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A Cordial Reception.

THE MALHEUR ENTERPRISE feels flattered by the reception accorded its first issue. Nearly all the residents of Vale seemed anxious to send copies to their friends and never before did so many copies of one issue of a newspaper leave a press in Malheur county.

Thanksgiving.

FROM the human point of view it would be hard to conceive a more graceful tribute to the Creator than the setting aside of one day out of three hundred and sixty-five for the sole, undivided purpose of expressing the Nation's gratitude.

Of all sentiments that of gratitude is, perhaps, one of the least evident and it easily holds the record for brevity of expression. The Bible mentions the cure of the man and the return of only one to give thanks, showing by those simple words, as only the world's greatest masterpiece could, the tendency of beneficiaries to forget the generosity of the benefactor when the receipt of the benefits is an accomplished fact and the great want they tried to longer felt.

But the United States, alone amongst the countries of the world, has as a Nation given one day at least to return thanks for the blessings that have been showered upon it by a lavish hand, and its people have individually given heart and soul into the work. It takes the place of Him who did not forget.

What The West Will Be.

AT the present time, according to the reports of the Department of the Interior and Agriculture, there are 250,000,000 acres of reclaimable land in the western portions of the United States.

When figures such as these first strike the eye their significance is hardly fully recognized. The ordinary man passes them over carelessly but some discern in the figures the picture of a future condition the contemplation of which almost creates skepticism in the mind engaged in the review. The man whose mind clearly grasps the prospect is in danger of doubting his own senses like the rancher who, upon seeing a camel for the first time, said: "Damn it, there ain't no such a beast". But the fact that there are 250,000,000 acres of land yet to be reclaimed in the west and that the stupendous possibilities implied by these figures shall all at some time be realized is as certain as the fates which have ordained an increase in the world's population and the preparation of new lands to support the growing millions. What 250,000,000 acres of land mean is roughly about 4 states, each equal in area to this state of Oregon. What that fact means is that tens and tens of millions will live and thrive where there is nothing but barren wastes today.

Now, it would seem at a first glance, when taking the slow progress of the past into account, that it will take many centuries to effect so wonderful an alteration in the conditions, but it should be remembered that the gathering of the first thousand of people is always like the first thousand dollars, the hardest to effect. Let people begin to come and more will follow. Let one central spot in a wide waste be reclaimed and all the neighboring regions, seeing the success of the first one, will spring into life as one.

If one stands today on one of the higher peaks of Malheur county he can see stretched before him an area which surpasses in size some of the smaller states of Europe. Those states contain millions of people; Malheur county, provided by Providence with a soil and climate that are second to no soil and climate on earth has its population counted by paltry thousands. And Malheur county is only one of many.

Here, at last, the element lacking for prosperity is being supplied. Men have come, seen and measured the conditions and others, following the set laws of humanity, are crowding after. The start has only just been made, the finish can be more easily imagined than described.

Prepare The Park.

THE movement inaugurated by the Women's Civic Improvement Club for the purpose of preparing the city park for use by the people is one that deserves the support of everyone. When it is remembered that the cost of beautifying the plot of ground and the conversion of it into a real place of recreation would be very small it is surprising that any difficulty whatever should be experienced in obtaining the necessary funds. The planting of a few trees, the laying out of gravel paths, and the placing of a few nice seats are matters of rather little difficulty and there is no doubt that several volunteers can be found to aid in the work some way or another. It is hardly necessary to point out the advantages such a park would offer on bright Spring and Summer days, especially during the really warm weather. The erection of a band stand is also on the program and however ambitious such an idea might be it is well worthy of support.

But it is enough to keep the matter before the eyes of the people. They, by very little coaxing from the fair members of the community, will provide the needed. The picture of a pretty tree-shaded park with seats, green grass, and clean gravel walks added to the pleadings of the ladies should certainly do the work.

Vale in Latin means "Farewell". Malheur is French for "Calamity".

The result of the combination is obvious and a good omen.

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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.

EASTERN OREGON OIL AND GAS COMPANY

Malheur County will be known as the "Mother" of the oil producing counties in Oregon. It was here that crude oil was first produced in any appreciable quantities, and 4 out of 22 incorporated Oil and Gas Companies are at present drilling day and night at depths varying from 400 to 700 feet with high class modern machinery capable of sinking into the bowels of the earth 4,500 to 5,000 feet in search of the liquid treasure pools of oil abundantly known to exist somewhere in close proximity to the present scene of operations.

Prominent among the "Big Six," as they are termed, the Eastern Oregon Oil and Gas Company, who own six sections, or 1,440 acres, in the heart of the oil territory, are conducting operations with a splendid up-to-date Standard Drilling Rig, and with a corps of capable, experienced oil well drillers, all under the management of D. McHurt, a man of 25 years' active experience in drilling in oil wells in California, Ohio and Texas fields, and who stands second to none in his profession. At present the well shows a depth of 250 feet, and in the last 200 feet a stratum of hot salt water, then blue shale, followed by a thick oil-bearing sand was drilled through, and these indications are pronounced by expert oil geologists as absolutely sure fore-runners of still greater deposits of Petroleum further down. Heavy gas pressure is encountered with the oil seepage, and it is taken to mean, compared with a similar formation in other producing fields, that a Gusher will be realized at a depth not to exceed 1,500 to 2,000 feet.

This is a Portland Company and operated by a body of men who are business builders, who have made good, and there is not a taint in the record of a solitary individual. All are men who have a genius for large enterprises and who have never made a failure of anything they have undertaken to do. Such is a glimpse at the men in whose hands is the destiny of probably one of the greatest treasure pools of oil in America, men who will no doubt build bulky fortunes for themselves and the stockholders interested with them. The Company owns its own property, does not owe one dollar, and all the proceeds from the sale of any of the Treasury Stock is expended in the most economical manner, absolutely for development purposes only. Not an officer of the Company receives any remuneration whatever for his services, and excepting the monthly payroll at the well, cost of supplies, etc., no bills are contracted or expenditures made.

The properties of the Company are open to the public at all times, and a cordial invitation is extended to the stockholders and other parties interested in the development of Oil properties to pay them a visit. And whether they are "Open Minded" or not, they will be welcome and shown a progressive, going, bustling Oil combination that knows no "Canta," "Ida," or "Fai-

ures." If modern machinery backed by the best skill money can procure, and get to win out will win the pool, then the Eastern Oregon Oil and Gas Company is a sure winner.

All honor to those hearty pioneers of the Vale Oil Field, "The Big Six," all big-hearted, broad-minded men, who, with their talent and muscle, are slowly but surely drilling out a record as history makers in the Oil industry in Oregon, and who will really merit the magnificent fortunes which will surely be theirs.

FARWELL CO. MAN ARRIVES

Phillip A. Drew, bonds salesman of the Farwell Bond and Trust Company of Chicago spent the past week visiting over the country and the projects in which his house is interested.

The company is interested in the bond issues made in some of the largest enterprises in this region, one of which is the new Railroad now in course of construction to Bragan. Mr. Drew left for Chicago last Wednesday.

Contest For Schools

The Oregon Society, Sons of the American Revolution, is offering several prizes to the school children of the State of Oregon for essays on the great war which gives the society its name, and requests the Malheur Enterprise to publish the fact for the benefit of the Vale school. Several prizes are offered in the contest, particulars of which may be obtained from B. A. Thayer, 443 Eleventh St., Portland. The contest will close February 20.

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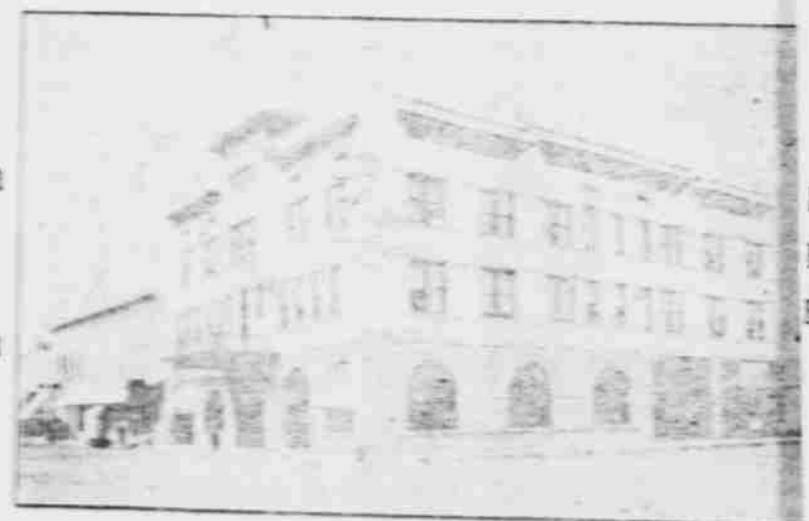
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