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STANFIELD COMPANY PURCHASES SIXTY SECTIONS OF RANGE LAND

MALHEUR LIVE STOCK COMPANY PURCHASES SIXTY SECTIONS IN HARNEY COUNTY FROM OREGON-WESTERN COLONIZATION COMPANY

IS JUST ONE OF MANY DEALS

Total of Sixty Thousand Acres of Range Land Purchased by Stockmen in the past Thirty Days—Stanfield Deal Largest Ever Made in Oregon by Individual Grower.

What is said to be the largest individual purchase of range land in Eastern Oregon was completed here on Monday when R. N. Stanfield bought sixty sections of Harney county range from the Oregon & Western Colonization Company.

The deal was closed by W. P. Davidson, of St. Paul, Minn., president of the company following negotiations carried on by his local agents, W. J. Planey of this city and Frank Johnson of Prineville.

Since the land is in a solid block and is also near the Forest Reserve in northwestern Harney county, it will furnish the Malheur Land & Live Stock company an abundance of range in that section and also it places the company almost on a par with any producer in Eastern Oregon so far as summer range is concerned.

While this sale was the largest reported by the Colonization company it was but one of several concluded by Mr. Davidson on the trip which ended here in Ontario Monday night while in the state but 30 days he sold 59,781 acres, or almost 2,000 acres for every day of his stay on the holidays. This is the best record made since the present company has had possession of the properties.

After having been a drug on the market for years range land is fast rivaling oil lands, so anxious are the stockmen to secure it to protect themselves and their business in that day which they see approaching when the public range will be but a memory along with the buffalo, and the pony express.

Among the sales made in the vicinity of Ontario was one to S. D. Dorman, of 120 acres near his present ranch southwest of the city. Frank B. Glenn of Vale also bought a piece of the company's irrigable tracts in the Warm Springs district.

The following is the list of sales made by the company within the last month:

Malheur Live Stock & Land Company	
Gay Lafollette	37,824
I. B. Mayer	640
J. C. Cecil	640
W. B. Johnson	1,280
Ahorasturi & Aranburn	2,560
Frank B. Glenn	40
Clarence S. Murray	31
George A. Russell	6
S. D. Dorman	120
Shevlin-Hixon	16,000
Total	59,781

BODY OF DANIEL HART IS PLACED IN LOCAL CEMETERY

The body of Daniel Hart one of Westfall's pioneers was brought down from that town where it was interred two years ago and placed in the Ontario cemetery for final interment. Only a few of the intimate friends of the widow, Mrs. Mary Hart and her son were present at the brief service that marked the reburial of the body which was held under the direction of the McDowell funeral directors last Friday afternoon.

WINNER OF SENATORIAL CONTEST VISITS ONTARIO

On his way out to Enterprise and Portland, Charles W. Ellis of Burns who won the republican nomination for the senatorship for the 22nd district, stopped in Ontario, Monday evening for a short visit with friends. Mr. Ellis appeared before the convention of women's club's to explain the position of Harney county settlers in relation to the proposed bird reserve, on Tuesday.

WHO WILL FURNISH THE TRUCK FOR THE BIG SHOW

Among the many great floats that are to be prepared for the Fourth of July parade is a fighting tank for the American demonstration. To build this tank the boys need the services of a truck that is not being used. It need not be a good truck. All that it need to have is an engine that can be made to run, some tires and a frame. The boys will put the engine in condition should it be out of order. Since it will take time to build the tank the boys would like to get in touch with the man who can let them have the car. Someone come forward now. Tell the Argus if you can help the boys out, and we will see that the information reaches the right man.

BOISE WINS SLUGGING MATCH FROM ONTARIO

Local Base Ball Fans Given Thrill In Final Frame When Hit Might Have Won Game For Locals—Attendance Small—Win From Nampa.

In the last canto with the base clogged with runners as nervous as kittens and chilled to the bone, Kelley who had relieved Malloy in the box for Ontario came to bat, like the night, Casey of Dewitt Hopper fame. But unlike Casey of the poem, Kelley did not fan, he did almost as badly, however for he hit directly into the waiting hands of Mason, Boise's left fielder and the game was over. Ontario lost 10 to 8.

The matinee thus ended was played at the Fair grounds Monday afternoon before a crowd of about 300, of whom half at least came all the way from Boise to witness the slugging match and comedy of errors. To be fair with the pastimers, however, it should be related that the day was more conducive good football than it was for base ball. Each team used two twirlers during the show and none of them proved over effective while the hitters enjoyed the opportunity to fatten their batting averages. In the meantime the fielders played drop the handkerchief at critical times and everyone rambled along toward the plate.

In spite of the errors, which were due in part to the frigid atmosphere and the high wind, the game was worth seeing from behind the collar of an overcoat. There were several features worth a trip to the part. One was Sherman's mighty

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Marshall-Jamieson

Much to the surprise of their many youthful friends especially among the students at the High School where they have been studying for the past two years, Miss Luree Jamieson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jamieson, and Ray Marshall were married Saturday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage at Vale, Rev. E. F. Clower performing the ceremony. The only witnesses were the bride's father and mother. The young couple did not take a honeymoon trip but returned to Ontario and have established their home in a bungalow on the East side which they had prepared prior to the ceremony.

Rogers-Henry

At the Moore Hotel parlors Wednesday morning there was performed a marriage ceremony of interest to many upper Malheur county citizens, when James Rogers, proprietor of one of Vale's popular confectionary stores was married to Mrs. Isabelle Henry of Jamestown, North Dakota who arrived in Ontario that morning. Rev. W. J. Luscombe of the Methodist Episcopal church performed the ceremony in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers spent the day in Ontario and returned to Vale today.

TRAIN SMASHES TRUCK BUT DRIVER SURVIVES

Willard Hall of Payette Has Narrow Escape From Death Saturday Afternoon At Crossing Five Miles West of City

Willard Hall, formerly of Ontario but who now lives in Payette and drives the truck of the Co-operative Creamery company on the route and West of Ontario narrowly escaped death last Saturday afternoon when his truck was hit by the East bound branch line train from Rogan in charge of Conductor L. Reidy of this city.

The accident occurred on the crossing a mile west of Celilo where a similar accident occurred two years ago.

The heavy truck was demolished and its cargo of cream bean-tasted over the engine, the frame of the truck thrown off into the right of way a twisted mass of steel, Hall received only minor injuries from which he is recovering at his home in Payette.

How he escaped can not be explained save on the theory that the cow-catcher hit the truck in such a manner that the seat of the truck left the frame and landed with its driver on the front of the engine where he rode until the train came to a stop 200 feet from the crossing.

After the accident the train crew and passengers rushed back to the crossing to locate the driver whom they expected to find dead by the track. They searched for some time in vain and finally came to the conclusion that he had been thrown into the canal of the Nevada Ditch that parallels the track at that point. When they could not find him there they returned to the train and were astonished to find a man, white-faced and disheveled coming from the front of the engine. W. E. Lees who was a passenger on the train was the first to locate him, and saw him crawl under the engine truck to recover his hat.

When the train reached Ontario with the injured man as its passenger it looked as if it has been white washed, so generous was the distribution of good Malheur County cream from the many cans on the truck, but the loss of the cream was naught compared with the escape of Hall from his perilous position.

Hall had no explanation by which to solve the riddle of the accident. He claims that he knows nothing of what happened until he started to climb down from the cow catcher of the engine. He did not see the train approaching from the south side of the track by which he approached the track a train can be seen for a mile in either direction.

BURNS MAN FURNISHES UNIQUE CAMP GROUND

Harney County Metropolis Has Latest Thing in Service For Auto Tourist—And Burns Is Not In California Either

Among the impressions that visitors to the stockmen's convention carried home with them, was one of outstanding praise for the enterprise and far-sightedness of H. C. Smith of the Burns garage.

Burns is not in California but he city in the cafeteria common wealth has anything on Burns for auto service according to W. J. Piny who sojourned there last week. What Mr. Smith has done there is worthy of emulation over here in Ontario he believes for if it pays, as it does in Burns, it most certainly would in Ontario.

Mr. Smith has a part enclosed 136x200 feet built in the form of a court around which are 34 spaces each of which is capable of housing two autos or one auto and a tent. In three of the corners kitchens are located and in the other is delicatessen shop while the center has shower baths, and other conveniences for the park is electric lighted and modern in every respect. It cost just \$6,000 to complete the park and is doing a handsome business already, tho the tourist trade for the season is only starting.

CITY PAUSES TO PAY DEAD HONOR TRIBUTE

American Legion Men Present Martial Appearances—Long Line of Cars Follow Marchers To Cemetery For Services

Honor to the dead comrades of the nation's wars, Civil, Spanish American, and World, were respectfully and fittingly paid by the veterans of these conflicts still living and hundreds of their fellow citizens of Ontario and the surrounding country, Sunday morning.

The services were arranged by a committee from the American Legion which organization has assumed the obligation of the G. A. G. to see to it that the day shall be properly observed where ever Americans foregather to consider the sacrifices that man have made for the nation.

Starting at 9:30 the parade formed at the City Hall and marched down First street S. W. to Seventh Avenue S. W. thence west to Fourth street S. W. and South to Ninth avenue S. W. and thence to the cemetery. In the lead was the Ontario band, many of whose members were service uniforms of soldiers and sailors. The G. A. R. veterans rode in cars with hundreds of other citizens, then came the Legion boys themselves, presenting a soldierly appearance that brot a catch to many a throat, as their military stride and bearing forced recollections of the struggle which brot forth military training. There were many men in the lines on whose shoulders were the insignia showing their divisions, and gold stripes of over-seas service almost equaled the silver of those who did not have the opportunity to go abroad.

The services at the cemetery opened with a short talk by J. A. McGregor, one of the veteran members of the G. A. R., followed by a prayer by Rev. W. J. Luscombe, chaplain of the Legion. Commander Elmer Leavitt, of the Legion road, the Memorial day address and District Attorney R. W. Swagler delivered the oration of the day paying an eloquent tribute to the services of the men who have borne arms in the nation's service. The exercises closed with "Taps" played by John H. Gordon, bugler of the Post. The graves of soldier dead were decorated by the Legion men and veterans assisted by many citizens.

In the afternoon the members of the Post drove to Vale to attend the services at the unveiling of the monument erected in memory of the Malheur county boys who paid the supreme sacrifice during the late war. At this service Charles M. Crandall of Vale delivered an eloquent oration before a large assemblage in the court yard where the monument is erected.

ARCADIA GIRL TAKEN ILL AT EXERCISES

Miss Ruth Roberts Collapses Following Receipt of Diploma At Arcadia Commencement Last Friday Evening—Is Recovering

The prettily arranged commencement exercises of the Arcadia school which were held there last Friday evening had an almost tragic thrill, when little Miss Ruth Roberts, one of the graduates, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Roberts, superintendent and teacher of the school, collapsed from a sudden attack of appendicitis.

The young lady suffered badly and following efforts to revive her she was rushed to the Holy Rosary hospital where she was operated upon that night. She has rallied well from the operation and is recovering satisfactorily.

Miss Roberts illness came just after she had received her diploma from County Superintendent Fay Clark Harley, along with the other graduates, Lilyan Dail, Helen Butler and Mary Matheny.

Rev. W. J. Luscombe of this city delivered the commencement address, Rev. Blom pronounced the invocation and Mrs. H. E. Young of Vale sang two solos. The children of the school contributed a pretty exhibition of the hand work taught them.

GRAND JURY EXONERATES COUNTY JUDGE AND COUNTY COURT

GLORIOUS PROGRAM IS ALL SELECTED FOR CELEBRATION

Chairman H. L. Peterson and his associates on the Fourth of July celebration committee have practically finished the preliminary program for the three days' festivities. There will be something doing all the time, even a portion of Sunday, July 4, for the big doings will start on Saturday and conclude on Monday. On Saturday there will be a ball game and on Monday there will be a second racing matinee. Down town every night there will be band concerts, fire works, street dances and thebig carnival attractions. To prepare all this program a total of \$1200 will be raised among the business men and the committee is at work on that portion of its task right now and is meeting with success. Taken from every view point Ontario's celebration will be one to remember for years to come.

POWER COMPANY GIVEN TEN PER CENT RISE

Idaho and Oregon Commissioners Permit Idaho Power Company to Increase Revenue for All Classes of Service Temporarily

Confirming the reports unofficially made known some three weeks ago the Idaho and Oregon public service commissions have given the Idaho Power company a ten per cent increase in their rates for this territory, according to an announcement made by the Idaho commission yesterday.

This increase is the result of the company's request for practically 60 per cent increase in irrigation power rate, and increases the company's revenue approximately \$200,000 per year, still below what it is claimed is an adequate return on its investment.

The order is not final but is temporary and for the 1920 season, or until the full inventory statement of the company's property is presented for review.

The ten per cent rise affects all old power users but new installations call for a 20 per cent rise. The order is effective for this season and the patrons of the company will soon realize its operations, tho it was anticipated and no protest in the rates for commercial uses was made. The business men of the communities affected expressed a willingness to absorb their share of the increase rather than see all of the rise affect the ranchers on whose prosperity the growth and prosperity of the cities is dependent.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDS QUINTETT OF NEW MEMBERS

At the meeting of the Fire Department, Monday evening, the following five new members were added to the department: V. W. Chambers, Kelso, Charles Powell, and his son Floyd Powell, and William Nott. The new members had their first practice with the department and became initiated into the mysteries of how the department operates in Ontario. In Mr. Powell and his son the company for the first time has such a combination among its members.

Notice of Boy Scout Meeting

There will be a Boy Scout meeting Saturday evening, June 5, at the School House. This is important and parents who wish their boys in the Scout movement should see that their boys are present. CLAUDE SENSEMAN, Scout Master

Johnnie Meesse underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils at the hospital Tuesday morning and is getting on very well.

SPECIAL SESSION OF INQUIRITORIAL BODY FINDS NO FAULT WITH HANDLING OF COUNTY AFFAIRS FOLLOWING TWO DAY EXAMINATION

COURT DECLARED EFFICIENT

Investigators Find No Evidence to Show Connection of County Judge With Acts of Son Recommend Changes in Method of Handling Tax Rebates

Exonerating County Judge E. H. Test and the County Court from any blame in connection with the tax rebate episode which the Vale paper endeavored to enlarge into a tax scandal, the special grand jury which investigated the matter concluded it report to the District Court with the statement "that by carefully auditing bills the County Court has saved the County many dollars.

The report which is lengthy details the fact that in spite of all the publicity that has been given the matter there are still over 200 rebates due to taxpayers who have not made a demand for their return, and that 22 claims were made with which Harvey Test had no connection, and only 18 in which he did.

Open To Any One The report also shows that these records have been open to any citizen at any time and could have been secured without the court or Judge's knowledge, tho the jury expressed the opinion that Harvey did thus get his information, tho admitting that it has no positive evidence of that fact.

These deductions were made from the examination of witnesses selected by District Attorney R. W. Swagler, tho others were ready to testify who were not subpoenaed. The report also shows that no complaint was registered by any of these who employed Harvey Test to make the collection, that the County did not lose any funds, and further there was no testimony to show from whom the information given the Vale paper came.

The following is the report: We, the Grand Jury of the County of Malheur and State of Oregon, respectfully present the following report as the result of our careful investigation of the tax rebates secured by J. H. Test for various tax payers of Malheur County, Oregon.

We find that in the early part of 1919 E. H. Test, as County Judge of this County, prepared a list of all tax rebates due various tax payers for personal property taxes paid to the assessor in the spring of 1917, based upon the 1916 evy. The 1917 as finally equalized by the Board of Equalization was a lower mill levy, and as a result there were some 286 tax payers who were entitled to rebates from Malheur County. We find that the law that existed at the time these taxes were collected provided in substance that in the event the tax collected was a larger amount than should be paid when the assessment for the current year was equalized that the County Court should pay back to the various tax payers the excess of taxes so collected upon a demand made thereof.

We find that about the first day of May, 1919, J. H. Test, a son of the County Judge, commenced negotiations by letter or by personal conversation, with various ones of the aforesaid tax payers, requesting said parties to sign a contract with him to employ him to collect these excess taxes upon a basis of 50% compensation to him of any amount received. We find that this practice continued over a period extending about May 1, 1919, until February 6, 1920, when the last of these claims were paid.

We find that under date of May 5, 1919, E. H. Test sent to J. H. Test, at his request, a copy of the orders to the County Clerk which J. H. Test had been securing from other tax payers. E. H. Test testified that at Joseph, Oregon, some time in the summer of 1919, and that the order, except the signature, is in his own

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