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The Schools

NO exertion should be considered too great and no care should be considered excessive in the work of developing the minds that shall one day form the motive power of the nation intellectual. As the primary schools of the country aim towards the building of the educational foundations of the future generations, they should receive, perhaps, far more attention than the schools in which the curricula are more advanced because it stands to reason that a false educational superstructure can be no more trustworthy than the superstructure of a building of which the ground work has not been properly laid.

There is no doubt, of course, that Vale has been careful in this respect and the discussion of such a matter may appear superfluous, but, really, enough can never be said on such a subject, either for the purpose of correcting present faults or for guarding against future neglect. It has often been said during campaigns for electing school boards that a school trustee's duties demand only a more or less superficial knowledge of business affairs, but such an opinion is surely erroneous. It would seem that the men who become entrusted with such really important tasks should at least possess some judgment in the selection of a teaching staff, or, rather, in the selection of principals who could in turn be trusted to gather competent teachers. The selection of school trustees by public vote has often been questioned by eminent educationalists. These people are, however, somewhat prone to regard rural or semi-rural communities with a shade of contempt, and it may be that their ipse dixit does not quite prove their competency to pass judgment in matters which may be called foreign to them, inasmuch as they have never been afforded the opportunity of studying the educational needs of such communities at first hand. They stand above us, of course, but the very eminence of their positions may place them beyond the range of clear vision. Yet, no one can afford to brush their opinions aside as worthless. Whether they know us and our needs or not, there is at least a modicum of truth in their beliefs; popular elections of school guardians have only too often resulted in defeating the very ends for which they were instituted. Such matters should always be held before the eyes of the voters. Their duties are responsible ones, and on the manner in which such duties are performed depend the future of the children placed in their keeping.

Vale and Waterworks

NOW that the City Council has employed an engineer to draw up plans and specifications for water and sewer systems, every man and woman in the city should become a committee of one to boost the work along. Vale cannot grow to any appreciable extent, of course, without having made full preparation in hygienic affairs. That fact goes without saying, and there would seem to be nothing more to do but to urge the bonding of the city. It is not necessary to point out any reasons why water and sewerage systems ought to be installed. One might just as well try to tell why people should eat and drink, and, really, eating and drinking are hardly more important for the continuation of the life and health of individuals than pure water and proper sewerage are for the continuation of the life and health of communities larger than villages.

Several instances have already been recorded of people refusing to settle with their families here owing to the lack of such arrangements, and it is safe to say that the money lost to Vale for such reasons already would have been sufficient to pay the expense of the improvement.

It is now a certainty that water must be supplied for the double purpose within a very short time. The development of the rich country around Vale is proceeding apace and Vale must either be prepared to throw away the advantages already gained or to provide herself with the arrangements that are indispensable.

Bad Weather and Thermometers

PEOPLE who have come to this part of the country recently are prone to regard the weather which recently prevailed as a normal climatic condition, but it is now clearly evident that an unusually low temperature is the rule all over for the present winter.

We find by exchanges that Boise has passed through the coldest weather for seven years, the mercury falling to 6 below last Monday morning. Baker City records 12 below; Pocatello, 8 below; while at all points in the Northwest the conditions are proportionately severe.

The coldest weather ever recorded at Boise was 28 degrees below zero, on January 16, 1888. Several old residents speak of the severity of that year in Vale and place the temperature at a lower point, but very often the thermometers found in country towns remind one of yellow newspapers—they exaggerate everything whether the news is good or bad.

Some such thermometers are artists in their line. They seem to take a special pride in listening to exclamations of surprise coming from people who examine them. If the day is hot they feel proud of their position as authorities and they go the whole hog. If by chance the temperature passes 80 in the shade, they go one better and rise to 120 or bust the glass. On the other hand they never stop going down if they once reach zero. Like a man who commits one unforgivable sin it is hell to stop them—that is it takes the ultry atmosphere of the nether regions to thaw them out and inspire them with a desire to come up again. Sometimes people are inclined to discredit the stories related by old timers about jack rabbits freezing to death without getting time to lie down. But the country thermometers must take at least a little of the opprobrium. Often a man goes out in the morning and thinks the air is ice and soft and balmy until he looks at one of the blamed things

hanging up on the door posts. Then he rushes frantically back in to the house for his overcoat, or for the blankets if he has not got one. He thought it was above zero but the glass said nix, and said it with a self satisfied smirk. Up in Alaska such thermometers have been accountable for more tragedies than the weather. The glass of one road house says 20 above, the glass in the next says 50 below. In leaving the first road house the musher dressed or undressed for 20 above; the 50 below glass caught him and as he could not doubt the evidence of his senses he lay down and died. The Vale thermometer last Monday morning said 23 below. Aw: twenty-three yourself.

NEW LAWS TO GOVERN

STAKING OF OIL LANDS

The following is a copy of the laws introduced by Senator Bourne to govern the staking and holding of oil lands. The bill has been read twice and referred to the committee on public lands. The copy was sent by Senator Bourne to T. W. Davidson of Vale:—

To provide for the disposal of lands chiefly valuable for oil.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That public lands of the United States valuable for deposits of mineral oil therein may, from and after date of this Act, be acquired in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. That any citizen of the United States, or any person who has declared his intention to become such, over the age of twenty-one years, or any association of such citizens, or those who have declared their intention to become such, or any corporation duly organized under the laws of the United States or any State or Territory thereof, may file a declaration, under oath, with the register and receiver of the land district where such land is situated, that he, they, or it intend to explore for and develop the oil in a tract of land, describing it, not exceeding in area one hundred and sixty acres. If the land is surveyed, it must be located by legal subdivisions. If unsurveyed, it must be located in square or rectangular form by metes and bounds and described by reference to some established post, monument, or natural object. In no event shall such a claim exceed one mile in length. The affidavit hereinafter required may be made before any officer authorized to administer oaths and having a seal in the land district where the land is situated, and must state that the affiant believes the land to be chiefly valuable for its deposits of oil, give the reasons for such belief, and state the applicant intends to make a bona fide effort to produce oil from the land. Upon filing said declaration, the applicant must pay to the receiver of the local land office a fee of ten dollars, which shall be allowed jointly to the register and receiver. Thereupon the declaration, if otherwise regular, shall be noted upon the records of the local land office and no entry or filing thereafter received for the land for two years from date thereof unless such claim has been prior thereto abandoned or canceled; but nothing herein contained shall be held to deny or abridge the right to enter said lands for the purpose of the discovery and development of metalliferous minerals, nor the assertion of a claim thereto.

Sec. 3. That at any time within two years from the date of filing the declaration aforesaid the applicant or his assigns may file an application for patent in the form and proceed in the manner prescribed by section twenty-three hundred and twenty-five to twenty-three hundred and forty-six, United States Revised Statutes. Such application must, in addition to the showing required by the said sections, also show that the land is valuable for its deposits of oil and that it is the bona fide intention of the applicant to produce oil therefrom in commercial quantities: PROVIDED, That if there are any veins

or lodes of quartz or other valuable deposits known to exist at the date of filing such application for a patent, title thereto shall not pass under any application, entry, or patent under the provisions of this Act, but are expressly reserved therefrom, and such known veins or lodes shall be subject to location and entry by any qualified person or persons under the provisions of the United States mining laws applicable thereto.

Sec. 4. That the land within any such claim must be paid for at the time of filing of final proof at the rate of five dollars per acre or fraction of an acre.

Sec. 5. That during each year after the filing of the declaration and prior to final proof and payment of the purchase price, the applicant or his assigns must pay to the receiver of the local land office a sum equal to one dollar per acre of said claim or submit proof in the form of an affidavit corroborated by two or more witnesses that he has expended during said year an equal sum in improvements upon the land in an effort to discover and produce oil therefrom, in default of which the declaration shall be subject to cancellation.

Sec. 6. That the filing of a declaration under this act shall not give the applicant, prior to final proof and payment, any right to the surface of the land agriculture, grazing, or any other purpose than that permitted by this Act, nor the right to fence or inclose the land (except corals for the protection of domestic animals,) nor the right to take or use any timber therefrom except for domestic purposes.

Sec. 7. That all other laws relating to or allowing oil placer claims upon the public lands of the United States are repealed, but nothing in this Act shall affect valid claims heretofore initiated under any provisions of law so repealed.

REFUSED TO SLEEP

WITHOUT HIS DOG

The gentleman, who took the part of Uncle Dan'l in the play of that name recently produced here, manifested so strong a feeling of affection for a dog that accompanied him that he refused to sleep in the hotel or lodging house where the animal was not permitted to stay in his room. The outcome was that the old man slept all night on the stage of the Grand Opera House. Mr. Nelsen gave him permission to use the stage as a bed and then went away locking the old man in. Here comes the touch of comedy which "butts" into the most serious or tragic acts of life's drama; Nelsen forgot to come back in the morning until a rather late hour and Uncle Dan'l and the dog were kept prisoners until well on towards noon.

The old gentleman stated as his reason for refusing to be parted from the dog, the fact that the brute had belonged to his wife who has died.

Idaho Couple Married

As the events of the week in Vale could not properly be rounded out without having a marriage performed for an Idaho couple here, Frank Aldrich and Miss Julia Paul arrived on Friday and were tied up by Judge Richardson.

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.

Paper For New Plymouth

The New Plymouth Sentinel will be the name of a paper which William Plughoff, the well known veteran newspaperman, is about to establish in the town of that name.

Mr. Plughoff, whose last paper was the Ontario Argus, expects to get going about February 1.

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 everything.

Owyhee People Will Come

At a meeting of the Owyhee Ditch Company's stockholders; held at Ontario January 4, they decided to enter the district for which a petition is about to be filed, provided their prior rights will be recognized.

T. T. Nelson has just received a new stock of the finest furniture ever brought to Vale.

No. 860

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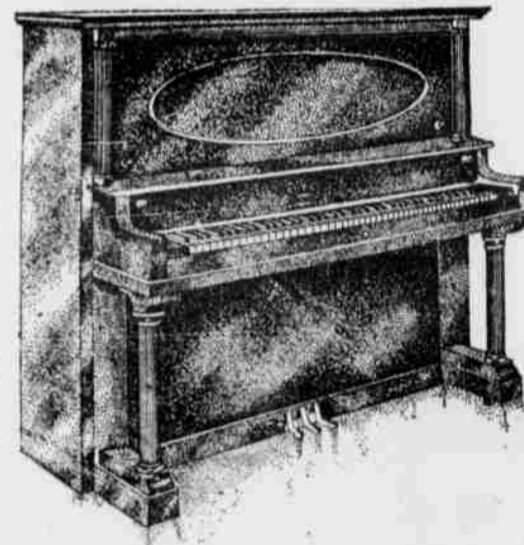
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Our Customers Our Reference

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

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