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BIRDS EYE VIEW OF VALE--"THE LAST FRONTIER."

VALE MAKES REMARKABLE HEADWAY

Fine Buildings Are Erected
---Many More Planned
For Coming Fall

SPLENDID SANITORIUM

Railroad Company Will Build Freight and Passenger Depots. Plans for New School House Now Being Made--Will Cost Ten Thousand Dollars.

If one were to travel over the United States and pay a visit to all the small towns of fifteen hundred inhabitants and under, it is safe to say that few, if any, would be found that have made the same remarkable growth, during the past three years, that Vale has. Situated sixteen miles from the railroad, in a wild sage brush country, barely existing for fifteen years, then suddenly taking on a new life and, in three years, springing into a lively little city of twelve hundred people, is the history of Vale in a nutshell. Eighteen years ago there were not to exceed three hundred people in the town, today Vale is recognized as one of the most live, up to date towns in eastern Oregon and is fast gaining a reputation for herself throughout the west.

The fertile soil, the ideal climate and other natural resources have always been here; what was lacking was a little capital combined with energy to develop these resources. That Vale has these facilities now is made manifest in numerous ways, but more particularly in the fine class of buildings that have been, and are being erected at the present time.

The Drexel hotel, the finest building in the city, constructed at a cost of about \$50,000 needs no comment. Then there is the Nelsen building, now under course of construction which will cost not less than \$20,000. This structure will be two stories high, 50x94 feet with basement in connection 23x84 feet. It will have all modern improvements, such as steam heating plant, hot and cold water in every room etc. There are three rooms on the ground floor. The front corner room will be for rent, the inside front room will be occupied by the Nelsen Furniture company. In the back room will be the undertaking parlors. Upstairs there are twelve rooms all of which will rent. A cement walk ten feet six inches will extend along the east side and south front.

Next among the new buildings is the automobile garage. A town the size of Vale would be proud to possess a garage of any kind, but Vale has one that would do credit to any large city. It is one story high, built of white pressed brick, 50x70 feet and strictly modern in every respect. Just across the Malheur river east of town, a sanatorium is being built at a cost of \$25,000 which, when completed, will rival anything of its kind in the northwest. It will be 60x110 feet, built of brick, one story high. It will have a large plume 22x64 feet and twelve tubs.

The new freight depot which is to be completed in the near future will be one of the best in eastern Oregon and we have assurance that the railroad company will erect a passenger depot that will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

Plans are now being perfected for a new school house to cost not less than \$10,000, work to begin in the next month or six weeks. Many other buildings have been planned, but are kept back because laborers are not plentiful enough to do the work.

PROSPECTS FOR OIL NEAR VALE GOOD

Malheur Company Has Deepest Well In Field--Eighteen Hundred Ft. Gas Flow Increases.

Mr. Eames, the oil man, was in the city Wednesday on business and while here stated that everything was looking fine at the oil wells and that they expected to strike a flow of oil any time. The Malheur company now has its well down about 1800 feet which is the deepest well in the field. The gas flow is getting stronger all the time and this, according to Mr. Eames, is one of the strongest indications of oil there is. The next deepest well is the Mammoth. They are down about 1300 feet and have a strong flow of gas. The Columbia and Eastern Oregon companies are both down about the same distance, 900 feet.

While here Mr. Eames volunteered some interesting information concerning the hot wells at Vale. He says the water is heated by the water flowing over red hot lava rock. He says this country is all of a volcanic formation and that the Malheur Butte was once a shooting volcano. When this eruption took place it relieved the pressure on the big hill east of town, consequently the hot lava was not heaved up, but remained in the earth and the water flowing over this lava gives us the hot springs. When asked why the water was so strong with minerals he explained that the hot water gathers the different minerals from the lava rock.

GREAT FUTURE FOR MALHEUR

J. P. Hill Thinks Opportunities in Malheur County Better Than Canada or Washington

J. P. Hill, a prominent citizen of Mason City, Iowa, arrived in Vale last Friday. Mr. Hill was here last spring and says this is one of the best countries he has ever been in. He thinks the opportunities better in Malheur county for a person with small means than in either southern California, Washington or Canada. Mr. Hill says that if eastern Oregon was only advertised more it would reap great results. He says there are plenty of people in the east who want just such opportunities as are presented in Malheur county. From personal observation he states that with the same effort here a farmer can make three dollars to one in the east. He will return shortly to his home town and bring some people back with him whom he will locate here. "If you only had water on this land it is the richest that can be found," said Mr. Hill. "I never saw such magnificent fields of alfalfa anywhere. Vale is destined to have a great future."

FORMER U. S. MARSHAL OF IDAHO IN VALE

R. Rounds, for a number of years United States marshal of Idaho, arrived in Vale from Boise Monday. Mr. Rounds stated, "just looking around" with a view to getting hold of some land around Vale. He was well pleased with the place.

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Sunday dinners at the Arlington hotel will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.

WILL DONATE GROUND TO R.R. COMPANY

Chamber of Commerce Holds Special Meeting--Tries To Get Terminals

ASHTON INTERVIEWED

Trip Through Eastern Oregon a Revelation to Head of Harriman System.--O'Brien Says Lovett Wanted an Idea of Proposed Route.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. George McKnight called the meeting to order and after a few introductory remarks a discussion was opened as to the advisability of offering the O. S. L. terminal grounds in Vale. George W. Hayes stated that the citizens had been very active building up the city and if it had not been for their efforts we would not have had a railroad today. After considerable discussion by a number of the members, among whom was I. W. Hope, H. R. Dunlop, George McKnight and H. C. Eastham, it was decided to appoint a committee of three to wait on Engineer Ashton and offer the O. S. L. through him, sufficient land for terminal grounds and work shops. They are also instructed to see the farmers on the first nine miles of the road out of Vale and secure right-of-way. Following is the letter presented to Engineer Ashton:

MR. D. H. ASHTON,
Assistant Engineer, O. & E. R. R.,
Vale, Oregon

Dear Sir:--At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, of Vale, we were appointed a committee to tender to your company, through you, sufficient acreage for round house, repair shops, and division and terminal grounds; and take this opportunity to assure you that the Vale Chamber of Commerce, and the citizens of Vale, stand ready and willing to furnish such grounds, upon an assurance by your people that such improvements will be built at an early date.

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PROMINENT NEW YORK MAN HERE

L. Doblin, Buyer for Alexander Stores, in Vale Tuesday--Pleased--Boise Man Surprised

L. Doblin, New York buyer for the various Alexander clothing stores, of which the Malheur Clothing company is a branch, and Wm. Simons, of Boise, were in Vale Tuesday. This is Mr. Doblin's first trip west and he is greatly pleased with the country. While in the city he called at the Enterprise office and stated that Vale was one of the best little towns he had seen and complimented the Enterprise as a paper. He expects to make Oregon another visit in the future.

Mr. Simons has been in Vale before, but it has been two years since and he was greatly surprised to note the great change that had taken place. He states that he had difficulty in finding his way through the residence district. He says Vale is a coming town.

Finest and complicated watch repairing done on short notice at Propst's jewelry store.

Lipponies, Rugs and Carpets at T. Nelson's

FIRST ARREST UNDER NEW ORDINANCE

Last Friday evening Dr. Davies, the veterinary surgeon of Vale, and Mr. Loper, were enjoying a horseback ride through the streets. The evening was cool and their horses high spirited so the idea came into their heads that a race was in order. When they reached the street in front of the court house they started.

All would have gone well if it had not been for the fact that Marshal Jack Dolan spied them. Jack immediately placed the offenders under arrest for exceeding the speed limit and told them to report before Justice Wilson the next morning. They were fined twenty-five dollars and costs, a total of twenty-eight dollars each.

A copy of the speed ordinance, which was passed by the council will be found elsewhere in this issue.

ROOSEVELT AND BOURNE TALK

Direct Primary, Recall, Initiative And Referendum Are Among Things Bourne Mentions

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.--Ex-President Roosevelt spent the day at his editorial office in this city. Senator Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, met him by appointment.

"Was your talk with Colonel Roosevelt politics?" the senator was asked. "Not in the ordinary acceptance of the word," he replied, "yet if successful in my mission, the result will be of the utmost importance."

"I explained to Mr. Roosevelt how Oregon, through her initiative and referendum, direct primary, corrupt practices and recall laws has evolved, adopted and demonstrated the most effective form of popular government known to the world."

"Colonel Roosevelt's indorsement is not essential to the ultimate success of the cause, but believing that he has the same confidence in the honesty and intelligence of the people that they have in him, and appreciating his prominence before the world, I realize that his advocacy will accelerate the adoption of similar laws in other states. This was the mission of my call."

"What did he say?" "You will have to ask him."

Colonel Roosevelt, after the Senator's departure, said that he was greatly interested in his visitor's recital and was already on record as favoring progressive legislation.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING

A meeting of the city council was called for nine o'clock Tuesday morning, but owing to the fact that Councilman High was away and would not be in town until the train came in, the meeting was postponed until eleven.

The meeting was called for the purpose of accepting the \$100,000 bond of the contractors. Councilman Glenn introduced a resolution to accept the bond, and it was carried.

About \$30,000 worth of supplies for the water system are now on the road from the east, and the engineers are expected in Monday. It has not been decided whether or not a pumping plant or gravity system will be installed as the council reserved the right to wait and determine, if possible the wish of the people.

CROPS AROUND VALE GOOD THIS YEAR

Prospects For Fruit Good
---Alfalfa Seed Crop Looks Promising

PROFIT IN HOG RAISING

Barren Valley Grain Crops Better Than For Years. 2,000 Tons Will Be Harvested This Season. Best Stock Country in Eastern Oregon.

The crops on the farms around Vale this year are somewhat lighter than usual, due to the shortage of water, but the farmers report the quality above the average.

The Willow River valley, one of the best sections in eastern Oregon, is going to yield a bountiful alfalfa seed crop, but the first crop of hay was short on all the farms, the average being about two and one-half tons per acre. Yet when it is remembered that this hay will sell for \$8.00 per ton up and that the alfalfa seed will bring from \$50 to \$150 per acre, the shortage is not so noticeable after all, especially when the seed is practically clear as the straw from the seed crop will pay for handling the seed.

Perhaps the best improved farm on the Willow River is the Hoskins ranch. This place will have plenty of seed and the other crops look well. The fruit is fine, the trees are loaded and the fruit is free from worms or pests of any kind. Mr. Hoskins also states that last year he bought \$132 worth of hogs and already this year has sold about \$1200 worth and has \$4000 worth on hand at present. Not so bad for the hog business.

On the Scott farm everything is in a prosperous condition. Hay crop short, but of a good quality and the fruit is plentiful. Mr. Morrison states that on his farm a little further up the valley, his garden is extra fine, and the prospects for a big seed crop are very bright. He is trying an experiment in raising what is known as Jerusalem corn and says the experiment has

MULKEY TO OPPOSE HAWLEY FOR CONGRESS

Cousin of B. W. Mulkey Will Endeavor to Wrest Nomination From Hawley--Anti-Assembly

District Attorney B. F. Mulkey, a cousin of B. W. Mulkey, county clerk of Malheur county, has announced his candidacy for Congress from the first district. Mulkey will try to wrest the nomination from W. C. Hawley. He will stand on a progressive Republican platform and is anti-assembly.

Mr. Mulkey has been before the public for a number of years and is well known throughout the state of Oregon. He was, for a number of years, president of the State Normal school at Ashland, and once served as state senator from Polk county. At the present time he is district attorney for Jackson and Josephine counties, to which position he was elected two years ago.

T. T. Nelson for Furniture and Mattresses.

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FORMER RESIDENT ARRIVES IN VALE

Arthur W. Rinehart Predicts Great Future For Vale--Will Erect Brick Buildings

Arthur W. Rinehart, son of the late L. B. Rinehart, arrived in Vale from Spokane, the fore part of the week and will remain over for a few days waiting for the arrival of Engineer Sutherland, of the Sutherland company, of Walla Walla, Wash. Mr. Rinehart owns seven acres of land across the Malheur river on which are several hot springs and the engineer is coming to look over this property.

Mr. Rinehart says that there is a great deal of talk about Vale and the surrounding country just at present. He says all we need is water to make this one of the richest little cities in eastern Oregon. He also mentioned the fact that Vale should be better advertised. "Nothing can keep Vale back," he said, "her natural location and resources will make her a great city."

Mr. Rinehart also showed his good faith in the future of Vale when he stated that as soon as we were assured of water he would erect a block of three story brick buildings in Vale.

Last Seashore Excursion

August 24, via Oregon Short Line. Tickets good to any point on North Beach, limited to 15 days and good for stopovers at Portland and other points returning. Ask agents for rates and further particulars.

WESTFALL GROWING

Business of Two Stores Is \$150,000 In Twelve Months
---Hay Crop Light, Quality Good.

D. F. Graham, a prominent business man of Westfall, and interested in the Jones & Co State bank, was in Vale Saturday on business. Mr. Jones is the registrar at Westfall and says that over 95 voters have already registered. He says that Westfall has been making great strides along business lines this season, in fact better than ever before. The business for the two commercial stores for the past twelve months was \$150,000. During the month of July Westfall did almost double the business that was done for the same month last year. The business of the Jones Mercantile company was 55 per cent better than July 1909. Mr. Graham states that May of this year was the best month ever known in Westfall. They are also making many improvements along the building line. H. M. Gilliam, of the Westfall Commercial company, has already erected two fine new warehouses this year, and a half dozen new dwellings have been erected, while as many more are soon to be completed.

An enormous amount of freight has been hauled overland to Westfall from Vale this season. Mr. Graham states that the hay crop this year will be lighter than usual, but the quality is good and that it can easily be sold for \$8.00 per ton. Thrashing commenced two days ago. Philip Pfeiffer will use, for the first time, his new J. L. Case thresher.

School will begin the first Monday in September and it is thought the roll will be larger than at any previous time. Prof. Vanderbilt, an eastern man, will have the principalship and Mrs. E. R. Smith, of California will be the assistant.

Leave your laundry at Arlington Hotel.

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RACES ARE ARRANGED FOR BIG FAIR

C. H. Oxman and Geo. McKnight, on Speed Committee

TRACK WILL BE FAST

Vale Representatives States That President Lackey Is Doing Good Work on Buildings--Don't Forget the Baby Contest--Premium List Out August 15th

C. H. Oxman and George McKnight, attended a meeting of the racing committee of the Malheur County Fair, at Ontario last week and in conjunction with the third member of the committee, Fred Stewart, arranged the program for the races. They also inspected the work now going on at the fair grounds and are well satisfied with the progress that has been made. According to their statements President Lackey is doing good work on buildings and track and will have everything in readiness for the exhibits by fair week. A well 243 feet deep has been drilled and good water obtained. The track is being graded and will be regulation in every way, the distance being one half mile. The grand stand will seat about 1200 and will be well built to insure safety of the people.

The change in dates of the Malheur County Fair makes it necessary that they be kept before the people, hence The Enterprise again publishes them. The Fair will open Tuesday September 27th and continues for four days.

Secretary Leon J. Chapman, of the Malheur County Fair, informs the editor of The Enterprise that parties desiring souvenir postal cards advertising the Fair can be secured by writing and asking for them. They are for free distribution and will be good advertising for the country. Write for a set to send to your friends and invite them to come to the Fair. Address the secretary at Ontario.

Believing that visitors at the forthcoming Malheur County Fair should be taken care of the city council of Ontario has ordered three car loads of lumber for the construction of sidewalks from the high school building to fair grounds. The work will be rushed to completion as soon as the lumber arrives and will add materially to the comfort of the many visitors during Fair week.

Keep the baby's disposition good until after the Malheur County Fair, as there is a baby show on Friday, the last day of the Fair. Three five dollar gold pieces are offered as prizes as well as a special premium for the sweepstakes. The premium list which will be issued about August 15th will contain the necessary information.

BOISE BRICK MAN PLEASED WITH OUTLOOK IN VALE

J. F. Koelch, of the Sand, Lime & Brick company, of Boise, was in Vale Monday. Mr. Koelch supplied all the white and pressed brick that has been used in Vale the past two years and is now here looking after business matters. He stated that he was greatly surprised to find the wonderful growth Vale has made the last few years.

BUY YOUR COAL NOW

At the reduced price and you will not need to borrow this winter. Oregon-Idaho Lumber Co.

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