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COUNTY HELPS MALHEUR FAIR ASSOCIATION

Court Allows \$1,000 Appropriation Asked by Fair Directors

VOTING PLACES NAMED

Official Bond of Hoodoo Precinct
—Viewers to Meet at Nyssa on August 1st—No Tax Reduction For Brogan People

The Malheur County Fair association was allowed an appropriation of \$1,000 by the county court on last Saturday. This was the exact amount asked by the fair directors. Other business transacted by the court was as follows:

Viewers were appointed to meet at Nyssa on August 1 for the purpose of viewing and establishing a county road beginning at the northeast corner of section one, township twenty-one, south range forty-six thence in a westerly direction, as prayed for in the petition of A. G. Kingman and others.

The coyote and other scalps gathered during the month of June were counted and approved.

The official bond of Harry G. Wallace, justice of the peace in Hoodoo precinct was approved.

The designation of polling places in the various precincts were made as follows: North Ontario, Kiesel building; South Ontario, Ontario hotel; North Vale, Hess hotel; South Vale, court house; Nyssa, opera house; Barren Valley, postoffice; Hoodoo, J. A. Newtons; Summit, T. Hall, and in the school houses of Jordan Valley, Crowley, Big Bend, Snake River, Red Butte, Junction, Owyhee, Star, Three Fork, Bully, Castle Rock, Malheur and Carlisle precincts.

The county clerk was ordered to advertise for bids for furnishing one carload of Rock Springs coal to be delivered on track at Vale.

The petition of Harry Flynn, agent for the residents of Brogan for the reduction of taxes was not allowed.

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

QUIET FOURTH AT JORDAN VALLEY

The 4th of July was passed by the people of Jordan Valley and vicinity as a day of rest and recreation. There were several picnic gatherings held in the valley and surrounding country where relatives and friends met and enjoyed a day of relaxation from their usual vocations and partook of the bountiful picnic dinner spread out on the grass under the trees.

There was a light shower of rain during the early hours of the morning that partly laid the dust and caused the day to be cool and pleasant.—Jordan Valley Express.

COUNCILMAN HIGH RETURNS FROM A VISIT TO CALIFORNIA

Bert High returned on Wednesday from an extended trip which took him by the way of Reno, where he saw the Jeffries-Johnson fight. From there he went to Sacramento, San Francisco and other California cities where he visited relatives he had not seen for some years. The fight fans gathered around Bert as soon as he arrived and had to hear his version which was narrated in much the same way as by others who saw the big mill.

ONTARIO WOMAN COMMITTED TO ASYLUM AT SALEM

Mrs. John Bivens, of Ontario, was committed to the insane asylum at Salem last Monday by County Judge Richardson. She had been committed a year ago, but was released after a few months. Judge Richardson states that Mrs. Bivens was rather violent Monday and that she imagines she has a sister in the asylum who wants her to save her from that place.

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COLUMBIA OIL WELL TO HAVE DOUBLE SHIFT

Car of Extra Heavy Casing On Road—To Drill Down Further—Indications Excellent

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Columbia Oil & Gas Developing company, held in Spokane a few days ago the officers of the past year were all re-elected. They are Wm. Parker, president; A. E. Knapton, vice-president; J. V. Marlow, secretary and treasurer, and J. T. Beardsley, superintendent. The directors are Wm. Parker, Chas. Besgrove, A. E. Knapton, J. V. Marlow, W. A. Ingraham, J. B. Waters and J. T. Beardsley.

This company has extensive holdings south of Vale and the oil well drilling rig is doing good work. The Columbia well is one of the most promising in the field and the drill has now reached a depth of about 900 feet. A double shift is to be put on so that the work may be carried on much faster. A car of extra heavy casing is now on the road and everything looks most promising.

OWYHEE PROJECT TO BE PUSHED

Field Engineer Binkley Leaves For Chicago to Complete Plans And Specifications

George H. Binkley, field engineer of the Arnold Construction company, of Chicago, in response to a telegram from the head office in Chicago, has left for that place to complete there in consultation with the Trowbridge-Niver company, the plans and specifications for the Owyhee irrigation project, which will cover 135,000 acres included within the Owyhee, Kingman colony and Gem Irrigation districts, which lie between Vale, Nyssa and Ontario. He will return in two or three weeks when the plans of the entire project will be submitted to the engineers of the three districts and after securing their approval will be filed with the state engineer, who will then pass upon the plans and, if approved by him, the contract for the construction of the project will immediately be let, the bonds voted and work commenced.

Owing to the recent money stringency, it looked for a while as though the building of the project might be delayed, but the Trowbridge-Niver company, who will handle the bonds of the project, in view of the easier condition of the financial situation of the country, will now be able to take the matter up at once. Those who have the matter in charge here have perfect confidence in the immediate construction of the project.

NEW CITY SCAVENGER HAS REGULAR TRIPS

Tom Barton, chairman of the board of health, has secured a new city scavenger in the person of Mr. Huston, of Weiser. Mr. Barton states that the cleaning crusade will now continue and that Scavenger Huston will make regular trips over the city and that every property owner and renter must carry out the text of the "cleaning-up and sanitary" ordinance now in full force. Mr. Huston and family arrived in town from Weiser the first of the week.

O. & E. SURVEYORS ARE CALLED IN

Permanent Surveys Made To a Point 90 Miles West of Vale—Two Crews in Town

A. B. Macpherson, who has been out with the Oregon & Eastern surveyors, arrived in town the fore part of the week. The two surveying crews had just completed the 90 mile point from Vale, a place on Crane Creek, where it flows into the South Fork of the Malheur, when word was received from headquarters to come into Vale. The two crews are composed of seven men. Nothing could be learned of further movements.

Excursions to Portland

July 17 and 18, via Oregon Short Line. Limit July 31. See O. S. L. agents for rates and further particulars.

For Sale

Five-room bungalow, will be completed in one week, nicely finished; two four room houses—furnished or unfurnished. Good location. See owner, Cary Hull & Son, Vale.

CONTRACT LET FOR WATER AND SEWERS

To The American Light & Water Company of Kansas City

START WORK IN 30 DAYS

Council Retains Power to Decide On Pumping or Gravity Systems Within Sixty Days—Entire System It to Be Completed Within Four Months.

Within four months from the first of August Vale will have a complete water and sewer system, the water supply either to be secured from wells by means of a pumping plant or from a gravity system. The city council, as the result of the meeting of the taxpayers on Wednesday evening, signed the contract the following morning with the American Light & Water Co., for the construction work.

Contractor Whiting is now ordering the material which will arrive in this city within the next thirty days. Mr. Huys of the bonding house states that the bonds have been accepted and the money will be here by August 1st.

Contract Signed

The preliminary work had been delayed by the absence of the councilmen from the city and on Wednesday afternoon Councilman Osborn arrived in town from a business trip to Walla Walla. As Councilman Jones was unable to be present at Wednesday's meeting there was not a quorum, but on Thursday morning Councilmen Jones, Glenn and Osborn, with Mayor Clark, City Recorder Wilson and City Attorney Hayes, signed the contract.

Engineer Explains Changes

At the meeting Wednesday evening Engineer Bullock explained at some length the plans and specifications which he had made. The first set of plans, as prepared by the Baker City firm, have been set aside and he explained why he had made the changes. He told why he had specified smaller pipes, why he specified cast iron pipes for the water system, and vitrified pipes for the sewer system. He also explained why he had reduced the reservoir from one which would hold 1,000,000 gallons of water to one of only 100,000 gallons. His plans were most feasible since he showed that he was anxious to save the city several thousand dollars of needless expense. He showed that the 100,000 gallon reservoir, completely covered, would be far better than the larger open reservoir of the first set of plans. In the larger the water would be allowed to stand, become stagnant, while all sorts of filth would undoubtedly come in contact with the water. His plans show a reservoir in which the water always circulates as the water will come out as it enters and still fill the reservoir. He showed that the supply of water would be large enough and that in case of shortage the pumps could be worked overtime, or an ad joining reservoir built later on, and which would be far better and more sanitary than the large open one.

Water Expert Coming

Engineer Bullock will send at once to this city a water specialist who makes it his business to locate wells for cities. This man will have orders to secure the best and not to stop until a large and pure quantity of water is secured.

IKE HARROL INDICTED—WAS FORMER RESIDENT OF ONTARIO

Reports have been received from Lakeview that the grand jury has returned an indictment against Ike Harrol, charging him with killing Walter Newell. It is understood that when arraigned Harrol will make a confession and that the judge will determine the degree of guilt. Harrol is accused of killing not only Walter Newell, but his brother as well.

Harrol is known to many people in Malheur county having been formerly a resident of Ontario.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE ON THE HALLIDAY BRIDGE

The county court made a trip to the Halliday bridge on last Wednesday for the purpose of looking over the improvements which are to be placed there. A new crib and some piling are to be placed near the approaches to the bridge.

Roll top desks, flat top desks, etc. at T. T. Nelson's.

GREEK LABORER DROWNS IN MALHEUR

A Greek railroad laborer, about twenty-five years of age, whose name was Dan Kolony, was drowned in the Malheur river near the mouth of the Willow creek last Saturday evening. With eight other companions of the same nationality, he went in swimming in one of the deep holes. When out where the water was about 15 feet deep the Greek simply gave up and sank. One of his companions rushed to his assistance, but had to let go of the drowning man who was fighting him in his death struggles. The man sank and never rose again to the surface. The body was not recovered until early Sunday morning.

No inquest was deemed necessary on account of the friends who witnessed the drowning. The funeral took place Monday from the Nelsons' undertaking parlors with burial in the city cemetery. The deceased leaves a wife and a son in the old country.

ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

B. R. Frick Accused of Statutory Offense, Is Placed Under \$5000 Bonds and H. N. Boehmer Under \$4000 Bonds for Assisting in Serious Charge.

B. R. Frick, the druggist, is in the county jail awaiting the September term of the circuit court to answer to a charge of criminal assault on the 13 year old daughter of James Richardson of this city. Frick was arrested the next day in Weiser and brought back to Vale. On Thursday morning he waived examination and was placed under \$2500. Frick's wife is in Nebraska where she has been visiting her parents for over a month.

Hearing of this serious charge against Frick and of his intended flight, the United States National Bank of Vale placed on attachment on his drug store for the sum of \$2325.83. The doors were locked Wednesday evening.

Boehmer's Hearing Held

Harold N. Boehmer, who was arrested on a charge of assisting Frick, was given trial yesterday before Justice of the Peace Wilson, resulting in the placing of Boehmer under \$4000 bonds to appear before the grand jury. The examination showed that Maude Richardson and Dorothy Baldwin, a waiter in the Drexel Cafe, went to the Frick drug store on Tuesday afternoon where they called for a drink of lemonade. The girls then walked to the depot to see about the Baldwin girl's trunk. On the way back and while passing the Frick residence, Frick who was standing on the porch motioned to the girls to come in. They went in and sat down in the sitting room. According to the Richardson girl's story, Boehmer came in a few minutes later from the back door. He opened a bottle of beer and they all drank. The Richardson girl stated that it made her drunk. Champagne bottles were uncorked but she could not remember whether she had tasted it, but she knew that Frick had taken her to one of the bed rooms and locked the door. Boehmer and the Baldwin girl, who says she is 18 years of age, remained in sitting room so far as is known.

Dorothy Baldwin has only been in Vale three weeks, coming here from Portland to work in the Drexel Cafe. Although only 18 years of age, she has been married once. She also says that she has had to shift for herself since she was 13 years of age. She has lost her position now and will be sent back to Portland on promise to return when needed.

Bonds Are Increased

Judge Wilson held Boehmer over to the grand jury and placed his bonds at \$4000. The judge also stated that he had reconsidered the bonds of B. R. Frick and placed them at \$5000 instead of \$2500. Boehmer and Frick have been unable to secure the money and are in jail.

Boehmer was at the time of this serious charge under \$5000 bonds to appear before the Federal grand jury. About a month ago, while bookkeeper in the U. S. National bank, Boehmer's books showed a shortage of \$200. He was arrested and placed under \$5000 bonds which were secured by friends.

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OIL EXPERT SEES GOOD INDICATIONS

Predicts That Hundred Feet More of Drilling Will Tell

A BIG GAS PRESSURE

Is Found in Ontario Well—Bailings Show That Shale Now Being Drilled Is Capping For Oil Sand—Experiments Made Show Gas.

"The people of Ontario should be encouraged in the work they are doing at their oil well," said R. W. Eames, the oil expert and geologist, of this city when seen on his return Wednesday from a visit to the Ontario well. "It can only be a few weeks until they strike an oil flow, the drill may not have further to go than 500 feet, perhaps it will only be 200 feet, as near as I can tell from the present indications and experiments I carried out."

Mr. Eames went to Ontario after hearing a report that salt water had been struck. He did not like the news and went to investigate. On arriving at the well on Monday evening he saw all the bailings from that time for 36 hours, except the ones which were taken at midnight. "Examinations showed a change in the bailings, and now the bailer brings up more gravel, iron, gypsum, and rock salt in the shale," said Mr. Eames. "As no water had been struck these are the finest of indications. The shale is of a gray color, very old, hard and clean, fine grain, from which gas comes out at a pressure of 1800 pounds to the square inch. When the pressure becomes less, and the gas explodes the cap of the bailer, shooting mud twenty-five feet into the air. This mud is hot and boils all the way up the 3900 feet to the surface. An experiment I made showed that there was a quantity of oil in the mud, besides much gas which easily exploded. This shale seems to be a capping to the oil sand as some and finds its way through some of the cleavages of the rock."

Then Mr. Eames went on to speak of the splendid work the company was doing, how easy the machinery was working in spite of the fact that the tools were down 3900 feet, and of the many improvements that have been made to the rig. He also stated that they were drilling at the rate of 100 feet per week and barring accidents a few weeks would see a great change and he advised them to be ready with a casing head to prevent danger in case a gusher is struck.

As Mr. Eames is a most conversative person, who seldom ventures this far with his observations, these statements mean a great deal and shows that the time is short before the oil flow is discovered in the Vale-Ontario oil field.

SIX HUNDRED BOTTLES OF BEER SEIZED IN RAID

D. S. Hoods, a bootlegger, at Annex, just across the river from Weiser, was arrested on last Monday as the result of a raid made on his place by Deputy District Attorney R. M. Duncan. Six hundred bottles of beer found in his place of business were taken by the officer. Hoods' trial was set for Friday (yesterday) before Justice of the Peace Thomas.

CAPITALISTS INTERESTED IN VALE BUY PROPERTY IN WEISER

M. Alexander, of Boise, president of the Malheur Clothing company, of this city, O. W. Porter, of Weiser, who is heavily interested in Vale property, and three other capitalists, purchased a few days ago a fine business lot in Weiser on which they will erect a large office building.

FINED \$50 FOR CREATING DISTURBANCE, RESISTING OFFICER

Al Green was fined \$50 on Monday by City Recorder Wilson when brought to trial on a charge of disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. Green was arrested Saturday night by City Marshal Dolan for creating a disturbance in his own home, and after being arrested resisted the officer.

Go to T. T. Nelson's for furniture.

"MYSTERIOUS BOB" LOOKING AROUND

Expert Oil Man and Mineralogist In Vale to Watch Progress Of Oil Field

Robert B. Moran, of Palo Alto, Cal., is in town. He says that he is just looking around. To the people of Malheur county he is known as "Mysterious Bob" as nothing can be learned of his business. He was here several years ago and just looked around and this trip he does not offer to talk any more than he did at that time. However it is known that he is an expert oil man and mineralogist and that he is sent here by the Associated Oil Co., which is supposed to be closely connected with the Southern Pacific company. In other words he is keeping close watch of the Vale oil field.

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MOTHER-IN-LAW CAUSES TROUBLE

Husband Wants to Maintain Separate Home, But Wife Wants to Live With Mamma

Charles A. Carroll, through his attorney, A. N. Solis, has filed a complaint in the circuit court for divorce proceedings against Ida M. Carroll. The complaint states that they were married at Washington, Ind., October 5, 1889. It also states that the defendant deserted the plaintiff in 1897 because she wanted to live with her mother, while the plaintiff states that he was always willing to provide a home separately from his mother-in-law.

Ursula Thompson has also filed a divorce suit against Samuel W. Thompson through Attorneys Brooke & Tomlinson. The complaint shows that they were married at Eureka, Kansas, in 1888 and that they lately have been living in Barren Valley in this county. In July 1909 the defendant deserted his wife without cause and without telling her where he was going. The children are George W., W. G. and Ursula, all over 21 years of age.

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BUSY TIMES OVER AT THE OIL WELLS

Activity continues in the Vale oil field, all the rigs in the field being busy except the Eastern Oregon. Driller Hunt of this well went to the rescue of the drillers at the Mammoth in the tool fishing and the latest reports state that the tools are almost to the surface, stripping the casing. Over at the Malheur and the Columbia the big drills are working regular shifts.

MRS. JOHN PALMER OF WATSON DEAD

Was Well Known Oregon Pioneer—Came From Gilliam County One Year Ago

The funeral of Mrs. Sophia Palmer, of Watson, was held in this city Wednesday afternoon with burial in the city cemetery. Rev. Bachelder conducted the services. Mrs. Palmer was 74 years of age and died at Watson, this county, on Tuesday, July 12, 1910, after a lingering illness of many years. She and her husband, who survives her, came to Malheur county a year ago from Condon, Gilliam county, where they were known as early pioneers. Deceased also leaves four children: Mrs. Mary Topins, of Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. Sarah Hanna, of Pendleton; Frank Palmer and L. E. Palmer, both of Watson.

The Petrie Addition

We have 100 lots for sale in this new addition to Vale at terms that cannot be had elsewhere. Let us tell you about our special proposition to early buyers. John E. Johnson & Sons.

VALE GROWTH CONTINUES EACH MONTH

As Shown by Report From Local Railroad Office

4,618,507 LBS. INCREASE

In Freight Business of Last Month Over June 1909—Ticket Sales Larger Than Ever—Six Emigrant Cars Last Month—Fifty Cars Forwarded

Each month of the local railroad office continues to show an enormous increase of business over the corresponding months of last year, proving the growth made in Vale during the past year is based on substantial facts. The total increase of freight during the month of June this year over that of June 1909 is 4,618,507 pounds, while the ticket sales show an increase of \$1,134.10.

Six emigrant cars were received last month while a year ago none are recorded. There were 42 carloads of stock and wool forwarded last month compared with the 17 of June 1909. 105 carloads of freight were received last month and only 21 for the same month a year ago. The freight received in carload lots for June 1910 amounts to 3,659,452 pounds, for June 1909, only 888,808 pounds; less than carload lots for June 1910, 1,317,000 pounds, for June 1909 only 365,090 pounds.

There is also an immense increase in the freight forwarded—a record which can only be equalled by towns many times the size of Vale—1,150,000 pounds last month compared to 368,560 pounds in June 1909.

MULKEY BUYS FOUR PASSENGER OAKLAND CAR FROM FORD

B. W. Mulkey has sold the 60-horse power Pierce Arrow automobile, which he bought two weeks ago from Major French, to George Vanderhoof, one of the prosperous ranchers near this city. Mr. Mulkey a few days ago purchased a four passenger Oakland car from H. N. Ford.

HARVEST BIG ALFALFA CROP ON OXMAN RANCH

C. H. Oxman left Thursday for Hot Lake where he will spend a few weeks' recreation. Before leaving Mr. Oxman stated that he had just completed the first cutting of alfalfa on his big ranch and that he had harvested one thousand tons. The second cutting will be harvested about July 25. He also has 50 acres of oats that will go 75 bushels to the acre.

PARTY HAD PLEASANT TIME AT WARM SPRINGS ON SUNDAY

The Misses Maud Doolittle, Nellie Loveland and Mary Glenn and Messrs. W. E. Smith, Roy Cook and Dr. C. C. Burrow, formed a party which spent last Sunday at the Warm Springs, 16 miles south of town. All were mounted on horseback and started from town at 4:45 in the morning, thus enjoying a beautiful ride during the cool part of the day. Hunting and fishing formed the pastime and Doc Cook proved his skill as an expert shot by shooting and killing a magpie with a pistol at a distance of 60 yards. Dr. Burrow shot a wildcat and W. E. Smith the prettiest heron ever seen in the west. A sumptuous lunch served near the springs under the shade of the many trees, is still the talk of the members of the party.

OIL MAN COMES TO VALE AND FLIES BACK TO 'FRISCO

The visit of Lowell J. Hart, of San Francisco and his hurried return within a few hours after meeting Robert B. Moran, who had been looking over the oil field is a mysterious affair to people interested in oil land here. Lowell is said to be connected with the Union Oil company. Moran took a sneak the next day, but they left Ray E. Collins of San Francisco to watch developments. Nothing could be learned of the move, but it is hoped they are on the right track as it is generally supposed they have great faith in the Vale field.

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