



## FELONY WILL BE THE CHARGE

### Girls Brought to Vale Accuse Man Of Forcing Them To Go With Him From Boise

## FOUND IN ONTARIO

### Accused Waives Extradition and is Taken Over the Line to Stand Trial With Another

A man, aged about 25 years, who refused to give his name, but who, his alleged victims say, gave them the name of A. W. Sibley, was taken from the Vale jail last Thursday and returned to Boise in custody of Deputy Sheriff Bennett, to stand trial on the charge of abducting a minor.

Another man, who is charged with being his accomplice, is now in jail at the Boise Capital and will stand trial for the same crime. His name is Vern H. ... and he is described as a gambler and as a member of the fraternity generally described as "Parasites."

## FINAL REPORT OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

According to the final report of the assessment roll of Malheur county which was issued yesterday the increase in the value of property over that of last year is \$2,210,495 or approximately 50 per cent.

## SURE OF VALE OIL FIELDS

Kirk M. Sheldon, representing a large house of Portland and Frisco which supplies ropes for oil work, came to Vale this week and stated while here that the people of California are becoming much interested in the local oil fields. He also said that the most favorable impression has been made on the oil men of other fields who have come here.

## SWIPES COYOTE HIDES AND GETS BOUNTY

To swipe a coyote skin from a place in which he had received a nights lodging and to collect the bounty on it from County Clerk Mulkey was the enterprising feat performed, it is alleged, by T. Spencer, a gentleman who arrived in the city Monday and was given a place to sleep at High Bros' barn. When he presented the hide Mr. Mulkey informed him of the necessity for procuring proof that the beast had been killed in this county. A little thing like a proof was nothing to one of such abilities and soon George Johnson appeared on the scene with an affidavit, it is said, stating that to the best of his knowledge the animal had been a Malheurite all right and had been killed here by Mr. Spencer. So, the warrant was issued and Spencer obtained the money forthwith at the U. S. National Bank.

## FRENCH AND PARTY KILL MUCH GAME

Major L. H. French of New York, C. E. Herron and Dan Patterson of Vale returned Wednesday inst. after a weeks tour of inspection through Malheur and Harney counties. They were deeply impressed by the richness of the soil and the unlimited possibilities of development, but feel that the neighborhood of Vale is the most favorable locality in all Oregon. Opportunities for irrigation projects were presented to them in many places but none seemed so promising of rich results as those in this neighborhood. Incidental to their trip they had a few days shooting near Malheur and Harney Lakes. They brought back with them all the game which their auto would carry—34 Swan, averaging 25 lbs. weight each; 40 Canada geese, 40 Brant and a number of canvas back and Mallard ducks all of which they distributed among their Vale friends.

## DE ARMAND MAKES LARGE SHIPMENT

Mr. Armond has just made a shipment of cattle valued at \$3494.70. He has recently completed several trips into the interior and reports that the trade will get next year as it did last with force prices. The shipment was made November 2 and was comprised of 111 head.

## The Malheur Enterprise

The MALHEUR ENTERPRISE, of which this is the 111th issue, has taken over the Vale Enterprise and will be published weekly and printed in the office formerly occupied by that paper.

## RAILROAD DELAYED BY NEGOTIATIONS

That the work on the railroad from Vale to Brogan will soon be in full swing is an absolute certainty and, indeed, at least 150 teams would now be making the grade were it not for the fact that the owners of ground along the right of way seem to hold different opinion as to the value of the properties through which the line will run.

It is believed however that the dire need which the building of the road would supply, and the tremendous value of it even to the lands whose owners are thoughtlessly delaying the work will bring them to a proper understanding of the condition, resulting in a commencement of the construction work immediately. Mr. Brogan is now here and ready to begin just as soon as the obstructing circumstance will be removed, and very soon Malheur county will be freed from the stain of having only 16 miles of railroad within its far-reaching limits.

Several land owners in the Willow Creek Valley have expressed themselves impatiently about the matter, stating that the policy which prevents the building of the road and so puts off the day when the value of all the land will be increased ten fold is nothing less than suicidal but the indications now point to improved conditions that will enable the work to go on at once.

## FIRST BABY IS BORN AT BROGAN

On the day before yesterday an event occurred in Brogan which marks the opening of a new era in the history of that most promising city. This event was nothing more or less than the birth of the first Brogan native, a young lady, to Mrs. Tachiriga. Dr. Taylor, who attended, reports the mother and child as progressing favorably.

## OLD OIL MAN SAYS LOCAL FIELD GOOD

That the local oil fields will be a winner within a short space of time is the opinion of James Gibson, formerly an operator in the Pennsylvania oil fields, who arrived in Vale this week. Mr. Gibson after an examination of the field says that it gives every indication that the famous oil fields of the country present. "Where the shale has been pressed to the top and presents the appearance it does here you may be certain that pools exist," he says.

## LICENSE FEES PAID MONDAY

The license fees for saloons and billiard halls were paid in last Monday evening at a special meeting of the City Council held for the purpose. All the licenses were renewed and a new billiard hall is added to the list. The amount received in license fees was \$170.

## WILL BUY LOTS TO BUILD CHURCH

Under the auspices of the Episcopal Club Mrs. Thomas W. Claggett acted as hostess Wednesday afternoon at a delightful tea in her residence. Those present were Mesdames Dunlop, Caviness, Eastham, Weant, Staples, Claggett, Eskridge, Lee, Roberts, Hadley, Johnson, Spier, Dixon, Robinson, Tucker, Ford, Grimes, Miller, Weaver, Welch, Darby, Horron, Cole, Huston, Meuller, Dunnaway, Hamilton and Miss McNaughton and Platt.

## ONE JURYMAN FINDS VERDICT

In a case tried at Malheur City last week in which Vale attorneys were employed on each side, one jurymen brought in a verdict, which was accepted. Only three jurymen were available and two were excused on peremptory challenges, but it was decided to go on with the case with the remaining one. When he brought in a sealed verdict he asked that he be permitted to consult an attorney before having it opened. His request, however, was denied, and the verdict was found to be in favor of the plaintiff. The case was that of Morfitt vs. Hockley.

## Two Couples Married.

Two couples were married to-day in Vale by Judge Richardson. None of the parties was a resident of Vale. Wm. Ira Clements and Lolita Mund Thompson of Idaho were married at the Goodrich Hotel in the forenoon and Guy W. Keradell of Washington State and Catherine E. Bowen of California were married in the afternoon at the Drexel Hotel.

# WILL CONSTRUCT GREAT WATER SYSTEM HERE

## Two Famous Ditch Builders Visit Vale, and Work is Expected Soon.

That the country immediately surrounding Vale will soon be the scene of activity in ditch construction is now a certainty.

While plans have not yet been definitely announced, it is safe to say that the visit of Major L. H. French, of New York, to Vale, will result in the construction of water systems for the purpose of irrigating the extensive and rich lands in Malheur County, although he, himself, declines at present to speak of the matter except as a probability. Major French is known through the length and breadth of Alaska as one of the most successful ditch builders of that country, having during his time in the North effected the construction of some of the greatest waterways on the Seward Peninsula.

Mr. C. L. Morris, who visited Vale last week, and who looked over the country in company with Major French, will be associated with the latter. Er. Morris is the most prominent ditch

building contractor in Alaska, and, associated with Major French, has accomplished big things there as well as in Canada and the United States.

While in Vale Mr. Morris declined to give out any definite information other than that he will immediately send his superintendents here with large ditch

building equipments. The rumor that Major French and Mr. Morris contemplate commencing work here has already resulted in the coming of several capitalists who know both men and who are satisfied that the commencement of their operations will mean a big boom for this vicinity.

# WATER WANTED FOR THE SHEEP

## President of Oregon Association Says Irrigation Will Make This Great Feeding Ground of West

That irrigation alone is wanted to make this district the great sheep feeding ground of the west is the statement made by George McKnight, President of the wool growers association of the state of Oregon.

"All the surplus sheep which have been going East in the past," said President McKnight, "should have been made and fed here but this cannot be done until more land shall have been reclaimed and hay supplied. We have now got in Portland two new and immense packing plants and there would

be no longer any necessity for shipping the sheep East were irrigation an accomplished fact here. The shrinkage going East is so bad that an almost incalculable amount of money is lost to this district annually, and every sheepman, as well as those others who also hold land here, are unanimously and deeply anxious to see the rich lands in this neighborhood brought under the water which alone can convert this county into the great producing territory which it so eminently qualified to be in every other respect."

## HOT WATER BETWEEN TWO COLD STRATA

What is considered to be a most remarkable geological discovery was made last week on the property of the Eastern Oregon Oil and Gas Company's property. This discovery is nothing less than that exceedingly hot water has been found above and below cold water. Cold water was found first at a depth of 250 feet and at a depth of almost exactly 500 feet very hot water was encountered. At a depth of 650 feet, D. M. Hunt, who has charge of the drilling was somewhat surprised to again run into water as cold as that found near the surface. Mr. Hunt, who has operated virtually in every oil field on the North American continent, states that the existence of hot water between the two strata of cold water can only be regarded as proof that the middle stratum has been heated by a chemical process, which is expected to be a subject for a most interesting investigation by scientists at some future time. The oil men believe also that the discovery will throw much light on the origin of the famous hot water springs of this locality.

## SAW SIX COYOTES IN ONE BUNCH

Six coyotes all in a bunch was the sight seen by T. W. Davidson, the well known oil man, at a point 8 miles directly North of Vale last Tuesday. Mr. Davidson says the coyotes took no notice whatever of him. He also reports having seen a number of sage hens and only regrets he had no gun in his possession.

## WORK BEGUN TO IMPROVE PARK

To begin work of preparing the City Park for the planting of trees thereon and for its general beautification a man was engaged this week by the members of the Women's Civic Improvement Club. The first step will be the sterilizing of the ground, after which it will be ploughed and trees planted there next Spring.

The Club is about to federate and will do so just as soon as the constitution has been prepared. It meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The last meeting was held at Mrs. Halliday's at which twenty ladies were present and dainty refreshments were served. The club has also decided to take up the Bay View course of reading and unanimously declared in favor of taking up the study of our own country. The cost is \$3.50 per year and 13 ladies bought the books.

## FAMOUS DITCH BUILDER HERE

C. L. Morris the largest ditch builder of Alaska, the land of ditches, and a contractor whose fame as a contractor is spread over the whole Northwest came to Vale on a short visit last Thursday, arriving here in company with Major L. H. French and Charles Herron from Boise. Mr. Morris probably holds the record for ditch building on the western slope of the American Continent. The extent of the work accomplished by him may be gauged by the fact that the ditches constructed by on Seward Peninsula alone, if placed end to end, would extend a distance of more than 250 miles. He is now engaged in digging great waterways in Canada and in immense operations elsewhere and always with success that has placed him at the very pinnacle of his calling.

## Will Open Office Here.

L. W. Cook, a prominent mining man, who is operating around Baker City, and who paid a visit to Vale this week, expressed the intention of opening offices here. He will engage in an extensive real estate business, and says that the future of Vale looks exceedingly bright in his eyes.

## Tell The Enterprise

AS THE MALHEUR ENTERPRISE desires to be the newspaper of the people of this Town and County in every respect, it hereby invites residents of every shade of opinion to make use of its columns for the expression of their ideas in the shape of letters. As a guarantee of the bona fide quality of such communications the names of the writers must accompany manuscripts, though not necessarily for publication. It is also most desirable that the communications be brief, and the Malheur Enterprise must not be held responsible for the opinions expressed therein.

## FIVE ADDED TO VALE EVERY DAY

If the number of passengers traveling by rail to and from Vale over the local branch can be taken as a criterion upon which to base a guess as to the increase of Vale's population it may be said that the passenger traffic for the past twelve days shows that the population is increasing by exactly five persons every day or at the rate of 1,825 a year. The figures for those coming in during last month were not available but the number going out in October was 815, and the proportion of those going out to those coming during October is about exactly the same as the proportion of those going out to those coming in during the past 12 days.

	Came In	Went Out
Nov. 5	41	24
" 6	30	38
" 7	30	20
" 8	35	30
" 9	32	33
" 10	42	21
" 11	27	27
" 12	36	43
" 13	30	27
" 14	19	25
" 15	29	24
" 16	40	27
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## BOY IS HELD AS HOSTAGE BY HOBO

To prevent his capture a hobo whose name is unknown, but who is a Finn by nationality, held a boy named Garret in a cabin during a whole night this week and threatened to kill Garret should the pursuers who surrounded the house persist in the attempt to capture him. The man according to his own confession which was alleged to have been made by him shot a night watchman named Fleming and it was for this crime he took flight and became a hunted fugitive.

Every attempt to coax the man from the cabin was unavailing and the boy was kept in a state of constant terror. The fugitive is a Finn who was unable to express himself properly in English. Efforts were made to dope some food sent into the cabin by the pursuers but the fugitive compelled Garret to taste every morsel first, guessing the intention of those outside.

## ONTARIO HALL IS GUTTED BY FIRE

The Presbyterian Hall at Ontario was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night, as well as a large furniture shed that was attached to the building and which contained a fine stock of furniture. The loss by the destruction of the hall will amount to \$1,500, while the loss due to the destruction of the furniture will also reach a high figure.

## MANY COMING FROM THE EAST

J. J. Robinson, accompanied by Mrs. Robinson, Miss Ruth Robinson and two younger children, arrived in Vale this week and will spend the winter here. Mr. Robinson is editor and proprietor of the Lonscombing Star but has chosen the salubrious climate of Vale for the benefit of his health.

## WOMAN FLEES FROM JUSTICE

### Charged With Maintaining House of Ill Fame At Ontario

## INFORMATIONS FILED

### Was Owner of the Place in Which Two Young Girls Recently Here Were Caught

Informations were filed yesterday morning here against a woman, whose name is unknown, on the charge of keeping a bawdy house at Ontario. In this house it is alleged the two young girls, who were brought here this week were found. From information received, it is said, from at least one of the girls this woman conducted a regular white slave traffic and maintained a house devoted to immoral purposes. Judge George Hayes acting for the prosecuting attorney's office filed the information yesterday morning and in them the woman's name appears as Jeannie Doe her real name not yet having been known for certainty.

That she is no amateur in the game which has brought her under the displeasure of the law is believed by the authorities to be proven by her speed in making her get-away. No doubt exists, however, that she will be quickly apprehended and brought to trial. When asked if they believe that the woman had conspired with the man who is charged with abducting the girls, those interested in the case declined to express an opinion, and it remains now to be shown whether or not a regular white-slave traffic is being conducted through this part of Oregon and the adjacent parts of Idaho and Boise.

## RAILROAD RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE

Taking the receipts for freight of the local railroad for last month and comparing them with the corresponding month for the two years just preceding the present one it is found that the business increases by approximately \$3,000 per month from year to year. Last month, October, the receipts were \$13,785.98. For October 1908 they were \$10,177.98 and for October 1907 the total freight traffic was represented by the sum of \$7,268.31.

In October 1908 the amount of freight received at the Vale depot was 1,370,956 lbs. while for last month it was 2,342,072 lbs. R. B. Hoyt the popular agent of the road at Vale, states that the amount of business transacted during the present month indicates that it will be the greatest of any previous month in the history of the line.

## EXPECT OIL WELL IN QUICK TIME

The very latest reports from the Malheur Oil and Gas Company's scene of operations at Sand Hollow are to the effect that oil sand has been encountered at a depth of 1600 feet and that the operators expect to bring in a well immediately after the removal of the water which came to delay the work. A light casing was inserted for the purpose of pumping the water but this casing broke. A wire has, however, been sent to California for heavy casing that will stand the pressure.