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PREPARES FOR WATER WORKS

Council Employs Engineers to Investigate Conditions and Draw Plans

START WORK AT ONCE

Engineer Gets Ten Dollars a Day, Expenses and Helpers. Paid In Warrants

At a special meeting of the City Council held last Wednesday, Engineer Parrot of Baker City was employed to investigate conditions with a view to the installation of water works and a sewer system. Mr. Parrot, who attended the meeting, discussed with the members of the council the various methods by which a water supply could be obtained, but nothing new was developed, and nothing, of course, could be decided upon by the council except the taking of initial steps in the matter so that something definite can be placed before the voters when the question comes up for final settlement.

Mr. Parrot's terms were 5 per cent on the whole cost of installation for his services, or \$10.00 per day and expenses as well as the wages for a couple of laborers. He expects two or three weeks to be consumed in the work but agrees to accept warrants in payment.

His firm built two city water systems in Nebraska and is now occupied in plans for the New Baker City works.

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OIL EXCHANGE OPENS IN VALE

This City Takes The Lead in Preparation For The Coming Boom in Wells

Vale took the lead in the preparation for the coming oil boom this week when an oil exchange was established here. The old Vale Bank building will in the future be the busiest point in the Eastern Oregon oil fields and its name has already been altered to the oil exchange building. Harry R. Garrett, one of Vale's prominent citizens, is the man who has taken the initiative and already his offices have been arranged and fitted up to handle the great business which is certain to come.

He will buy and sell oil stock and oil land and will enter into every phase of the industry, including matters connected with locations, assessment work and the various other affairs associated with oil fields generally. In the office will be a bulletin board which will serve as a thermometer on which the changing fortunes of oil stock will be registered daily so that all who run may read. Men who are interested in the Vale oil fields commend the move made by Mr. Garrett and are pleased that headquarters have been provided at last where all may keep in touch with what they describe as the oil pulse.

SEELEY MAY LEAVE SCHOOL

Principal Seeley of the Vale public schools, who has been absent for some days, is said to have in contemplation a change from the schools of this city to one in the state of Montana. It has been rumored during the past few days that he has quit Vale finally and that a lady teacher had been commissioned by him at Boise to come here to take his place, but a careful investigation has failed to prove the story well founded.

It is believed that the rumor arose from the facts that a lady has come here in the interests of an educational league, and that Mr. Seeley is absent. This lady has, however, nothing to do with local school matters and has never met Mr. Seeley.

T. T. Nelsen, school trustee, when seen yesterday morning stated that the rumor had come to him but he does not believe that it has any foundation in fact. He said, however, that Mr. Seeley may have gone to Montana, as he had expressed the intention of visiting that state a town in which he may teach school next year. School was not in session this week and the absence of the principal cannot be taken as evidence of leaving for good.

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PETITION TO BE WITHDRAWN

Intention to Form Two Districts Under Boise-Owyhee Project Abandoned

That the petitions for the formation of the districts under the Boise-Owyhee project will be withdrawn when the court convenes next Monday in Vale is the statement made to the Enterprise by a member of the committee appointed by the landholders.

This gentleman states that the cause of the withdrawal is the fact that, according to the statute, a further postponement could not be taken and several matters must be straightened out before definite action can be taken. The statute provides that action on such petitions cannot be postponed for a term exceeding four weeks and four weeks shall have been occupied next Monday since the petitions were first presented. The same authority also says that the intention to petition for two districts has been abandoned in favor of one which will include the lands of both.

DULL'S FATHER VISITS HIM IN THE JAIL

Joel N. Dull, who is now in the county jail on the charge of shooting his brother, was visited during these last few days by his father, who is also father of the wounded man, both young men being offsprings of the same marriage. Mr. Dull senior made no remark while here and his conversation with the prisoner has not been given out. The brother who was wounded, Coy Dull, accompanied the father here.

THERE IS NO SLUMP IN THE PRICE OF WOOL

People have been led to believe recently that a big slump had occurred in the price of wool owing to the extraordinary reduction in the price of clothes at the big store of the Vale Trading Company. It is easy to understand how the mistake could have been made when it is remembered that men's suits are being sold for \$9.90, \$13.30 and \$16.60 by that company, but the price of wool has really got nothing to do with it. The marvellous cut in prices is simply due to the fact that the stock is an exceedingly large one and must be cleared out.

TO ASCERTAIN AMOUNT OF OIL

D. M. Hunt Returns From Portland and Eastern Oregon Mystery May be Cleared

D. M. Hunt, one of the drilling contractors on the Eastern Oregon oil and gas company's property who recently gained some fame throughout the west as the man who found oil first in these fields, returned last Tuesday from Portland and will immediately begin the work of ascertaining the exact quantity of oil discovered in the hole bored by him and his partner.

The newspapers of this and neighboring states gave prominent places to an account of the bringing in of a 150-barrel well, but everyone now knows such a report to have been a harmful exaggeration. T. W. Davidson of the Eastern Oregon Company made a trip around the district, in which the drilling is being carried on, in the early part of the week and says that every claim will be held for the first time, which fact is taken as the strongest possible evidence that the men who are on the spot know more than they seem willing to give out. The haste to have all assessment work finished is described as feverish.

W. W. Butterfield, a prominent stock grower of Union, and James H. Hutchinson, the wealthiest farmer in Grande Ronde Valley, who are directors in the Mammoth Oil and Gas Company have also visited their holdings this week.

Lost

A watch fob, Monday Dec. 27, 1909. Please return to U. S. National Bank and receive reward.

CHARTER COMMISSION

FAILS TO CONVENE
The city charter commission members who were summoned by President Eastham to convene last Tuesday failed to show up in numbers sufficient for a quorum. Four or five appeared on the scene but found their diligence rendered abortive by the refusal of the others to get down to work.

TO ADVANCE AGRICULTURE

Association Formed To Encourage And Promote Various Industries In The County

Articles of incorporation were filed last Tuesday by the Malheur County Agricultural Association which has been formed for the purpose of promoting and encouraging agriculture, horticulture, stock and cattle raising and the various other industries in which this part of Oregon is interested. The incorporators are E. A. Fraser, A. W. Trow and J. W. McCulloch, and the capital is \$10,000.

It is the intention of the incorporators, as expressed in the articles of incorporation, to hold a fair every year at which prizes will be awarded.

DINNER FOR NEW YEARS

Ladies Aid of M. E. Church Will Provide a Splendid Repast For All

On New Years Day, beginning at 12, noon, a dinner will be served at Odd Fellows Hall by the Methodist Episcopal Church to which all are invited. A feast of which Lucullus might be proud will be enjoyed, and the prices are only 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The ladies themselves will, of course, perform the culinary part and will wait on the tables so that nothing but the most dainty varieties of viands and a most pleasant interesting time could be expected. From noon forward visitors will find everything in readiness.

Sells to W. W. Evans

J. E. Lawrence has sold his interest in the Malheur Forwarding Company W. W. Evans.

T. T. Nelsen for finest linoleums.

IDAHO SHEEP BREAKING LAW

County Stock Inspector Comes to Vale in Search of Trespassing Sheep Men

To put an end once for all to the illegal passing of sheep over the line from Idaho, H. Silverwood, County stock inspector is now on the warpath and expects soon to have in the toils several sheepmen who have driven their flocks into this county from Idaho without having paid the license or without having had their sheep inspected.

The fine for crossing without having paid the license and without having undergone inspection is from \$150 to \$500. Sheep crossing from this state into Idaho are always compelled to obey the law and Mr. Silverwood will give the names of the trespassers to the county officials who will bring the trespassers to time.

The county inspector, who arrived in Vale last Monday, also took up the matter of glandered horses with a view to having diseased animals killed. He believes that a humane society should be formed here for the protection of horses and relates an instance of one horse that lost his sight some days ago as the result of an inhuman beating received the previous day.

Children At Church

The children attended the Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning and held exercises. Candy was also distributed and the services were very pleasing and pretty. At the evening service Mrs. Dunlop and Mrs. Lee sang solos.

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Whist Party

A very pleasant whist party was given at the Drexel Hotel on Christmas night. Mr. Caviness and Mrs. Dunlop, who lost only one game, won first prizes, and Mr. Dunlop got a rubber goose for being the booby.

FILE PROTEST AGAINST TAX

Owner of Large Tract Will Not Pay Taxes Which Amount To \$25,000

Charles C. Catron who took over some time ago the land of the Military Wagon road company filed a protest last Wednesday through his attorney, George W. Hayes, against the assessment of the property.

Readers of the Enterprise will recall the visit of Mr. Catron, Junior, to Vale some weeks ago on business connected with the acquirement of the property which is less than 100 miles from Vale. This tract is about 55,000 acres in extent. Mr. Catron, senior, was formerly delegate from New Mexico to Congress and is the owner of approximately 2,500,000 acres of land in the United States. He holds that the land of the Central Oregon Military Wagon road never left the possession of the United States government, and that he only purchased the inchoate rights of the road company. The taxes have not been paid for the past five years, for which period they amount to the sum of \$25,000.

MALER YOKEY MEETS DEATH

Falls From Building At Weiser And Sustains Fatal Fracture Of The Skull

LEFT VALE DAY BEFORE

Had Lived Here Nearly Three Years And Leaves a Wife Who Resides In Vale.

Maler Yokey, of Vale, fell from the roof of a new building at Weiser last Friday evening and died in a hospital in that city on Sunday afternoon. The distance from the roof to the ground was forty feet, and the fall resulted in the fracture of the skull and one hip. Mr. Yokey never regained consciousness. Mr. Woods, a carpenter employed on the building, told Mrs. Yokey that the cause of the accident was a slippery roof. It is believed that some snow had accumulated on the boards, and as the accident occurred just before quitting time it is thought probable that the poor light prevented the unfortunate man from seeing the bad footing.

He left Vale on Thursday and when he failed to return Mrs. Yokey became uneasy. On Saturday the sad news came to her and she left for Weiser on Sunday morning. A few hours after arriving there her husband passed away. He was buried on Tuesday, and Mrs. Yokey returned to Vale on the following day.

Mr. Yokey had succeeded in obtaining work on the building from which he fell, but did not intend to begin before Monday. He had arranged to return to Vale before starting.

He was born in Indiana 51 years ago last March, and has resided in Vale with his wife since July, 1907. He was married twice but no children have come by the second marriage.

He has a house here, which, however, is heavily mortgaged. When he died he was totally out of funds, and, with the exception of a supply of provisions, Mrs. Yokey is left without means. The funeral was carried out at the expense of the city of Weiser.

MALHEUR COUNTY'S LEADING SADDLERY

In Malheur county, a county the most of whose people spend some time at least in the saddle, it is a cause for no inconsiderable pride to take the leading place in the saddlery business. This is just what the Vale Saddlery Company does in every respect. Its stock is easily the finest in the county, and indeed no better could be found in all Oregon.

The saddle trees are guaranteed not to hurt, and the very best of leather is used in their making as well as in the harness. The house also keeps all kinds of horse blankets and robes in stock. No one who is required to travel in the cold need be uncomfortable, and no one need travel outside of Vale to get full value for his money.

One Load, Ten Empties

A carload of dynamite was shipped into Vale last Tuesday by a special train which was made up of ten cars. The law provides that a load of dynamite must have ten cars between it and the engine, and the same number must divide it from passengers, so that ten empties had to be drawn between the locomotive and the powder to comply with the statute.

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SIXTEEN PAIR GOT DIVORCES

Malheur County Keeps Pace in Making Matches but Some Fail

MOST MADE IN HEAVEN

The Greater Number of Cupid's Victims Crossed the Line From Idaho

Sixteen couples were divorced in Malheur County during the year which has just given up the ghost, but during the same period forty nine couples, or ninety-eight persons entered the condition which their less fortunate brothers and sisters had found intolerable. The divorces were granted for the same old variety of reasons that have grown old by the repetition of their stories in the newspapers, and in glancing over the records it becomes evident that history is repeating itself. During the session of the Circuit Court beginning January 10, two more divorce suits will be heard, so that 1910 will lead off with a good start.

In addition to the 49 marriages that took place here, there is a larger number recorded between those who crossed the line from Idaho to have the knot tied in our more hospitable environment but when it is remembered that approximately one person out of every eighty in Malheur county became initiated in the mysteries of Hymen last year, there may be perfect confidence that things are "looking up" in spite of divorce.

PERSONALS

Edward Clark, who follows the same profession as his brothers Elwood and Elmer and is cashier of the Glenn Ferry bank, spent Christmas in Vale.

H. H. Hill, an oil man has purchased a lot in the Hope addition through the F. B. Zutz company. Mr. Hill will send for his family and settle in Vale.

Dalton Biggs, the prominent Ontario attorney, visited Vale this week.

Miss Robertson, of Portland and Ontario, spent part of the Christmas holidays in Vale.

John W. McCulloch, prosecuting attorney for Malheur county, visited Vale last Tuesday.

D. M. Brogan and Mrs. Brogan left for Warm Springs last Sunday, and will be away a couple of weeks.

C. M. Kellogg came from Burns this week.

D. S. Lowrie, of the O. S. L., came to Vale on business connected with the railroad last Tuesday.

R. C. Weant and Mrs. Weant spent the Christmas holidays in Vale with R. E. and Mrs. Weant. Mr. R. C. Weant and Mr. R. E. Weant are brothers, and the ladies are sisters. The visitors will come for a more prolonged stay next month.

A load of lumber was shipped to Claude Brown over the Vale-Burns stage line this week. The lumber will be used on the Odd Fellows' building and cost 4 cents a pound for transportation.

Fred Brown is building a residence in Rinehart's Addition for Truman Boynton.

Miss Eva Vanderhoof of Ontario visited Vale this week.

C. C. Wilson, attorney of Nyssa, came to Vale last Wednesday.

Sheriff Bob Odell returned to Vale last Wednesday after a somewhat prolonged and strenuous business trip through the county.

T. T. Nelsen, Mrs. Nelsen, and their boy spent the Christmas holidays with their relatives at Pendleton. Mr. Nelsen has returned to Vale but Mrs. Nelsen and son remained over.

R. E. Shaw of Star, Idaho, visited Vale last Thursday.

L. J. Hadley and Mrs. Hadley will leave Vale on Monday for a two-months visit to Los Angeles.

Miss Ester L. Nelson of Boston visited Vale this week in the interest of the Educational League.

Engineer Ashton of the O. S. L. has returned to Vale.

R. R. RECEIPTS MAKE RECORD

The receipts at the railroad depot on last Wednesday beat the receipts for any other day in the history of the line.

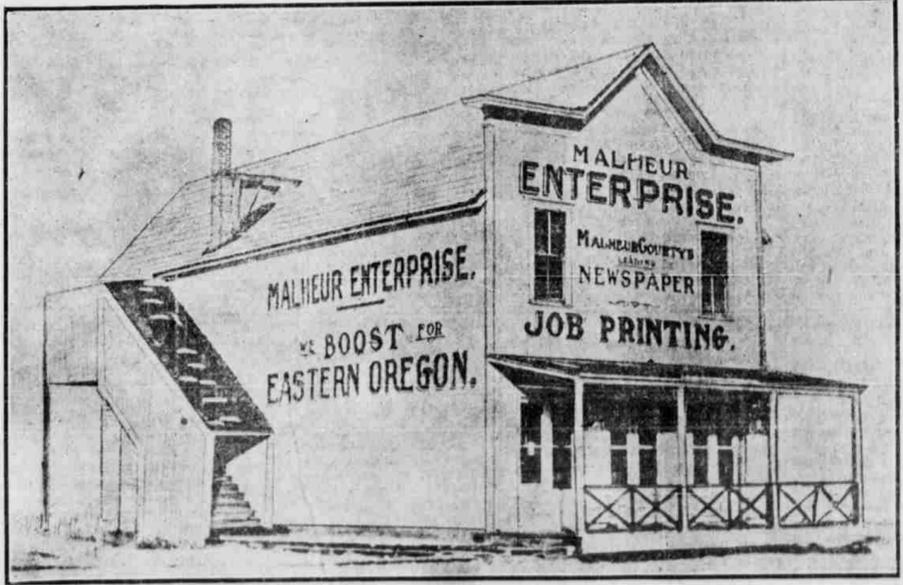
The amount received in freight charges alone was \$2,100 while the money for tickets amounted to \$320, making a grand total for the day of \$2,420.

Episcopal Club Meets

The Episcopal Club will meet at Mrs. H. C. Eastham's residence, Wednesday, January 5.

Tea will be served from 4 to 6-10 etc. Everyone is heartily welcome.

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MAN SHOT DEAD

NEAR ROCK SPUR

Still one more fatal shooting affair occurred in this region when Lafe Roe, a camp tender, shot and killed John McClintock, a homesteader, near Rock Spur last Monday. The shooting was the result of a feud which had arisen between the two men and which was the result of a disagreement caused by McClintock when he ordered Roe to take the sheep he was herding from the McClintock property.

Roe says he fired in self defense and only when McClintock made a motion to draw a gun. Roe was arrested.

Boise Wants Meeting

The Commercial Club of Boise has begun an agitation for the purpose of having the National Wool growers convention of 1911 held in that city. The matter will be brought before the national convention at Ogden, Utah.

FOUR DEAD BROKES

SLEEP IN THE JAIL

No less than four men who were "dead broke" applied to Sheriff Bob Odell for beds last Wednesday evening and all were furnished with berths behind the bars. They said they had been unable to obtain work but it is expected they were more fortunate on the following day.

Ontario Smallpox Over

ONTARIO, OR., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Two cases of smallpox which broke out in the family of County School Superintendent Milligan near Ontario a few weeks ago have been released from quarantine this week, and all danger of contagion is pronounced over. No other cases have been reported. Quarantine was kept strictly at the Milligan home, though the cases were not serious. The first case was brought here from Boise.

NEW CHILDREN TO

GO TO SCHOOL

On January 17 all the young children who have never before gone to school, will begin doing so. On that date the second half of the yearly term will commence and it has, therefore, been chosen as the most appropriate time.

Lynched Near Hamilton

Ollie Snyder was lynched the day after Christmas by five masked men near Hamilton which is about 15 miles from Canyon City. Snyder killed a man named Green because of a row over the shooting of a dog. After the killing he stood the sheriff and a posse off all night but surrendered in the morning. As he was being brought to jail by the sheriff, five masked men took him from the officers and riddled him with bullets.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

HAVE NEW OFFICERS

The following are the new officers elected by the Knights of Pythias: Chancellor Commander, Wesley Caviness; Vice-Chancellor, Julian Hurley; Prelate, Erbie Hayes; Master of Work, Arthur Glenn; Master at Arms, H. N. Boehmer; Master of Finance, Gus Hurley; Master of Exchequer, R. B. Hoyt; Keeper of Records and Seals, C. A. Gillam; Outside Guard, G. W. Hayes; Inside Guard, Geo. McLaughlin.

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