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AND VALE PLAINDEALER.

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Sloppy Newspaper Attacks

ANY paper worth its salt must stand being attacked now and again, and no paper minds a little scrap provided the fellow delivering it avoids getting sloppy. Some of those sage brush journals often fall over themselves for columns in the attempt to keep up with their desire to pour out their innocuous billingsgate, and the worst of it is that one feels no more like striking back than he would feel like delivering an upper cut to a baby.

As an instance, the attack recently delivered on the Enterprise by a paper calling itself the Nyssa Sun, or some such name, and which was reproduced in a paper published in Vale, is positively unanswerable, because it contained nothing, and you cannot reply to vacuity. The genius which presides over the destiny of that sheet may be judged by the fact that one of the leading items of news in its last issue was the relation of the fact that the editor had been invited to dinner, had "excepted" the invitation and had appreciated the grub.

Now, what can you say when a little abortive imitation of a paper says nasty things about you? You surely cannot stoop to enter into an argument. There must be two sides to every argument, and it would be useless to stoop, anyhow.

But, lest any people should be led astray as to the position of the Enterprise on the question of the formation of the proposed districts under the Boise-Owyhee projects, it is better to say once again that the Enterprise is not in any way opposed to the plan. The same statement has been made over and over again, but some people have evidently not reached that stage of mental development which permits one to observe the difference between opposition to a scheme and a warning against certain dangers which confront those interested in carrying the scheme out. The Enterprise never opposed the formation of the districts. It merely published a communication from Colonel Wood and editorially commended the Colonel's views. That its position was the correct one has been borne out, and Colonel Wood has succeeded in convincing his opponents that he was right all the time and, therefore, that the Enterprise was right. But that fact will only penetrate some minds when it is too late. Indeed, the Enterprise has requested several men who hold different views to express themselves in its columns but not one has taken advantage of the offer.

The editor of the Sun of Nyssa is evidently too busy eating dinners and writing about them to pay any attention to measly ditch matters. Of course, an invitation to dinner might seem to be a very important circumstance in the career of our esteemed contemporary and one could, therefore, understand why he devotes so much of the extremely valuable space in his journal to the autobiographical sketch of his career as a gourmet. But, the period occupied in the relation of his appreciation of cheap grub, if spent in carefully looking into the attitude of the Enterprise in the ditch matter, might have saved him from manifesting his utter incapacity, and his absolute inability to read English correctly.

But if the effusion of the Nyssa Sun can be described as slop, what can be said of the journalistic qualities that dictated the reproduction of the stuff in another paper? Poor Malheur County! May Heaven save you from your self-styled editorial friends.

Vale Booming

TALKS with the business men of Vale this week show clearly that this city of our's is marching forward at the double and has been doing so for the past year, while the near future has in store an advance compared to which even the great strides of the immediate past will look small.

Although this fact is exceedingly gratifying, it should always be borne in mind that citizens who are ambitious should never relax in the effort to hold their town always before the gaze of outsiders. The start means as much in the race between cities as it does in a contest of sprinters. When a country like this becomes advertised in other sections it is a matter of vital importance that Vale should always be made to appear as the chief city. Let the words "Vale" and "Southeastern Oregon" appear to be almost synonymous terms as "Seattle" and "Puget Sound," and strangers will be attracted here first.

It is also important that every man, woman and child should remember and associate the name of Vale with all the enterprises and industries of this section. If you speak of the oil fields, remember they are the Vale oil fields; remember the railroad is the Vale railroad; that the Malheur project is the Vale project, and in every other way keep this town of our's to the front.

If care is taken there is no reason whatever why Vale should not be the great town of the section. It stands in a country second to none, but legitimate advertising brings its reward. Greater importance is attached to advertising now than ever before, as the discovery of oil will mean the sudden growth to large dimensions of some town in this vicinity. The oil will come and Vale must be the town. The business people of Vale should always be alive to the possibilities. It means fortunes for them.

In the meantime, even without taking into view the great future promise, the people of Vale are more than satisfied, and the New Year looks bright and rich as gold.

The Vale Band is an institution that deserves support, but it suffers because of that peculiar human characteristic that causes people not to appreciate what they possess.

If there were no band people would regret the fact, but now that they have one, and a good one, it would be a pity to let it go for lack of support. The dances which are being given as benefits for the band should be attended by every person in Vale.

In view of the rumor that seems to be current that a number of persons have expressed themselves as intending to jump some of the oil claims of the companies and individuals who have gone ahead in good faith to develop an oil field in this county, it might be well for intending jumpers to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the new law on assessment work referred to in the Enterprise last week.

Correspondence

To the Editor:-

Permit me space to say a word in regard to the item in your last issue stating an engineer had been sent for to go over the field and estimate the cost of a water and sewer system for Vale.

My reason for writing this letter is that whether we get such water and sewer system depends upon the citizens of Vale themselves, for while the Mayor and Council can obtain a plan and cost of same the people of the town must themselves authorize the improvement through their votes, and so I desire to add my word in urging its need and the immediate necessity that something be done.

Sometime ago one of our town boosters invented the slogan "You can find it in Vale." Were he to go away from home he would learn the reputation Vale has abroad is that it is the place to get bad water and typhoid fever. Those who stay here at home do not realize how much our town is being injured through our neglect of these matters.

My work takes me pretty well through Eastern and Central Oregon and wherever I have been the past fall I have heard of the scourge of typhoid fever from which Vale was reported to be suffering. Sitting in the hotel office in Ontario last week I heard one traveller cautioning a man who was to go to Vale on the morrow that under no circumstances should he drink any water as there were still five or six cases of fever in town. Going on down to Nyssa I found the public schools closed, (one teacher having died and another being ill), and that it was charged they must have contracted the disease while attending the Institute at Vale. I know also of a man who came here last summer intending to make this his home. Instead, after staying a day or two, he went back to Ontario where he has since purchased over twenty-five thousand dollars worth of business property. He has said to me he regards the future of Vale as assured and that he came here intending to locate and invest his money, but that when he walked around our town last summer and breathed the impure air from our open closets, knowing typhoid fever had broken out, he decided he could not under such circumstances bring his family here to live.

Aside from the chief consideration, which is the loss of human life and the risk we all run, our town is being seriously injured by the reputation it is getting and it is imperative a repetition of the experience of the past summer be averted through immediate steps being taken to install a pure water supply and a means of disposal of our sewage. Every man and woman interested in Vale and its future should do all in their power to build up a public sentiment favorable to a sale of bonds for immediately installing this improvement. No time should be lost, as with every prospect of a large influx of new people the coming spring, the move is the more imperative.

THOMAS W. CLAGETT.

MRS. WEANT ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF SISTER

Mrs. R. E. Weant entertained last Tuesday several ladies in honor of her sister, who is also Mrs. Weant. Whist was played and the following ladies were present in addition to the hostess and the guest of honor. Mesdames Morfit, Cook, Dunlop, Wheeler, Hamilton, Lee, Roberts, J. Diven, Claggett, Geo. McKnight, Mueller, Hadley, Eastham, Martin, L. Cole, Halliday, Johnson, Caviness, Hurley and Miss Florence Dunlop.

MODERN WOODMEN

ELECT OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910 by the Modern Woodmen of America, Vale Camp No. 5496, at a meeting held December 27:-
Counsel, Lyndel G. Dell.
Advisor, J. Edwin Johnson.
Clerk, Thos. E. McKnight.
Banker, Elwood L. Clark.
Escort, C. P. Stiles.
Watchman, Lota Scott.
Sentry, J. J. Dickerson.
Manager for 3 Yrs., Francis Hagr.

UNCLE DAN'L WAS

A PEACHERINO

The bodies of all the Thespians from Roscius to Richard Mansfield would have turned in their graves could they only gaze at the production of Uncle Dan'l at the Grand Opera House, Vale, Oregon, last Wednesday evening. The Roman would probably describe the production as "cultus," while the more up to date Richard would no doubt be satisfied with the very expressive "rotten." Neither, of course, would expect to witness an epoch making performance in our own dear, classical temple, but there are some things which happened last Wednesday evening that would certainly make either of those mentioned or any other sit up and take notice. If those travelling companies only did their best, no one would mind, miserable as the best of the best of them might be, but when they manifest such a contempt for their audience that pays its money as to utterly refuse to call the least attempt to carry out the program intelligently it is time to make a halt. It would be a pity to stand by and see the people of Vale buying gold bricks from every sharp aggregation that takes fit into its lovely head to play us for suckers. As to the play, it need only be said that a drama, which proves one moment that one of the principal characters is at the bottom of the sea, and the next moment shows him to the audience without preparing it in the least for the awful shock, is really original. Such delightful, painstaking methods as that deserve to be recorded, and those who obtain money by such methods deserve careful notice.

LIST OF JURORS

FOR COMING SESSION

The following in the regular jury panel drawn for the coming sitting of the Circuit court next Monday.
Thos. Walsh, Big Bend, Vale.
J. Edwin Johnson, Nyssa.
W. L. Gibson, Malheur.
George H. Bodfish, Ontario.
L. A. Walker, Nyssa.
D. M. Nichols, Stone.
Henry Sherwood, Snake River.
J. L. Pope, Ontario.
Frank Fairbairn, Barren Valley.
W. H. Pennington, Ontario.
Thos. Turnbull, Ontario.
J. H. Fenwick, Nyssa.
T. B. Fiser, Nyssa.
E. R. Ehrgood, Three Forks.
E. W. Grant, Bully.
Wm. Jones, Ontario.
Frank Cummins, Vale.
F. J. Johnson, Ontario.
J. D. King, Ontario.
J. D. Billingsley, Juntura.
Fred Curry, Ontario.
W. H. Pinkston, Roswell.
Arthur Holly, Vale.
T. T. Nelsen, Watson.
Frank Palmer, Nyssa.
J. C. Beam, Big Bend.
Bert G. Roberts, Owyhee.
A. G. Kingman, Nyssa.
J. A. Felton, Beulah.
Jesse Thompson, Three Forks.
M. J. Philpot, Three Forks.

CHRISTMAS TREE

FOR MISS HELEN CLARK

Santa Claus in all the panoply of power visited the reception hall of the Drexel Hotel on Christmas eve, bringing to the fair young guest of honor, Miss Helen Clark, and her bevy of pretty little friends, as well as his favored grown up children, a delightful assortment of precious toys, which ranged from railroad trains and statues in miniature of the great colored gladiator to tiny mites of dolls.

The spacious hall was comfortably filled with Mrs. Johnson's guests when the sleigh bells of Santy were heard in the distance and excitement immediately reigned amongst the expectant little ones. The suspense was not prolonged however for soon the great and only Mr. Claus appeared and, after a short prayer by Rev. Meredith, began the congenial and wonderful to be said, never tiresome task of distributing the precious things. After the first exquisite shock of meeting the eminent and gentleman face to face, some of the little ladies or, rather, some of their contemporaneous gentlemen

friends, were heard to remark in awe-some whispers that Mr. Claus spoke in a voice strangely suggestive of the holiday tones of Mr. W. W. Caviness of Vale. But that fact never hurt his reputation a bit and soon the joy of gathering in the lovely presents handed out in profusion.

Mrs. Johnson seemed to forget no one, and her guests big and little had a lovely time that brought pleasant reminiscences.

STALLIONS, MILCH COWS AND HAY FOR SALE

Any one needing milch cows, stallions or hay can now obtain the very best from Charles Thebaud. He has 500 tons of the best hay to sell as well as fine two-year old Persian stallions, a lot of the very best breed of milch cows and young short horn bulls.

He has a lot of fresh milch cows coming now and will sell them at very reasonable prices. Mr. Thebaud is noted as a man who keeps only the first class brand of every thing.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

To my many customers and intending customers.

O. W. Propst

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Best line ever shown in Vale and the prices are right.

25 year Waltham Watch

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Saturday, Jan. 1, 1910.

O. W. PROPST

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&

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Shop one door East from Enterprise Office

C. E. Bayles

Local Architect

Office Drexel Hotel

T. A. BARTON

Undertaker

Undertaking Rooms, A street, three blocks east of U. S. Nat'l Bank of Vale. Phone No. 4

Safe Banking is Our Business and We Want Your Banking

Our business has grown to such an extent, that we refuse any business embodying a risk.

We want the business of the FARMER, the RANCHER, the STOCKMAN, the HOME PEOPLE.

This Bank is For You

We offer you the services of a strong, sound and safely managed bank, and assure you our assistance in time of need as far as safe banking will permit, and no further.

This is Not a One Man's Bank

Our directors meet monthly, and investigate the loans and general condition of the bank. Does This Kind of Banking appeal to you, as safety and protection to depositors?

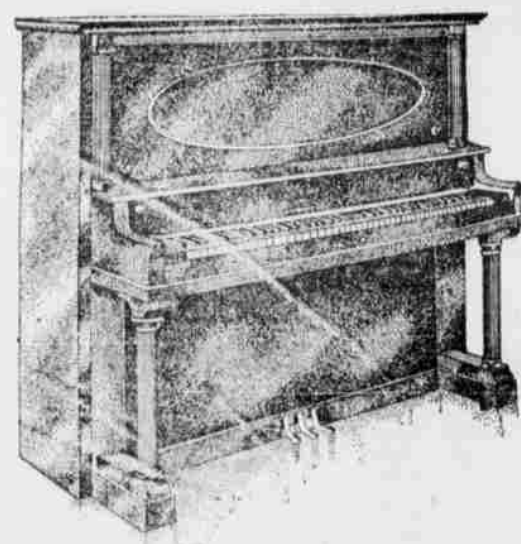
We heartily thank our many customers, for our growing business, and assure you we wish to aid you in your respective lines.

Our Customers Our Reference

First National Bank of Vale

This PIANO Given Away

\$425.00
Eilers Piano
FREE



To be given by the Malheur Enterprise to the ladies of Malheur and Harney counties.

The Malheur Enterprise offers the people of this vicinity this prize as a means of establishing themselves in this country. The Enterprise wants to reach every home in Malheur and Harney Counties, and it also wants to send thousands of its copies to the more densely populated States so that it can do its share to draw from those congested districts and help populate the two counties whose resources have not begun to be developed—Malheur and Harney. The Malheur Enterprise offers its patrons the greatest publicity contest ever attempted in Vale.

Read the Conditions of the Contest

How Votes Are Secured

In all cases where votes are issued subscriptions must be paid or prepaid. The full amount of money must be sent direct by mail, paid to local collectors or brought to this office. The paper will be delivered by mail or by carriers, as requested.

Value Of Special Votes

	Price	Vote
For every 6 months subscription	\$1.00	250
" " 1 year	2.00	600
" " 2 "	4.00	1500
" " 4 "	8.00	5000

Who May Enter This Great Contest

Any woman is eligible, provided conditions set forth below are complied with: Candidates must reside in the district or territory designated. No candidate will be permitted to transfer votes to another after receiving them for herself. No employee of the MALHEUR ENTERPRISE or member of an employee's family will be eligible as a candidate. In case of a tie, prizes of equal value will be given each of the contestants tied.

THE PIANO WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME 3 DAYS AFTER EXPIRATION OF CONTEST, FEB. 22, 1910.

Contest Closes Feb. 22, 1910.

For further information address or call CONTEST DEPARTMENT OF

THE MALHEUR ENTERPRISE
Vale, Oregon

Malheur Enterprise Vale, Oregon

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