auto. The trailer is to be constructed to conform with the auto, both in color and finish. It will contain a folding bed, a closet for clothes, shoes and wearing apparel. In one corner will be a lavatory. There will also be a dining table and an alcohol stove, built after a special pattern. There will be large windows on each side, constructed after a unique pattern that affords plenty of air and is well screened. Entrance to the trailer is by way of a door located in front. The vehicle is to be used for mountain and outing trips. In fact, it's a miniature house on wheels, compactly and comfortably arranged, making it ideal for camping trips. We have no doubt that Mr. Berlin will have orders for the construction of these nifty and unique vehicles.

—Caldwell News

NOT SO FIERCE AN OUTLAW AS PICTURED

There are several citizens in this city who at one time resided in Oklahoma, but there was at least one man who watched the scenes of the exploits of Al Jennings flashed on the screen Sunday evening at the Dreamland Theatre, who had lived in the same haunts of the famous bandit during his balmy days in the Indian Territory.

William Reed came here from Grand, Oklahoma, about a year ago and has been conducting a business since his arrival in the city. Although not intimately acquainted with Al Jennings, Mr. Reed says he had met the famous outlaw and saw him frequently before the final raid of the Jennings gang, which eventually landed Al and his brother Frank in the penitentiary.

Mr. Reed was living at Chickasha, Oklahoma, at the time of the great train hold-up in 1897, of a south bound Rock Island passenger train at the siding four miles north of that place. After the train pulled into Chickasha from the scene of the Jennings hold-up, Mr. Reed talked with several of the passengers who were victims of the robbery, and got a good history of the crime committed.

After the unsuccessful attempt to blow up the large safe in the express car, the crew and passengers were lined up along a barbed-wire fence and delivered of their valuables. One of the passengers, it was asserted, attempted to be funny, when a bandit whipped out his knife and cut an ear off of the fresh individual. During the entire proceedings, it was said Al Jennings was good-natured and kept up a continual stream of laughter among his associates.

After finishing their crooked work, the gang rode east to the old "Pot" country, a heavy timbered and rocky region, where the bandits made their home in times of peace.

Mr. Reed asserts that down in the Oklahoma country, people in general do not consider Al Jennings the notorious outlaw he is pictured, and that there were other gangs far more clever than the Jennings outfit. During the old Indian Territory days, "Belle Star" and her six brothers were the stars in the hold-up profession. Other gangs who struck terror to the peaceful inhabitants, were the Daltons and Doolens. These bandits had their rendezvous in the mountains and committed depredations throughout the Choctaw, Creek and Cherokee Indian reservations.

Elmer Orcutt of Weiser, and Miss Frances Finges of Salt Lake, were married at Salt Lake on Friday evening. This was quite a surprise to Mr. Orcutt's many friends here.

DIED AT LONG BEACH.

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. James Anaby, age 73, at Long Beach, California, on Tuesday, January 4. The deceased was a sister of "Uncle Dick" Ruthford of this city, and has many friends here who mourn her loss.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The final semester examinations in the high school will begin Wednesday and half a day will be given to each subject, thereby giving the students time enough to put their thoughts into words.

The freshmen of the local high school were decisively defeated last Friday in their game with Fruitland freshmen. The Ontario boys were greatly outweighed by the visitors, but put up a good fight to the last.

The girls basket ball team will play the Weiser girls in the local hall next Friday. The game is looked forward to with much interest, as it has been a long time since these two teams have met on a basket ball floor.

Some of the high school people had contemplated quite a sleigh ride last Saturday evening. They decided to go to Payette and attend the dance given there by the high school, but because of the unfortunate tendency of the ground to stick up out of the snow in spots where the runners of the sleigh were apt to strike, the merry-makers were forced to abandon their ride.

Some of them went over in cars later in the evening and reported a good time.

The sophomores held an oyster feed supper in the school house Saturday evening and but for an incident where the juniors and seniors got away with a can of oysters, they had a fine time and a big feed.

GRAND JURY MAKE A FINAL REPORT

CIRCUIT COURT STARTS IN THIS WEEK WITH LARGE NUMBER OF CASES.

The grand jury who have been investigating the matters called to their attention during the past week have returned 18 true bills and 3 not true bills, failing to indict Ed. Brynes, who was bound over on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday, Chas. Copel of Vale who was bound over for a misdemeanor, and also one of the parties who were caught in the drag net at Riverside.

Considering the vast amount of work and the great number of witnesses examined, this grand jury have made a most remarkable record. The trial jury met Monday and are now passing on the guilt or innocence of the grand jury's victims.

NEW LIGHTS IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY

With the closing of the sessions Ontario proceeds to make attractions for those who were formerly drawn to these places of resort.

Among the many new attractions are the new lights that have been put in front of the public library. Because of the location of the library these lights are really necessary. Their improvement upon the appearance of the building and the grounds can best be realized by seeing, and they are not hard to see either. Especially on a dark night, they stand out as an emblem of opportunity for the lovers of good literature.

MRS. BACHMAN PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND

Sarah Bachman was born in Dayton, Ohio, December 29, 1838, died in Ontario, Oregon, January 6, 1916. She was married to Mr. Bachman in 1855. Four children were born to them, two of whom are still living, also one adopted son who was with his mother during her last days.

Mrs. Bachman was a member of the Southern Methodist church and an active one. The funeral services were conducted from the M. E. church, Rev. C. C. Pratt officiating.

TO THE VOTERS OF MALHEUR COUNTY.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of District Attorney of this county. If nominated and elected I will endeavor to fulfill the duties of my office in a fair, fearless and efficient manner and to the best of my ability, keeping in mind at all times my duty to the tax payers.

P. J. GALLAGHER.
Paid Advertisement.

A MAY FLING HIS HAT IN RING FOR SENATOR

POPULAR VALE ATTORNEY IS A CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR OF THIS DISTRICT.

We understand that J. A. Hurley, the prominent young lawyer of Vale, has been spoken of as a candidate for Joint Senator from this district, and while we are not very well acquainted with Mr. Hurley, personally, still from all reports he is the right man for the place.

Malheur County is entitled to representation in the state legislature. Last year the Joint Representative was a Harney County man, and the Senator a resident of Grant County. This year we ought to elect a senator or representative, and if Mr. Hurley will accept the nomination, he will make a good representative of Eastern Oregon. We would like to see Mr. Hurley announce himself for the place.

P. J. GALLAGHER FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY



The above half tone is a very good likeness of P. J. Gallagher, whose announcement as the Republican candidate for the office of District Attorney for Malheur county appears in another column of this issue.

Mr. Gallagher is not only a capable and industrious lawyer, but has always been identified with every movement that means the betterment of things in his locality.

He is thoroughly capable to handle the affairs of the office to which he aspires. He has the confidence of the people in that respect, and is receiving a very liberal support for the nomination. Judging from present indications he will receive a large majority of the Republican votes at the coming primary.

IS A GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The C. U. B. Sunday School class in the Congregational church, composed of people not over twenty and not younger than thirteen has an enviable record for growth in numbers. At the first of the last quarter in 1915, the class was composed of twenty-nine members. At the last of the quarter there were 48 members. It is interesting to note that this was done by dividing the class and having one side compete with the other, the side getting the fewest members putting up the feed for the other side. Some criticism has been made of this method of getting members for the Sunday school class but the fact remains that "it gets them" and they are good members when they come. When a young person gets an invitation from a person of his own age he is far more apt to take it serious than when an older one invites him, and it is due to this rather than to the hopes of getting a "big feed" that members are added to a Sunday school class.

"RED LETTER DAY."

The Ontario Woman's Club will observe "Red Letter Day" here this year by holding a "Silver Tea" at the residence of Mrs. H. O. Drane, on Wednesday, January 26. Scholarship Loan Fund Day is also to be observed the same day. The social event will be held from 3 to 6 in the afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited.

BAPTIST ASS'N. WILL MEET IN ONTARIO

The second quarterly assembly of the Grande Ronde Baptist Association will be held in Ontario, January 21, 22 and 23. A good program is being prepared and a good meeting is being looked forward to. The exercises will begin Friday at 2 p. m. Speakers will be here from Portland, Baker, Haynes, Payette, Fruitland and Boise. The program will be published in full at a later date.

SUDDEN DEMISE OF VISITOR.

The sad death of Mrs. J. H. Smith of Dillon, Montana, occurred at Fruitland Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Thomas. The cause of the sudden demise was heart trouble. The deceased was about 70 years of age, and was accompanied on her trip by another daughter, Mrs. Poreh. The body was taken to Dillon yesterday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

NOTICE!

In the recent convention of county school superintendents, the State Department of Education instructed the county superintendents to call attention to the following extracts from the School Laws of Oregon. Teachers school boards and superintendents throughout the state will hereafter meet all of these requirements:

Section 84, Page 44 of the 1915 Oregon School Laws.
Teachers Must File Certificate and Contract.

The county superintendent shall require teachers before beginning to teach in any school district in his county to register in his office, if they have not previously done so, their county certificates or state papers, and file a copy of their contracts, and should any teacher fail so to register his or her certificate or State paper, and file a copy of his or her contract in the office of the county school superintendent before beginning to teach in any district in his county, said teacher shall forfeit to the said district the full amount of salary for the time taught before said certificate, or State paper, or contract were so filed. The county school superintendent shall notify the clerk of said district of the amount of such forfeiture and shall deduct the amount of said forfeiture for the next appointment due said school district. The requirements of this section shall be enforced only by the county school superintendent of the county in which the school building in which the teacher is employed shall be situated.

Section 24, Page 19 of the 1915 Oregon School Laws.

Registration of Certificates.
1. All certificates issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction

AMERICAN FLAG GIFT TO COURT

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES TOOK PLACE AT VALE WHEN THE FLAG IS PRESENTED TO THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Fourteen applications for American citizenship were granted by Judge Dalton Biggs at Vale, on Wednesday of last week.

In addition to the usual ceremonies pertaining to the granting of citizenship papers and taking the oath of allegiance, the Circuit Court of Oregon have adopted the practice of having present during the examination of the applicants a large American flag.

This practice was inaugurated by the Society of Sons of the American Revolution, who have presented the Courts of Oregon with the beautiful flags to be used as they see fit in the proceedings, the object being to impress the newly made citizens with the obligations that he assumes in becoming a citizen.

The presentation of the flag to Judge Biggs was a very beautiful and impressive ceremony. On behalf of the society, Judge Davis made the presentation in a short address that was a perfect gem. As the flag was unfurled the band played America, while the large audience and members of the bar arose and stood in mute respect and reverence.

The presentation speech was followed by a short but most appropriate address on the part of the Court, after which the members of the bar responded with short addresses on topics kindred to the flag and its purpose on this occasion.

C. M. Crandall made the principal address after the presentation address, other speakers being Lawyers McCulloch, Brooke, Duncan, Hurley, Gallagher, Swagler and McGonigal.

The Vale band rendered several patriotic airs in a very excellent manner, making the occasion one long to be remembered by the audience and the newly made citizens, who were all present by order of the court.

Ceremonies of this nature are very beautiful, and ought to be repeated, to a large extent at every granting of citizenship papers.

BIG AUDIENCE.

The theatre was crowded nearly to its capacity last night when John B. Ratto of the Redpath course gave his entertainment. The lights went out while the movie show was running and were out for quite a while, but the audience waited patiently, for they knew that they had something to wait for. They were not disappointed, either, as the program given by Ratto was original and greatly appreciated by the audience.



Scene from "The Warrens of Virginia" to be shown in moving pictures at the Dreamland Wednesday

FAY CLARK,
County School Superintendent